

# Local Lockheed Martin Employees Receive Corporation's Highest Honor

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DALLAS/FORT WORTH, Texas, Oct. 31, 2013 [/PRNewswire/](#) -- In a ceremony at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) presented its prestigious NOVA Award to 60 employees from its Aeronautics and Missiles and Fire Control businesses in Fort Worth and Grand Prairie, respectively.

The NOVA Award is the company's highest honor presented annually to individuals and teams who have made outstanding contributions to the corporation's mission and business objectives.

The annual NOVA Awards ceremony was hosted by Lockheed Martin Chief Executive Officer and President Marillyn Hewson on Friday, October 25, to recognize employees for their outstanding achievements. Dallas-Fort Worth-based honorees are:

**James A. Arness**, a senior engineer from Grapevine, won a special recognition award for Technical Innovation for conceptualizing and developing a process using white-light photogrammetric technology to create a three-dimensional overlay of as-built images of assembled F-35 aircraft for comparison to nominal engineering models. Because of his efforts, the technology and new processes are now used a standard capability for the corporation.

**John G. Clark**, an open systems and software senior manager from Weatherford, won the individual NOVA for Technical Excellence for his knowledge and expertise in Open Systems Architecture, which includes a philosophy and approach that has been adopted by customers.

The following individuals were recognized for teamwork as part of four teams receiving NOVA awards:

The **Aircraft Modification Team** developed and implemented innovative approaches to modify flight test and production aircraft in support of the F-35 Lightning II program.

Gary L. Cooper, Arlington, aircraft assembler  
Donald G. Cox, Granbury, manufacturing engineer  
Michael D. Gilley, Cleburne, aircraft assembler  
Stephen T. Howes, Willow Park, senior manager  
Jeffrey R. Inman, Fort Worth, aircraft assembler  
William H. Juenger, Fort Worth, aeronautical engineer  
Lonnie R. Lyman, Aledo, manufacturing engineer  
Jimmie R. Murray Jr., Mansfield, aircraft assembler  
David L. Penney, Haslet, manufacturing engineering manager  
Chris Lee Skinner, Bowie, aircraft assembler  
Scott D. Taylor, Roanoke, manufacturing engineer  
Kris L. Thompson, Azle, manufacturing engineer  
Michael K. Thompson, Bowie, aircraft assembler  
Jeffery Lynn Ware, Weatherford, manufacturing engineer

The **F-22 Physiological Incident Resolution Team** successfully worked with the Life Support System Task Force chartered by the U.S. Air Force to determine the cause of unexplained physiological incidents on the F-22 Raptor fleet. In less than one year, the team uncovered contributory factors, identified a solution, installed an independent oxygen sensor throughout the fleet, and developed and flight-tested an automatic back-up oxygen system.

Patrick A. Batdorf, Fort Worth, aeronautical engineer  
Stuart B. Brown, Fort Worth, systems engineer  
Kevin Lee Chaples, Fort Worth, program manager  
Russell B. Countryman, Keller, technical lead  
Geoffrey E. Moore, Benbrook, F-22 team leader

Michael J. Schoop, Fort Worth, aeronautical engineer  
David G. Shirley, Benbrook, supply chain manager  
Mark A. Turner, Benbrook, crew station engineer

The **Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Application Core Team** contributed countless hours to develop, package and refine the documentation and visual materials that resulted in Missiles and Fire Control (MFC) being awarded the 2012 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award by the United States Department of Commerce.

Jeffrey A. Hall, Keller, business planning director  
Brad W. Walker, Dallas, ESH associate manager  
Michael S. Self, Rowlett, ESH manager  
Marcus B. Concienne, Dallas, PAC-3 production operations transition manager  
Aaron D. Walker, Midlothian, subcontract manager  
Marcy L. Boyd, Irving, graphic artist  
Connie D. Perry, Arlington, business development manager  
Valeri G. West, Arlington, senior manager – talent and organizational capabilities  
Elizabeth B. Stark, Arlington, production operations staff

The **Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) Flight Test #1 Team** was recognized for resolving complex integration challenges and demonstrating unwavering resolve in the face of adversity and schedule pressure to achieve 100 percent mission success.

Hector L. Bayona, Grand Prairie, systems engineer  
John I. Lipp, Lewisville, systems engineer  
Ronald Rippe, Lancaster, systems engineer  
Lamar Lunsford, Fort Worth, systems engineer

The **Miniature Munition Team** impressed a vital new customer for MFC and provided the business with a new family of products for the U.S. warfighter by developing solutions through technical excellence and determination. MFC had a need to address a critical warfighting niche, and the Miniature Munition Team pioneered methods that would fill that niche in an extremely lean environment.

Charles P. McCammish, Fort Worth, mechanical engineer  
John T. Schofield, Irving, mechanical engineer  
Adam C. Miller, Dallas, systems engineer  
Lynece Pfledderer, Arlington, systems engineer  
Gregory M. Richards, Colleyville, research engineer  
Chad N. Chegwiddden, Arlington, systems engineer  
Bryan D. Pettitt, Grand Prairie, systems engineer

The **Return to Work Business Continuity Team** created a strategic framework to bring employees back to work after a 10-week strike, while taking advantage of opportunities to improve the culture on the production floor. As a result, F-35 Lightning II delivery metrics and labor efficiency continue to improve.

Charles R. Akers, Aledo, director  
Charles E. Armstrong, Grand Prairie, multimedia design engineer  
Lisa Flinn Early, Fort Worth, human resources business partner  
Kyle A. Franklin, Aledo, director  
James R. Guehlstorf, Arlington, quality analyst  
Steven E. Hirtzel, Aledo, safety engineer  
Mark D. Johnson, Arlington, communications  
Sandra K. Kenerley, Fort Worth, senior manager  
Gary E. La Gray, Grand Prairie, senior manager  
Paul T. Lee, Willow Park, senior manager  
William N. Radcliffe, Fort Worth, quality engineer  
Samuel R. Rodriguez, Fort Worth, quality engineer  
Carina M. Rodriguez-Nejtek, Flower Mound, senior system integration analyst  
John M. Taylor, Keller, director

The **Security Assessment Team** members set an unprecedented industry standard by achieving 100 percent "Superior" ratings across 13 MFC sites during their 2012 Defense Security Service security assessments; far exceeding industry average of 7 percent Superior ratings granted to over 13,000 cleared facilities.

Stephen C. Williams, Fort Worth, security director  
Jane C. Dinkel, North Richland Hills, security manager  
James A. Bass Jr., Grand Prairie, facility security manager

The **Security Category Management Team** leveraged a single contract guard supplier solution across the corporation that yielded significant cost savings and increased the quality of contract guards throughout Lockheed Martin. The team's combined work, which resulted in the selection of a single supplier for contract guard services across 74 Lockheed Martin sites, will save the corporation a minimum of \$4.7 million per year over the next five years.

Jeffrey A. Anderson, Waxahachie, senior security manager  
Gregory A. Johnson, Fort Worth, senior procurement manager  
Matt D. Latham, North Richland Hills, senior security manager

"Our NOVA honorees have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to performance, innovation and integrity," said Hewson. "Our customers are facing incredibly complex challenges, and these talented employees have worked tirelessly to help them rise to those challenges. Our 2013 honorees have set the standard for leadership, technical excellence and performance, and I am proud to work alongside each of them."

The Lockheed Martin NOVA Awards were created in 1995. The name "NOVA" aptly describes the contributions of the winners as the bright stars of the corporation.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs about 116,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration, and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products, and services. The corporation's net sales for 2012 were \$47.2 billion.

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