

American honors team members who rebuilt the Miracle on the Hudson aircraft

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The American Airlines Aircraft Maintenance Technicians (AMT) who restored and reassembled famed Aircraft N106US — the Airbus A320 known as the Miracle on the Hudson — were recognized with American's highest honor, the Chairman's Award.

On May 17, 2017, at the Carolinas Aviation Museum in Charlotte, North Carolina — the aircraft's home — company officials gathered to unveil the aircraft and to honor the Integrated Ops **team members who made that possible**: base maintenance manager Gene Jena; mechanics Brett Ebert, Paul Citriniti, Don Omer, Chris Cote, Paul O'Sullivan, Robert (Bob) Padykula, Steve Organski, Dave Tarvin, Bob Sechrist, Chris Brooks and Dave Wallace; maintenance inspector Mike Melvin; quality assurance auditor Scott Orloff; and mid-Atlantic line maintenance director Mike Annan.

"Without the diligence and personal efforts of these American Airlines AMTs, the Miracle on the Hudson would not be what it is today," said Mike Annan, American's director of line maintenance in Charlotte.

Our AMTs dedicated hundreds of personal man hours to restoring the fuselage, wings and tail of the aircraft after it was recovered from the Hudson River. Each AMT was honored with a plaque, a pin and a check for \$2,500. And a place in aviation history, of course.

In his closing comments to the AMTs, Mike Annan shared the gratitude of many: "We thank you all for ensuring that our children, our grandchildren, our city and our community are able to cherish a piece of history and ensure that the miraculous events that took place on January 15, 2009, are never forgotten."