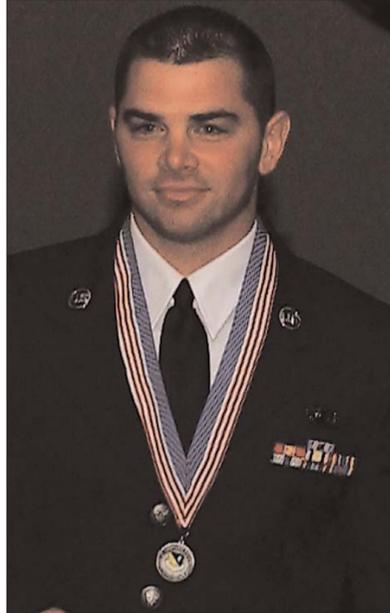


# Cannon's finest take awards at 27 FW Annual Awards Ceremony



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"2006 was a monumental year for the men and women of the 27th Fighter Wing," Capt. Rebecca Garcia, 27th FW Public Affairs chief told the audience at the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet.

The ceremony, held at The Landing, paid tribute to men and women, both Airmen and civilians, for outstanding leadership and service—those who Col. Scott West, 27th FW commander said "exemplify the best in service."

The evening was a night of surprises, but perhaps one of the most humorous and touching moments of the banquet was when Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Fry, 27th Services Squadron, currently deployed, was announced as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year award winner. Sergeant Fry's wife, Michelle, accepted the award on his behalf with a cardboard representation of him, while Colonel West took the opportunity to call Sergeant Fry on a cell phone to personally congratulate him for his achievement.

The awards banquet ended with one NCO becoming a double annual award winner. Tech. Sgt. Andrea Lee, 27th Aeromedical Dental Squadron was not only awarded the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year award for the 27th FW, but it was also announced that same week that Sergeant Lee had won the 2006 Air Force Brigadier General Sarah P. Wells Outstanding Medical Services NCO of the Year. This award is

given for demonstrating exceptional performance and professionalism while working in the health care field.

Other winners were:

**Airman of the Year**

Senior Airman John Castle, 524th Fighter Squadron

**Company Grade Officer of the Year**

Capt. William Kostan, 27th Operations Support Squadron

**Ceremonial Guardsman of the Year**

Staff Sgt. Brad Huthstainer, 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit

**First Sergeant of the Year**

Master Sgt. George Childers, 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

**Category I Civilian of the Year**

Mr. Thomas Pacholke, 27th Medical Support Squadron

**Category II Civilian of the Year**

Mr. Gary Rhode, 27 Security Forces Squadron

**Civilian Volunteer of the Year**

Ms. Susan Howard, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Military Volunteer of the Year**

Master Sgt. Robert Pinder, 27th CES Squadron of the Year

524th Fighter Squadron, accepted by Lt. Col. Gary Walker, 524 FS commander

**Fighter Wing Staff Agency of the Year**

27th Fighter Wing Plans and Programs accepted by Lt. Col. Beachel Curtis, Wing Plans chief.



**Airman of the Year**  
Senior Airman John Castle  
524th Fighter Squadron

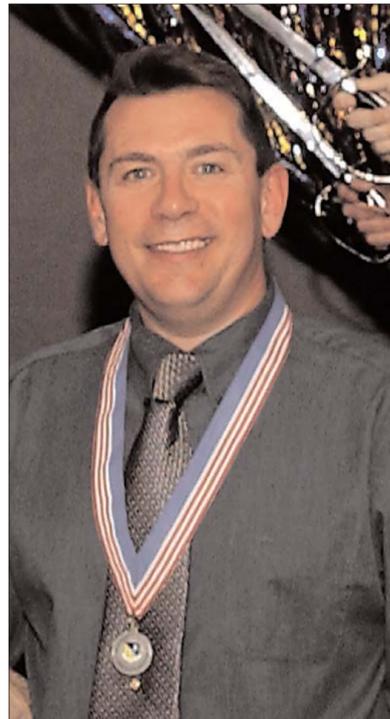
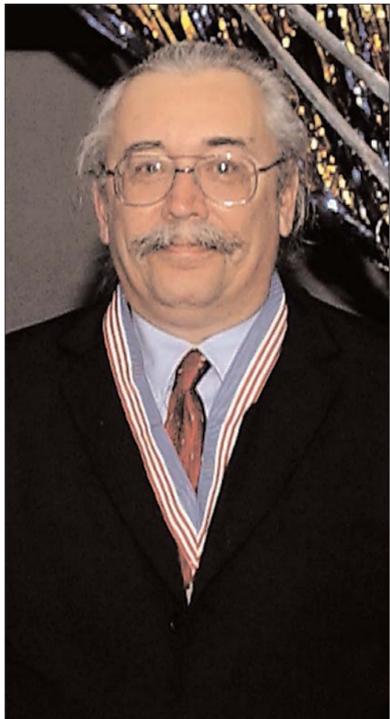
**NCO of the Year**  
Tech. Sgt. Andrea Lee  
27th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

**SNCO of the Year**  
Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Fry  
(deployed)  
27th Services Squadron

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**CGO of the Year**  
Capt. William Kostan  
27th Operations Support Squadron

**1st Sgt. of the Year**  
Master Sgt. George Childers  
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron



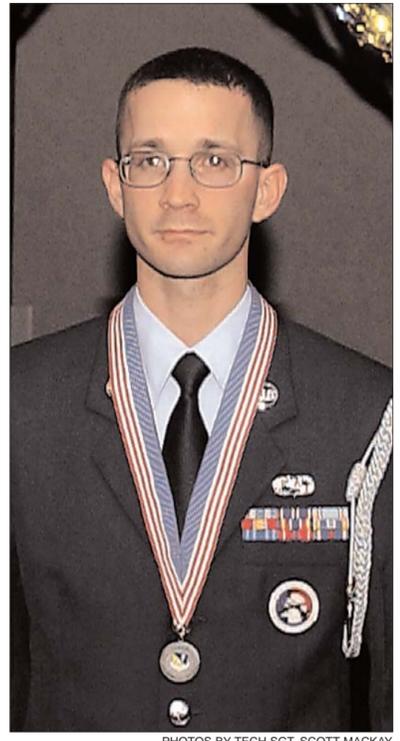
**Right:**  
**Staff Agency of the Year**  
27th Fighter Wing Plans and Programs  
Col. Scott West (left) presents the Staff Agency of the Year award to Lt. Col. Beachel Curtis (middle) who received it on behalf of the 27th Fighter Wing Plans and Programs as Chief Master Sgt. Ray Clark (right) looks on.



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**Left:**  
**Squadron of the Year**  
524th Fighter Squadron  
Col. Scot West (left), presents Lt. Col. Gary Walker (middle), 524th FS commander, the Squadron of the Year award as Chief Master Sgt. Ray Clark looks on.



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**Civilian of the Year, Category 1**  
Thomas Pacholke  
27th Medical Support Squadron

**Civilian of the Year, Category 2**  
Gary Rhode  
27th Security Forces Squadron

**Civilian Volunteer of the Year**  
Susan Howard  
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Military Volunteer of the Year**  
Master Sgt. Robert Pinder  
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Ceremonial Guardsman of the Year**  
Staff Sgt. Brad Huthstainer  
523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit