Nicholas Green Granted UK State Honors

AsMA member, Wing Commander Nicholas Green has been granted state honors by Her Majesty the Queen in the annual Birthday Honours List. Wing Commander Green is listed as an Officer under the “Promotions in and appointments to the military division of the most excellent order of the British Empire.”

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said: “Congratulations to our remarkable Armed Forces personnel who have been granted state honors by Her Majesty the Queen in the Birthday Honours List.”

“Our service men and women have done our nation proud by standing ready to protect Britain from all threats, including COVID-19. I’m grateful for their commitment and dedication, and it is great to see it recognized today.”

Congratulations to Wing Commander Nicholas Donald Charles Green! The entire list of state honors bestowed by Her Majesty the Queen can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-military-division-of-the-queens-birthday-honours-list-2020.

New Members

AsMA welcomes 19 new members in November.

Bowman, Benjamin; Chicago, IL, United States
Ford, Aven; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, United States
Kerns, Zachary; San Antonio, TX, United States
Kintz, Jacob; Boulder, CO, United States
Lee, Alexander; Land O Lakes, FL, United States
Mathin, Amirah; Houston, TX, United States
Mulloy, Andrew; Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Newcomb, Mark; Worcester, MA, United States
O’Connor, Daniel; Houston, TX, United States
Osborne, Allison; Sumter, SC, United States
Ott, Katherine; Chicago, IL, United States
Patel, Shyam; Scottsdale, AZ, United States
Patterson, Collin; Huntsville, AL, United States
Pavitt, Annabelle; Salisbury, Wiltshire, United Kingdom
Ramirez, Juan Carlos; Houston, TX, United States
Sheridan, Reginato; Hagerstown, MD, United States
Tiwari, Ritik; Houston, TX, United States
Zahner, Christopher; Galveston, TX, United States
Ziebelman, Joseph; Orlando, FL, United States

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In Memoriam: Jon Jordan

AsMA staff were saddened to hear of the passing of Jon Jordan, M.D., J.D. He was a former Federal Air Surgeon at the Office of Aviation Medicine and was born in December of 1936 in West Virginia. He earned a B.A. at West Virginia University in 1958, his M.D. at the Medical College of Virginia in 1963, and served an internship at Petersburg General Hospital in Petersburg, VA. He later attended the University of Cincinnati as a resident in Occupational Medicine. After a general practice at Highland Clinic, Williamson, WV, he went on to earn a J.D. at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in 1967. He joined the U.S. Army Medical Corp that same year and, after Basic Training, completed the Army’s Basic Aviation Medicine Training at Fort Rucker, AL, and was assigned as a flight surgeon to Gray Army Airfield, Ft. Lewis, WA. He was later promoted to Chief of Aviation Medicine at Madigan General Hospital.

In 1969, Dr. Jordan left the Army with the rank of major and joined the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as Chief of the Projects Development Branch, Aeromedical Standards Division, Office of Aviation Medicine, at the FAA in Washington, DC. In 1976, he was promoted to Chief, Aeromedical Standards Division, Office of Aviation Medicine, at the FAA. From November 1979 to February 1987, he served as Deputy Federal Air Surgeon. In 1987, he became Acting Federal Air Surgeon. In 1991, he was appointed Federal Air Surgeon, making him responsible for certification of the nation’s pilots, the FAA’s Civil Aeromedical Institute in Oklahoma City, OK, the administration of the aviation anti-drug program, and a national health awareness program for FAA employees. He retired from the FAA in 2006.

Dr. Jordan was licensed by the Medical Licensing Board, WV; the State Board of Health, KY; and the Virginia State Board of Medical Examiners. He was admitted by the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners (Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals) and was also admitted to the DC Bar (DC Court of Appeals).

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Dr. Jordan was a fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association and an Academician of the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine. His awards included: the FAA Superior Achievement Award; the John A. Tamisiea and Theodore C. Lyster Awards from the Aerospace Medical Association; Award of Merit from the Civil Aviation Medical Association; Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award; and the Airlines Medical Directors Award.

An online obituary can be found at: https://usobit.com/obituaries-2020/09/jon-l-jordan-thursday-september-24th-2020/.

In Memoriam: Joseph J. Contiguglia, M.D.

AsMA staff were saddened to learn of the death of Prof. Joseph J. “The Count” Contiguglia, M.D., M.P.H.&TM, MBA, in early October. He was a veteran of the Air Force, a professor at the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. Originally from Little Neck, NY, he obtained his medical degree at the University of Siena in Italy, served a residency at New York University, and, in 1977, joined the U.S. Air Force. He entered active duty in 1978 and his first assignment was the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing in Kadena, Okinawa, and was part of the Iran hostage rescue mission. He served in many positions, including as the Flight Surgeon to U.S. forces for Operation Elf One in Saudi Arabia, and a 2-year stint as Chief of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health for the Royal Australian Air Force in 1985. While in that position, he arranged the largest joint combined aeromedical evacuation exercise since the Vietnam War. He also headed operations overseas and served another tour in Saudi Arabia in 1993 during Operation Desert Storm/Southern Watch.

In 1994, Dr. Contiguglia became Commander of medical facilities in the Republic of Panama during Operation Safe Haven, overseeing care for Cuban migrants and the military cadre. In 1996, he was promoted to Chief of Medical Operations and then Chief of Professional Services at the Office of the Command Surgeon for U.S. Air Force Europe (USAFE). During this time, he was responsible for humanitarian operations in Sub-Saharan Africa and developed USAFE doctrine for refugee operations in Albania, Macedonia, and Kosovo. He was also the Deputy Command Surgeon for Operation Shining Hope, providing refugee support in the Southern Balkans and heading the NATO preparation team during the Balkan War. Starting in 1998, he served as Director of Operational Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Military Medicine at Keesler Medical Center in Mississippi.

Dr. Contiguglia retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2007 and became Professor of Clinical Environmental Health Sciences, Department of Global Environmental Health Sciences, at Tulane, where he was known for his animated lectures. He continued to serve as a consultant to the state of Mississippi and, after Hurricane Katrina, helped strengthen disaster response programs. His military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with two service stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal, the Korean Defense Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal with three service stars.


In Memoriam: COL Jerry Hope

AsMA Staff were saddened to hear of the death of Jerry Hope, a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association, in early October. He was born in Wilsonville, AL, and attended Berry College on a baseball scholarship. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967 and attended OCS training at Fort Belvoir, VA. In 1968 he went to Vietnam as an Engineering Platoon Leader. In May 1970, he trained as a helicopter pilot, making the Commandant’s list during rotary wing qualification, and obtaining his Aviator Wings. From 1971–1972, he served another tour in Vietnam as a CH-47 “Chinook” pilot. During that second tour in Vietnam he received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions in making three resupply trips into a base under heavy attack. During the third run into the base his helicopter was badly damaged, but he was able to return the helicopter and crew safely to base.

Dr. Hope was a member of the Army Reserve and the Alabama Army National Guard from 1973–1983. He graduated with honors in 1977 from the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) with a degree in Biology. He entered UAB school of Medicine in 1978 and graduated with an M.D. in 1982. While a senior in medical school, he attended the Flight Surgeon Course at Fort Rucker. In 1984 he completed his M.P.H. at UAB. He completed residencies and was dually board certified in both family practice and Aerospace Medicine. He served in several positions with the Army Medical Corps, including the U.S. Army Safety Center Flight Surgeon, the Division Surgeon for the 2ID, the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at Lyster Army Hospital, and the Dean of the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine.

Dr. Hope retired from the military in 1996 with the rank of Colonel. Following military retirement, he worked as a full-time physician at a Dothan, AL, hospital. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Aerospace Medical Association. In 1998, he was awarded one of the Army’s highest medical awards, the U.S. Army Aerospace Medicine Specialist of the Year by the Society of U.S. Army Flight Surgeons. He received numerous military awards during his Army career, including the Honorable Order of St. Michael, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, and Air Medals.

Future AsMA Annual Scientific Meetings

May 23-27, 2021; Peppermill Resort Hotel; Reno, NV
April 3-7, 2022; Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver, CO
May 21-25, 2023; Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, LA
May 5-9, 2024; Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL
AOPA Pilot Editor Wins Weather Education Award

The Friends and Partners in Aviation Weather organization announced that AOPA Pilot Editor-at-Large Tom Horne is the recipient of its 2020 Service Award for his work educating pilots about aviation weather. Horne was chosen for his “outstanding efforts” educating general aviation pilots about weather hazards and promoting aviation safety. The organization announced the selection October 13 during its virtual fall meeting, when it also named Roy Rasmussen, a senior scientist and research leader of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the 2020 recipient of its Weather Education Award for his liquid water equivalent research to help aviators better understand aircraft icing and winter weather conditions. Horne’s award was acknowledged by AOPA Senior Vice President of Media, Communications, and Outreach Tom Haines, who noted that Horne “has educated millions of pilots” through his “Wx Watch” column and other writings in AOPA Pilot and in AOPA’s other media channels over more than 30 years as an aviation journalist. As the author of Flying America’s Weather: A Pilot’s Tour of Our Nation’s Weather Regions, Horne “literally wrote the book on aviation weather,” Haines said.


KBR Appointed a Partner with Yarra Valley Water

KBR and Aurecon have commenced a three-year appointment as Yarra Valley Water’s Capital Works Program Management Partner (PMP). Yarra Valley Water is the largest of Melbourne’s three retail water businesses providing water supply and sewerage services to around 2 million people and more than 50,000 businesses in the northern and eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The team will support Yarra Valley Water in developing and implementing the program management operating model to achieve phased savings in capital expenditure, during the current pricing period which runs until 2023, to deliver the best community outcomes and keep the cost of water bills low. This is an innovative step-change that will better position Yarra Valley Water’s capital delivery process to achieve its goal to provide exemplary water and sanitation services that contribute to the health and wellbeing of current and future generations. KBR’s Director of Program Management Consultancy Services, Carey Gent, said the KBR team is looking forward working with Yarra Valley Water and continuing its partnership with Aurecon in supporting another water utility in balancing outstanding customer benefits and program outcomes while driving efficiency and value through the delivery cycle.