

# OUTSTANDING AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by The Boeing Company, this award is presented "to the Army aviation unit, (<u>multi component or single component of unconstrained size/component</u>), 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. Haves, 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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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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 10<sup>TH</sup> 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 – 160<sup>th</sup> 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. Ouichocho. 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

2019 – 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), COL Scott D. Wilkinson, Commander, CW5 Matthew L. Brown, Command CWO, CSM Mark B. Baker, Senior

2018 – 449<sup>th</sup> Theater Aviation Brigade, Task Force Hurricanes, COL Joseph W. Bishop, Commander, CW5 Carnadose L. Bauknight, Command CWO, CSM Matthew A. Shorter, Senior NCO

NCO

2020 – 34<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, COL Gregory D. Fix, Commander, CW5 Keith J. Shelstad, Command CWO, CSM Mitchell G. Hellkamp, Senior NCO. 2021 – 40<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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.



### USAR AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR

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- 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 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 229<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 158<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, LTC Stephen W. Ladd, Commander & CSM Mark E. Dehart, Senior NCO
- 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, LTC Matthew B. Hill, Commander & CSM Charles A. Booth, Senior NCO 2018 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Honeywell, this award is presented annually by the AAAA "to the Army National Guard aviation unit, (<u>Battalion and below</u>), 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 Army National Guard aviation unit or organization that has met the foregoing criteria is eligible for consideration.

- 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 Paluel 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 Jordon, 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 104<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> 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.



## ACTIVE AVIATION UNIT OF THE YEAR

**BACKGROUND** - Sponsored by L-3, this award is presented "to the active Army aviation unit, (<u>Battalion and below</u>), 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 active unit meeting the criteria is eligible for consideration.

- 2005 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, LTC Pedro G. Almeida, Commander & CSM Jose I. Acosta, Senior NCO.
- 2006 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, LTC Donald N. Galli, 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 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, LTC Paul A. Mele, Commander & CSM Brian S. Wood, Senior NCO.
- 2009 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, LTC Jimmy F. Blackmon, Commander & CSM Eric C. Thom, Senior NCO.
- 2010 1st Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Viper, LTC Michael J. Musiol, Commander & CSM Terry L. Sparks, Senior NCO.
- 2011 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Six Shooters, LTC Christopher P. Downey, Commander & CSM Patrick R. McGuire, Senior NCO.
- 2012 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, LTC Richard Zampelli, Commander & CSM Brian N. Hauke, Senior NCO.
- 2013 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC Chad E. Chasteen, Commander & CSM James D. Wilson, Senior NCO.
- 2014 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, LTC Fred J. DuFault, Commander, CSM Phillip Paniagua, Senior NCO.
- 2015 1st Battalion, 160th 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 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, LTC Derek A. Smith, Commander & CSM Steven J. Hartmann, Senior NCO.
- 2018 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC Michael C. Athanasakis, Commander & CSM Paul G. Hutchings, Senior NCO.
- 2019 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, LTC Robert S. Holcroft, Commander & CSM Scott W. McGee, Senior NCO.
- 2020 1st Squadron, 17th 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 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), LTC James M. Snowden, Commander, CW5 Frank O. Escamilla, Senior WO Advisor, CSM Timothy W. Stevenson, Senior NCO.



## 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, 21st 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, 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2001 CW3 John F. Nailor, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2002 CW4 James E. Hardy, Alpha Company, 3-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 CW4 Curtis R. Phipps, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2004 CW3 Christopher P. Wilson, Company A, 1st Battalion (Attack), 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler AAF, HI.
- 2005 CW4 Roger A. Graf, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment (Attack Recon), Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd 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, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.



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

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, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.

2010 - CW3 Jason J. Lacrosse, Company C, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Brigade, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.

2011 - CW4 Stefan Kadur, Company D, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2012 - CW5 Michael W. Hardy, Company D, 1st Battalion, 160th 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, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2015 - CW4 Mark W. Crane, Company C, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2016 - CW3 (P) Andrew J. Sorenson, Company B, 4th Battalion, 160th 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, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

2019 - CW4 Nicholas N. Nenoff, Company B, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2020 - CW2 Joseph C. Dadiomoff, Company B, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2021 - CW5 Jason W. Hyer, Company D, 1st Battalion, 160th 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).



### 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, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, Florida Army National Guard, Brooksville, FL.

2006 - SSG Jeremy W. David, Company D, 1st Battalion, 160th 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, 2nd Battalion, 147th 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, 3rd Battalion, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, Taskforce Comanche, APO AE.

2011 - SGT Chad L. Gregory, Company C, 1st Battalion, 160th 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. Helmeci, 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, 1st Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

2015 – SSG Timothy M. Carnes, Company D, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2016 – SGT Brent S. Uchiyama, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, KS.

2017 - SPC Jacob M. Ramsey, Company B, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

2018 - SGT Jack A. Brook, Company B, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

2019 - SSG Rene A. Romero, Company C, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2020 - SSG Jaymeson K. Busche, Company C, 1st Battalion, 160th 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, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
2023 – SGT Zachary H. Kingsbury, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operation Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

National Functional Awards Recipient List by Award-8/27/24



## 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, 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 101st Airborne Division (AA), Fort Campbell, KY.

2002 - SSG Edward L. Newell, HHC/7-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 – SGT Shawn S. Hope, 507th Medical Company (AA), Fort Hood, TX.

2004 – SFC William G. Howard, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Germany.

2005 - SSG Byron W. Montgomery, Company A, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

2006 - SGT Domingos Fernandes, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.

2007 - SGT William Vega-Rondon, Company B, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.

2008 - SFC Christopher T. Clary, Company D, 5th Battalion, 101st 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, 4th Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Taskforce Brawler, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

2011 - SGT Clifford E. Aughe, Company C, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA.

2012 - SFC Armando Ocon, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 25th 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, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st ID, Fort Riley, KS.

2015 – SFC James R. Lamping, Company C, 1st Battalion, 160th 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, 1st Battalion, 222nd Aviation Regiment, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.

2018 - SFC Jesse R. Jernigan, Company A, 1st Battalion, 101st 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, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.

2021 – 1SG Francisco Rodriguez, Jr., 4th Battalion 3rd 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.



# 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. Falo, 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 SP4 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 Trans-portation 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. Tatsumura, 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. Ebuen, 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, 571st Medical Company (AA), Fort Carson, CO.
- 1999 SFC William G. Sikes, D Company, 2/160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- **2000 SSG Melissa M. Mendoza,** HHC, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.
- $\textbf{2001}-\textbf{SPC Andrew S. Kirfman,} \ \textbf{F Company,} \ \textbf{1}^{\text{st}} \ \textbf{Battalion,} \ \textbf{160}^{\text{th}} \ \textbf{SOAR (A),} \ \textbf{Fort Campbell,} \ \textbf{KY}.$
- **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. Hedgpeth, Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2005 SPC Joshua R. Blizzard, Company D, 1st Battalion, 151st Aviation Regiment, South Carolina Army National Guard, Eastover, SC.
- 2006 SPC Kristopher D. Holden, Company B, 277th Aviation Support Battalion, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2007 SPC Derrick W. Douglas, Company B, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.
- 2008 SPC Daniel N. Bailey, Company D, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2009 SPC Brandon Myers, Company D, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.
- 2010 SPC Cory S. Frazee, Company B, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2011 SPC Jason P. Gustine, Company D, 4th Battalion, 101st 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.



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

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, 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.

2015 - SPC Emanuel L. Moore, Company F, 1st Battalion, 160th 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, 224th 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, 1st Battalion, 101st 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, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, Katterbach Kaserne, Ansback 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.



# 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 (USAAAVS), 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.
- 2003 CW3 Daniel S. Dotson, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2004 CW5 Willis J. Haas, 4th Brigade (Avn), 1st Infantry Division (Mech), Germany
- 2005 CW4 Troy W. Boonstra, HHC, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2006 CW5 Mark W. Grapin, 63rd Theater Aviation Brigade, Frankfort, KY.



# JAMES H. McCLELLAN AVIATION SAFETY AWARD (Continued)

2007 – CW4 Johnny W. Judd, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.

- 2008 CW4 Gregory A. Ganz, 1st Battalion, 3rd 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, 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2011 CW4 Michael J. Jones, 3rd Battalion (General Support Aviation). 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Phoenix, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2012 SSG Rusty R. Swisher, 96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st 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, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Task Force Gunfighters, Operating Base Fenty Afghanistan.
- 2017 SPC Nicklaus A. Black, Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.
- 2018 CW3 Nickolas F. Sciacca, 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment, Fort Polk, LA.
- 2019 CW3 Frank D. Kirby III, 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2020 CW3 Daniel A. Cruz, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Sabre, 82nd 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, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, Katterbach Kaserne, Ansbach, Germany.
- 2023 CW2 Jared D. Chambers, Company B, 4th Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Carson, CO.



### 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. McEneany, 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, 21st Cavalry Brigade (AC), Fort Hood, TX.
- 2000 Mr. John E. Marksteiner, HQDA, ODCSOPS, Washington, DC.
- 2001 Mr. Timothy W. Gilchriest, HHC/12th 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, 1st Battalion, 223rd 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. Kretzschmar, 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, 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2020 Ms. Crystal D. Martinez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2021 Mr. Jeffrey L. Wagner, 15th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitations, Fort Hood, TX.
- 2022 Mr. Sam R. Baker III, 110th Aviation Brigade, Fort Novosel, AL.
- 2023 Mr. Christopher M. Stuart, 110th 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 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY, COL Howard W. Yellen, Commander & CSM Donnie D. Calvery, Senior NCO.
- 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 4th Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Hood, TX.
- 2005 4th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, LTC Terence W. Reeves, Commander & CSM Robert A.Fox, Senior NCO.
- 2006 101st 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 or 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, 4th Battalion, 160th 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 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, COL Mark M. Beckler, Commander; CW5 Albert B. Isennock, Command Chief Warrant Officer; CSM Steven T. McKenna, Senior NCO.



#### **ROBERT M. LEICH**

#### **AWARD**

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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, 177th 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, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2021 – 4th Battalion, 160th 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.

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#### **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

2008 – Washington-Potomac Chaptel 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

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



#### **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



#### 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



# 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
- 2002 Wilchael J. Willa.
- 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



# 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



# 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 Paolella, 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>d</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, 1-210th Avn. Regt., Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2002 CW3 Norman J. Elmore, Systems Integration and Management Office, 160th Special Operations Avn Regt (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 CW4 Brendan D. Kelly, Brigade Tactical Operations/Electronic Warfare Officer, HQ, 101st Avn Brigade, Qayyarah West Airfield, Iraq.
- 2004 -- Mr. Christian Gilbert, Chief, Army Reprogramming Analysis Team-Threat Analysis, 1st 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, 160th 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, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2011 CW4 Richard C. Bebb, 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Task Force Wings, FOB Wolverine, Afghanistan.
- 2012 CW3 Joseph C. Mosher 3rd Battalion, 25th 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, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2019 SPC Gary K. Acton, Company D, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2020 CW3 Charles A. Robertson, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment, 110th 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, 3rd Battalion, 160th 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.



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

2013 - CW3 Matthew P. Ruffner, Company B, 1st Battalion, 104th 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, 3rd Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.

2016 - CW4 Lee E. Kokoszka, Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO.

2017 - CW3 William A. Carroll, 1st Battalion (Attack Reconnaissance), 1st 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, 1st Battalion, 160t Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2020 - CW4 Sean M. Martin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st 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, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2023 - CW3 Joshua A. Palowitch, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.



#### **AVIONICS**

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Cubic Defense Systems, Inc., this National Award is presented "to the person who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation in the area of Avionics 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 Avionics. Membership in the 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.

- 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, 1-52<sup>nd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Nighthawk, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.
- $\textbf{2011} \textbf{SGT Angel L. Jordan}, \textbf{Troop D, 7}^{th} \ \textbf{Squadron, 17}^{th} \ \textbf{Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Palehorse, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.}$
- $\textbf{2012} \textbf{CW3 Jose B. Esperacion}, Company D, 2^{nd} \ Battalion, 25^{th} \ Aviation \ Regiment, Task Force Hammerhead, Afghanistan.$
- 2013 SGT Norman R. Scroggins, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Apocalypse, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Afghanistan.
- 2020 SPC Darian Billowitz, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 16<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.



#### **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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.

2007 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.

**2008 – Task Force Outfront**, Company C, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Palehorse, APO AE.

2010 - Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Falon, DUSTOFF 72, Fort Bragg, NC.

2013 – Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 238<sup>th</sup> 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 159t 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 238<sup>th</sup> 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 Calvary Brigade, Fort Cavazos, TX.



### 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, 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (AE), APO AE.
- 2002 CPT(P) Larry McCord, 3rd Battalion, 101st 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, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2006 CPT Scott M. Gilpatrick, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2007 CPT Bryan Johnson, 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Camp Eagle, Korea.
- 2008 MAJ Susan R. Fondy, HHC 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2009 CPT Brendan J. McCriskin, HHT, 7th Battalion, 17th Cavalry, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2010 CPT Troy W. Akers, 1st Battalion, 3rd 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, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Spring Lake, NC.
- 2012 CPT John M. Kurtz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Hammerhead, APO AE.
- 2013 CPT Nicholas P. Pelletier, 1st Battalion, 10th 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, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2020 MAJ Nicole J. Siegler, 34th 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, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.



### 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, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

**2011 – SGT Aaron S. Halcomb**, Company C, 1st Battalion, 52nd 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, 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.

2015 - SGT Vitaly A. Tsaregorodtsev, Company C, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Task Force Shadow, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

2016 - SSG Matthew A. Decker, Company F, 1st Battalion, 214th 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, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.

2019 - SSG Steven C. Gillis, 4th Battalion, 160th 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.



## 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 204th 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 15th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), West Fort Hood, TX, LTC Steven P. Carney, Commander.
- 2003 1st Battalion, 214th 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, 249th Aviation (Theater Aviation Company), Salem, OR, MAJ Devin Wickenhagen, Commander.
- 2006 Company D, 126th Theater Aviation Company, LTC Gene K. Lambrecht, Commander.
- 2007 2nd Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, Horsham Memorial Reserve Center, Horsham, PA.
- 2008 Company A, 641st 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, 641st 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, Identity, 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 Christoper L. Brown, Senior NCO.
- 2017 206th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Task Force ODIN, Fort Hood, TX, LTC Jarred M. Lang, Command & SGM Jose L. Bermudez, Senior NCO.
- 2018 206th 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 15th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Fort Hood, TX, LTC Erin P. Davis, Commander & CSM Jonathan D. Wood, Senior NCO.
- 2022 15th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Fort Hood, TX, LTC Brent J. Pafford, Commander & CSM Timathy J. Bevis, Senior NCO.
- 2023 -- 15th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Fort Cavazos, TX, LTC Brent J. Pafford, Commander & CSM Timathy J. Bevis, Senior NCO.



## 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, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2000 CW3 Robert B. Rainier, B Company, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2001 CW4 Warren A. Aylworth, HHT, 2-6 CAV, 11th Avn Regt, APO AE.
- 2002 CW3 Andrew C. Sentiff, B/2-160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2003 CW4 Richard K. Chenault, Company A, 3-101 Avn Regt, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2004 CW3 David A. Fallon, Company A, 2-160th 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, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2007 CW4 Joseph Roland, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, GA.
- ${f 2008}$  SFC Michael A. Morgan, HHC,  ${f 10}^{th}$  Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2009 CW3 Brian T. Lackey, Company C, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, Task Force Palehorse, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, APO AE.
- 2010 CW4 Guy E. Davis, Jr., 1st Battalion, 3rd 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, 4th Battalion, 3rd 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, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Seoul, Republic of Korea.
- 2019 CW2 Andrew J. Sines, A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Heavy CAV, 1st 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, 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment, 40th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fresno, CA.
- 2022 SSG Amber L. Starnes, Company D, 1st Battalion, 222nd Aviation Regiment, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.
- 2023 SSG Christopher L. Korthals, Aviation Operations Division, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Johnson, LA.

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# 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, 1**st **Battalion, 58**th **Aviation Regiment,** CPT Jeramie D. Johnson, Commander.
- 2007 Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, CPT Brian Blum, Commander & 1SG Kelsey Goodson, Senior NCO.
- 2008 Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, CPT Jared H. Brynildsen, Commander & 1SG Jack Essig, Senior NCO.
- 2014 Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, CPT Andrew J. Wempe, Commander, 1SG David W. Green, Senior NCO
- 2015 Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 501<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Desert Knights & Task Force Apocalypse, Afghanistan, CPT Tyler K. Carson, Commander & 1SG Anthony Knights, Senior NCO.
- 2020 Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Mustang, Afghanistan, CPT Michael E. Williams, Commander & 1SG Mandrell J. Douglas, Senior NCO.
- 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI, CPT Jorge A. Rosario, Commander.
- 2008 Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 244<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Hammond, LA, CW3 Mark C. Head, Commander & SFC Joshua D Turner, Senior NCO.
- 2017 Phoenix Aerodrome Flight Information Service Tower, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> 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.



#### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, COB Speicher, APO AE.
- 2009 SPC Joseph F. Mann, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 227<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2010 SPC Douglas Ludlow, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.
- 2011 SSG B. Antonio Bustion, Jr. Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Knighthawk, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2011 SPC Taylor D. Wilds, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 149<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force Rough Riders, 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- $\textbf{2020-SSG Ricky D. Gibbs}, 1^{st} \ \text{Battalion}, 58^{th} \ \text{Aviation Regiment}, For \ \text{Rucker}, \ \text{AL}.$
- **2021 SSG Christopher L. Korthals**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2022 SGT Polinar U. Incocencio, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, Korea.
- 2023 SGT Vertin P. Guilfoil, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Airfield Operations), Fort Novosel, AL.



#### **ATC MANAGER AWARD**

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Raytheon, this award is presented "to the Army Aviation ATC manager 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 a civilian nominee and must be actively involved in Army Aviation ATC. Membership in AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

- 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, 3-58<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battlefield Coordination Detachment-Korea, U.S. Forces, Korea.
- 2015 CW2 Ruben R. Gutierrez, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2019 CW2 Nicholas J Hirth, Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- **2020 CW2 Bryan J. Nelson**, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.
- **2021 CW2 Victor A. Andrews**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2022 CW2 Victor A. Andrews, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2023 WO1 Clark C. Urban III, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (AOB) For Novosel, AL.



#### ATC MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN AWARD

**BACKGROUND** – Sponsored by Raytheon, this award is presented "to the Army Aviation ATC maintenance technician 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 a civilian nominee and must be actively involved in Army Aviation ATC. Membership in the AAAA is not a requirement for consideration.

- 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, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.
- 2001 CW3 Everette J. Smith II, HHD, 164th ATS Group, APO AP.
- 2002 Mr. Eric Williams, E Company, 12th Aviation Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA.
- 2003 SSG Michael P. Collins, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2004 SGT Curt P. Krenning, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.
- 2005 SSG Alina Smith, Company G, 58th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI.
- 2006 SSG Jeffrey L. Knight, Detachment 1, Company E, 111th Aviation Regiment (ATS), Pineville, LA.
- 2007 CW2 Roger A. Prichard, 164th 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, 597th 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, 7-101st GSAB, APO AE.
- 2012 SSG James M. Pierce, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Task Force Corsair, Fort Bragg, NC.
- 2012 SGT Thomas D. Spearman, Company F, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Storm, APO AE.
- 2013 SSG Christopher M. Squiers, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Knighthawk, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2014 SSG Paul S. Anderson, 2nd Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, FL.
- 2015 SGT Michael S. Schwartz, Company F, 3rd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.
- 2016 SSG Julius E. Lewis, Company F, 1st Battalion, 52nd 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.
- $\textbf{2019} \textbf{SSG Marvin Morales-Soto}, \textbf{Company F}, \textbf{2}^{\text{nd}} \textbf{ Battalion}, \textbf{227}^{\text{th}} \textbf{ Aviation Regiment}, \textbf{1}^{\text{st}} \textbf{ Air Cavalry Brigade}, \textbf{Fort Hood}, \textbf{TX}. \textbf{1}^{\text{st}} \textbf{ Air Cavalry Brigade}, \textbf{1}^$
- 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, 1st Battalion, 107th 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.



# 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.



## 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 as 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 603<sup>rd</sup> 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 46<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.
- 2015 603<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2016 127th Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX.
- 2017 Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2018 248th Aviation Support Battalion, 449th Combat Aviation Brigade, Boone, IA.
- 2019 Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.
- 2020 834<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 34<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Camp Buehring, Kuwait.
- 2021 628th Aviation Support Battalion, Task Force Roadrunner, Camp Buehring, Kuwait.
- 2022 Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160t Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2023 CW3 Rudy R. Mendez, Jr., Company B, 404th Aviation Support Battalion, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Carson, CO.



## 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, 1st Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon, Company C, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.
- 2007 SGT Ian Daniel Smith, HHC 1st Battalion, 502nd 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, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2009 SGT James D. Marayag, Company B, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st 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, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Task Force ODIN-A, Fort Hook, TX.
- 2012 SSG Joshua A. Palowitch, Company E, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.
- 2013 SPC Dolphise Colomb, Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX.
- 2014 SGT Sergio Roman II, Company E, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.
- 2015 SFC William D. Romanoff, Jr., 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, TX.
- 2016 SFC Quentin J. Sheley, Company F, 227th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.
- 2017 SSG Dilon E. Medina, Company E, 227th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX.
- 2018 SGT Angelica M. Delgado, Company F, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.
- 2019 SFC Brandon B. Vilt, Company D, 326th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st 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, 7th 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.

# 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), For Campbel, KY.



### 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), 634th Military Intelligence Battalion, 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard, Rosemont, MN.

2007 - 25th Unmanned Aerial Systems Company A, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Schofield Barracks, HI.

2008 - Company A, Task Force ODIN II, 1st 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, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. CPT Tae E. Kim, Commander & SFC Joseph E. Thompson, Senior NCO.

2012 – Company E, 160th 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, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. MAJ Jarrod Knowlden, Commander, & 1SG Jose Fontanez, Senior NCO.

2016 - Company E, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY. MAJ Jarrod Knowlden, Commander, & 1SG Jose Fontanez, Senior NCO.

2017 - Company E, 227th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX. CPT Chris F. Stoinoff, Commander, & 1SG Shawn D. Lowe, Senior NCO.

2018 - Company E, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Fort Steward, GA. CPT Stefan F. Borden, Commander, & 1SG Calletano D. Ortega, Senior NCO.

2019 – Company B, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st 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.



# 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



# 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.



#### 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



#### 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. Donnald Porter, Boeing Field Representatives
- 2008 Stanley K. Watson, L-3 Vertex CFS, Rumaithiya, 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.



## 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, 1108th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, Gulfport, MS.

2013 - SSG Theodore H. Stoops, Detachment IV, 1106th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, Fresno, CA.

2014 - SSG Daniel M. Lewis, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th 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 1-160th 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.