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Hill gives annual ‘Wingman’ awards

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah – Four people from northern Utah were recently recognized for their exceptional support to Airmen here.

Rick Hartle, Jodi Holmgren, Sue Munson and Barbara Riddle all received community ‘Wingman’ awards from Maj. Gen. Andrew Busch, Ogden Air Logistics Center commander.

“It’s imperative we recognize that our community leaders selflessly put their time and effort into improving the quality of life of Hill Airmen,” Busch said.

The annual award is presented to people in the community who go above and beyond supporting Hill Air Force Base’s men and women.

Recipients are honored with a medal and personalized portrait, which is displayed in the Hill Aerospace Museum. This year’s recipients are:

Rick Hartle is a lifetime member of the Air Force Association who has served at the chapter, state and national levels. He’s held leadership roles in the Utah Aerospace Education Foundation and the Aerospace Heritage Foundation. Hartle led community efforts to help establish the Junior Enlisted Center at Hill AFB. Under his leadership and direction, the Salute to Our Nation’s Defenders Picnic is now a landmark event.

Jodi Holmgren serves as the 388th Fighter Wing Falcons President, a program comprised of 388th Honorary Commander alumni who have served for two or more years. Her main focus consists of working closely with Airmen, facilitating volunteer opportunities and managing fundraising activities for quality of life programs. Holmgren continues to strengthen the relationship between the wing and local businesses through communication initiatives that maximize involvement and support various programs.

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Sue Munson is the treasurer of the Wolf Creek Foundation, a non-profit organization that funds Team Hill retreats for deploying Airmen and their families. Munson was instrumental in forming the foundation, as well as the “Music in the Mountains” concert series that helps fund the retreats. She has enlisted the help of numerous corporate sponsors, and because of her efforts, the Wolf Creek Foundation has served 735 military families in 21 retreats over its first five year period. Munson raises \$50,000 per retreat and has given the residents of Ogden Valley a tangible way to support military families at Hill AFB.

Barbara Riddle is a former Ogden Air Logistics Center and 388th Fighter Wing Honorary Commander and a current 388th Fighter Wing Falcon, previously serving as president of that organization. Barbara also serves as chair of the Quality of Life sub-committee for the Top of Utah Military Affairs Committee. She dramatically increased fundraising and expanded quality of life programs for Hill Airmen. She has organized three Salute to our Nation’s Defenders picnics, helping the event grow to serve over 2,500 military members and their families.