**“Salute to Excellence” Awards**

For 48 years, the Helicopter Association International’s (HAI) “Salute to Excellence” awards have recognized outstanding achievements in the international helicopter community. HAI’s thirteen “Salute to Excellence” awards cover a range of industry achievements. The awards ceremony, to be held February 23, 2009, in Anaheim, California, has become the most prestigious event during HAI’s HELI-EXPO. By acknowledging the exceptional merit of an individual or organization, HAI’s “Salute to Excellence” awards encourage the continued attainment of the highest standards of professionalism in the international helicopter community.

The following is a short description and a list of previous winners for each award.

**Aviation Maintenance Technician Award**

Established in 1994, the Aviation Maintenance Technician Award combines HAI’s Helicopter Airframe Technician and Helicopter Powerplant Technician Awards. This award recognizes an individual with at least five years of experience in the field of helicopter maintenance. Eligibility is limited to hands-on maintenance personnel and their direct supervisors.

- 2009 David Vogel
- 2008 Milton K. Geltz
- 2006 Ron Gilroy
- 2005 Robert Jones
- 2004 Richard Barnett
- 2003 Marc Cabibbo
- 2002 Richard L. Beers
- 2001 Henry Perryman
- 2000 Doug Booty
- 1999 Paul James McKenzie
- 1998 Thomas P. Robertson, Jr.
- 1997 Timothy R. Kirkendall
- 1996 Antonio A. Rocha
- 1995 Jean Claude Blandin

**Helicopter Airframe Technician Award**

1994 Gary D. Blade
1993 William “Tony” Webb
1992 James Demarr and Ellsworth “Benny” Shaw

**Helicopter Powerplant Technician Award**

1994 Robert D. Neihart
1993 Robert Frazier
1992 William Cockrell

**Aviation Repair Specialist Award**

The Aviation Repair Specialist Award, established in 1995, combines HAI’s Helicopter Avionics Technician Award and Helicopter Electrical/Electronics Technician Award. This award recognizes an individual in the field of helicopter airframe and powerplant maintenance. The recipient must be a current Airframe and Powerplant-rated helicopter mechanic with at least five years of experience. Eligibility for this award is limited to hands-on maintenance personnel and their direct supervisors.

- 2009 Jeffery L. Peabody
- 2008 Gary Rooy
- 2006 Richard Wolfgang
- 2005 Bruce Currier
- 2004 Luis Garcia
- 2003 Val Marshall
- 2002 Stephan Wile
- 2001 Robert James Toole
- 2000 Karl Esbenshade
- 1999 Morris V. Lynch, Jr.
- 1998 David G. Anderson
- 1997 Harold Eighme
- 1996 Clayton A. Elliott
- 1995 Marcianno A. Santos

**Helicopter Avionics Technician Award**

1994 Matt Gordon
1993 David Robinson
1992 (no award winner for 1992)

**Helicopter Electrical/Electronics Technician Award**

1994 (no winner for 1994)
1993 Robert Lundberg
1992 David W. Watson

**Igor I. Sikorsky Award for Humanitarian Service**

Sponsored by Sikorsky Aircraft in honor of its founder, this award is presented to the person(s) who best demonstrate(s) the value of civil rotorcraft to society by saving lives, protecting property, and aiding those in distress. The award may be for a particular mission, or for a consistently outstanding manner for a period of time. This award incorporates the former Crew of the Year Award, which has been presented by HAI since 1980.

- 2009 Grand Canyon National Park Helitack
- 2008 County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Air Operations Section
- 2006 Crew of Helicopter ER-MHH
- 2005 All individuals and organizations involved in the helicopter rescue and relief effort associated with Hurricane Katrina.
- 2004 Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Air Rescue 5 Program
- 2003 Jose Carvalho
- 2002 The Government Flying Service of Hong Kong
- 2001 Police Airborne Service Unit, Port Authority of N.Y. and N.J., all staff members, Teterboro, New Jersey
- 2000 CGNR 6539 Crew: LCDR Brian Moore, LT Troy Beshears, AMT1 Michael Bouchard, and AST1 John Green
- 1999 John “Jay” Allison, Gary B. Dahlen, Victor E. Gray, Daniel J. Riley, Bonnie Wilkins, and AgRotors, Inc.; and Turkish Armed Forces and Red Star Helicopter Association
- 1998 NRMA CareFlight Duty Crew (August 17, 1998) from Westmead, New South Wales, Australia: Ian Spencer, Graeme Fromberg, Capt. Keith Stewart, Dr. Tim Skinner
- 1997 Sumburgh Search and Rescue Crew, Bristow Helicopters: Norman Leask, David Gribben, Paul Mansell, and (posthumously) William Deacon
- 1996 Tom Olney and Chris Snodgrass, Air Logistics
- 1995 FAA Inspector Ray Murphy and SGT Chief Pilot Randy F. Parent
- 1994 U.S. Coast Guard Crew: LT Bruce Jones, LT(jg) Mark Collier, AE3 Thomas Parker, ASM2 Scott Adlon, and AT2 Matthew Moyer
- 1993 Awarded to all the pilots and aircrews of helicopters who participated in firefighting and lifesaving efforts during the Los Angeles fires
- 1992 Awarded to all the aircrews who provided helicopter relief and rescue support to the survivors of Hurricane Andrew
- 1991 South African Air Force
- 1990 Nikolai Melnik, Kamov Design Bureau, Soviet Union
- 1989 U.S. Coast Guard Crew 6584 (Lt. Cmdr. Dana A. Goward; Lt. Patrick C. McHugh; and AM2 Anthony D. Johnson) and U.S. Coast Guard Crew 6591 (Lt. Cmdr. David C. Spillman; Lt. Michael P. Houtz; and AT3 John A. Romano)

**Crew of the Year**

1994 Doug Pence, Ray Eche, and Dave Wright
1993 Capts. Brewster and Olbury, Kieran Murray, and Friedrich Manson (Bristow Helicopters)
1992 Los Angeles County Fire Department, Air Squad 17 Crew
1991 Rescue Crew/South China Sea, China Ocean Helicopter Corporation
1990 Rescue Crew/Aviaaccident Accident Aviation Unit, Nassau County Police Department
1989 Capts. Stuart Gregg and Mike Wood
1988 Dan Riopel and Rod Leggassick
1987 Capt. Bill Klebe, Pilot Gary Lott, and Crewman Eric Johnson
1986 Sonoma County Sheriff’s Department with Coordinating Agencies
1985 Douglas Martin, Bryan Welsh, Daniel DeMarchis, and Robert Warner
1984 Dave Scheytt and Doug Brown
1983 Lawrence Schmidt and Clif Wilson of Era Helicopters
1982 Foschi, Tossini, Bergodi, and Mazzarani
1981 Donald Usher and Gene Windsor of U.S. Park Police
1980 Haelefe, Jomini, and Rufenacht
The Joe Mashman Safety Award

HAI’s Safety Award was first presented in 1987. The award was renamed in 1994 in memory of Joe Mashman, noted helicopter pioneer, whose contributions virtually parallel the development of the civil helicopter industry. The Joe Mashman Safety Award acknowledges outstanding contributions in the promotion of safety and safety awareness throughout the helicopter industry.

2009 Tony Cramp
2008 Captain Paul Smith
2006 Scott Baxter
2005 David Whyte
2004 Timothy C. Tucker
2003 United States Aviation Underwriters, Inc. (USAIG)
2002 Frank “Bob” Culver
2001 Robert A. Feerst
2000 Jim W. Szymanski
1999 Loren E. Doughty
1998 Michelle North
1997 German Nieto and Ernesto Rois-Mendez
1996 Bruce L. Gillaspie
1995 Nelson Chan
1994 Hugo J. Leech
1993 Walter B. Comeaux, Jr., M.D.
1992 Jack Schweibold
1991 James Lematta
1990 Robert J. Carnie
1989 Joe Mashman
1988 Paul R. Powers
1987 Myles Ruggenberg

Outstanding Certified Flight Instructor Award

HAI’s Outstanding Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) Award was established in 1985 to recognize superlative contributions by a helicopter flight instructor in upholding high standards of excellence.

2009 Kevin C. Brandt
2008 Barry Lloyd
2006 Mel Schiller
2005 Rick Foss
2004 Randy Bechtel
2003 Wayne Brown
2002 George Bedford
2001 Jan Rustad
2000 Timothy Tucker
1999 Edward Lonell “Lon” Wimberley
1998 John J. MacFarlane
1997 Robert F. Holmes
1996 Peter Gillies
1995 Mark W. Fontenot
1994 Bobbie Weston
1993 Capt. Muntha
1992 Gerald Golden
1991 Rodney Anderson
1990 Raymond Evans
1989 Loren E. Doughty
1988 Gary B. Young
1987 Donovan L. Harvey
1986 Lawrence E. Duchocher
1985 W.A. “Dub” Blessing

AgustaWestland Community Service Award

The AgustaWestland Community Service Award, first presented at HAI’s HELI-EXPO ’90 (February 6, 1990), is a combination of the Raise Your Sites Award, The Max Schumacher Memorial Award, and the Fly Neighborly Award. The award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding service to the community in, but not restricted to, the following areas: the establishment of public use heliports, advancement of operations, and the advancement of “Fly Neighborly” concepts.

2009 David B. Nichols, MD
2008 Richard Dutson
2006 NYPD Aviation Unit
2005 The Whirly-Girls
2004 Steve Hickok
2003 Jack Alexander
2002 Thomas C. Grassia
2001 Charles R. Cox
2000 Dr. John McDonald (posthumously)
1999 Alvin S. “Al” Trenk and Liberty Helicopters, Inc.

1998 Matthew Zuccaro of Zuccaro Industries and the Eastern Region Helicopter Council
1997 Wataru Nishikawa
1996 FAA General Aviation and Vertical Flight Program Office (AND-610)
1995 Roger Carlin
1994 Professional Helicopter Pilots Association of Southern California (PHPA)
1993 Helijet Airways
1992 John Helm
1991 Hawaii Helicopter Operators Association
1990 Metro-Dade Air Rescue Division
1989 S. Duane Moore

Raise Your Sites Awards

1988 Genichiro Kayashima and the Honorable Bunsei Sato
1987 James Brown
1986 Douglas E. Hare
1985 Diana Stuart
1984 Illinois and Louisiana Departments of Transportation
1983 Lauretta Foy and R.F. “Fritz” Harvey

Max Schumacher Memorial Award

1988 Robert Apte
1987 David Graham
1986 Richard H. Judy
1985 Philip Landi
1984 Harry McKillop
1983 British Airways Helicopters
1982 Fredric Fine
1981 Peter Wright, Sr.
1980 Herb Green
1979 Jerry Foster
1978 St. Anthony’s Hospital Systems
1977 Rockwell International Corporation’s West Coast Flight Operations
1976 S.A. “Tom” Atkins
1975 Lauretta B. Foy
1974 Joe Campbell
1973 Daniel P. Rosenson
1972 Philip Landi
1971 Carlo de Bellegarde
1970 P.R. Scruge
1969 Robert L. Betz
1968 Larry H. Scheer
1967 SGt Charles Downey

Fly Neighborly Award

1998 Richard G. Stutz
1997 H.E.L.O. Helicopter Environmental Liaison Office, Maui, Hawaii
1996 James A. Holtsclaw
1995 Philip Landi
1994 Richard H. Judy
1993 David Graham
1992 John Helm
1991 Dave Ormsby
1990 Robert Apte
1989 S. Duane Moore
1988 George Spear
1987 James Brown
1986 Robert Apte
1985 Phil Landi
1984 Arizona Army National Guard
1983 Tom Marlow
1982 Eastern Regional Helicopter Council

Eurocopter Golden Hour Award

The Eurocopter Golden Hour Award was created in 1982 to recognize the efforts of the Air Medical Service (AMS) helicopter pilot who, through a particular rescue or through contributions over time to the air medical industry, has advanced the use of helicopters in this vital mission.

2009 Chicago Fire Department Air Sea Rescue
2008 United States Coast Guard HH-65C Crew 6548
2006 Crew of HH-65C CG6553
2005 Robert McMullan
2004 County Rescue Services, Green Bay, Wisconsin
2003 Capt. Mike Toms and Euan McKenzie
2002 Austin Travis County STAR Flight
2001 AB Norrlandsflyg
2000 James Russell Spray
1999 Mark L. Hofstadt
1998 Albert “Al” Alvarez
1997 Queensland Emergency Services Helicopter Rescue Unit: Peter Hope, Ian Callaghan, and Angus McDonell
1996 Gary D. Bremer
1995 Dan Norman
1994 Michelle North
1993 Eric Pettit and Jerry Austin (Evergreen Helicopters), and Walt Greaves and Randy Oles (Era Helicopters)
1992 Rich Latour
HAI STRUCTURE

1985 Goran Wallert
1986 Richard A. White II
1987 Robert F. Lannerd
1988 Henry Peare
1989 Robert H. Whitson
1990 Forrest Jones
1991 William Black
1992 Ben Schrick
1993 Ben Pessin
1994 Emile T. Mouton
1995 Toney L. Robertson
1996 Erik Steckmest
1997 Kawagoe Maintenance Center, Aero Asahi Corporation
1998 Thomas Craig
1999 Dave H. Dunstan
2000 Joseph Kuhn
2001 Jay V. Mahaffey
2002 Robert E. Amedeo
2003 John P. Subbe
2004 John Kiesler
2005 Gary Grage
2006 Glen Cornett
2007 Eric T. Mouton
2008 Phillip G. DiFiore
2009 Rich Higgins
2010 Marc D. Singer

**Excellence in Communications Award**
The Excellence in Communications Award is given to the print or broadcast journalist achieving the most creative and distinct dissemination of information about the helicopter. The award was established in 1975.

1973 Louis W. Bryn
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1975 Donald J. Frederick
1976 William Gabella
1977 Dan Manningham
1978 George Saunders
1979 Jerry Foster and KPNX TV
1980 Yoshiteru Yamaguchi
1981 Richard Eimert
1982 C.L. Tysdal
1983 Al Hutain and Patrick Mallen
1984 Ray Echeverry
1985 Wanda Lee Rogers
1986 Warren L. Willis
1987 J. Craig Honaman
1988 Jack Pyle
1989 Peter Corley-Smith
1990 Joseph Murphy
1991 Richard C. Kirkland
1992 Richard A. White II
1993 Mark Lambert
1994 Joseph Murphy
1995 Cast Your Vote
1996 Jennifer Slagle
1997 Frank L. Jensen, Jr.
1998 L. Francois Legrand
1999 Charles W. “Chuck” Johnson
2000 Dr. Carrol M. Voss
2001 Walter N. Attebery
2002 Paul F. O’Sullivan
2003 J. Robert Duppstadt
2004 Elling Halvorson
2005 Michael P. Melia
2006 Wanda Lee Rogers
2007 Steve and Nancy Sullivan
2008 Neill Osborne
2009 Neill Osborne
2010 Marc D. Singer

**Helicopter Maintenance Award**
Established in 1973, the Helicopter Maintenance Award recognizes distinguished, longstanding excellence in the performance of helicopter maintenance, and concomitant contributions to aviation.

1973 Louis W. Bryn
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2009 Louis W. Bryn

**MD Helicopters Law Enforcement Award**
First presented in 1972, the MD Helicopters Law Enforcement Award recognizes a worthy contribution to the advancement of the crime-suppression concept of helicopter patrol service. Nominees are not limited to pilots or law enforcement personnel.

1972 Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess
1973 Capt. Bill Moulder
1974 Capt. James R. Beall
1975 Lt. Ray Raffensberger
1976 Houston, Texas, Helicopter Patrol Division
1977 Columbus, Ohio, Division of Police
1978 Pasadena Police Department, Helicopter Section
1979 U.S. Border Patrol, El Paso, Texas
1980 Capt. Terry D. Jagerson
1981 Baltimore City Police Department
1982 Georgia State Patrol, Aviation Division
1983 California Highway Patrol
1984 Capt. S.R. Thomas
1985 U.S. Border Patrol, El Paso, Texas
1986 Lars Erik Freeman, Swedish National Police
1987 Tampa Police Aviation Squad
1988 Alf Moritz
1989 New York Police Department, Aviation Unit
1990 Los Angeles Police Department, Aviation Unit
1991 Virginia State Police, Aviation Unit
1992 Phoenix, Arizona, Police Department, Aviation Unit
1993 Honolulu Police Department, Aviation Unit
1994 Fairfax County Police Department, Helicopter Division
1995 Los Angeles Police Department, Aviation Unit
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2008 Los Angeles Police Department, Aviation Unit
2009 Los Angeles Police Department, Aviation Unit

**Sponsored by Bell Helicopter Textron, the Lawrence D. Bell Memorial Award**
Sponsored by Bell Helicopter Textron, the Lawrence D. Bell Memorial Award was established in 1971 to salute excellence in management leadership. The award is granted to an individual who is recognized for long and significant service to the international helicopter community. Nominees need not be licensed pilots.

1972 Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess
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2009 Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess

**Lawrence D. Bell Memorial Award**
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2009 Neill Osborne
2008 Steve and Nancy Sullivan
2007 Wanda Lee Rogers
2006 Dr. Walter Comeaux
2005 Dr. Walter Comeaux
2004 Elling Halvorson
2003 Peter Wright Jr.
2002 Jim Chadwick
2001 Walter N. Attebery
2000 Dr. Carrol M. Voss
1999 Charles W. “Chuck” Johnson
1998 L. Francois Legrand
1997 Frank L. Jensen, Jr.
1996 Robert B. McNab and James A. Wolfe
1995 J. Robert Duppstadt
1994 Vernon E. Albert
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1942 William Black
1941 William Black
Robert E. Trimble Memorial Award

The Robert E. Trimble Award honors a qualified pilot who is especially distinguished in mountain flying. The award was established in 1961 to focus attention on a pilot who has displayed exceptional ability and good judgement in high altitude flying, provided outstanding service to others, contributed to high standards of safety, and brought credit and recognition to the international helicopter community.

2009 Djoko Prasetyo
2008 Anthony Reece
2006 Ken Eichner
2005 John Quackenbush
2004 (no winner)
2003 Qwest Communications, Lyle Borders, Terry Bleed, and Tom Settje
2002 Doug Makkonen
2001 David R. Martin
2000 Toni Lötscher
1999 Daniel James Hawkins
1998 Jim Hood
1997 Jerry Mamuzich
1995 Clarence “Chuck” Rogers
1994 Wayne Grover
1993 Capt. Fernando Morales
1992 Gerald C. Garbell
1991 Jim Hood
1990 Jan Elbe
1989 Kenneth D. Johnson
1988 Yoshiharu Hamamoto
1987 Steven R. Dejesus
1986 Todd McCready
1985 Robert Greeno
1984 Larry Doll
1983 David Youngblood
1982 Myrl Robert “Bob” Brown
1981 Darrell Ward
1980 Mount St. Helens Helicopter Crew
1979 Bill Black
1978 Daniel J. Murphy
1977 Markus Burkhard
1976 Warren “Bud” Woods
1975 James M. Davies
1974 Lenn G. Kasdorf
1973 L.M. “Bud” Tillotson
1972 Walter Woodrow
1971 Gunther Amann
1970 Jerry Wilson
1969 Helicópteros Nacionales de Colombia, S.A.
1968 William Wiles
1967 Robert S. Hosking
1966 Glenn W. Wheeler
1965 J. Arlo Livingston
1964 Wayne W. Rowe

1963 Harry E. Gilliland, Jr.
1962 J.D. Landells
1961 Harold D. Hjertager

Pilot of the Year Award

Established in 1960, the Pilot of the Year Award is the oldest of HAI’s “Salute to Excellence” awards. The award recognizes an outstanding single feat performed by a helicopter pilot during the year, or extraordinary professionalism over a period of time. Nominees must be an active civilian pilots.

2009 Tom Brooks
2008 Franz Levitskiy
2006 Dale L. Weir
2005 John Holland
2004 Thomas A. Roberts
2003 Laurence Perry and Rick Harmon
2002 Francisco Orlaineta
2001 William H. Wells, Jr.
2000 Jim Gardner
1999 Daniel Elwain Tyler
1998 Jeffery Caniglia
1997 Robert H. Maze
1996 James M. Wilson
1994 Ron Bower
1993 Capt. John Spencer
1992 Robert Maurice Johnson, III
1991 T. David Kocher
1990 Dave Marfeet and Mike Meeuwse
1989 Richard A. Siegel
1988 Loren E. Doughty
1987 Pat Walter
1986 Ronald I. Smith
1985 J.A. van der Vlet
1984 Marco Cordon, Kenneth Sondrol
1983 Dick Smith
1982 Ronald A. Eland
1981 Joe I. Soloy
1980 James F. Okonek
1979 D. Byron Wallace
1978 Bill Meador
1977 Kenneth Martin Reed
1976 Donald R. Jacques
1975 Jean Boulet
1974 Richard H. “Dick” Gilbert
1973 Gene O. Wallace
1972 Carlo de Bellegarde, Jose Fernando, Portugal Motta, Carlos Alberto Alves, Claudio Finalti, Walmir Fonseca, Sayao, and Hello Barosa Caldas (The heroes of the Edificio Andraus Helicopter evacuation, Sao Paulo, Brazil, February 24, 1972)
1971 Charles N. Alfred
1970 Don Mackenzie
1969 P. P. Smith
1968 Robert G. McLellan
1967 Robert B. Greeno
1966 Roland Barton
1965 Robert Schelling
1964 Donald Ward
1963 Bud Nelson
1962 James Klotz
1961 Rod Snider
1960 Don Carson

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1983 James F. Atkins