

ANNUAL AIR FORCE WEATHER AWARDS for 2018

Each year, HQ USAF selects winners for the Air Force Weather (AFW) Annual Awards. The Outstanding Individual and Unit Awards for 2018 have been announced by Mr. Ralph Stoffler, HQ USAF Director of Weather. The Air Weather Association (AWA) Directors will also provide special recognition to the individual AFW award winners. They will be honored with the AWA John and Barbara Collens Award for being *the best of the best* among their peers.

Major General (Ret) John W. Collens III, Commander of the Air Weather Service (1974-1975), founded the AWA in 1987. He and his wife Barbara led the all-volunteer, nonprofit 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 that now is well over 5,600. 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 unselfish work of both he and his wife, the annual AWA presentations 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.*

THE 2018 AIR FORCE WEATHER INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMEN OF THE YEAR **SrA Guadalupe Salinas III**, 36th Operations Support Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam

AIR FORCE WEATHER NCO OF THE YEAR **TSgt Ricky Rosas**, 97th Operations Support Squadron, Altus AFB, OK

AIR FORCE WEATHER SNCO OF THE YEAR **MSgt Robert Schlichtenmyer**, White House Military Operations, The White House, Washington, DC

AIR FORCE WEATHER Company Grade Officer OF THE YEAR **Capt Katheryn Bryant**, AVTEG/J2-WX, Fort Bragg, NC

AIR FORCE WEATHER Field Grade Officer OF THE YEAR **Maj Daniel Muggelberg**, 2nd Combat Weather Systems Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL

AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **SrA Damian Burke**, 3rd Weather Squadron, Fort Hood, TX

AIR FORCE NCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **TSgt Ashley Gordon**, Detachment 3, 1st Weather Squadron, Fort Wainwright, AK

AIR FORCE SNCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **SMSgt Patrick Brennan**, Detachment 1, 18th Weather Squadron, Fort Drum, NY

AIR FORCE Company Grade Officer OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **Capt Jonathan Acker**, 3rd Weather Squadron, Fort Hood, TX

AIR FORCE Field Grade Officer OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **Maj Benjamin J. Fulk**, 7th Weather Squadron, Wiesbaden, Germany

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR (CATEGORY 1) **Mr. Hye Deuk Bae**, 607th Weather Squadron, Yongsan AIN, South Korea

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR (CATEGORY II) **Ms. Jaclyn Shafer**, Air Force Technical Application Center, Patrick AFB, FL

THE 2018 UNIT AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER ORGANIZATION BELOW SQUADRON LEVEL **97th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight**, Altus AFB, OK

AIR FORCE WEATHER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR **17th Operational Weather Squadron**, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI

The AWA Directors on behalf of all AWA members congratulate and thank all USAF Weather Award winners (individual and unit) for accomplishing outstanding service - *well above and beyond!*