



AFA Nominees for 2001-02



McKee



Politi



Hendrickson



Nelson

The Air Force Association Nominating Committee met in Bloomington, Minn., on April 27, 2001, and selected a slate of candidates for the four national officer positions and six elective positions on the Board of Directors. This slate will be presented to the delegates at the National Convention in Washington, D.C., in September.

The Nominating Committee consists of the five most recent past National Presidents (not serving as National Chairman of the Board) and one representative from each of the 14 US regions.

Nominated for a second one-year term as National Chairman of the Board was **Thomas J. McKee** of Fairfax

Station, Va. McKee is an aerospace industry executive and former Air Force pilot and served as AFA's National President for two years prior to becoming Board Chairman.

McKee has also served as Chairman of the Board and President of the Aerospace Education Foundation (AFA's educational affiliate), an Under-40 National Director of AFA, AFA National Secretary, chairman of both AFA's Resolutions Committee and Industrial Associate Task Force, and as a member of its Executive and Communications Committees.

At the grass-roots level, he has been an active member of AFA's Iron Gate Chapter, located in New York City, previously serving as Chapter Vice President, President, and Chairman of the National Air Force Salute Foundation. He is also a trustee on several boards: the Air Force Memorial Foundation in Arlington, Va.; Falcon Foundation at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and the College of Aeronautics in New York City.

McKee has been awarded the Exceptional Service Award by the Department of the Air Force, an AFA Presidential Citation, AFA Exceptional Service Award, New York State AFA Exceptional Service Award, and has twice been designated a Doolittle Fellow.

After commissioning into the Air Force through Officer Training School and earning his pilot wings at Reese AFB, Tex., McKee served as a T-38 instructor and check pilot at Williams AFB, Ariz. He later transferred to the Tactical Air Command where he flew the A-7D Corsair II while assigned to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. After seven years of service, he separated from the Air Force and began a career in the defense industry.

Working for the Grumman Aerospace Corp. in Bethpage, N.Y., as a customer requirements representative for Air Force programs, McKee advanced to the position of Director of Air Force Requirements and was transferred to Grumman's Washington Operations where he was elected a Corporate Vice President. In 1994, McKee became responsible for executive-branch customer relations for Northrop Grumman Corp.

McKee earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Southeast Missouri State University in 1970 and completed the Emerging Executives Program at Pennsylvania State University in 1983.

He is married to the former Patricia Rizzuto from Midland Park, N.J., and they have three children, Michelle, Catherine, and Thomas Jr.

John J. Politi of Sedalia, Mo., was nominated for a second one-year term as National President. Politi formerly served as an AFA National Director, National Vice President for the Midwest Region, Missouri State President, and Chairman of the Audit, Membership, and Ad Hoc Financial Committees.

Politi has received the AFA Presidential Citation, the Exceptional Service Award, and the Medal of Merit.

Politi was commissioned through the AFROTC program and entered the Air Force in March 1966 at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. A veteran of 26 years, the majority of Politi's Air Force career was spent in strategic nuclear weapons systems. He commanded an air division and two wings, and served on both the Joint Staff and the Air Staff. He retired as a colonel in 1992.

Currently, Politi is the President of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation, a nonprofit, private sector education organization. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and of South Dakota State University with a master of science degree in economics.

He is married to the former Terri Hatch and has five children, Pam, Eileen, Jay, Stephanie, and Chip.

Nominated for a second one-year term as National Secretary is **Daniel C. Hendrickson** of Layton, Utah.

Hendrickson joined AFA in 1981. He is currently an Executive Committee member and Chairman of the AFA Resolutions Committee. Past offices held include National Vice President for the Rocky Mountain Region, Chairman of the Membership and Credentials Committees, Ogden Chapter President, Utah State President, and Utah State Chairman.

Among his many awards, Hendrickson has received AFA's Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Awards, two Presidential Citations, and was

designated a Doolittle Fellow in AEF where he served as a member of the Public Awareness and Development Committees.

Hendrickson is the Minuteman Chief Systems Engineer for Boeing and in 1996 was named ICBM Engineer of the Year for the company.

Born in Upland, Calif., Hendrickson graduated from Chaffey High School in Ontario, Calif. He received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics with honors from California State Polytechnic University in 1967. He later received a master's degree in business administration from California State University at Fullerton.

After receiving his undergraduate degree, Hendrickson joined Autonetics, formerly a division of Rockwell International and now a division of Boeing. He developed inertial guidance equations and computer programs for the Minuteman III ICBM. Since then he has accepted increasingly more complex assignments, related to the engineering, scientific, and business aspects of ICBM guidance. To better employ his expertise with the Air Force customer he relocated to Utah in 1975. In 1995, Hendrickson co-authored *A Brief History of Minuteman Guidance and Control*. In 2000, he was selected as an Associate Technical Fellow for Boeing.

He and his wife, Judy, have a son, Paul, who is an AFROTC student at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Charles A. "Chuck" Nelson of Sioux Falls, S.D., was nominated for a second one-year term as National Treasurer.

A Life Member of AFA, Nelson has served as North Central Region President, South Dakota State President, and Dacotah Chapter President. Nationally, he has been active since 1989 while serving on the Junior Officer Advisory Council, Air National Guard Council, Membership Committee, Finance Committee, and as an Under-40 National Director. Most recently he has served as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Nelson was awarded AFA's Medal of Merit in both 1991 and 1998.

In 1980, Nelson enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in July 1984 and promoted to the rank of major in 1993. He retired

from the South Dakota ANG in April 1995. Nelson's military awards include Outstanding Lieutenant for the South Dakota ANG (1987), Junior Officer of the Year (1987), Air Force Commendation Medal (1992), and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (1995).

Nelson is a certified public accountant and is employed as a man-

tor positions open, and there are two Director positions open to be elected at large.

The nominees for Director to be chosen by their regions are:

New England Region: **Eugene M. D'Andrea**, Rhode Island. Currently Region President. Formerly Rhode Island State President and Metro Rhode Island Chapter President.

President and Vice President. AFA Life Member.

Two Directors to be elected at large: **Roy A. Boudreaux**, Florida. Currently serving as National Director. Former Alabama State President; State Vice President; Montgomery (Ala.) Chapter President and Vice President.

James E. Callahan, New York. Currently New York State Vice Presi-



D'Andrea



Cummock



Williams



Boyd



Boudreaux



Callahan



Goerges



Wexler

aging partner for Nelson & Nelson CPAs LLP, in Sioux Falls. He is past President of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and has previously served as their Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Administration. He also serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the South Dakota Air Show, Inc., and is a past president of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club.

He is married to the former Kristine Christensen, and they have three daughters, Rebecca, Jillian, and Sarah.

The AFA Constitution directs that one-third of the 18 elected Directors be elected at the National Convention each year. For the 2001 election, the New England, Florida, Midwest, and South Central Regions have Direc-

Florida Region: **David R. Cummock**, Florida. Currently Florida Region President; Florida State President. Former Massachusetts State President; President of Maj. John S. Southrey (Mass.) Chapter; President of Brig. Gen. James R. McCarthy (Fla.) Chapter. AFA Life Member.

Midwest Region: **Robert M. Williams**, Nebraska. Currently National Director, serving the unexpired term of John Politi. Former Midwest Region President; Nebraska State President; Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter Treasurer.

South Central Region: **Billy M. Boyd**, Mississippi. Currently South Central Region President. Former Mississippi State President; State Vice President; Golden Triangle Chapter

President for Leadership Development. Former National Director; National Vice President for the Northeast Region; New York State President; and L.D. Bell-Niagara Frontier (N.Y.) Chapter President. AFA Life Member.

W. Ron Goerges, Ohio. Currently Great Lakes Region President. Former Ohio State President; State Vice President; Wright Memorial Chapter President and Vice President.

Edward I. Wexler, Georgia. Currently Georgia State Vice President for Veterans Affairs. Former Under-40 National Director; National Director; Georgia State President; State Vice President; Savannah (Ga.) Chapter President and Vice President. AFA Life Member.