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Alaska National Guard

176th Wing recognizes outstanding performers

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Alaska Air National Guard's 176th Wing recognized the previous year's outstanding performers in a ceremony at the Talkeetna Theatre here June 7.

The awards ceremony is an annual event, typically held over a drill weekend in June.

"If we put in for an award on the national level, we typically win it, because we do so much with so little every single day. I'm very proud of what you do," the wing's commander, Col. Blake Gettys, told the assembled Guard members.

"The 176th Wing has an outstanding reputation nationwide," said Col. Karen Mansfield, Alaska's assistant adjutant general for the Air component and commander of the Alaska Air National Guard. "I'm honored to recognize these Airmen for all their accomplishments."

176TH WING AWARDS

PAUL W. LINDEMUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Maj. Adam Adamich, 176th Medical Group

Given in memory of former 176th Wing Commander Brig. General Paul Lindemuth and provided by the Air Chapter of the Alaska National Guard Officer's Association, this award is presented to the 176th Wing senior officer who best epitomizes the ideals of leadership and dedication to our nation, the state of Alaska, and the Alaska Air National Guard.

COMMANDER'S ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

176th Logistics Readiness Squadron

This award is presented to the wing's single most outstanding group, squadron or flight.

176TH WING AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

Senior Airman Brooklyn Panfil, 176th Medical Group

176TH WING NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Cole, 176th Logistics Readiness Squadron

176TH WING SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Master Sgt. Willis Strouse, 212th Rescue Squadron

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176TH WING FIRST SGT. OF THE YEAR

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Jones, 176th Logistics Readiness Squadron

176TH WING COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Capt. Rebecca Altenburg, 144th Airlift Squadron

176TH WING FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Lt. Col. Matthew Komatsu, 212th Rescue Squadron

STATE OF ALASKA AWARDS

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Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Cole, 176th Logistics Readiness Squadron

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NATIONAL AWARDS

--176th MEDICAL GROUP

ANG BIOMEDICAL CLINICIAN OFFICER OF THE YEAR - FIELD GRADE

Maj. Andrew Adamich

ANG YOUNG HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

1st Lt Heather Paxson

ANG CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD OF THE YEAR

Capt Laura Delgado

ANG PUBLIC HEALTH NCO OF THE YEAR

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Swanston

ANG OUTSTANDING AEROSPACE OF THE YEAR

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Boswell

--176th LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON

ANG LOGISTICS READINESS CIVILIAN TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Mr. Steve Monday

ANG LOGISTICS READINESS SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR

Senior Master Sgt. Winfield Hinkley

ANG LOGISTICS READINESS NCO OF THE YEAR

Tech. Sgt. Jon Gibson

ANG LOGISTICS READINESS AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

Senior Airman Norris Payne

OUTSTANDING UNIT MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

144TH Airlift Squadron: Capt. Rebecca Altenburg
176TH Air Defense Squadron: Master Sgt. Matthew Hermes
176TH Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Master Sgt. Shawn Higby
176TH Civil Engineer Squadron: Tech. Sgt. James Whitlock
176TH Communications Flight: Senior Airman Scott Henscheid
176TH Comptroller Flight: Staff Sgt. John McAleavey
176TH Force Support Flight: Master Sgt. Kelly Shewfelt Turner
176TH Logistics Readiness Squadron: Master Sgt. Naomi Groom-Collison
176TH Maintenance Group: Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Arnzen
176TH Maintenance Operations Flight: Tech. Sgt. Alison Cherry
176TH Maintenance Squadron: Senior Master Sgt. Harold Meier
176TH Medical Group: Capt. Laura Delgado
176TH Mission Support Group: Chief Master Sgt. Delmar Schaeffers
176TH Operations Group: Maj. Daniel Kelley
176TH Operations Support Squadron: Master Sgt. Tyler Sutton
176TH Rescue Coordination Center: Master Sgt. Armando Soria
176TH Security Forces Squadron: Tech. Sgt. Jason Petit
176TH Wing Headquarters: Maj. Nanette Martinez
176TH Wing Staff: Senior Master Sgt. James Brewer
210TH Rescue Squadron, Det 1: Tech. Sgt. Chad Petrie
210TH Rescue Squadron: Tech. Sgt. Jacob Inman
211TH Rescue Squadron: Capt. Gary Weir
212TH Rescue Squadron: Capt. Christian Braunlich
249TH Airlift Squadron: Capt. Jeremy Vancil

RECRUITING AND RETENTION AWARD WINNERS

TOP OVERALL ACCESSIONS OF THE YEAR

Tech. Sgt. Garrett Weir

2014 NATIONAL CENTURY CLUB

Tech. Sgt. Garrett Weir and Tech. Sgt. Franz Deters

The National Century Club comprises those recruiters who, in a given year, help 100 or more people join the Air National Guard.

2014 ALASKA RECRUITING AND RETENTION SERVICE AWARD

Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Nelson

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