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American Airlines Celebrates 103 Team Members as Annual Chairman's Award Winners

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DALLAS, Texas — American Airlines honored 103 team members last night at the 2017 Annual Chairman's Award celebration at the Fairmont Dallas. The Chairman's Award is the highest honor that American bestows upon its team members.

"So many of you tonight have told me, 'I was just doing my job.' But I'm here to tell you that if you were just doing your job, you wouldn't be here in this room. You are the best of the best, and it is our honor to celebrate you tonight," said American's Chairman and CEO Doug Parker, during remarks at the evening's event. "Your commitment to excellence is what raises each of us to a higher standard, and we thank you for all you've done to get us to where we are today."





This year's honorees and their work span every area of the airline. They have improved the safety and ease of complicated maintenance repairs, made customers feel like family, cared for their colleagues during personal tragedies and more.

"We're all players on the same team, and it's so nice to be recognized for what I do day in and day out with colleagues from all over the world," commented Kenneth MacTiernan, Aviation Maintenance Technician based in San Diego, California.

Team members and their guests attended the special event, where winners received notes of congratulations from friends and family, a special award trophy and $10,000.

"Winning a Chairman's Award gives you the feeling like you've won an Oscar," remarked Wally Tokarz, a Fleet Service clerk based in Chicago. "This entire experience has been amazing, from the activities around Dallas to the dinner to walking down the red carpet to accept my award. It's a day I won't soon forget."

"I've worked for American for nearly 42 years, and several years ago I had my name on one of our aircrafts, but being an Annual Chairman's honoree is the icing on the cake," commented Esther Dowds, Customer Service agent based in Toronto, Canada.

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