ATCA Announces 2018 Award Recipients

The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) is pleased to announce its 2018 award winners. The goal of ATCA's awards program is to give special recognition to those persons and/or organizations engaged in the development, operation, or maintenance of the worldwide air traffic control system for outstanding achievement.

The following recipients will be honored at the 2018 Awards Luncheon during ATCA Annual on Tues., October 2, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md.

**ATCA Annual Safety Award**
David Knight, Robinson Aviation, Inc.

**Andy Pitas Aircraft Save Award**
Karen Hagstrom, Ruben Lopez, Tim Martin, and Chris Watton, DAB
Ben Kotrla and Eric Muench, NAV CANADA
Christopher Liu, HCF
Charles Abernethy, Vijay Kanhai, and Dan McNeil, F11
Christina Munro, SCT
Stephen Newman, NAV CANADA

**ATCA Annual Team Award for Outstanding Achievement**
Naval Air Station Key West, SPAWAR
FAA and NATCA, N90

**ATCA Annual Industry Award**
Raytheon STARS Team

**ATCA Annual Outstanding Achievement for Small & Disadvantaged Business**
Changeis, Inc.

**ATCA Annual Outstanding Achievement for Small Business**
AirMap
**ATCA Outstanding ATC Manager of the Year Award**  
Bud Griner, Robinson Aviation, Inc.

**ATCA Military ATC Technician of the Year Award**  
CPL Bryce Cornell, US Marine Corps  
ET1 Bryce Halvorson, US Navy  
SGT Kurtis Miller, US Army

**ATCA Military ATC Manager of the Year Award**  
CW2 Robert Bagardo, US Army

**ATCA Military Air Traffic Controller of the Year Award**  
CPO Jennifer Oberholtzer, US Navy  
SPC Shawn White, US Army  
SRA Damien Williams, US Air Force

**ATCA Annual Aviation Systems Specialist Safety Award**  
Lyne Théorêt, NAV CANADA

**ATCA Life Cycle Management Award**  
ILS Cradle Team, NAV CANADA

**David J. Hurley Memorial Award for Aviation Traffic Management**  
FABEC

**ATCA Ambassador Award**  
Steve Carver, GDIT

**The Chairman’s Citation of Merit Award**  
David Nakamura

**The President’s Citation of Merit Award**  
John Gray, Midwest ATC

**ATCA Lifetime Achievement Award**  
James Bunnell (posthumous)

**The Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award**  
Hon. Linda Hall Daschle, LHD & Associates, Inc.*

*To be honored at the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Awards Banquet Oct. 2.*
Join ATCA on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, during the 63rd ATCA Annual Conference & Exposition’s Awards Luncheon to recognize the above award winners. Lunch is included with full conference registration; individual tickets are also available. To purchase tickets, register online at www.atca.org/annual as an Exhibit Hall visitor and then follow the prompts to add an Awards Luncheon ticket. For more information on award categories and descriptions, please visit www.atca.org/atca-awards-program.

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The Air Traffic Control Association (www.atca.org) is dedicated to the progress and safety of air traffic control and works to advance the technology and professionalism of the industry. Founded in 1956 by a group of air traffic controllers, ATCA serves more than 3,5000 members from throughout the world—individual air traffic controllers as well as aviation associations, educational institutions, the government and military, and companies managing and providing equipment and services in the aviation community.