

7 July 1969

Dear Art:

Thank you for your letter on nominations for outstanding Aviation units and individuals. This is a very worthwhile program giving much needed recognition to the aviation accomplishments.

An informal canvass of my agency with the view of nominating an individual or unit for an award revealed our contact with the field to be somewhat distant. Consequently, I would prefer to defer to the field commands as their nominations would be based on current achievement.

I appreciate the continuing opportunity to contribute to this vital program.

Most sincerely,

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Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff
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Mr. Arthur H. Kesten
Executive Vice President
Army Aviation Association





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TO: Senior Army Aviation Commanders

RE: AAAA National Awards

Gentlemen:

This personal invitation is being sent to more than 1,400 field grade officers and general officers who are active in the Army Aviation Program.

It marks the fifth year in which the Army Aviation Association has solicited nominations directly from those senior officers who hold the key command and staff positions in Army aviation.

We've enclosed a basic set of "AAAA Nomination Forms" for your use. They should be used as cover sheets for any documentation you may wish to submit in support of a nomination.

To save paper (and postage), we've imprinted the forms back to back and ask that you duplicate either of the reverse-side forms, if you plan to submit nominations for more than two of the four award categories.

We encourage you to review the outstanding unit and individual accomplishments within your immediate area or command, and to nominate for national recognition those who have made outstanding achievements during the 1 April 1968-31 March 1969 period just ended.

The several AAAA National Awards will be presented at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of AAAA which will be held in the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C., during 15-17 October 1969. It is anticipated that the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff, the Vice Chief of Staff, and a representative of the James H. McClellan Foundation will present the 1968-1969 awards to this year's recipients.

Sincerely,

Arthur H. Kesten
Executive Vice President
Army Aviation Ass'n



NATIONAL AWARDS

NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD TO THE ARMY AVIATOR OF THE YEAR

"Sponsored by the Army Aviation Association, this award will be presented to the Army Aviator who has made an outstanding contribution to Army aviation during the awards period ending the previous March 31."

ELIGIBILITY:

Membership in AAAA is not a requirement. A candidate for this award must be a rated Army Aviator in the active U.S. Army or in the Army Reserve Forces, and must have made an outstanding individual achievement.

NAME OF NOMINEE

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POSITION OR ASSIGNMENT

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ADDRESS

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF REASONS FOR NOMINATION (Detailed supporting information should be attached as inclosures.)

Please TYPE all entries to assist in the photo-copying of this Form.

NAME

RANK / TITLE

ADDRESS

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LIMIT NOMINATIONS TO:

1,500 words or 3 pages (whichever is greater), and include a recent photo of the nominee and his official biography, if available.

MAIL NOMINATIONS TO:

AAAA, Attn: Awards Chairman, 1 Crestwood Road, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

SUSPENSE DATE: August 1 of this year. This Form may be reproduced locally.

NOMINATION FOR THE JAMES H. McCLELLAN SAFETY AWARD

"Sponsored by the many friends of Senator John L. McClellan in memory of his son, James H. McClellan, a former Army Aviator who was killed in a civil aviation accident in 1958." The Award will be presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Army aviation safety during the awards period ending the previous March 31.

ELIGIBILITY:

Membership in AAAA is not a requirement. Any individual, military or civilian, is eligible as a nominee for this Award.

BASIS FOR AWARD:

The James H. McClellan Aviation Safety Award is based on "an individual contribution to Army aviation safety, such as a broad technical achievement, an operating procedure, an aircraft or equipment modification with broad safety implications, etc." It is recognized by both the donors and the National Awards Committee of AAAA that some safety achievement may result from the development, planning, and implementation activities undertaken by several agencies. Every effort should be made — in documenting a nomination — to pinpoint the single individual primarily responsible for such an improvement, since only one award will be given to one individual in any year, in accordance with the original intent of the donors who have established this Award. The Award is not intended to be given for competitions between units for safe flying, or for the accumulation of operational hours by any aviation unit without accident.

NAME OF NOMINEE

POSITION OR ASSIGNMENT

UNIT, AGENCY, OR FIRM

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