## **LÉON BIANCOTTO DIPLOMA 2025**

## Rob Holland

One of the world's most skilled and talented aerobatic competition and airshow pilots, Rob Holland lost his life early this year.

Rob achieved what no other pilot has done. He won the title of U.S. National Aerobatic Champion thirteen consecutive times (eclipsing the previous record of seven) and America's most prestigious aerobatic award, the Mike Murphy Cup. He was the winner of the U.S. National's Freestyle Championship fourteen times.

At the FAI World Aerobatic Championships, his record included eight Gold Medals and one Silver Medal. He also achieved what no other pilot has done; six Gold Medals in the FAI World



Rob Holland with the Mike Murphy Cup

Freestyle Aerobatic Championships and the Manfred Strössenreuther Trophy. He was a member of the U.S. Team since 2004.

Rob Holland was one of the most prominent airshow performers in the world, flying his modified MXS and held in high regard by his colleagues in both the civilian and military worlds. He inspired countless youth through his performances and interactions with young people all over the country.

Aside from his skills as a pilot, Rob gave back to the sport and served on the Board of Directors of IAC, the American aerobatic association, and as Vice President. He coached dozens of aerobatic pilots as they sought to improve their skills or as members of teams.

Rob was admired for not only his skills but loved for his humanity. He perfectly fits the criteria for the award of the Biancotto Diploma and will be remembered forever in aerobatics history.