

MONTHLY AWARD WINNERS

Weapons Safety Award of Distinction

A1C John R. Neild demonstrated outstanding professionalism and technical expertise while stationed at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., supporting the B-1 aircrew escape system. At shift change, while completing the inventory of the serviceable explosives locker, he noticed a slight configuration variance between the stored Type I and Type II AND Gate explosive device bodies. He immediately segregated the questionable component and proceeded to inves-

tigate the discrepancy further. After reviewing Technical Order 11P22-3-7, he revealed the manufacturer had inadvertently mislabeled one of the Type I AND Gates as a Type II AND Gate. This deficiency, if gone undetected, would have resulted in the wrong type of AND Gate being installed on the aircraft. This AND Gate was scheduled to be part of a time change work package within 48 hours. If the discrepancy had gone unnoticed, it would have disrupted the split-second timing of the carriage retract thruster and the emergency hatch jettison sequence, jeopardizing a successful ejection seat operation. These intense inspection actions broke a link in the safety mishap chain, and avoided a potentially hazardous situation. A1C Neild's superb dedication, attention to detail, and support to the Air Force Weapons Safety Program is proven and unmatched!

**A1C John R. Neild, 28th Maintenance Sqdn.,
28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota**

Crew Chief Safety Award of Distinction

S Sgt Cowart has consistently displayed superior initiative and the mechanical skills to ensure the wing safely accomplishes its formal training mission. He aggressively responded to a ground emergency for a B-1 aircraft disabled on the runway for a tire failure following landing. During this incident, SSgt Cowart inspected and safed the aircraft, removed and replaced the blown tire, and then

towed the aircraft from the active runway. His tremendous efforts enabled inbound B-1 aircraft to land at home station safely, averting any chance of a costly mishap. He displayed superb attention to detail during daily flight line FOD walks, greatly contributing to the 7 BW being FOD incident-free for 39 days straight. Additionally, SSgt Cowart quickly responded to the end of the runway for an in-flight emergency involving a B-1 aircraft with a fuel jettison valve stuck open. He rapidly assessed and identified the problem, then manually closed the valve. His actions minimized flammable dangers and prevented environmental hazards. SSgt Cowart applied sound operational risk management to get the job done when he safely jacked a B-1 aircraft at a forward deployed location on the open ramp. His actions resulted in the repair of a faulty landing gear, returning the aircraft to mission capable status in support of Operation MOUNTAIN STORM.

**SSgt Daniel C. Cowart, 7th Aircraft Maint. Sqdn.,
7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas**

ACC Safety Salutes Superior Performance

Capt John Bleil, Instructor Pilot
Lt Paul Wurster, Pilot Upgrade Candidate
Capt Paige Hoffart, CFIC Candidate
Maj Chris Castro, Radar Navigator
Maj Matt Breden, Navigator
Maj David Ortolani, Electronic Warfare Officer
5 BW
Minot AFB, N.D.

Maj Gentry W. Boswell,
Capt Ryan K. Carignan,
Capt Brian D. Golden,
1Lt Crystal D. Powers,
7 OG, 13 BS,
7 BW
Dyess AFB, Texas

Maj Michael W. Glaccum,
HQ ACC/DRR,
Langley AFB, Va.

Capt Mitchell Miglori,
Chief, Squadron Scheduling
20 FS, 49 FW
Holloman AFB, N.M.



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Capt Angel M. Negron,
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Tinker AFB, Okla.

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Copilot
963 AACS, 552 ACW
Tinker AFB, Okla.

1Lt Alexander D. Frisch,
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