

## Captain Keith Blount—Outstanding Air Force Entomologist of the Year Award

The Outstanding Air Force Entomologist of the Year award was established in 1999 as a Biennial award to recognize the accomplishments of Air



Force Entomologists. This year at our Public Health awards dinner we were honored and very pleased to acknowledge and recognize the top-notch MA-JCOM nominees and the Air Force winner for this prestigious award.

The winner for 2002-2003 was Captain Keith Blount (pictured above walking through the Saber arch). He is a proactive, board certified, leader from the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Aerospace Education and Training Division. He provided time-critical direction to field teams supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Capt Blount is a committed teacher, supervising six iterations of the Operational Entomology Course and providing over 300 hours of quality classroom and field instruction in more than 20 different classes within seven various courses.

To further increase his depth of knowledge, he is busy pursuing his second graduate degree, a doctorate

in entomology, as well as completing the three month long Public Health Officer course. He is an active member of his local church and volunteered over 30 hours per quarter providing entomology training and insect safety for several local Boy Scouts.

Colonel James Swaby, the Associate Corp Chief Consultant to the USAF Surgeon General for Medical Entomology (pictured below with Capt Blount) made the following comments honoring Capt Blount at the awards dinner, "I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Capt Blount for his excellence in all he does, and his many accomplishments that earned him this award. Capt Blount's performance represents all the best that the medical entomology career field contributes to the Air Force Medical Service and the Public Health missions. In his current assignment he prepares today and tomorrow's Air Force medical professionals for their operational mission. In addition, he is a proven "do-er" -- a broadly talented and deeply experienced professional who has made direct contributions to the expeditionary Air Force. Air Force medical entomologists are proud to assist Public Health in its vital mission, and we are proud of Capt Blount for representing our team so well throughout the Air Force. Congratulations Capt Blount."

