

The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America is pleased to announce that Chaplain William J. Braswell, 1st Fighter Wing, 480th Intelligence Wing Chaplain at Langley Air Force Base, VA, will receive our 2008 Distinguished Service Award.

First presented in 1991, this award recognizes "excellence in the practice of chaplaincy and professionalism in ministry." Each year since then, awardees from the Air Force, Army, Navy, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol are nominated by their respective Chief Chaplains or national Chaplain Service Directors.

Chaplain Braswell was nominated and selected from among his peers throughout the chaplains now serving with the Air Force Chaplain Service.

Our 2008 award presentation takes place at a banquet on Wednesday evening, 9 April 2008, Fort Jackson, SC, Officer's Club, during our 83rd National Institute. We hope that Chaplain Braswell will be able to attend and receive his award alongside of those chaplains selected from the other services. However, if operational requirements or other obligations preclude his participation, we will make alternate arrangements to convey his award.

We are also honored to announce that Chaplain, Major General Charles C. Baldwin, Chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service will receive our annual National Citizenship Award during the same banquet.

Our policy is to convey initial notification of award selection through the awardees' line chain of command. We deeply appreciate your assistance with this matter and will follow up with a formal letter to Chaplain Braswell.

Thank you for your service to our Nation.

Very respectfully yours,

Chaplain Gary Pollitt, Executive Director, Military Chaplains Association