



# 2019 Highlights

## AAAA Army Aviation Mission Solutions Summit

Nashville, Tennessee

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01 – More than 340 companies and organizations filled the exhibit hall's 280,000+ square feet to display their products/services.  
 02 – Over 7,200 participants took the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones during the two days of professional sessions and social events.  
 03 – FORSCOM Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, LTG Laura Richardson (center), officially opens the Exhibit Hall with the assistance of (l to r) MG (Ret.) Tim Crosby, AAAA Secretary; MG (Ret.) Jeffrey Schloesser, AAAA Senior Vice President; Mr. Bill Harris, AAAA Executive Director; BG(P) Dave Francis, HQDA Director of Aviation and incoming Aviation Branch Chief; AAAA President, BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt; Richardson; MG William Gayler, Aviation Branch Chief and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence

commanding general; CSM Brian Hauke, USAACE command sergeant major; CW5 Joseph Roland, Chief Warrant Officer of the Aviation Branch; LTC (Ret.) Jan Drabczuk, AAAA VP Chapters; and MG (Ret.) Walter Davis, AAAA Treasurer  
 04 – AAAA National President and Senior VP, BG (Ret.) Mundt & MG (Ret.) Schloesser, address members of the NATO Helicopter Inter-Service Working Group (HISWG) which annually conducts one of their sessions in conjunction with the Summit.  
 05 – Outgoing Scholarship Foundation President, BG (Ret.) Tom Konitzer (left), receives a memento from newly elected SFI President, COL (Ret.) Lou Bonham.  
 06 – Members of one of the newest chapters, the Johnny O Cluster Chapter, Nashville, TN, pose for photo during the Summit.

07 – COL (Ret.) Sid Achee, one of 9 remaining members of the "Originals", a.k.a. "The Cub Club," continues their tradition of collecting donations in their hats at the Scholarship Luncheon door.  
 08 – LTC (Ret.) Jan Drabczuk (standing), AAAA VP Chapters, guides discussions on chapter operations with attendees at the chapter workshops.  
 09 – Donors to the U.S. Army Museum Foundation pose with Foundation Vice President, and Ozark Mayor, Bob Bunting (third from right), at the Scholarship and Museum Foundations donor luncheon at the Summit.  
 10 – AAAA Scholarship Foundation President, COL (Ret.) Lou Bonam (left, kneeling) poses with Foundation donors following the luncheon at the Summit.



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11 – It was standing room only for the opening of the 2019 AAAA Army Aviation Mission Solutions Summit at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN, April 15.

12 – AAAA President, BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt talks with LTG Neil Thurgood (right), Director for Hypersonics, Directed Energy, Space and Rapid Acquisition, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); and MG Troy Kok, commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve Accessions Task Force.

13 – The 101st Combat Aviation Brigade honor guard presents the colors at the Summit opening ceremony.

14 – AAAA National President, BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt, opens the 2019 Summit.

15 – AAAA Executive Director, Bill Harris, introduces the AAAA National President.

16 – MG Brian Winski, commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) welcomes Summit attendees to Nashville, TN.

17 – LTG Laura Richardson delivers the Summit keynote address.

18 – Jeff White, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and retired Army Aviator, provided an acquisition update at the opening session.

19 – MG William K. Gayler, Aviation Branch Chief and Commanding General, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Ft. Rucker, gave his final branch update before changing command.

At the conclusion, he was inducted into the Gold Honorable Order of St. Michael by BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt with wife, Michelle, by his side.

20 – LTG Ted Martin, Training and Doctrine Command Deputy Commanding General, speaks to opening session attendees.

21 – The AAAA Outstanding Army Aviation Unit of the Year is 449th Theater Aviation Brigade; pictured (l to r) LTC Mark Pickett; CSM Matthew Shorter, senior NCO; commander, COL Joseph W. Bishop; command chief warrant officer, CW5 Carnadose Bauknight; and LTC Charles Lampe.

22 – John F. “Rick” Lunnemann celebrates the Joseph P. Cribbins Department of the Army Civilian of the Year award for CY 2018 with wife, Becky.

23 – CW3 Nickolas F. Sciacca, is congratulated on receiving the AAAA James H. McClellan Aviation Safety Award by (l to r) BG Timothy Daugherty, LTG Richardson, and BG (Ret.) Mundt.

24 – The AAAA Henry Q. Dunn Crew Chief of the Year, SGT Jack A. Brook, shows off his award with (l to r) wife, Jennifer; brother, Roy; mother and father, Wanda and Robert.



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25 – SFC Jesse R. Jernigan celebrates his AAAA Rodney J.T. Yano Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award with some of the members of his unit, A/1-101st Avn., Task Force Shadow.

26 – The AAAA Army Aviation Soldier of the Year, SGT Bradley C. Galloway, displays his award together with his wife, Kathleen, and 5-week old daughter, Isabella.

27 – The AAAA Active Army Aviation Unit of the Year is 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) – commander, LTC Michael Athanasakis (left); Senior Warrant Officer, CW5 Benjamin Arps (center); and senior NCO, CSM Paul Hutchings.

28 – The AAAA John J. Stanko Army National Guard Aviation Unit of the Year 1st Battalion, 151st Aviation Regiment commander, LTC Brian Pipkin (right holding trophy), and senior NCO, CSM Charles Hancock Jr. (left of trophy) accept the award on behalf of unit Soldiers and are congratulated by (l to r) CSM Hauke, CW5 Roland, MG Gayler, BG J. Ray Davis, LTG Laura Richardson and BG (Ret.) Mundt.

29 – The AAAA Michael J. Novosel Aviator of the Year Award winner, CW3 Patrick W. Fleming, celebrates his award by taking a selfie with the trophy and his wife, Isabella.

30 – The UH-60V Product Office is the winner of the AAAA Robert M. Leich Award; Product Manager, LTC Andrew Duus, accepts the trophy on behalf of the office with the congratulations of (l to r) CSM Hauke, CW5 Roland, MG Gayler, LTG Laura Richardson, and BG (Ret.) Mundt.

31 – The AAAA U.S. Army Reserve Aviation Unit of the Year 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment commander, LTC Matthew Hill (right), and senior NCO, CSM Charles A. Booth, receive their award for the second consecutive year on behalf of the unit and were



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congratulated by BG Jamie Shawley (left of Booth), commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve Aviation Command and USARC CSM Judd Mooso.

32 – Mr. John Shipley was presented the AAAA President's Award for a lifetime of dedicated service to Army Aviation before the Summit because he was unable to travel to Nashville. A short video of the presentation was shown following the National Award presentations.

33 – The Army Vice Chief of Staff, GEN James C. McConville, a Master Army Aviator, awarded the Silver Star to two Soldiers from the 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade; SGT Armando Yanez and SGT Emmanuel Bynum.



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34 – Working groups such as the Aviation Warrant Officer Readiness Review provided diversified information from across the Aviation Enterprise.

35 – Soldiers were able to view the future development in Army Aviation at the various exhibitor displays.

36 – The International Aviation Leaders panel – (l to r) MG (Ret.) Jeff Schloesser, moderator; BG Mac Curry, 2ID (ROK); BG John Novalis, DCS-Ops, Multinational Corps NE, NATO; AirCdre. Alastair Smith, British Army; BG Jean-Yves Bouillaud, French Army; and Brig. John Fenwick, Australian Army.

37 – MG (Ret.) Tim Crosby, AAAA National Secretary, moderates an industry leaders forum in the Aviation Warfighter Theater.

38 – The Veterans' History Project of the Library of Congress conducted interviews each day.

39 – The Soldier Café provided a venue for Active, ARNG, and USAR Soldiers and family members to relax and obtain refreshments and affordable meals.

40 – MG (Ret.) Walt Davis, left, AAAA Treasurer, moderates leadership discussions such as the Requirements Development and Determination with Army Futures Command and TRADOC key leaders.

41 – MG (Ret.) Lester D. Eisner, left, AAAA VP Guard/Reserve Rel., moderates the Aviation Accessions Panel; with MG Frank Muth, CG USAREC; MG Troy Kok, CG

USAR Accessions Task Force; and MG John Evans, CG, Cadet Cmd.

42 – COL (Ret.) Jeffrey N. Williams stands next to his portrait with his wife, Anne-Marie, and grandson, Braeden Williams following his induction into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame.

43 – CW4 (Ret.) Robert J. Monette is congratulated by MG William Gayler, Aviation Branch Chief, upon his induction into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame.

44 – The Army Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was held April 16th, during the Summit.

45 – LTG (Ret.) Kevin Manguam stands next to his portrait with his escort, CSM (Ret.) Buford Thomas following his induction into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame.





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46 – Attendees entering the Exhibit Hall.

47 – BG(P) Thomas H. Todd III, the Army Program Executive Officer, Aviation, updates attendees on the Aviation portfolio during the Friday morning professional session.

48 – Army Vice Chief of Staff, GEN James C. McConville, in the new Army Green uniform, delivers the second day's keynote address in the Aviation Warfighter Theater.

49 – Director of Army Safety and commanding general of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, BG Timothy Daugherty, discusses trends and programs in the world of Aviation safety.

50 – BG(P) Dave Francis, HQDA director of Army Aviation and incoming Aviation Branch Chief gives an update on Tuesday afternoon.

51 – MG William Gayler, Army Aviation Branch Chief, seated next to former Army Vice Chief of Staff GEN Dick Cody, asks a question during a leadership briefing.

52 – MG Erik Peterson (center), CG, First Army Div. West, moderates a Total

Team Army Aviation discussion with (l to r) COL Joe Bishop, ARNG Avn. & Safety; BG J.Ray Davis, Asst. Dir. ARNG; Peterson; BG Jami Shawley, CG, USAR Avn. Cmd.; and COL Ron Ellis, Cdr. 166th Avn. Bde.

53 – Professional sessions on Tuesday were conducted in the new, 800-seat Aviation Warfighter Theater located in the Exhibit Hall.

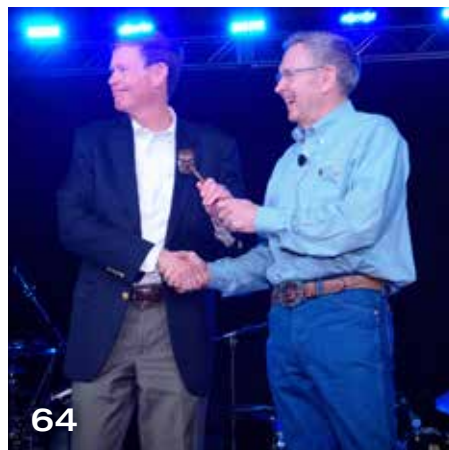
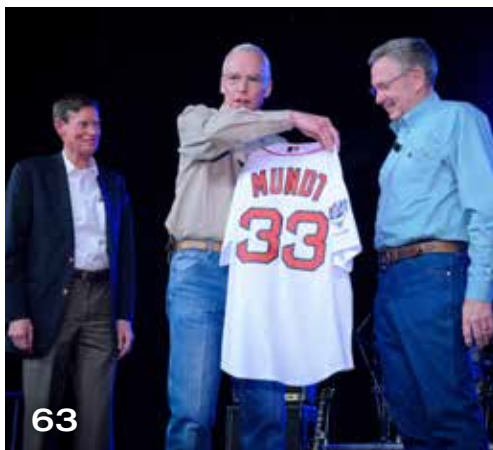
54 – Attendees in the exhibit hall on Tuesday.

55 – LTG James Richardson, deputy commanding general of the new Army Futures Command headquartered in Austin, TX, provides an update on AFC's mission and organization.

56 – BG Jami Shawley (2nd from left) reacts to a comment by MG Frank Muth during a question and answer session in the Aviation Warfighter Theater.

57 – Gaylord Executive Chef Matt Foreman and staff provided a tour for spouses of how the facility prepares various cuisine for events.

58 – CW5 Doug Englen with the Chief of Staff Army Talent Management Team fields questions.



59 – Country music’s Lee Brice headlined the entertainment at the Soldier Appreciation Concert on Tuesday night.  
 60 – Janis Arena with the National AAAA Office received the AAAA Founders Award from AAAA President BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt and Executive Director Bill Harris, for her longstanding support of AAAA, and especially her personal efforts toward awardees and their families.  
 61 – Top chapters for 2018 were recognized at the annual meeting portion of the dinner/concert. Pictured from left with AAAA President, BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt (3rd from right) are: (l to r) CW5 (Ret.) Bob Huffman (Air Assault Chapter/Super/3rd consecutive win); COL (Ret.) Kevin Vizzarri (Central Florida Chapter/Master); COL David Hall (Grizzly Chapter/AAAA); and COL (Ret.) Dave Brostrom (Aloha Chapter/Senior).

62 – Phil Harpel receives the Outstanding Soldier & Family Support Award on behalf of himself and his twin brother, Bill, from AAAA National President BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt for their long-standing support of Army Aviation Soldiers and Families at Fort Campbell, KY.  
 63 – AAAA Executive Director Bill Harris, presents outgoing president, BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt, with his own personalized Boston Red Sox shirt.  
 64 – MG (Ret.) Jeff Schloesser accepts the gavel from outgoing AAAA President, BG (Ret.) Steve Mundt during the Annual Meeting on April 16, 2019, at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN.  
 65 – Former Black Hawk pilot and country music entertainer, Ryan Weaver, performs as the opening act for the Soldier Appreciation Concert.