



Pictured L-R are: NCOA President Garry McClure, 188th Wing Command CMSgt Scott Manamon, MSgt Greggorey Brewer, Nikki Brewer, Command Chief Master Sergeant Chad Bickley representing the 20th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force David A. Flosi, NCOA Chairman of the Board Robert Barnett, and Michael Grabow from the NCOA JROTC Program.

The 2024 NCOA Air Force Vanguard Award, sponsored by the NCOA JROTC Program, was presented to Master Sergeant Greggorey L. Brewer, in honor and memory of Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant John L. Levitow.

MSgt Brewer saved a human life while driving to work in the early hours of the morning on Sunday, 11 June 2023 when he noticed a car in a ditch that had crashed and wrapped around a tree. MSgt Brewer immediately utilized his tactical combat casualty care military training and swiftly jumped into action. After checking the driver's vitals, he extricated the driver, drag carried him to a safe distance, and set him on the ground away from the immediate crash site.

After making sure the driver had no immediate life-threatening injuries, MSgt Brewer then moved to the vehicle and identified a passenger who was pinned inside the vehicle. The man trapped in the passenger seat was severely injured and was quickly losing a significant amount of blood from a critical and life-threatening brachial artery bleed. MSgt Brewer then ran back up the steep embankment, pulled a quick-clot gauze wound pack from his emergency medical kit in his POV, rushed back to the crash site, and properly packed the wound and elevated the arm above the head to stop the bleed.

While tending to the victim and keeping him conscious, he simultaneously contacted local emergency medical services and coordinated their response approach and arrival to the scene. Once emergency medical services arrived, he commandeered their jaws of life, safely extricated the passenger, and with two other good Samaritans, used a winch from another vehicle that arrived on scene to peel away the wrecked vehicle that was wrapped around

the tree. Then he expertly worked to get the trapped, severely critical patient packaged and back-boarded into the ambulance that was waiting high above on top of the steep embankment. After the two patients were successfully triaged, evacuated from the scene through life flight, and statements recorded, MSgt Brewer still arrived to work in a blood-soaked uniform less than one hour late! MSgt Brewer's swift action, execution of training, selfless devotion, and voluntary acts of heroism on scene that day resulted in the saving of the trapped passenger's life. MSgt Brewer's outstanding leadership and quick reaction lifesaving medical care saved the victim from trauma and potential loss of life.

The heroic actions of Master Sergeant Brewer epitomize the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in all we do.