

# FLIGHT FOLLOWING

NEWS FROM THE AIR CARE ALLIANCE



*The Air Care Alliance promotes, supports, and represents public benefit flying through communication and cooperation among organizations facilitating flights for health, compassion, and community service.*

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## ANNUAL PBF IMPACT SURVEY

Has your organization completed the annual PBF impact survey?

Doing so helps us to demonstrate the overall impact of public benefit flying. The more complete our picture is, the better we can advocate, educate, and help our sector thrive.

### Volunteer Pilot

**Organizations:** Please provide your information by February 18th, 2022.

[COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS NAA AWARDS RECIPIENTS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our vision at Air Care Alliance is to *maximize charitable aviation through organizations and pilots flying to serve the needs of humanity.*

In 2022, we will continue to strive to support public benefit flying

among Volunteer Pilot Organizations wherever and whenever we can. We will also continue efforts to reach out to those pilots who currently do not fly for charitable purposes.

The charitable pilot is a very unique pilot. They have an intense passion to help others through aviation and are constantly searching for opportunities to utilize their skills and airplanes for charitable purposes wherever and wherever they may be. Some pilots focus primarily on one specific purposeful mission. Many other volunteer pilots enjoy seeking various opportunities to spread their time and donated flights to a variety of causes.

Every volunteer pilot has good reasons to do what they do to help others with aviation. I think most pilots feel very fortunate to possess the skills to fly and to have enough time and resources available to donate each and to make a difference in someone's life.

Every charitable flight has an immediate reward for the pilot whether it's helping those traveling for much needed medical treatment, saving animals for their



On December 6th, 2021, the National Aeronautic Association's Fall Awards Ceremony was held near Washington DC. ACA in conjunction with NAA presented the Public Benefit Flying Awards.

[View photos from the event here.](#)

Our warmest congratulations to all of the Public Benefit Flying Award Recipients!

future families, providing life saving medical supplies for those in need especially following tragic disasters, and the list goes on. Charitable aviation may not be for every pilot, but for those who do volunteer, it can become the primary reason they want to fly and fly often.

I firmly believe there are thousands of pilots nationwide who have not yet had the opportunity to help others with aviation in a consistent manner. Air Care Alliance will be doing all we can to connect with those pilots as a starting point and then guide them towards ACA member organizations and their missions. We believe these efforts will provide additional benefit and support for VPOs, for these emerging volunteer pilots and for all those recipients of the outstanding generosity that exists every day in charitable aviation.

Jim Hesseman, President  
Air Care Alliance

## 2022 AIR CARE CONFERENCE



After 2 years without an in-person conference, we are happy to announce the AIR CARE Conference is officially on for 2022--albeit with a later than usual date.

**AIR CARE 2022**  
September 30 - Oct 1, 2022  
Hosted in Southern California  
by ACA Member Group Angel Flight West

This annual conference provides an opportunity for those involved in public benefit flying to meet and share ideas, improving our missions of service.

More details to come, but for now, save the date!

Have an idea for a conference topic you'd like to discuss? Please email us at:  
[k.luke@aircarealliance.org](mailto:k.luke@aircarealliance.org)

## BEWARE CALL SIGN MISMATCH

Many volunteer pilots use special call signs on their volunteer flights. Whether you use the call sign "Compassion" (CMF), "Angel Flight" (NGF), "Aerobridge" (BGE), "Pals Hope" (PLZ), or any other call sign that is not the aircraft's registration number, you must be careful to avoid "Callsign Mismatch" (CSMM).



Learn what it is and how to avoid it here.

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## CALL FOR 2022 ENDEAVOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**  
**\$10,000 AWARD GRANT**



Deadline to submit is February 2nd, 2022

[www.endeavorawards.org/nominate](http://www.endeavorawards.org/nominate)



This opportunity is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Cirrus Aircraft.



Angel Flight West with the support of the Air Care Alliance is seeking nominations for two recipients of the 2022 Endeavor Awards.

You and your organization have the opportunity to nominate a pilot who exemplifies a personal contribution and commitment to charitable flying by volunteering their time, resources, and aircraft through your organization to help others.

The organizations represented by the awardees will each receive award grants at the value of \$ 10,000 along with a promo video, and the story of their work will be presented at the event on Friday, May 13, 2022.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



[Volunteer Pilots Fly Nearly 1,000 Endangered Birds to New Home](#)

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[This Mount Kisco CEO Pilots the Skies for Veterans](#)

[Pilots for Patients Completes Major Milestone](#)

[Givers of GovCon Podcast: Dun & Bradstreet's Tim Solms and the Veterans Airlift Command](#)

[Volunteer Pilots Transport Supplies to Navajo Nation](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Every dollar we raise directly supports ACA's mission of promoting, supporting, and representing public benefit flying and increases our capacity to serve.

**GIVE NOW**

One-time and recurring gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted.

Join the Air Care Alliance in support of charitable aviation by donating your cryptocurrency!

**DONATE CRYPTO**

## PLATINUM

*ST. PETER FAMILY - In memory of Gary Robert St. Peter*

*Gary was inspired by the work of the Air Care Alliance and all of the groups represented.  
May all continue to diligently work to help others with public benefit flying.*

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