Army Aviation Hall of Fame 2013 Induction - Ft. Worth, TX

Lieutenant General August M. Cianciolo, Retired

LTG August M. “Gus” Cianciolo, a Master Army Aviator, helped shape Army Aviation through dedicated application of visionary leadership and management skills over a 34-year career.

His distinguished career includes two tours in Vietnam where he commanded B Battery, 2nd of the 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery (ARA) and served as the battalion S-3. During each tour his

superior leadership led to his unit receiving special recognition for valorous performance. His individual bravery was also recognized with a Bronze Star for valor.

Other distinguished service included program management of two Army acquisition programs – the Standoff Target Acquisition System and the Multiple Launch Rocket System. As the Army Staff Director of Weapons Systems, he was responsible for oversight of the development, funding, fielding and sustainment of all Army Aviation programs to include the Black Hawk, Apache, Chinook and Kiowa Warrior. Serving as the commanding general of the Army Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal he led the development, production and fielding of the HELLFIRE missile on attack and armed reconnaissance helicopters. Culminating his career as the Military Deputy to the Army Acquisition Executive and Director of the Army Acquisition Corps he provided management oversight of all Army acquisition programs.

General Cianciolo's ability to work effectively with senior leaders and subordinates ensured that there was "one voice" advocating for Army Aviation. His sustained outstanding leadership established a bedrock foundation for the Army's highly capable combat aviation systems of today and tomorrow.