



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by The Boeing Company, this award is presented “to the Army aviation unit, (multi component or single component of unconstrained size/component), that has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Army aviation over and above the normal mission assigned to the unit during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year.” Any unit meeting the criteria is eligible for consideration.

- 1959 - **First Recon Squadron (Sky Cavalry), 2nd U.S. Army Missile Command (Medium)**, LTC Robert F. Tugman, Commander.
- 1960 - **937th Engineer Company (Aviation) (Inter-American Geodetic Survey)**, LTC Jack W. Ruby, Commander.
- 1961 - **45th Transportation Battalion (Helicopter)**, accepted by MAJ Milton P. Cherne for LTC Howard B. Richardson, Commander.
- 1962 - **USA Utility Tactical Transport Company**, MAJ Ivan L. Slavich, Commander.
- 1963 - **11th Air Assault Division & attached 10th Air Transport Brigade**, MG Harry W.O. Kinnard, CDR, 11th Air Assault Div., COL Delbert L. Bristol, 10th Brigade Commander.
- 1964 - **13th Aviation Battalion**, LTC Jack V. Mackmull & LTC J.Y. Hammack, Co-Commanders, 13th Aviation Battalion.
- 1965 - **1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)**, MG Harry W.O. Kinnard, Commander, & SGM Kenneth W. Cooper, Senior NCO.
- 1966 - **1st Aviation Brigade**, MG G.P. Seneff, Jr., Commander, & Brigade SGM Douglas W. Sims, Senior NCO.
- 1967 - **52nd Combat Aviation Battalion**, LTCs Raymond G. Lehman, Jr.; Edward P. Luckert, Jr.; Paul C. Smithey, Co-Commanders, & SGM Ernest J. Winters, Senior NCO.
- 1968 - **25th Aviation Battalion (Infantry Division)**, LTC Kenneth J. Burton, Commander, & CSM William H. Bennett, Senior NCO.
- 1969 - **101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)**, LTG Melvin Zais & LTG John M. Wright, Jr., Co-Commanders; CSM Robert A. Young & CSM William T. Mixon, Co-Senior NCOs.
- 1970 - **1st Squadron, 9th Cav, 1st Cav Div (Airmobile)**, COL Robert H. Nevins, & LTC Clark A. Burnett, Co-Commanders; & CSM John F. Adams Jr., Senior NCO.
- 1971 - **F Battery, 79th FA, 3rd Brigade**, MAJ Lawrence E. McKay, Jr., Commander, with SFC Lionel S. McDonald, Senior NCO.
- 1972 - **227th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cav Division**, LTC Frank L. Henry, Commander, with CSM James W. Reed, Senior NCO.
- 1973 - **155th Aviation Company (Attack Helicopter)**, MAJ Kermit E. Larson Jr., Commander, & SFC Ray M. Teer, Senior NCO.
- 1974 - **210th Aviation Battalion (USARCARIB)**, LTC Joseph R. Koehler, Commander, & CSM Stephen M. Cole, Senior NCO.
- 1975 - **334th Aviation Company (Atk Hel)**, MAJ Gary F. Ramage, Commander, & 1SG Charles Lewis, Senior NCO.
- 1976 - **7th Squadron (Atk Hel), 17th Cavalry, 6th Cav Brigade (Air Combat)**, LTC Gary F. Dolin, Commander, & 1SG Leon S. Wozniak, Senior NCO.
- 1977 - **242nd Aviation Company (ASH)**, MAJ Gary D. Johnson, Commander, & 1SG James E. Fuller, Senior NCO.
- 1978 - **17th Aviation Group (Combat)**, COL George F. Newton, Commander, & CSM Albert P. Liwang, Senior NCO.
- 1979 - **146th ASA Company (Aviation) (Forward)**, MAJ Kenneth Loudermilk, Commander, & 1SG James Jones, Senior NCO.
- 1980 - **59th Air Traffic Control Battalion**, LTC Albert E. Hervey, Jr., Commander, & CSM Johnnie M. Byram, Senior NCO.
- 1981 – **U.S. Helicopter Team**, MAJ Roy Mann, Coach, & SGM John P. Traylor, Senior NCO.
- 1982 - **70th Transportation Bn (AVIM)**, LTC William E. Turner, Commander, & CSM Hulon Jackson, Senior NCO.
- 1983 - **160th Aviation Battalion (AHX Reinforced)**, COL Terence M. Henry, Commander, & SGM Mitchell G. Yahner, Senior NCO.
- 1984 - **210th Combat Aviation Battalion**, LTC Theodore A. Duck, commander, & CSM Everett Grundon, Senior NCO.
- 1985 - **210th Combat Aviation Battalion**, LTC Michael H. Abbott, Commander & CSM Everett Grundon, Senior NCO.
- 1986 - **238th Aviation Company, 24th ID (M)** MAJ Jesse M. Danielson, Commander, & 1SG Frederick G. Jaehn, Senior NCO.
- 1987 - **17th Assault Helicopter Co., Avn Bde, 25th Infantry Div**, CPT Christopher A. Acker, Commander, & SFC Michael G. Whittaker, Senior NCO.
- 1988 - **9th Cavalry Brigade, 9th Infantry Div**, COL Joseph D. Carothers, Commander, & CSM Markfast S.E. Bess, Senior NCO.
- 1989 - **Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division (Light)**, COL Douglas R. Terrell, Commander, & CSM Claud W. Sisco, Senior NCO.
- 1990 - **377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 52nd Medical Battalion**, MAJ Richard H. Agosta, Commander, & 1SG Albert L. Johnson, Senior NCO.
- 1991 - **Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)** COL Thomas H. Garrett, Commander, & CSM Richard A. Howard, Senior NCO.
- 1992 - **12th Aviation Brigade**, COL Thomas M. Hayes, Commander & CSM Timothy L. Fosque, Senior NCO.
- 1993 - **10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI)**, COL Lawrence Casper, Commander & CSM Dwight J. Brown, Senior NCO.
- 1994 - **4th Battalion, 24th Aviation Regiment, 24th Combat Aviation Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mech)**, LTC Jack C. Dibrell, Commander & CSM Karl M. Moody, Senior NCO.
- 1995 - **2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, 18th Aviation Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps**, LTC Richard D. Miller, Jr., Commander & CSM Ronald W. Strahan, Senior NCO.
- 1996 - **4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army**, COL William L. Webb, III, Commander & CSM John E. Lawrence, Senior NCO.
- 1997 - **1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division**, LTC John M. Kelley, Commander & CSM Donald K. Henry, Senior NCO.



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## OUTSTANDING AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR (Continued)

- 1998 - 1st Battalion (Attack), 3rd Aviation Regiment Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech), LTC Thomas J. DeVine, Commander & CSM Terrel R. Barlow, Senior NCO.
- 1999 – 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade (Aviation), 1st Cavalry Division, LTC Donald M. MacWillie, Commander & CSM Jimmy G. Ruiz, Senior NCO.
- 2000 - 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, LTC Joseph P. Mudd, Commander & CSM Keith D. Wilbur, Senior NCO.
- 2001 – 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), COL Richard L. Polczynski, Commander & CSM Donnie D. Calvery, Jr., Senior NCO.
- 2002 – 3rd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), LTC James M. Richardson, Commander & CSM Orlando Diaz-Rodriguez, Senior NCO.
- 2003 – 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (Assault), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), LTC Timothy A. Jones, Commander & CSM Michael R. Marler, Senior NCO.
- 2004 – HHC 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, COL James C. McConville, Commander & CSM Donald Sanders, Senior NCO.
- 2005 – 3rd Infantry Division, COL Ronald Tuggle, Commander & CSM Richard Stidley, Senior NCO.
- 2006 – 4th Infantry Division, Combat Aviation Brigade, COL Donald MacWillie, Commander & CSM Kenneth E. Patton, Senior NCO.
- 2007 – 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, Texas Army National Guard, COL Guy C. Schultz, Commander & CSM Wilson L. Early, Senior NCO.
- 2008 – Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, COL Jessie O. Farrington, Commander & CSM Darrell E. Wallace, Senior NCO
- 2009 – 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, COL Ronald F. Lewis, Commander & CSM John L. Chandler, Senior NCO.
- 2010 – 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Falcon, COL Donald N. Galli, Commander & CSM Richard D. Stidley, Senior NCO.
- 2011 – 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Falcon, COL Pedro G. Almeida, Commander, CW5 Jeffrey J. Fitzgerald, Command Warrant Officer & CSM Kenneth E. Patton, Senior NCO.
- 2012 – 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Wings, COL Frank W. Tate, Commander, CW5 Joseph B. Roland, Command Warrant Officer, CSM Jesus Ruiz, Senior NCO.
- 2013 – 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, COL John R. Evans, Jr., Commander, CW5 Ivan S. Murdock, Command Warrant Officer, CSM Gregory M. Chambers, Senior NCO.
- 2014 – 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, COL Vincent H. Torza, Commander, CW5 Thomas R. Walton, Command CWO, CSM Osvaldo Martell, Senior NCO
- 2015 – 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, LTC Bernard J. Harrington, Commander, CSM Ronald D. Schlangen, Senior NCO
- 2016 – Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Task Force Victory, COL John M. Cyrulik, Commander, CW5 Sam R. Baker, Command CWO, CSM Roque R. Quichocho, Senior NCO
- 2017 – 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Raptor, COL Matthew W. Braman, Commander, CW5 James M. Hogg, Command CWO, CSM Mark G. Brock, Senior NCO
- 2018 – 449th Theater Aviation Brigade, Task Force Hurricanes, COL Joseph W. Bishop, Commander, CW5 Carnadose L. Bauknight, Command CWO, CSM Matthew A. Shorter, Senior NCO
- 2019 – 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), COL Scott D. Wilkinson, Commander, CW5 Matthew L. Brown, Command CWO, CSM Mark B. Baker, Senior NCO
- 2020 – 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, COL Gregory D. Fix, Commander, CW5 Keith J. Shelstad, Command CWO, CSM Mitchell G. Hellkamp, Senior NCO.
- 2021 – 40th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Phoenix, COL Alan R. Gronewold, Commander, CW5 Richard W. Huber, Command CWO, CSM Refugio Rosas, Senior NCO.
- 2022 – 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, COL G. Patrick Schuck, Commander, CW5 Robert S. Slider, Command CWO, CSM Kyle P. Clutter, Senior NCO.
- 2023 – 185th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, COL J. Ashley Mills, Commander, CW5 W. Todd Skinner, Command CWO, CSM Douglas J. Krol, Sr. NCO.



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## UNIT OF THE YEAR RESERVE AVIATION

**BACKGROUND** - The Reserve Component Aviation Unit Award was sponsored by Textron Lycoming & was presented annually from 1969 through 1984. In late 1985, the Association established separate "Aviation Unit Awards" for both the Army National Guard & the U.S. Army Reserve.

- 1969 - 1105th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter) Iowa-ARNG, MAJ Robert C. Cummings, Commander, & 1SG Arnold J. Newsum, Senior NCO.
- 1970 - 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) Nebraska-ARNG, MAJ Roger W. Fosbender, Cdr & 1SG Andrew M. Alexander, Senior NCO.
- 1971 - 997th Aviation Co. (Assault Helicopter) AZ-ARNG, MAJ James H. Cowan, Cdr, & 1SG Dale S. Swensen, Senior NCO.
- 1972 - 307th Aviation Co. (Heavy Helicopter) Alabama-ARNG, MAJ Arthur E. Fleet, Commander, & 1SG John F. Hoskins, Senior NCO.
- 1973 - 445th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter) Oklahoma-ARNG, MAJ Karl M. Frank, Commander, & 1SG Kenneth Inman, Senior NCO.
- 1974 - 536th Aviation Co. (Assault Support Helicopter) Texas-ARNG, MAJ Joe E. Harry, Commander, & SGT Joseph Kimball, Senior NCO.
- 1975 - 1042nd Military Intelligence Company (Aerial Surveillance) Oregon-ARNG, MAJ Loren W. Franke, Commander, & 1SG Donald MacPherson, Senior NCO.
- 1976 - 300th Aviation Co. (Assault Helicopter) Texas-USAR, MAJ Jerry Stokely, Commander, & 1SG Jack Powell, Sr. NCO.
- 1977 - Troop E, 19th Cav/29th Brigade, Hawaii-ARNG, MAJ Bernard M. Watson, Commander, & MSG Richard Y. Tabe, Senior NCO.
- 1978 - 49th Transportation Company (Medium Helicopter) California-ARNG, MAJ Lawrence Faller, Commander, & 1SG Sidney G. Richards, Senior NCO.
- 1979 - Brigade Aviation Section, HHC, 92d Sep. ID Puerto Rico-ARNG, CPT Anibal Torres, Commander, & 1SG Hector Doran, Senior NCO.
- 1980 - 190th Aviation Company (Medium Helicopter) Kansas-ARNG, MAJ Thomas A. Staadt, Commander, & 1SG Paul M. Green, Senior NCO.
- 1981 - 717th Medical Detachment, New Mexico-ARNG, MAJ George B. Faulhaber, Commander, & SFC Nancy J. Reutner, Senior NCO.
- 1982 - 138th Aviation Company (EW), Florida-USAR Orlando, Florida, MAJ Arthur S. Johnson, Commander, & SFC James E. Dennis, Senior NCO.
- 1983 - D Company, 28th Combat Aviation Battalion, North Carolina-ARNG, MAJ Julius H. Avant, Commander, & 1SG Thomas W. Keyes, Senior NCO.
- 1984 - 40th Combat Aviation Battalion, CA-ARNG, LTC James Ghormley, Commander, & CSM William J. Selling, Senior NCO.



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## USAR AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Honeywell, this award is presented annually by the AAAA “to the U.S. Army Reserve aviation unit, (Battalion and below), that has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Army aviation over and above the normal mission assigned to the unit during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year.” Any USAR aviation unit or organization meeting the criteria is eligible for this award.

- 1985 - 219th Transportation Co. (Aircraft Maintenance) (IS), 102nd ARCOM, Scott AFB, IL, MAJ Gilbert E. Boen, Commander, & 1SG Ronnie G. Greeling, Senior NCO.**
- 1986 - 282nd Aviation Co. (Combat Support) (Corps), 787th Maintenance Bn (GS), Ft. Rucker, AL, MAJ Gregory N. Beaman, Commander, & 1SG Jackie J. Bradley, Senior NCO.**
- 1987 - C Co., 2d Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Olathe, KS, MAJ Thomas W. Meisenzahl, Jr., Commander, & 1SG Jerry W. Clemmer, Senior NCO.**
- 1988 - 185th Trans. Co. (AVIM), Glenview, IL, MAJ David C. Roberts, Commander, & 1SG Richard C. Beatty, Senior NCO.**
- 1989 - HQ, 244th Theater Aviation Group, Glenview, IL, COL Charles V. Nolan, Commander, & CSM Richard T. Koralik, Senior NCO.**
- 1990 - 2nd Battalion (Attack Helicopter), 123rd Avn. Rgt., 6th Infantry Div. (Light) (Round Out), 88th ARCOM, St. Paul, MN, LTC Kenneth A. Sorensen, Commander & CSM Bruce F. Lohn, Senior NCO.**
- 1991 - 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment (Combat), Scott Air Force Base, IL, LTC James M. Richey, Commander, & CSM Ronnie G. Greeling, Senior NCO.**
- 1992 - 2-123 Attack Helicopter Battalion, 6th Infantry Division (L) (Roundout), Saint Paul, MN, LTC Daniel J. McGraw, Commander, CSM Gary C. Gustner, Senior NCO.**
- 1993 - 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment (CBT) 146th Aviation Group (CBT) Scott Air Force Base, IL, LTC James M. Richey, Commander & CSM Warren O. Berry, Senior NCO.**
- 1994 - 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment (Attack), 121st Army Reserve Command, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, LTC James B. Blunk, Jr., Cdr, and CSM Robert C. Leffel, Senior NCO.**
- 1995 - 6th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, 124th Reserve Support Command, Everett, WA, LTC Rosemary R. Loper, Commander & CSM Robert T. Detchemendy, Senior NCO.**
- 1996 - Aviation Support Facility - Olathe, Kansas, Mr. Michael D. Walsh, Facility Supervisor.**
- 1997 - B Company, 6-52nd Aviation (TA) - Dobbins ARB, GA, 1LT Michael J. Livatino, Commander & SPC Zachary K. Taylor, Senior NCO.**
- 1998 - 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment (Attack) - Conroe, TX, LTC Charles E. Fletcher, Commander & CSM James J. Schiffman, Jr., Senior NCO.**
- 1999 - 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment (Attack), Operation Joint Forge – Comanche Base, Bosnia, APO AE, LTC John E. Valentine, Commander & CSM James H. Robinson, Senior NCO.**
- 2000 - 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment – Fort Eustis, VA, LTC Matthew S. Maney, Commander & CSM Marshall A. Banks, Senior NCO.**
- 2001 - M Company, 158th Aviation Regiment (AVIM) – Fort Hood, TX, MAJ Troy D. Kok, Commander & 1SG Jay P. Huseman, Senior NCO.**
- 2002 - 6th Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment (Theater Air) USAR, Los Alamitos, CA, LTC Steven J. Campfield, Commander & 1SG Donald E. Kimball, Senior NCO.**
- 2003 - 244th Aviation Brigade, Fort Sheridan, IL, COL Thomas W. Caples, Commander & CSM Dennis P. Jensen, Senior NCO.**
- 2004 - 6th Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Los Alamitos JFTB, CA, LTC Steven J. Campfield, Commander & CSM Peter Tirapelle, Senior NCO.**
- 2005 - 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX, LTC John M. Kiesov, Commander & CSM James A. Markey, Senior NCO.**
- 2006 - Company B, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, LTC Walter R. Bradley, Commander & CSM 1SG Russell L. Reese, Senior NCO.**
- 2007 - Company A, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, MAJ Lee D. Hyder, Commander & 1SG Billy Lewis, Senior NCO.**
- 2008 - 244th Aviation Brigade Forward, Task Force Hawk, LTC Dave Resler, Commander & 1SG Michael Mendoza, Senior NCO.**
- 2009 - Company B, 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment, MAJ Guy D. Bass, Commander & 1SG Joseph Garcia, Senior NCO.**
- 2010 - Company B, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, MAJ Aaron L. Smith, Commander & 1SG Mark E. DeHart, Senior NCO.**
- 2011 - 8th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, LTC James O. Posey, Jr., Commander & CSM Sammy C. Sablan, Senior NCO.**
- 2012 - Company F, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, MAJ Derrick S. Davis, Commander & 1SG Oscar H. Gomez, Senior NCO**
- 2013 - 6th Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, LTC Lori L. Daniels, Commander & CSM Jim C. Salas, Senior NCO**
- 2014 - 90th Aviation Support Battalion, LTC Lee D. Hyder, Commander, CSM Robert N. McGee, Senior NCO**
- 2015 - 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, LTC Roger F. Deon, Commander & CSM Carl M. Sheckles, Senior NCO**
- 2016 - 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, LTC Stephen W. Ladd, Commander & CSM Mark E. Dehart, Senior NCO**
- 2017 - 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, LTC Matthew B. Hill, Commander & CSM Charles A. Booth, Senior NCO**
- 2018 - 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, LTC Matthew B. Hill, Commander & CSM Charles A. Booth, Senior NCO**
- 2019 - 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, LTC Matthew B. Hill, Commander & CSM Charles A. Booth, Senior NCO**
- 2020 - NOT AWARDED THIS YEAR**
- 2021 - NOT AWARDED THIS YEAR**
- 2022 - 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, LTC Hector Rodriguez, Commander & CSM Richard McCurdy, Senior NCO**
- 2023 - 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, LTC Nicholas A. Steele, Commander, CW4 Jeffrey A. Luther, Senior CWO, CSM Kansas M. Jackson, Senior NCO.**



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## JOHN J. STANKO ARNG AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR

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- 1985 - Company C, 26th Aviation Battalion, Florida Army National Guard, MAJ David J. Cook, Commander, & 1SG Billy R. Cowart, Senior NCO.
- 1986 - 45th Aviation Battalion (Light Helicopter Combat), Oklahoma Army National Guard, LTC Leroy A. Wall, Commander, & MSG Charles B. Connell, Senior NCO.
- 1987 - 1st Battalion, 111th Aviation (AH) Florida Army National Guard, Jacksonville, FL, LTC Donald L. Adkison, Commander & SGM Billy R. Cowart, Senior NCO.
- 1988 - 1st Battalion, 130th Aviation Regiment, - 449th Avn Group, Morrisville, NC, LTC Duncan M. Stephens, Commander, & CSM Clarence L. Hodges, Senior NCO.
- 1989 - 1st Battalion, 131st Avn Regt., 167th Support Command (Corps), Montgomery, AL, LTC Don E. Stagg, Cdr., & CSM Harold M. Johnston, Senior NCO.
- 1990 - Company G, 3rd Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, Texas Army National Guard, Grand Prairie, TX MAJ Richard B. Keene, Commander, & 1SG Thomas B. Lewis, Senior NCO.
- 1991 - 1109th Aviation Classification & Repair Depot, Mobilization AVCRAD Control Element, Connecticut Army National Guard, Groton, CT COL Paeluel J. Flagg, II, Commander, and CSM George H. Allard, Jr., Senior NCO.
- 1992 - 1st Battalion (Attack Helicopter) 211th Aviation Regiment, Utah Army National Guard, West Jordan, UT, LTC Robert G. Holt, Commander & CSM Travis R. Heywood, Senior NCO.
- 1993 - 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment, Illinois Army National Guard, Peoria, IL, LTC Michael A. Marvin, Commander & CSM Frederick A. Lane, Senior NCO.
- 1994 - Company G, 3rd Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment, California Army National Guard, Stockton, CA, MAJ Kevin B. Keenan, Commander & 1SG Charles M. Chiasson, Senior NCO.
- 1995 - 1st Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment (Attack Helicopter), Florida Army National Guard, Jacksonville, FL, LTC David W. Starr, Commander & CSM Gary L. Wingard, Senior NCO.
- 1996 - 1st Battalion, 151st Aviation Regiment (Advanced Attack Helicopter), South Carolina Army National Guard, LTC Earl M. Yerrick, Jr., Commander & CSM George E. Dorr, Senior NCO.
- 1997 - 126th Medical Company (AA), California Army National Guard, MAJ Manuel Anthony Lascano, Commander & 1SG Eugene Joe Baker, Senior NCO.
- 1998 - 1-130th Aviation Attack Helicopter Battalion (ATKHB), North Carolina Army National Guard, LTC Irvin R. Blackmon, Commander & CSM John T. Gattis, Senior NCO.
- 1999 - 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Nebraska Army National Guard, CPT Rick Dahlman, Commander & 1SG Troy Johnson, Senior NCO.
- 2000 - 1-189th Aviation Battalion (CSAB), LTC Kevin M. Kepler, Commander & CSM Kent C. Robinson, Senior NCO.
- 2001 - 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation, Anchorage Readiness Center, LTC Jerry Kidrick, Commander & CSM Dennis Roggenkamp, Senior NCO.
- 2002 - 1042 Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Oregon Army National Guard, MAJ Mathew J. Brady, Commander & 1SG David Walsh, Senior NCO.
- 2003 - G Company 104th Aviation Regiment, Pennsylvania and Connecticut Army National Guard, MAJ David Ernest Wood, Commander & 1SG Dell Lynn Christine, Senior NCO.
- 2004 - Task Force Pirate (1st Bn 211th Avn Rgt, C-25 (AVIM), C2-25, E2-25, F2-25 (AVUM), B-214, Det 42 OSA, Det 2 B Co 2-228), LTC Rodney Scott Robinson, Commander & CSM Gary Charles Stearman, Senior NCO.
- 2005 - 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, Rhode Island National Guard, COL Christopher P. Callahan, Commander & CSM Robert Fortin, Senior NCO.
- 2006 - 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, LTC Robert e. McMillin II, Commander & CSM Susan Bentley, Senior NCO.
- 2007 - 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, Colorado Army National Guard, LTC Christopher J. Petty, Commander & CSM Douglas Imfeld, Senior NCO.
- 2008 - Company B, 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, MAJ William C. Hummer, Commander & 1SG Gregory Kecken, Senior NCO.
- 2009 - 1st Squadron, 230th Cavalry Regiment, COL Kris E. Durham, Commander & CSM Steven C. Burnette, Senior NCO.
- 2010 - 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment, LTC Martin J. Pond, Commander & CSM David R. Christianson, Senior NCO.
- 2011 - Company B, 2nd Battalion (General Support Aviation), 211th Aviation Regiment, CPT Benjamin Winborn, Commander & 1SG Jeffrey Latham, Senior NCO.
- 2012 - 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, LTC Gregory B. Hartvigsen, Commander & CSM Tracy F. Cartwright, Senior NCO.
- 2013 - 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, LTC James P. Schreffler, Commander & CSM David C. Gail, Senior NCO.
- 2014 - Company B, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, MAJ Byron N. Cadiz, Commander, 1SG Keith I. Nakahara, Senior NCO.
- 2015 - 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation Regiment, LTC L. Mike LaPoint, Commander & CSM John R. Hicks, Senior NCO.
- 2016 - Company B, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, CPT Christopher D. Gericke, Commander & CSM Layne E. Marti, Senior NCO.
- 2017 - 2nd Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, LTC Jeffrey E. Long, Commander & CSM Michael R. Gordon, Jr., Senior NCO.
- 2018 - 1st Battalion, 151st Aviation Regiment, LTC Brian J. Pipkin, Commander & CSM Charles E. Hancock, Jr., Senior NCO.
- 2019 - 1st Battalion, 130th Aviation Regiment, LTC Benny F. Collins, Commander & CSM Michael E. Reilly, Senior NCO.
- 2020 - 2nd Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Ragnar, LTC Kyle B. Liudahl, Commander & CSM Todd W. Sudheimer, Senior NCO.
- 2021 - 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Raptor, LTC Tyler F. Smentek, Commander & CSM Michael S. Twaddell, Senior NCO.
- 2022 - Detachment 1, Group Support Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), LTC Steve D. Witherington, Commander & SFC Bret J. Crenshaw, Senior NCO.
- 2023 - 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation Regiment, LTC Paul M. Bailie, Commander, CW4 Matthias J. Quackenbush, Senior CWO, CSM Dolan P. Brammer, Senior NCO.



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## ACTIVE AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR

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- 2005 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, LTC Pedro G. Almeida, Commander & CSM Jose I. Acosta, Senior NCO.  
2006 – 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, LTC Donald N. Gallie, Commander & CSM Chester Westergart, Senior NCO.  
2007 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, LTC David Francis, Commander & CSM Allen Haynes, Senior NCO.  
2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, LTC Paul A. Mele, Commander & CSM Brian S. Wood, Senior NCO.  
2009 – 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, LTC Jimmy F. Blackmon, Commander & CSM Eric C. Thom, Senior NCO.  
2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Viper, LTC Michael J. Musiol, Commander & CSM Terry L. Sparks, Senior NCO.  
2011 – 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Six Shooters, LTC Christopher P. Downey, Commander & CSM Patrick R. McGuire, Senior NCO.  
2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, LTC Richard Zampelli, Commander & CSM Brian N. Hauke, Senior NCO.  
2013 – 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC Chad E. Chasteen, Commander & CSM James D. Wilson, Senior NCO.  
2014 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, LTC Fred J. DuFault, Commander, CSM Phillip Paniagua, Senior NCO.  
2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC Scott D. Wilkinson, Commander & CSM James D. Wilson, Senior NCO.  
2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, LTC Jacob J. Dlugosz, Commander & CSM Dwight N. Evans, Senior NCO.  
2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, LTC Derek A. Smith, Commander & CSM Steven J. Hartmann, Senior NCO.  
2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC Michael C. Athanasakis, Commander & CSM Paul G. Hutchings, Senior NCO.  
2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, LTC Robert S. Holcroft, Commander & CSM Scott W. McGee, Senior NCO.  
2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Sabre, LTC Margaret G. W. Stick, Commander & CSM Mark Anthony L. Claudio, Senior NCO.  
2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Talon, LTC Phillip J. Ewell, Commander & CSM Garvin P. George, Senior NCO.  
2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC Zachary L. Dadisman, Commander & CSM Jackie Mills, Senior NCO.  
2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC James M. Snowden, Commander, CW5 Frank O. Escamilla, Senior WO Advisor, CSM Timothy W. Stevenson, Senior NCO.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## MICHAEL J. NOVOSEL ARMY AVIATOR OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by the Sikorsky, A Lockheed Martin Company, this award is presented annually through the AAAA “to the Army aviator who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army aviation during the Awards period encompassing the previous calendar year.” Membership in AAAA is not a requirement for consideration. A candidate for this award must be a rated Army aviator in the active U.S. Army or reserve components, and must have made an outstanding individual achievement.

- 1958 - CPT James T. Kerr, U.S. Army Transportation Test & Support Activity, Ft. Rucker, AL.
- 1959 - CWO Clifford V. Turvey, U.S. Army Aviation Test Board, Ft. Rucker, AL.
- 1960 - CWO Michael J. Madden, U.S. Army, Transportation Board, Ft. Eustis, VA.
- 1961 - CPT Leyburn W. Brockwell, Jr., HS, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC.
- 1962 - CPT Emmett F. Knight, 57th Aviation Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1963 - MAJ Marquis D. Hilbert, John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare, Ft. Bragg, NC.
- 1964 - MAJ Paul A. Bloomquist, 57th Med. Det. (Helicopter Ambulances), U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1965 - CPT James A. Scott, III, 219th Avn Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1966 - CWO Jerome R. Daly, 121st Avn Co., U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1967 - CPT Robin K. Miller, 114th Assault Helicopter Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1968 - MAJ Patrick H. Brady, 54th Medical Det. (Hel. Ambulances), U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1969 - CWO John I. O'Sullivan, 174th Avn Co., U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1970 - LTC Robert M. Molinelli, 2d Squadron, 17th Cav, 101st Abn. Div. (Airmobile), U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1971 - CPT Ronald A. Radcliff, F Troop, 4th Cavalry, 1st Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1972 - MAJ Theodore J. Dolloff, Company D, 227th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.
- 1973 - CWO Norman E. York, 71st Aviation Company, (Assault Helicopter), APO NY.
- 1974 - MAJ Eugene L. Richardson, HHD, Military Bureau, Maine Army National Guard.
- 1975 - CWO Robert R. Hawkins, 7th Squadron (Assault Helicopter), 17th Cavalry, Fort Hood, TX.
- 1976 - CWO Randy F. Dyer, 155th Aviation Company, (Attack Helicopter), Ft. Ord, CA.
- 1977 - MAJ William S. Reeder, Jr., 334th Aviation Company (Attack Helicopter), APO NY.
- 1978 - CWO Michael B. Farmer, Air Troop, 2d Armored, Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.
- 1979 - CWO Ernest W. Rickenbacker, 60th Co., 6th Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, AL.
- 1980 - CWO Richard S. Seefeldt, Project Manager's Office (BLACK HAWK), U.S. Army Materiel Development & Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.
- 1981 - CWO George D. Chrest, D Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th CAV, 1st CAV DIV, Fort Hood, TX.
- 1982 - 2LT Richard G. Hatch, 2d Staff & Faculty Company, Fort Eustis, VA.
- 1983 - CWO Anthony G. Kraay, C Company, 3rd Combat Aviation Battalion, APO NY.
- 1984 - COL Robert L. Stewart, NASA Astronaut, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.
- 1985 - CWO Roger W. Duprey, HHC, 229th Attack Helicopter Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, KY.
- 1986 - LTC Kenneth R. McGinty, 3/6th Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Brigade (AC), Fort Hood, TX.
- 1987 - CW4 James M. Call, 237th Medical Detachment, Ft. Ord, CA.
- 1988 - CW4 Myron F. Babcock, C Co., 228th Aviation Regiment, Ft. Wainwright, AK.
- 1989 - CW3 Jon A. Iseminger, U.S. Precision Helicopter Team, Ft. Rucker, AL.
- 1990 - CW2 Jim M. Sandberg, C Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, 49th Armored Division, TXARNG, Houston, TX.
- 1991 - CW3 James C. Kalahan, 4th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC.
- 1992 - MW4(P) Randolph Wise Jones, B Company, 1/160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1993 - CW2 Gerhard P. Turner, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 227th Avn Regt, APO AE.
- 1994 - CW2 Victoria A. Welch, A Company (AVIM), 3rd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.
- 1995 - CW4 Robert L. Wylie, HHC, 11th Aviation Regiment, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army, APO AE.
- 1996 - 1LT Donald J. Lee, 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (MECH), Fort Hood, TX.
- 1997 - CW4 Michael E. Sheldon, D Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX.
- 1998 - LTC Richard E. MacNealy, 21<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade (Air Combat), III Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood, TX.
- 1999 - CW3 Daniel R. Zimmermann, A Troop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 11<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2000 - CW3 (P) William C. Ragsdale, C Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2001 - CW3 John F. Nailor, A Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2002 - CW4 James E. Hardy, Alpha Company, 3-101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 - CW4 Curtis R. Phipps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Aviation Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY.



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## MICHAEL J. NOVOSEL ARMY AVIATOR OF THE YEAR (Continued)

- 2004 – CW3 Christopher P. Wilson, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Attack), 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Wheeler AAF, HI.  
2005 – CW4 Roger A. Graf, Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment (Attack Recon), Combat Aviation Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2006 – CW2 Philip A. Learn, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Illesheim, Germany.  
2007 – CPT Sean T. Smith, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2008 – CW4 Ronald E. Marshall, HHC, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2009 – CW3 Scott H. Stradley, C Troop, 7<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2010 – CW3 Jason J. Lacrosse, Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.  
2011 – CW4 Stefan Kadur, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2012 – CW5 Michael W. Hardy, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2013 – CW3 Scott W. Petersen, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter AAF, GA  
2014 – CW4 Michael J. Siler, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2015 – CW4 Mark W. Crane, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2016 – CW3 (P) Andrew J. Sorenson, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), JBL-McChord, WA.  
2017 – CW3 Kristopher M. Bassett, Special Operations Advisor Team – Central, Special Missions Wing, Special Operations Advisory Group, Kabul, Afghanistan.  
2018 – CW3 Patrick W. Fleming, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2019 – CW4 Nicholas N. Nenoff, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2020 – CW2 Joseph C. Dadiomoff, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2021 – CW5 Jason W. Hyer, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2022 – CW3 Christopher A. Brannon, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, ROK.  
2023 – CW3 Jerry L. Leehy, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## HENRY Q. DUNN CREW CHIEF OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Robertson Aviation, LLC, this award was established in 2005. This award is named for SGM Henry Q. Dunn, who was the first Crew Chief of the Army's Executive Flight Detachment for President Eisenhower in 1957 and one of the first E-9s in the Army. It is presented annually by AAAA "to the Crew Chief who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army aviation in the awards period encompassing in previous calendar year." A candidate for this award must be in the active U.S. Army or reserve components, and must have made an outstanding individual achievement.

- 2005 – SGT Christopher J. Scangarello, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 171<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Florida Army National Guard, Brooksville, FL.
- 2006 – SSG Jeremy W. David, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2007 – SGT Corey Haynes, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Schofield Barracks, HI.
- 2008 – SGT Daniel J. Young, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 147<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, St. Paul, MN.
- 2009 – SPC Joshua P. Newbold, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AP.
- 2010 – SPC Wilhelm Louis Randall, Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Taskforce Comanche, APO AE.
- 2011 – SGT Chad L. Gregory, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2012 – SGT Zachary R. Rice, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2013 – SSG Dean S. Helmecci, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2014 – SPC Benjamin J. Rosa, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 229<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA
- 2015 – SSG Timothy M. Carnes, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2016 – SGT Brent S. Uchiyama, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2017 – SPC Jacob M. Ramsey, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2018 – SGT Jack A. Brook, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2019 – SSG Rene A. Romero, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2020 – SSG Jaymeson K. Busche, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2021 – SSG Sy Z. Ogden, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2022 – SSG Travis J. Wilson, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2023 – SGT Zachary H. Kingsbury, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operation Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## RODNEY J. T. YANO NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Lockheed Martin Corporation, this award is presented annually by AAAA “to the NCO (E5 and above) serving in an Army aviation assignment who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army aviation during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year.” Membership in AAAA is not a requirement. A candidate for this award must be serving in an Army aviation assignment in the active U.S. Army or the reserve components, and must have made an outstanding individual achievement.

- 2001 – 1SG Allen R. Haynes, 50<sup>th</sup> Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (AA), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2002 – SSG Edward L. Newell, HHC/7-101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 – SGT Shawn S. Hope, 507<sup>th</sup> Medical Company (AA), Fort Hood, TX.
- 2004 – SFC William G. Howard, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Germany.
- 2005 – SSG Byron W. Montgomery, Company A, 603<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2006 – SGT Domingos Fernandes, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2007 – SGT William Vega-Rondon, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.
- 2008 – SFC Christopher T. Clary, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2009 – SFC Kelly V. Hughes, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Mather, CA.
- 2010 – SFC Rafael C. Lopez II, Company D, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Taskforce Brawler, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2011 – SGT Clifford E. Aughe, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 171<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA.
- 2012 – SFC Armando Ocon, Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Hammerhead, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2013 – SFC Ronald G. Latour, Company B, 603<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Savannah, GA.
- 2014 – SFC Bryant D. Macfarlane, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> ID, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2015 – SFC James R. Lamping, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2016 – SSG Dustin P. Hardin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2017 – SFC Brittany A. Barfield, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 222<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.
- 2018 – SFC Jesse R. Jernigan, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Shadow, Camp Marmal, Afghanistan.
- 2019 – SSG Kevin N. Brandt, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2020 – SGT Daniel J. Crandall, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2021 – 1SG Francisco Rodriguez, Jr., 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2022 – SGT Dmytro Aleksandrenko, Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2023 – SSG David N. Quay, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## GARY G. WETZEL SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Bell Helicopter Textron, this award is presented annually by AAAA “to the enlisted soldier (E4 and below) serving in an Army aviation assignment who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army aviation during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year.” Membership in AAAA is not a requirement. A candidate for this award must be serving in an Army aviation assignment in the active U.S. Army or the reserve components, and must have made an outstanding individual achievement. U.S. Helicopter Inc. underwrites the cost of a Dress Blue uniform for this awardee.

- 1960 - MSG Robert R. Young, Airfield Operations Command, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 1961 - SFC James C. Dykes, 225th Signal Detachment U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1962 - SFC James K. Brock, First Aviation Company (Caribou), U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1963 - SFC Robert M. George, Utility Tactical Transport Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1964 - MSG Cyril G. Manning, 13th Aviation Battalion, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1965 - SFC Donald MacNevin, 114th Aviation Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1966 - SP5 Dennis L. Faló, 1st Cav Division (Airmobile), U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1967 - SFC Jesse J. Dodson, Jr., 405th USA Transportation Maintenance Detachment, U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1968 - SFC William R. Baum, 122nd Maintenance Battalion, 3d AD, U.S. Army Europe.
- 1969 - SFC Dennis L. Jantz, 240th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter), U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1970 - SP5 Dennis M. Fujii, 237th Medical - Detachment (Air Ambulance), U.S. Army, Vietnam.
- 1971 - SP5 Richard G. Hatch, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Fort Hood, TX.
- 1972 - SFC Robert H. Vaughan, 4th Battalion, (Aerial Field Artillery), 77th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1973 - SFC Robert J. Coleman, C Co., 159th Aviation, (ASH), 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1974 - SP5 Gregory J. Maurakis, B Company, 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1975 - MSG John R. Montgomery, USA Aviation Precision Demonstration Team, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 1976 - SP5 Charles W. Ball, 146th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), West Virginia ARNG.
- 1977 - SGT Chris B. Archer, 236th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), APO NY.
- 1978 - SFC James L. Fielder, 129th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter), Fort Bragg, NC.
- 1979 - SFC Leland E. Hinely, Co A, 501st Aviation Battalion (Combat), APO NY.
- 1980 - SFC James D. Glendinning, Air Trp, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.
- 1981 - Staff SGT William G. Patterson, 54th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), Fort Lewis, WA.
- 1982 - SFC Ronald L. Boese, Platoon Sgt, Aeroscout Platoon, Combat Aviation Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.
- 1983 - S4 David T. Amos, 196th Aviation Co., (ASH), 269th Combat Aviation Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 1984 - SSG Ronnie Garrett, 11th Combat Aviation Squadron, 11th Armored Combat Aviation Squadron, APO NY.
- 1985 - SP4 James A. Clement, 568th Transportation Company, 222d Aviation Battalion (Air Combat), Ft. Wainwright, AK.
- 1986 - SSG Richard E. Frye, 377th Med Co (AA), APO San Francisco (before being assigned to the 82d Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.).
- 1987 - SSG Beau A.H. Tatumura, B Co, 2d Aviation Battalion (Combat), APO SF.
- 1988 - SSG John E. Rhodes, Task Force Phoenix, 4th Brigade, 1st AD, APO NY.
- 1989 - SSG Eric J. Harris, 4th Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regt., Feucht Army Airfield, APO NY.
- 1990 - SSG Robert Martinez, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, APO NY.
- 1991 - SSG Everett F. Smith, III, 1st Battalion, 24th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 1992 - SSG Donald C. Maddox, E Troop, 4th Squadron, 17th Cavalry 18th Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 1993 - SGT Joseph T. Ebuén, B Co, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Corps), 159th Combat Aviation Group (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, NC.
- 1994 - SSG Donald L. Wilson, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Ft. Drum, NY.
- 1995 - SPC Chad Douglas MacDonald, 5th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.
- 1996 - CPL Troy E. Pontello, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 6th Cavalry Brigade, Camp Eagle, Republic of Korea.
- 1997 - SPC Michael R. Swingle, D Company (AMC), 82d Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 1998 - SSG Michel Pigford, 571<sup>st</sup> Medical Company (AA), Fort Carson, CO.
- 1999 - SFC William G. Sikes, D Company, 2/160<sup>th</sup> SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2000 - SSG Melissa M. Mendoza, HHC, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2001 - SPC Andrew S. Kirfman, F Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2002 - SGT James H. Hanshaw, B Company, 2-82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2003 - SPC Joseph M. Buffinton, TF 12<sup>th</sup> Aviation, Bravo Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2004 - SPC Michael R. Hedgpeith, Charlie Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2005 - SPC Joshua R. Blizzard, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 151<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, South Carolina Army National Guard, Eastover, SC.
- 2006 - SPC Kristopher D. Holden, Company B, 277<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, Fort Drum, NY.



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## GARY G. WETZEL SOLDIER OF THE YEAR (Continued)

- 2007 – SPC Derrick W. Douglas, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.  
2008 – SPC Daniel N. Bailey, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2009 – SPC Brandon Myers, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.  
2010 – SPC Cory S. Frazee, Company B, 603<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2011 – SPC Jason P. Gustine, Company D, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2012 – SPC Matthew Z. Brann, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Gunslinger, Storck Barracks, Germany.  
2013 – SPC Jeremy L. Wilson, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter AAF, GA.  
2014 – SPC Luis D. Marino, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2015 – SPC Emanuel L. Moore, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2016 – SPC Cheylese R Denham-Lucero, Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS.  
2017 – SPC Madeleine R. Rampona, Company A, 224<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2018 – SPC Bradley C. Galloway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2019 – SPC Zachary P. Packer, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA.  
2020 – SPC Benjamin E. Mingus, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2021 – SPC Andrew G. Wells, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2022 – SPC Megan A. Weir, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Katterbach Kaserne, Ansbach Germany.  
2023 – CPL Trent W. McGuire, Troop A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## JAMES H. McCLELLAN AVIATION SAFETY AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by GE Aerospace in memory of James H. McClellan, a former Army aviator who was killed in a civil aviation accident in 1958, this award is presented annually “to an individual who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army aviation safety in the previous calendar year.” The award is NOT intended to be given for the accumulation of operational hours without accidents by any aviation unit.

- 1958 - MAJ Arne H. Eliasson, Aviation Safety Division, Headquarters, 7th Army, APO NY.  
1959 - COL John L. Inskeep (Co-Winner), U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School, (USAPHS), Fort Wolters, TX & Raymond L. Thomas, (Co-Winner), Southern Airways Company (Manager, Contract Operations).  
1960 - No award given.  
1961 - COL Spurgeon H. Neel, Jr., U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1962 - COL James F. Wells, U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1963 - COL Conrad L. Stansberry, Hqs, U.S. Army, Europe, APO NY.  
1964 - Ralph B. Greenway, Army Aviation Directorate, OACSFOR, Department of the Army.  
1965 - Gerard M. Bruggink, U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1966 - CPT Gary R. Ramage, 228th Assault Helicopter Battalion, U.S. Army, Vietnam.  
1967 - Francis P. McCourt, U.S. Army Aviation Laboratories (AVLABS), Ft. Eustis, VA.  
1968 - COL Russell P. Bonasso, U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Fort Rucker, AL.  
1969 - COL Robert W. Bailey, U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratories, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1970 - COL Eugene B. Conrad, U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1971 - BG William W. Spruance, Air National Guard, Wilmington, DE.  
1972 - CWO Ralph S. Park, 155th Aviation Company (Attack Helicopter), Fort Ord, CA.  
1973 - CPT Charles F. Nowlin, U.S. Army Agency for Aviation Safety (USAAVS), Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1974 - CWO George L. Allen, Simmons Army Airfield, Ft. Bragg, NC.  
1975 - CWO Alfred J. Cargen, Ret., Hqs, Fifth U.S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, TX.  
1976 - MAJ Arthur M. Mountcastle, 101st Aviation Group, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT), Ft. Campbell, KY.  
1977 - CWO Fate (Jim) Hutchins, 129th Aviation Co. (Assault Helicopter), Ft. Bragg, NC.  
1978 - CWO Frankie C. Wilson, 207th Aviation Company, APO NY.  
1979 - CWO Harold D. Hintze, Student, U.S. Army Warrant Officer College, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1980 - CWO Peter D. Maskunas, B Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 2d Armored Div., APO SF.  
1981 - SFC Gerald L. Johnson, U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1982 - No award given.  
1983 - CW2 Richard L. Williams, Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 2d Combat Aviation Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea.  
1984 - CW4 Ralph V. Tolbert, 6th Cavalry Brigade, (Air Combat), Ft. Hood, TX.  
1985 - CW4 Thomas M. Cloud, D Company, 7th Aviation Training Battalion, Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1986 - CW3 Dean R. Coder, HHC, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, APO NY.  
1987 - CW2 Gary D. Braman, S Troop, 4th Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.  
1988 - CW3 Henry M. Yerger, 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), APO SF.  
1989 - CW2 William K. Manuel, 1-212th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Lowe Army Airfield, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1990 - CW4 Lawrence R. Burbank, Aviation Division National Guard Bureau, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.  
1991 - CW4 Stephen V. Rauch, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, APO AE.  
1992 - CW4 Michael S. Olin, A Company, 1/501st Aviation, 17th Aviation Brigade K-16 (Seoul Air Base), APO AP.  
1993 - CW5 James H. Raiford, Aviation Branch Safety Office, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1994 - CW5 Gerald D. Cartier, Senior Aviation Safety Officer, 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Ft. Drum, NY.  
1995 - CW3 Alfred Aponte, Jr., Safety Officer, HHC, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.  
1996 - CW3 David E. Milligan, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY.  
1997 - CW4(P) John H. Aberg, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
1998 - CW3 Paul D. Clark, 6th Squadron (Attack), 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.  
1999 - CW4 Greg S. Schneider, HHC, 5-158th Aviation, APO AE.  
2000 - CW5 Robert S. Johnson, HHC, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.  
2001 - CW4 Steven A. Morris, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, Alpha Company (AVIM), APO AE.  
2002 - CW4 Ryan B. Newman, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.



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## JAMES H. McCLELLAN AVIATION SAFETY AWARD (Continued)

- 2003 – CW3 Daniel S. Dotson, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2004 – CW5 Willis J. Haas, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade (Avn), 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Mech), Germany  
2005 – CW4 Troy W. Boonstra, HHC, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2006 – CW5 Mark W. Grapin, 63<sup>rd</sup> Theater Aviation Brigade, Frankfort, KY.  
2007 – CW4 Johnny W. Judd, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.  
2008 – CW4 Gregory A. Ganz, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2009 – CW3 Christopher D. Hunt, HHC/ 2-82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.  
2010 – CW4 Jason A. Fauth, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2011 – CW4 Michael J. Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion (General Support Aviation), 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Phoenix, Fort Drum, NY.  
2012 – SSG Rusty R. Swisher, 96<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Troubleshooter, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2013 – CW3 Daniel E. Denton II, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Phoenix, Fort Drum, NY.  
2014 – SFC Eric D. Wright, Company B, Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2015 – CW4 Edward A. Pregana, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, Korea.  
2016 – CW4 Shannon T Wooten, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Gunfighters, Operating Base Fenty Afghanistan.  
2017 – SPC Nicklaus A. Black, Troop D, 7<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.  
2018 – CW3 Nickolas F. Sciacca, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Polk, LA.  
2019 – CW3 Frank D. Kirby III, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.  
2020 – CW3 Daniel A. Cruz, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Sabre, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2021 – CW3 Christopher J. Perkins, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, ROK.  
2022 – CW3 (P) Miguel T. Miranda, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Katterbach Kaserne, Ansbach, Germany.  
2023 – CW2 Jared D. Chambers, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Carson, CO.



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## JOSEPH P. CRIBBINS DAC OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by The Boeing Company, this award is named for Mr. Joseph P. Cribbins, the award's first recipient in 1976. It is presented annually by AAAA "to the Department of the Army Civilian who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation in the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year." A candidate for this award must be a current Department of the Army civilian.

- 1976 - **Joseph P. Cribbins**, Special Assistant for Aviation Logistics; Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics; Department of the Army, Washington, DC.  
1977 - **John B. Greenwell**, Deputy Director, Materiel Management, U.S. Army Troop Support & Aviation Materiel Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.  
1978 - **Sherman C. Hines**, Equipment Specialist, U.S. Army MIRCOM Field Maintenance, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.  
1979 - **M. Margaret Brown**, Aircraft Equipment Manager, Aviation Office, USA Troop Support & Materiel Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.  
1980 - **John J. Stanko, Jr.**, Chief, Army Aviation Division, National Guard Bureau, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.  
1981 - **Michael J. Hoffman**, Aerospace Engineer, U.S. Army Troop Support & Aviation Materiel Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.  
1982 - **Frank Soliz**, Chief, Engine Shops Div, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.  
1983 - **Carolyn Chapman**, Aviation Program Specialist, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Dept. of the Army, Washington, DC.  
1984 - **Robert D. Robbins**, Test Pilot, U.S. Army Aviation Engineering Flight Activity, Edwards AFB, CA.  
1985 - **Paul L. Hendrickson**, Aircraft Systems Division, Directorate for Materiel Management, U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, MO.  
1986 - **Charles C. Crawford, Jr.**, Technical Director, U.S. Army AVSCOM, St. Louis, MO.  
1987 - **Daniel M. McEneaney**, Director of Engineering, U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, MO.  
1988 - **John L. Shipley**, Deputy Director, U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation Research & Technology Activity, AVSCOM, Fort Eustis, VA., & **John A. McLaughlin**, Deputy Project Manager, Army Helicopter Improvement Program, (AHIP), St. Louis, MO.  
1989 - **John K. Shannon**, Chief, Logistics Management Division, Advanced Attack Helicopter AH-64 (Apache) Program Management Office, PEO Aviation, St. Louis, MO.  
1990 - **Daniel J. Rubery**, Logistical Director, U.S. Army AVSCOM, St. Louis, MO.  
1991 - **James R. Ray**, Chief, Logistics Assistance Branch, U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command, Europe.  
1992 - **James E. Speigner**, Chief, Airfield ALERT Section, Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.  
1993 - **Rickie L. Barron**, Directorate of Evaluation & Standardization (DES), USAAVNC, Fort Rucker, AL.  
1994 - **Rodney J. Schulz**, Deputy Assistant Commandant and Senior Logistics Management Specialist, U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School (USAALS), Ft. Eustis, VA.  
1995 - **Mr. Robert W. Arden**, Chief, Stress/Loads/Fatigue Branch, Directorate for Engineering, U.S. Army ATCOM, St. Louis, MO.  
1996 - **Mr. Kenny Deskins**, U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School, Fort Eustis, VA.  
1997 - **Mrs. Diane Ottolini**, formerly with U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Chesterfield, MO.  
1998 - **Mr. Thomas L. House**, Executive Director, Aviation Research, Development and Engineering Center, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
1999 - **Ms. Gerri Shelp**, 21<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade (AC), Fort Hood, TX.  
2000 - **Mr. John E. Marksteiner**, HQDA, ODCSOPS, Washington, DC.  
2001 - **Mr. Timothy W. Gilchrist**, HHC/12<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA.  
2002 - **Mr. John L. Shipley**, AMCOM Director, Special Programs (Aviation), AATD, Fort Eustis, VA.  
2003 - **Mr. Alvin A. Abejon and Mr. George Dimitrov (co-winners)**, PM Tactical Operations Center, Madison, AL, and U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate (AATD), Fort Eustis, VA.  
2004 - **Mr. James E. Thompson**, Program Integrator, Apache Mods/Recap, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2005 - **Mr. Robert A. Boutwell**, Standardization Officer, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 223<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2006 - **Mr. Roy P. Oler**, Deputy to the Commanding Officer, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.  
2007 - **Clifford J. Richmond, III**, US Army, Pacific Command, Fort Shafter, HI.  
2008 - **Jason R. Brundige**, US Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command, Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan.  
2009 - **Mr. Mark S. Jones**, Deputy to the Commander, U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School, Fort Eustis, VA.  
2010 - **Mr. James W. Kelton**, Air Traffic Control Product Management Office, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2011 - **Mr. William L. Braddy & Mr. Andrew P. Ksepka**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX and Utility Helicopters Project Office, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2012 - **Mr. Sammy Burns, Jr.**, Aviation Field Maintenance Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2013 - **Mr. Richard W. Kretschmar**, Unmanned Aircraft Project Office, Program Executive Office, Aviation, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2014 - **Mr. Ellis W. Golson**, Capabilities Development & Integration Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2015 - **Mr. Lars D. Ericsson**, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2016 - **Mr. Steven D. Blasey**, Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2017 - **Dr. William D. Lewis**, Aviation Development Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2018 - **Mr. John R. Lunnemann**, G-3 Readiness, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2019 - **Mr. John R. Scott**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 223<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.



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## JOSEPH P. CRIBBINS DAC OF THE YEAR (Continued)

- 2020 – Ms. Crystal D. Martinez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2021 – Mr. Jeffrey L. Wagner, 15<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitations, Fort Hood, TX.  
2022 – Mr. Sam R. Baker III, 110<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, Fort Novosel, AL.  
2023 – Mr. Christopher M. Stuart, 110<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, Fort Novosel, AL.

## ROBERT M. LEICH AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Airbus, this award is named in memory of Brig. Gen. Robert M. Leich, USAR, the AAAA's first president (1957-59) and its Awards Committee Chairman for 23 years. It is presented annually to a unit for sustained contributions to Army aviation, to a unit or an individual for a unique, one-time outstanding performance.

- 1973 - 34th General Support Group (AHM&S), RVN. Accepted for the unit by MG Alton G. Post & COL Donald H. Jersey, & CSM Samuel Ring. (For 1965-1972 Period).  
1976 - 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, KY. Accepted for the unit by MG John A. Wickham, Jr., Commander. (For REFORGER 1976).  
1978 - Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX. Accepted for the Depot by COL Charles F. Drenz, Commander. (For 1961-1978).  
1979 - U.S. Army Aviation Board. Accepted for the Board by COL Robert A. Bonifacio, President, USAVNBD. (For 1976-1980).  
1980 - U.S. Army Aviation Development Test Activity & all Predecessor Units. Accepted for the Activity & Units by COL William E. Crouch, Jr. (For 1945-1981).  
1981 - Aviation Applied Technology Laboratory, Ft. Eustis, VA. Accepted for the Laboratory by COL Emmett F. Knight. (For 1957-1982).  
1982 - U.S. Army Engineering Flight Activity, Edwards AFB. Accepted for the unit by COL Lewis J. McConnell, Commander. (For 1960-1983).  
1983 - Mississippi Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, MSARNG. Accepted for the unit by COL James H. Burns, Commander. (For 1971-1984).  
1984 - U.S. Army Safety Center, Ft. Rucker. Accepted for the unit by COL Joseph R. Koehler, former Commander. (For 1955-1984).  
1986 - Davison Aviation Command, Washington, D.C. Accepted for the unit by COL John A. Lasch, III, Commander, & CSM William H. Fountain, Sr. NCO.  
1987 - CSM William H. Fountain. U.S. Army Davison Aviation Command, Ft. Belvoir, VA.  
1988 - Task Force 118, 18th Aviation Brigade Ft. Bragg, NC. Accepted for the unit by LTC Edmund E. Hughes, Commander & 1SG Danny L. Elzie, Senior NCO.  
1989 - U.S. Precision Helicopter Team, Ft. Rucker, AL. Accepted for the Team by LTC Robert E. Harry, Commander, CW3 Jon A. Iseminger, Pilot, CW3 Rudolph V. Hobbs, Co-Pilot, & SSG John L. Degand, Crew Chief.  
1990 - Mr. Richard L. Ballard. Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army for RDA, Washington, D.C.  
1991 - Army Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, MO. MG Donald R. Williamson, Commander, & CSM Richard P. Mullen, Senior NCO.  
1992 - U.S. Army Combat Aviation Training Brigade, III Corps & Fort Hood, TX. COL Gerald D. Saltness, Commander & CSM Jerome G. Chappelle, Senior NCO.  
1993 - U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School (USAALS), Fort Eustis, VA. COL Thomas E. Johnson, Commander & SGM Alan A. Gott, Senior NCO.  
1994 - 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Corps), XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC. LTC Joseph G. Kaufmann, Jr., Commander & CSM Ronald W. Strahan, Senior NCO.  
1995 - 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), 12th Aviation Brigade, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army, APO AE, LTC Michael T. Inman, Commander & CSM Sanford C. Tanna, Senior NCO.  
1996 - A Company, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, 12th Aviation Brigade, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army, APO AE, MAJ Roland C. Haun, Commander & 1SG Ray Aldeguer, Senior NCO.  
1997 - Directorate of Combat Developments (DCD), U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, AL, COL Jesse M. Danielson, Commander & MSG Donald D. Altgilbers, Senior NCO.  
1998 – 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY, COL Howard W. Yellen, Commander & CSM Donnie D. Calvery, Senior NCO.



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## ROBERT M. LEICH AWARD (Continued)

- 1999 – U.S. Army Scout-Attack Helicopter Product Office and Predecessors, Redstone Arsenal, AL, LTC William M. Gavora, Product Manager & John Guenther, Deputy Product Manager.
- 2000 – COL William S. McArthur, Jr., Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.
- 2001 – Mr. Charles J. Reading, RAH-66 Comanche Helicopter Program, Redstone Arsenal, AL.
- 2002 – Comanche Program Office, Redstone Arsenal, AL. COL Robert P. Birmingham, PM
- 2003 – Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, (AATD), Fort Eustis, VA. COL William M. Gavora, Commander and Ms. Sandy Hoff Deputy Commander
- 2004 – MG James D. Thurman, HQ 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Hood, TX.
- 2005 – 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, LTC Terence W. Reeves, Commander & CSM Robert A. Fox, Senior NCO.
- 2006 – 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, COL James M. Richardson, Commander & CSM Tod Glidewell, Senior NCO.
- 2007 – U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, BG William H. Forrester, Commander & CSM Tod Glidewell, Senior NCO.
- 2008 – Co-recipients, Paul Bogosian, Program Executive Officer, Aviation, Redstone Arsenal, AL. and Directorate of Training and Doctrine, US Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker, AL, COL Richard T. Knapp, Director & SGM Bobby Reynolds, Senior NCO.
- 2009 – Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization, USAACE, COL Stephen C. Smith, Director & SGM Ruben L. Albert, Senior NCO.
- 2010 – Utility Helicopters Project Office, COL L. Neil Thurgood, Project Manager & Mr. Gregory D. Gore, Deputy Project Manager.
- 2011 – 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), COL John W. Thompson, Commander, CW5 Robert D. Witzler, Regiment Warrant Officer, & CSM Greg M. Chambers, Senior NCO.
- 2012 – Corpus Christi Army Depot, COL Christopher B. Carlile, Commander.
- 2013 – Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion, LTC Jeffery J. Bragg, Commander & SGM Jay M. Blessing, Senior NCO.
- 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, LTC Clinton J. Conzemius, Commander, CSM S. Todd Schmidt, Senior NCO.
- 2015 – SFC Luke Backes, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), JBL-McChord, WA.
- 2016 – 1LT Jamie K. Beaver, Company B, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Kandahar Airfield Afghanistan.
- 2017 – 29<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, COL Mark M. Beckler, Commander; CW5 Albert B. Isennock, Command Chief Warrant Officer; CSM Steven T. McKenna, Senior NCO.
- 2018 – UH-60V Product Office, Redstone Arsenal, AL, LTC Andrew J. Duus, Product Manager & Mr. Anthony Dupree (Deputy Product Manager).
- 2019 – Detachment 1, Company D, 177<sup>th</sup> Brigade Engineer Battalion (Georgia Army National Guard), CPT Robert W. Gartner, Commander & SFC Michael T. Corey, Senior NCO.
- 2020 – CW3 Jeremy B. Rogers, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC Robert K. Beale, Commander & CSM Dylan J. Lemasters, Senior NCO.
- 2022 – SSG Trevin M. Dean, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2023 – Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, MAJ Dawn V. Herron, Commander & 1SG Holly A. Dozier, Senior NCO.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## AAAA TOP CHAPTER AWARDS

**BACKGROUND** – This national award was first presented in 1973. How well a chapter achieves the mission of “Supporting the U.S. Army Aviation Soldier and Family” during the course of the year is the basis for determining Top Chapter status. In 2008, the Top Chapter Award was broadened to include three separate awards, one for each chapter category by chapter size: Master (over 130 members), Senior (61-129 members) and AAAA (25-60 members). In 2011, the “Super” category was added to represent the largest, resulting in four categories of Top Chapters.

### TOP “AAAA” CHAPTER

1973 – Aviation Center Chapter  
1974 – Lindbergh Chapter  
1975 - Air Assault Chapter  
1976 - Monmouth Chapter  
1977 - Air Assault Chapter  
1978 - Lindbergh Chapter  
1979 - Aviation Center Chapter  
1980 - Franconia-Marne Chapter  
1981 - Corpus Christi Chapter and Lindbergh Chapter (tie)  
1982 - Morning Calm Chapter  
1983 - Morning Calm Chapter  
1984 - Air Assault Chapter  
1985 - Morning Calm Chapter  
1986 - Lindbergh Chapter  
1987 - Redcatcher Chapter  
1988 - Lindbergh Chapter  
1989 - North Texas Chapter  
1990 - Morning Calm Chapter  
1991 - Morning Calm Chapter  
1992 - Corpus Christi Chapter  
1993 - Colonial Virginia Chapter  
1994 - Colonial Virginia Chapter  
1995 - Aviation Center Chapter  
1996 - Monmouth Chapter  
1997 - Central Florida Chapter  
1998 - Monmouth Chapter  
1999 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2000 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2001 – Monmouth Chapter  
2002 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2003 – Monmouth Chapter  
2004 – Monmouth Chapter  
2005 – Central Florida Chapter  
2006 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2007 – Greater Atlanta Chapter  
2008 – Washington-Potomac Chapter  
2009 – No Award presented in 2009  
2010 – No Award presented in 2010  
2011 – Thunder Mountain Chapter  
2012 – Thunder Mountain Chapter  
2013 – No Award presented in 2013  
2014 – No Award presented in 2014  
2015 – Bavarian Chapter  
2016 – Bluegrass Chapter  
2017 – Prairie Soldier Chapter  
2018 – Grizzly Chapter  
2019 – Black Knights Chapter



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## TOP “AAAA” CHAPTER (Continued)

2020 – Bavarian Chapter  
2021 – Cowboy Chapter  
2022 – Mohawk Chapter  
2023 – New Jersey Chapter

## TOP “SENIOR” CHAPTER

2009 – North Star Chapter  
2010 – Thunder Mountain Chapter  
2011 – Corpus Christi Chapter  
2012 – Connecticut Chapter  
2013 – Connecticut Chapter  
2014 – Oregon Trail Chapter  
2015 – Flying Tigers Chapter  
2016 – Tarheel Chapter  
2017 – Delaware Valley Chapter  
2018 – Aloha Chapter  
2019 – Aloha Chapter  
2020 – Aloha Chapter  
2021 – Savannah Chapter  
2022 – Old Tucson Chapter  
2023 – Prairie Soldier Chapter

## TOP “MASTER” CHAPTER

2009 – Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
2010 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2011 – Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
2012 – Savannah Chapter  
2013 – Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
2014 – Central Florida Chapter  
2015 – Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
2016 – North Texas Chapter  
2017 – Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
2018 – Central Florida Chapter  
2019 – Central Florida Chapter  
2020 – Mount Rainier Chapter  
2021 – Phantom Corps Chapter  
2022 – Mount Rainier Chapter  
2023 – Gold Standard Chapter



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## TOP “SUPER” CHAPTER

2011 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2012 – Aviation Center Chapter  
2013 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2014 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2015 – Air Assault Chapter  
2016 – Air Assault Chapter  
2017 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2018 – Air Assault Chapter  
2019 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2020 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2021 – Tennessee Valley Chapter  
2022 – Washington/Potomac Chapter  
2023 – Tennessee Valley Chapter

## AAAA ART & DOTTY KESTEN FOUNDER’S AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – This national award was first presented in 2012. The award is presented, periodically, at the discretion of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) president, and recognizes outstanding support to the AAAA.

2012 – COL Curtis J. Herrick, Jr.  
2014 – BG Harry H. Bendorf  
2015 – COL Harry W. Townsend  
2016 – COL Sidney W. Achee  
2018 – MG Carl H. McNair  
2019 – Janis E. Arena  
2020 – BG James M. Hesson, Sr.  
2021 – COL Hal Kushner  
2022 – BG Rodney D. Wolfe  
2023 – COL Michelle F. Yarborough



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## AAAA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – This national award was first presented in 1988. The award is presented, periodically, at the discretion of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) president, and recognizes outstanding lifetime support to the AAAA.

1988 - Special Operations Aviation Group  
1989 - GEN Carl E. Vuono  
1993 – Honorable Stephen K. Conver  
2000 – Corpus Christi Army Depot, AMCOM  
2001 – Army Aviation Modernization Plan Team  
2008 – GEN Richard A. Cody  
2009 – MG Carl H. McNair  
2012 – MG Benjamin Harrison  
2013 – GEN Crosbie E. Saint  
2015 – MG Jack M. Keane  
2018 – LTG Roger C. Schultz  
2019 – Mr. John L. Shipley  
2020 – GEN Bryan D. Brown  
2021 – California ARNG  
2022 – LTG William F. Forster  
2023 – BG Harry H. Bendorf

## AAAA SOLDIER AND FAMILY SUPPORT AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – This national award was first presented in 2012. The award is presented, periodically, at the discretion of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) president, and recognizes outstanding support to the Army Aviation spouses and family.

2012 – MG Anthony G. Crutchfield  
2014 – Judy Konitzer  
2018 – Susan Sinclair  
2019 – Bill and Phil Harpel  
2021 – Ingrid E. Strange  
2022 – Gary S. Nenninger  
2023 – Chaplain (COL) Sonny Moore  
2024 – MG Michael and Sadie McCurry



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING ROTC CADET

**BACKGROUND** - The selection of the most outstanding ROTC Cadet who has been selected for the Army Aviation Branch is accomplished by a Selection Board under the leadership of the Commander, U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, in November of the year prior to the Cadet's graduation.

1988 - Pedro G. Almeida  
1989 - Michael A. Flynn  
1990 - Gregory T. Lang  
1991 - Louis A. Birdsong  
1992 - Victor S. Hamilton  
1993 - Roy R. Trumble, IV  
1994 - Christopher C. Frost  
1995 - Fred D. Rothenbush, Jr.  
1996 - Matthew S. Rader  
1997 - John B. Broam  
1998 - Jennifer L. Eckert  
1999 - Joshua A. Nanes  
2000 - Katherine A. Oleksiak  
2001 - Dwayne W. Staples  
2002 - Michael J. Milas  
2003 - Chad Gosney  
2004 - James A. Attaway III  
2005 - Alex M. Bertelli  
2006 - Nathan S. Ellis  
2007 - Mickala S. Henson  
2008 - Adam S. Zerr  
2009 - Laura J. Grun  
2010 - Travis W. Tarbox  
2011 - Daniel W. Gray  
2012 - Dacren L. Walker  
2013 - Matthew Udermann  
2014 - Claire L. Yakabe  
2015 - Blake Lemmons  
2016 - Collin J. Brackin  
2017 - Samantha R. DeCapua  
2018 - Michael J. Orgeron  
2019 - Joseph L. Nelson  
2020 - Lucas Manke  
2021 - Abigail M. Ludwig  
2022 - Jack T. Welsome  
2023 - Brian Roberts  
2024 - Claire E. Hellman



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING USMA CADET

**BACKGROUND** - The selection of the most outstanding U.S. Military Academy Cadet who has been selected for the Army Aviation Branch is accomplished under the leadership of the Commandant immediately following the Branching of a USMA Class in the January before graduation.

1988 - Kenneth S. Prygoski  
1989 - Charles T. Tully, Jr.  
1990 - H. Dave Wood  
1991 - Christopher J. Watrud  
1992 - Michael D. McKay  
1993 - Marc A. Wehmeyer  
1994 - Spencer T. Kympton  
1995 - Andrew J. Norton  
1996 - Philip J. Root  
1997 - Ryan G. Leonard  
1998 - Jason A. Foerter  
1999 - Scott R. Stechshulte  
2000 - Hartleigh Richard  
2001 - Joseph S. Minor  
2002 - Cole A. Spitzack  
2003 - Brian M. Merkl  
2004 - Michael Alan Powell  
2005 - Jeffrey M. Bonheim  
2006 - Benjamin T. Summers  
2007 - Daniel W. Hancock  
2008 - Steven James Wax  
2009 - Brady K. Dearden  
2010 - Maris C. Yarmie  
2011 - Kenneth A. Friede  
2012 - Jennifer West  
2013 - Paul M. Johnson  
2014 - Holly Schlotterbeck  
2015 - Craig Coyle  
2016 - Clayton B. Jaksha  
2017 - Collin J. Parker  
2018 - Kevin D. Sullivan  
2019 - David T. Bindon  
2020 - Haley Watson  
2021 - Justin M. Gittemeier  
2022 - Hannah Blakey  
2023 - Timothy Austin Bradley Widner  
2024 - Aiden O. Hopping



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by BAE Systems, this National Award will be presented “to the person who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation in the area of Aircraft Survivability Equipment during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award may be a military or civilian nominee and must be actively involved in the field of Aircraft Survivability Equipment. Membership in AAAA is not a requirement for consideration. The individual contribution of the nominee should have been initiated and completed during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30.

- 1985 - MAJ Michael F. Blacker, Chief, Aviation Division, Ft. Huachuca, AZ.  
1986 - CW4 Perry M. Smith, Systems Manager, Directorate of Training & Doctrine, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1987 - Mr. Richard Paoella, Project Leader, Infrared Countermeasures U.S.A. Communications & Electronics Command, Ft. Monmouth, NJ.  
1988 - MAJ Steve L. Ash, Assistant Program Manager, ASE Project Manager's Office, PEO Aviation, St. Louis, MO.  
1989 - Mr. Joseph N. Graziano, Director, Tactical Systems, ITT Avionics, Nutley, NJ.  
1990 - CW3 Stephen L. Woods, Brigade ASE Officer/Pilot, Ft. Riley, KS.  
1991 - Mr. Larry Johnson, an Electronic Warfare Integration Engineer with the Naval Air Warfare Center, Point Mugu, CA.  
1992-1993 - CW4 Bradford A. Powell, CH/MH-47 Project Officer, System Integration & Maintenance Office, 160th SOAR(A), Ft. Campbell, KY.  
1994 - CW2 Michael E. Croslin, Aviation Brigade EWO, 1/227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, TX.  
1995 - CW2 Kevin L. Crumpler, 4th-123rd Theater Aviation Battalion, Fort Wainwright, AK.  
1996 - Mr. Peter R. McGrew, Senior Analyst, SRI International, Systems Development Division, Menlo Park, CA.  
1997 - CW3 Jack B. Pike, Jr., Battalion Electronic Warfare Officer, 8th Bn., 229th Aviation Regiment (Attack), Fort Knox, KY.  
1998 - CW3 Michael A. Strieber, MH-60K/ASE Project Officer, Systems Integration & Management Office, HHC, 160th SOAR (A).  
1999 – CW2 Michael D. Kelley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2000 – LTC Jeffrey A. Crabb, Department of the Army System Coordinator, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Arlington, VA.  
2001 – CW4 Albert J. Maes, HHC, 1-210<sup>th</sup> Avn. Regt., Fort Rucker, AL.  
2002 – CW3 Norman J. Elmore, Systems Integration and Management Office, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Avn Regt (A), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2003 – CW4 Brendan D. Kelly, Brigade Tactical Operations/Electronic Warfare Officer, HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> Avn Brigade, Qayyarah West Airfield, Iraq.  
2004 – Mr. Christian Gilbert, Chief, Army Reprogramming Analysis Team-Threat Analysis, 1<sup>st</sup> Information Operations Command (Land), Army Intelligence and Security Command, Eglin AFB, FL.  
2005 – CW4 Gregory A. Calvert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2006 – CW4 Jeffrey S. Curd, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2007 – Mr. Larry Dunavant, Senior Technical System Engineer, Apache CMWS Team Lead, Scotts Hill, TN.  
2008 – CW4 Ronald J. Rouse, HHC, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2009 – Mr. John Reilly, Information and Intelligence Warfare Division, AMSRD-CER-IW-EA, McAfee Center, Fort Monmouth, NJ.  
2010 – CW3 Brett A. McFarland, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2011 – CW4 Richard C. Bebb, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Wings, FOB Wolverine, Afghanistan.  
2012 – CW3 Joseph C. Mosher 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Hammerhead, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.  
2013 – SSG Matthew R. Kent, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2014 – SGT Joseph P. Reed, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2015 – CW4 Graham Ward, Headquarters Department of the Army, G-3/5/7 DAMO-AV, The Pentagon, Washington, DC.  
2016 – Mr. Michael D. White, Project Management Office, Aircraft Survivability Equipment, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2017 – CW4 Jonathan M. Mihalka, Redstone Test Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL.  
2018 – CW4 Brett McFarland, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2019 – SPC Gary K. Acton, Company D, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.  
2020 – CW3 Charles A. Robertson, Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 223<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 110<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2021 – CW5 Bryan C. Elwood, Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Company, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2022 – CPL Lason T. Arreola, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operation Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2023 – SPC Jacob A. Leath, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operation Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2024 – SPC Grady A. Pickens, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.



## NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

**CW3 CHRISTOPHER M. ALLGAIER  
AVIATION MISSION SURVIVABILITY  
OFFICER (AMSO)**

- 2013 – CW3 Matthew P. Ruffner, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 104<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.  
2014 – CW2(P) Eddie L. Goode, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.  
2015 – CW4 Jeremie J. Zabko, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.  
2016 – CW4 Lee E. Kokoszka, Combat Aviation Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO.  
2017 – CW3 William A. Carroll, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Attack Reconnaissance), 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS.  
2018 – CW4 Daniel R. Cosson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2019 – CW4 William S. Roth, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2020 – CW4 Sean M. Martin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2021 – CW3 Matthew T. Boedeker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2022 – CW4 Stephen J. Smith II, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2023 – CW3 Joshua A. Palowitch, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2024 – CW3 Edward S. Adamy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## AVIONICS

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- 1993 - CPT Keith J. Kranhold, Brigade Signal Officer, 128th Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army South, APO AA.
- 1994 - CW4 Tommy Lee Dorris, Avionics Platoon Leader, F Co., 1-160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Ft. Campbell, KY.
- 1995 - Thorwald E. Eide, Equipment Specialist (General), 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1996 - SPC Verne Saint Remy, Avionic Mechanic, 6-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1997 - Mr. Robert B. Carneal, Avionics Mechanic, D Co., 12th Aviation Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA.
- 1998 - SPC Daniel E. Blackburn, Command and Control Avionics Technician, B Company, 6-101 Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1999 - SPC Daniel E. Blackburn, B Company, 6-101 Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2000 – Mr. Arlie D. Keister, Electronic Engineer, Program Manager-Aviation Electronic Combat (PM-AEC), Redstone Arsenal, AL.
- 2001 – CW3 Bruce L. Brown, HHC, 1-52nd Aviation Regiment, CINCHAWK, APO AP.
- 2002 – SGT Donald W. Poelking, D Co., 2/160th SOAR(A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 – Mr. James E. Davis, DELTA Company, 1-52 Aviation Regiment, Korea.
- 2004 – CW3 Jason K. Pratt, D Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), APO AE.
- 2005 – SGT David L. Geldmacher, D Company, 1-227th Aviation Regiment, Copperas Cove, TX.
- 2006 – SGT Denaz D. Williams, Company B, 96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2007 – SSG Jorge H. Cobo, Aircraft Electrician Line Supervisor, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2008 – SPC Justin K. Duh, Company B, 412th Aviation Support Battalion, APO AE.
- 2009 – SSG Joebob R. Parker, Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Palehorse, APO AE.
- 2010 – SGT Albleh J. Clements, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Task Force Nighthawk, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.
- 2011 – SGT Angel L. Jordan, Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Palehorse, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.
- 2012 – CW3 Jose B. Esperacion, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Hammerhead, Afghanistan.
- 2013 – SGT Norman R. Scroggins, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2014 – SGT Dustin S. Mahan, Company D, 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2015 – SSG William A. Bell, Company D, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2016 – SSG Thomas L. Gardner, Company F, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2017 – SSG Derrick B. Hubbard, Jr., Company D, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2018 – SPC Mikail A. Ibraheem, Company D, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2019 – SSG Jacob E. Hurley, Company D, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Task Force Apocalypse, Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, Afghanistan.
- 2020 – SPC Darian Billowitz, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2021 – SGT Derrick W. Martin, Company D, 1st Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2022 – SGT Mills E. Braswell, Company D, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2023 – SGT Shelby M. Hinkens, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2024 - SSG Jonathan T. Womack, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## AIR/SEA RESCUE

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Collins Aerospace, this National Award will be presented “to the crew or crew member who has performed a rescue using a personnel rescue hoist that saved the life or eased the suffering of an individual or individuals during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award must be U.S. Army, Active or Reserve Component, and must have had an active role in an air rescue effort using a personnel rescue hoist. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

- 1991 – CW3 Scott Berrier, Standardization Instructor Pilot, & CW3 Julian Council, Instructor Pilot, A Troop, 4th Squadron, 17th Cavalry (AIR)(RECON), Ft. Bragg, NC.  
1992 – WO1 J. Tucker Rojas, WO1 Christopher S. Latin, SGT Anthony Robinson, & SPC Dwane Means, 377th Medical Company (AA), APO AP.  
1993 – 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Ft. Campbell, KY.  
1994 – CW4 John P. Airington, CW4 David Schweitzer, SPC Frank G. Myers, and SPC Jared L. Cheramie, 872nd Medical Company, Lafayette, LA.  
1995 – CW4 Randy L. Mullen, CW3 Thomas D. Leedom, SSG Florencio Q. Abendanio, SSG James A. Swindler, SGT Carl D. Wilber, PFC Autumn D. McCauley, CPT Garth W. Le Cheminant, and CPT Michael S. Machen, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Fort Carson, CO.  
1996 – MAJ David J. Curci, CW3 Timothy R. O’Neill, SSG Eric J. Mott, SSG George A. Oldt, 1LT Mark D. Siple, SGT Arthur Goodling, CW3 John H. Cross, Jr., CPT Eric M. Bleakney, CW2 Jeffery A. Reep, SSG William V. Westover, SGT Robert M. Biffart, SGT Bruce W. Sheetz, CW3 Daniel J. Reggie, SSG Edward W. Blantz, SGT Nicholas S. Gilliland, CPT Michael J. Jones, CW4 Martin D. Dillingham, CW3 Michael P. Slattery, SGT Brian C. Beck, SGT Patrick A. Sevetsky, and SGT Robert W. Wilcox, G Company, 104th Aviation, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Philipsburg, PA.  
1997 – 68th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance) "Dustoff Hawaii", Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.  
1998 – 571st Medical Company (AA), Fort Carson, CO.  
1999 – 214th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance) (Forward), APO AA.  
2000 – 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance) (Mission 2), Fort Carson, CO.  
2001 – 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 101st Abn Div (AA), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2002 – D Company, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (A), FPO AA.  
2003 – 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2004 – 68th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), APO AE.  
2005 – 68th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI.  
2006 – Company C, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.  
2007 – 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.  
2008 – Task Force Outfront, Company C, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, APO AE.  
2009 – 2nd Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Palehorse, APO AE.  
2010 – Company C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Taskforce Knighthawk, APO AE, CW3 Craig Root, Commander.  
2011 – Company C, 3rd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.  
2012 – Company C, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Task Force Falon, DUSTOFF 72, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2013 – Company C, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Tigershark, DUSTOFF 18, Fort Drum, NY.  
2014 – DUSTOFF 66 & DUSTOFF 54, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Demon, Fort Riley, KS.  
2015 – U.S. Army Air Ambulance Detachment, Yakima Training Center, 2nd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Yakima, WA.  
2016 – U.S. Army Air Ambulance Detachment, Yakima Training Center, 2nd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Yakima, WA.  
2017 – Company C, 5th Battalion 159th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Tigershark, Forward Operating Base Fenty, Afghanistan.  
2018 – Army Aviation Support Facility #1, Wisconsin Army National Guard, West Bend, WI.  
2019 – 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.  
2020 – Company C, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, New Hampshire Army National Guard, Concord, NH.  
2021 – 40th Combat Aviation Brigade, California Army National Guard, Fresno, CA.  
2022 – Not awarded this year  
2023 – Company C, 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, Fort Cavazos, TX.  
2024 – Vital 36 Samaritan, Company C, 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, North Kingstown, RI



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ARMY AVIATION MEDICINE AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Gentex Corporation, this National Award will be presented “to the flight surgeon or aero medical physician assistant who best exemplifies the contribution to Aviation during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award must be U.S. Army, Active or Reserve Component, and must be actively involved in Aviation Medicine support to Army Aviation. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

- 1994 - MAJ Lisa A. Black, D.O., 159th Combat Aviation Group (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, NC.  
1995 - MAJ Robert A. Mazur, M.D., 224th Military Intelligence Battalion (AE), Savannah, GA.  
1996 - CPT Terrence L. Lakin, M.D., HHC, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Operation Joint Endeavor, APO AE.  
1997 - No award given.  
1998 - CPT Troy R. Johnson, M.D., HHC, 2/160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.  
1999 - CPT Ray D. Kelley, M.D., HHC, 4-123<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Wainwright, AK.  
2000 - LTC Walter J. Lawrence, M.D., U.S. Army Aeromedical Center, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2001 - CPT Alexander G. Truesdell, HHS, 1<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (AE), APO AE.  
2002 - CPT(P) Larry McCord, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2003 - MAJ Mark E. Green, HHC, 1/160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2004 - LTC John A. Smyrski III, MD, HHC, AVN BDE, JTF Wings, APO AE.  
2005 - CPT Nicole C. Powell-Dunford, HQ and HQ Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.  
2006 - CPT Scott M. Gilpatrick, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2007 - CPT Bryan Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Camp Eagle, Korea.  
2008 - MAJ Susan R. Fondy, HHC 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2009 - CPT Brendan J. McCriskin, HHT, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2010 - CPT Troy W. Akers, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Taskforce Viper, APO AE.  
2011 - CPT Teresa A. Weber, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Eagle Lift, APO AE.  
2012 - LTC Mark S. Crago, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Spring Lake, NC.  
2012 - CPT John M. Kurtz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Hammerhead, APO AE.  
2013 - CPT Nicholas P. Pelletier, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Tigershark/Task Force Falcon, Fort Drum, NY.  
2014 - COL John A. Smyrski III, U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2015 - COL Scott A. Salmon, U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2016 - MAJ Alan I. Wu, 25<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.  
2017 - COL Steven J. Gaydos, School of Army Aviation Medicine, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2018 - CPT Laurencio C. Lopez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2019 - MAJ Benjamin F. Stork, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2020 - MAJ Nicole J. Siegler, 34<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, St. Paul, MN.  
2021 - CPT Jeffrey W. Chen, 640<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, Task Force Phoenix, Kuwait.  
2022 - Not awarded this year  
2023 - CPT Rachel E. Bridwell, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.  
2024 - LTC Vincent J. Reed, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 224<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Freedom



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ARMY AVIATION DUSTOFF FLIGHT MEDIC OF THE YEAR AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Air Methods, Inc. this National Award will be presented to the “Flight Medic who, through his or her demonstrated performance of duty, exemplifies the spirit of the DUSTOFF mission and the motto of DUSTOFF units since Major Charles Kelly’s last words set the standard – “When I have your wounded.” The award can be for a lifetime of achievement in DUSTOFF Aviation or for a specific mission accomplished in support of wounded or injured warriors. A candidate for this AAAA National Award must be U.S. Army, Active or Reserve Component, serving in an aviation company air ambulance (Medical Company Air Ambulance or Charlie Company of a GSAB under the transformation) and assigned as a flight Medic/Platoon Sergeant/First Sergeant and actively engaged in aeromedical evacuation.

- 2006 – SGT **Branden Coughlin**, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.
- 2007 – SSG **Fred A. Osgood**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2008 – SSG **Robert E. Congdon**, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Savannah, GA.
- 2009 – SSG **Emmett W. Spraktes**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Palehorse, APO AE.
- 2010 – SGT **Michael G. Patangan**, Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2011 – SGT **Aaron S. Halcomb**, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2012 – SSG **Jose M. Pantoja**, Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2013 – SGT **Jeremy M. Wicklin**, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Knighthawk, Hunter AAF, GA.
- 2014 – SGT **Derek A. Polite**, Company C, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2015 – SGT **Vitaly A. Tsaregorodtsev**, Company C, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Shadow, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.
- 2016 – SSG **Matthew A. Decker**, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 214<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Knox, KY.
- 2017 – SGT **Loran M. Lott**, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2018 – SGT **Armando Yanez, Jr.**, Company C, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2019 – SSG **Steven C. Gillis**, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2020 – SFC **Jessie R. Turner**, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Carson CO.
- 2021 – SSG **Jeremy M. Lowe**, Detachment 1, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 238<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Frankfort, KY.
- 2022 – SSG **Ryan P Hunter**, Detachment 1, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 238<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Frankfort, KY.
- 2023 – SSG **Shawn E. Cecil**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2024 – SSG **Allex R. Henson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ARMY AVIATION FIXED WING UNIT AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by CAE USA, this National Award will be presented “to the unit or detachment with fixed wing aircraft that has achieved the highest level of excellence in training, safety, logistics, operations and support during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award must be a U.S. Army, Active or Reserve Component, unit or detachment with fixed wing aircraft that has met the foregoing criteria. The nomination information should include the training achievements of the unit to include but not be limited to: use of advanced simulation, multimedia academic presentations, innovative flight training methods, achievements in safety practices and procedures, and innovative use of all available assets to implement the unit Safety Program, etc.

- 1994 - 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Camp Humphreys, Korea, LTC Jerry Proctor, Commander.
- 1995 - Operational Support Airlift Command, COL Arthur W. Ries II, Commander
- 1996 - 224th Military Intelligence Battalion (AE), LTC Thomas G. Francis III, Commander.
- 1997 - 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), APO AE, LTC Steven H. Nichols, Commander.
- 1998 - 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), APO AE, LTC Vernon L. Campbell, Commander.
- 1999 - 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), APO AE, LTC Vernon L. Campbell, Commander.
- 2000 – 204<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Reconnaissance), Fort Bliss, TX, LTC Charles R. Mehle, II, Commander.
- 2001 – 6-52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment (Theater Army), Los Alamitos, CA, MAJ Steven J. Campfield, Commander.
- 2002 – 15<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), West Fort Hood, TX, LTC Steven P. Carney, Commander.
- 2003 – 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 214<sup>th</sup> AVN REGT, LTC Brian J. Diaz, Commander.
- 2004 – Company I, 185<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Gulfport, MS, CPT Mark W. Johnson, Commander.
- 2005 – Company A, 249<sup>th</sup> Aviation (Theater Aviation Company), Salem, OR, MAJ Devin Wickenhagen, Commander.
- 2006 – Company D, 126<sup>th</sup> Theater Aviation Company, LTC Gene K. Lambrecht, Commander.
- 2007 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 228<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Horsham Memorial Reserve Center, Horsham, PA.
- 2008 – Company A, 641<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Salem, OR, MAJ David R. Doran, Commander & 1SG Mark Logan.
- 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 641<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Salem, OR, LTC Christian F. Rees, Commander & CSM Karen Jacobs-Harryman, Senior NCO.
- 2010 – HHC, 3-214 Aviation Regiment, Task Force ODIN, APO AE. LTC Kevin J. Diermeier, Commander & CSM Marion J. Travis, Senior NCO.
- 2011 – Company A, 641<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Salem, OR. CPT Adam C. McCarthy, Commander & 1SG Scott D. McCoy, Senior NCO.
- 2012 – 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Los Alamitos, CA. LTC James G. Hollingsworth, Commander & CSM Jim C. Salas, Senior NCO.
- 2013 – 204<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Reconnaissance), Fort Bliss, TX. LTC Kodjo S. Knox-Limbacker, Commander.
- 2014 – Company A, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Seoul Air Base, Republic of Korea.
- 2015 – Joint Task Force Observe, Detect, Identify, Neutralize (ODIN), Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, COL Prescott Farris, Commander & CSM Carlos Magwood, Senior NCO.
- 2016 – U.S. Army Priority Air Transport (USAPAT), Joint Base Andrews, MD, LTC Heather L. Maki, Command & 1SG Christopher L. Brown, Senior NCO.
- 2017 – 206<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Task Force ODIN, Fort Hood, TX, LTC Jarred M. Lang, Command & SGM Jose L. Bermudez, Senior NCO.
- 2018 – 206<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Task Force ODIN, Fort Hood, TX, LTC Jarred M. Lang, Command & SGM Jose L. Bermudez, Senior NCO.
- 2019 – Task Force ODIN, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, LTC Joseph L. Swindle, Commander & CSM Charles T. Walden, Senior NCO.
- 2020 – 206<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Intelligence) (ODIN's EYE), Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, LTC Martin E. Weaver, Commander & CSM Harold E. Sampson, Senior NCO.
- 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Fort Hood, TX, LTC Erin P. Davis, Commander & CSM Jonathan D. Wood, Senior NCO.
- 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Fort Hood, TX, LTC Brent J. Pafford, Commander & CSM Timothy J. Bevis, Senior NCO.
- 2023 -- 15<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Fort Cavazos, TX, LTC Brent J. Pafford, Commander & CSM Timothy J. Bevis, Senior NCO.
- 2024 - 224<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Hunter Army Airfield, GA, LTC Paul R. Wallace, Commander & 1SG Nicholas R. Thompson, Senior NCO.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ARMY AVIATION TRAINER OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by CAE USA, this National Award will be presented “to the trainer who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award may be a military or a civilian nominee and must be actively involved in Army Aviation training. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

- 1984 - **SFC(P) Walter D. Smith**, Dept. of NCO Training, USAALS, Ft. Eustis, VA.  
1985 - **CPT Michael R. Rampy**, 1st Battalion, 1st Avn. Bde. (Air Assault), Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1986 - **CW2 William H. McCollister**, 7th Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1987 - **MAJ James D. Thurman**, Apache Training Brigade, Ft. Hood, TX, & **SSG Bobby W. Eades**, Academic Branch, Air Operations Division, DOET, USAAVNC, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1988 - **MAJ Mark S. Wentlent**, Task Force 118, 18th Aviation Brigade, Ft. Bragg, NC, & **CW4 Robert J. Monette**, D Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment, Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1989 - **CW4 Russell A. Hunter**, Instructor Pilot, E Company, 160th SOAG (Airborne), Ft. Campbell, KY.  
1990 - **CW4 Michael S. Kather**, Company Standardization Officer, B Co., 1-14th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
1991 - **CW3 John S. Moltenberry**, Track Chief, OH-58D Maintenance Test Pilot Course, USAALS, Ft. Eustis, VA, & **SGT Christopher M. Pakutka**, Aeroscout Observer, Palehorse 4/2 Armored Cavalry Regiment, Feucht, Germany.  
1992 - **CW3 William Oates**, SIP & MTFE, P Troop, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Bliss, TX.  
1993 - **SFC Alexander A. Tejada**, Senior Instructor/Writer, U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School, Ft. Eustis, VA.  
1994 - **MSG Charles Neil Reisinger**, Eastern Army Aviation Training Site (EAATS), Annville, PA.  
1995 - **CW3 Paul D. Hutchinson**, HHD, 1-14th Aviation Regiment, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.  
1996 - **CW2 Charles Preston Watson**, B Company, 224th MI BN (AE), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
1997 - **CW2(P) Jeffery A. Moss**, B Company, 2-501st Aviation Regiment, APO AE.  
1998 - **CW3 Craig S. Wheeler**, B Company, 2-501st Aviation Regiment, APO AE.  
1999 - **CW5 Steel Parsons**, HHC, 160<sup>th</sup> SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2000 - **CW3 Robert B. Rainier**, B Company, 160<sup>th</sup> SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2001 - **CW4 Warren A. Aylworth**, HHT, 2-6 CAV, 11<sup>th</sup> Avn Regt, APO AE.  
2002 - **CW3 Andrew C. Sentiff**, B/2-160<sup>th</sup> SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2003 - **CW4 Richard K. Chenault**, Company A, 3-101 Avn Regt, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.  
2004 - **CW3 David A. Fallon**, Company A, 2-160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2005 - **CW4 John J. McCann**, HQ and HQ Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment (Attack Reconnaissance), Combat Aviation Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2006 - **CW4 Richard W. Knowlton**, Company E, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 212<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2007 - **CW4 Joseph Roland**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, GA.  
2008 - **SFC Michael A. Morgan**, HHC, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.  
2009 - **CW3 Brian T. Lackey**, Company C, 7<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, Task Force Palehorse, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.  
2010 - **CW4 Guy E. Davis, Jr.**, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Viper/Task Force Brawler, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
2011 - **CW5 Guillermo Soto, Jr.**, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Thunder, APO AE.  
2012 - **CW4 Andy G. Fisher**, Company B, Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion, U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2013 - **SGT Brandon J. Travers**, Company A, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Viper.  
2014 - **CW4 Richard C. Bebb**, Eagle Team, Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA.  
2015 - **SFC Theodore L. Sager**, Company A, Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2016 - **CW4 David R. Spielman**, 206th Military Intelligence Battalion, Task Force Thor/Task Force ODIN, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.  
2017 - **CW3 David J. Kruse**, Special Mission Wing, Special Operations Aviation Group, Kabul, Afghanistan.  
2018 - **CW2 Christian K. Namkung**, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Seoul, Republic of Korea.  
2019 - **CW2 Andrew J. Sines**, A Troop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Heavy CAV, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, FOB Fenty, Afghanistan.  
2020 - **CW3 Greg R. Heckathorn**, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Carson, CO.  
2021 - **CW3 Victor V. Gallegos**, Company G, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 40<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fresno, CA.  
2022 - **SSG Amber L. Starnes**, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 222<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.  
2023 - **SSG Christopher L. Korthals**, Aviation Operations Division, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Johnson, LA.  
2024 - **SFC Alexander I. Hall**, Company B, Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ATC UNIT OF THE YEAR AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Raytheon, this award is presented “to the Army Aviation Air Traffic Control unit that has contributed greatly to safety or efficiency in tactical ATC during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award must be a U.S. Army, Active or Reserve Component unit that has met the foregoing criteria.

- 1996 - E Company, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT John Wilhelm Jones, Commander.
- 1997 - Company A, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT Kenneth J. Verhulst, Commander.
- 1998 - B Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT Albert H. Stiller, Commander.
- 1999 - A Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Corps) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC, CPT James Heer, Commander.
- 2000 – C Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT Bryan K. Phillips, Commander.
- 2001 – Cairns Army Radar Approach Control (ARAC), Fort Rucker, AL, Leverette C. Phillips, Commander.
- 2002 – Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Tony Taylor, Commander.
- 2003 – E/120th ATS AVN, 10th Mountain Avn Bde, APO AE, CPT Jeffrey Bilodeau, Commander.
- 2004 – C Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Jennifer Lynn Newsome, Commander.
- 2005 – Company D, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA, CPT Robert E. Bugner, Commander.
- 2006 – Company C, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, CPT Jeramie D. Johnson, Commander.
- 2007 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, CPT Brian Blum, Commander & 1SG Kelsey Goodson, Senior NCO.
- 2008 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, CPT David Sarrette, Commander & 1SG Edward Dossett, Senior NCO.
- 2009 – 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL, LTC T. Glenn Moore, Commander & SGM Kenneth W. Bolden, Senior NCO.
- 2010 – Company F, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, APO AE. CPT Jared K. Koelling, Commander & 1SG Terri Clavon, Senior NCO.
- 2011 – Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Ft. Drum, NY. CPT Johnathon Sampsel, Commander, & 1SG William Haddon, Senior NCO.
- 2012 – 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, APO AE. LTC Harold H. Whiffen, Commander & MSG Terri Clavon, Senior NCO.
- 2013 – Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, CPT Jared H. Brynildsen, Commander & 1SG Jack Essig, Senior NCO.
- 2014 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, CPT Andrew J. Wempe, Commander, 1SG David W. Green, Senior NCO
- 2015 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, CPT Hayden Howell, Commander & 1SG Jonathan Moire, Senior NCO.
- 2016 – 4th Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, Korea, LTC Ryan I. Moore, Commander & MSG Joshua J. Tyler, Senior NCO.
- 2017 – 4th Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, Korea, LTC Ryan I. Moore, Commander & MSG Alonzo Fielder, Senior NCO.
- 2018 – Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Task Force Shadow, Afghanistan, CPT Kenneth R. Hettler, Commander & SFC Adam B. Thornton, Senior NCO.
- 2019 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Task Force Desert Knights & Task Force Apocalypse, Afghanistan, CPT Tyler K. Carson, Commander & 1SG Anthony Knights, Senior NCO.
- 2020 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Mustang, Afghanistan, CPT Michael E. Williams, Commander & 1SG Mandrell J. Douglas, Senior NCO.
- 2021 – 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC, LTC Steven C. Chetcuti, Commander & MSG Sarah E. Caswell, Senior NCO.
- 2022 – 1st Battalion, 107th Aviation Regiment, Tullahoma, TN. LTC Mark C. Jordan, Commander & SMG John P. Maison, Senior NCO.
- 2023 – 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (AOB), Fort Novosel, AL, LTC Lindsey A. Ryan, Commander & MSG Jon W. Fagan, Senior NCO.
- 2024 - 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Liberty, NC, LTC Douglas T. Lindsay, Commander & 1SG Daniel A. Benson, Senior NCO.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ATC FACILITY AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Raytheon, this award is presented “to the Army Aviation Air Traffic Control fixed facility that has contributed greatly to safety or efficiency in ATC during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award must be a U.S. Army, Active or Reserve Component, fixed facility that has met the foregoing criteria.

- 1996 - Cairns Army Airfield Tower, Daleville/Ft. Rucker, AL, CPT James M. Corcoran, Commander.
- 1997 - Theater Army Flight Following Service (Skywatch AFFS), APO AA, CPT Raymond F. O'Neill, Jr., Commander.
- 1998 - Camp Colt, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT John W. Jones, Commander.
- 1999 – Heidelberg Air Traffic Control Tower/Approach Control, APO AE, CPT Bryan K. Phillips, Commander.
- 2000 – Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, Team 38, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, LTC Eric M. Nelson, Commander.
- 2001 – Cairns Army Radar Approach Control (ARAC), Fort Rucker, AL, Leverette C. Phillips, Commander.
- 2002 – Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Kandahar Army Airfield), Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Tony Taylor, Commander.
- 2003 – Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Tony Taylor, Commander.
- 2004 – B Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment – All American Tower, CPT Bryan Thomas Donohue, Commander.
- 2005 – Washington Army Heliport (WAHP), Company D, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA, CPT Robert E. Bugner, Commander.
- 2006 – Detachment 1, Company E, 111th Aviation Regiment (ATS), Louisiana Army National Guard, Pineville, LA, CPT Mark S. Parent, Commander.
- 2007 – Company F, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI, CPT Jorge A. Rosario, Commander.
- 2008 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, CPT David Sarrette, Commander & 1SG Edward Dossett, Senior NCO.
- 2009 – Company F, 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, APO AE, CPT Stephen T. Schmidt & 1SG Marvin A. Pinckney, Senior NCO.
- 2010 – Shank Tower, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE, CW2 Edwin Reyes, Commander & SFC Romairick E. Whiteing, Senior NCO.
- 2011 – Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Ft. Drum, NY, CPT Johnathon W. Sampsel, Commander & 1SG William E. Haddon, Senior NCO.
- 2012 – Shank Tower, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC, CPT Matthew J. Williams, Commander & 1SG David K. Meeker, Senior NCO.
- 2013 – Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, CPT Jared H. Brynildsen, Commander & 1SG Jack J. Essig, Senior NCO.
- 2014 – Shindand Airbase Control Tower, Company F, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, CPT Adam S. Zerr, Commander, SFC Shawn M. Redondo, Senior NCO.
- 2015 – Davison Army Airfield Air Traffic Control Tower, Army Air Operations Group – Airfield Division, Mr. L. Corey McCullum, Division Chief.
- 2016 – Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower, 2nd Battalion, 244th Aviation Regiment, Hammond, LA, CW3 Mark C. Head, Commander & SFC Joshua D Turner, Senior NCO.
- 2017 – Phoenix Aerodrome Flight Information Service Tower, Company F, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Kabul, Afghanistan, CW2 Sean A. Calinawan, Commander & SSG Shawn P. Carriere, Senior NCO.
- 2018 – Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Forward Operating Base Dahlke, Afghanistan, LTC Nicholas J. Ploetz, Commander & CSM Jon D. Griswold, Senior NCO.
- 2019 – Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Kabul, Afghanistan, CPT Philip J. Knoetgen, Commander & SFC Dustin T. Thoele, Senior NCO.
- 2020 – Baledogle Military Airfield Tower, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Somalia, CW2 Robert C. Pezzi, Commander & SFC Cameron Campbell, Senior NCO.
- 2021 – Braman Hall, Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL, CPT Phillip S. Lenavitt, Commander & 1SG Elizabeth L Templeton, Senior NCO.
- 2022 – Hood Army Airfield Tower, Fort Hood, TX, Mr Mark Vick, Facility Supervisor & Ms. Carmen M. Church, Facility Chief.
- 2023 – Biggs Air Traffic Control Complex, Fort Bliss, TX, Mr. Ronald L. McCrae, Air Traffic Control Branch Manager.
- 2024 - Holmes Airspace Information Center, Fort Novosel, AL, CPT Shelby L. Swain, Commander & 1SG Jacob A. Durski, Senior NCO.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ATC CONTROLLER AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Raytheon, this award is presented “to the Army Aviation Air Traffic controller who has performed outstandingly in or contributed commendably to air traffic control during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31.” A candidate for this AAAA National Award may be a military or civilian nominee and must be actively involved in Army Aviation ATC. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

- 1996 - SSG Richard T. Cofer, E Company, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.
- 1997 - SGT Ramin H. Panahi, A Company, 1-11th Aviation Regiment (ATB), Fort Rucker, AL.
- 1998 - SSG Douglas K. Dahl, B Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.
- 1999 – SGT Jamie Appleberry, B Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.
- 2000 – SSG Scott E. Nutter, C Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.
- 2001 – SPC Michael E. Intschert, 1-58th Avn Regt (ATS), Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2002 – CPL Michael L. Taylor, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 – SSG Colt W. Howland, Delta Company, 1st Battalion 58th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2004 – SGT Terry M. Horner, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2005 – SPC Timothy A. Johnson, Company D, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2006 – SGT Daniel Garcia, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion (GSAB), 10th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Centaur, Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- 2007 – SGT Troy J. Spriggs, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2008 – SSG Omar Arteaga, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, COB Speicher, APO AE.
- 2009 – SPC Joseph F. Mann, Company F, 2nd Battalion 227th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2010 – SPC Douglas Ludlow, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2011 – SSG B. Antonio Bustion, Jr. Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Knighthawk, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2011 – SPC Taylor D. Wilds, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Knighthawk, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2012 – SSG Plemon J. Aker, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Task Force Corsair, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2013 – SSG Monica Y. Willard, 4th Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, Korea.
- 2014 – SPC Christopher M. Smades, Company F, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.
- 2015 – SGT Michael C. Holenchick, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2016 – SFC Christopher J. Danvers, Task Force Aviation, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA.
- 2017 – SSG Alvin L. Long, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Rough Riders, 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, Bashur, Iraq.
- 2018 – SSG Kyle C. Perchinske, Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Task Force Eagle Assault, Forward Operating Base Dahlke, Afghanistan.
- 2019 – Jalen E. Rhodus, Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2020 – SSG Ricky D. Gibbs, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, For Rucker, AL.
- 2021 – SSG Christopher L. Korthals, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2022 – SGT Polinar U. Incocencio, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, Korea.
- 2023 – SGT Vertin P. Guilfoil, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Airfield Operations), Fort Novosel, AL.
- 2024 - SFC Christopher M. Miller, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Liberty, NC.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ATC MANAGER AWARD

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- 1996 - SSG Thomas I. Melo, A Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 1997 - SFC(P) Kenneth E. Russell, C Company, 1-58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 1998 - SFC Keith Shykes, E Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.
- 1999 - SFC Randy T. Church, HHC, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.
- 2000 – SFC Bobby Griffin, E Company, 1-58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2001 – SFC Randy T. Church, APO AE.
- 2002 – SSG Christopher D. Briggum, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 – SFC Kiti M. Fowlkes, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2004 – SFC William A. Wrancher, B Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fayetteville, NC.
- 2005 – SFC Micheal D. Sutterfield, G Company, 58th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI.
- 2006 – SFC Leland Hughes, Detachment 1, Company E, 111th Aviation Regiment (ATS), Pineville, LA.
- 2007 – SSG Verle R. Tilton, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech), APO AE.
- 2008 – SSG Robert A. Price, Jr., 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, HQ, MNC-I, 18th AB Corps, APO AE.
- 2009 – CW2 Ian E. Beggs, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2010 – SFC Romairick E. Whiteing, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.
- 2011 – SFC Benjamin A. Grissett, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Knighthawk, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2012 – WO1 Amanda C. Edwards, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Task Force Corsair, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2013 – CW2 Victor B. Villaluz, Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2014 – CW2 Edwin Reyes, 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment-Korea, U.S. Forces, Korea.
- 2015 – CW2 Ruben R. Gutierrez, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2016 – CW2 Trevor L. Ohnstad, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2017 – CW3 Pablo A. Berrios, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2018 – CW2 Robert M. Bagardo, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2019 – CW2 Nicholas J Hirth, Company F, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2020 – CW2 Bryan J. Nelson, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2021 – CW2 Victor A. Andrews, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2022 – CW2 Victor A. Andrews, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2023 – WO1 Clark C. Urban III, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (AOB) For Novosel, AL.
- 2024 - CW2 Brandon C. Delk, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## ATC MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN AWARD

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1996 - SFC Charles E. Dick, A Company, 4th Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Yongsan, Korea, APO AP.  
1997 - SFC John Eimer, Company A, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.  
1998 - SGT Paul O. Williamson, E Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.  
1999 – SSG Julio A. Adon, Skywatch AFFS, APO AA.  
2000 – SGT Phillip A. Schmauch, C Company, 3-58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.  
2001 – CW3 Everette J. Smith II, HHD, 164<sup>th</sup> ATS Group, APO AP.  
2002 – Mr. Eric Williams, E Company, 12<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA.  
2003 – SSG Michael P. Collins, Charlie Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
2004 – SGT Curt P. Krenning, A Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.  
2005 – SSG Alina Smith, Company G, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI.  
2006 – SSG Jeffrey L. Knight, Detachment 1, Company E, 111<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (ATS), Pineville, LA.  
2007 – CW2 Roger A. Prichard, 164<sup>th</sup> Theater Airfield Operations Group, Multinational Corp-Iraq, C-3 Air, APO AE.  
2008 – SSG Pedro Barreto, Jr., Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, COB Speicher, APO AE.  
2009 – SFC Charles Bodner, 597<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2010 – SSG Moises A. Morales, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.  
2011 – SGT Donny D. Wilson, Company F, 7-101<sup>st</sup> GSAB, APO AE.  
2012 – SSG James M. Pierce, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Corsair, Fort Bragg, NC.  
2012 – SGT Thomas D. Spearman, Company F, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Storm, APO AE.  
2013 – SSG Christopher M. Squiers, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Knighthawk, Fort Drum, NY.  
2014 – SSG Paul S. Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 111<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, FL.  
2015 – SGT Michael S. Schwartz, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.  
2016 – SSG Julius E. Lewis, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Wainwright, AK.  
2017 – Mr. Steven M. Haag, Air Traffic Services Command, Fort Rucker, AL.  
2018 – SSG Kolby T. Marsh, Guardian Airspace Information Center, K-16 Army Airbase, Seoul, Republic of Korea.  
2019 – SSG Marvin Morales-Soto, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Brigade, Fort Hood, TX.  
2020 – SSG Naiyim Q. Brosseau, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Camp Dahlke, Afghanistan.  
2021 – WO1 Paul A. Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 111<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Mogagoni Airfield, Kenya.  
2022 – SSG Colton J. Kessler, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 107<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Tullahoma, TN.  
2023 – SSG Daniel A. Koehler, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 149<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, San Antonio, TX.  
2024 - SPC(P) Thomas S. Cyrus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Liberty, NC

## AIRSPACE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND:** Sponsored by AAAA, this award is presented to the Army Airspace manager who has demonstrated excellence as an Airspace professional during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31. A candidate for this award must hold MOS of 150A or 15Q and be assigned to, or previously assigned (within the award period) to, an Airspace Element from Brigade through Theater Army (includes Battlefield Coordination Detachment) and demonstrate excellence as an Airspace professional through performance of duties in major exercises, operational deployment or humanitarian support operations by planning, coordinating and the successful execution of Airspace Control or Management. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

2024 - CW3 Jerid R. Hitchens, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battlefield Coordination Detachment-Korea, 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army, Republic of Korea



## NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

### HAMILTON H. HOWZE GUNNERY AWARD

**BACKGROUND** - The AAAA's "Howze Gunnery Award" is sponsored by General Hamilton H. Howze, Ret., & is presented annually to the top AH-1 & AH-64 crew in the annual GEN Hamilton H. Howze Gunnery Competition. Individual replicas of the permanent trophy are sponsored by Rockwell International Corporation, and are presented to the top three crews.

**1989 - CW2 John S. Van Buren & 1LT Michael J. Blatz**, B Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Avn. Regiment, 2nd Armored Div., APO NY.

**1991 - WO1 Jose E. Trejeda & CW2 John L. Kercheville**, AH-1 crew, C & D Trps, 1-7 Cavalry, 1st Cav Div, Ft. Hood, TX; **CW2 Jarrett R. Brewer & WO1 Kevin E. Smith**, AH-64 crew, C Troop, 6th Cav Regt, Ft. Hood, TX.

### LOGISTICS SUPPORT TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** - Sponsored by AAAA, this Award is presented to the Army Aviation Logistics Support Unit Technician who has performed outstandingly in or contributed commendably to Army Aviation Logistics Support functions during the awards period encompassing August 1 through July 31." A candidate for this AAAA National Award will be a military nominee and must be actively involved in Army Aviation Logistics Support Operations. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration. A candidate for this AAAA National Award must be a military nominee, MOS's 151A (Aviation Maintenance Technician); 913A Armament Systems Maintenance Warrant Officer; and 920B (Supply Systems Technician). He/she must be actively serving in the field of Logistics Support as an Active, Reserve and National Guard soldier, and occupying an in an authorized position TOE or TDA position.

**2022 - CW3 Phillip R. Bogard**, 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Katterbach, Germany.

**2023 - CW3 Rudy R. Mendez Jr.**, Company B, 404<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Carson, CO.

**2024 - CW3 Jonathan L. Chandler**, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING LOGISTICS SUPPORT UNIT

**BACKGROUND** – Presented “to the Active Army or Reserve Component aviation unit that has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the logistic support of Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing November 1 through October 31.” A candidate for this AAAA Functional Award may be any logistics support unit that has met the foregoing criteria.

- 1987 - **Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD)**, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 1988 - **3rd Battalion, 9th Aviation Regiment**, Ft. Lewis, WA.
- 1989 - **B Company, 3rd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment**, APO AP.
- 1990 - **8th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Operation DESERT STORM**, APO AE; **8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Operation DESERT STORM**, APO AE.
- 1991 - **8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment**, Ft. Campbell, KY, & **CT AVCRAD**, Groton, CT.
- 1992 - **D Troop, 2nd Squadron (Recon) 9th Cavalry**, Ft. Ord, CA.
- 1993 - **E Company, 228th Aviation Regiment (AVIM)**, Albrook Air Force Station, Panama, APO AA.
- 1994 - **9-227th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division Support Command**, Hanau, Germany.
- 1995 - **7-159th Aviation Regiment**, Illesheim (Stork Barracks), Germany.
- 1996 - **127th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division**, USAREUR & 7th USA, APO AE.
- 1997 - **Aviation Company, 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion**, APO AE.
- 1998 - **7th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment**, APO AE.
- 1999 - **4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne)**, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2000 - **601st Division Aviation Support Battalion**, APO AE.
- 2001 - **8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment**, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2002 - **Delta Company, 3-101st Aviation Regiment**, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 - **8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (AVIM), 101st Airborne Division (AASLT)**, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2004 - **D Company, 1-227th Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division**, APO AE.
- 2005 - **603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield**, Savannah, GA.
- 2006 - **96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade**, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2007 - **122nd Aviation Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division**, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2008 - **412th Aviation Support Battalion, HQ 412th Aviation Support Battalion**, APO AE.
- 2009 - **277th Aviation Support Battalion**, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2010 - **96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Troubleshooter**, Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- 2011 - **563rd Aviation Support Battalion, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Fighting**, Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- 2012 - **D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Lighthorse, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade**, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2013 - **6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade**, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2014 - **46th Aviation Support Battalion, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade**, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2015 - **603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade**, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2016 - **127th Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division**, Fort Bliss, TX.
- 2017 - **Company D, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment**, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2018 - **248th Aviation Support Battalion, 449th Combat Aviation Brigade**, Boone, IA.
- 2019 - **Company E, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade**, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2020 - **834th Aviation Support Battalion, 34th Combat Aviation Brigade**, Camp Buehring, Kuwait.
- 2021 - **628th Aviation Support Battalion, Task Force Roadrunner**, Camp Buehring, Kuwait.
- 2022 - **Company D, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment**, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2023 - **Company D, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment**, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2024 - **96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade**, Fort Campbell, KY.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** - Sponsored by General Atomics, this National Award is presented “to the Army Unmanned Aircraft Systems soldier who has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems over and above the normal missions assigned during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30.”

- 2006** – CPL **James Dreiling**, 1<sup>st</sup> Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon, Company C, 501<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.  
**2007** – SGT **Ian Daniel Smith**, HHC 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2008** – *Co-recipients*, SFC **Franklyn D. Konarik**, Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization, Fort Rucker, AL & SSG **Jason M. Palm**, Warrior UAS Detachment, Company B, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2009** – SGT **James D. Marayag**, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2010** – SFC **Kelly C. Boehning**, Quick Reaction Capability Company, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Battalion, Fort Huachuca, AZ.  
**2011** – SFC **Christian Holderith**, Company A, 306<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Task Force ODIN-A, Fort Hook, TX.  
**2012** – SSG **Joshua A. Palowitch**, Company E, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2013** – SPC **Dolphise Colomb**, Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX.  
**2014** – SGT **Sergio Roman II**, Company E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
**2015** – SFC **William D. Romanoff, Jr.**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, TX.  
**2016** – SFC **Quentin J. Sheley**, Company F, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.  
**2017** – SSG **Dilon E. Medina**, Company E, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.  
**2018** – SGT **Angelica M. Delgado**, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.  
**2019** – SFC **Brandon B. Vilt**, Company D, 326<sup>th</sup> Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2020** – CW2 **John C. Hergert**, Company D, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.  
**2021** – SGT **Damian P. Del Rae**, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).  
**2022** – SPC **Antonio L. Feliz**, Tactical UAS Det., Military Intelligence Company, Group Support Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), Eglin Air Force Base, FL.  
**2023** – SPC **Tyler A. Schafer**, Company E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.  
**2024** - SGT **Johnathan L. Stark**, Company D, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Liberty, NC.

## UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** - This National Award is presented “to the Army Unmanned Aircraft Systems operations technician who has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems over and above the normal missions assigned during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30.”

- 2021** – Joseph M. Whittaker, Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2022** – CW4 **Julian A. Caicedo**, Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2023** – CW3 **Daniel D. Pearson**, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.  
**2024** - CW3 **Georgina F. Jones**, Company D, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Liberty, NC.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS UNIT OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** - Sponsored by Textron Systems, this National Award is presented “to the Army Unmanned Aircraft Systems unit that has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems over and above the normal missions assigned during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30.”

- 2006 – Company A (Forward), 634<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard, Rosemont, MN.**
- 2007 – 25<sup>th</sup> Unmanned Aerial Systems Company A, 25<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Schofield Barracks, HI.**
- 2008 – Company A, Task Force ODIN II, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Contingency Operations Base Speicher, Iraq.**
- 2009 – Troop A, Task Force ODIN-Iraq, COB Speicher.**
- 2010 – Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Battalion, Fort Huachuca, AZ. LTC Patrick T. Sullivan, Commander & CSM Danny Thurecht, Senior NCO.**
- 2011 – Company E, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. CPT Tae E. Kim, Commander & SFC Joseph E. Thompson, Senior NCO.**
- 2012 – Company E, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. CPT Steven K. Souza II, Commander & 1SG Charles D. Kidd, Jr., Senior NCO.**
- 2013 – D Troop, 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX. CPT Jose Agosto, Commander & 1SG Michael D. Kirkland, Senior NCO.**
- 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany. COL John V. Meyer III, Commander & CSM Martin S. Celestine, Senior NCO.**
- 2015 – Company E, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. MAJ Jarrod Knowlden, Commander, & 1SG Jose Fontanez, Senior NCO.**
- 2016 – Company E, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. MAJ Jarrod Knowlden, Commander, & 1SG Jose Fontanez, Senior NCO.**
- 2017 – Company E, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX. CPT Chris F. Stoinoff, Commander, & 1SG Shawn D. Lowe, Senior NCO.**
- 2018 – Company E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Steward, GA. CPT Stefan F. Borden, Commander, & 1SG Calletano D. Ortega, Senior NCO.**
- 2019 – Company B, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY. CPT Mark W. Hull, Commander & 1SG Guy Weaver, Senior NCO.**
- 2020 – Company D, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC. CPT Ryan T. C. Eckerson, Commander & 1SG Westley J. Kilpatrick, Senior NCO.**
- 2021 – Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. MAJ Joshua B. Kassel, Commander & 1SG Tony J. James, Senior NCO.**
- 2022 – Tactical UAS Detachment, Military Intelligence Company, Group Support Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), Eglin Air Force Base, FL. CPT Robert Machamer, Commander & SFC Robert Hennes, Senior NCO.**
- 2023 – Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY, MAJ Hunter M. Thornal, Commander & 1SG William K. Kingdollar, Senior NCO.**
- 2024 - Company D, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Liberty, NC, MAJ Marshall R. Titch, Commander & 1SG Daniel L. Raymond, Senior NCO.**



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## MATERIEL READINESS CONTRIBUTIONS BY AN INDUSTRY TEAM, INDUSTRY GROUP, OR INDUSTRY SPECIAL UNIT

**BACKGROUND** – Presented “to the Industry team, group, or special unit that has made an outstanding contribution to the Materiel Readiness (Logistic Support) or Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing November 1 through October 31.” A candidate for this AAAA Functional Award should be an industry team, group, or special unit. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration. The nomination information should include the name and address of the nominee, a brief description of the organization and its organizational goals, the name of the chief executive officer, and the name of the individual who will accept the award on behalf of the organization.

1983 - Boeing Vertol Tech. Publications Group  
1984 - Bell Helicopter Textron, Customer Support Services Division  
1985 - Sikorsky Support Services  
1986 - Dynalectron  
1987 - DYNCORP  
1988 - Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.  
1989 - Lockheed Support Systems, Inc.  
1990 - GE Aircraft Engines, T700 Customer Support Operations  
1991 - Lockheed Support Systems, Inc.  
1992 - Lockheed Support Systems, Inc.  
1993 - DynCorp Contract Field Team 10-2S  
1994 - DynCorp Contract Field Teams, Germany  
1995 - UNC Lear Siegler, Inc.  
1996 - Advanced Engineering and Planning Corp. (AEPCO) and Logistics Management Engineering, Inc., (LME)  
1997 - Lear Siegler Services, Inc., OLR Team  
1998 - DynCorp, Fort Hood Support Division  
1999 – DynCorp Contract Field Team 10-38  
2000 – DynCorp, Fort Hood Support Division  
2001 – DynCorp Contract Field Team 10-2S/23  
2002 – DynCorp Maintenance Contract Field Team, K-16 Korea  
2003 – 1-52 Aviation Regiment DynCorp Team  
2004 – 1-52 Aviation Regiment DynCorp Team  
2005 – Advanced Engineering & Planning Corporation (AEPCO) and Millennium System Service Incorporation (MSSI)  
2006 – Mr. Leon Hite and Mr. Joseph Stevens, Dynamics Research Corp. (DRC)  
2007 – Lear Siegler Services Inc.  
2008 – Boeing Corpus Christi Army Depot Field Services Support Team  
2009 – VT Group/Dale Technical Services  
2010 – Boeing Interim Contractor Support Team  
2011 – U.S. Army Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office  
2012 – Gray Eagle Field Services Teams, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems  
2013 – Prototype Integration Facility, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Command.  
2014 – Not awarded this year.  
2015 – The PM Apache New Equipment Training Team, Millennium System Services, Inc. / VT Group  
2016 – Safran Helicopter Engines Lakota Team  
2017 – Not awarded this year  
2018 – Not awarded this year  
2019 – Not awarded this year  
2020 – Not awarded this year  
2021 – Project Manager Apache New Equipment Training Team, DigiFlight/VTG Defense/System Studies & Simulations, Inc., Huntsville, AL  
2022 – PeopleTec ARSOAC Enterprise Data Science & Analytics Team, Huntsville, AL.  
2023 – DigiFlight Apache New Equipment Training Team, Huntsville, AL  
2024 - Pinnacle Solutions, Huntsville, AL



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## MATERIEL READINESS CONTRIBUTIONS BY A SMALL BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

**BACKGROUND** – Presented “to the small business organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the Materiel Readiness (Logistic Support) of Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing November 1 through October 31.” A candidate for this AAAA Functional Award should be a small business organization. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

1983 - COBRO Company  
1984 - General Mechatronics  
1985 - COBRO Company  
1986 - AviBank Manufacturing  
1987 - Aerodyne Investment Casting, Inc.  
1988 - (co-winners) Kent Associates & The Stalker Corporation  
1989 - Schweizer Aircraft Company  
1990 - Associated Company, Inc. & Clamshell Buildings, Inc.  
1991 - Southern Aero Corporation  
1992 - Realtime Digital Inc.  
1993 - Sabreliner Corp.  
1994 - ERA Aviation Services  
1995 - COBRO Corporation  
1996 - Westar Corporation/Avion, Inc.  
1997 - Advanced Engineering and Planning Corporation, Inc. (AEPCO)  
1998 - US Helicopter, Inc.  
1999 – Westar Corporation  
2000 – The Purdy Corporation  
2001 – AEPCO, Inc.  
2002 – CAS, Incorporated  
2003 – Westar Corporation, Aerospace Filtration Systems Division  
2004 – Robertson Aviation LLC  
2005 – Joint Venture, Yulista and Science and Engineering Services (JVYS)  
2006 – The Ontario Knife Company  
2007 – System Studies and Simulation, Inc.  
2008 – Hawk Enterprises, LLC  
2009 – Hontek Corporation  
2010 – Not awarded this year  
2011 – Hawk Enterprises, L.L.C.  
2012 – Sigmatech, Inc.  
2013 – ARMA Global Corporation  
2014 – Not awarded this year  
2015 – Millennium System Services, Inc.  
2016 – Goel Training and Consultants, Inc.  
2017 – ARMA Aviation Corporation  
2018 – ARMA Aviation Corporation  
2019 – Not awarded this year  
2020 – Not awarded this year  
2021 – Pinnacle Solutions, Inc.  
2022 – Pinnacle Solutions, Inc.  
2023 – DigiFlight, Inc.  
2024 - DigiFlight, Inc.



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## MATERIEL READINESS CONTRIBUTIONS BY A MAJOR CONTRACTOR

**BACKGROUND** – Presented “to the major defense contractor that has made an outstanding contribution to the Materiel Readiness (Logistic Support) of Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing November 1 through October 31.” A candidate for this AAAA Functional Award should be a major defense contractor. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

1983 - GET-700 Product Support Operations  
1984 - No Award Given  
1985 - Grumman Aerospace  
1986 - Bell Helicopter Textron  
1987 - COBRO Corporation  
1988 - Beech Aerospace Services, Inc.  
1989 - DYNCORP  
1990 - Lockheed Support Systems, Inc.  
1991 - DYNCORP  
1992 - Lockheed Support Systems, Inc.  
1993 - Sikorsky Aircraft Div., UTC  
1994 - Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.  
1995 - Parker Hannifin Corporation  
1996 - DynCorp, Fort Rucker Division  
1997 - Raytheon Aerospace Contract Field Teams  
1998 - Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation  
1999 – DynCorp, Fort Rucker Division  
2000 – Motorola, Inc., Integrated Information Systems Group  
2001 – Raytheon Aerospace Contract Field Teams  
2002 – Raytheon Aerospace LLC, Contract Field Team Operations  
2003 – GE Aircraft Engines Company  
2004 – L-3 Communications, Vertex Aerospace LLC, Contract Field Teams  
2005 – Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation  
2006 – Parker Aerospace, Parker Hannifin Corp.  
2007 – L-3, Vertex Aerospace  
2008 – *Co-recipients*, Battelle & L-3 Vertex Aerospace  
2009 – VT Group – Technical Services  
2010 – The Boeing Company  
2011 – Army Fleet Support, L.L.C.  
2012 – Army Fleet Support, L.L.C.  
2013 – General Dynamics C4 Systems  
2014 – DynCorp International  
2015 – The Boeing Company  
2016 – The Boeing Company  
2017 – DynCorp International  
2018 – Not awarded this year  
2019 – DynCorp International  
2020 – M1 Support Services  
2021 – M1 Support Services  
2022 – M1 Support Services  
2023 – M1 Support Services  
2024 - Amentum



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## MATERIEL READINESS CONTRIBUTIONS BY AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF INDUSTRY

**BACKGROUND** – Presented “to the individual member of industry who has made an outstanding contribution to the Materiel Readiness (Logistic Support) of Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing November 1 through October 31.” A candidate for this AAAA Functional Award should be an individual member of industry. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

1985 - **Bill Lauth**, President, Bodine Tool & Machine Co.

1986 - **Dick Deichman**, Structures Eng., Sikorsky.

1987 - **Victor Conner**, Senior Apache Fielding Rep., Ft. Hood, McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company, & **David M. Carpenter**, Senior Logistics Administrator, General Electric Co.

1988 - **Donald P. Manahan**, Chairman of the Board, COBRO Corporation.

1989 - **Richard D. Walter**, President, Beech Aerospace Services, Inc.

1990 - **Mr. Cebie Strickland**, Director, Operations, DYNCORP, Ft. Rucker Division.

1991 - **Mr. Harry Frazier**, Saudi Arabia Site Supervisor/Director of Operations, DYNCORP.

1992 - **Mr. Earl West**, Chief, Advanced Helicopter Avionics Systems, DYNCORP, Ft. Rucker Division.

1993 - **Mr. Dennis R. Weaver**, Field Service Rep., Martin Marietta Corporation, Illesheim, Germany.

1994 - **Mr. Perry M. Smith**, CAS, Incorporated, Huntsville, AL.

1995 - **Mr. Frank Gordon**, COBRO Corporation, Earth City, MO.

1996 - **Ms. Christine L. Henderson**, COBRO Corporation, Earth City, MO.

1997 - **MG Richard D. Kenyon, Ret.**, DYNCORP, Fort Rucker Division, Fort Rucker, AL.

1998 - **Mr. William J. Barron, Jr.**, AEPCO, Inc., Madison, AL.

1999 - **Mr. William G. Tripp**, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Huntsville, AL.

2000 – **Mr. Robert A. Eckel, Jr.**, Raytheon Systems Company.

2001 – **Mr. Larry DeMott**, Rolls Royce Allison, Indianapolis, IN.

2002 – **Mr. Tommy Eric Pevey**, The Boeing Company, Mesa, AZ.

2003 – **Mr. Roger L. Brown**, 3-6 Cavalry Squadron, APO AP.

2004 – **Dr. George C. Prueitt, PhD**, CAS, Inc., Huntsville, AL.

2005 – **Mr. Patrick J. Sheahan**, WESTAR Aerospace and Defense Group, Incorporated, Athens, AL.

2006 – **Mr. Ronald Cannon**, WESTAR Aerospace and Defense Group, Inc., Huntsville, AL.

2007 – **Mr. Ronald Stephens** and co-recipient **Mr. Donald Porter**, Boeing Field Representatives

2008 – **Stanley K. Watson**, L-3 Vertex CFS, Rumaiithiya, Kuwait

2009 – **Not awarded this year**

2010 – **Mr. Eric N. Minter**, CAS Group, Wyle Inc., Huntsville, AL

2011 – **Mr. Anthony M. Conrad**, General Electric Aviation, Corpus Christi, TX.

2012 – **Mr. Michael W. LaBelle**, The Boeing Company, Philadelphia, PA.

2013 – **Mr. Gary Simmons**, L-3 Vertex, Huntsville, AL.

2014 – **Not awarded this year**

2015 – **Mr. Shawn Hoban**, VT Group, Huntsville, AL.

2016 – **Not awarded this year**

2017 – **Not awarded this year**

2018 – **Not awarded this year**

2019 – **Kenneth Questiaux**, Bolt Byte Tools/KenJer Industries

2020 – **Not awarded this year**

2021 – **Kevin Belden**, DigiFlight, Inc.

2022 – **Not awarded this year**

2023 – **Kenneth Auten**, DigiFlight, Inc.

2024 - **Ernest “Ernie” Jones**, DigiFlight



# NATIONAL/FUNCTIONAL AWARDS

## DONALD F. LUCE DEPOT MAINTENANCE ARTISAN AWARD

**BACKGROUND:** Sponsored by the AAAA, this National Award is presented to the person who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation in the area of Depot maintenance during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30. A candidate for this AAAA National Award may be a military or a civilian nominee and must be actively involved in the field of Depot Maintenance. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

- 2010 – Mr. **George A. Perez, Jr.**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2011 – Mr. **John A. Lewis**, Corpus Christi Army Depot/Blackhawk Assembly Section, Alice, TX
- 2012 – SSG **Jason L. Kilpatrick**, 1108<sup>th</sup> Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, Gulfport, MS.
- 2013 – SSG **Theodore H. Stoops**, Detachment IV, 1106<sup>th</sup> Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, Fresno, CA.
- 2014 – SSG **Daniel M. Lewis**, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 159<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2015 – Mr. **Matthew H. Gorman**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2016 – SGT **Craig Dorton**, Company B, 209<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2017 – Mr. **George M. Gonzales, Jr.**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2018 – SPC **Cameron P. Renth**, Company F. Task Force 1-160<sup>th</sup> Special Operation Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2019 – Mr. **Michael D. Mondragon**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2020 – **Jose E. Zepeda, Jr.**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2021 – **Lauro Moya, Jr.**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2022 – *Co-Recipients* – **Rogelio Gallegos and Marcus Muniz**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2023 – Ms. **Crystal B. Leal**, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.