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2007 Hennessy Award Winners

2007 Hennessy Travelers Association Award of Excellence Winners

Senior Airman Bonnie Kilichowski,
Osan AB, Korea — multiple-facility team
Staff Sgt. Michelle Messer,
Altus AFB, Okla. — single-facility team

Force Services Agency (HQ AFSVA),
San Antonio, Texas.

In his prayer, Gill asked that attendees offer their strength and support to foodservice men and women who perform the important job of “serving those who serve” every day. “Regardless of where they are, they now have a story that’s required them to share their experience, not only in a competition, and words like ‘triumph,’ but that

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The Air Force presented its 51st Annual Hennessy Awards Breakfast on Saturday, May 19, 2007, from 7:45 to 10 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Chicago. It was held in conjunction with the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show, held May 19-22 at McCormick Place.

In addition to recognizing the special achievements of U.S. Air Force foodservice facilities worldwide, this year’s event honored the sponsors of, and participants in, the Hennessy Award Program Initiative, created by the NRA in conjunction with the Hennessy Travelers Association (HTA) as an extension of the 50th anniversary of the Hennessy Award program.

Following the posting of the colors, the National Anthem and a drill ceremony by the U.S. Air Force Drill Team from Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., a touching invocation was given by Master Sgt. John Gill III, foodservice manager, Hqs. Air



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hard work was required in order to get there. They have showed themselves approved, and we therefore put them before you, and ask that you bless them as well," he said.

Afterwards, NRA President Ed Tinsley made a few comments, providing some background on John L. Hennessy — who initially encouraged the military services to adopt a program of foodservice competition to inspire command support and better management of food service as a member of President Eisenhower's Hoover Commission — the history of the Hennessy Awards, and thanked sponsors of the Hennessy Travelers Association (HTA) Education Foundation, including the Society for Food Service Management (SFM) and International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA);

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and individual airmen of the winning units.

The keynote address by Gen. William T. Hobbins, USAF, commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), was also very well received. In it, he completed a review of what he believed were the core values every airmen involved in food service should possess, including "integrity," "service before self" and "excellence in all we do."

"Services personnel do their job with the utmost pride and enthusiasm," he began. "It makes people think of the dining facility when we mention services, but the job these young men and women do is much, much more. I know I don't have to say that much about integrity, because our Air Force is filled with airmen who have the courage and fortitude to do the right thing, no matter what the obstacle put before them."

He gave an example of Senior Master Sgt. David Walker, foodservice superintendent, 92nd Services Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash. — Multiple-Facility Category winner of the 2007 Hennessy Trophy. Hobbins pointed out that Walker has been deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and volunteered to go back again, "because he believes it's simply a great example to set; Senior Master Sgt. Walker gets it."

Hobbins continued, "I tell you I visited 60 of those 91 countries in my area of responsibility (AOR), and if there's one thing that every air chief who I meet says to

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Hennessy Awards Breakfast Program

- 7:45 a.m. — Guests Seated in Ballroom
- 8:00 a.m. — Procession of Head Table Guest
- 8:10 a.m. — Welcoming Remarks
- 8:15 a.m. — Posting of the Colors
National Anthem
Drill Ceremony
Invocation, Master Sgt. John Gill III
Comments and Acknowledgements, Ed Tinsley
- 8:20 a.m. — Breakfast
- 8:40 a.m. — Keynote Address, Gen. William T. Hobbins, USAF
- 9:15 a.m. — Recognition of the 2007 Hennessy Travelers Association Winners
- 9:20 a.m. — Presentation to the Special Award Winner, Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC)
- 9:25 a.m. — Presentation to the Special Award Winner, Air National Guard (ANG)
- 9:30 a.m. — Introduction of the Evaluators/Advisors, Single-Category/Multiple Category
- 9:45 a.m. — Presentation of the John L. Hennessy Trophies
- 10:00 a.m. — Program Conclusion



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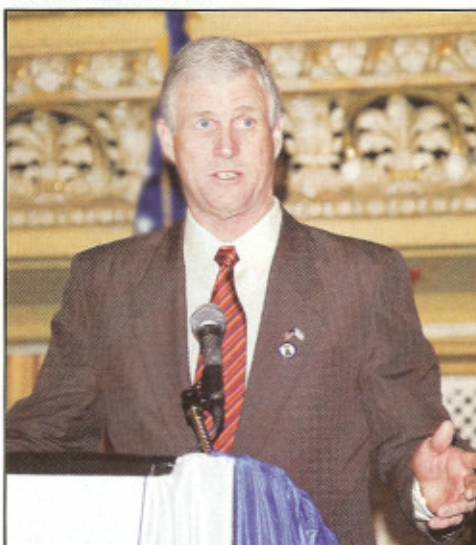
me that they wish they had, it's our noncommissioned officer (NCO)."

For "service before self," Hobbins pointed out that nowhere was this more evident than when deployed to forward operating base (FOB) locations. He gave the example of a services airman deployed to the 447th Air Expeditionary Group at an FOB near the Saudi Arabi border who — recognizing the need to ease the tension of the soldiers preparing to cross the border into Iraq — single-handedly managed to set up a drive-in movie theater and mobile food services.

More than 300 soldiers and airmen attended, he said, and "when the movie was over, soldiers were quoting things out of the movie and saying that was the first real feeling of normalcy that they had in months."

He added that, of course, none of this would be possible without the help of industry partners. "Now as you are all aware, the military never asks much," Hobbins jested. "We just want an ideal combat ration that provides a full daily nutritional allowance in virtually no weight and no space, and magically transports and prepares itself into an endless variety of delicious foods. And by the way, meals, ready-to-eat (MREs), also need to retain

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National Restaurant Association (NRA) President Ed Tinsley provided some background on John L. Hennessy and the history of the Hennessy Awards.

these properties indefinitely, no matter how long or where they're stored."

"Excellence in all we do," Hobbins' final core value, he suggested "is a value we live by every hour of every day. This is what drives our airmen to accept nothing less than the best, whether it's delivering a home-cooked meal or setting up an Armed Forces Entertainment tour to raise the morale of airmen deployed around the world."

He ended his speech with a quote from Michael Gibbons, NRA treasurer-elect, and former Hennessy Traveler: "I am inspired by the service that the military provides beyond security. They really understand what it means to be part of a team." Following up Gibbons' quote, Hobbins noted,

"Today, we all honor these teams in John Hennessy's memory by presenting a trophy bearing his name to this group of outstanding airmen. Today's award winners are just a small representation of all that is good about our services."

Following Hobbins' keynote, the 2007 HTA Award Winners (see box on page 52) were honored, and awards were presented to the winning installation foodservice operations: Vandenberg AFB, Calif. (single-facility category); Fairchild AFB, Wash. (multiple-facility category); the 911th Services Flight, Pittsburgh ARS, Pa. (Air Force Reserve Command); and the 121st Services Flight, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio (Air National Guard). Senior Airman Juan Goss, services specialist was also there to accept the USAFE

small site award on behalf of the 701st Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel, Belgium, which won the award for the second year in a row.

A slide-show presentation recognized the evaluators/advisors for the awards — from HQ AFSVA: Maj. (Sel.) Willie Rudd Jr., USAF, chief, financial reporting branch in the NAF Transformation Directorate; George Miller, chief, Air Force Food Service Branch; Master Sgt. Gina Tremmel and Master Sgt. John Gill III, foodservice managers; from NRA: William Baker and Michael Gibbons; from SFM: Owen Moore, director of dining services at New York University; and from IFSEA: Art Ritt.



The U.S. Air Force Drill Team, from Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

