

Rivet Amber Award

Criteria and Nomination Procedures

The Advanced Technical Intelligence Association (ATIA) **RIVET AMBER AWARD** is named in honor of members of the crew of an RC-135, "Rivet Amber", one of the first Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) aircraft, who lost their lives June 5, 1969, in an explosion over the Bering Sea. The crew and aircraft were never recovered. The Award recognizes an individual or unit's effective operational contributions, notable influence and distinguished service to the MASINT profession.

Nomination: A candidate may be nominated for the Award by submitting a one-page nomination to the NMO Chair of the Rivet Amber Awards Committee either through written correspondence or electronic mail. Succinct and factual nominations are desired. Nominations shall be unclassified; however, they may be supplemented by a one-page classified explanatory supplement, if necessary to explain the accomplishment or establish its significance (in the context of current operations). The unclassified nomination shall include: the nominee's name, the current organization and point of contact, phone number of the POC, and a brief narrative of the candidate's long-term significant service to MASINT technologies and applications and why the candidate is deemed worthy of the special recognition of this award.

Evaluation: Nominees shall be evaluated against the following criteria: the individual or unit's notable operational achievement, either through individual effort or application by others, and the singularly significant impact that this accomplishment has had in one or more of the following areas:

- Improvement in MASINT operations
- Achievement in broadening MASINT technology applications, or
- Advancement of the MASINT profession.

The outstanding nature of the candidate's personal or organizational commitment and demonstrated support to MASINT interests, goals, and ideals should be unquestionable. The NMO Rivet Amber Awards Committee will evaluate the nominees based only upon the information presented in the nomination and the classified supplement, if submitted.

Submission: The National MASINT Office will receive nominations on behalf of the ATIA Awards Committee. Nominations should be addressed to the Defense Intelligence Agency, Building 6000, Washington, DC 20340-5100, ATTN: MM, McEntire, MASINT Awards or electronically to jerry.mcentire@dodiis.ic.gov and dana.mccauley@dodiis.ic.gov. If unclassified, nomination package may be sent to jerry.mcentire@dodiis.mil and dana.mccauley@dodiis.mil. Electronic submission is preferred. Nominations must be sent to arrive no later than 10 November 2011.

Selection: The Rivet Amber Award is limited to one recipient per year and may be awarded to a recipient only once. In unique circumstances the award may be made posthumously.

Presentation: The Award will be presented to the recipient at ATIA's annual awards reception held in conjunction with its annual conference on *6 - 8 December 2011*.