



# OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR 2007



## *AIRMAN OF THE YEAR*

### **SENIOR AIRMAN NATHAN McNARY**

Staff Sergeant Nathan McNary (Senior Airman at the time of selection) was named Airman of the Year for the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. He is a Security Forces Journeyman assigned to the 179<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron as a Combat Arms Instructor, Mansfield Lahm, Ohio.

McNary is currently attending Miami University located in Oxford, Ohio and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and a minor in Middle Eastern Culture. Always a fierce competitor, he is currently a member of the Miami University Rowing Club. McNary also enjoys volunteering in the community and embracing his military heritage and is participating in the Mansfield AMVET's annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration for 2007.

McNary joined the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in 2004 and immediately attended the Security Forces Apprentice Course. In March 2006, he attended the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance (CATM) Apprentice Course to become a Combat Arms Instructor. As a member of the 179<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Combat Arms section, McNary is responsible for coordinating and conducting weapons safety and firing classes for the entire base population, including last-minute classes to support deployment requirements. He was named the lead instructor for the M240B weapon system.



In August 2006, Senior Airman McNary volunteered for a six month rotation to Kirkuk RAB, Iraq. There he filled many vital roles within his air base defense sector. One of his primary responsibilities was as Flight Armorer for his flight accounting for over 300 base weapons and 76,000 rounds of ammunition. While deployed, Airman McNary was chosen as 506th ESFS Alpha Sector Airman of the Month.