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19th Annual Celebration of Tourism

**AMC MUSEUM NAMED KENT COUNTY ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR;
MIKE BAKER NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND WILMINGTON TRUST
NAMED PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

DOVER, DE -- The Air Mobility Command (AMC) Museum was named the Kent County Attraction of the Year during the 19th Annual Celebration of Tourism, hosted by Kent County Tourism, at the AMC Museum on November 5.

"The Air Mobility Command Museum is one of Kent County's finest and most popular attractions," said Monica Weber, President of the Board of Directors for Kent County Tourism, who presented the award. "It has grown to become the third largest field museum in the Air Force, where visitors can learn about aviation history and explore magnificent vintage aircraft. The AMC museum recorded its largest number of visitors for a non-air show year in 2009, bringing in more than 61,000 people from every state in the union. So far in 2010 the museum has welcomed guests from 19 different countries."

"The AMC Museum boasts a large roster of dedicated volunteers and passionate leaders," Ms. Weber added. Mike Leister, Director of the AMC Museum, accepted the award on behalf of the Museum and its Board of Directors.

Two additional awards were also presented. Mike Baker, President and CEO of C.M. Baker Photography, was named Kent County Tourism's Volunteer of the Year, and Wilmington Trust was named Kent County Tourism's Partner of the Year, with Tim O'Connor accepting the award.

"Mike Baker dedicates countless hours and lends his talents whenever and wherever needed, never asking for anything in return," said Kent County Tourism's Barbara Rafte, who presented the award. "He has done so much for our organization that we have billed him Kent County Tourism's official photographer."

"Kent County Tourism's signature event is Dover Days," said Cindy Small, Executive Director. "The festival has grown tremendously in recent years, and we continue to be able to provide a fun, family-friendly event free to the public each year. We can't do that without the support of organizations such as Wilmington Trust, which continues to be major supporter of this festival, demonstrating their commitment to our local community."

The event was sponsored by the Delaware State News, Sheraton Dover Hotel and Super 8 Hotel. For more information, contact Kent County Tourism at 302-734-4888.

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Photo Captions:

Tim O'Connor accepts the award as the Kent County Tourism Partner of the Year for Wilmington Trust, presented by Executive Director Cindy Small, dressed as a WWII Air Force Captain.

Mike Baker of C.M. Baker Photography accepts the award as Kent County Tourism Volunteer of the Year from Barbara Rafte (left), dressed as an Army private, of Kent County Tourism. Linda Kurtz, dressed in 40s-style apparel and Director of Special Events and Public Relations for Kent County Tourism (right), was the event coordinator and emcee for the evening.

Mike Leister, Director of the Air Mobility Command Museum and dressed in 1940s-style garb, accepts the award as Kent County Tourism's Attraction of the Year from Monica Weber, President of the Kent County Tourism Board of Directors.

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