ATCA Announces 2017 Award Recipients

The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) is pleased to announce its 2017 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 2017 Awards Luncheon during the ATCA Annual on Tuesday, October 17, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

**ATCA Annual Safety Award**
Alvin Sipe, The Boeing Company

**Andy Pitas Aircraft Safety Award**
Eric Knight and Ross Leshinsky, FAA
Jeffrey Rawson, FAA
Ian Selin and Mark Smith, NAV CANADA
YFC, NAV CANADA
ZFW, FAA

**ATCA Annual Team Award for Outstanding Achievement Winner**
SCT Metroplex Design and Implementation Team, FAA
3-58th Airfield Operations Battalion, US Army

**ATCA Annual Industry Award**
Frequentis

**ATCA Annual Outstanding Achievement for Small & Disadvantaged Business**
DTIS

**ATCA Annual Outstanding Achievement for Small Business**
Infina, Ltd.
**ATCA Outstanding ATC Manager of the Year Award**
Harry Rivera, CI² Aviation
CW2 Jason Christie, US Army

**ATCA Military ATC Technician of the Year Award**
Sgt Richard Robinson, US Marine Corps
ET1 Marcus Kruse, US Navy
SSG Joseph Bourassa, US Army

**ATCA Military Air Traffic Controller of the Year Award**
SrA Richard Smith, US Air Force
Sgt Andres Eraszabala, US Marine Corps
AC1 Nikita Zellner, US Navy
SGT Robert Charity, US Army

**ATCA Airway Transportation Systems Specialist of the Year Award**
RAMP Radar Team, NAV CANADA

**ATCA Annual Aviation Systems Specialist Safety Award**
Nico Nguyen, FAA

**ATCA Life Cycle Management Award**
CHIP Infrastructure Team, NAV CANADA

**David J. Hurley Memorial Award for Aviation Traffic Management**
Greg Juro, FAA

**The Chairman’s Citation of Merit Award**
NASA Aeronautics Leadership Team, NASA
Dr. John Cavolowsky, NASA
Robert Graham, EUROCONTROL
Massimo Garbini, SESAR Deployment Manager

**ATCA Ambassador Award**
Tom Styc

**The President’s Citation of Merit Award**
Dr. Ned Reese, WCG
Dr. Parimal Kopardekar, NASA
Margaret Jenny, RTCA
Don Thoma, Aireon
Ben Marcus, AirMap
Jim Eck, FAA

The Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award

*To be honored at the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Awards Banquet Oct. 17
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Join ATCA on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, during the 62nd 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/62annual 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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About ATCA
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 3,500 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.