

Air Force Sergeants Association - Awards Nomination

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Award: VSA	Category: Chapter	Award Period: Jan 2017 - Dec 2017
Name of Nominee (First, MI, Last): Rene R Colon-Mestey		Nominee's Rank: MSgt
Division: 6	Chapter: 1328	Chapter Strength: 921

2. SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS *(Use single-spaced bullet format)*

Volunteer Activities

- AFSA Membership Trustee; managed qrtly events & educated prsnl--gained 53 new/retained 14 mbrs/earned \$7.9K
- Headed '17 H4H Softball Tournament; generated 20 tms/240 players/740 patrons--garnered \$5.8K to AFSA/lcl vets
- Org'd VA Home BBQ; 10 vols/served food/60 residents--fostered supportive atmosphere/presented \$2.9K donation
- Managed LA County Air Show booth; oversaw 7 vols/donations--promoted AFSA purpose/mission to 137K patrons
- Dedicated CALVET Home volunteer; oversaw 10 events/cooked lunches--visited with/honored 60 resident veterans
- Led Air Force Flight Test Center Museum event; landscaped/cleaned-up grounds--preserved EAFB/acft test history
- Air Force Assistance Fund unit POC; ensured 100% contact with all prsnl--raised \$15K for Airman in need of funds
- Led Holiday Party for joint/multi-nat'l unit; organized gifts/facilities/entertainment--raised morale/gave \$5K in prizes
- Trunk or Treat AFSA lead; organized Halloween vehicle display--provided EAFB families/children safe environment
- Active AFSA advocate; org'd 18 local briefings/received concerns--facilitated Airman interests heard on Capitol Hill
- Supported Flight Test Historical Foundation; lead 16 enlisted/JROTC vols--acquired 412TW AFFTM upgrade funds
- Co-Led AFSA/ESC's Halloween movie night; provided food/entertainment--enjoyed by 160 base mbrs in attendance
- Teamed w/ lcl community; crafted 3rd annual B4B for US/Partner Nation prsnl--free mil MiLB entry/produced \$2.3K

Impact of Volunteer Service

- Oversaw base MMC; coordinated 2 vet memorial events/trained riders--mentored 30 prsnl/upheld safety standards
- Organized fair security detail; built 16 mbr team/10 day shift--received \$3K for unit morale/safeguarded 200K patrons
- Operated Freedom Festival booth; directed 9 vols/prepared food--earned \$480/briefed AFSA matters to EAFB prsnl

Total Hours of Service

- Avid base/community supporter; supervised 41 events/157 prsnl/devoted 168hrs--enhanced EAFB civ-mil relations

2. SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, Cont (*Use single-spaced bullet format*)

Acronyms

acft - aircraft

AFFTM - Air Force Flight Test Museum

B4B - Beers for the Brave

CALVET - California Department of Veterans Affairs

EAFB - Edwards Air Force Base

ESC - Elisted Spouses Club

H4H - Hits for Heroes

LA - Los Angeles

MMC - Military Motorcycle Club

VA - Veterans Affairs



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Air Force Operation Test & Evaluation Center (AFOTEC), Detachment 1

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Edwards AFB, CA [REDACTED]

MASTER SERGEANT RENE R. COLON-MESTEY

MSgt Rene R. Colon-Mestey is an F-35 Suitability Evaluator for AFOTEC Detachment 1 at Edwards Air Force Base, California. He is responsible for identifying F-35 ready to test issues, coordinating deficiency reports and collecting other vital F-35 testing information to inform the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office of potential testing shortfalls.

MSgt Colon-Mestey entered the Air Force in December 2000. He then started technical training school at Sheppard to become an F-15 Crew Chief and graduated in June 2001. His background includes various duties in the maintenance realm. He started out as an Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief on the F-15E model. Shortly after became a Dedicated Crew Chief for the F-15E, C, & D models as well as the F-22 Raptor! He became an F-22 Expediter, moved on to Quality Insurance, then became the Crew Chief Section Chief.

EDUCATION

- 2017 Senior NCO Academy DL
- 2011 Aviation Quality Assurance Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2011 Non Commissioned Officer Academy, Tyndall AFB, FL
- 2010 Aircraft Weight & Balance Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2005 Airman Leadership School, RAF Feltwell, United Kingdom
- 2001 F-15 Technical Training, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2000 USAF Basic Training, Lackland AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

- 2015-Present Edwards AFB, CA - AFOTEC Det 1/F-35 Suitability Evaluator
- 2013-2015 Edwards AFB, CA – 412th AMXS, 411th AMU/Crew Chief Section Chief
- 2012-2013 Tyndall AFB, FL - 325th AMXS, 43rd AMU/F-22 Expediter
- 2009-2012 Tyndall AFB, FL – 325th MXG/Quality Assurance Inspector
- 2006-2009 Tyndall AFB, FL – 325th AMXS/43rd AMU/F-22 Dedicated Crew Chief/ F-22 Expediter
- 2005-2006 Tyndall AFB, FL – 325th AMXS/1st AMU/F-15C&D Dedicated Crew Chief
- 2001-2005 RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom – 48th AMXS/494th AMU/F-15E Assistant & Dedicated Crew Chief

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Air Force Commendation Medal, with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Achievement Medal, with oak leaf cluster



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 325TH AMXS Dedicated Crew Chief of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter
2009 AETC Ground Safety Award
2011 325th MXG NCO Staff Professional of the Quarter, 4th Quarter
2017 AFOTEC Det 1 SNCO of the Quarter, 1st & 3rd Quarters
2017 AFOTEC Det 1 Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award, Supervisor Manager

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic	12 December 2000
Airman First Class	26 January 2001
Senior Airman	26 May 2003
Staff Sergeant	1 May 2005
Technical Sergeant	1 October 2011
Master Sergeant	1 November 2016

(Current as of December 2017)