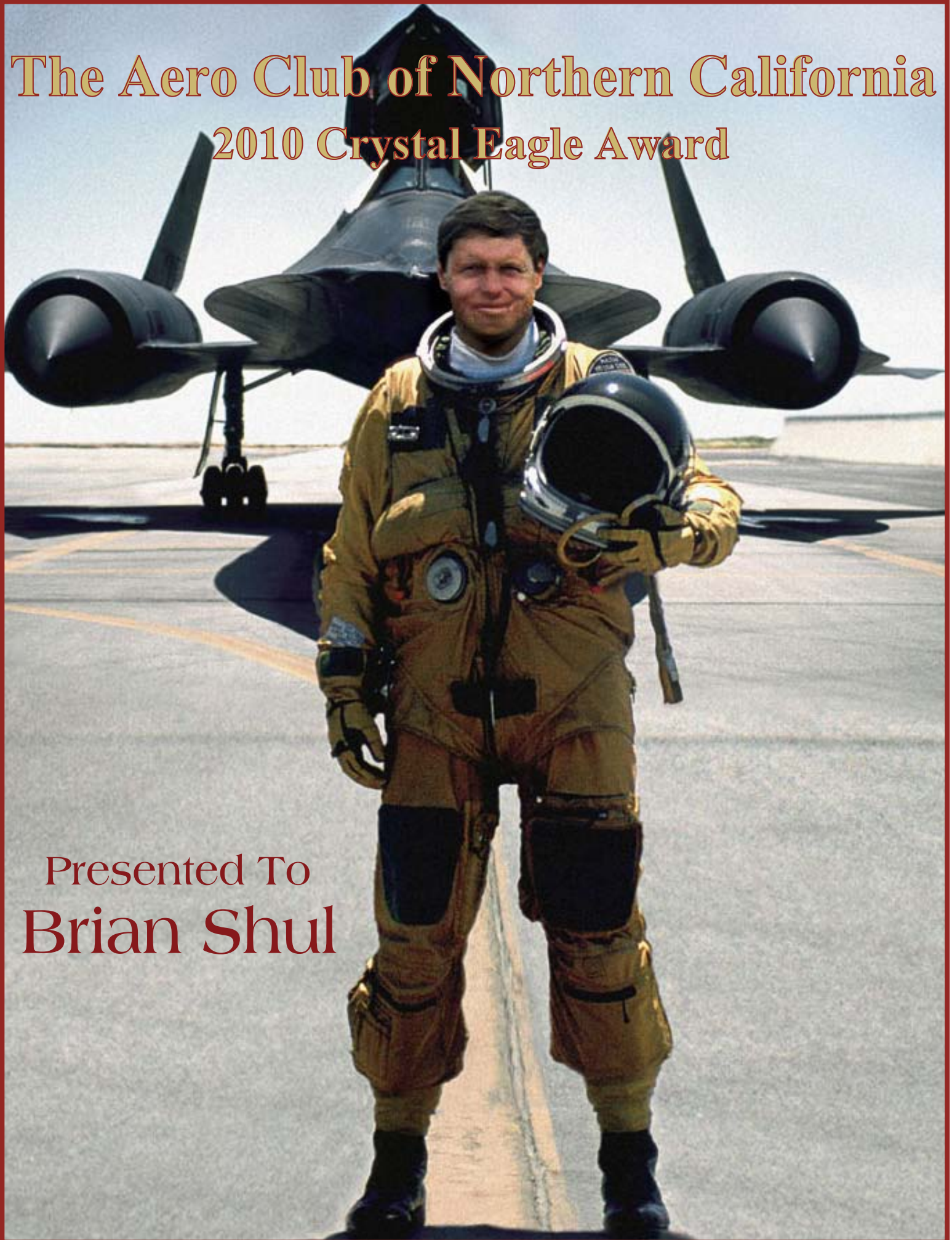


The Aero Club of Northern California  
2010 Crystal Eagle Award

Presented To  
Brian Shul



The Aero Club of Northern California  
**Twenty-Eighth Annual Awards Presentation**  
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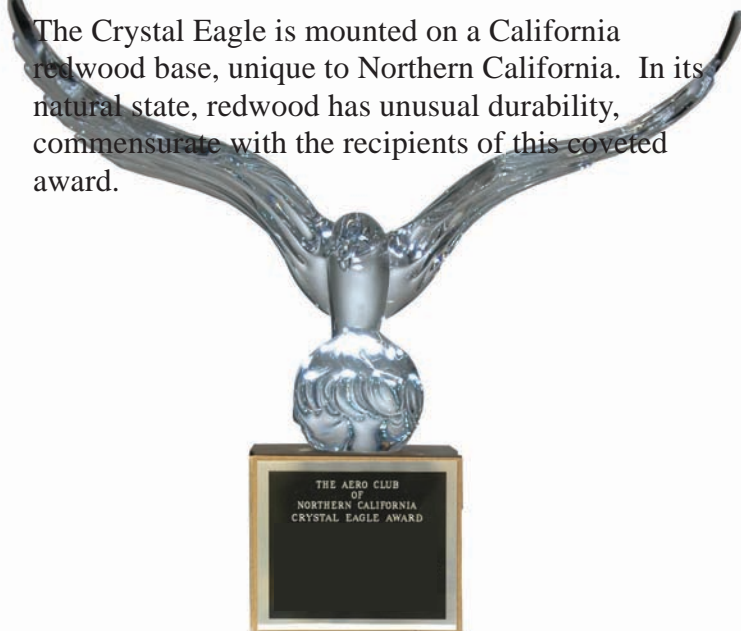
## The Crystal Eagle Award

### The Crystal Eagle: A distinctive work of art

The Crystal Eagle Award is a unique work of art crystal handcrafted in Italy.

It is fitting that the eagle should be the symbol for the Aero Club's annual award. The North American eagle is recognized as a bird possessing great strength, natural grace, keenness of vision and power in flight. The eagle has historically been used by man to identify with flying.

The Crystal Eagle is mounted on a California redwood base, unique to Northern California. In its natural state, redwood has unusual durability, commensurate with the recipients of this coveted award.



The Crystal Eagle Award is presented annually by the Aero Club of Northern California to recognize an individual whose accomplishments have significantly contributed to the advancement of aviation or space technology.

### Crystal Eagle Award Winners

- 1983:** General James "Jimmy" Doolittle
- 1984:** Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager
- 1985:** Stanley Hiller, Jr.
- 1986:** William "Bill" Lear, Sr.
- 1987:** James M. "Jim" Nissen
- 1988:** Anthony W. "Tony" LeVier
- 1989:** Elbert "Burt" L. Rutan
- 1990:** George S. Cooper
- 1991:** Allen E. Paulson
- 1992:** Jeana Yeager
- 1993:** Robert T. Jones
- 1994:** Frank L. Christensen
- 1995:** James S. Ricklefs
- 1996:** Darryl G. Greenamyre
- 1997:** Robert L. "Hoot" Gibson
- 1998:** Donald D. Engen
- 1999:** Paul H. Poberezny
- 2000:** Wayne Handley
- 2001:** Igor I. Sikorsky
- 2002:** A. Scott Crossfield
- 2003:** Clay Lacy
- 2004:** Elgen M. Long
- 2005:** Eileen Marie Collins
- 2006:** Sean D. Tucker
- 2007:** Steve Fossett
- 2008:** Phil Boyer
- 2009:** Michael Mevill



# SR-71 Pilot - Award Winning Author & Photographer

Brian Shul was born in Quantico, Virginia, in 1948. He graduated from East Carolina University in 1970 with a degree in History. That same year he joined the Air Force and attended pilot training at Reese AFB in Texas.

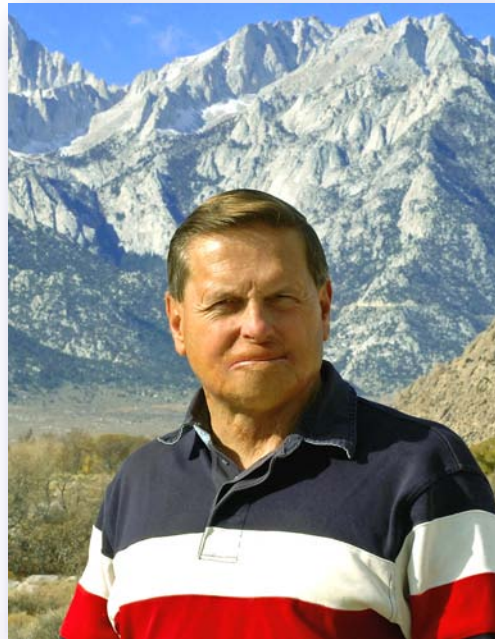
Brian served as a Foreign Air Advisor in the Viet Nam conflict, flying 212 close air support missions in conjunction with Air America. Near the end of hostilities, his AT-28 aircraft was shot down near the Cambodian border. Unable to eject from the aircraft, Brian was forced to crash land into the jungle. Miraculously surviving, he was severely burned in the ensuing fireball. Crawling from the burning wreckage, he was finally found and rescued by a Special Forces team.

He was evacuated to a military hospital in Okinawa where he was expected to die. Barely surviving two months of intensive care, in 1974 he was flown to the Institute of Surgical Research at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. During the following year, he underwent 15 major operations. During this time he was told he'd never fly again and was just lucky to be alive. Months of physical therapy followed, enabling Brian to eventually pass a flight physical and return to active flying duty.

Two days after being released from the hospital, Brian was back flying Air Force fighter jet aircraft. He went on to fly the A-7D, and was then selected to be a part of the first operational A-10 squadron at Myrtle Beach, SC, where he was on the first A-10 air show demonstration team. After a tour as an A-10 Instructor Pilot in Arizona, he went on to instruct at the Air Force's Fighter Lead-In School as the Chief of Air-to-Ground Academics. As a final assignment in his career, Brian volunteered for and was selected to fly the super secret spy plane, the SR-71. This assignment required an astronaut-type physical just to qualify, and Brian passed with no waivers.

After 20 years and 5000 hours in fighter jets, Brian

retired from the Air Force in 1990. He went on to pursue his writing and photographic interests. In addition to running his own photo studio in northern California, he has authored five books on flying, for which he did all the writing and photography.



His first two books are about flying the SR-71 Blackbird. Written in a very non-technical style, these books give the reader a first hand account of being in the cockpit of the world's fastest jet throughout a variety of interesting missions. The books are filled with stunning photos from the author's personal collection and have become the most popular SR-71 books ever written. Brian's third and fourth books are about America's air demonstration

teams, the Air Force Thunderbirds, and the Navy Blue Angels. Again filled with unique aerial images, these books take the reader into the dynamic formations of these world famous teams. Brian is now the only man in America to have flown with both the Thunderbirds and the Blue Angels extensively as a guest in the making of his colorful books. His fifth book is a special remake of his original SR-71 book, entitled Sled Driver, issued in a very richly crafted Limited Edition of only 3680 copies to commemorate the Centennial of Flight in 2003.

Brian was recently honored as an Outstanding Alumni from East Carolina University. He owns Gallery One, a photo studio in northern California.



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## About Our Club

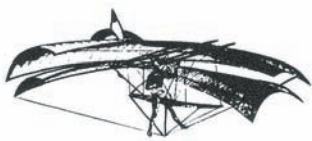
The Aero Club of Northern California was formed to promote those activities which advance aviation and aerospace within Northern California.

We are a chapter of our parent organization, the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), which having been founded in 1905 as the Aero Club of America is the oldest independent, non-profit aviation organization in the United States, and the sole U.S. representative to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI).

So central to aviation was the Aero Club that until 1926 it issued all pilot licenses in the United States.

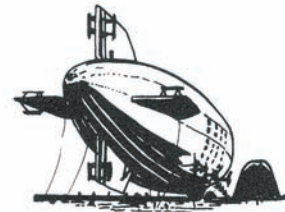
## About Our Logo

Incorporated in the logo of The Aero Club of Northern California are some of the most significant contributions the Northern California area has made to the art and science of flight.



*Montgomery Flight - 1904*

Often referred to as “*The Father of Basic Flying*” Dr. John Montgomery was a true aviation pioneer. San Jose was the site of many of his historic achievements. Alexander Graham Bell noted that, “All subsequent attempts in aviation must begin with the Montgomery Machine.”



*Moffett Field - 1933*

Dedicated April 12, 1933, Moffett Field was, until recently, the United States guardian of the Pacific. It continues to be a major aviation facility supporting both federal and military operations.



*China Clipper - 1935*

Lifting from San Francisco Bay waters on November 22, 1935, the Clipper became the first airplane to fly the Pacific non-stop. Cutting over 15 days off the best surface time from San Francisco to Manila, it led to the elimination of the barriers of space and time.



*NASA Ames Research Center - 1939*

Northern California's continued contributions to the quest for our ultimate destiny is assured by the ongoing advancements in aerospace science and technology at NASA's Ames Research Center.