

HOLCOMB NATIVE NAMED  
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AIRMAN OF YEAR

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LINCOLN, Neb. – A Holcomb, Kan., native was named the Nebraska Air National Guard “Airman of the Year” for 2006 by a board of senior Nebraska Air National Guard leaders.

Senior Airman Dustin L. Day, 23, a combat crew communications specialist with the Lincoln-based 155<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight, 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard, was honored for his work – both military and community-oriented – during the past year.

“From January 2006 until December 2006, Senior Airman Dustin Day dedicated his time and effort to his community and his country by volunteering several times to pull various types of orders for the Nebraska Air National Guard, performing different types of duties in which many were outside of his career field,” Day’s nomination letter states.

“Senior Airman Day also performs several additional duties such as records custodian, Base Honor Guard and has recently joined the Base Shooting Team,” the letter further states. “He spends a lot of his time as a senior member of the Civil Air Patrol where he is a cadet instructor. Every year he also volunteers to work the military museum at the state fair where he shares his military experience with visitors of all ages.”

Day was born in Lexington, Neb., and then moved to Holcomb, Kan., where, while in high school, was active as a Civil Air Patrol cadet where he rose to the rank of cadet second lieutenant and earned the prestigious Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. He was also active in a number of high school activities including track and field, roller hockey, debate and forensics.

After graduating from Holcomb High School in May 2002, Day enlisted into the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from technical school, he was assigned as a special operations radio operator for the 353<sup>rd</sup> OSS at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. While assigned to Kadena Air Base, Day deployed on several missions including Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Day joined the Nebraska Air Guard in June 2005 after leaving the active Air Force in February 2005.

Day’s military awards include the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Long, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border and the Air Force Training Ribbon.