



# ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

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## THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL Gold Award Awards Presentation Ceremony

### **Awarding Officer:**

"The Order of Saint Michael Gold Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Army Aviation through a lifetime of service to the Aviation Branch. These individuals have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display an outstanding degree of professional competence, and serve the United States Army Aviation community with distinction."

"The award recipient(s) will now come forward."

### **Awarding Officer reads the Award History:**

"Saint Michael is referred to in Biblical writings as an archangel who wages war against evil. He is known as the heavenly prince or champion charged specifically to guard and defend others. He is legendary as the leader of angels who fought a war in heaven and conquered the dragon and cast it down from the skies. Saint Michael's battles are an allegory of the struggle between good and evil. Throughout the centuries, Saint Michael has been depicted with a sword fighting or standing over a conquered dragon."

"The legendary image of Saint Michael defeating the dragon exemplifies the bravery and gallantry that we associate with the aviation Soldier. His warrior qualities demonstrate the boldness and swiftness of aviation on the battlefield. As a brave warrior and protector, Saint Michael is the embodiment of courage and justice and is an appropriate symbol of excellence within Army Aviation."

### **Awarding Officer reads the recipient's accomplishments.**

### **Awarding Officer presents the recipient with the Order of Saint Michael Medallion and reads the following:**

"Appearing before a most arduous and discriminatory committee of tried and proven Army Aviators and Aviation Patriots, be it known that (name) was tested and found worthy of special recognition for significant and outstanding contributions to the community of Army Aviation and is hereby inducted into The Honorable Order of Saint Michael, Gold Award."

"The archangel Saint Michael is the embodiment of courage, justice, and gallantry. So too, the aforementioned individual embodies these qualities and represents excellence in Army Aviation. Therefore, the President of the Army Aviation Association of America Inc., with the concurrence of the Chief of Army Aviation, acknowledges that this patriot is due special honor and respect for now and posterity."

"Given under my hand this (date) day of . [*read name on the certificate*] President, Army Aviation Association of America. Congratulations."

### **Remarks by the award recipient.**

### **Awarding Officer concludes the Award Ceremony.**