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**ANDY PRIESTER HONORED WITH   
NATA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

WHEELING, IL (NOVEMBER 13, 2024) – NATA, an association dedicated to aviation businesses for eight decades, has recognized the third-generation family leader of an aviation company that has operated nearly as long. Andy Priester, Chairman of George J. Priester Aviation, received the NATA Distinguished Service Award at today’s 2024 Aviation Business Conference for his lifelong commitment to the future of general aviation.

The award is given to an individual or organization still regularly active in general aviation and recognizes outstanding service and ongoing contributions to the industry. NATA cited Andy Priester’s leadership in growing the company from seven aircraft to more than 85 managed between its family of brands.

“I am thrilled for Andy as I consider him as much of a friend as a colleague,” said NATA President and CEO Curt Castagna. “He has been a mentor to many in the aviation business community while continuing to grow his company into a world-class operation. Andy has also provided NATA with strong leadership and insight through his board and committee leadership roles, helping the Association navigate critical issues with his creative and strategic focus.”

In recent years, Andy Priester led the company’s expansion, adding Mayo Aviation in the Rocky Mountain West and Hill Private Aviation in the Southeast to augment its Midwest roots with Priester Aviation.

“This is truly an honor to be recognized by my peers, and people I honor, trust and respect,” said Andy Priester. “It is a privilege to continue the legacy of our company’s leaders – and honor their names.”

**About George J. Priester Aviation**

George J. Priester Aviation is among the world’s most experienced global private aviation companies, specializing in aircraft management and private travel solutions. With over 75 years of experience, it is among the elite private aircraft management companies that hold the highest safety accreditations including the ARGUS Platinum rating, Wyvern approval, IS-BAO Stage III and Air Charter Safety Foundation certifications. It serves as the parent company for Priester Aviation, Mayo Aviation, Hill Private Aviation and Stubbs Aviation Advisors.

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