

The Air Weather Association sends

Congratulations to the ANNUAL US AIR FORCE WEATHER AWARD winners for 2020!

Each year, HQ USAF selects winners for the Air Force Weather (AFW) Annual Awards. **The Outstanding Individual and Unit Awards for 2020** were announced on 27 January 2021 by Lt Gen JOSEPH T. GUASTELLA, JR., HQ USAF Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and forwarded to the Air Weather Association by Col GARY B. KUBAT, the HQ USAF Acting Director of Weather.

THE 2020 AIR FORCE WEATHER OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SrA Mason Eggleston, 20th Operations Support Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC (ACC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER NCO OF THE YEAR

SSgt Leslie Woodruff, 27th Special Operations Support Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM (AFSOC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER SNCO OF THE YEAR

MSgt Scott Lowrey, 71st Operations Support Squadron, Vance AFB, OK (AETC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER Company Grade Officer OF THE YEAR

1LT Ryan Lam, 15th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI (ACC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER Field Grade Officer OF THE YEAR

Lt Col William Frey, 14th Weather Squadron, Asheville, NC (ACC)

Lt Col Frey recently assumed command of the 25th OWS at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN (CATEGORY I) OF THE YEAR

Mr. Robert Kroupa, 72nd Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK (AFMC)

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN (CATEGORY II) OF THE YEAR

Ms. Emili Weis, 30th Operations Support Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA (SpOC)

AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

SrA Christopher Allen, 1st Combat Weather Squadron / Detachment 2, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI (PACAF)

AIR FORCE NCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

TSgt Kelly Blount, 7th Combat Weather Squadron, Wiesbaden, Germany (USAFE-AFRICA)

AIR FORCE SNCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT

SMSgt Cody Pryer, 3rd Combat Weather Squadron / Detachment 3, Fort Bliss, TX (ACC)

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

1LT James Mulvihill, 18th Combat Weather Squadron, Pope AAF, NC (ACC)

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

Maj Allen Thill, 208th Weather Flight, St. Paul, MN (HAF)

The 2020 AIR FORCE WEATHER OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER ORGANIZATION (BELOW SQUADRON) TEAM OF THE YEAR

15th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI (PACAF)

AIR FORCE WEATHER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

14th Weather Squadron, Asheville, NC (ACC)

The AWA Directors will also provide special recognition to the individual AFW award winners. Each winner will be honored with the AWA John and Barbara Collens Award. The late Major General (Ret) John W. Collens III, Commander of the Air Weather Service (1974-1975), formally founded the AWA in 1987. He and his wife Barbara led the association to many successes including supporting fund-raising efforts for individual and group causes (caring for our own), organizing AWA reunions every two years and growing the membership. They accomplished this all in the spirit of "*Serving the Present – Remembering the Past – Air Force Weather*". General Collens retired from the AWA Board of Directors at the end of 1994. To remember and honor the great unselfish work of both he and his wife, the annual AWA Awards to Outstanding Air Force Weather personnel were named the AWA John and Barbara Collens Awards. The Awards consist of a *congratulatory letter*, a *\$100 check* and a *free lifetime AWA membership*.

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