

The Williams Trophy - Past Winners

Washington Airports Task Force

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| 2016 | T. Allan McArtor, Chairman and CEO, Airbus Group, Inc. as his career has been defined by the ideal of service and the belief that aviation has the power to transform lives. Through many roles – combat aviator, FedEx executive, FAA Administrator, airline founder, leader at Airbus – his dedication to his industry and the people it serves has never wavered. |
| 2015 | Leo J. Schefer, Past President Washington Airports Task Force for his eminently successful leadership of the Washington Airports Task Force and his local efforts to promote and improve the National Capital region’s air service, and for his support nationally for United States aviation policies that are of fundamental importance to the economic growth of the nation. |
| 2014 | John S. Pistole, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) longest serving Administrator has been the champion for transforming TSA into a risk-based, intelligence-driven agency that has moved away from a “one-size-fits-all” approach to security, and has implemented a strategy grounded in identifying low-risk populations and expediting their screening at many U.S. airports. |
| 2013 | Dave Barger, JetBlue Airways for his leadership in the provision of quality, cost effective air transportation in a highly competitive environment, for his application of aviation to serve humanity, and for his sustained efforts to encourage the aspirations of the young, and in particular, their involvement in aviation careers. |
| 2012 | The Honorable Raymond LaHood, United States Secretary of Transportation his leadership is recognized for the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Metroplex initiative, introduced first for the National Capital Region and Houston, and the plan to extend Metrorail all the way to Washington Dulles International Airport. |
| 2011 | Richard L. Altman, CAAFI Executive Director and the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative team (CAAFI) for their successful coordination of worldwide efforts to develop, produce on an industrial scale, certify and introduce into daily airline service, biojet fuels with a dramatically reduced carbon footprint. |
| 2010 | Gary C. Kelly, Captain Jeff Martin, and The Southwest Team were awarded the William’s Trophy for their decisive leadership in creating a system-wide reduction in Greenhouse Gases, initially of 6%, and in so doing, demonstrating that Greenhouse Gas reduction can go hand-in-hand with reduced operating costs and stockholder gains. |
| 2009 | John T. Hazel, Jr. - Through his vision, direct involvement, and unwavering support of the WATF, Til Hazel has made an indelible imprint on the growth and success of the aviation services for our Nation's Capital. His decisive approach has empowered volunteers and inspired people to bring about important and lasting benefits for the region and its national and international air travelers. |
| 2008 | Stan and Doris Ann Harrison are nominated for the 2008 Williams Trophy for their eminently successful leadership and support of the Washington Airports ask Force’s efforts to: a) Improve the National Capital region’s air service capability; and b) Support U.S. aviation policies that are of fundamental importance to the economic growth of our region and the nation. |
| 2007 | Jacques Barrot, Jeffrey Shane, Daniel Calleja, John Byerly, and their supporting staffs for successfully negotiating, against all odds, an international air service agreement between the United States and the European Union. This agreement will be of profound benefit to the deregulation of international air transportation worldwide, resulting in a lasting benefit for travelers, shippers and the economic health of the nations. |
| 2006 | The Honorable Frank R. Wolf for being a tireless advocate for bringing Metrorail to Dulles. As a result, tens of millions of air travelers from around the world will soon realize a significant improvement in the quality, efficiency, and security of the transportation experience to and from our Nation’s Capital thanks to his efforts to bring Metrorail to Dulles. |

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| 2005 | The Honorable Marion Blakey for her decisive and effective actions with respect to aviation safety and air traffic control. |
| 2004 | The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta who has used his leadership qualities, charm and political skills to apply air transportation in its many forms to the significant benefit of mankind, and in particular, to benefit the citizens of the United States. |
| 2003 | General John R. "Jack" Dailey, USMC (ret.) For his accomplishments in the field of aviation ad space exploration that have led the way to significant benefits for America and its military services. |
| 2002 | James A. Wilding for his long-term leadership and influence on airport policies worldwide, and for his leadership in moving the airports serving the Nation's Capital from being among the worst to being among the best in the nation. |
| 2001 | Frederick W. Smith and his team for his air cargo innovation and for leadership of a dedicated global employee family that made guaranteed overnight delivery a reality and changed the way the world does business. |
| 2000 | Lt. General Thomas H. Miller, USMC, ret. - Throughout his distinguished military career, General Miller's dedication, vision and leadership has resulted in significant benefit for people all over the world, and in particular to residents of the National Capital Region and visitors to Washington arriving by air. For the last 50 years, Miller has played a leading and often decisive role in the evolution of vertical flight and its application to the benefit of literally millions of civilian and military personnel. |
| 1999 | The Honorable Rodney E. Slater - Received the 1999 Williams Trophy on behalf of the United States International Aviation Negotiating Team at the Department of Transportation and State for work during this decade in "opening the skies" to 34 nations. |
| 1998 | The Honorable Elizabeth Dole and The Honorable A. Linwood Holton for their leadership in successfully transferring Washington's National and Dulles Airports from federal to regional control, thus facilitating their expansion and improvement for the benefit of the National Capital region and its many visitors from throughout the nation and the world. |
| 1997 | The Honorable John Glenn - As a Marine Corps pilot, Mercury astronaut and U.S. Senator, John Glenn has fought, tested, explored, researched, engineered, and led aviation and space exploration, not just to accomplish, but also to attain the knowledge to improved the health and enhance the lives of people on earth. |
| 1996 | Honorable Carrington Williams - The trophy is named in his honor as the founding chairman of the Washington Airports Task Force from 1982 to 1996. |