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MEMORANDUM FOR Army Aviation Unit Commanders and Directorates

SUBJECT: Announcement for Calendar Year 2025 (CY25); the Order of Daedalians Weapons System Award- COL Franklin C. Wolfe Memorial Trophy Selection Board

1. Purpose. To set forth guidelines and procedures for the Order of Daedalians Weapons System Award- COL Franklin C. Wolfe Memorial Trophy Selection Board.

2. Background. The Order of Daedalians, the national fraternity of military pilots, has presented the United States Army two awards annually to recognize safe flying practices and exceptional Aviators. The Weapons System award is rotated through all DOD services, awarding one service branch each year. Additional information on the Order of Daedalians and their recognition awards can be viewed at https://www.daedalians.org/.

3. The Weapons System Award- COL Franklin C. Wolfe Memorial Trophy is open to individuals, groups, or organizations (military/civilian), regardless of size, who have made outstanding contributions to weapons development which operates, in whole or part, in the aerospace environment.

4. Eligibility. All Army elements, Active, Reserve, and National Guard, are eligible for nomination for this award. All pilots nominated must be rated military aviators.

5. Timeline.

a. NLT 13 March 2026 – The Order of Daedalians Weapons System Award Nomination Packets are due to the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence (AVCOE) G-1. Electronic submission via email is the only authorized method. Submit via email to AVCOE G-1 Awards box at usarmy.rucker.avncoe.list.cmd-g1-awards@army.mil and carbon copy CW2 Jonquiel T. Coffie. Add “ATTN: Daedalians_Weapons System Award” to the subject line.

b. 17-26 March 2026 – Selection board.

c. NET 31 March 2026 – The Order of Daedalians will contact the winning organizations with award presentation information.

6. Nomination Packet guidelines and format.

a. A detailed narrative outlining the specific unit contribution to weapons development which operates, in whole or part, in the aerospace environment – not to exceed three pages.

b. Photographs and any supporting data as needed.

c. Unit point of contact information.

d. Pictures are encouraged for each award nomination packet. Pictures should be printed or secured on a standard 8 ½ x 11-inch page. Loose pictures, negatives, slides or computer disks are not allowed and will be removed before a packet goes before the board.

e. The margins for typed pages will be set at one inch for all sides.

f. The paragraphs should be double spaced, and the font should be Times New Roman, twelve (12) pitch.

g. Each packet will contain a typewritten sheet listing the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the nominating command's point of contact.

h. Additional Enclosures.

(1) Additional information for nomination packets is limited to 10 pages or less

(2) News media clippings and photographs are encouraging; however, films, videotapes, computer media and any other audio/visual items will not be considered. They will be removed before a packet goes before the board.

i. All packets must be UNCLASSIFIED.

7. The point of contact is the AVCOE G-1 Operations Officer, CW2 Jonquiel T. Coffie, 334-255-0949 or email jonquiel.t.coffie.mil@army.mil.

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CY25 Daedalians Awards Nomination Guidelines and Sample Packets