



1997-1998  
Academic Year  
Ira C. Eaker  
Award  
Winners

First Place

\$1,000

**Maj William C. Rynecki, USAFR**  
“Transformational Leaders and Doctrine  
in an Age of Peace: Searching for a Tamer  
Billy Mitchell” (Spring 1998)



Lt Gen Joseph J. Redden presents award  
and \$1,000 check to Major Rynecki.

Second Place

\$600

**Maj YuLin Whitehead, USAF**  
“Information as a Weapon: Reality  
versus Promises” (Fall 1997)



Lt Gen Joseph E. Hurd presents award  
and \$600 check to Major Whitehead.

Honorable Mention

\$100

**Col David K. Edmonds, USAF**

“In Search of High Ground: The Airpower Trinity and the Decisive Potential of Airpower” (Spring 1998)



**Lt Col Dik Daso, USAF**

“Origins of Airpower: Hap Arnold’s Command Years and Aviation Technology, 1936-1945” (Fall 1997)



**Maj Marc K. Dippold, USAF**

“Air Occupation: Asking the Right Questions” (Winter 1997)



**Maj Scott Walker, USAF**

“A Unified Field Theory of Coercive Airpower” (Summer 1997)



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