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MEMORANDUM FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

FROM: RMR/CC

SUBJECT: 2021 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

It is with great pleasure that I announce the winners of the 2021 Region "of the year" Awards. These recipients represent the finest members in each category from our five-wing region for their volunteer service during the previous year.

These members were selected from submissions presented from each wing/region and were already honored by their home wings for the work that they do.

Please join me in congratulating the following award winners:

Squadron of Distinction

- **Cheyenne Composite Squadron** of Wyoming Wing

Cadet of the Year

- **Cadet Jenna M. Jones** of Colorado Wing

Senior Member of the Year

- **Col Michael Vorachek** of Idaho Wing

AFSA Cadet NCO of the Year

- **Cadet Kayson M. Brinkerhoff** of Utah Wing

Character Development Instructor (CDI) of the Year

- **Maj Cory J. Setera** of Utah Wing

Col (Bud) Payton PAO of the Year Award

- **1Lt Stephanie N. Payton** of Idaho Wing

Col David Kantor Operations Staff Officer of the Year

- **Lt Col Chad R. Grondahl** of Colorado Wing

Col Ed Lewis Incident Staff Member of the Year Award

- **Lt Col Robert L. Ditch** of Wyoming Wing

Communicator of the Year

- **Col Celeste Gamache** of Colorado Wing

Director of Finance of the Year Award

- **Lt Col Kristen M. Nolan** of Colorado Wing

Education & Training (Professional Development) Officer of the Year

- **Maj Stephen L. Holmes** of Utah Wing

Frank Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Cadet Category

- **Cadet Michael R. Lane** of Colorado Wing

Frank Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award – Senior Category

- **1Lt David B. Waples** of Colorado Wing

George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year

- **Col C. Warren Vest** of Idaho Wing

Inspector General of the Year

- **Col Glenn A. Kavich** of Colorado Wing

Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year

- **Capt Kelsi M. Christensen** of Utah Wing

Lt Col T. Keith Riddle Aircrew Member of the Year

- **1Lt Jeffrey T. Rodgers** of Idaho Wing

Major General Dwight H. Wheless Legal Officer of the Year

- **Lt Col Thomas N. Scheffel** of Colorado Wing

Major General Jeanne M. Holm Aerospace Education Officer of the Year

- **1Lt Alexander C. Bendoyro** of Colorado Wing

Property Manager of the Year

- **Capt Mepanie Niedfeldt** of Rocky Mountain Region Staff

Safety Officer of the Year

- **Lt Col Sarah R. Lynch** of Idaho Wing



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