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AHS ANNOUNCES 2004 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Alexandria, VA - AHS International - The Vertical Flight Society Chairman Dr. Robert G. Loewy today announced the recipients of the Society's 2004 awards program. This prestigious awards program was initiated in 1944 and over the years has paid tribute to the outstanding leaders of the vertical flight industry. Each year the awards grow steadily in prestige and importance.

The Society's awards program recognizes extraordinary achievements and serves as a catalyst for stimulating technological advances in the vertical flight industry. The winners include:

The AHS Fellow Award recipients, who receive this honor because of their outstanding work towards the interests of the industry, are Philip J. Dunford, Director Rotorcraft Engineering, The Boeing Company; Dr. Peretz P. Friedmann, Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Professor, University of Michigan; Dr. Dewey H. Hodges, Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology; and Bruce F. Kay, Program Manager/Technical Fellow, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.

The AHS Honorary Fellow Awards are given to Society members who have made an outstanding contribution to the interests of the Society. Only two Honorary Fellowships are bestowed per year and this year's winners are Dr. Tomoari Nagashima, Professor Emeritus, National Defense Academy and Cecil Richardson, Lockheed Martin Corporation (Ret.).

The Grover E. Bell Award is given to the individual or organization that has fostered and encouraged research and experimentation in helicopter development. This year's honored recipient is the MV22 Integrated Test Team comprised of Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., DynCorp, NAVAIR, Rolls-Royce, The Boeing Company, and USMC.

This year's honoree for the **Howard Hughes Award** is the Higher Harmonic Control Aeroacoustic Rotor (HART) Test & Analysis Team comprised of DLR, DNW, ONERA, U.S. Army AFDD, and NASA Langley. The Howard Hughes Award is given in recognition of an outstanding improvement in fundamental helicopter technology brought to fruition in the previous year.

John P. Magee, Technical Director BA-609 Titlrotor, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Retired) is this year's honored recipient of the **Dr. Alexander Klemin Award**. This prestigious award is

presented for recognition of notable achievement in the advancement of rotary wing aeronautics. John Magee is a well-known figure in the rotary-wing industry having contributed to significant advances in rotary-wing technology in his long term involvement of the development of tiltrotor technology in all phases of the maturing process.

The Harry T. Jensen Award is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the improvement of helicopter reliability, maintainability, safety or logistics support through improved design or technical achievement brought to fruition during the preceding year. This year the award is presented to the combined team of Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, The Boeing Company, and United Technologies Research Center for their efforts on the NRTC/RITA Damage Tolerance Technology Team.

The Frederick L. Feinberg Award is presented to the helicopter pilot or pilots that have made the most outstanding achievement in the previous year. This year's award is given to Roy Hopkins, II, Principal Experimental Test Pilot, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. for his piloting of the BA-609 on its first flight of March 7, 2003.

Paul M. Bevilaqua, Lockheed Martin Corporation is the recipient of the **Paul E. Haueter Award**, which is given to an individual, or group who makes a significant contribution to the development of VTOL aircraft other than helicopters. Mr. Bevilaqua is currently Lockheed's Manager for Advanced Development Programs.

The Captain William J. Kossler, USCG Award, which is given to the individual or organization that demonstrates the greatest achievement in practical application of the helicopter, is given to the medevac crew members of the West Virginia Army Guard Medevac for their rescue of an elderly woman and two youngsters from rising flood waters on November 12, 2003.

The Robert L. Pinckney Award honors the memory of an eminent manufacturing engineer from Boeing Helicopters. This award is given in recognition of notable achievement in manufacturing research and development for rotorcraft or rotorcraft components brought to fruition in recent years. This year's recipient is the Complex Composite Structural Concepts (CCSC) Team, which includes The Boeing Company, U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, and the U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Command Manufacturing Science & Technology Division.

The Alexander A. Nikolsky Lectureship is awarded to the individual who reflects the highest ideals, goals and achievements in the field of helicopter and V/STOL aircraft engineering and development. This year's recipient is Dr. Barnes W. McCormick, Professor Emeritus, Pennsylvania State University. His lecture titled, "Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Wake Turbulence and BVI Vortices Come in all Sizes," will be presented from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 in the Ballroom at the Baltimore Convention Center.

The Society's **François-Xavier Bagnoud Award** is given to Dr. Nikhil A. Koratkar, Assistant Professor, Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute. This award, which was established in 1992, recognizes outstanding contributions to vertical flight technology by a Society member under the age of thirty. The award honors the memory of a young helicopter engineer, Swiss citizen, author and rescue pilot who founded the AHS student chapter at the University of Michigan.

The AHS Supplier Excellence Award, created in 1995, is given to a supplier, which, through the quality, innovativeness and cost-effectiveness of its products, has made notable contributions

within the vertical flight industry. This year the distinction goes to the Goodrich Corporation - Fuel & Utility Systems.

The **John J. Schneider Historical Achievement Award** was established in 2003, in memory of vertical flight historian John J. Schneider. The award is given in recognition of distinguished achievement in encouraging appreciation of, and enhancing access to the history and legacy of vertical flight aircraft. The first recipient of this award is Eugene K. Liberatore.

The Society's **Robert L. Lichten Award** is given to Jongmin Kim for his paper "Flow Control Strategies for Improved Aerodynamic Efficiency of Micro-Rotorcraft." The Robert L. Lichten Award is given to an AHS member who has not previously presented the results of their work at any national meeting.

The **AHS Individual Member Sponsor Contest** Winner is Robert Powell, the Hampton Roads chapter Treasurer. The AHS Japan Chapter is the winner of this year's **AHS Chapter Member Increase Contest**. The AHS San Francisco Chapter is the winner of the **AHS Chapter Member Percent Increase Contest**. The **AHS Every Member Get a Member Contest** winner is the AHS Arizona Chapter. We congratulate all of these vibrant, hard working members.

The **2004 Vertical Flight Foundation Scholarship winners** include the following gifted individuals: in the B. S. Category, Kevin Calabro, University of Maryland; Andrew Hopkins, Virginia Polytechnic and State University; Patricia McHale, University of Rochester, NY; Garrett Paul, University of California at Santa Barbara; Joshua Reeves, Stanford University; and Joseph Schmaus of the University of Maryland. The M.S. category winners include Andrew Drysdale, University of Maryland; Joshua Ellison, University of Maryland; Brian Geiger, Pennsylvania State University; and Christopher Hennes, Pennsylvania State University. The Ph.D. category includes Shreyas Ananthan, University of Maryland; Felipe Bohorquez, University of Maryland; Chen Chang, Georgia Institute of Technology.; Ronald Couch, University of Maryland, and Michael Ke Yu, Washington University at St. Louis.

AHS International - The Vertical Flight Society, which has more than 6,000 members, is the world's leading technical, professional society dedicated to the advancement of vertical flight technology and its applications.

For further information on the Society and its programs as well as past award recipients please log onto the Society's home page at www.vtol.org

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