



# **Recognizing Greatness in Air Traffic Management: ATCA Announces 2019 Award Recipients**

The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) is pleased to announce its 2019 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 2019 Awards Luncheon during ATCA Annual on Tues., October 22, at the Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C.

## **ATCA Annual Safety Award**

Nick Paraskevopoulos, NAV CANADA

## **Andy Pitas Aircraft Save Award**

Michael Tamez, NATCA

Ryan Schile, NATCA

Mary Wertel, Midwest ATC Services, Inc.

Kenneth Stanley, Robinson Aviation (RVA), Inc.

## **ATCA Annual Team Award for Outstanding Achievement**

*Civilian Award:* GBDAA SkyVision Team

*Military Award:* Foxtrot Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, US Army

## **ATCA Annual Industry Award**

Aireon, NATS, and NAV CANADA

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

Changeis, Inc.

## **ATCA Annual Outstanding Achievement for Small Business**

DIGITALiBiz

## **ATCA Outstanding Civilian ATC Manager of the Year Award**

Cedric McQueen, Robinson Aviation (RVA), Inc.

## **ATCA Military ATC Technician of the Year Award**

MSgt John Dean, US Air Force

SSG Carlo G. Chirinospacussich, US Army

ET1 Joshua Coatney, US Navy

SSgt Randal D. Rakestraw, US Marine Corps



**ATCA Outstanding Military ATC Manager of the Year Award**

Brian Mixon, US Army

**ATCA Military Air Traffic Controller of the Year Award**

PO Jonathan Epperson, US Navy  
SGT Samantha Purdom, US Army  
SrA Bradley L. O'Grady, US Air Force  
SSgt Bret C. Piburn, US Marine Corps

**ATCA Annual Aviation Systems Specialist Safety Award**

Shelley Bailey, NAV CANADA

**ATCA Life Cycle Management Award**

Changeis, Inc.

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

Joseph Sultana, EUROCONTROL

**ATCA Award for Exceptional Service**

CI<sup>2</sup> FAA Contract Towers (FCT):  
Isla Grande Airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Rafael Hernandez Airport in Aguadilla,  
Puerto Rico, and St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

**ATCA Ambassador Award**

Gene Hayman, CACI

**The Chairman's Citation of Merit Award**

Midori Tanino, ATO International, FAA

**The President's Citation of Merit Award**

Philip Braswell, Naval Information Warfare Center Atlantic  
Midwest ATC, Team Bagram

**ATCA Lifetime Achievement Award**

Roger Stern, Leidos

**The Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award**

Deputy Administrator Daniel K. Elwell, FAA\*

*\*To be honored at the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award Banquet Oct. 22.*



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Join ATCA on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, during the 64th ATCA Annual Conference & Exposition 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](http://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](http://www.atca.org/atca-awards-program).

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**About ATCA**

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