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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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S: 18 January 2017
10 November 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR ARMY AVIATION UNIT COMMANDERS AND DIRECTORATES

SUBJECT: Announcement for the Order of Daedalians 2017 BG Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award, the US Army Exceptional Pilot Award and Weapons System Award-COL Franklin C. Wolfe Trophy

1. Purpose. To set forth guidelines and procedures for the Order of Daedalians Brigadier General (BG) Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award, the United States (US) Army Exceptional Pilot Award, and the Weapons System Award for performance occurring within the 2016 calendar year.

2. Background. The Order of Daedalians, the national fraternity of military pilots, has presented the United States Army two awards annually to recognize safe flying practices and exceptional Aviators. In 1978, they established the BG Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award, and in 1999, they established the US Army Exceptional Pilot Award. Additional information on the Order of Daedalians and their recognition awards can be viewed at <http://www.daedalians.org/>.

a. The BG Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award is presented to an Army unit that has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and made the most invaluable contributions to the advancement of flight safety in Army Aviation for calendar year 2016. A Daedalians trophy and award are presented.

b. The US Army Exceptional Pilot Award is to inspire excellence in duty performance by career military pilots who place Nation above self. The award recognizes exceptional deeds performed to assure mission success, acts of valor as an aviator, or an extraordinary display of courage or leadership in the air in support of air operations for calendar year 2016. A Daedalians trophy is presented.

c. The Daedalians Weapons System Award, COL Franklin C. Wolfe Memorial Trophy, is presented to the services on a rotational basis. Calendar year 2016 is the Army's turn to receive this award. The award recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations (military or civilian) adjudged to have contributed the most outstanding weapons system development which operates, in whole or in part, in the aerospace environment. A Daedalians trophy and award are presented.

3. Eligibility. All Army elements, Active, Reserve, and National Guard, are eligible for nomination for these awards. All pilots nominated must be rated military aviators.

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4. Timeline. The Daedalians Award Nomination Packets for the BG Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award, the US Army Exceptional Pilot Award and Weapons System Award-COL Franklin C. Wolfe Trophy are due to the US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) G-1 NLT COB, 18 January 2017.

a. NLT 15 November 2016 – E-mail message with announcement sent to all Army aviation units and directorates to inform them of the upcoming Daedalians Awards board.

b. NLT 18 January 2017 – Daedalians Awards Nomination Packets due to USAACE G-1. Submission via electrons is authorized and encouraged; submit via email to USAACE G-1 Awards box at usarmy.rucker.avncoe.list.cmd-g1-awards@mail.mil.

c. Date TBD – USAACE selection board to convene.

d. NLT 15 February 2017 – Board results verified, approved and announced.

e. NLT 8 April 2017 – Presentation of awards will be held at the 2017 Order of the Daedalians National Convention and Awards Banquet on Saturday, 8 April 2017, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Washington, DC. More information to follow to the winning organizations from the Order of the Daedalians.

5. Nomination Packet guidelines and format.

a. **Brigadier General Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award** – open to all Army Aviation units regardless of size.

(1) A detailed narrative outlining the specific unit contribution to the advancement of flight safety in Army Aviation, not to exceed three typed pages.

(2) Chain of command endorsements, photographs, and any supporting data as needed.

(3) Unit point of contact information.

(4) All packets must be endorsed by O6 Commander or equivalent.

b. **US Army Exceptional Pilot Award** – open to all Army rated Military aviators.

(1) A comprehensive narrative description of action(s) not to exceed three typed pages.

(2) A biography of the individual not to exceed two typed pages.

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- (3) A proposed citation not to exceed a half typed page.
- (4) A DA photograph, or equivalent, of the individual.
- (5) Unit point of contact information.
- (6) All packets must be endorsed by O6 Commander or equivalent

c. **Weapons System Award-COL Franklin C. Wolfe Memorial Trophy** – open to individuals, groups, or organizations (military/civilian), regardless of size.

(1) A detailed narrative outlining the specific and outstanding contribution to weapons development which operates, in whole or part, in the aerospace environment - not to exceed three pages.

- (2) Photographs and any supporting data as needed.
- (3) Unit point of contact information.
- (4) All packets must be endorsed by O6 Commander, Director or equivalent.

d. Pictures are encouraged for each award nomination packet. Pictures should be printed or secured on a standard 8 ½ x 11 inch page. Loose pictures, negatives, slides or computer disks are not allowed and will be removed before a packet goes before the board.

e. The margins for typed pages will be set at one inch for all sides.

f. The paragraphs should be double spaced and the font should be Times New Roman, twelve (12) pitch.

g. Each packet will contain a typewritten sheet listing the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the nominating command's points of contact.

h. Enclosures.

(1) Additional information for each of the nomination packet is limited to 10 pages or less.

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(2) News media clippings and photographs are encouraged; however, films, videotapes, computer media and any other audio/visual items will not be considered. They will be removed before a packet goes before the board.

i. All packets must be UNCLASSIFIED.

6. Point of Contact is USAACE G-1/4 at 334-255-0949 (DSN 558) or via email usarmy.rucker.avncoe.list.cmd-g1-awards@mail.mil.