

# CEs are among 2013 OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR



**TSgt Joshua L. Hanna**  
36 CES, Andersen AFB, Guam

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Hanna, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal journeyman with the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM where he executed 151 joint combat missions in Kandahar. He led robot operations for 65 IED responses, ensured freedom of movement in a 24-kilometer area for Soldiers working reconstruction projects in Kandahar and supported 23 Army dismount operations. Hanna used his expertise to train 347 coalition forces on IED search techniques and mentor 10 Afghan technicians to prepare Afghanistan for an increased security role. On being named PACAF's Airmen of the Year, Hanna said, "I had a lot of support from everyone in my flight and my squadron.... To look at this award and say it is something that 'I' achieved would be a lie."



**Master Sgt. Andre S. Davis**  
203 RHS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

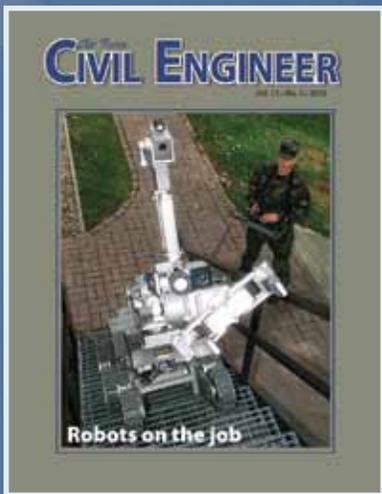
As his unit's education training manager, Master Sgt. Andre S. Davis directly bolstered the experience and education of Airmen through training and education initiatives. He facilitated 228 career development course examinations and conducted 65 professional military education tests for joint service officers. He designed a training process that streamlined skill-level upgrades. He acted as a career and education advisor, mentoring 30 junior enlisted Airmen on education opportunities. He also coordinated college enrollment for 20 Airmen, adding 30 courses and nine degrees to his team's accomplishments. In an interview after winning the Guard SNCO of the Year, Davis said that he keeps airmen motivated by "finding out what personal reasons they had for enlisting and reminding them of the goals they have set for themselves."

## CEs featured in PORTRAITS IN COURAGE

In 2005, then Airman 1st Class Ronnie "Bo" Brickey appeared on the front cover of the CE Magazine (Vol. 13, No. 2) as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal apprentice with the 48 CES at RAF Lakenheath. Now the force protection branch NCOIC for the Air Force Special Operations School at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Master Sgt. Brickey is one of six Civil Engineering Airmen featured in the most recent edition of Portraits in Courage, Volume 8.

According to his "portrait," Brickey is only the fifth Airman in Air Force History to receive five or more Bronze Star Medals.

His story and those of five other EOD professionals — Master Sgt. Andrew Adrian, Tech. Sgt. Jarrod Mills, Staff Sgt. Mark Hajduk, Staff Sgt. Nicole Nellist and Staff Sgt. Garrett Amorose — join with the stories of 16 other Airmen to illustrate "what it truly means to serve." You can read them at <http://static.dma.mil/usaf/courage/>



Master Sgt. Ronnie Brickey (right) poses with his mentor, Chief Master Sgt. James Brewster, the EOD Career Field Manager, following the presentation of his fifth Bronze Star Medal at Hurlburt Field, Fla.