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# Engineering a career of safety, reliability and leadership

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- Stacy Morrissey, American Airlines Vice President of Engineering and Quality, is the 2026 Airlines for America Nuts and Bolts Award airline recipient.
- The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding service and achievements in the engineering or maintenance fields within the commercial aviation industry.
- Morrissey joins a legacy of American Airlines Nuts and Bolts Award recipients, including Ken MacTiernan, the first active aviation maintenance technician to receive the award and David Seymour, American's Chief Operating Officer.

FORT WORTH, Texas — At a surprise ceremony at the Robert L. Crandall Campus, Stacy Morrissey, American Airlines Vice President of Engineering and Quality, was announced as the 2026 **Airlines for America** (A4A) Nuts and Bolts Award airline recipient. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding service and achievements in the engineering or maintenance fields within the commercial aviation industry. This year's recognition marks the third time a female has been honored in its 60-year history, and Morrissey joins more than a dozen team members of American Airlines and its legacy carriers who also received the Award.

"I'm truly grateful for this recognition and even more appreciative that I get to be a part of such a remarkable team at American," said Morrissey. "Aviation is an extraordinary industry, made possible by the passion, creativity and relentless commitment to safety of the people in it. Every day we come together and make the impossible happen."

Morrissey joined American in 1998 as a Fleet Operations Engineer where she led engineering support of the Boeing 757, 767 and 777 fleets. In 2014, she was promoted to Director of Quality Assurance, and two years later, she was selected as Managing Director of Base and Strategic Planning. Morrissey was appointed Vice President of



Engineering and Quality in July 2020. In her current role, she oversees engineering, quality control, quality assurance, reliability, aircraft configuration management, maintenance programs and technical publications. She leads a team of more than 1,400 team members.

“Throughout her career, Stacy has been known for mastering complex technical issues quickly, building trust across operational organizations, and driving solutions that improve safety, reliability and customer experience,” said Kevin Brickner, American’s Senior Vice President of Technical Operations. “She’s a visible, engaged leader who prioritizes mentoring, talent development and building strong technical teams that people want to be part of for the long term. As part of that commitment, Stacy actively supports women pursuing careers in aviation and engineering, using her leadership platform to encourage opportunity, allyship and professional growth.”

Ask Morrissey what her favorite part of her job is, and the answer is simple.

“It’s the people,” she said. “There are so many amazing people at American. I love the way that people come together to run the operation and drive innovative solutions to run the safest and most reliable airline possible.”

Morrissey’s contributions to aviation reach far beyond American, as her work is focused on strengthening the entire industry. In 2024, she joined the **Aviation Supply Chain Integrity Coalition**, which works to prevent unauthorized parts from entering the aviation supply chain.

“Stacy’s decisive, results-driven leadership — combining rigorous engineering judgment with an unrelenting focus on safety and reliability — has strengthened fleet performance, accelerated predictive maintenance and digital tools and elevated industry standards through supplier accountability and cross industry collaboration,” said Justin Madden, A4A Vice President, Operations and Safety. “Stacy’s continued collaboration reinforces that this recognition is well-deserved.”

A mom of three, Morrissey holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Texas. When she’s not leading the team helping American run a safe and reliable operation, she also serves on the board of directors of the Foundation for the Young Women’s Leadership Academy of Fort Worth, a nonprofit organization that helps low-income students overcome barriers to college access and success.

Morrissey will be honored by industry leaders this April at **Aviation Week’s MRO Americas** conference in Orlando, Florida, where she will officially receive the Nuts and Bolts Award.

