



2017

ALASKA  
MISSILE DEFENDER  
*of the YEAR*  
AWARD CEREMONY

*May 6, 2017*

*Anchorage, Alaska*



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS  
ALASKA MISSILE DEFENDER *of the* YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

Call to Order

National Anthem

Invocation

Welcoming Remarks

Dinner

Remarks

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks by Mr. Riki Ellison

Reception

# Senator Theodore "Ted" Stevens



November 18, 1923 - August 10, 2010

Senator Stevens had the courage where others did not, the foresight against the majority where others dare not, and the tenacity of a skilled and determined man who came from humble American beginnings to help bring the 49th state into the Union. Senator Stevens defended our nation with valor, wisdom and vision. He reached out to enable every part of Alaska from its native tribes, wildlife, natural resources and its people to significantly add to the fabric and strength of the American people and its culture. Senator Stevens, with his intimidating presence and reputation of passionate deliberate confrontation on issues important to our nation and his state had a more compassionate reputation to those that knew him of deep love and respect.

He enabled and led the multitudes of people he touched in so many ways throughout his 86 years in the making of today's America. We were fortunate to have him grace our nation, share his wisdom, use his knowledge, and live with freedom from his legacy. For missile defense, there has been no greater legislator or representative of the American people in the history of our country.

No one has done more to evolve, develop and deploy our nation's missile defense systems that are placed throughout the world, making our world, allies and troops safe today. Without Senator Steven's visionary leadership, this nation would not today have a deployed missile defense system and architecture protecting our homeland.

The Missile Defense Agency would not have been formed or supported without the iron will of Senator Stevens. From all of us that support missile defense, we are eternally grateful for his legacy, leadership and determination.

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*We want to thank all those who have supported MDAA for over a decade to fulfill its mission to educate the American public on the need for our nation to develop and deploy missile defense.*

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## ABOUT MDAA



The Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance

MDAA's mission is to make the world safer by advocating for the development and deployment of missile defense systems to defend the United States, its armed forces, and its allies against missile threats.

MDAA is the only organization in existence whose primary mission is to educate the American public about missile defense issues and to recruit, organize, and mobilize citizens to advocate for the critical need of missile defense. We are a non-profit organization that does not advocate on behalf of any specific system, technology, architecture, or entity.

MDAA was founded by Riki Ellison in 2002 to generate public support through education for the continued testing, development, and deployment of missile defense systems.



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### **STAFF SERGEANT JONATHAN RICK RIVERA CALDERON**

Staff Sergeant Jonathan Rivera Calderon is a Desk Sergeant and Fire Team Member for the 213th Space Warning Squadron, Clear Air Force Station, Alaska. In this position he represents a high level of understanding pertaining to command and control of Security Forces resources demonstrated through the dispatching of patrols, responding to 911 calls, monitoring alarms systems, working with CCTV, advising squadron and group leadership of ongoing situations, running a blotter of all security forces activities, and overseeing all reports and documentation processed during each shift. He manages the Air Force Training Record System ensuring compliance with Air Force Instructions and verifying the readiness of the personnel he is assigned to train.



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### **STAFF SERGEANT STANISLOV VALERIEVICH BARILOV**

Staff Sergeant Stanislav V. Barilov is a Desk Sergeant and Fire Team Member for the 213th Space Warning Squadron, Clear Air Force Station, Alaska. In this position he represents a high level of understanding pertaining to command and control of Security Forces resources demonstrated through the dispatching of patrols, responding to 911 calls, monitoring alarms systems, working with CCTV, advising squadron and group leadership of ongoing situations, running a blotter of all security forces activities, and overseeing all reports and documentation processed during each shift. He has represented the Air Force and the Alaska Air National Guard in two Army vs. Air Force Commander's Cup hockey games as the starting goalie. He additionally serves as a member of the Clear Air Force Station Honor Guard, is the Security Forces Scheduler for Security Forces Bravo Flight and the Assistant Flight Trainer for Bravo Flight.



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### CAPTAIN ERIK J. HAUGEN

Captain Erik J. Haugen is Chief of the Weapons and Tactics flight for the 213th SWS, Clear AFS, AK. He oversees tactics and procedures for the Missile Warning Phased Array Radar. Captain Haugen is also the Space Mission Force lead, an Instructor, Test Controller, Resource Advisor, Government Travel Card and Government Purchase Card Approving Official, Master Resiliency Instructor, Space Safety Representative, and a Wing Inspection Team member.



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### **TECHINICAL SERGEANT MARK E. LOCKWOOD**

Technical Sergeant Mark E. Lockwood is a Crew Chief for the Missile Warning Operations Center, DOC, at the 213th Space Warning Squadron, Clear AFS, Alaska. TSgt Lockwood is also ready to perform operational duty as a fully mission ready Space Systems Crew Chief where he exercises operational control of a \$250 million phased-array radar detection weapon system (AN/FPS-123). TSgt Lockwood supports the Joint Space Operations Center by detecting and recording characteristics of high-interest satellites. The operations crew verbally relays critical early warning and attack characterization data to Missile Warning Center (MWC). Operations crew members must provide a human assessment to the MWC within 60 seconds of missile detection.



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### SERGEANT TRAVIS HALL

Sergeant Travis Hall was born in Orlando, Florida on August 11th 1986. He joined the Florida Army National Guard in October of 2004 and attended Basic Training and AIT as an Infantryman at Ft. Benning, Georgia on January 2005. In November of 2010, SGT Hall joined the Army Reserves as an 88M Truck Driver. Then, in September of 2013, SGT Hall joined the Alaska Army National Guard. During his career as an Infantryman, SGT Hall served as a Team Leader and machine gunner. He participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006-2007. During his career in the Alaska Army National Guard, SGT Hall served as a mechanic and is currently serving as a Military Police Officer at Fort Greely Alaska.



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### **SERGEANT NATHAN WILLIAMS**

Sergeant Nathan Williams started his Military career by enlisting in the Alaska Army National Guard October 20th, 2008. His one unit station training (OUST) for 19D Cavalry Scout took place February 4th 2009 and ended June 9th 2009 in Ft. Knox Kentucky. During his time at OUST SGT Williams became an expert in US small arms weapons, call for fire, land navigation, Route, area, and zone reconnaissance these skills were needed to be a successful scout. After returning home to Eagle River, AK Sergeant Williams, joined the 297th Bravo Troop as an E-1/Private. On October 2010 Sergeant Williams was placed on ADOS orders as a member of the Military Funeral Honors team for a year where he also met his wife of six years. On the spring of 2011 Sergeant Williams applied for an Active Guard Reserve title 32 position at Fort Greely, AK. That same year he was accepted as an E-3/Private First Class, and signed a contract for a 3 year tour with Alpha Company 49th Missile Defense Battalion as a Military Policeman. Sergeant Williams attended Military Police MOSQ course phase I and II in August 2011 in Rickenbacker Air Station Columbus Ohio.



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### MAJOR MICHAEL THOMAS LONG

MAJ Michael Long started his military career in June of 1997 as a Marine at Parris Island, South Carolina. In August of 2002 he reenlisted into the New York National Guard as an Infantryman and served for one year as a Specialist, until he was selected to attend OCS. Upon completing OCS, he was assigned to Ft. Greely as a Platoon Leader in 2006. Initially assigned to the 49th Military Police Company as a Platoon Leader, then becoming the Executive Officer of the same Company. He then attended and completed the Ground Based Missile Defense Qualification Course to become at Tactical Director of Alpha Crew in 2009. In 2012 MAJ Long was selected to Command of Alpha Company. He is currently serving as Sr. Tactical Director of Delta Crew.



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### CAPTAIN ANTHONY R. MONTOYA

Captain Anthony R. Montoya completed basic training at Ft. Sill, OK in 2004. His current assignment is with Battalion S-2, HHB, 49th Missile Defense BN, Army National Guard at Fort Greely, AK. His previous assignments included Early Warning Systems Operator 1/200 ADA at Roswell, NM, C4I Enhanced System Operator Maintainer, 1-200 ADA at Roswell, NM, Communications Operator HHB 49th MDB GMD at Ft. Greely, AK and Weapons Operator HHB 49th MDB GMD at Ft. Greely AK.



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### FIRST LIEUTENANT RACHEL SIMMONS

First Lieutenant Rachel Simmons is a native of Eugene, Oregon. She commissioned as a Military Police Officer in 2010 through the Reserve Officer Training Corp program at the University of Oregon with a degree in Political Science. Her prior assignments include: Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Rear Detachment Officer in Charge, Maneuver and Mobility Support Operations Officer, and Civil-Military Affairs Operations Officer. 1LT Simmons has two children. She is a University of Oregon Alumni Association Life Member and Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 10252).



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### **STAFF SERGEANT CAROLINE DOMENECH**

SSG Caroline Domenech is a fourth generation Puerto Rico National Guard Soldier native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and she enlisted as a Human Intelligence Collector in September 2007. Her previous assignments include: 292nd Military Intelligence Company, PR., Puerto Rico Honor Guard (Funeral Honors), 92nd Signal Company, PR., Alpha Company (Military Police), 49th Missile Defense Battalion; Fort Greely, AK., and is currently serving in HHB (Air Defense Artillery), 49th Missile Defense Battalion; Fort Greely, AK.



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### SERGEANT JOSE J. APONTE

SGT Jose Aponte is a Puerto Rico National Guard Soldier, native of Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico initially enlisted as a Motor Transport Operator in December 2010. Military education includes Basic Training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Heavy Vehicle Driver at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Qualification Course at Colorado Springs, Basic Leader Course at Salt Lake City, Utah and Avenger Crew Member in Camp Blanding, Florida. His previous assignments include Heavy Vehicle Driver in the 770th Transportation Co. at Camp Santiago, Salinas, Puerto Rico, and Engagement Control Shift Leader with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion (GMD) at Fort Greely, Alaska. Aponte is married to the Yetzenia Ramos.



## **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU**

To the Air National Guard of Alaska and the Army National Guard of Alaska



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