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**DR. JONATHAN CLARK WINS 2013 AIAA JEFFRIES AEROSPACE
MEDICINE AND LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH AWARD**

Honored for Work in Aerospace Medicine and Commercial Spaceflight

May 17, 2013 – Reston, Va. – [Dr. Jonathan Clark](#), M.D., has won the 2013 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) [Jeffries Aerospace Medicine and Life Sciences Research Award](#). He will receive the award at an evening banquet on July 17, in conjunction with the 43rd International Conference on Environmental Systems (ICES), July 14–18, at the Vail Marriott, Vail, Colo.

Clark is being honored for “significant contributions to aerospace medicine and for pioneering work in the field of commercial spaceflight.”

Dr. Clark, an associate professor of neurology and space medicine at the Baylor of College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, worked at the NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, from 1997 to 2005, where he was a space shuttle crew surgeon on six shuttle missions. He was also the chief of the Medical Operations Branch and an FAA senior aviation medical examiner at the space center. He served as a member of the NASA Spacecraft Survival Integrated Investigation Team from 2004 to 2007 and as a member of NASA’s Constellation Program Extra Vehicular Activity Standing Review Board from 2007 to 2010. He has contributed to several fields of medical research, including: crew survival, spatial orientation, radiation treatment, hearing loss, and decompression sickness. He is considered the world’s foremost expert on crew survivability at extremely high altitudes or while in space.

Since 2005, Clark has served as the chief medical officer for the Excalibur Almaz, an orbital commercial space company. He is also the medical director of the [Red Bull Stratos Project](#), a manned stratospheric balloon free-fall parachute flight test program, which in October, 2012 made history [with Felix Baumgartner’s free-fall](#) from 128,000 feet above the Earth’s surface. Clark is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, in 1991, where he flew combat medical evacuation missions with the United States Marine Corps. Board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and by the American Board of Preventive Medicine, he is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association and the American College of Preventive Medicine.

The Jeffries Aerospace Medicine and Life Sciences Research Award, established in 1940, honors the memory of the American physician, [John Jeffries](#), whose scientific investigations were published in a “Narrative of Two Aerial Voyages” in 1796. The award recognizes the importance to aeronautics of scientific endeavors in the field of medicine.

For more information on the Jeffries Aerospace Medicine and Life Sciences Research Award, or the AIAA Honors and Awards program, please contact Carol Stewart at carols@aiaa.org or 703.264.7623.

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