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Hernando, Miss. resident named TN Air Nat. Guard SNCO of the Year

NASHVILLE – Hernando, Miss. resident, Senior Master Sgt. Roy Dowdy, of the 164th Airlift Wing, was named as the Tennessee Air National Guard Senior NCO of the Year.

Dowdy, who is currently assigned to the 155th Airlift Squadron as a C-5 Flight Engineer Superintendent, now moves on to compete with other National Guard, Active Duty and Reserve winners at the National level for the 12 Air Force recipients of the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award.

“Senior Master Sgt. Dowdy’s contributions to leadership and dedication to the 164th Airlift Wing set a standard that is unrivaled and exemplifies a work ethic that is truly unique in today’s military,” said Lt. Col. Steven Pepper, 155th Airlift Squadron Commander. “His quick perceptions of the inordinate and often complex dynamics involved in supporting today’s increased operational tempo make him an invaluable component of the Air Force and Air National Guard.”

Dowdy retired from the active duty Air Force with 23 years of service before joining the Tennessee National Guard in 2005. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate degree in American History from the University of Memphis.

He is active in a wide range of volunteer work, to include raising funds for the Por Los Niños Orphanage of Catacamas, Honduras; World Wildlife Federation; United Way; and the Humane Society.

Dowdy was previously honored as the 164th Airlift Wing Senior NCO of the Quarter.

Other Tennessee Air National Guard recipients for different categories include 134th Air Refueling Wing Senior Airman Travis Pruett of Knoxville for Airman of the Year; the 164th Airlift Wing’s Tech. Sgt. Michael Parson, NCO of the Year; and the 164th Airlift Wing’s Master Sgt. Matthew Smith, First Sergeant of the Year.



CAPTION:

001 – (Left)Senior Master Sgt. Roy Dowdy reviews a checklist for a C-5.

002 – (Right)Senior Master Sgt. Roy Dowdy inspects a C-5 at the 164th Airlift Wing, Memphis.

