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New AFRC website promotes innovation

By Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson, Commander, Air Force Reserve Command

Innovation. The word alone conjures up an ages of famous pioneers including the Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Steve Jobs, and Mark Zuckerberg.

The Air Force Reserve is full of innovators, too – and you're probably one of them. Dozens of Citizen Airmen every just like you have already shared their ideas for improving the way we do business, and it has saved us time and money.

During my recent Commander's Call at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, I unveiled an innovation website. This resource will enable Airmen to share your innovations with leadership. The site includes tools to submit ideas, discover other innovative Citizen Airmen, and learn about how AFRC will contribute to the future total force mission.

Our Innovation Program aims to capture ideas, implement them, verify, and make them available not only to the Air Force Reserve, but to the entire Air Force and Department of Defense.

The Wright Brothers changed the world in 120 feet. I can't wait to see what you can do!

To submit an idea to the AFRC Innovation program, visit:
http://www.afrc.af.mil/AboutUs/Innovation.aspx

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The HQ RIO Detachment 2 team, named the AFRC A1 Special Recognition Team/Program of the Year, with Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson. (Courtesy photo)

SMSgt. Wanzar Villarreal, Force Support SNCO of the Year. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

HQ RIO members win manpower, personnel awards

By Master Sgt. Timm Huffman

Members of the Headquarters Individual Reservist Readiness and Integration Organization team earned top honors in Air Force Reserve Command's annual manpower and personnel (A1) competition.

HQ RIO Detachment 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, was named A1 Special Recognition Team/Program of the Year and the Force Support Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award went to Senior Master Sgt. Wanzar Villarreal, HQ RIO Detachment 6, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Speaking on behalf of her team, Detachment 2 commander Lt. Col. Sharon A. Sheikh said her Hawaii-based team sets customer service as one of their primary team goals every year. With a diverse and geographically separated area of responsibility and customer base, quality service is key to ensuring Detachment 2 Individual Reservists are fully mission ready.

"We're all greatly humbled," said Sheikh. "The Det. 2 team really goes above and beyond with responsiveness and customer service, in addition to excelling at their duties."

Col. Carolyn A. Stokell, the HQ RIO commander, praised the Det. 2 staff for their hard work supporting the IR community.

"The team at Det. 2 has put forth tremendous effort in getting our IRs where they need to be, when they need to be there," said Stokell.

Villarreal, HQ RIO's individual A1 award winner, is no stranger to the competition and took the same award in 2010. She credited the support of her team at Detachment 6, her family, and her mentors with enabling her most recent accomplishment.

"I am so pleased and honored to have won the Force Support Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year (AFRC). This is a huge accomplishment and I know the competition was tough," she said.

The HQ RIO commander also noted that Villarreal is well-known for going the extra mile and making a difference for the Individual Reservists she supports. "Her selection as the Force Support SNCO of the Year is truly deserved."

"HQ RIO has a superb team of professionals who support our IR force on a daily basis," Stokell added.

AFRC A1 award winners will compete at the Air Force level.

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