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AIRSHOW NAMES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR & DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR  
AND PRESENTS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Salinas, CA – August 31, 2017 – The California International Airshow honored two volunteers as their Director of the Year and their Volunteer of the Year at their committee chairperson meeting this evening.

Justin Roberts, the Airshow’s Facility Director, was named “Director of the Year” in recognition of his hardwork, dedication and outstanding accomplishments. Since 2007, Justin has been an influential part of the Salinas Airshow. Initially joining to give back to his community. His passion and desire to make this airshow the best it can be has kept him motivated to spend countless hours looking for ways to looking for ways to make improvements. In 2015, he was appointed to the Airshow Board as the Director of Facilities.

Long-time Airshow volunteer and owner of Della Mora Plumbing, Rick Della Mora, was named the recipient of the Alice Beck Memorial Award which honors an outstanding volunteer as the “Volunteer of the Year”. Starting in 1995 as a flight line security volunteer, Rick Della Mora, has established himself as a well-balanced chairperson who is respected throughout the committee chairs, directors and volunteers. Currently, Rick serves as the Security Chairperson for the Airshow’s President’s Tent.

Distinguished Service Awards were also presented to Budj McDill from Air Operations, Charlie and Molly Ardinger from Transportation, Mary and Wayne Schapper from Security, The DLI 311<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron from Hospitality, Manuel Castorena from Facilities and Derek Kuntz from Facilities.

The 2017 show is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> and features the F-22 Raptor, The Heritage Flight featuring the F-22, A-10 Thunderbolt/Warthog and P-38, Sean D. Tucker in the Challenger 3 bi-plane, Greg Colyers T-33 Shooting Star, Royal Canadian Force CT-142 Dash-8 “Gonzo”, Vicki Benzing in her Boeing Stearman, Bill Stein in his Edge540, Kent Pietsch in the Jelly Belly Stunt Plane and the Beast Jet Car!

For tickets, call the Airshow office at (831) 754-1983 or go on-line to [www.salinasairshow.com](http://www.salinasairshow.com)

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