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**Joseph C. Hawkins, AMTSociety Board Member, inducted into the
Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame**

Burnsville, MN (December 8, 2008) – On November 15, 2008, AMTSociety Board member, Joseph C. Hawkins was officially inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame. Part of the 7th Annual Enshrinement Gala at the Tennessee Museum of Aviation, Hawkins was one of four 2008 Aviation Hall of Fame honorees.

Hawkins made aviation history for Tennessee when he was selected Tennessee's first National Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year in 2006. This coveted honor was preceded by his selection as Tennessee's Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year, as well as the FAA's Southeast Region AMT of the Year in 2005. Former Chief of Aircraft Maintenance at the State of Tennessee's hangar on Berry Field, Hawkins is now an Assistant Professor of Aerospace at Middle Tennessee State University, one of Tennessee's premier institutions of higher learning in aviation.

A U.S. Army veteran, Hawkins received his start in aviation serving as a CH-47 Chinook helicopter Flight Engineer with the 101st Airborne Division stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. Prior to his Honorable Discharge in 1979, he was recognized for his Meritorious Service and was awarded Army Air Crewman Wings, the Army Good Conduct Medal and Army Commendation Medal. He later began his civilian career in aviation at Stevens Aviation in Greer, SC.

Currently, Hawkins is an Assistant Professor in the Aerospace Department at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

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