

## Weapons Safety Award of Distinction

Mr. Dennis Foster sustained superior performance as a Combat Arms Instructor by contributing to an outstanding safety record in an inherently dangerous environment. While conducting a weapons inspection, Mr. Foster identified four weapons as extremely unsafe and unserviceable. He quickly repaired almost invisible damage and precluded the likelihood of serious injury or death. In addition, he ensured these weapons were serviceable

for a short-notice deployment tasked for SWA. Mr. Foster's keen sense of awareness also prevented a possible life-threatening situation by removing faulty ammunition from a shooter during a weapons training class. He later identified several munitions racks that became rusted during Hurricane Isabel and were rendered unsafe for use. The racks would have caused thousands of pounds of explosives to topple over. Mr. Foster did not hesitate to relocate the munitions and construct a much safer storage unit that allowed personnel to use a dolly to transfer ammo and eliminate the need to lift heavy containers. Mr. Foster continually provides a safe training environment for 1st Fighter Wing personnel; over 2,800 individuals attended weapons training during the fourth quarter without a single weapons mishap or personal injury.



Mr. Dennis E. Foster, 1st Security Forces Sqdn., 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Virginia

## Unit Safety Award of Distinction

When it comes to safety, the 388 CMS takes the lead in enforcing the Air Force Mishap Prevention Program with the most aggressive program at Hill Air Force Base. We take our job very serious and continue to be the benchmark with our various safety and anti-DUI programs. Taking the lead is no easy task, but the rewards are astounding because of our level of prevention. To start, we have launched a safety campaign zeroing in on home and on-the-job safety. Safety monitors in each section briefed an interactive multimedia presentation used to demonstrate and encourage common safety practices. This campaign reaped huge benefits and resulted in the lowest mishap rate in history for the month. Both on-duty and off-duty mishaps went down by a whopping 40 percent from a year ago. Putting "Safety First" also resulted in the lowest mishap winter season in unit history. To ensure everyone is practicing personal risk management, morning roll call notes from the commander contain fresh safety tips and current snippets of Air Force-wide safety cross tells. Safety briefings are

now intertwined into the weekly safety campaign to help members transition into the weekend with safety on the brain. As if that wasn't enough, the unit DUI Prevention Program kicked into high gear. Being the only program of its kind on Hill Air Force Base, team members, consisting of the DUI target age group of 19-24 year-olds, helped curb our DUIs to zero for the past 5 months. The team launched and implemented a monthly DUI Prevention Poster Contest now open to the entire base. They also partnered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to promote the national "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" campaign. Unit members selflessly volunteered numerous off-duty hours as dispatchers and designated drivers for the base Airmen Against Drinking and Driving program. This dedication accounted for countless "life saves." Other programs include a Contract for Life that the commander signs with each individual newcomer. This contract outlines commander's policy and position on drinking and driving and stresses importance of having a plan before the first drink. It's better to arrive alive than not at all! A high-risk extreme sports process sheet was incorporated into the mentorship program to ensure members are properly trained before taking on an extreme sport for the first time. This lean-forward approach resulted in a 30 percent drop in winter sports-related injuries and mishaps from a year ago. With all these safety programs, it's no wonder the 388 CMS is truly the best. This defines our motto, "Upward and Onward."

388th Component Maint. Sqdn., 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah

## Air Force

### Annual Awards

#### Koren Kolligian, Jr., Trophy

Capt Mike L. Matesick  
421st Fighter Squadron  
Hill AFB, Utah

#### Colombian Trophy

27th Fighter Wing  
Cannon AFB, N.M.

#### Air Force Explosive Surety Outstanding Achievement Award

MSgt Sean E. Carter  
9th Air Force  
Shaw AFB, S.C.

#### Air Force Explosive Safety Outstanding Achievement Award

Capt Thomas B. Vance, Jr.  
9th Air Force  
Shaw AFB, S.C.

#### Flight Safety Plaque

2nd Bomb Wing  
Barksdale AFB, La.  
552nd Air Control Wing  
Tinker AFB, Okla.

#### Missile Safety Plaque

4th Fighter Wing  
Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.  
83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron  
Tyndall AFB, Fla.

#### Explosives Safety Plaque

23rd Fighter Group  
Pope AFB, N.C.  
1st Fighter Wing  
Langley AFB, Va.  
7th Bomb Wing  
Dyess AFB, Texas  
9th Munitions Squadron  
Beale AFB, Calif.  
4th Fighter Wing  
Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.  
2nd Bomb Wing  
Barksdale AFB, La.

#### Nuclear Surety Plaque

5th Mission Support Squadron  
Minot AFB, N.D.

## Aero Club Safety Certificate

Offutt AFB, Neb.  
Langley AFB, Va.  
Barksdale AFB, La.

## National Safety Council Awards

### Award of Honor

1st Fighter Wing  
Langley AFB, Va.  
5th Bomb Wing  
Minot AFB, N.D.  
9th Reconnaissance Wing  
Beale AFB, Calif.  
20th Fighter Wing  
Shaw AFB, S.C.  
23rd Fighter Group  
Pope AFB, N.C.  
49th Fighter Wing  
Holloman AFB, N.M.  
55th Wing  
Offutt AFB, Neb.  
552nd Air Control Wing  
Tinker AFB, Okla.  
Headquarters Air Combat Command  
Langley AFB, Va.  
67th Intelligence Operations Wing  
Lackland AFB, Texas  
Headquarters, Air Warfare Center  
Nellis AFB, Nev.

### Award of Merit

53rd Wing  
Eglin AFB, Fla.

### Award of Commendation

Headquarters, Eighth Air Force  
Barksdale AFB, La.  
3rd Combat Communications Group  
Tinker AFB, Okla.

### President's Award Letter

819th Red Horse Squadron  
Malmstrom AFB, Mont.  
823rd Red Horse Squadron  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.