

Two stand out above all

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Two Air Intelligence Agency members were named among 1997's Top 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year during a ceremony held in Washington D.C., Sept. 15.

Senior Airman Kenneth Holmes, electrical systems security assessment operator, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, Osan Air Base, Korea, and Tech. Sgt. Suzan Sangster, chief of Information Operations, 67th Intelligence Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, were selected from 48 Air Force-wide nominees.

"It's a tremendous honor," said Holmes, who was nominated while serving as a member of the United States Air Force Honor Guard. "I'm happy to be representing the Air Force and its core values, as well as the quality of people now serving in the military."

According to Holmes' supervisor at the time of nominations, Holmes epitomizes the Air Force's core values of "Integrity First, Excellence In All We Do, and Service Above Self," as demonstrated by Holmes' selection for senior airman below-the-zone in 1995 and staff sergeant in 1997.

Holmes' leadership and performance caught the attention of senior leadership after he implemented the first-ever narration program in the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard's 50-year history. As head trainer, Holmes was responsible for the narration of all Honor Guard ceremonies and personally trained three ceremonial guardsmen, ensuring the future of the narrator program.

Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David Campanale requested Holmes to serve as Master of Ceremonies at the annual Air Force Sergeants Association's National Convention, in addition to former Secretary of De-

fense William Perry's Order of the Sword Ceremony.

Sangster, nominated while assigned to the 324th IS, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, shared Holmes' excitement of representing the Air Force. "It's a double-edged sword, though, because it's difficult to recognize one person for work that requires teamwork," said Sangster. "I was shocked! I can't say enough about the people I worked with," she continued, "they sweat blood every day and I miss them very much."

Sangster feels this honor can help her professional goals. "I love the Air Force and it's important to be regarded as a professional and a role model — especially to younger women in the Air Force."

Her desire to help women excel in the Air Force is evident as she is a



Tech. Sgt. Suzan Sangster

spokesperson for women's issues and works with local and national congressmen on equal rights for women.

"I've worked for brilliant leaders in my career and I'll take knowledge I learned and pass it on," she said.

According to her nomination package, Sangster was nominated above 29 others because of "her expertise and initiative." By applying herself, Sangster mastered every aspect of her duties and willingly took on additional duties. Sangster filled a vacant division chief's and superintendent's position, as well as maintaining her own duties for a six-month period.

Just as all of the nominees had hopes of being selected, Sangster had personal reasons. She was very close to her ailing grandmother.

"I tried to explain to her that I had been nominated for the award, but she couldn't understand," said Sangster. "I finally told her I had already won." The next day, Sangster's grandmother died.

"I am really honored to have been selected, but I am also glad I did not lie to my grandmother," she said choking back emotions.

As part of the Air Force's "Best of the Best," Holmes and Sangster will participate in the Air Force Enlisted Council. This will allow them the opportunity to play a vital role in talking with enlisted folks and gathering information to find out what issues they are concerned with and how to best solve them.

Both Holmes and Sangster are eagerly awaiting their new challenges and both know that whatever ventures their way can be accomplished through teamwork. After all, they both credited their current successes to teamwork. ■

MEDALS



Defense

Meritorious Service Medal

Staff Sgt. Shannon, Kenneth
Tech. Sgt. Yocum, Joseph



Meritorious Service Medal

Tech. Sgt. Westbrook, Charles
Master Sgt. Archer, Thomas
Maj. Haley, Gary



Aerial Achievement Medal

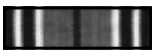
Staff Sgt. Mohr, Stuart
Staff Sgt. Shannon, Kenneth
Tech. Sgt. Sparks, Thomas



Air Force

Commendation Medal

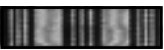
Senior Airman Crawford, Sam
Staff Sgt. Cannady, Richard
Staff Sgt. Chew, David
Staff Sgt. Maloney, Michael
Tech. Sgt. Percy, John
Capt. Boyd, Andrew



Joint Service

Achievement Medal

Airman 1st Class Berg, John
Senior Airman Keller, Dorothy
Senior Airman Lester, Billy
Senior Airman Marlow, Ann
Senior Airman Marlow, Matthew
Staff Sgt. Shannon, Kenneth
Staff Sgt. Vogler, Matthew



Air Force

Achievement Medal

Airman 1st Class Richardson, Stephen
Senior Airman Fowler, Gemelle
Senior Airman Healey, Elizabeth
Senior Airman Walker, Dennis
Staff Sgt. Baker, Brian
Staff Sgt. Billers, Timothy
Staff Sgt. Davis, David
Staff Sgt. Logan, Timothy

Staff Sgt. Newell, David
Tech. Sgt. Orange, Anthony
Tech. Sgt. Thomas, Frank
Master Sgt. Bleier, Steven
Capt. Vila, Rafael
Lt. Col. Eastman, James



Air Force

Good Conduct Medal

Senior Airman Bercier, Denroy
Senior Airman Brahmer, Derika
Senior Airman Clark, Joseph
Senior Airman Daniel, Christopher
Senior Airman Donnell, Jessica
Senior Airman Edens, Jefferey
Senior Airman Fiala, Hilarie
Senior Airman Durish, Jennifer
Senior Airman Grun, Susan
Senior Airman Hysell, Shawn
Senior Airman Latch, April
Senior Airman Levine, Joseph
Senior Airman Lienert, Daniel
Senior Airman Long, Amy
Senior Airman McClure, Ralph
Senior Airman Meadows, Billy
Senior Airman Miller, Heather
Senior Airman Ostrom, Timothy
Senior Airman Peter, Serena
Senior Airman Raymond, Christine
Senior Airman Raymond, Erik
Senior Airman Schulze, Joshua
Senior Airman Smith, Vanessa
Senior Airman Strayer, Chad
Senior Airman Walker, Daniel
Senior Airman Walker, Dawn



Kuwaiti Liberation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Paschall, Charles
Tech. Sgt. Powell, Steve
Master Sgt. Fausnight, Joseph
Master Sgt. Lytle, Michael
Capt. Rooke, Jennifer
Capt. Sanchez, Roberto

NATO Medal and

Armed Forces Service Medal

Master Sgt. Kaufman, William

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Staff Sgt. Hoch, Robert

AWARDS

Quarterly

20th IS

Senior Airman Dudley, Troy
Airman

Staff Sgt. Ross, Randy
NCO

Capt. Wolstenholme, Dennis
Company Grade Officer

Airman Richardson, Melanie
Professional Image

39th IS

Airman 1st Class Bowyer, Jayne
Airman

Staff Sgt. Newell, David
NCO

1st Lt. Medici, Jeffrey
Company Grade Officer

Senior Airman Figgins, Troy
Technician of the Quarter

381st IS

Staff Sgt. Rouse, James
NCO

Airman Leadership School

31st IS

Senior Airman Sanchez, Pablo Jr.
John L. Levitow

Senior Airman Partin, Todd
Distinguished Graduate

NCO Academy

31st IS

Tech. Sgt. Staton, Robert
Distinguished Graduate

ARRIVALS

Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Bell, Natalie

Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Staff Sgt. Braziel, Gonzaver
Staff Sgt. Markle, Christopher
Master Sgt. Baker, Richard Jr.
Capt. Arrington, Bruce
Capt. Waldrop, Renee

Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

Airman Preston, Jennifer
Sgt. Fields, Carla

Denver City, Colo.

Sgt. Carl, Kimberly
Staff Sgt. Carl, Donald
Staff Sgt. Lepore, John
Staff Sgt. Morasco, John

Staff Sgt. Williams, Michael
Tech. Sgt. Harvey, Lance
Master Sgt. Pelaez, Emilio
1st Lt. Lee, Hansel Jr.

Falcon Air Force Base, Colo.

Airman 1st Class Pietenpol, Anton

Fort George Meade, Md.

Airman Lantz, Marquis
Airman Simpson, Charles
Airman Clark, Sarah
Airman Sanborn, Heather
Airman Shaffer, Jason
Airman Webber, Steven
Airman Welsh, Michael
Airman 1st Class Allen, Jeffrey
Airman 1st Class Bordovsky, Patrik
Airman 1st Class Bussey, Brian
Airman 1st Class Capehart, John
Airman 1st Class Hardy, Carrie
Airman 1st Class Miller, Rachael
Airman 1st Class Murphy, Melanie
Airman 1st Class Natius, Mark
Airman 1st Class Oikonomides, Deborah
Airman 1st Class Toth, Marie
Sgt. Bailey, Dustin
Sgt. Blecha, Kevin
Sgt. Braxton, Frederick
Sgt. Collazo, Shawn
Sgt. Kerr, Charline
Sgt. Presley, Ty
Sgt. Rivard, Pierre Jr.
Sgt. Tate, Rhonda
Staff Sgt. Alexander, Steven
Staff Sgt. Baker, Todd
Staff Sgt. Delafleur, Jeffrey
Staff Sgt. Jaber, Dea
Staff Sgt. Jaber, Derrick
Staff Sgt. Landi, Louis
Staff Sgt. Lewis, James
Staff Sgt. Porter, Anthony
Staff Sgt. Reynolds, Brenda
Staff Sgt. Rochford, Timothy
Tech. Sgt. Carr, Everette
Tech. Sgt. Cesario, Carmen
Tech. Sgt. Engel, Patricia
Tech. Sgt. Genslinger, Richard
Tech. Sgt. Harris, Robert
Tech. Sgt. Harshman, Curtis
Tech. Sgt. Harshman, Luz
Tech. Sgt. Teruel, Michael
Master Sgt. Butler, John
Master Sgt. Johnson, James
Master Sgt. Staycoff, Steven
Capt. Claunch, Jon
Maj. Billingsley, Michael

Fort Gordon, Ga.

Airman 1st Class Fassett, Richard
Airman 1st Class Joy, Nicholas

Airman 1st Class Mattler, Lisa
Airman 1st Class Pelletier, Jeffery

Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
Tech.Sgt Chiaro, John

Hurlburt Field, Fla.
Staff Sgt. King, James
Tech.Sgt Scott, Jon
Maj. Brodman, Gregory

Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
Airman Gutierrez, Martha
Airman Przybylski, Micheal
Airman Serrano, Samuel
Airman Turner, Rosalind
Airman Washington, Kishontai
Airman Llyod, Keith

Airman Martin, Beverly
Sgt. Blair, Rochelle
Sgt. Burke, Shanon
Sgt. Heckman, Keith
Sgt. Louque, David, Jr.

Sgt. Meisenhelder, Joshua
Sgt. Nelson, John

Sgt. Tucker, Joshua
Sgt. Vaughn, Richard, Jr.

Sgt. Williams, Toni, Marie
Staff Sgt. Bobbitt, Jeffrey

Staff Sgt. Currier, Tracy
Staff Sgt. Frye, Lonny

Staff Sgt. Gratz, Russell
Staff Sgt. Johnson, Mark

Staff Sgt. Lomison, Dana
Staff Sgt. Marotte, Carolyn

Staff Sgt. Strahan, Jacqueline
Tech. Sgt Marotte, Stephen

Master Sgt. Menzer, Frank
Master Sgt. Rustia, Valiente

2nd Lt. Gruber, John
2nd Lt. Porter, Amy

1st Lt. Forthaus, Joseph
Capt. Matheys, Mitchell

Capt. Solis, Martin
Maj. Boronow, William

Maj. Copelin, Shaun
Maj. Deberry, John

Maj. Jackson, Robert, Jr.
Lt. Col. Fischman, Leonard

Col. Haenchen, Michael

Langley Air Force Base, Va.
Airman Elmore, Matthew
Airman Haynesworth, Michael
Airman Henderson, Ryan
Airman Hoppe, George
Airman Kremer, Matthew
Airman Lewis, Arlonya
Airman Woods, Melva
Airman 1st Class Babik, Mark
Sgt. Jones, Tonya
Sgt. Misko, Ian

Staff Sgt. Card, Frederick
Staff Sgt. Jones, Nartarsia
Staff Sgt. Thomas, Troy
Master Sgt. Strickland, Timothy
Lt. Col. Feliz, Robert
Lt. Col. Glenn, James, Jr.

McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.
Sgt. Hillard, Jeff
Sgt. Walton, Anita
1st Lt. Price, Jason
1st Lt. Taylor, Joseph

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
Staff Sgt. Aldover, Simplicio, Jr.
Staff Sgt. Kulic, Anthony
Staff Sgt. Macken, Michael

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
Airman Smith, Alfred
Sgt. Milburn, Tadaichi
Sgt. Nolte, Gaar
Maj. Neihart, Bradley

Pentagon, Va.
Staff Sgt. Bardwell, Alan
Staff Sgt. Pelzer, Carlton
Capt. Drummond, Dan
Capt. Hilgenberg, Lisa

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Sgt. Raymond, Joseph, Ii
Tech. Sgt Bohler, David

Tech. Sgt Towner, James
2nd Lt. Muha, Matthew

1st Lt. Hey, Paul
Maj. Hall, Denise

Maj. Larson, Steven

RETIREMENTS

Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
Tech. Sgt. Williamson, Nunry

Fort George Meade, Md.
Staff Sgt. Griffin, Steven
Tech. Sgt. Parker, Ricky
Master Sgt. Stewart, Douglas
Master Sgt. Richardson, Harold
Master Sgt. Barton, Patrick

Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
Tech. Sgt. Proctor, Guadalupe
Tech. Sgt. Romero, Hector Jr
Master Sgt. Dates, Carl
Master Sgt. Johnson, Harry
Chief Master Sgt. Rogers, Edward
Lt. Col. Wright, Larry

Norfolk, Va.
Tech. Sgt. Nusz, Darrell

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
Master Sgt. Wilhelmssen, Stephen

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
Tech. Sgt. Glore, Donald
Senior Master Sgt. Deichler, Norman
Lt. Col. Ward, Joseph

Col. Sihilkitus, Michael

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
Tech. Sgt. Bromley, Donald III
Master Sgt. Rudd, Philip
Lt. Col. Kinney, Daniel

Drilling Reservist receives Defense Superior Service Medal

The Defense Intelligence Agency awarded the first-ever Defense Superior Service Medal to a drilling Reservist.

Col. John Rowland, individual mobilization augmentee to the vice commander, National Air Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was awarded the medal during ceremonies July 18, at the Joint Military Intelligence College, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit-level, Department of Defense decoration for a series of highly challenging duties.

Until late last year, Defense Intelligence Agency regulations prohibited drilling Reservists from consideration for the Defense Superior Service Medal.

In addition to outstanding performance as commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency Intelligence Reserve Detachment 61 and director of the Air Force Intelligence Command, Reserve District of Columbia Region, Rowland served as the first director of the JMIC's Postgraduate Intelligence Program for Reserves.



BIRTHS

April

Julia Maria Loncar, April 11, 9 pounds, 3 ounces,
Chief Master Sgt. Mark and Teana Loncar, HQ AIA

August

Kimberly Lynn Gilson, Aug. 28, 7 pounds, 4 ounces,
Senior Airman Ann Marie and Gilson Shaad, 381st IS

September

Patrick Timothy Riley, Sept. 2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces,
Airman 1st Class Melissa Riley, 381st IS