



Legendary Collier Trophy Awarded to X-47B Team

April 10, 2014 6:00 PM EDT

U.S. Navy, Northrop Grumman and industry recognized for outstanding achievement in aeronautics

ARLINGTON, Va., April 10, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) has selected the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System Demonstration (UCAS-D) team to receive the 2013 Robert J. Collier Trophy, aviation's highest honor.

The Northrop Grumman logo, featuring the words "NORTHROP" and "GRUMMAN" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with a blue swoosh underline.

A photo accompanying this release is available at <http://media.globenewswire.com/noc/mediagallery.html?pkgid=24705>

Comprised of leaders in government, business and industry, the NAA voting committee awarded the U.S. Navy, Northrop Grumman (NYSE: NOC) and industry partners for "developing and demonstrating the first unmanned, autonomous air system operating from an aircraft carrier."

On May 14, 2013, the X-47B was the first unmanned, tailless aircraft to catapult launch from an aircraft carrier, the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77). Three days later, the aircraft made the first carrier-based touch-and-go landings. On July 10, 2013, the X-47B made history again on CVN 77 by being the first unmanned, tailless aircraft to make an arrested landing aboard a carrier.

Conferred annually, the Collier Trophy recognizes one team or individual who has made "the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America" during the previous year. Past recipients of the trophy include: Howard Hughes (1938), Neil Armstrong (1969), the B-2 (1991), Global Hawk (2000) and SpaceShipOne (2004).

The 2013 Collier Trophy will be formally presented May 29 at the annual Robert J. Collier Trophy Dinner in Arlington.

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected as this year's winner," said Carl Johnson, vice president of Northrop Grumman's UCAS-D organization. "The X-47B program is the product of extraordinary vision and relentless execution. The Navy and our entire industry team have been formidable partners in developing an aircraft that many thought impossible."

Key suppliers to the X-47B program are Dell, Eaton, GE Aviation, GKN Aerospace, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, MOOG, Pratt & Whitney, Rockwell Collins, UTC Aerospace Systems and Wind River.

Northrop Grumman is a leading global security company providing innovative systems, products and solutions in unmanned systems, cyber, C4ISR, and logistics and modernization to government and commercial customers worldwide. Please visit www.northropgrumman.com for more information.

Logo - <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20121024/LA98563LOGO>

SOURCE Northrop Grumman Corporation

Caitlin O'Connor, 858-618-3631, caitlin.oconnor@ngc.com