

CURRENT ENDEAVOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

	Nominee Name	VPO	
1.	Stephen & Joanne Bobko-Hillenaar	Angel Flight West	Bio
2.	Malcolm Bond	Angel Flight West	Bio
3.	Robert "Bob" Briggs	Lifeline Pilots	Bio
4.	Guiseppe Caltabiano	Angel Flight West	Bio
5.	J. Bruce Camino	Pilot N' Paws	Bio
6.	Joe Creecy	Freedom Aviation Network	Bio
7.	Jeffrey Gutovich	Fly HALO Inc.	Bio
8.	Stephanie Lamar	Freedom Aviation Network	Bio
9.	Eve Lopez	Ninety-Nine of Los Angeles	Bio
10.	Michael Lupo	Pilot N Paws	Bio
11.	Jerald Molleston	Angel Flight South Central	Bio
12.	Trevor Moody	Angel Flight West	Bio
13.	Shakeel Mozaffar	Angel Flight North East	Bio
14.	Jim Platz	PALS Skyhope	Bio

Nomination Criteria

1. A volunteer pilot who has gone above and beyond in giving back to his or her community through donated flights.
2. Flies on behalf of one or more registered 501(c)(3) non-profit based in the United States.
3. Operates aircraft within Federal Aviation requirements, including if flying Part 91, no compensation for fuel or otherwise without exemption.
4. Special consideration will be given to a total number of lifetime flights, philanthropic impact, and compelling or extraordinary flight(s).

STEPHEN & JOANNA BOBKO-HILLENAAR

CAREFREE, ARIZONA

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Angel Flight West

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Over 20+ years

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

578 missions



WHAT'S THE LENGTH OF THE NOMINEE'S PUBLIC BENEFIT FLYING YEARS OF SERVICE?

20 years in 2023

WHEN/WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR PROVIDED EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

I live in Nampa, Idaho. There are only a few volunteer pilots in this area. Unfortunately my very rare autoimmune syndrome is rejecting my lungs, which threatens my life. Doctors in Idaho are not familiar with my disease and I am medically unprotected here. That makes my flights to Denver for specialty care, critical to my survival! I'm a single mom and had to take my kids, ages 12 and 10 with me to Denver.

On September 9th, 2018 pilot Stephen Bobko picked us up in Nampa and we met another pilot in Alpine, Wyoming. Stephen's generosity made our 3 leg trip a 2 leg mission instead. Several days prior to flying Stephen sent me a comprehensive email with links explaining where to meet, pictures of himself and wife Joanna (who accompanies him on every mission), what to expect on the plane and during flight, what to anticipate with weather and so so much more. Not only did he come to Idaho from his home in Wyoming, he and Joanna welcomed us into their home while we waited for our next flight to Denver.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

When Stephen met us at the Nampa aviation center, he was happy, confident and welcoming! Immediately he reassured us. We boarded his amazing plane and any apprehension of our very first private flight immediately disappeared. I knew we were safe and protected. It was clear that this incredible man was very

intelligent, wise, loving by nature, generous, kind, compassionate, yet so humble. What a great example for my kids.

Stephen interacted with us and taught us about all of the things we were seeing below during our whole flight. The kids were excited to learn more from the “homework” Stephen encouraged. He took care of us as if we were his family. Stephen has a special skill with his ability to fly people like me for life-saving treatments. Perhaps his even bigger gift is his infectious joy, peace, and love he shares with his passengers.

For the 3-4 hours we were with Stephen my children forgot their fear of both their parents dying. It was magical to be totally immersed in the moment with Stephen as if we were on, a dream come true, vacation rather than going to a hospital for chemo again! We made happy, unforgettable memories in the sky that day thanks to Stephen!!! That is not just above and beyond, it's life-changing and priceless! Stephen and Joanna shared more of their personal travels and educated us about their vacations destinations. Countless hours in time, love, money and energy are spent by Stephen and Joanna dissolving the looming dark cloud over the patients and families they fly. I'm forever grateful for our trip and time together. These incredible humanitarians clearly do this for everyone that is blessed to meet them.

PROVIDE ANY PRESS, WEB, OR VIDEO LINKS THAT DOCUMENT THE NOMINEE

N/A

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

N/A

MALCOLM BOND

DAVIS, CA

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Angel Flight West

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

over 30 years Baron

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

Over 100

WHEN/WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR PROVIDED EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

Some missions were particularly meaningful, the first one with Valicity Faith, the first (and his last) one with Maverick Bench (together with Bill Bayne), part of the "contributions" are about is constant support of Angel Flight.

He uses his public position (Commissioner at the Airport, Whitefish City Councilman) to promote the organization on every occasion. He has driven the marketing team of his former company (NXGEN AKA Payroc) to support Angel Flight both by every individual and as a corporation. He is available for fundraising opportunities, and offerend to help by flying the winners of The Princess Ball's lucky draw in the past.

He has been the testimonial for Angel Flight at a recent story on NBC MT TV Channel

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

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Bondolio.com, cedaron.com

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.



ROBERT BRIGGS

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

NOMINEE'S ORG:

LIFELINE PILOTS

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Bob has been a pilot for 52 years. He was a commercial pilot transporting cargo for Flying Tigers and FedEx. He currently owns and operates a Cessna 525 (Citation).



HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

Several hundred

WHEN/WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR PROVIDED EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

Bob is a member of 9 different VPOs. He will often combine missions from different organizations, helping multiple families reach their destinations; making more efficient use of his airplane, avoiding taking his Citation on a "ghost flight". For his first flight of 2023, Bob flew 5 passengers for 2 organizations, bringing them from Memphis, TN, to Houston, TX. Bob is an avid champion of public benefit flying, always carrying the banner of one or more of our organizations when attending air shows or fly ins. His extensive experience has exposed him to a multitude of passengers and circumstances. He is a great ambassador for compassion flights.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Bob celebrated his 50th year of flying by returning to his native Iowa and visiting every airport in the state. He borrowed a Piper Archer PA-28 and was joined by his daughter, grandson and ever present mission assistant, Julia Walker. Bob used the opportunity to raise awareness about public benefit flying, hoping more people would become aware of this resource available to them when they need care far from home. "My brother died at age 16 from leukemia," says Briggs. "I have a very strong interest in assisting those with cancer's malady or whatever forms of disease." Bob holds the Guinness World Record as the pilot with the most certifications and type ratings. He can be counted on to fly safely and with great skill.

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- <https://lifelinepilots.org/anniversary-flight/>
- <https://blog.flightaware.com/guinness-world-record-pilot-using-flightaware-aviator-for-iowa-gold-flight-challenge>

- <https://rec.aviation.piloting.narkive.com/DIFlBwbt/robert-briggs-100-type-ratings>
- <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2005/february/flight-training-magazine/why-we-fly>

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkkAyvNBx7k>

<https://www.aviationpros.com/aircraft/business-general-aviation/press-release/21255988/tamarack-aerospace-world-record-holder-pilot-receives-second-angel-flight-midatlantic-pilot-of-the-year-award>

GIUSEPPE CALTABIANO

WHITEFISH, MONTANA

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Angel Flight West

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Giuseppe's flying experience spans over multiple types of aircraft: gliders (DG-300, SK-22), single-engine (Cessna 152, Cessna 172, Cessna 182, Cirrus SR 22, Piper Cubs, Piper Meridian Turboprop, Pilatus PC12 Turboprop), multi-engine (Eclipse jet, Citation Mustang, DC-3)"



HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

Around 60 for around 100 Flight Hours

WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

As an experienced pilot with a passion for flying, Giuseppe has dedicated his life to pursuing his dream of becoming a successful aviator. His flying career began at a young age, building remote control airplanes and earning a scholarship from my high school to participate in a summer program for flying familiarization with the Italian Air Force.

He flew SIAI MARCHETTI 208, and earned an Italian glider pilot license in 1984 which allowed him to participate in races for his club hence sharpening his flying skills.

Throughout the years, he has earned multiple ratings and certifications, including a private pilot license, IFR, single and multi-engine commercial, commercial single-engine sea rating, Eclipse jet single pilot type rating, and Citation Mustang single pilot type rating.

In addition to his flying experience, he has also been heavily involved in the safety and mentoring aspects of aviation. He has served as a Captain in the local squadron of civil air patrol, teaching aerospace education, safety, and leadership to cadets. He has also been a member of a crew of three pilots who established a world record by flying a Pilatus PC 12 around the world via the poles, and has been blessed with the opportunity to fly a historical plane, a DC3, called miss Montana, in the 75th anniversary of D day, from Normandy to Germany, as a Second in Command

His passion for flying has also led him to give back to his community, by serving as an angel flight pilot/operator, and as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners at Glacier Park International Airport.

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WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Giuseppe's does not only have a large passion for aviation, but he has a large passion to be able to give back to his community however possible.

Giuseppe was our first angel flight pilot from this we have created a friendship that has lasted over 13 years. Giuseppe and Bill have always been huge supporters of our nonprofit organization in memory of our daughter Valicity Faith and the Princess Ball.

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- NBC MT Story "Making a difference": https://youtu.be/EhgA_cH39K8
- Beautiful and moving ad for "The Princess Ball":
<https://fb.watch/gIWQ4PQqdm/>
- Being "Santa over Montana" :) :<https://youtu.be/sbMhuUP3ORc>
- Associated Press article on the World Record:
<https://apnews.com/article/africa-antarctica-jules-verne-f490db0ccb6149bf8386d480a12ddeae>
- Local Paper Article about the World Record:
<https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2017/apr/24/pilot-successfully-finishes-flight-adventure-6/>

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

European Silver C in Soaring
International World Record

J. BRUCE CAMINO

ANAHEIMif CALIFORNIA

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Pilot N Paws

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

J. Bruce has been a pilot for nearly 30 years. He currently pilots a Cirrus SR22T. Previously, he flew a Piper Comanche.

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

Dozens



WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

J. Bruce has most recently made several flights for the Pilots N Paws Organization, in which he flies adoption pets to people in need in remote areas. Prior to his work with Pilots N Paws, he volunteered as a pilot for multiple organizations including LIGA, They Flying Samaritans, and The 99s.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Despite his heavy time commitments running his architecture firm, J. Bruce has always made time to give back to the community. On his LIGA and Flying Samaritan missions to Mexico, he would also function as a translator for Medical staff. With Pilots N Paws, he enjoys the joy brought to both the pets and their new owners.

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- https://www.linkedin.com/posts/j-bruce-camino-ncarb-aia-57bb8521_dawgs-helping-dogs-2022-im-a-volunteer-ugcPost-6983825349855899648-xgWH?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

- ★ Named honorary "99" for his work with the "Fullerton 99s" an organization promoting women to explore careers in aviation;
- ★ Guest Speaker for Diplomatic Aviation Mission to China (CAIC Conference).

JOE CREECY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Freedom Aviation Network

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Joe has been a pilot for 12 years.
He operates a Cessna Skylane 182R.

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

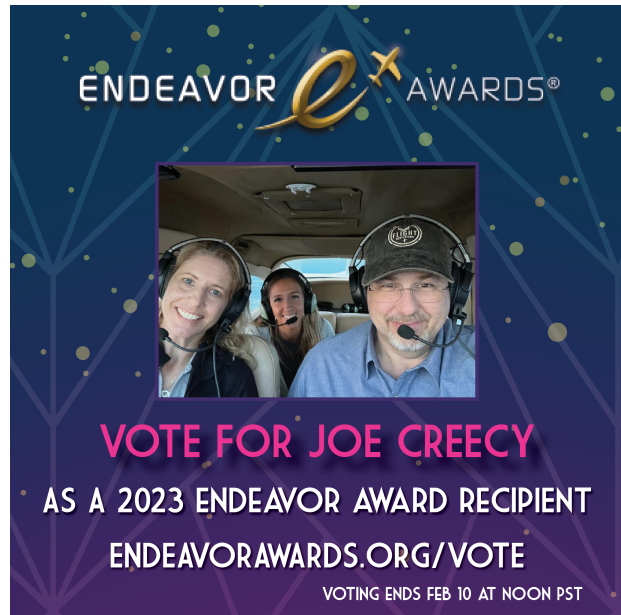
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WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

In 2020, when one of the founders of Freedom Aviation Network came up with the seemingly wild idea of creating a VPO to serve survivors of human trafficking, Joe Creecy immediately jumped in to help get it all started. Fast forward two years, when we incorporated FAN in September of 2022, it was because of his insight, wisdom, encouragement, and leadership skills that we were able to launch the organization. He now serves as the President of the Board as well as regularly conducts flights for the organization, in addition to serving other VPOs.

Freedom Aviation Network is a VPO dedicated to the safe, efficient, and rapid transportation of survivors of human trafficking and their advocates. This is a very daunting mission, one that many other VPOs have decided to avoid. This organization has been made possible because Joe Creecy said "I'm in." His greatest advice to the co-founders in the beginning was "let it grow organically." This has turned into our internal motto. He taught to not force growth, nor prevent growth. Just let it grow.

Joe has flown for at least 3 other VPOs throughout his 12 years as a pilot. He has changed many lives due to his contributions, and we are extremely grateful to have him on board.



WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Joe once said "if someone needs to be rescued, we will make it happen." This was in response to an anti-human trafficking agency voicing concern that our services were "too extravagant; too valuable; surely you don't want to give such a significant gift." Joe has a passion to help people. If no other pilot can take the flight, he will do it himself. Not only is he able to serve this organization as a pilot, he is able to help lead the organization to great success.

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- <https://www.wkrn.com/news/local-news/nashville/there-is-such-a-massive-need-new-group-in-nashville-using-pilots-to-fight-human-trafficking/>
- <https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/CE/CE19/2022/CE19109672/CE19109672F.pdf>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NashvilleIMCClub/>
- <https://www.newschannel5.com/news/volunteer-pilots-from-nashville-help-speed-up-covid-19-test-results>

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

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JAMES “JIM” DELL

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

NOMINEE’S ORG:

Angel Flight West

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

James has been flying for over 3 decades with a career in both the navy and commercial industry.

He flies several commercial jets for Penguin Aviation and owns and operates his own Cirrus SR22

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

450

WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

James has gone above and beyond in all aspects of aviation, especially as it relates to Angel Flight West. With well over 400 flights and counting he not only keeps in touch with the patients he flies but simultaneously mentors pilots like myself who are still developing their skills and competency. James has influenced myself and other young pilots to contribute to the benefit of others and develop our understanding of advanced and complex aviation.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

James has built an impressive number of flights and hours with Angel Flight West as well as previously working as an attorney for the rights and well being of children. James has proven that he is driven to help others and dedicate his time, money, and effort to helping others.

I have flown with well over a dozen pilots since earning my PPL in 2021 and volunteered with a few other Angel Flight pilots. None of them however have shown the level of dedication and commitment to the cause quite like James.

PROVIDE ANY PRESS, WEB, OR VIDEO LINKS THAT DOCUMENT THE NOMINEE

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PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE’S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

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JEFFREY GUTOVICH

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Fly Halo Inc.

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Nominee has been a pilot since May 1972.
Aircraft used for patient airlift and Veteran compassion flights include Cirrus SR22, Citation Mustang, Phenom 300.

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WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Nominee currently runs three businesses and has managed to re-arrange his schedule to accommodate last minute requests for patient transport.
Nominee has managed schedule to be available to volunteer and fly every other week with a goal to volunteer once a week.
Nominee conceived of and formed FlyHALO, a 501c3, has funded most of the operational expenses, recruited additional pilots, formed and expanded the FlyHALO board of directors See www.FlyHALO.org

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Nominees, in addition to maintaining ATP currency has demonstrated organizational and leadership skills with the build out of Fly HALO while operating as the Managing Director of three other for-profit organizations.
Nominees has a history of Philanthropic activity. Most notably as the Chairman and President of the Dashew Center for International Scholars at UCLA and has Chaired several annual dinners that honored notable business leaders.
Nominee has a history of building and or acquiring businesses that have provided employment and career opportunities for others that might not otherwise have been available.

PROVIDE ANY PRESS, WEB, OR VIDEO LINKS THAT DOCUMENT THE NOMINEE

- Search Jeff Gutovich and you will see Linked In and other notable background on Nominee.



PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

- ★ Nominee prefers to operate "behind the scenes" but accepted Person of the Year Award from Century City Chamber of Commerce.
- ★ Nominee was selected and participated in the 12 Leaders program which is designed to create "breakthrough" Leadership. See www.12leaders.com

STEPHANIE LAMAR

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Freedom Aviation Network

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Stephanie has been a pilot for 25 years. She rents aircraft of various types, both multi and single-engine.

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

Seven



WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Freedom Aviation Network would not be possible without Stephanie Lamar. She was immediately interested in a wild and hairbrained idea by her co-founder who had the original idea. She recruited Joe Creecy to assist and advise, and the rest is history. Every single contact in the world of Aviation that has been needed so far has come forth due to her tenacity and networking ability. In the beginning, she was the pilot primarily conducting the flights for the organization until she recruited more and more. She organizes the aviation logistics of every flight, monitors the weather, and ensures we are compliant. She is passionate about ensuring that women have access to becoming aviators, and with that passion, she seeks to help women help women. What better way to do that than building an aviation organization dedicated to flying people (primarily women) who have been trafficked.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Stephanie is a mom of 3, she homeschools her kids, she is a wife, and she is a CFI for a local flight school. She is the Board President of Nashville Peace Makers, and the Co-founder, Board Secretary, & COO of Freedom Aviation Network. There is no other person or pilot I would trust more to begin an organization of this magnitude. Busy is an understatement. Her entire life is dedicated to helping people thrive.

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- <https://www.wkrn.com/news/local-news/nashville/there-is-such-a-massive-need-new-group-in-nashville-using-pilots-to-fight-human-trafficking/>
- <https://www.freedomaviationnetwork.org/whoweare>

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

★ N/A

EVE LOPEZ

SANTA MONICA, CA

NOMINEE'S ORG:

NINETY-NINES OF LOS ANGELES

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Eve has been a pilot for 7 years. Eve flies a Grumman Tiger, a Cessna 172 and a Cessna 182

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

Approximately a dozen in 2022

WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Eve has made a lifetime of contributions to public benefit flying, setting an example for other women, giving back to the aviation and other communities, and promoting diversity in the field of aviation. Her passion for flying, coupled with her dedication to giving back, has inspired countless others to learn to fly and become involved in aviation.

One of Eve's most exceptional contributions was her successful effort to obtain historical landmark status for the Ninety-Nines Compass Rose at Santa Monica Airport. This was the first time ever that a Compass Rose was awarded this recognition and it brought attention to the important role that women pilots have played in aviation history. Eve's leadership on this project was truly outstanding and a testament to her unwavering commitment to the aviation community.

In addition to her volunteer work as a Command Pilot for Angel Flight West, Sky Kids, Young Eagles, and Pilots and Paws, Eve is a tireless advocate for general aviation. She consistently attends Santa Monica Airport Commission meetings, submitting written comments and speaking on behalf of the aviation community. She is also a dedicated volunteer Board member for CalPilots and the Los Angeles Ninety-Nines.

Eve's passion for flying extends to air racing, where she has consistently demonstrated her skills and competed in events such as the Havasu 600 Air Race and the Palms to Pines Air Race. In 2022, she earned second place in the Palms to Pines Air Race and third place in the Havasu 600 Air Race, further



showcasing her talent, dedication to aviation and commitment to raise scholarship funds.

Aside from her contributions to the aviation community, Eve also gives back to her local community as a Board member of the Mexican American Bar Association. Through her work at legal clinics, she provides free legal services to underserved communities, demonstrating her commitment to advocating for marginalized groups and empowering those in need.

In recognition of Eve's exceptional contributions to public benefit flying and her unwavering dedication to giving back to her community, I respectfully nominate her for Angel Flight West's Endeavor Award. She is a true asset to the aviation community and a shining example of the positive impact that one individual can have on the world.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Eve's contributions to public benefit flying go far beyond her volunteer work for Angel Flight West, Sky Kids, Young Eagles, and Pilots and Paws. She has made a lasting impact on the aviation community and beyond, inspiring others to reach their full potential and to make a positive difference in the world.

One of the most impactful ways that Eve has given back to her community is through her presentations at local schools, such as her appearance at Santa Monica High School for career day. Her goal was to introduce students to the exciting world of aviation and to inspire them to consider careers in this field. By sharing her own story and experiences, Eve demonstrated that it's never too late to make a change and to pursue your passions, even if they are different from what you initially envisioned.

But Eve's impact extends far beyond her contributions to the aviation community. As a mother, she has had a profound influence on her daughter, teaching her valuable life lessons and instilling in her a strong sense of self-worth and independence. Eve's example has shown her daughter that strength and softness are not mutually exclusive, and that the most important relationship one can have is with oneself.

It is Eve's qualities as a person, as much as her accomplishments as a pilot, that distinguish her and make her a truly outstanding nominee for this award. Her unwavering commitment to giving back, her passion for aviation, and her dedication to inspiring others to be their best selves make her an exceptional role model and a deserving recipient of Angel Flight West's Endeavor Award.

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- <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/female-pilots-take-to-the-skies-for-high-speed-air-race/>
- https://1drv.ms/u/s!AoFCV-G3LXj_iJMmb5vA0kpZzmHSRw?e=LYvM1b
- <https://smdp.com/2019/09/02/supporters-hope-smos-compass-rose-can-navigate-local-landmark-rules/>

➤ <https://smdp.com/2019/12/26/year-in-review-part-3-september/>

PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

- ★ Recipient of the Pam Van Der Linden Scholarship from the Coyote Country Ninety-Nines
- ★ Recipient of the Dottie Sanders Scholarship from the Orange County Ninety-Nines
- ★ Recipient of the Trudy Briscoe Scholarship from the San Diego Ninety-Nines

MICHAEL LUPO

GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Pilot N' Paws

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Michael Lupo has been a pilot for a bit and flies his own RV10 that he is passionate to utilize humanitarian missions; humans or animals on his own dime as a blue-collar worker.

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

250

WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Michael Lupo is not an instrument pilot yet, however, he pleaded for my services as an instrument flight instructor on his rescue mission post-Hurricane Ian to Fort Meyers of crucial supplies.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Michael Lupo is not only a passionate member of Angel Flight West but also EAA, volunteering every Sunday fly in breakfast, behind a hot, steamy stove during the New England summer humidity.

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- <https://www.wkrn.com/news/local-news/nashville/there-is-such-a-massive-need-new-group-in-nashville-using-pilots-to-fight-human-trafficking/>
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★ N/A



JERALD "JED" MOLLESTON

THE WOODLAND, TEXAS

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Angel Flight South Central

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Jerald "Jed" Molleston began flying with Angel Flight South Central in 2011. He flies a Cirrus / SF50 and a Cessna 525 Series.

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

408

WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Despite only joining in 2011, Jed is the all-time, 2nd highest flyer with Angel Flight South Central. In 2022, he was a top pilot, flying 56 missions totaling \$157,058 worth of in-kind services. Jed is faithful, dependable, and selfless, putting the needs of his passengers above all else. When Angel Flight South Central is unable to fill a mission, Jed is the man to whom it reaches out. While his first choice is to personally fly passengers, when that is not possible due to scheduling or weather, Jed does not shy away. He often uses personal resources to purchase commercial tickets to ensure access to care - because half the cure is getting there. Even the COVID pandemic did not slow Jed's commitment to service. From January 2019 until April 2021, when many pilots ceased public benefit flying, Jed completed 132 missions!

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

As a veteran pilot of Angel Flight South Central, Jed Molleston has contributed \$1,030,701 in services to public benefit flying. But Jed's commitment to serving those in need goes beyond flying missions. Recognizing how critical financial support is to the long-term stability of every nonprofit organization, Jed is also a major monthly donor. He contributes \$2,000 every month, without fail to Angel Flight South Central's general operations and he also supports fundraising events throughout the year.

PROVIDE ANY PRESS, WEB, OR VIDEO LINKS THAT DOCUMENT THE NOMINEE

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PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

★ AFSC - 2021 Silver Wings Award

TREVOR MOODY

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Angel Flight West

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

Trevor joined AFW in 2014. He flies a twin Diamond DA42 N62DL

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

94

WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Trevor has put in a spectacular effort for many years including

- Above and beyond effort to coordinate volunteers and get both hand-sewn masks and N95 masks donated for every regular patient of AFW Washington Wing.
- He drove to the Woodland Park Zoo to pick up N95 masks donated by the Primate department, then to Everett to meet the pilot of our first mission launch at the start of the pandemic - all after hours.
- Weather permitting, he flies two missions a month in his twin Diamond DA42 N62DL.
- Frequent social media posts to raise awareness.
- Relocated a fox for animal rescue.
- Coordinated and lead the 5K virtual fundraiser run during the pandemic.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Trevor is so humble, kind, compassionate and always willing to help do the heavy lifting or tedious jobs without any recognition. He puts his plane to service, but will also spend hours on the phone coordinating with volunteers to make other people's work successful. The pandemic shone a light on his selfless efforts.

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- Many - Please see the history on the AFW Facebook page.



PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

- ★ I believe Trevor has not received any official recognition for his outstanding service and contributions. This is his turn! :)

SHAKEEL MOZAFFAR

LINCOLNVILLE, MAINE

NOMINEE'S ORG:

Angel Flight North East

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

He's flown with our organization since 1996, he flies a Beechcraft/Bonanza.

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

65 with AFNE & 100 with Angel Flight East & AFW



WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

January 2021: Over the course of the pandemic, we had many requests from Antinanco Earth Arts School & PAZA, Tree of Life – two groups who collected donations for Native American Reservations badly affected by the pandemic. Luckily, they were connected to Angel Flight NE & we worked with them numerous times to have the goods delivered by our volunteer pilots.

Shakeel, was deeply affected by the need & decided he would like to collect & deliver goods to a reservation in South Dakota personally before the holidays! Shakeel flew a total of 17.8 hours & 2,744 nautical miles from Bangor, ME to Chamberlain, SD with a plane full of Mr. Potato Head Plush Toys, food & winter necessities for Native Hope.

He said the recipients were jumping for joy when they saw his plane landing in addition to many expressions of gratitude for his and Angel Flight NE's efforts!

March 2021: The AFNE Mission Coordination Team was up early with a cancellation due to bad weather at Presque Isle International Airport - PQI. An alert was immediately sent to our pilots & Shakeel M. was up for the task! Our team had the privilege of greeting them as they passed through Lawrence Municipal Airport on their way up North.

In this case, the patient was able to travel over 700 miles all in one day! It's always a challenge for our team to fill flights to PQI – we could not do what we do without pilots like Shakeel, truthfully – we only have a handful of pilots willing to fly to PQI! They are valued & worthy of being recognized since the help means so much to these patients.

-November 2021: Matthew, an infant from Presque Isle ME, and his mother were required to travel to Hanger Clinic Prosthetics & Orthotics for an appointment. While many of our pilots travel south for the winter – Shakeel was up for the

challenge on this chilly day! Little Matthew suffers from Cerebral Palsy & Tracheomalacia – and the best possible treatment for him was in Portland, ME. Shakeel was happy to oblige and delivered yet another appreciative family from Presque Isle to an extremely important hospital visit in Portland, ME.

-July 2022: Cooper (age 9 from Maine) suffers from Polymicrogyria, a condition characterized by abnormal development of the brain before birth and Epilepsy. He must travel regularly to Boston Children's Hospital for specialized treatment. We've had the privilege of assisting Cooper and his family since 2016 by scheduling nearly 50 flights of healing and hope. He and his family are always a pilot favorite!

On their most recent trip, Shakeel helped to provide an unforgettable experience for Cooper. He shared the following after their trip:

"I requested a "HIGH FIVE" from Boston Air Traffic Control for 11-year-old Cooper. Got an exceptionally wonderful response from ATC. Cooper & Lori were very excited and pleased."

It's pilots like Shakeel who make these trips so special for our travelers – he provides hope & he truly cares. Two things mean so much to our Angel Flight NE families!

June 2022: Shakeel loves to share his passion for flying with disadvantaged youth – in June of this year he flew to Kansas to do just that!

The city of Mayfield, Kentucky was hit by an EF-4 tornado on December 10th, 2021. The twister devastated the town and ripped apart nearly all its historic downtown. Shakeel saw the need & wanted to do something! He decided to connect with a group in that area to have local children meet with him so he could share his passion for flying & economics.

Occasions like this, which have the potential to spark joy in children – are such meaningful endeavors. Shakeel continues to search for ways to give back to those that need his help.

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Shakeel embodies the Angel Flight NE mission by removing the obstacle of distance for those we serve! His purpose in helping those in need ruminates with each flight. Shakeel goes out of his way to make sure each patient & their family are cared for before, during & after their trip.

Shakeel loves what he does & inspires the Angel Flight NE Team daily.

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PROVIDE ANY OF THE NOMINEE'S NATION AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

- ★ Shakeel was awarded difference maker of the year by Angel Flight NE in 2022.

JIM PLATZ

AUBURN, MAIN

NOMINEE'S ORG:

PALS Skyhope

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A PILOT?

At least 20 years, Citation (CJ3 I think?)

HOW MANY VOLUNTEER FLIGHTS HAS THE NOMINEE COMPLETED?

>4000! Over 2000 for PALS alone

WHEN/ WHERE HAS THE NOMINEE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

As a founder member of PALS Skyhope, Jim has flown more missions than anyone else, often flying multiple missions per day bringing people from rural Maine to Boston (and elsewhere) for treatment

WHAT OTHER QUALITIES DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE FROM OTHER VOLUNTEER PILOTS?

Jim, along with his flying partner Annie Beaulieu, are legends in Maine - everyone knows them and the work they have done for many years. In addition, Jim distinguishes himself by being the most humble person you can imagine..he has very little interest in recognition or public praise - just getting the patients where they need to go.

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