## INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award

- 1. Purpose. To provide information about the Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award.
- 2. Background. The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence established the Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award in 1996 to recognize the contributions of civilian spouses. The award was designed to be similar to the "Molly Pitcher" Award given to spouses by the Field Artillery Branch. Anne Morrow Lindbergh was one of the few women to earn a pilot's license during the time period and was the first woman to earn her glider pilot's license. She spent her life aiding her husband in expanding the world of commercial aviation. She acted as his co-pilot and primary supporter throughout his aviation career and in the process earned great personal distinction as an aviator and author. Her spirit and selfless service are embodied by the many Army Aviation spouses who selflessly support their active duty spouses by following them to remote duty stations, taking care of the family during deployments, and helping to support Aviation units and Soldiers through volunteer work. Anne Morrow Lindbergh is an excellent example of what it means to be an Army spouse and represents those spouses who go above and beyond to support Aviation Soldiers and the Aviation community.
- 3. Criteria. No more than one award per year will be awarded to a battalion, squadron, brigade headquarters and other separate battalion size agency. The nominee should be a spouse or family member who has improved the well-being and quality of life for the Soldiers and members of the active duty Aviation community. This award is not a PCS award and should cover an extended period of time or entire career. Service must not have been monetarily compensated.
- 4. Approving Authority and Selection. The approving authority is the Commanding General, USAACE.
- 5. Point of contact is 334 255-0949.