

# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual

## "Salute to Excellence"

### Awards

#### **AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN AWARD: Richard L. Beers; Maintenance Technician (Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic), Keystone Helicopter Corporation, West Chester, Pennsylvania**

Mr. Beers received his A&P license in December 1977. In July of 1981, he joined Geisinger Medical Center's new flight program as its first helicopter mechanic. With the exception of an 18-month sabbatical to work for Textron Lycoming, Mr. Beers has spent his entire career with Geisinger. During his long association with the medical center, he has worked for four different vendors. Each time the vendor has changed, Geisinger has insisted that he be retained.

In 1983, Mr. Beers and Geisinger became the first to operate the Kawasaki BK 117 in the United States, on an EMS contract. In 1996, he was awarded the Eurocopter Master Technician Award for 15 years of excellence in helicopter maintenance. In the words of a former Geisinger director: "Richard's dogged determination and commitment to safety would never allow him to fly unless the aircraft was 150 percent able to do so."

Over the course of his career, Mr. Beers has been responsible for the management of two maintenance technicians, three remote EMS site operations, and three different types of medium, twin IFR helicopters. His legacy of maintenance excellence, dedicated service and having a "can do" attitude has contributed overwhelmingly to the safety record of Keystone Helicopters, and the EMS helicopter industry. HAI is proud to recognize him with the 2002 Aviation Maintenance Technician Award.



*Richard L. Beers; Maintenance Technician, Keystone Helicopter Corporation, receiving the Aviation Maintenance Technician Award from HAI Chairman Elling Halvorson.*

#### **AVIATION REPAIR SPECIALIST AWARD: Steve Wile; Maintenance Director, Northern Airborne Technology, Ltd., Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada**

Graduating from Toronto's Royal York Collegiate Institute, Mr. Wile entered the Canadian Armed Forces in 1972. In 1976, having excelled in avionics and electronic training, he went to work as an installer for Ducey Avionics in Edmonton. Mr. Wile spent the next seventeen years at Ducey, developing the skills in parts, sales, shipping and receiving that are necessary to provide critical customer support.

Mr. Wile's reputation as a man who could "pull the guts out of an aircraft, build new harnesses and rewire any piece of electronics given to him" quickly preceded him wherever he went. Based on that reputation, he joined Northern Airborne Technology, Ltd. (NAT) in 1996 as a Product Support Technician.

Now Maintenance Director at NAT, Mr. Wile's tireless efforts include assisting and teaching helicopter technicians, and consulting with police and firefighting agencies. His technical knowledge and commitment to outstanding customer support reflect a personal dedication to professional excellence. HAI is proud to recognize his service to the industry with the Aviation Repair Specialist Award for 2002.



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#### **IGOR I. SIKORSKY AWARD FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE: The Government Flying Service of Hong Kong; All Staff Members, Lantau, Hong Kong**

The Government Flying Service was officially established on April 1, 1993, after having functioned as the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force for over 20 years. Headed by Captain Brian Butt, Controller, the GFS is one of the disciplined services of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG). They provide a full range of emergency aviation services both within Hong Kong and extending out 700 nautical miles into the South China Sea.

On September 11, 2002, those emergency services were desperately needed when tropical storm Hagupit brushed the coast of Hong Kong, capsizing and



*Captain Brian Butt, Controller, receiving the Igor I. Sikorsky Award for Humanitarian Service on behalf of the Government Flying Service of Hong Kong.*

has instilled a generation of pilots with a commitment to excellence, and contributed significantly to the advancement of the helicopter industry. HAI is proud to recognize him with the 2002 Outstanding Flight Instructor Award.

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A graduate of Boston University and Suffolk University Law School, Mr. Grassia grew up in and around Massachusetts, Vermont, and Ontario, Canada, and currently resides in Sherborn, Massachusetts. He is a Senior and Managing Partner at the law firm of Grassia, Murphy & Lupan, P.A., of Natick, Massachusetts, where he specializes in business, corporate and property law. He has been a practicing attorney for more than 28 years.

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sinking fishing boats. Under extreme conditions, the GFS was tasked to provide search and rescue services to several vessels in distress.

Flying through the eye of the typhoon, GFS crews located two sinking fishing boats with a combined crew of 21 onboard. Upon beginning the rescue procedure, weather conditions were so violent that the team's hi-line rescue ropes snapped. The crew modified their procedures, utilized their remaining equipment, and then fought torrential rain, severe turbulence, low visibility, mountainous seas and failing equipment to rescue all 21 fishermen and transport them to safety.

That feat of courage and heroism, conducted while selflessly risking their own lives, is just one example of the dedication to excellence that the Government Flying Service of Hong Kong brings to every call of distress. As a result, HAI is proud to award them the 2002 Igor I. Sikorsky Award for Humanitarian Service.

#### **THE JOE MASHMAN SAFETY AWARD: Frank A. Culver; Senior Pilot, Salt River Project, Phoenix, Arizona**



*Frank A. Culver; Senior Pilot, Salt River Project, receiving the Joe Mashman Safety Award.*

Mr. Culver's professional aviation career spans over 38 years of accident-free flying. Throughout that career, several of his professional achievements have involved his pioneering unique inventions or operational procedures in the helicopter industry:

In 1977, he acquired the first civilian IFR 135 certification for ERA Helicopters, where he served as Chief Pilot and Chief Instrument Pilot. In 1979, he developed and implemented IFR sling load operations for ERA. He was instrumental in the NVG program at Salt River Project, where he served as external load Chief Pilot and Bell 212 Program Manager. Mr. Culver also pioneered many powerline construction and maintenance techniques, including the use of a helicopter rescue hoist to place electrical crews onto transmission

towers. In particular, he helped to develop and implement the first night vision goggle procedures for utility helicopters, allowing personnel to access remote hydro stations at night.

Mr. Culver accomplished several landmark achievements in his career. He was the first pilot in the United States to fly an instrument helicopter offshore, the first pilot to make a radar approach offshore, the first pilot to fly with an external load under instrument conditions, and the first pilot to transport an external load under instrument conditions at night.

Mr. Culver holds an ATP certificate with type rating for a Sikorsky 61 and Bell 212, an A&P certificate and journeyman agriculture license, and is airplane single and multi-engine rated. In addition to those qualifications, he holds an airline transport rating in helicopters, is a flight instructor for both rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, and is an instrument flight instructor.

Mr. Culver has spent his entire aviation career teaching and promoting safety and safety awareness. He continues to mentor the pilots that work with him and still come to him for advice. Many of these pilots credit him with saving their lives during situations in which they have applied his lessons. They, along with HAI's Safety Committee (of which Bob is currently Vice Chairman), recognize the outstanding contributions he has made to the helicopter industry, and are proud to recognize him with the 2002 Joe Mashman Safety Award.

#### **OUTSTANDING CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AWARD: George Bedford; JAA Program Manager, Helicopter Adventures, Inc., Titusville, Florida**



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Mr. Bedford's 35-year career as a helicopter pilot began with the British Royal Navy in 1967, when he successfully completed Pilot Aptitude and Officer Selection tests. Shortly thereafter, he began flight training, where he earned his Fleet Air Arm Helicopter Pilot wings. After retiring from the Royal Navy in 1977, Mr. Bedford joined Bristow Helicopters as Ab Initio Flight Instructor of their flight training school. He later served as company training captain and Chief Pilot for Offshore Operations in Eket, Nigeria, in support of a Mobil operation. In 1983, he returned to Bristow's flight training school as Principal, where he was responsible for managing the school, maintaining company and civil aviation authority standards, developing flight and ground training syllabi, and supervising license and instructor examinations.

In 1999, he joined Helicopter Adventures as European training program manager, where he presently manages the only Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Joint Aviation Authority (JAA) helicopter training and licensing program in the United States. To date, he has flown a total of 8,500 flight hours, including 4,500 instructional flight hours.

For Mr. Bedford, flight instruction has always been a vocation rather than an occupation, and he has dedicated his life to raising the standard of that training. His students have gone on to become pilots serving every area of the world, from the North Sea to Southeast Asia. Through his intensive programs — which emphasize not only safety but professional skill development — he

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the Air Force Commendation Medal, and both the U.S. and Korean Presidential Unit Citations.

Mr. Kirkland has written numerous short stories, the most recent of which were published in *Classics and Air and Space Magazine*. His most recent book, *Tales of a Helicopter Pilot*, is a volume of true stories collected from his experiences flying and working with helicopters. The sixteen tales include incredible accounts of how helicopters are used by firefighters, law enforcement officials, and paramedics. A previous book, *Tales of a War Pilot*, was published by the Smithsonian Institution and received exceptional reviews.

He has given speeches for the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and has been a guest on the G. Gordon Liddy radio show. He is presently at work on a new book, *War Pilot*, which is a collection of short stories about helicopter pilots and crews in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. *War Pilot* will be published by Random House-Ballantine in April of this year.

Through a lifetime of flying, story telling and communicating with the media, Richard Kirkland has greatly contributed to the promotion of the helicopter as a safe, efficient and world-changing tool in society. HAI is proud to recognize his service to the industry with the 2002 Excellence in Communications Award.

*Robert E. Amedeo; Chief Inspector, Chevron USA, Inc., receiving the Helicopter Maintenance Award.*



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Mr. Amedeo began his maintenance career in the United States Army, where he completed the UH-1 helicopter maintenance course and the UH-1 crew chief and leadership school. He later worked hangar maintenance on Huey's and Cobras, before gaining flight status as a Huey crew chief supporting the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon leaving the Army in 1974, he received his Airframe & Powerplant licenses at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and entered the world of civilian aviation.

Working for Petroleum Helicopters, Mr. Amedeo maintained Bell 205's and 212's at the main hangar facilities. He was soon promoted to senior mechanic and transferred to Morgan City, Louisiana, where he performed maintenance on Petroleum's larger Bell helicopters. Leaving Petroleum Helicopters in 1981, Mr.

Amedeo accepted a position as floor mechanic with Chevron Aircraft Operations. After five years there, he was promoted to lead mechanic. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to the inspections department, where he currently serves as Aircraft Inspector.

Today, Mr. Amedeo maintains both the part 135 Approved Aircraft Inspection Program and the Continuous Airworthiness Program for Chevron USA. Chevron's mechanics rely on the accuracy of the data in these programs for their procedures, and their pilots rely on that data for the safe operation of their aircraft. As a result, Mr. Amedeo is never satisfied with the status quo. He relentlessly probes his data, seeks out new ideas, ensures that all regulatory requirements are met and provides accurate, well-documented answers for personnel with questions. In all his duties, he has an unwavering commitment to operational excellence.

With numerous awards under his belt from the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Business Aviation Association, the Helicopter Association International, and Bell Helicopters, Robert Amedeo is a true asset to the civil helicopter industry. HAI is proud to recognize him with the 2002 Helicopter Maintenance Award.

*Paul F. O'Sullivan, Jr., Director of Operations, U.S. Department of State Air Wing, accompanied by his wife Patricia, receiving the MD Helicopters Law Enforcement Award.*



**MD HELICOPTERS LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD: Paul F. O'Sullivan, Jr., Director of Operations, U.S. Department of State Air Wing Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Office of Aviation, Patrick AFB, Florida**

A graduate of West Point and retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, Mr. O'Sullivan presently directs and oversees operations for the aviation wing of the Department of State's counter-narcotics program. His jurisdiction spans countries in both Central and South America, as well as a newly established site in Pakistan.

During 2001 and 2002, Mr. O'Sullivan directed the counter-narcotics aviation wing in destroying over 120,000 hectares of coca. In Columbia, he personally flew more than 70 missions, directing and evaluating helicopter air crews as they performed aerial eradication and interdiction missions. He was the lead official in developing the aerial eradication concept for the poppy crop in Afghanistan, as well as the implementation plan for the border security program in Pakistan.

Mr. O'Sullivan is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, holds a Masters in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and is certified by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Flight Instructor. He holds a Commercial Pilot, Rotor-Craft, Helicopter certification as well as Commercial Pilot, Glider and Private Pilot, Single Engine Land certifications.

Through his disciplined, innovative and dedicated approach to management of the State

Department's aviation counter-narcotics program, Mr. O'Sullivan has made an invaluable contribution to the aviation component of the "War on Drugs." HAI is proud to award him the 2002 MD Helicopters Law Enforcement Award.

**LAWRENCE D. BELL MEMORIAL AWARD: Jim Chadwick; President/Owner, Chadwick-Helmuth Company, Inc., El Monte, California**

Fifty years ago, Mr. Chadwick started Chadwick-Helmuth with his partner, Jim Helmuth. Their principal product was the "Slip-Sync" strobe lighting system and camera for observation of items undergoing vibration testing. In the mid-1960's, Chadwick-Helmuth developed the legendary Vibrex /Strobex , the world's first portable helicopter Rotor Track and Balance system, of which over 10,000 remain in service across the world today. In the mid-1980's, Chadwick-Helmuth introduced the model 8500 Balancer/Analyzer with Smart Chart Rotor Track and Balance technology. The company still produces the 8500 model today, and also offers new state-of-the-art vibration management systems.

Chadwick-Helmuth became a business unit of Honeywell International in July of 2002. Today, at 81, Mr. Chadwick continues his work on a daily basis, maintaining the company's traditions while exploring new opportunities with the Honeywell relationship.

For nearly half a century, Mr. Chadwick has devoted himself to the study of vibration in aircraft, and to the resolution of vibration problems in the aviation industry. This devotion has benefited civil helicopter operators, manufacturers, field personnel, and the military by helping resolve vibration problems efficiently, accurately, and most importantly, safely.

Due to his tireless commitment to improving both the standard of safety and quality of operation in the helicopter industry, HAI is proud to recognize Mr. Chadwick with the 2002 Lawrence D. Bell Memorial Award.



*Jim Chadwick; President/Owner, Chadwick-Helmuth Company, Inc., receiving the Lawrence D. Bell Memorial Award.*

**ROBERT E. TRIMBLE MEMORIAL AWARD: Douglas E. Makkonen; Base Manager/Base Pilot, Trans North Helicopters, Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Canada**

During his flying career, Mr. Makkonen has supported research projects, mining, law enforcement, forest fire suppression, tourism, and search and rescue. He is a key player in a multi-year bear research project, has flown over 70 immobilization flights involving grizzlies, and performed countless hours of follow-up telemetry flying. He has also been the rescue pilot on numerous missions to assist climbers and hikers in the Kluane National Park. He is currently very involved in a glacier coring research project on the upper plateau of Mount Logan (17,000-19,000 feet), and has flown approximately 100 flights moving equipment onto and off of the Logan Plateau.

As Base Manager and Pilot, one of his full-time duties is working with the Kluane Park Mountain Rescue Team. In addition to assisting in the training of all new Park Wardens involved with the team, he helps direct the planning, execution, and completion of all rescues. Many of his days on are spent transporting climbers and equipment to some of the inaccessible, rarely climbed faces on Mt. Logan. A good portion of his time is also spent picking less fortunate climbers off of those same faces, when weather or accidents have led to disaster.

Mr. Makkonen has been flying with Trans North Helicopters for 30 years, and has been their Company Check Pilot for the past 22 years. He has received the Commissioner's Award for Bravery, the Bell Safety Award for 15,000 flight hours, and remains accident free at 18,000 hours. His peers consider him to be the finest mountain pilot in the industry. HAI is proud to recognize him with the 2002 Robert E. Trimble Memorial Award.



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**PILOT OF THE YEAR AWARD: Francisco Orlaineta; Chief Pilot, Evergreen Helicopters, Inc., McMinnville, Oregon**

Mr. Orlaineta has been Chief Pilot for Evergreen since 1996. In this role, he oversees a team of full-time and contract pilots that fly varying types of missions, including construction, firefighting, aerial applications of fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides, seeding and rehabilitation work, search and rescue, and helicopter logging.

Mr. Orlaineta began his flying career in Vero Beach, Florida, where he received his Commercial License, Single and Multi-Engine Land, Instrument Airplane, and Rotorcraft helicopter add-on licenses. His first commercial position was with Protexa Corporation in Campeche, Mexico. He then flew for MAR-PAC Corporation for eight years as a tuna spotter. After moving to Evergreen Helicopters, Inc., he flew UN missions for the referendum on Western Sahara in Africa.



*Francisco Orlaineta; Chief Pilot, Evergreen Helicopters, Inc., receiving the Pilot of the Year Award.*

## Call for Articles

Have a story to tell, or an issue you feel needs to be addressed? Well here is your opportunity to sound off, relive history, or share your knowledge or expertise on industry developments. *ROTOR* Magazine invites its readers to submit articles about the civil helicopter industry for publication. *ROTOR* welcomes contributions from scholars, practitioners, policymakers and industry professionals. *ROTOR* would also be interested in personal or human-interest stories. The publisher reserves the right of final approval based on subject matter and space availability. Letters to the editor are also welcome. *ROTOR* Magazine continually reviews article submissions throughout the year. Send your submissions to: Martin J. Pociask, Editor, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2818; e-mail to [rotor@rotor.com](mailto:rotor@rotor.com).

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He then moved to Columbia Helicopters where he performed helicopter logging operations for a year before returning to Evergreen in 1996. He is presently their Chief Pilot.

It is his most recent rescue that makes Mr. Orlaineta most deserving of HAI's 2002 Pilot of the Year Award. While on standby for initial attack at the Timbered Rock wild fire, Mr. Orlaineta overheard a mayday call for downed helicopter pilot, Scott Dunn, and passenger Mike Coffel. The initial rescue plan for Dunn and Coffel was to get as close to them as possible with ground vehicles and then pack the victims out. This was because the canyon was steep and covered with tall timber, which prevented a helicopter from landing. Mr. Orlaineta explained to the rescue team on the ground that he was certified in search and rescue operations. He then devised a plan to airlift Dunn and Coffel out.

He hooked a long-line and litter to his Lama helicopter, and then demonstrated his skills as a pilot by placing the litter between the trees, and hovering amid the treetops while the victims were loaded on the litter. He then short-hauled them safely to the canyon rim, where they were transferred to an EMS helicopter.

The helicopter community recognizes Mr. Orlaineta both for his exceptional skill as a pilot, and his effective leadership under daunting conditions. Because of his courage and determination in rescuing those in need - often at great risk to himself - HAI is proud to recognize him with the prestigious Pilot of the Year Award for 2002.



## **Lord Glenarthur Awarded HAI Honorary Lifetime Membership Award**

During the 42nd annual "Salute to Excellence" awards banquet at HELI-EXPO 2003, HAI recognized the Right Honorable Lord Glenarthur (Simon Mark Arthur) with HAI's Honorary Lifetime Membership Award for his achievements and contributions to the helicopter industry. During HAI's 55-year history, only 18 people including Lord Glenarthur have received this award.

An incredibly active individual, Lord Glenarthur has spent his entire varied career in public service and in

support of the helicopter community. He is a member of the House of Lords and serves as Chairman of the British Helicopter Advisory Board, the European Helicopter Association, and the International Federation of Helicopter Associations. He is a director on several boards including: Whirly Bird Services, Millennium Chemicals, Inc., and Medical Defense Unit. He is Governor/Director for Nuffield Hospitals, Commissioner of Royal Hospital in Chelsea, and is a consultant for Audax Trading Ltd. and British Aerospace PLC. Additionally, Lord Glenarthur remains a Reserve Officer for the Royal Hussars.

His colorful career has included service to his country as Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Minister of State for Scotland, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Home Office, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department of Health and Social Security, Government Whip in the House of Lords and Lord-in-Waiting to Her Majesty the Queen. He is a former Captain of British Airways Helicopters, Ltd., and is a former member of the Conservative Back-Bench Aviation Committee in the House of Lords. He has also served as the Queen's bodyguard for Scotland, while a member of the Royal Company of Archers.

Currently, Lord Glenarthur is a Liveryman in the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, a Fellow of Chartered Institute of Logistics Transport, and is a Fellow in the Royal Aeronautical Society. He has flown helicopters in both the military and civil aviation environment, including performing oil flying activities in the North Sea during the early days of offshore flying.

HAI is proud to recognize the Right Honorable Lord Glenarthur for his contributions to the civil rotorcraft industry.