

# 2023 OF THE YEAR AWARDS

CALIFORNIA WING  
CADET SQUADRON OF THE YEAR  
**SAN FRANCISCO CADET SQUADRON 86**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
COMPOSITE SQUADRON OF THE YEAR  
**CLOVER FIELD COMPOSITE SQUADRON 51**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
SENIOR SQUADRON OF THE YEAR  
**SAN JOSE SENIOR SQUADRON 80**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL MARK W. KEMPTON**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
LEGAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ BENJAMIN W. KARABIAN**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
RECRUITING AND RETENTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT ADAM C. STALEY**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
PILOT OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT RYAN D. UHLES**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT ADAM C. STALEY**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT FINANCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT LOUIS A. RIVAS JR**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR – ANNUAL  
**MAJ CHRIS A. JOHNSON**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
CADET OF THE YEAR  
**C/CAPT AVA L. FONTANILLA**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
EDUCATION & TRAINING OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT RICHARD WEST**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
AFSA CADET NCO OF THE YEAR  
**C/MSGT ZACHARY VAN LE**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
CADET PROGRAMS OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ LISA M. CHERRY**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT SAFETY OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LT DAVID S. YACONO**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ GEORGE D. GADD**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL JAMES A. MILLER**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**2<sup>ND</sup> LT ELISA MURESAN**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
SQUADRON HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT NIKOLAY I. ZHEREBNENKOV**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
SQUADRON CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR  
**CH., CAPT AARON M. GONZENBACH**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LT KAI E. CHEN**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
AEROSPACE EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT NEIL R. MALONE**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
BREWER MEMORIAL AEROSPACE AWARD – SENIOR MEMBER  
**MAJ PATRICK D. HANFORD**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
BREWER MEMORIAL AEROSPACE AWARD – CADET  
**C/2<sup>ND</sup> LT BENJAMIN M. LEE**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
BREWER MEMORIAL AEROSPACE AWARD – LIFETIME  
**LT COL KENNETH J. ENDRIZZI**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
AEROSPACE EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
**KRISTIAN T. JOHNSON**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
AEROSPACE EDUCATION CADET OF THE YEAR  
**C/CMSGT ASCHER R. LAFAYETTE**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
UNIT OPERATIONS STAFF OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LT MICHAEL J. KANG**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
AIRCREW MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT FARAMARZ BAGHERI**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
COUNTERDRUG OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL SARABJEET S. LOHARA**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL VALERIE G. HANLEY**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
HEALTH SERVICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
**1<sup>ST</sup> LT JOSHUA M. EFFLE-HOY**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
AIRBORNE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT NEIL R. MALONE**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
OBSERVER OF THE YEAR  
**CAPT RICHARD C. ALLEGRO**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
INCIDENT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
**MAJ CHRIS A. JOHNSON**  
2023

CALIFORNIA WING  
INSTRUCTOR PILOT OF THE YEAR  
**LT COL ROBIN Y. KIM**  
2023