



Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo

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Award Honoring Oklahoma Astronaut to be Presented During Upcoming Aerospace Summit

OKLAHOMA CITY – An award named in honor of retired Gen. Thomas P. Stafford will be presented during the 2008 Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo slated for June 23-25 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

The General Thomas P. Stafford Aerospace Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to Oklahoma's aerospace industry. The recipient will have made a significant impact on Oklahoma aerospace in any of the following aerospace industry areas: military; industry; business; maintenance, repair, overhaul or modifications; aerospace manufacturing; or commercial space development.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Stafford is a pioneer in space exploration, a professional military pilot and astronaut, an unrelenting advocate for space exploration, an aerospace apostle and an inspiration to all who aspire to greatness in aerospace. His personal character and professionalism, courage and pioneering spirit capture the essence of the award.

Nomination forms for the General Thomas P. Stafford Aerospace Award are available on the summit's Web site at www.okaerospacesummit.org. Nominations are due by May 16, 2008.

The 2008 Summit features industry and government aerospace leaders and issues, outstanding presenters and more than 100 exhibitors. In addition, a select group of volunteers has coordinated the Aerospace Education and Training Day that will take place on Wednesday, June 25, at the Cox Convention Center. This year marks the first time an education and training day has been part of the Summit. Officials expect more than 100 teachers to attend the one-day education and training event.