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SD National Guard names Lieutenant of the Year

RAPID CITY, S.D. - The South Dakota National Guard selected 1st Lt. Andrew Dellman as its Lieutenant of the Year and recipient of the Lt. Col. John J. Steele Award.

Dellman, who serves as a full time intelligence officer with the 114th Operations Support Squadron in Sioux Falls, received the award as the most exceptional lieutenant after competing against officers from several of the SDNG's major commands.

The Lt. Col. John J. Steele Award was established in 1968 to annually recognize the most outstanding lieutenant in the SDNG based on the exceptional qualities of leadership, values and performance.

“Lieutenant Dellman is an immense talent and invaluable member of the 114th Fighter Wing,” said Lt. Col. Jon Friedman, commander 114th Operations Support Squadron “He is a foundational officer and airman capable of serving and leading at the highest levels. It is a privilege to have him on my team and expect nothing but great things from him throughout his career.”

Dellman enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard in 2008 as an aircrew egress systems mechanic – achieving the rank of staff sergeant. In 2014, he began working for the SDANG as an accounting technician in the finance office. He received a commissioned as a second lieutenant in 2017 after completing Total Force Officer Training and assigned as an intelligence officer.

Dellman has served on multiple tours overseas, to include duty in South Korea in 2013 and he is currently deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Resolute Support. He also is a 2013 graduate of the University of South Dakota and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in history education – where he spent several years teaching social studies and mathematics and coached boys basketball at Lyman High School in Presho.

Other officers representing their major command for this year's award competition were 1st Lt. Drew Gillogly from the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, and 1st Lt. Tyler Gregor from the 109th Regional Support Group.

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U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Andrew Dellman: Lt. Col. John J. Steele Award recipient and South Dakota National Guard Lieutenant of the Year (U.S. Air National Guard file photo)