



For over a century, the Air League has presented honours and awards to individuals and organisations who have made an outstanding contribution to aviation and aerospace in the United Kingdom.

## The Founders' Medal

The award was the gift of the late Mr Stephen Marples, co-founder of the Air League with Colonel H S Massy in 1909. Since Mr Marples' death in 1972, the medal has been funded by the Air League.

Established 1960. Struck in hallmarked silver-gilt by Spink & Son.

The medal is awarded:

“For the most meritorious achievement in the whole field of British aviation or reaching its culmination during the calendar year under review.”

### Recipients:

- 1960: Mr Tom Brooke-Smith
- 1961: The RAF Central Flying School
- 1962: Dr (later Sir) Barnes Wallis
- 1963: Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Douglas of Kirtleside
- 1964: (No award)
- 1965: Sir Roy Dobson
- 1966: Mrs Anne Burns
- 1967: Mr A W (Bill) Bedford
- 1968: Sir George Edwards
- 1969: NASA Apollo 11 astronauts Mr Neil Armstrong, Colonel Edwin Aldrin & Colonel Michael Collins
- 1970: Mr E Brian Trubshaw
- 1971: (No award)
- 1972: Mr D P Davis
- 1973: The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team
- 1974: Captain James Fitcher & First Officer Michael Wood (Crew of BOAC hijacked VC-10)
- 1975: Mr (later Sir) Freddie Laker
- 1976: Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Andrew Humphrey (posthumously)
- 1977: (No award)
- 1978: (No award)
- 1979: Group Captain John Cunningham
- 1980: (No award)
- 1981: (No award)
- 1982: (No award)
- 1983: Squadron Leader D G Lee MBE RAF

1984: (No award)  
1985: (No award)  
1986: (No award)  
1987: (No award)  
1988: Miss Evelyn Jackson  
1989: (No award)  
1990: (No award)  
1991: Mr Duncan Simpson  
1992: Dr Michael Foale  
1993: (No award)  
1994: (No award)  
1995: (No award)  
1996: Dr J E Henderson  
1997: Sir Colin Marshall  
1998: Sir Ralph Robins  
1999: Bertrand Piccard & Brian Jones OBE  
2000: Sir Richard Evans CBE  
2001: The Air Cadet Organisation (Received by Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Squire)  
2002: Sir Michael Cobham  
2003: Sir Arthur Marshall  
2004: (No award)  
2005: Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight KCB AFC FRAeS  
2006: Sir Adrian Swire  
2007: Mr Joseph J Gaggero  
2008: (No award)  
2009: Captain Chesley Sullenberger  
2010: (No award)  
2011: (No award)  
2012: (No award)  
2013: (No award)  
2014: (No award)  
2015: Captain Eric Brown RN  
2016: Major Timothy Peake (awarded from St. James's Palace via NASA link whilst onboard the ISS)  
2017: The Boeing Company  
2018: The Royal Air Force  
2019: No. 1 Group, Royal Air Force, Air Command  
2020: (No award-COVID-19)  
2021: (No award)  
2022: Rolls-Royce Plc  
2023: (No award)  
2024: Kerissa Khan

# The Gold Medal

Archives from the Aerial League of the British Empire note the first original Gold Medal recipient was Claude Grahame-White in 1910.

Established in 1910 until an unknown date, re-established in 1998. Struck in solid gold by Bentley & Skinner.

The medal is awarded:

“For outstanding service to the causes of the Air League”

## Recipients:

1998: The Royal Air Force Historical Society

1999: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough KCB CBE DFC AFC

2000: (No award)

2001: (No award)

2002: His Royal Highness The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh KG KT

2003: (No award)

2004: (No award)

2005: (No award)

2006 (No award)

2007: (No award)

2008: (No award)

2009: Sir Michael Marshall

2010: Mr Lionel Anthony Edwards

2011: Sir John Rose

2012: (No award)

2013: (No award)

2014: The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team

2015: (No award)

2016: The Royal Air Force Air Cadet Organisation

2017: (No award)

2018: Dame Carolyn McCall

2019: British Airways

2020: (No award -Covid-19)

2021: (No award)

2022: (No award)

2023: (No award)

2024: Air Commodore Tony Keeling OBE RAF

# Companionship of the Air League

Companionship of the Air League is the League's highest order for an individual and was founded under the presidency of Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight in 1996. Over the past 25 years, only 17 individuals have been elected and at any one time there can only be six companions. There are currently three living companions. The first Companion of the League was Sir Frank Whittle in 1996.

Companionship of the Air League is bestowed to individuals:

"For whom this special distinction seems to be the most appropriate form of recognition following outstanding achievements within aviation and aerospace over a lifetime."

## Recipients:

- 1996: Sir Frank Whittle OM KBE CB (Deceased)
- Group Captain John Cunningham CBE DSO DFC AE (Deceased)
- Sir George Edwards OM CBE FRS (Deceased)
- Professor R V Jones CH CB CBE (Deceased)
- Sir Peter Masefield MA CEng FRAeS (Deceased)
- 1997: Sir Arthur Marshall OBE DL (Deceased)
- Lord Kings Norton FIMechE Hon FRAeS Feng (Deceased)
- Sir Arnold Hall FRS FEng ScD (Hon Cantab) Hon FRAeS (Deceased)
- 1998: (No award)
- 1999: Sir Frederick Page CBE MA FRS FEng Hon FRAeS (Deceased)
- 2000: (No award)
- 2001: Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy GCB GCVO KBE DSO (Deceased)
- 2002: Mr Alex Henshaw MBE (Deceased)
- 2003: (No award)
- 2004: (No award)
- 2005: (No award)
- 2006: (No award)
- 2007: Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Craig of Radley GCB OBE
- 2008: Sir Ralph Robins
- 2009: Sir Adrian Swire (Deceased)
- 2012: Sir Michael Marshall CBE (Deceased)
- 2013: (No award)
- 2014: (No award)
- 2015: Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burridge KCB CBE ADC
- 2016: (No award)
- 2017: (No award)
- 2018: (No award)
- 2019: (No award)
- 2020: (No award – COVID-19)
- 2021: Captain Yvonne Pope
- 2022: (No award)
- 2023: (No award)
- 2024: Robert Pooley LVO MBE

# The Jeffrey Quill Medal

The Jeffrey Quill medal was established in memory of Jeffrey Quill OBE AFC, a British test pilot who served on secondment with the Royal Air Force and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve during the Second World War. He was also the second man to fly the Supermarine Spitfire As chief test pilot, Quill test-flew every mark of Spitfire. Quill's work on the aircraft aided its development from a promising but untried prototype to become, with the Hawker Hurricane, an instrument of the Royal Air Force's victory in the Battle of Britain. The Spitfire later played a leading role in gaining Allied air superiority over Europe.

Established in 1997. Struck in hallmarked silver-gilt by Spink & Son.

The medal is awarded:

“For an outstanding contribution to the development of air-mindedness in Britain’s youth”

## Recipients:

- 1997: Mr Alex Henshaw MBE
- 1998: Mr Raymond Baxter OBE
- 1999: Squadron Leader Alan Jones
- 2000: Squadron Leader Ray Hanna AFC
- 2001: Mrs Carolyn Grace
- 2002: Squadron Leader Neville Duke DSO OBE DFC AFC
- 2003: Squadron Leader J R Maitland
- 2004: Sir David Hempleman-Adams
- 2005: Mr John Romain
- 2006: Mr Tim Prince
- 2007: Mr David Roberts
- 2008: Mr Fred and Mr Harold Panton
- 2009: Group Captain Edward Cox
- 2010: Dr Michael Fopp
- 2011: Group Captain Terry Holloway
- 2012: Captain Clive Elton
- 2013: Mr Keith Mans
- 2014: The Brooklands Museum
- 2015: Mr Stephen Grey
- 2016: Mr Keith Williams
- 2017: SkyDemon
- 2018: Airbus UK
- 2019: Wing Commander Grant Kearns RAFAC and Wing Commander Mark Brayford RAFAC
- 2020: (No award -Covid-19)
- 2021: Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty CBE
- 2022: (No award)
- 2023: (No award)
- 2024: Krystina Pearson-Rampeearee

# The Scott-Farnie Medal

The Scott-Farnie Medal was established in memory of G R Scott-Farnie. Group Captain George Rowland Scott-Farnie was Managing Director of International Aeradio Ltd (Now part of Serco Group Plc) and a council member of the Air League at the time of his sudden death.

Established in 1969. Struck in hallmarked silver-gilt by Spink & Son.

The medal is awarded:  
"To recognise work in the field of air education"

## Recipients:

- 1969: Mrs H G Alston
- 1970: Air Cdre G J C Paul
- 1971: G A G Cox
- 1972: Derek Piggott
- 1973: J H Taylor
- 1974 -1996: (Records lost)
- 1997: Mr Terry Gill
- 1998: (No award)
- 1999: Popular Flying Association
- 2000: John Swire & Sons Ltd
- 2001: Mr Joe Wheeler
- 2002: Mr John Farley
- 2003: Mr E O (Ted) Inman
- 2004: Dr Michael Fopp
- 2005: Mr Lovat Fraser OBE FRAeS
- 2006: Mr Tom Blair
- 2007: The Royal Aeronautical Society
- 2008: Mr Stephen Wood
- 2009: Mr John Thorpe
- 2010: Mr David Cockburn
- 2011: Mr Michael Oakey
- 2012: Mr Robert Pooley
- 2013: Marshall of Cambridge
- 2014: Mr James Holland
- 2015: The Shuttleworth Collection
- 2016: Dr Robert Fleming
- 2017: The British Gliding Association
- 2018: Wing Commander Andrew Jackman Brookes
- 2019: Wing Commander Ian Revell RAFAC
- 2020: (No award – Covid-19)
- 2021: Mr David Pitchforth
- 2022: Emma Mistry
- 2023: Malcolm Sutherland and TUI Airways
- 2024: Robin Lipscombe MBE & Keirron Mascal

# The Marshall of Cambridge Medal

The Marshall of Cambridge Medal was established by the then chairman, Sir Michael Marshall.

Established in 2002. Struck in hallmarked silver-gilt by Spink & Son.

The medal is awarded:

“For exceptional support of the Air League by a recent scholarship winner”

## Recipients:

2002: Miss K N Speary

2003: Mr K M Levett

2004: Miss L K Martin

2005: (No award)

2006: Mr Andrew F Perkins

2007: (No award)

2008: Lt S Purvis RN

2009: Miss Jennifer Tye

2010: Mr Andrew Menzies

2011: Mr Dan Marshall

2012: Miss Victoria Cope

2013: Mr Harry King

2014: Mr Joe Audcent

2015: Mr Scott Pendry

2016: (No award)

2017: Mr Matthew Wong

2018: Mr Adam White

2019: Mr Sean Link

2020: (No award -Covid-19)

2021: Miss Bridget Donaldson

2022: (No award)

2023: Mr Samuel Gervais

2024: Miss Lucy Isabel Dakin-Scott

# President's Meritorious Service Award

The President's Meritorious Service Award was established by the then Vice-Chairman Group Captain Terry Holloway.  
Established 2017.

The award is given:

"To recognise the considerable work and contribution given by an individual to the Air League over a number of years"

## Recipients:

2017: Dr Francesca de Florio  
Mr Andrew Perkins  
2018: Mr Christopher Walkinshaw  
Ms Melanie McNulty  
2019: Group Captain Terry Holloway  
2020: (No award -Covid-19)  
2021: Sir Roger Bone KCM  
2022: (No award)  
2023: (No award)  
2024: John Steel KC