



AFCEA International 2023 Award Winners

Chair's Superior Performance Award

The Honorable John Grimes

Washington, DC Chapter

LTG Robert W. Noonan, USA (Ret)

Northern Virginia Chapter

Bill Robinson

Alamo Chapter

COL Kathleen J. Swacina, USA (Ret)

Atlanta Chapter

Kathleen Victory

Washington, DC Chapter

Chris Yorke

London Chapter

Chair's Superior Performance Group Award

Col. Gary Cornn, USAF (Ret)

Palmetto Chapter

Joseph Kloiber

Palmetto Chapter

SMSgt. James M. Crawford, USAF (Ret)

Palmetto Chapter

Capt. Adam Levandowski, USAF

Palmetto Chapter

General James M. Rockwell AFCEAN of the Year

Alvie Johnson

Belvoir Chapter

Admiral Jon L. Boyes Medal for Distinguished Service to AFCEA

William S. Dunahoo, Jr.

Central Maryland Chapter

Charlie Allen Award for Distinguished Intelligence Service

Dawn Meyerriecks

Former Deputy Director of the CIA for Science and Technology

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Leadership Award

Kathleen Cowles

Bethesda Chapter

David Hart

Dayton-Wright Chapter

Alisha Kelly

Northern Virginia Chapter

Lloyd McCoy

Northern Virginia Chapter

Larry Minnick

Hampton Roads Chapter

Tomas Müller

Czech Chapter

Linda Newton

Hawaii Chapter

Johnnie Young

Atlanta Chapter

Medal of Merit

COL Friedrich W. Benz (Ret)

Bonn Chapter

Hillary Boyce

Hampton Roads Chapter

Russ Fellers

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Daniel Gillis

Middle Georgia Chapter

COL Christian Hartrott (Ret)

Bonn Chapter

Rich Janoso

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Chuck Kelleher

Augusta Fort-Gordon Chapter

Michelle Larkin

Northern Virginia Chapter

Dan Matthews

Los Angeles Chapter

Victor Perez, USA (Ret)

Hawaii Chapter

Barbara Schleben

ArkLaTex Chapter

Joe Sciabica

Dayton-Wright Chapter

Jeff Thompson

Rockbridge-Shenandoah Chapter

Dr. Vincenzo Vitiello

Rome Chapter

Todd Weingeroff

Kaiserslautern Chapter

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Meritorious Service Award

Makanas Anicas
Hawaii Chapter

Jay Anson
South Florida Chapter

Brendan Burke
Belvoir Chapter

Angela Dupont
Lexington-Concord Chapter

Krystin Fakalata
Dayton-Wright Chapter

Alison Gonzalez
Northern Virginia Chapter

MSgt. Michael Gresens, USAF
Hawaii Chapter

Chuck Griffith
Northern Virginia Chapter

Patrick Hamilton
Lexington-Concord Chapter

James Hanson
Washington, DC Chapter

Rob Hile
Central Florida Chapter

David Klink
Central Maryland Chapter

Capt. Adam Levandowski, USAF
Palmetto Chapter

Steven McAndrews
Bethesda Chapter

D'Joane McCorkle
Atlanta Chapter

Tracey Michael
Central Maryland Chapter

Carl Mills
San Diego Chapter

MSgt. August Richards, USAF
Kaiserslautern Chapter

Shanna Staten
Dayton-Wright Chapter

Stacy Vaughn
Atlanta Chapter

Col. Todd Wiest, USAF, (Ret)
Los Angeles Chapter

Valerie Wilder
Tidewater Chapter

Debra Zides
Lexington-Concord Chapter

AFCEA IDEA Hero Award

Bill Jones
Belvoir Chapter

Thelma Barker
Washington, DC Chapter

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The Cyber Edge Writing Contest

1st Place

“Holding the High Ground: Defending Satellites from Cyber Attacks.”

Roger Khazan, Samuel A. Mergendhl and Richard W. Skowyra

MIT Lincoln Laboratory (MITLL) Secure Resilient Systems and Technology (SRST) Group

2nd Place

“Robotic Pawns: Unmanned Surface Vessels and Gray Zone Warfare.”

CDR Clayton Robinson, USN (Ret.)

COLSA Corporation

3rd Place

“Physical-Cyber Convergence Outside the Perimeter: Keeping Federal Personnel Out of Harm’s Way.”

James Carnall

ZeroFox

Small Business Awards

Small Business of the Year

BridgePhase LLC

Small Business Industry Person of the Year Award

Thomas Perry

VG Systems LLC

Belvoir Chapter

Small Business Government Person of the Year Award

Kimberly Buehler

U.S. Department of the Army



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Engineering & Information Technology Awards

Distinguished Award for Excellence in Engineering

Derek Christianson

Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific

Meritorious Rising Star Award for Achievement in Engineering

Michael Lowry

QBE, LLC

Distinguished Award for Excellence in Emerging Technology

Dr. Tim Meixner & AFSC ATHENA Program

USAF Air Force Sustainment Center

Meritorious Rising Star Award for Achievement in Emerging Technology

Alhassan Khedr

Lorica Cybersecurity

Entrepreneurial/R&D Innovation Award

NexTech Solutions (NTS) – MANTLE Development Team

MANTLE Mobile

Technology Innovation Award

Capt. Sean A. Miller, USAF

USAFE-AFAFRICA

Air Component Battle Network (ACBN)

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AFCEA IDEA Chapter Champion Award

Belvoir Chapter
Czech Chapter
Hawaii Chapter

Harry C. Ingles Chapter Award

North Carolina Chapter
Northern Virginia Chapter
Rocky Mountain Chapter

Distinguished Achievement to the Education Community Award

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Model Chapter Program

Alamo	Los Angeles
Aberdeen	Middle Georgia
Ark LaTeX	Montgomery
Atlanta	Naples
Augusta-Ft. Gordon	North Carolina
Belvoir	Northern Virginia
Bethesda	Oklahoma City
Central Florida	Palmetto
Central Maryland	Quantico-Potomac
Czech	Rocky Mountain
Dayton-Wright	Tidewater
Greater Omaha	
Hawaii	
Lexington-Concord	
London	



Albert J. Myer Chapter Awards

Individual Member Growth

Bonn Chapter
Hawaii Chapter
North Carolina Chapter
Pacific Northwest Chapter
Philadelphia Chapter

Individual Member Retention

Bonn Chapter
Central Florida Chapter
Dayton-Wright Chapter
Greater Omaha Chapter
Philadelphia Chapter

Individual Member Recruiting

Alamo Chapter
Hawaii Chapter
Huntsville Chapter
North Carolina Chapter
San Francisco Chapter

Special Recognition

Bonn Chapter
Hawaii Chapter
North Carolina Chapter
Philadelphia Chapter

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AFCEA 40 Under 40 Awards

Stephanie Ackman

CGI

Ruby Alcaide

U.S. Airforce

Brandi Baumgartner

U.S. Air Force

Brian Becker

CGI

Christopher Bennett

TEKsystems, Inc.

Evie Brewer

Hewlett Packard Enterprises

Nick Bucher

JJR Solutions LLC

Drew Cheneler

USCG C5I Service Center

Derek Coleman

U.S. Airforce

Kevin Creedon

MIT Lincoln Laboratory

Joseph Dames

Sherpa 6, Inc.

Kelley Dobner

CDW · G

Ryann Dulisse

Jacobs

Carlos Embury

Ignite IT

Amelia Fisher

Segue Technologies

Christian Gamboa

U.S. Air Force

Matthew Greenwood

U.S. Air Force

Bryan Guinn

CloudBees

Christopher Hassett

ManTech

Taylor Hathorn

Guidehouse

Joe Hawes

Rockbridge County Public Schools

Kristine Huang

ABS Group

Erik Huffman

Handshake Leadership

Grant Jones

Palo Alto Networks

Alicia Kelly

Trace Systems

Richard Kernan

Jacobs

David Knopp

Reflexive Technologies

Lin Li

MIT Lincoln Laboratory

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Andrew Marshall

U.S. Air Force

AFCEA 40 Under 40 Awards

Nicolas Nilan

Fortress Information Security

Michael Patterson

IARPA

Aaron Pierce

Pierce Aerospace

Randy Rogers

U.S. Air Force

Ian Roth

RF Products, Inc.

David Southerland

Verizon

Daniel Sowders

Broadleaf, Inc.

Ramon Thomas

Salesforce

Matthew Umphlet

Virginia Information Technologies Agency

Michael Weigand

Shift5

Bruce Winsemius

U.S. Air Force