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The Air Force Association Nominating Committee met on April 16 and selected candidates to send forward for five national officer positions and three elective National Director positions on the Board of Directors. The committee comprises three most recent past Chairmen of the Board, one person selected by the two Vice Chairmen of the Board, two persons from each geographic area, and one person each from the Total Air Force, Air Force veterans, and aerospace industry. The slate will be presented to the delegates at the National Convention in Washington, D.C., in September.

Chairman of the Board

Ronald E. Keys, Woodbridge, Va., nominated for a first one-year term. Keys is a Life Member of AFA, was a constant supporter of AFA during his active duty career, and presently serves as a member of its Force Capabilities Committee, AFA's policy advisory group. In 2007, AFA presented Keys with its most prestigious award, the H. H. Arnold Award, as the military member who had made the most significant contribution to national defense. Upon retirement, Keys was also recognized by the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps as the first recipient of the ROTC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Keys retired in November 2007 as a general, after more than 40 years of active duty service.

During his military career, Keys commanded organizations eight times, including three wings, the USAF Weapons School, a numbered air force, and Allied Air Forces Southern Europe. Additionally, he was the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for air, space, and cyber operations and retired as commander of Air Combat Command, the Air Force's largest major command.

Keys earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and a master's degree from Golden Gate University. He also attended Air War College, as well as various other professional courses to include Leader-

ship at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Keys is the owner of RK Solution Enterprises, and now consults on a wide range of defense- and energy-related issues. He also serves on several advisory and trustee boards.

James R. Lauducci, Alexandria, Va., nominated for a first one-year term. He is serving his second year as Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations. Lauducci is a Life Member and has served in many AFA positions. He is past President of the Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter in Northern Virginia, and is a former Virginia State President, VP Programs, VP Special Projects, and VP Membership.

At the national level, Lauducci served on AFA's afa21 Governance Task Force, Membership Committee (two years as Chairman), Strategic Planning Committee, Nominating Committee, and as a National Director. Lauducci was Virginia AFA's Member of the Year and was awarded AFA's Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Presidential Citation.

He spent 24 years on active duty, serving in communications and information-related assignments at Strategic Air Command, NORAD, Joint Staff, NATO, and USAF Secretariat. He is a 2007 inductee into the Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame.

In private industry, he has held posts in program management, government relations, and business development. Lauducci holds a bachelor's degree from LeMoyné College and master's degree from Troy State University. He was also a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University's JFK School of Government. He is currently Director of Air Force Field Marketing for Harris Corp.

S. Sanford Schlitt, Sarasota, Fla., nominated for a first one-year term. Serving his third year as Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education, he founded and led CyberPatriot, AFA's national high school cyber defense competition and its unique use of



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the Internet. He chairs the Aerospace Education Council and is a member of the Board's Executive Committee. Schlitt, a life member and Gold Wings Club and Thunderbird Society member, was active in the former Aerospace Education Foundation since 2002, serving first as a Trustee and, after the organizations merged in 2006, as a member of the AFA Board of Directors. In that capacity, he was active in the afa21 process on the Governance Team and architect of the Empowered Aerospace Education and Field Councils as part of AFA's new, combined governance structure. He has served

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on the AFA Constitution and Strategic Planning Committees and as Co-Chair of the AFA/AEF Audit Committee, Chair of the AEF Audit Committee, and member of the AEF Nominating and Program Committees.

Schlitt, who holds degrees from American University, was commissioned in the Air National Guard, later transferring to the Reserve. He served as Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Secretary Contacting, Mobilization Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Commander of a DOD Plant Representative Office, and Deputy Commander of the Defense Contract Management Command. After 10 years at the Pentagon and 34 years total service, he retired as a brigadier general. Schlitt attended SOS, ACSC, AWC, and the Leadership Institute at Eckerd College.

An entrepreneur, Schlitt established or purchased and then sold or successfully merged several businesses. He has been Chairman of the Board of one company, member of the Board of a NASDAQ-listed public company, and on committees including compensation, governance, and audit. Schlitt was a member Argosy University's College of Business and Information Technology Advisory Board and on the staffs of Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. Walter Mondale. Schlitt continues as the Senior Managing Director of a mortgage investment trust with daily involvement in financial portfolio management.

Schlitt has served in several executive positions in his local community, including charity fund-raising. He has been a member of the New York Friars Club and Chapter President for the Reserve Officers Association. He and his AFA member spouse, Patricia, have two children.

Vice Chairman Field Operations

Justin M. Faiferlick, Fort Dodge, Iowa, nominated a first one-year term. He is a Life Member and has been active in AFA, chartering the Fort Dodge Chapter and serving in sev-

eral positions at the chapter, state, and national levels. He has served as Chapter President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer and as a State VP and President. Faiferlick completes his term as the National Director at Large in September and on the national level has chaired the Membership Committee for two years, served on the Field Council, Transition Review Team, and Nominating Committee. Faiferlick was recognized as State and Region Member of the Year and has received the AFA Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Award.

In Iowa, he received the Governor's Volunteer Award and was one of the Top 40, under the age of 40, outstanding community leaders. Faiferlick received a bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University and a Master of Arts degree in Management, with a concentration in Organizational Leadership, from American Military University.

He started his military career as an enlisted member in the active duty Air Force. Faiferlick currently serves as an officer in the Iowa Air National Guard, as the Director of Test with the 133d Test Squadron, with more than 20 years of total service.

Scott P. Van Cleef, Fincastle, Va., nominated for a first one-year term. Van Cleef is a Life Member and currently is an AFA National Director. While he was the Roanoke Chapter President, it was named the AFA Medium-sized Chapter of the Year for 2005 and winner of an AFA Unit Exceptional Service Award in 2006. He was State President for Virginia, named the Outstanding State Organization of the Year for 2008.

He has held several other chapter and state positions and has held office at every level of the association. He served on the afa21 Internal Review Group in 2005 and afa21 Field Structure Team in 2006. He further served on the Field Council and Strategic Planning Committee, which for the past two years, he has chaired.

Van Cleef was Virginia's Member of the Year in 2004 and recipient of the Central East Region President's Award, AFA's Medal of Merit, Excep-



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tional Service Award, and Chairman's Citation.

Van Cleef served more than 29 years on active duty as a fighter pilot. He commanded an F-16 squadron, was vice commander of an F-16 training wing, and commander of a fighter wing. He is currently a self-employed maker of fine furniture.

Vice Chairman Aerospace Education

George K. Muellner, Huntington Beach, Ca., George K. Muellner, Huntington Beach, Ca., nominated for a one-year term. He is a Life Member and has served as a National Direc-

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tor, a member of the Compensation Committee, and is a current member of the Aerospace Education Committee, leading the development of the current Aerospace Education Strategic Plan. He is a past recipient of the AFA Theodore von Karman Award.

Muellner retired from the Boeing Co. in 2008, as President of Advanced Systems, with previous positions as Vice President-General Manager of Air Force Systems and as President of Phantom Works. Prior to joining Boeing, he served 31 years in the Air Force, retiring as a lieutenant general from the position of Principal Deputy for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

Other key Air Force assignments included Program Executive Officer for the Joint Strike Fighter program and Deputy Chief of Staff for Requirements for Air Combat Command. Muellner spent most of his career as a fighter pilot, fighter weapons instructor, test pilot, and commander. He flew combat missions in Vietnam and commanded the Joint STARS deployment during Operation Desert Storm.

Muellner is past President of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois; master's degrees in engineering from the University of Southern California and from California State University; and a master of business administration degree from Auburn University. He also completed the Air War College and the Defense Systems Management College. He currently consults in the aerospace industry.

National Secretary

Joan Sell, Colorado Springs, Colo., nominated for a second one-year term. Sell has been an active member of AFA since 1993 and is a Life Member. She has been a Community Partner since 1995. She has served as the Lance P. Sijan Chapter President, leading the chapter when it received the Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award as Unit of the Year. She has also served as Colorado State President and the Rocky Mountain Region President.

Nationally, Sell was a member of the first class of the Field Council, chaired the Credentials Committee,

and served on the Long-Range Planning Committee, and she has twice received the AFA Presidential Citation. She served six years on the board of



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the Colorado Aerospace Education Foundation (three as Chairwoman); 16 years on the Rocky Mountain Chapter Board of the National Defense Industrial Association (two as President); 10 years on the board of the Peterson Air and Space Museum (five as Director of Development); six years on the Armed Services YMCA Board; three years on the board of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce; and five years as Co-chair of the Care & Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado's annual fund-raiser, "Taste of the Springs."

Sell enjoyed a 40-year career in the aerospace industry, retiring as a Director of Business Development. She also provided program development direction for Air Force Space Command, NORAD, US Northern Command, and Space and Missile Systems Center. She owns and operates a full-service spa in Falcon, Colo.

National Treasurer

Steve Dillenburg, Knoxville, Tenn., nominated for a first one-year term. Dillenburg, a Life Member, joined AFA 30 years ago. He is the Senior



Dillenburg

Member on the AFA Finance Committee, having served since 2001. Dillenburg has been instrumental in providing financial oversight for many of AFA's financial objectives and accomplishments, including the merger of AFA, AEF, and the Air Force Memorial Foundation; the AFA building expansion project; the growth of AFA's Air & Space Conference; and the development and diversification of AFA's investment portfolio strategy.

While residing in Ohio, Dillenburg served as President of the Gen. Joseph W. Ralston Chapter and as State President of Ohio. He was the Ohio AFA Member of the Year in 2004 and is a recipient of the AFA Medal of Merit. He currently serves as the Treasurer of the Jerry Waterman Chapter in Tampa, Fla.

After six years of active duty as an instructor pilot at Sheppard AFB, Tex., he has spent 30 years in the investment management industry. While a Principal at Scudder, Stevens, and Clark, he served as a Portfolio Manager and Investment Advisor to more than 100 for-profit and nonprofit organizations such as the Great Lakes Protection Fund and the Virginia Military Institute. During his career, he has volunteered his time and expertise on advisory boards at the Caux Institute for Corporate Responsibility, IC Value, Miami University of Ohio, the University of California, and the University of Michigan.

Dillenburg created the first Securities and Exchange Commission-registered, stakeholder-enhanced Standard & Poor's 500 index fund. He has been a guest instructor at prominent US business schools and is published in the Journal of Business Ethics. Dillenburg graduated from Iowa State University, has an MBA from Midwestern State University in Texas, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He currently is a Senior Vice President-Portfolio Manager in the Tampa office of Bank of America-US Trust. He is a member of the Tampa Bay CFA Society and a Board Member of the Tony Jannus Society, serving as Chair of the Deferred Giving Committee.

Leonard R. Vernamonti, Clinton, Miss., nominated for a first one-year term. An AFA member since 1964 and a Life Member since 1984, he has



served as a Chapter, State, and Region President and currently serves on the Board of Directors. He has been active at the national level since 1989, having served on the afa21 Field Structure Team, Field Council, and Constitution, R&D, and Nominating Committees. He is currently Chairman of the Audit Committee. He has received the Exceptional Service Award and two Medals of Merit.

Vernamonti's more than 40-year military and civilian professional careers have focused on management and finance. He was the comptroller for all USAF ballistic missile programs and President, CEO, and CFO of a nonprofit with an operating budget twice that of the AFA.



Vernamonti

He currently serves as a Senior Consultant to the aerospace industry, specializing in strategic planning, acquisition, and budget and cost analysis.

Vernamonti has a B.S. in economics from the USAF Academy and an M.S. in systems engineering from the University of Florida. He is a graduate of the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Among Vernamonti's military awards are the Defense Superior Service Medal and two Legions of Merit.

He and his wife, Betty, have two children.

National Director Central

Marvin L. Tooman, West Des Moines, Iowa, nominated for a first term. He has been a member of AFA since 1991 and is a Life Member. During his undergraduate studies, he was a member of the Arnold Air Society. Within AFA, he has served as Gen. Charles A. Horner Chapter President, Iowa State President, and Midwest Region President. Nationally, he currently is in his first year as



Tooman

member of the Aerospace Education Council and has previously served on the Field Council and Membership Committee. Tooman is recipient of the Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Midwest Member of the Year 2004 award.

Tooman has served as President and CEO of a regional health care corporation providing rehabilitation services for individuals with brain injury. Following this, he became Iowa's Chief Regulator for all Iowa health care providers. It was during this experience that he served, in a volunteer capacity, as Secretary and then President of the National Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies.

Tooman served five years on active duty as Electronic Combat Countermeasures Officer on a B-52. He served 22 years within the 132nd Fighter Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard. Within this unit, he served as the Chief of Base Administration, Chief of Personnel, Wing Electronic Combat Countermeasures Officer, Chief of Intelligence, and support group Commander. Tooman is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Medal, Air Defense Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm, and RVN Campaign Medal.

Tooman is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Drake University and holds an Educational Doctorate in Administration.

He and his wife, Fayonne, have three children and four grandchildren.

The Nominating Committee submits three names—John Timothy Brock, Angela Dupont, and Nora Ruebrook—for National Director at Large. Two will be elected.

National Director at Large

John Timothy Brock, Oviedo, Fla., nominated for a first one-year term.

He is a Life Member of the AFA, a member of the Airman's Society of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and a Charter Member of the Thunderbird Society. While still on active duty, he acted as Liaison Officer between the Tennessee Ernie Ford Chapter in San Jose, Calif., and Onizuka Air Force Station. After his retirement from the Air Force, he became active with the Central Florida Chapter. He served as the chapter's Executive Vice President and as Chapter President. Under his leadership, the chapter won the Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award as AFA's Outstanding Chapter. On the state level, he served as Secretary, Executive Vice President, and State President. During his tenure as State President, AFA Florida was selected as AFA's Outstanding State Organization. He also served as the Florida Region President.



Brock

Nationally, Brock served on the Field Council, Strategic Planning Committee, and Dues Review Committee. He has received the Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and two Presidential Citations.

He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Georgia and an M.S. degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Brock served for 24 years in the Air Force and 11 years with Boeing Co. He is currently retired.

Angela Dupont, Haverhill, Mass., nominated for a first one-year term. She is the Vice President of Business Development, C2 Programs, and the Electronic Systems Center Account

Manager for SAIC. In her role she is responsible for all C2 business development activities on behalf of SAIC and business development activities at Electronics System Center. This portfolio currently represents more than \$1 billion dollars of qualified opportunities to SAIC.

Dupont is an active participant in a number of organizations that promote the exchange of ideas within



Dupont

the defense industrial community. Her primary focus has been a leader in the Paul Revere Chapter, where her term of eight years on the Executive Committee concluded on Oct. 1, 2009.

Dupont first entered the aerospace and defense world when she joined the Titan Corp. in March 2002. Prior to that, she spent six years at the Massachusetts Port Authority, where she served as deputy director of international marketing and administration. In that position, she was responsible for developing new direct international routes to Boston's Logan Airport, while managing 16 overseas offices in locations including London, Tokyo, and Buenos Aires.

Dupont was chosen by Rep. Martin T. Meehan (D-Mass.) to serve as his Director of Finance from 1993 to 1995, where she was responsible for all phases of financial development. She regularly represented the Congressman at public events, acted as primary liaison between contributors and the Congressman, and recruited and trained volunteers.

As Director of Marketing and Sales Development for Just America from 1989 to 1993, she created new sales territory for this international marketing company and served on the company's advisory board to develop strategies for corporate growth.

Nora Ruebrook, Honolulu, nominated for a one-year term. She is an AFA Life Member and is currently serving on the National Finance Committee, is the Far West Region Vice President for Leadership Development, and the President of AFA Hawaii, which includes Guam. Ruebrook is also a member of the Thunderbird Society, Legacy Society, and Gold Wings. Ruebrook has received the AFA



Ruebrook

Medal of Merit and the Exceptional Service Award.

Ruebrook currently serves on the National Board of Directors of the Navy League of the United States. She has been involved with the national governance of numerous other organizations such as American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC), Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Associations (AFCEA), Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), Association of Old Crows-Electronic Warfare and Information Operations (AOC), Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), International Association for Counterterrorism and Security Professionals (IACSP), National Classification Management Society (NCMS), National Contracting Management Association (NCMA), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), National Defense University Foundation (NDU), National Military Intelligence Association (NMIA), and the US Naval Institute.

Ruebrook builds organizational and strategic alliances at the international and national levels.

She is the CEO-Director of Omega, which supports the cyber, ISR, and R&D communities. ■