

FORMER LINCOLN AWARD RECIPIENTS ATTEND ASIP 2017 SUPPORTING LATEST AWARD WINNER

UTC held the Aircraft Structural Integrity Program (ASIP) Conference in Jacksonville, FL at the end of November. Over 300 attendees from government, industry and academia attended addressing the latest technical issues and advances related to the active aircraft fleets of the Department of Defense.



This year Jack Lincoln Award Winner, Mr. Robert J. “Bob” Burt (middle), Lockheed Martin Aeronautics (Retired) was congratulated by four past recipients of the award; Mr. Len Reid, Mr. Jim Rudd, Mr. Ed Ingram, and Prof. James C. Newman, Jr.

ASIP 2017 continued to provide a forum for the technical interchange of information between personnel responsible for structural integrity, including design, analysis, testing, manufacture, certification, non-destructive evaluation/inspection,

maintenance, repair, safety, risk assessment and mitigation, durability and life management. The ASIP Conference has become even more important due to the constantly growing emphasis on sustaining the airworthiness of aging aircraft. It has become internationally recognized as the premier meeting for this technical area. Consequently, a large number of well-qualified foreign nationals attend the conference, and bring a very broad perspective to the technologies being discussed.

ASIP dates back to a 1950s Air Force publication on structural integrity requirements. It was known from an early stage that ASIP was a vital program in prolonging the life and ensuring the structural safety of all aircraft. Meetings began in the 1970s, but it wasn’t until 1984 that it was reshaped into the current conference format. Incidents like the 1988 Aloha Flight 243 Air Disaster highlighted the importance of ASIP requirements and the contributions of the ASIP community, to preclude the recurrence of such tragedies in the future. The ASIP Conference helps to accomplish this through the personal interactions of its attendees, resulting in the exchange of vital ideas and technology. In 1996, the ASIP Committee established the Lincoln Award to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions throughout their distinguished careers to ensure the structural integrity and safety of our aircraft.



We look forward to seeing you in Phoenix, AZ on 26-29 November 2018 at the Downtown Hyatt Regency.