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Governor Mary Fallin, Carmine Ramano, OAA Chair, Rachel Hutchings

The 10th Annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo opened with the traditional pre-conference Oklahoma Aerospace Golf Tournament on June 6 at the spectacular Patriot Golf Club. There were 96 golfers networking and socializing and playing some serious golf under a gorgeous Oklahoma sky and 95+ degree temperatures at the tourney. Golfers had the opportunity to donate to two organizations that work on behalf of those who defend our freedom; The Folds of Honor Foundation, and Honor Flight Network of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Aerospace Alliance presented the proceeds to representatives of the two organizations at the Summit opening ceremonies held Jun 7th at the Tulsa Convention Center.

That evening, the Oklahoma Aero Golf Tournament awards were presented at the Summit Aero Bash held at McNellie's Pub. Dave Bartz of Spirit AeroSystems announced the winners and handed out some pretty nice awards. A good time was had by all!

Over 750 registered for the Summit this year. The Summit agenda boasted a host of industry, government and education and training speakers. International aerospace strategy consultant, Hal Chrisman, served as the industry key note speaker. His presentation and others heard at the Summit can be found at www.okaero.com.

Governor Fallin spoke to the Summit attendees about the importance of the industry to the Oklahoma economy and the significance of the 10th annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit.

The Governor also presented the prestigious General Thomas P. Stafford Award to Carmine J. Romano, retired Sr. VP. American Airlines MRO.

Speakers addressed relevant topics including; supply chain challenges, innovations in technology and initiatives in the aerospace industry, general and business aviation issues, and the critical need to attract, retain, and grow our own skilled, credentialed workforce.

The 4th Annual Aerospace Education and Industry Partnership Day began with a tour and reception for a record number of Oklahoma teachers at FlightSafety. AEIP Day was hosted on June 8 at Tulsa Tech's Riverside Airport Campus. The teachers and industry leaders heard comments from Lt. Governor Todd Lamb and State Superintendent Janet Barresi as well as many industry leaders.

The Oklahoma Aerospace Alliance makes the Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo happen, you, the attendees, sponsors, speakers, exhibitors, volunteers, make it possible. I look forward to seeing you at Summit and AEIP 2012. Thank you.

The Summit is a production of the Oklahoma Aerospace Alliance.
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