

144TH FIGHTER WING

*Outstanding
Airman of the Year*
BANQUET



06 DECEMBER 2025



WELCOME

Commander's Welcome



Welcome to the 2025 Outstanding Airmen of the Year awards banquet! Tonight we will honor our top performers, and as we do this, I can't help but think about the way great individual accomplishments often occur within great teams. To the front-line leaders who recognized great achievement and took the time to write the awards package, thank you! To the units of the nominees, know that tonight's recognition reflects your outstanding performance as well. And finally, to all the family members here tonight, know that you play an

incredibly important role in our resilience and ability to accomplish the mission at a high level. We couldn't do what we do without your love and support.

I also hope that tonight you'll take a moment to reflect on what it means to serve at this time of consequence. We defend the Homeland 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, while we prepare to deploy and face down tyranny abroad. I can't think of a more noble and worthy cause!

Enjoy the evening's festivities and thank you for being here to celebrate!

ALL IN!

Command Chief's Welcome

Griffins, welcome to the 2025 Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet! Day in and day out we have outstanding Griffins doing outstanding things across the wing, state, and globe. You should be proud of your accomplishments as teams, flights, squadrons, and groups; without them our individual performers would not have the chance to stand out. It is always important that we remember it takes a team effort to get the mission accomplished. That said, it is also important to take time and recognize members of the team who have excelled, and through superior performance, helped the team reach its goal. This evening is about celebrating those individual performances from airmen across the wing. Thank you for being here this evening and making sure our outstanding performers can be recognized for their contributions. Congratulations to all of the nominees, thank you for all that you do to make the 144th Fighter Wing the greatest in the state and nation! Please enjoy this evening's festivities.



PROGRAM

Social Hour
1700-1800

Start of Program
1800

*National Anthem /
Posting of Colors*

Invocation

*Introduction of
Distinguished Visitors*

POW-MIA Ceremony

Commander's Comments

Dinner

*Announcement of Group
Winners*

*Announcement of Wing
Winners*

Dancing



AIRMAN NOMINEES

Headquarters Staff, *Senior Airman Nathaniel Cardenas Lozano*
Operations Group, *Senior Airman First Jaylenn Vasquez*
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, *Airman First Class Jovon Watkins*
Maintenance Squadron, *Senior Airman Darrell Andres*
Civil Engineering Squadron, *Airman First Class Trevor Pagano*
Communications Squadron, *Senior Airman Joshua Aquino*
Force Support Squadron, *Senior Airman Matthew Lopes*
Logistics Readiness Squadron, *Airman Saul Gomez-Madera*
Security Forces Squadron, *Airman First Class Ashton Garza*
Medical Group Det-1, *Airman First Class Angel Salcido*

NCO NOMINEES

Headquarters Staff, *Staff Sergeant Kim Kangdouangnhot*
Operations Group, *Staff Sergeant Jacqueline Trafton*
Operations Group Det-1, *Staff Sergeant Sidney Middaugh*
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, *Technical Sergeant Matthew Steht*
Maintenance Squadron, *Technical Sergeant Trevor Misbach*
Maintenance Operations Flight, *Staff Sergeant John Schiefer*
Civil Engineering Squadron, *Technical Sergeant Adam Hamblin*
Communications Squadron, *Staff Sergeant Morgan Mitchell*
Force Support Squadron, *Technical Sergeant Caprise Barnes*
Logistics Readiness Squadron, *Technical Sergeant Tyler Hitter*
Security Forces Squadron, *Technical Sergeant Joshua Mencarini*
Medical Group, *Staff Sergeant Alicia Garza*
Medical Group Det-1, *Technical Sergeant Samuel Marchini*

CIVILIAN NOMINEES

Headquarters Staff, *Mr. Antoan Tripp*
Civil Engineering Squadron, *Mr. Benjamin Camarena*
Communications Squadron, *Mr. Lucas Delisa*

SNCO NOMINEES

Headquarters Staff, ***Master Sergeant Jed Rhine***
Operations Group, ***Master Sergeant Zachary Perez***
Operations Group Det-1, ***Senior Master Sergeant Cary Benham***
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, ***Master Sergeant Mario Ponce***
Maintenance Squadron, ***Master Sergeant Jason Horn***
Maintenance Operations Flight, ***Master Sergeant Lindsay Foster Cordova***
Civil Engineering Squadron, ***Master Sergeant Josiah Brainard***
Communications Squadron, ***Master Sergeant David Oakley***
Force Support Squadron, ***Senior Master Sergeant Kaci Williams***
Logistics Readiness Squadron, ***Master Sergeant Patrick Guerrero***
Security Forces Squadron, ***Master Sergeant Robert Torres***
Medical Group, ***Senior Master Sergeant Dean Klovski***
Medical Group Det-1, ***Master Sergeant Cynthia Gomez***

FIRST SERGEANTS

Maintenance Squadron, ***Master Sergeant Jennifer Venhaus***
Medical Group, ***Master Sergeant Pascual Hinojosa***

OFFICER NOMINEES

Company Grade Officer Category:

Headquarters Staff, ***Captain Micaelah Tweedy***
Operations Group, ***Captain Dane Ruhnau***
Operations Group, ***1st Lieutenant Christopher Perez***
Maintenance Group, ***Captain Thomas Lopez***
Mission Support Group, ***2nd Lieutenant Valerie Malcom***
Medical Group, ***Captain Allyson Chun***
Medical Group Det-1, ***Captain Cha Vang***

Field Grade Officer Category:

Headquarters Staff, ***Lt Col Heather Yamamoto***
Operations Group, ***Major Jonathan Buda***
Mission Support Group, ***Lt Col Jose Carlos***
Medical Group, ***Lt Col Veronica Carreon***
Medical Group Det-1, ***Major Rowena Peralta***

Colors:

*Air Force ROTC Detachment 35
Fresno State*

Key Event POCs:

National Anthem: SSgt Alyssa Castro

Emcee: Maj Christian "Ace" Acevedo

MSgt Jeanette Mora-Chavez

TSgt Lorainna Carter

SSgt Monae Mallory

Invocation: CMSgt Nathan Krebs

*POW/MIA: Air Force ROTC Detachment 35
Fresno State*



OAY Committee:

Capt Sarah Gann

MSgt Lucy Arellano

TSgt Adam Hamblin

TSgt Rebecca Perez

TSgt Marisol Rivera-Zamora

SSgt Jayneae Your





THE AIRMAN'S CREED

**I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior.
I have answered my nation's call.**

**I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage;
a tradition of honor,
and a legacy of valor.**

**I am an American Airman,
guardian of freedom and justice,
my nation's sword and shield,
its sentry and avenger.**

**I defend my country with my life.
I am an American Airman:
wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
and I will not fail.**



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