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S: 13 March 2026
30 October 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR Army Aviation Unit Commanders and Directorates

SUBJECT: Announcement for Calendar Year 2025 (CY25); the Order of Daedalians Brigadier General (BG) Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award and the United States Army Exceptional Aviator Award

1. Purpose. To set forth guidelines and procedures for the Order of Daedalians BG Carl I. Hutton Memorial and the U.S. Army Exceptional Aviator awards for performance occurring within the 2025 calendar year.

2. Background. The Order of Daedalians, the national fraternity of military pilots, has presented the two U.S. Army awards annually to recognize safe flying practices and exceptional Aviators. In 1978, they established the BG Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award, and in 1999, they established the US Army Exceptional Aviator Award. Additional information on the Order of Daedalians and their recognition awards can be viewed at <https://www.daedalians.org/>.

a. The BG Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award is presented to an Army unit that has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and made the most invaluable contributions to the advancement of flight safety in Army Aviation for calendar year 2025. A Daedalians trophy and award are presented.

b. The US Army Exceptional Aviator Award is to inspire excellence in duty performance by career military pilots who place Nation above self. The award recognizes exceptional deeds performed to assure mission success, acts of valor as an aviator, or an extraordinary display of courage or leadership in the air in support of air operations for calendar year 2025. A Daedalians trophy is presented.

3. Eligibility. All Army elements, Active, Reserve, and National Guard, are eligible for nomination for these awards. All pilots nominated must be rated military aviators.

4. Timeline.

a. NLT 13 March 2026 – Daedalians Awards 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.

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Coffie. Add "ATTN: Daedalians 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.

5. For nomination packet guidelines and format, see Enclosure 1.

6. 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.

Encl
CY25 Daedalians Awards Nomination
Guidelines and Sample Packets

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