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### **NRO Selects 2010 Class of Pioneers**

In a January 7, 2011 ceremony, Director of National Reconnaissance Bruce Carlson honored Robert Dumais, Jack Gibbs (deceased), and Richard Randazzo (deceased) as 2010 inductees into the Pioneer Hall. This honor is bestowed on individuals who make significant and lasting contributions to the discipline of national reconnaissance. Commemorative plaques recognizing their achievements are on permanent display at the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Headquarters in Chantilly, Virginia.

Mr. Robert H. Dumais pioneered the intelligence utility of a new capability for an imaging satellite system. This led to the subsequent design of a new subsystem on an existing imaging satellite that greatly improved the quality of imagery products from space. His career in national reconnaissance spanned from the 1960's until 1996.

Brigadier General Jack A. Gibbs, USAF (Ret), helped pioneer the application of innovative engineering techniques to U-2 operations. His contributions resulted in the effective use of high-altitude airborne reconnaissance for intelligence collection over denied areas during the Cold War. As a USAF Colonel assigned to CIA's U-2 program from March 1956 to July 1958, he served as the Senior Military Advisor overseeing U-2 operations, pilot training, research, and development upgrades while reporting to former DNRO Richard Bissell. He supervised efforts to reduce the radar cross section of the U-2 and to assess the feasibility of developing a follow-on aircraft with low radar "detectability." Through Jack Gibbs' tireless efforts, the U-2 became a highly successful and proven airborne reconnaissance platform for use over denied territory. His career in national reconnaissance spanned from 1942 until 1966.

Colonel Richard J. "Randy" Randazzo, USAF (Ret), pioneered the introduction and application of new operational techniques for NRO imaging systems. His countless engineering studies and demonstrations, followed by implementation of his designs, resulted in improved satisfaction of mission requirements and increased coverage of high-priority targets. Col Randazzo made a profound contribution to the acquisition and operation of all NRO imaging systems from 1964 to 1986.

The 2010 inductees join 77 other pioneers in the Hall, each honored for their critical work that established the NRO's reputation for engineering excellence, responsiveness, and technical innovation over the last 50 years. Building upon their foundation, today's NRO strives to provide a global perspective when users need the information. Designation as a Pioneer of National Reconnaissance is the highest honor in the field.

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