

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE GENERAL LEW ALLEN, JR., TROPHY FOR 2016

TO

JOSEPH J. SPADA

First Lieutenant Joseph J. Spada has been selected to receive the General Lew Allen, Jr., Trophy for 2016 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to sortie generation while assigned as Aircraft Maintenance Unit Officer-in-Charge, 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 436th Maintenance Group, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. During this time, Lieutenant Spada filled the vital Maintenance Operations Officer position in two squadrons for over eight months. His steadfast efforts enabled Team Dover to generate over 5,500 C-5, C-17 and transient alert sorties. Lieutenant Spada also coordinated squadron preparation for the first C-5M stage operations pre-positioned at Rota Naval Air Station, Spain with 78 personnel and three aircraft. His oversight led to an outstanding 90.5 percent mission capable rate and directly facilitated the transport of 117 United States Army helicopters and 1.1 million tons of cargo in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. Furthermore, Lieutenant Spada was the 436th Maintenance Group point of contact for a Dover Air Force Base six month runway closure plan. His efforts to stand up the first-ever C-5 Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Joint Base McGuire Dix-Lakehurst, enabled 24-hour operations and synchronization across five squadrons and three groups within 24-hours of arrival. Finally, Lieutenant Spada coordinated all details for 18 C-5M aircraft and 147 personnel to include operational procedures, aircraft parking, lodging and mission execution. The outstanding contributions of Lieutenant Spada reflect credit upon himself, the Air Mobility Command and the United States Air Force.