

US AIR FORCE WEATHER Annual Awards for 2017

The USAF Director of Weather, Mr. Ralph O. Stoffler, forwarded the announcement of the Annual Award winners.

FROM the HQ USAF Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations:

It is my pleasure to announce the winners of the 2017 Air Force Weather Awards. The exemplary efforts of these individuals and units in Air Force weather operations greatly contributed to the Air Force mission and our Nation's defense.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SrA Jacob D. Demarree, 432nd Operations Support Squadron, Creech AFB, NV (ACC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER NCO OF THE YEAR

MSgt Ryan M. Watts, Air Force Operations Group, Pentagon, Washington DC (HAF)

AIR FORCE WEATHER SNCO OF THE YEAR

SMSgt Samuel A. Cole, 16th Weather Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE (ACC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER Company Grade Officer OF THE YEAR

Capt Steven M. Gardner, 51st Operations Support Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic Of Korea (PACAF)

AIR FORCE WEATHER Field Grade Officer OF THE YEAR

Maj Tiffany H. Cunningham, 30th Operations Support Squadron, Vandenberg, CA (AFSPC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN (CATEGORY I) OF THE YEAR

Mr. William R. Strickler, 25th Operational Weather Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ (ACC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN (CATEGORY II) OF THE YEAR

Mr. Brian D. Thompson, 1st Weather Squadron / Detachment 2, Fort Shafter, HI (PACAF)

AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

SrA Sarah M. Sommer, 1st Weather Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA (PACAF)

AIR FORCE NCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

TSgt Casey S. Fletcher, 7th Weather Squadron / Detachment 3, Vicenza, Italy (USAFE)

AIR FORCE SNCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

MSgt Kenneth J. Pickel Jr., 1st Weather Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA (PACAF)

AIR FORCE Company Grade Officer OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

1st Lt Adam C. Klemons, 3rd Weather Squadron / Detachment 2, Fort Riley, KS (ACC)

AIR FORCE Field Grade Officer OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

Maj Benjamin J. Fulk, 7th Weather Squadron, Wiesbaden, Germany (USAFE)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS WEATHER TEAM AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SSgt Daniel S. Henson-Antezana, 321st Special Tactics Squadron / Red Troop, RAF Mildenhall, UK (AFSOC)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS WEATHER TEAM NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

TSgt Garrick Lewis, 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, NC (AFSOC)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS WEATHER TEAM SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

MSgt Frederick D. Demming, 335th Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS (AETC)

THE 2017 UNIT AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER ORGANIZATION (BELOW SQUADRON) TEAM OF THE YEAR
Air Force Technical Applications Center, Meteorological Modeling and Analysis Division, Patrick AFB, FL (ACC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR
7th Weather Squadron, Wiesbaden, Germany (USAFE)

This message provides the above-named individuals with the authority to wear the recognition ribbon IAW AFI 36-2805 and AFI 36-2807. Military recipients of individual awards are entitled to wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon, and civilian recipients of individual awards are entitled to wear the Air Force recognition Lapel Pin. Military personnel flights should use this message as reference to update the personnel data system and member's military records. Unit Commanders will provide each individual award winner a copy of this message.

Again, congratulations to all this year's nominees and winners for an outstanding job in 2017.

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MARK C. NOWLAND, Lt Gen, USAF
HQ USAF Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations

The Air Weather Association congratulates all 2017 AFW Outstanding Individuals and Units and will provide the John and Barbara Collens AWA Award to each of the Individual winners. AWA info on www.airweaassn.org.