

Scoring

Flying Exercise

100 points awarded for successful completion of an air-to-ground search as outlined by the hosting squadron. If a written quiz is included, only 20% of the 100 points are allotted.

The total score of the entire flight crew is used to break all ties.

Message Drop

100 points awarded for a bulls-eye. Points are determined by subtracting the distance from the center of the circle from the 100 points. More than 100 feet from the center is scored as zero (0).

The total score of the entire flight crew is used to break all ties.

Spot Landing

100 points awarded for an accurate landing on the line. Measurements will be made for the first main gear contact that does not bounce or leave the ground again. Nose wheels and tail wheels do not count. Points are determined by subtracting the distance past the line from the 100 points. Landing before the line or more than 100 feet past the line is scored as zero (0).

The total score of the entire flight crew is used to break all ties.

Observer

The total points from the air-to-ground search excluding any written quiz. In case of a tie, the total score of the entire flight crew is used to break a tie.

Team Flying

The total points from all the flying events (flying exercise, message drop and spot landing) are tallied for each member of the squadron. The four highest scoring members make up a squadron team. Less than four participating aircraft from a squadron can be considered a team.

The hosting squadron does not fly the exercise but will be awarded points towards the individual and team annual aggregate awards. These points will be based on the AVERAGE of the total flight exercise points and be given to those individuals of the hosting squadron who participate in the message drop and spot landing.

Team Shooting Awards

Each team's shooting score is determined by the sum of their top four (4) members' shooting scores. Open category members' scores will not be used for determining team scores.



Trophies

Trophies are an important part of WSASAS events to stimulate competition, strive for excellence and to be recognized for worthy accomplishments.

- The hosting squadron provides awards/trophies for the individual and team winners at each Fly-in and all Shooting Event.

Awards Required at a Safety Seminar (Fly-In)

These trophies are to be purchased by the hosting squadron.

Flying

(15 awards)

- Spot Landing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Message Drop 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Flying Exercise 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Team Flying 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Observer 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Shooting

(16 awards)

- Open There will be recognition for this category, but no awards.
- Novice 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Marksman 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Sharpshooter 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Master 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Top Gun 1st
- Team Shooting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Optional .45 Caliber Competition (3 awards)

- .45 Caliber 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Annual Awards for Shooting and Flying

At the first Fly-In Seminar of each year, twelve (12) aggregate trophies for the prior year shall be awarded, including:

- 3 for individual shooting
- 3 for team shooting
- 3 for individual flying, 1st Place is the Joe Crotti Flying Award
- 3 for team flying

The Vice Commander-Pistols and Vice Commander-Flight Operations for the prior year shall be responsible for determining the winners and for procuring the appropriate trophies and inscriptions. These 12 trophies will be reimbursed by WSASAS.



Special Recognition Trophies

Each year the Commander of Western States shall request recommendations from the member squadron commanders for special awards for individual squadron members and/or their aggregate squadron. The three types of Special Recognition Trophies are:

- Frank Miller Perpetual Award for an individual member (attachment A)
- Eagle Eye Awards for individual members (attachment B)
- Duane Potter Award for a member squadron (attachment C)

These awards shall be presented to the individual members and squadrons at the first Fly-In seminar of the year following the recommendation and determination of the appropriate winners. Where more than one person is recommended for the Frank Miller Trophy or more than one member-squadron for the Duane Potter Trophy, a select committee or Past Commanders shall decide upon the single winner. The Commanders of WSASAS shall decide on how many Eagle Eye Awards should be made based upon individual squadron recommendations and supporting documentation. The Commander of WSASAS will prepare letters of commendation for any runners up.



Attachment A - Frank Miller Memorial Trophy

William Franklin Miller, known to all of us as Frank Miller, was accepted for membership in the San Joaquin county Sheriff's Air Patrol in February 1954. He immediately became an active and enthusiastic member and took an active part in squadron activities.

His interest and enthusiasm in squadron activities resulted in his election as Commander of San Joaquin Squadron in 1956 and again in 1957 after serving as Vice Commander in 1955. Frank was also active in WSASAS activities and probably had the best record of attendance at Western States Fly-In Seminars of any member of the San Joaquin Squadron. At the time of his death in April 1966, he held the office of Northern Vice Commander in WSASAS.

Frank's death in his own plane was a real loss to his squadron and to WSASAS and it was felt that some type of memorial should be established. It was finally decided that a memorial trophy in Frank's name be awarded each year to the WSASAS individual member with the best record of accomplishments during the year.

In 1967, the San Joaquin County Squadron purchased a four-foot trophy inscribed with words, "Frank Miller Memorial Award" and with sufficient space on the engraving plate to inscribe the name and year of the winner for approximately twenty years. In 1972, San Joaquin County agreed to make a replica of this beautiful display so it would be more practical to transport. The original will be retired to an appropriate display location in San Joaquin County and will be inscribed with the county and year as it is awarded.

The trophy is awarded each year at the first meet of the Western States Association to the WSASAS member with the most outstanding list of accomplishments for the past year. The award is made on the basis of a vote by a select committee of Past Commanders and the receiving member keeps the trophy for that year.

This most honored trophy has been awarded to the following WSASAS members for the years indicated:

Fresno County	1968
Orange County	
Carson City County	
Clark County	
San Diego County	
Clark County	
Clark County	
San Diego County	
San Diego County	
Alameda County, Bob Tucknott	
Napa County, Ken Van Gorder	

The member who is awarded the Miller Trophy will retain custody of the trophy for the year and return it to WSASAS prior to the next annual meeting to be awarded to the next year's honoree. He will be presented a plaque to keep.



Attachment B - Eagle Eye Award

An Eagle Eye Award can be awarded to an individual member of WSASAS who has been cited by his own Sheriff or Squadron Commander in recognition of his affecting a successful search which results in the savings of life or property.

A letter of recommendation for the Eagle Eye Award from the Sheriff or Squadron Commander should be forwarded to the Western States Association Commander. The letter of recommendation will be considered by the Squadrons Council and voted upon for presentation. Past awards include the following:

Bud Munzer	Maricopa County	1984
Charles Harral	Maricopa County	1984
Burl Teague	Maricopa County	1984
Bill Belcher	Maricopa County	1984
Bill Belcher	Maricopa County	1984 (2 nd award)
Ed Cheneweth	Maricopa County	1984
Grady Gaylord	Maricopa County	1984



Attachment C - Duane Potter Trophy

The Duane Potter Revolving Trophy is awarded to a squadron for outstanding contributions to the local community. The county will be presented with a duplicate to keep permanently in their county. Duane Potter (Clark County, NV) first presented it in 1961 to Fresno County when he completed his second year as Association Commander.

- 1971 Awarded to Maricopa Aero Squadron for outstanding efforts in helping its community and citizens during a severe flood. Also for their help in controlling the “hippies” that attempted to overrun an area and do harm to others living in or visiting that area.
- 1972 Awarded to Orange County for their continued efforts and performance in Search and Rescue.
- 1973 Awarded to Yuba-Sutter County
- 1984 Awarded to Maricopa county Sheriff’s Posse
- 1985 Awarded to Orange County
- 1986 Awarded to Orange County for the large number of man-hours donated to the county by its members.

