



## The Rowlett Award



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### NOMINATION LETTER

SUBJECT: Request for Nominations for the Annual Rowlett Information Assurance (IA) Awards □ ACTION MEMORANDUM

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the **13th annual Frank B. Rowlett Awards**. The Rowlett Awards serve to recognize major contributions both by individuals and organizations whose efforts have significantly enhanced the advancement of information assurance in, either classified or unclassified, security-related areas.

To ensure that all deserving individuals and organizations in the community have an opportunity to compete, I urge you to nominate those whose accomplishments in information assurance most warrant recognition. Nominations are due no later than Friday, 15 August 2003. In order to simplify the nomination process, we have added it to the web (both the NIPRnet and SIPRnet). On the SIPRnet, go to [www.nsa.smil.mil](http://www.nsa.smil.mil), click on the Information Assurance Directorate, and go to the Rowlett award. There you will find guidance and forms for submitting your nominees. You will even be able to submit your nominees from this page.

On Wednesday, 5 November 2003, we will hold the Frank B. Rowlett Awards ceremony at the National Security Agency, during which time we will formally recognize the awardees. Celebrating these achievements among those in our community will stimulate even greater interactions among information systems security users, planners, and producers leading to a more electronic environment for our nation in the 21st Century.

Michael V. Hayden  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Director, NSA/Chief CSS

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## Rowlett Award Background

The National Security Agency established the Information Systems Security National Awards in 1989 to recognize outstanding organizational and individual excellence in the field of information systems security. Today these annual awards, named in honor of cryptologic pioneer Frank B. Rowlett, recognize significant contributions to the information assurance discipline.

The Frank B. Rowlett Awards recognize individual and organization one-time or long-term achievement in the improvement of national information systems security, information assurance readiness, or defensive information operations.

The Frank B. Rowlett Trophy for Organizational Achievement is awarded annually to the U.S. Government organization recognized as making the most significant contribution to the improvement of national information systems security, operational information assurance readiness, or the defensive information operations posture of the United States.

The Frank B. Rowlett Trophy for Individual Achievement is awarded annually to the individual, within a U.S. Government organization, making the most significant contribution to improving his/her element's information systems security posture, information assurance readiness or the conduct of defensive information operations.

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## Frank B. Rowlett Award Criteria

### Information Assurance (IA) National Awards:

a. The Frank B. Rowlett Trophy for Organizational Achievement is awarded annually to the U.S. Government organization recognized as making the most significant contribution to the improvement of national information systems security, operational information assurance readiness, or the defensive information operations posture of the United States.

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c. National Security Agency elements and individuals are not eligible for IA National Awards.

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**12th Annual Individual Rowlett Award  
Nominees and Winner**



**Lieutenant Stacy A. Bowman  
2001 Individual Achievement Winner**

Lieutenant Stacy A. Bowman, an information assurance operations officer with the U.S. Joint Forces Command, is a dedicated information assurance professional who diligently strives to enhance her organization's IA capabilities. As the principal IA advisor to the Command's new Homeland Security Directorate, Lieutenant Bowman instituted a rigorous information assurance strategy. This strategy provides for full systems interoperability with other combatant commands and ensures that Joint Forces Command's systems can withstand a multitude of threats. Lieutenant Bowman authored a comprehensive IA Master Plan to improve the information security posture of the Command's extensive and far-reaching network. She completely upgraded its legacy security architecture, transforming it into a robust, state-of-the-art, defense-in-depth infrastructure. Lieutenant Bowman worked tirelessly with the Command's Computer Incident Response Team, enabling the Command to mount immediate defensive responses to network threats. Lieutenant Bowman's achievements and unsurpassed reputation as an information assurance professional are respected and admired throughout the IA community.

**Staff Sergeant David S. Honaker**

Staff Sergeant David S. Honaker of the 42d Communications Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, demonstrates such undaunted commitment to information assurance that the 42d Air Base Wing honored him as its 2001 Information Assurance Professional of the Year. Sergeant Honaker devoted 6 months of his off-duty time teaching himself C++ programming so that he would be able to design better automated network protection programs. He developed a tool that checks base computers for compliance with all Air Force Computer Emergency Response Team requirements. Several other air bases have adopted this tool to mitigate cyber threats to their systems, and Sergeant Honaker has modified it for use on Maxwell's Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, as well. He also designed a program that practically eliminates the ability of hackers to infect the base's systems with viruses or use its servers as remote hard drives. Sergeant Honaker coordinated a cohesive response to an e-mail compromise of classified material, working closely with affected Army and Air Force installations. In addition, he devised a method to sanitize hundreds of affected student laptops, eliminating the need to erase their hard drives. Sergeant Honaker clearly is a dedicated and customer-focused information assurance professional.

**Major Shari T. Miles**

Major Shari T. Miles, Chief of USTRANSCOM's Information Systems Security Branch, is recognized as the driving force behind the Command's outstanding information security program. In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, her leadership transformed the newly commissioned Global C4S Coordination Center. It quickly evolved into a world-class information assurance coordination center, ensuring the right information got to the right people. She also managed her COMSEC section through exponential growth, including a

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700% increase in secure voice trouble calls. Major Miles developed effective information assurance solutions that enhanced USTRANSCOM's critical in-transit visibility capabilities and greatly improved communications with deployed troops. She directed a groundbreaking, real-time initiative that alerts users to potential system failures. Major Miles instigated a comprehensive information security evaluation of the entire Global Transportation Network. Her extraordinary dedication has helped to establish USTRANSCOM as one of the finest IA organizations in the DoD.

**12th Annual Team Rowlett Award  
Nominees and Winner**



**33d Information Operations Squadron of Lackland Air Force Base  
2001 Team Achievement Winner**

The 33d Information Operations Squadron of Lackland Air Force Base is the primary Air Force element supporting Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations. The squadron created the Air Force Computer Emergency Response Team structure that has become a global network defense organization with repeatable, measurable programs. The team was the first in the country to identify and provide warning of a variety of computer worms, averting countless infections in both government and civilian networks. AFCERT greatly improved the Air Force antivirus posture by creating a virus assessment algorithm that significantly decreased virus-warning time, providing time for proactive countermeasures to be implemented. The 33d IOS also established an integrated computer network defense threat intelligence team to protect Air Force networks. The team's comprehensive trend analyses were crucial in identifying network intruders, and in two cases, led to successful prosecution. The squadron maintains a sensor fleet to monitor global intrusions. They also designed a metrics program to gather reliability and availability data to assist in predicting sensor failures. The squadron is recognized throughout the network defense community as a center of excellence.

**United States Joint Forces Command**

The United States Joint Forces Command, our nation's chief advocate for jointness, spearheads multiple initiatives to improve information assurance for U.S. and coalition forces. Joint Forces Command is campaigning aggressively to make COMSEC Modernization a top priority throughout the Department of Defense. To achieve this goal, the Command is collaborating with NSA in two areas: First, producing a Capstone Requirements Document to expedite development of secure, interoperable products. Second, promoting content-based encryption for the war fighter, which promises to be extremely useful in multinational environments. The command completely revitalized its information assurance infrastructure, creating an IA Master Plan and expanding global situational awareness capabilities across its entire network. It also developed and deployed a fully accredited High Assurance Guard for e-mail traffic between domains of different security levels.

**Information Systems Security Branch of U.S. Transportation Command**

The U.S. Transportation Command's Information Systems Security Branch

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has advanced DoD standards with its outstanding achievements in information assurance. USTRANSCOM created a Global Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Coordination Center that provides a near real-time, network-wide representation of the entire Defense Transportation System network architecture. The command also completed, in sequence, an INFOSEC assessment, security evaluation, and unannounced red team exercise. The Command immediately addressed vulnerabilities discovered during the evaluations and implemented plans to further improve its security architecture. The command has continued to modernize and expand its voice technology and maintain secure workstations. Its Windows 2000 configuration guide has become a DoD model. Compressing a 2-year plan into a matter of weeks, the Information Systems Security Branch responded to 9/11. They developed and fielded an IA Common Operating Picture that provides a single source for systems status and performance information. The Command's Communications Security Office responded to the Global War on Terrorism with around-the-clock secure communications deployment support.

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- Enter the names and titles of the Agency/Department official who is endorsing the nomination, the nominating officer, the agency POC, and the Classification Advisory Officer in the appropriate fields prior to printing the form.

**Step 3:** In the header and the footer, replace "CLASSIFICATION MUST BE UPDATED WHEN FORM IS COMPLETED" with the correct classification level for the document. Follow these instructions:

1. Select View > Toolbars > Form.  
*The Forms toolbar is displayed.*
2. Click   
*The form is unprotected.*
3. Select View > Header and Footer.  
*The document header is enabled.*
4. Select "CLASSIFICATION MUST BE UPDATED WHEN FORM IS COMPLETED."
5. Click Delete.
6. Enter the correct classification.
7. Click   
*The document footer is enabled.*
8. Repeat steps 2 - 4.
9. Click   
*The document header and footer are updated.*
10. Click   
*The form is protected.*

- Step 4:** Print the form.
- Step 5:** Submit the form to the Classification Advisory Officer for review and signature.
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## Individual Excellence INFOSEC Nomination Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)  
Rank/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Service (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-secure: \_\_\_\_\_ Secure (if applicable):  N/A  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Background on Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief Synopsis of Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisory Chain of Command:  
(Beginning with immediate supervisor)

Name: _____	Title: _____

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## Organizational Excellence INFOSEC Nomination Form

Name of Individual who will Accept Award on Behalf of Organization:

Date of Submission:  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Rank/Grade:

Military Service (if applicable):

Mailing Address

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone

Non-secure:

Secure (if applicable):

N/A

E-mail address:

Assigned Organization:

Brief Background on Organization:

Job Title:

Brief Synopsis of Duties:

Supervisory Chain of Command:  
(Beginning with Immediate supervisor)

Name:

Title:

Name:

Title:

Name:

Title:

Name:

Title:

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