

Pratt & Whitney Honors Five Employees as Distinguished Engineers of the Year

EAST HARTFORD, Conn., Feb, 23, 2018 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Pratt & Whitney and the Hartford section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) honored five Distinguished Engineers of the Year last evening during National Engineers Week, which began on Feb. 18. The ASME Hartford section makes these awards annually to recognize and promote excellence in the field of engineering. Pratt & Whitney is a division of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX).

"It was not easy to choose our top five Engineers of the Year," said Dave Carter, senior vice president, Engineering, Pratt & Whitney. "We have a lot of talented engineers who made great contributions last year. The accomplishments of the individuals we chose were particularly notable, and we are grateful to have them as leaders in our organization."

Pratt & Whitney's Engineers of the Year for 2018 are **Mark Von Nieda**, chief engineer for the F100/TF33/J52; **Rick Carlton**, chief engineer for Military Development Programs; **Ron Prihar**, Structures discipline chief, GSE; **Esther Boyes**, model chief engineer for the PW1900G and PW1700G; and **Dan Gysling**, aeromechanics fellow.

"Mark's experience and professionalism were instrumental in simultaneously working multiple field incident investigations while being able to find the root cause for each," said Carter. "Rick's persistence and guidance in the development of a critical engine program through Preliminary and Detailed Design helped it progress in a timely manner. Ron accelerated Engine Services' ability to decrease engine overhaul time, and lent his expertise to the development of processes for the F100 Retirement for Cause (RFC) initiative. Esther spearheaded the certification of the PW1900G for Embraer E190-E2 and E195-E2, showing exceptional technical skill and leadership. And finally, Dan's expertise in dynamics helped to optimize the

engine bearing compartment sealing and damping system for our GTF and advanced military products. They are each shining examples of what it means to go beyond for our customers."

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers is a not-for-profit organization that represents 130,000 engineers in more than 150 countries, including college students and young engineers, to senior researchers and executives.

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