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2023 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR



This year's airman of the year was born April 18, 1954 in Burwell, NE. He and his family lived 20 miles north of Burwell in Sandhill Country.

His dream of flying began as a child, watching neighborhood friends enjoying one of their Sunday afternoon activities, coyote hunting. An area pilot would fly his J6 and would circle above the coyote when one was found. At age 20, he was asked to ride along and be the wingman.

His grade school years were spent at Cedar Valley County School and graduated from Burwell Jr. Sr. High School in 1972. Any day off from school found him helping with the family busbusiness, Kelley Well Service, and following high school he worked there full time.

In October of 1972, he married his bride Debra Lowery and they had four children and now 12 grandchildren.

He began taking flight instruction early in the 1980's and had his private pilot license by 1982. During this time, he helped his instructor, Daryl Gompert and his sons, rebuild a Cessna 170 and bought half interest in it, using it to fly pastures for area ranchers, checking cattle and windmill tanks for water. Life became busy with family, a cattle herd and launching a wild bird hunting business, so flying was set aside.

In 2007, Rex had been thinking it would be nice to get back into flying again. Then, out of the blue, he received a call from his old flight instructor asking him if he would be interested in helping him with his aerial application business. So back to school he went. He passed and received his commercial and chemical licenses and began to fly for Daryl in the 2008 season.

He started out in an A9, then moved into a Pawnee, followed by an Ag Wagon. In 2010, Daryl had decided he was ready to retire and asked Rex if he would like to buy AIR Inc. So AIR Inc. became Green Meadows Aviation. The airplanes have changed through the years from Pawnees Ag Wagon Husky's to now Ag Wagon and 2 Thrush. Now, besides the Ord location, they also fly from Sargent and Loup City. Nate Lehmann (center photo, middle) is a pilot that flies for Green Meadows and Clay Bode (center photo, right) has been a pilot for Green Meadows and is now the ground man that keeps everything moving.

For a few years, Rex enjoyed flying his Cessna 180 on mission trips, winter getaways, taking aerial photos of crops and giving joy rides to anyone interested in going for a ride.

God is good! We are blessed! Proverbs 3: 5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.

The 2023 Airman of the Year is Rex Kelley



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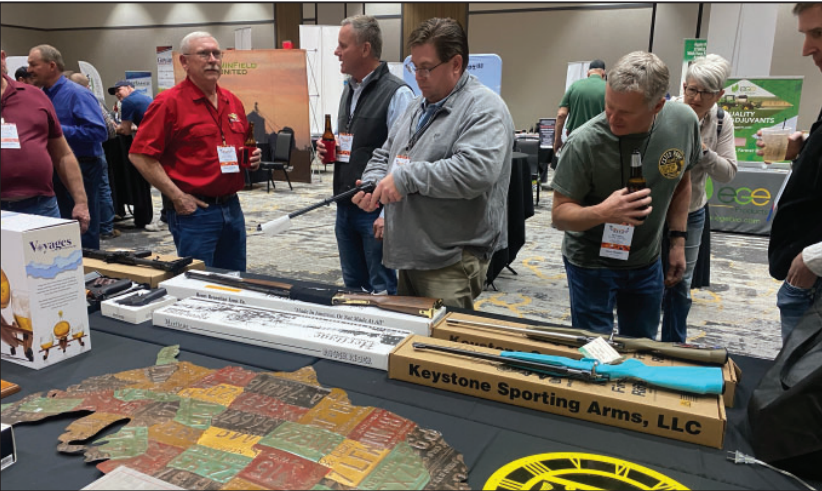


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2023 Airman of the Year
Rex Kelley

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Convention Attendance	2020	2021	2022	2023
NATA Members	137	70	116	135
Spouses	11	11	15	8
Tuesday PAASS Only	11	10	4	0
Convention Only	25	5	20	15
PAASS	114	76	119	107
Exhibits	47	30	38	46
Exhibitor Reps	88	61	75	93

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Application must include the signature of a Voting member of the Nebraska Aviation Trades Association. A list of members is attached at the end of this application. If you would like a form, please email taylor@youraam.com. Scholarship Applications must be received by December 31, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Moore, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association at 531-289-8323 or email taylor@youraam.com.

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 Brandt Cooler - Red White and Blue
 Brass Measuring Spoons and Pumpkins Serving Plate
 Can Crusher and Drinking Glass
 Captain Morgan, Trivia Game, "What Happens in the Hangar"
 Coming In Hot (steel cut out sign)
 Corn Hole
 Deck Clock
 Desk Propellar Décor
 Fore Fox Airliner White & Red Glider
 Globe Airplane Decantur with glasses and whiskey
 God, Gun and Guts Wooden Sign
 Green Rubber Door Mat
 Gun - GARAYSAR MKA 1919 PA 12GA 20" 10RD
 Gun - HENRY US SURV 22LR BLK W/Gear & Bag
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 Gun - KSA CRICKETT G2 22LR BLK SYN BSC PKG - Pink
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 Kenny Chesney Tickets (2) Sec 110 Row 14
 MOA Hand Launch Glider Blue/White
 Negative Ghost Rider t-shirt XL gray
 Northern Illinois (2 Football Tickets)
 Nutcracker
 P38 Lightning Light
 Bread and Butter Board, Matini Opener Napkin Set
 Plane Picture (large gray)
 Plane Picture (small gray)
 Propeller Bar Stool - #1
 Propeller Bar Stool - #2
 Red Airplain t-shirt L red
 Red Airplain t-shirt XL red
 Rubber Band Aeroplane
 Sleigh with 2 bottles of wine and glasses
 Stand Up Paddle Board Paddle - Hand Made
 Steward EC - Mini Fridge
 Take Off Black Door Mat
 Thunderhead Beer (case)
 Two Nebraska Football Tickets - choice of home game
 Vintage Sign 1 "Keep her flying"
 Vintage Sign 2 "Made in the USA"
 Vintage Sign 3 "Flyin' High Pilot's Lounge"
 We Don't Fly High (steel cut out sign)
 Whiskey Plane
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