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Awardee:

1) 2022 ARD Military Installation Award: 144th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard

Accepting the award: TBD Mark Dube, 144th Fighter Wing

2) 2022 ARD Individual Award – Sargent Ray Scott, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

Accepting the award: Ray Scott, Administrator - Price Disposal

Award Ceremony Location:

SWANA WasteCon

Tuesday December 6, 2022

11:45 AM PST

Room 6AB San Diego Convention Center

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2022 America Recycles Day Hero Award

Keep America Beautiful inspires and educates people to take action to end littering, improve recycling, and beautify communities. Each year, on or around America Recycles Day, Keep America Beautiful (KAB) honors a U.S. military installation and an active or retired military personnel that demonstrates the tremendous potential of the U.S. military to improve recycling across the country. Successful nominees inspire other military installations with waste reduction and recycling programs to maximize diversion, exemplify collaboration, ensure sustainability, and demonstrate consistency with national policy and programs.

Military Installation Award: Nominated by Mark Dube, Keep Fresno Beautiful Executive Director, the award this year goes to the 144th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard in Fresno California. Recognized for their commitment to environmental responsibility and making recycling an everyday responsibility for all base members. Leveraging the Department of Defense's Qualified Recycling Program base members reduce waste for landfilling through a series of waste diversion and recycling programs, including the collection of bulk metals, cardboard, alkaline and rechargeable batteries, used motor oil and car batteries, lightbulbs as well as the traditional residential recycling items.

Military Personnel Award: Once a Marine, always a Marine, Sargent Ray Scott, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired has been an active force in supporting and promoting recycling across the state of California. As the past president of Keep California Beautiful Ray has inspired the next generation of leaders through the development of K-12 and collegiate environmental education and stewardship programs. Overseeing the development of an APP to promote citizen science and prevent litter, Ray 22-year effort has left a lasting legacy to encourage individuals to take action every day to improve their community.

144th Fighter Wing Overview

Mission: To maintain combat-ready forces able to rapidly generate, employ, and sustain global Air Power and agile support for nation and state.

History: The origin of the 144th Fighter Wing dates back to April 4, 1948, barely six months after the formation of the Air National Guard in September 1947. On that date, the 61st Fighter Wing received federal recognition at Alameda, Calif., followed by the activation of the 194th Fighter Squadron on June 25, 1948. The 61st Fighter Wing was re-designated as the 144th Fighter Bomber Wing on November 1, 1950. [More History of the 144th.](#)

Environmental Stewardship: The 144th Fighter Wing is committed to conducting its mission in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources, and the environment. In doing so, it will comply with all environmental laws and regulations applicable to the conduct of its mission and will strive for continual improvement in its environmental performance.