

**Call for Nominations**  
**2006 Public Benefit Flying Awards**  
**Presented by the National Aeronautic Association**  
**In Association with the Air Care Alliance**

## **Introduction**

The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) and the Air Care Alliance (ACA) have created a new set of national awards designed to recognize the contributions of Public Benefit Flying and the outstanding work of individuals, groups of individuals and organizations engaged in this humanitarian activity. The awards have been divided into five categories as outlined below.

Nominations for worthy candidates for these awards are sought from public benefit flying and other organizations. Please use the following guidelines when submitting a nomination. Nominations that do not fall within the specifications listed below may not be considered during the selection process. Nominations must be submitted by qualified organizations only, as specified below.

## **Award Categories**

**Distinguished Volunteer Pilot** - awarded to an individual or individuals for outstanding service as a pilot volunteer.

**Distinguished Volunteer** - awarded to an individual or individuals for outstanding service as a non-flying volunteer.

**Outstanding Achievement in Advancement of Public Benefit Flying** - for outstanding achievement by an individual, group, or an organization that helped raise the standard of service of or contributed significantly to the advancement of Public Benefit Flying overall.

**Public Benefit Flying Teamwork Award** - for outstanding cooperation and coordination involving two or more unaffiliated Public Benefit Flying organizations in the accomplishment of a common mission, task, or objective.

**Champion of Public Benefit Flying** - awarded to an individual, organization, or company who, while not operationally directly involved in Public Benefit Flying, has provided extraordinary support for such efforts and thus advanced the cause of Public Benefit Flying.

## **Category Criteria**

**Distinguished Volunteer Pilot:** *Performance that exceeds expectations and distinguishes nominee volunteers or their effort from others. Consider the amount and nature of effort, commitment, sacrifice, and impact on clients, organization, and community.*

**Distinguished Volunteer:** *Performance that exceeds expectations and distinguishes non-pilot volunteers or their effort from others. Consider the amount and nature of effort, commitment, sacrifice, and the impact on clients, organization, and community.*

**Outstanding Achievement in Advancement of Public Benefit Flying:** *Outstanding achievement or contribution by an individual, group of individuals, an organization, or group of organizations that significantly raised the standard of service, improved the state-of-the-art, or contributed to the advancement of Public Benefit Flying overall. Consider the size, complexity, and unusual value of the achievement and its positive impact on public benefit flying.*

**Public Benefit Flying Teamwork Award:** *Exemplary collaboration involving individuals and/or unaffiliated and independent organizations in order to complete a task beyond the scope and resources of any one public benefit flying organization. Consider the size, complexity, and unusual value of the collaboration and its positive impact on public benefit flying.*

**Champion of Public Benefit Flying:** *The award is intended for individuals or groups not directly or primarily involved in public benefit flying, for extraordinary support and contributions providing fair winds beneath the wings of public benefit flying organizations. Consider the nature and scope of the support itself and/or its impact on encouraging others to provide the necessary lift for public benefit flying.*

## **General Criteria**

Nominees must be either U.S. citizens or U.S. organizations.

Public Benefit Flying is defined as those activities, conducted largely by volunteers, in which a general aviation aircraft was used to assist the health and well being of individuals or groups of individuals or for the benefit of the general public, and for which no fee was charged for the aircraft or for pilot services.

Awards are intended to honor the efforts of volunteers working in the field of public benefit flying, or those who support them, especially through voluntary work.

Awards may be granted to individuals, teams, groups, or organizations, as appropriate. The intent is to honor those providing volunteer service through personal accomplishment and commitment.

Awards may be based on just one or on several extraordinary events or accomplishments or may be based on long term or lifetime achievement. This must be clearly expressed in the nominating materials.

## **Nominating and Selection Process**

Each primary administrative office for organizations appearing on the Air Care Alliance listing of all public benefit flying groups as of March 1, 2005 shall receive an invitation to submit **one nomination for each of the above named awards**. Certain other organizations which are supportive of or commonly working with volunteers and their public benefit flying groups, or which are knowledgeable in the field of aviation, may also be sent invitations, at the discretion of NAA.

Individuals may submit nominations for one or more of these awards by forwarding their nomination information to the primary administrative office of their own organization(s) for consideration as that organization's candidates.

Each nomination shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) printed pages and be in a form acceptable to NAA. The nomination package will include a cover sheet page with complete contact information for the nominee, the nominator, and two persons who are willing to act as references for the nominee. The contact information shall

include the name, title and/or affiliation, mailing address, telephone (work and home), and email address of each person. Justification for the award shall not exceed three pages in length.

### **Justification**

Give complete, but concise, details justifying the award to the nominee with such background information as considered pertinent, and any other relevant information, that would assist the Selection Committee.

### **Citation**

Provide the final separate sheet containing a proposed formal statement in 30 words or less, which captures the essence of the achievement for which the nominee's name has been submitted.

### **Deadline and Submission Process**

The nomination, signed by an officer of the administering office of the organization(s) submitting it, must be received by NAA at its offices from March 1 to May 31, 2006. Nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted. While fax transmissions are acceptable, every effort should be made to ensure the delivery of the nomination in the original format so quality is higher. Please mail your nomination to:

National Aeronautic Association  
Attn: PBF Nomination  
1737 King Street, Suite 220  
Alexandria, VA 22314

### **Selection Committee**

The selection committee will be comprised of prominent individuals and representatives of aviation organizations nominated by both the National Aeronautic Association and the Air Care Alliance.. Awardees will be honored at a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

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