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## **Blue Angels ‘Boss’ receives international air show award**

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**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – During its annual convention in Las Vegas, the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) Board of Directors honored former Blue Angels Commanding Officer/Flight Leader, Captain Greg McWherter, as the recipient of the ICAS Special Achievement Award during the Chairman’s Banquet December 13.

McWherter was chosen as this year’s honoree for his achievements and contributions during the 2012 air show season. McWherter, who led the team for a total of four years, was recognized for his efforts to integrate the team more fully into the larger air show community, as well as the personal and professional sacrifices he made when he volunteered to serve a second two-year stint as the Blue Angels’ Boss.

“The work Greg did, the progress he helped the team make and the sacrifices he and his family have endured during the last four years are nothing short of extraordinary,” said John Cudahy, President of ICAS.

“These last four years have been a remarkable gift to the air show community. The team is fundamentally different than it was in December of 2008 when Greg attended his first ICAS convention.”

McWherter transitioned the team to a two-year scheduling cycle that has become the benchmark for performance scheduling in the air show industry.

Since his first day on the job, McWherter also focused on making the team more flexible, more approachable and more deeply engaged in the fabric and culture of the air show community.

McWherter humbly accepted this award and credited his team for the accolade.

“I’m honored, but the men and women whom I was fortunate enough to call myself their commanding officer deserve the recognition,” he said.

“Their pride and professionalism continues to inspire me on a daily basis.”

To watch the video detailing the achievements and contributions of McWherter, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM1GF5eRHBg>.

For more information on the Blue Angels, visit the squadron’s web site: [www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil).

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