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morning of Sept. 15. Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, commander, Air Combat Command, was the guest speaker for the awards ceremony. Later that day, AFA recognized the Air Force’s 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year at a dinner in their honor, with CMSAF Gerald R. Murray as toastmaster. Moseley was the dinner speaker.

The convention’s theme—“Up From Kitty Hawk: 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight”—carried through two symposia.

The first session of the symposium, on Sept. 16, featured Jumper; Gen. Gregory S. Martin, commander, Air Force Materiel Command; and Rebecca Grant, president of IRIS Independent Research and author of “Gulf War II: Air and Space Power Led the Way,” produced for the Aerospace Education Foundation. The morning session on Sept. 17 featured remarks by Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, and Roche.

In a second symposium, the Office of the Air Force Chief Scientist co-sponsored with AFA a series of speakers on Sept. 17 who discussed a wide range of developments and accomplishments of the last 100 years of flight. Presentations covered topics such as precision munitions, remote sensing, directed energy, satellites, and launch vehicles.

An estimated 7,500 attendees participated in one or more convention-
related activities. The 263 registered delegates representing 45 states and the District of Columbia were joined by senior military and government officials for the Aerospace Technology Exposition, speeches, and social events. The three-day exposition was subscribed to by 119 exhibitors. On hand to cover the convention were 120 reporters and news representatives.

Holding meetings concurrently were trustees of AFA’s affiliate, the Aerospace Education Foundation, as well as Air Force Memorial Foundation trustees and Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeants. Also meeting were AFA’s Air National Guard Council, Civilian Advisory Council, Enlisted Council, Company Grade Officers Council, Reserve Council, and Veterans/Retirees Council.

Election of Officers
John J. Politi, Sedalia, Mo., was elected Chairman of the Board of the Air Force Association for a second term. Stephen P. “Pat” Condon, Ogden, Utah, was elected National President for a second term. Thomas J. Kemp, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected National Secretary for a first term, and Charles A. Nelson, Sioux Falls, S.D., was elected National Treasurer for a fourth term.

Other Elections
Elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms were M.N. “Dan” Heth, Hurst, Tex.; Michael J. Peters, Auburn, Calif.; Victor Seavers, Eagan, Minn.; Thomas G. Shepherd, Capon Bridge, W.Va.; Brad Sutton, Mountain Green, Utah; and Richard C. Taubinger, Roseville, Calif. In a special election, Kathleen Clemence, Reno, Nev., was elected to a two-year term to fill the uncompleted term of Scotty Wetzel, who died this year.

Three new Leadership Development Directors joined the AFA Board. They are Vivian P. Dennis, Centerville, Ga.; Joseph Price, Newport News, Va.; and James F. Shambo, Niceville, Fla.

Ten new Region Presidents were elected, and four Region Presidents were re-elected. Newly elected are James Hannam (Central East Region), O. Thomas Hansen (Northwest Region), Robert E. Largent (Southeast Region), J. Ray Lesniok (Great Lakes Region), Peter Robinson (Southwest Region), Robert P.
Talley (North Central Region), Eric P. Taylor (New England Region), Raymond Turczynski Jr. (Florida), John Wickman (Far West Region), and Charles P. Zimkas Jr. (Rocky Mountain Region).

For a complete list of AFA National Directors and Region Presidents, including those re-elected, see “This Is AFA” on p. 95 and “Field Contacts” on p. 89.

AFA’s Aerospace Education Foundation elected the following officers: L. Boyd Anderson, Ogden, Utah, Chairman of the Board; Mary Anne Thompson, Oakton, Va., President; David R. Cummock, Daytona Beach, Fla., Secretary/Treasurer. The foundation trustees have made major changes to their structure, to include reducing the number of trustees and eliminating one officer position. AEF no longer will have separate officers for Secretary and Treasurer.

AEF trustees newly elected to two-year terms are: Bonnie B. Callahan, Winter Garden, Fla., and Victoria W. Hunnicutt, Gray, Ga. Max Stitzer, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected for a one-year term.

Other AFA Business

Delegates unanimously approved the AFA Statement of Policy (see “Imperative of Air and Space Power,” p. 64) and Top Issues for 2004.

Congressional Activity

AFA state delegations sponsored Congressional Breakfasts on Tuesday of convention week, with 14 members of Congress participating. Among them were Sen. Wayne Allard (R-Colo.), Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), Sen. Jim Talent (R-Mo.), all members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Craig Thomas (R-Wyo.), and Sen. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.), co-chairman of the Air Force Caucus.

Also participating in the AFA breakfast meetings were Reps. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), Jeb Bradley (R-N.H.), and John Kline (R-Minn.), all members of the House Armed Services Committee.

Other Congressmen attending the breakfasts were Reps. Randy Neugebauer (R-Tex.), Steve Pearce (R-N.M.), Jim Matheson (D-Utah), Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.), Pete Sessions (R-Tex.), and Charles W. Stenholm (D-Tex.).

USAF Vice Chief of Staff Moseley attended the Congressional Breakfast hosted by Texas, while ACC commander Hornburg attended breakfasts.
Aerospace Education Foundation

A video on the theme of a century of military and commercial aviation accomplishments won AEF’s annual Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award. The winning entry was from Unit GA-871 at Shiloh High School, Snellville, Ga. The video presented a retrospective on the story of aviation through its early years, two world wars, and up through Operation Iraqi Freedom. The video noted that the US did not have one combat-worthy aircraft at the start of World War I, but when it ended, the lesson learned was “if you control the air, you cannot be beaten. If you lose the air, you cannot win.”

Sally Gwaltney, from Wilson, N.C., received the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award as the year’s outstanding aerospace science, mathematics, and computer science teacher. The Lincoln Chapter, Lincoln, Neb., received the Sam E. Keith Jr. Aerospace Education Award of Excellence. The award is named in honor of the late AFA leader and former Board Chairman and National President from Fort Worth, Tex. Jeri Ann Martin, Hurlburt Field Chapter, Fla., won the George D. Hardy Memorial Award. The winner is nominated by an AFA chapter for outstanding contributions to furthering the scientific, technical, and aerospace education of the nation’s youth.


Acknowledgments

Parliamentarian for the AFA National Convention was Joan L. Blankenship. Inspectors of Election for the National Directors were James Callahan (Chairman), William D. Duncan Jr., and Robert Rutledge. Inspectors of Election for National Secretary were Mark Worrick (Chairman), J. Ray Lesniok, and Edward I. Wexler. Judy K. Church chaired the Credentials Committee, serving with Bonnie B. Callahan and George C. Pankonin.

The association is particularly grateful to a corps of volunteers who assisted the staff in convention support: Cecil G. Brendle, Jimmy R. Canlas, Charlie Tippett, Debbie and Greg Snyder, and Leola Wall.


Delegates gave special recognition to four charter AFA members who are still very active in the association. They are (left to right): Carl Beck, George Aguirre, Harold Henneke, and Sam O’Dennis.
Awards

These are the Air Force Association National Awards for 2003.

**National Aerospace Awards**

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<td>Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Commander, USCENTCOM Air Component, and 9th Air Force, Shaw AFB, S.C.</td>
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<td>W. Stuart Symington Award</td>
<td>James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force</td>
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<td>John R. Alison Award</td>
<td>Joint Direct Attack Munition Industry Team, Boeing</td>
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<td>David C. Schilling Award</td>
<td>The Men and Women of the US Air Force</td>
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<td>Theodore von Karman Award</td>
<td>823rd RED HORSE Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.</td>
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<td>Gill Robb Wilson Award</td>
<td>Victoria Clarke, ASD for Public Affairs, Pentagon</td>
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<td>Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award</td>
<td>Technical Training Division, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Tex.</td>
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<td>Thomas P. Gerrity Award</td>
<td>Col. (sel.) Frank Gorman, Chief, Agile Combat Expeditionary Support, HQ USAF, Pentagon</td>
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<td>Department of Veterans Affairs</td>
<td>Bob Williamson, VA Medical Center, Durham, N.C.</td>
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**Lifetime Achievement Award**

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<td>Maj. Gen. John R. Alison, USAF (Ret.)</td>
<td>World War II ace; Flying Tiger; special operations.</td>
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<td>Col. John H. Glenn Jr., USMC (Ret.)</td>
<td>Pioneering astronaut; Senator.</td>
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<td>Col. Charles E. McGee, USAF (Ret.)</td>
<td>Tuskegee airman, flew 136 missions in World War II.</td>
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### Crew Awards and Special Citations

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<td>Airborne Battle Management Crew</td>
<td>Crew 13, 963rd ACS, 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, Okla.</td>
<td>Best ABM crew</td>
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<td>CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award</td>
<td>SSgt. Russell O. Bledsoe, 317th AMS, Dyess AFB, Tex.</td>
<td>Crew chief of the year</td>
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<td>Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award</td>
<td>Crew Ditka 02, 9th SOS, Eglin AFB, Fla.</td>
<td>Best air refueling crew</td>
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<td>Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award</td>
<td>Crew Chill 41, 40th Expeditionary BS, Diego Garcia, 5th BW, Minot AFB, N.D.</td>
<td>Best bomber aircrew</td>
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<td>Gen. Jerome F. O’Malley Award</td>
<td>Rivet Joint Crew Kobie 35, 38th RS, 97th IS, 55th OSS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; 343rd RS, 488th IS, RAF Mildenhall, UK; 755th OSS, Davis–Monthan AFB, Ariz.</td>
<td>Best reconnaissance crew</td>
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<td>Gen. Thomas S. Power Award</td>
<td>Crew S-201/S-202, 91st OG, Minot AFB, N.D.</td>
<td>Best missile combat crew</td>
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<td>Space Operations Award</td>
<td>Bravo Crew, 1st SS, 21st SW, Cheyenne Mountain AFS, Colo.</td>
<td>Best space operations crew</td>
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<td>USAF Test &amp; Evaluation Team of the Year</td>
<td>Quick Reaction Test Team, HQ AFOTEC, Kirtland AFB, N.M.</td>
<td>Best test team</td>
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<td>Special Citation</td>
<td>Randy Black Sr., President, Nellis Support Team, Nellis AFB, Nev.</td>
<td>Outstanding support of USAF and men and women of Nellis AFB, Nev.</td>
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<td>Special Citation</td>
<td>US Space Foundation’s 20th Anniversary, Colorado Springs, Colo.</td>
<td>Twenty years of space advocacy and education</td>
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### Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

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<td>TSgt. Joel Conrad, 116th AW, Georgia ANG</td>
<td>Best ANG aerospace maintenance</td>
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<td>Best Air National Guard Unit</td>
<td>107th FS, Michigan ANG</td>
<td>Top ANG unit</td>
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<td>Best Air Force Reserve Unit</td>
<td>711th SOS, Eglin AFB, Fla.</td>
<td>Top AFRC unit</td>
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<td>President’s Award</td>
<td>Lt. Col. Jerry A. Davidson and crew, 315th AW, Charleston AFB, S.C.</td>
<td>Best Reserve aircrew</td>
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### USAF Team of the Year

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<td>SSgt. Scott T. Ball</td>
<td>2nd ASOS, Wuerzberg, Germany</td>
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<td>TSgt. Scott J. Grobo</td>
<td>169th ASOS, Illinois ANG</td>
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<td>SSgt. Joseph S. Hren</td>
<td>25th FS, Osan AB, South Korea</td>
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### USAFA Outstanding Squadron

- **Cadet Squadron 21 “The Blackjacks”**
- **Fall Cadet Commander**
  - Cadet 1st Class Todd S. Garner
- **Spring Cadet Commander**
  - Cadet 1st Class Jeffrey Cameron
Achievement
Led No. 1 missile operations crew for 2002. Instrumental in wing’s achievement of an excellent combat capability assessment.

Innovative tactics and weapons employment helped revolutionize the use of airpower in Operation Enduring Freedom and for future operations.

Visionary approach to conceiving, building, and sustaining—on short notice—coalition air bases and the logistics capability needed to sustain the air war.

More than 450 USAF personnel assigned to NATO’s only AWACS unit deployed with their aircraft to the US for Operation Eagle Assist.

Provided critical MC-130H Combat Talon II airdrop and air-land support for OEF, evacuations in Africa, and crisis response actions in the Balkans.

AC-130H Spectre unit provided critical support to ground forces engaged in Operation Anaconda, the most intensive ground offensive in Afghanistan.

C-130 unit supported back-to-back air expeditionary forces before shifting to OEF operations. Developed new night-vision-goggles procedures.

Provided flight, intelligence, maintenance, and weather support for 40 deployed flying units covering Operations Northern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

Integrated CSAR with AFSOC and Army in Afghanistan and Iraq; set up CSAR at two bare bones bases—piloted new rapid, smaller footprint deployment capability.

Provided extensive logistics support for 2002 Olympics and logistics and munitions support for OEF, including processing some 14 million pounds of munitions.

Provided C-130, C-9, C-21, and UH-1N support—intratheater airlift, including OEF-Philippines, and medevac for operations in Iraq.

Citations of Honor

Recipient
Capt. Gregory C. Bainum, 91st Space Wing (AFSPC), Minot AFB, N.D.

Achievement
Led No. 1 missile operations crew for 2002. Instrumental in wing’s achievement of an excellent combat capability assessment.

Lt. Col. Mark E. Cline, 9th Air Force/CENTAF, Shaw AFB, S.C.

Col. Duane A. Jones, CENTAF, Shaw AFB, S.C.

NATO AWACS Component, Air Force Element, Geilenkirchen AB, Germany

7th Special Operations Squadron (AFSOC), RAF Mildenhall, UK

16th Special Operations Squadron (AFSOC), Hurlburt Field, Fla.

39th Airlift Squadron (AMC), Dyess AFB, Tex.

39th Operations Group (USAFE), Incirlik AB, Turkey

41st Rescue Squadron (ACC), Moody AFB, Ga.

75th Maintenance Group (AFMC), Hill AFB, Utah

374th Operations Group (PACAF), Yokota AB, Japan

Professional, Civilian, and Educational Awards

Award
Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence
Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians
Verne Orr Award for Human Resources
Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing
Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers
Personnel Manager of the Year
Civilian Wage Employee of the Year
Civilian Program Specialist of the Year
Civilian Program Manager of the Year
Civilian Senior Manager of the Year
AFROTC Cadet of the Year
CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year
Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year
Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Teachers
Sam E. Keith Jr. Aerospace Education Award of Excellence
George D. Hardy Memorial Award
Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award

Recipient
MSgt. Brian A. Chisholm, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
Maj. J. Scott Calder, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
66th Rescue Sq., Nellis AFB, Nev.
Capt. Scott F. Sanders, Lackland AFB, Tex.
Col. Thomas L. Strand, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Maj. Guy E. Parker, Pope AFB, N.C.
Robert N. Hall, Hill AFB, Utah
Megan Horn, SAF/IQ, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
Dennis Love, Eglin AFB, Fla.
Christina Jean Croy, University of Colorado–Boulder
Maxwell C. Sissman, National Capital Region
Tammie Lynn Bocook, Robins AFB, Ga.
Sally Gwaltney, Wilson, N.C.
Lincoln Chapter, Lincoln, Neb.
Jeri Ann Martin, Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.
GA-871 Unit, Shiloh High School, Snellville, Ga.

Management and Environmental Achievement Awards

Award
AFMC Executive Management Award
AFMC Middle Management Award
AFMC Junior Management Award
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Management)
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Technical)

Recipient
Maj. John C. Kubinec, Hill AFB, Utah
Capt. Jeffrey R. King, Wright–Patterson AFB, Ohio
Maj. Patrice A. Melancon, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Tex.
TSgt. Ronald C. Carden, Andersen AFB, Guam
2003 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award
(AFA Unit of the Year)
Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.

Accepting the award for the Hurlburt Chapter was Richard Schaller, chapter president, flanked by Chairman of the Board John Politi (left) and National President Pat Condon.

Jack Gross Award

Small Chapter

Medium Chapter
Mount Clemens, Mich.

Large Chapter
Ute–Rocky Mountain, Utah

Extra Large Chapter
Montgomery, Ala.

Chapter Larger Than 1,500
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Awards

Chapter Award

Individual Award
Timothy Nesley, Ga.

AFA Member of the Year
W. Ron Goerges, Ohio

AFA Member of the Year Ron Goerges of Ohio during a break in the September Board of Directors meeting.

Maj. Timothy Nesley (far right) took home the Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award for an individual. Here, Nesley and the Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper (second from left), pose for a photo with other Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter (Ga.) members at the exhibits. They are (l to r) Maj. Vivian Dennis, Capt. Latasha Dunn, and SSgt. Anthony Guzzardo. Dennis is a newly elected Leadership Development Director, and Guzzardo signed up 35 new members.
### 2003 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

#### Outstanding State Organization
- New Hampshire

#### Outstanding Small Chapter
- Pioneer Valley, Mass.

#### Outstanding Medium Chapter
- No award given.

#### Unit Activity Awards

- **Gold Award**
  - Altus, Okla.
  - Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
  - Col. H.M. “Bud” West, Fla.
  - Contrails, Kan.
  - Diamond State, Del.
  - Eagle, P.A.
  - Enid, Okla.
  - Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
  - Fort Wayne, Ind.
  - Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles, Calif.
  - Happy Hooligan, N.D.
  - High Desert, Calif.
  - Hurlburt, Fla.
  - Leigh Wade, Va.
  - Llano Estacado, N.M.
  - Mercer County, N.J.
  - Mount Clemens, Mich.
  - Richard D. Kisling, Iowa
  - Richard S. Reid, Ariz.
  - Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
  - Steel Valley, Ohio
  - Swamp Fox, S.C.
  - Total Force, Pa.
  - Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
  - Wright Memorial, Ohio

- **Achievement Award**
  - Alamo, Tex.
  - Antelope Valley, Calif.
  - Ark–La–Tex, La.
  - Cape Canaveral, Fla.
  - Charles Hudson, Calif.
  - Chautauqua, N.Y.
  - Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
  - Cochise, Ariz.
  - Concho, Tex.
  - David D. Terry Jr., Ark.
  - Delaware Galaxy, Del.
  - Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.
  - Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska
  - Highpoint, N.J.
  - Joe Walker–Mon Valley, Pa.
  - Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
  - Long’s Peak, Colo.
  - MccChord AFB, Wash.
  - Monterey Bay Area, Calif.
  - Montgomery, Ala.
  - Northeast Texas, Tex.
  - Palm Springs, Calif.
  - Panhandle AFA, Tex.
  - Pope, N.C.
  - Thunderbird, Nev.
  - Tidewater, Va.

#### Community Partner Membership Awards

- Patricia Accetta
- CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes, USAF (Ret.)
- Karl W. Berg
- Roland L. Butler
- Maj. Gen. Richard Carr, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Gen. Martin G. Colladay, USAF (Ret.)
- Gen. W.L. Creech, USAF (Ret.)
- Walter J. Cronin
- Charles E. Cruze
- Lt. Col. James James, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Gen. Roger G. DeKok, USAF (Ret.)
- Gen. Robert J. Dixon, USAF (Ret.)
- Hector Evans
- Joe Foss
- Gen. Charles A. Gabriel, USAF (Ret.)
- Mary Anne Gavin
- Col. James Grant, USAF (Ret.)
- CMSgt. David B. Hansen
- Bernard L. Hanlon
- Bob Hope
- Col. Rick D. Husband
- Mary Sue Kean
- Brig. Gen. David L. Ladd, USAF (Ret.)
- Charlotte Loos
- George Mattson
- Edward J. McCormick
- Karl Miller
- Col. Samuel F. Miller, USAF (Ret.)
- Alfred R. Musi
- TSgt. Jake S. Nelson, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. R.H. Ottman, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Frank A. Pleffer, USAF (Ret.)
- Earl G. Pingel
- Julian B. Rosenthal
- MSgt. Stephen D. Rudloff, USAF (Ret.)
- Peter J. Schenk
- Col. Henry R. Smith, USAF (Ret.)
- Thomas F. Stack
- SMSgt. C.J. Tanner, USAF (Ret.)
- Brig. Gen. R.E. VanHousen, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Daniel J. Vogel, USAF (Ret.)
- Scotty Wetzel
- John E. Zipp

#### Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment

- Ark–La–Tex, La.
- Bill Harris, Ore.
- Blue Ridge, N.C.
- Capt. William J. Henderson, Wis.
- Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
- Central Florida, Fla.
- Charles Hudson, Calif.
- Chautauqua, N.Y.
- Cochise, Ariz.
- Col. H.M. “Bud” West, Fla.
- Columbia Gorge, Ore.
- Columbia Palmetto, S.C.
- Concho, Tex.
- David D. Terry Jr., Ark.
- Eglin, Fla.
- Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
- Gen. Charles A. Horner, Iowa
- Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
- Golden Triangle, Miss.
- Happy Hooligan, N.D.
- Harry S. Truman, Mo.
- High Desert, Calif.
- Hurlburt, Fla.
- Iron Gate, N.Y.
- Joe Walker–Mon Valley, Pa.
- John W. DeMilly Jr., Fla.
- Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
- Langley, Va.
- Leigh Wade, Va.
- Metro Rhode Island, R.I.
- Miami, Fla.
- Montgomery, Ala.
- Mount Clemens, Mich.
- Newport Blue & Gold, R.I.
- Paul Revere, Mass.
- Pioneer Valley, Mass.
- Richard D. Kisling, Iowa
- Richard S. Reid, Ariz.
- Roanoke, Va.
- Scott Berkeley, N.C.
- Shooting Star, N.J.
- Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

#### Exceptional Service—Community Partners
- Enid, Okla.

#### Exceptional Service—Community Relations
- Paul Revere, Mass.

#### Exceptional Service—Overall Programming
- Central Florida, Fla.

#### Exceptional Service—Veterans’ Affairs
- Wright Memorial, Ohio

### Named in Memorial Tribute

Deaths during the past year that were formally recognized at the convention

- Patricia Accetta
- CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes, USAF (Ret.)
- Karl W. Berg
- Roland L. Butler
- Maj. Gen. Richard Carr, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Gen. Martin G. Colladay, USAF (Ret.)
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- Mary Anne Gavin
- Col. James Grant, USAF (Ret.)
- CMSgt. David B. Hansen
- Bernard L. Hanlon
- Bob Hope
- Col. Rick D. Husband
- Mary Sue Kean
- Brig. Gen. David L. Ladd, USAF (Ret.)
- Charlotte Loos
- George Mattson
- Edward J. McCormick
- Karl Miller
- Col. Samuel F. Miller, USAF (Ret.)
- Alfred R. Musi
- TSgt. Jake S. Nelson, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. R.H. Ottman, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Frank A. Pleffer, USAF (Ret.)
- Earl G. Pingel
- Julian B. Rosenthal
- MSgt. Stephen D. Rudloff, USAF (Ret.)
- Peter J. Schenk
- Col. Henry R. Smith, USAF (Ret.)
- Thomas F. Stack
- SMSgt. C.J. Tanner, USAF (Ret.)
- Brig. Gen. R.E. VanHousen, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Daniel J. Vogel, USAF (Ret.)
- Scotty Wetzel
- John E. Zipp
Individual Activity Awards

Presidential Citation
John Timothy Brock, Fla.
David T. Buckwaltier, R.I.
Edward M. Bullard, Washington, D.C.
Ted Kerr, Colo.
Robert E. Largent, Ga.
Steven Lundgren, Alaska
Bruce Marshall, Fla.
Coleman Rader Jr., Minn.
Ray Turczynski Jr., Fla.

Central East Region
Medal of Merit
Jeff Barnett, Va.
Julie L. Bowles, Va.
Jim Hardenbrook, Va.
William D. McGuth, Washington, D.C.
Matthew Monczewski, Va.
Fred Richardson, Va.
Randolph W. Royce, Va.
Jerry Wright, Va.

Exceptional Service Award
Henry M. Hobgood, Va.
Linda Lerner, Va.
Elen Merlice, Va.
Miles Sawyer, Va.
Thad A. Wolfe, Va.

Far West Region
Medal of Merit
Danya Castro, Calif.
Seb Cogliitore, Calif.
Brenden J. Davis, Hawaii
James H. Gates, Calif.
Norton B. James III, Calif.
Dick Jeffreys, Calif.
Ken Nishiyama, Calif.
Rick Randall, Calif.
Rick Reaser, Calif.
Arthur J. Stengeli, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award
Rick Jones, Calif.
Michael Winslow, Ohio
Bob Mass, Mo.
Fred Niblock, Mo.

Midwest Region
Medal of Merit
William S. Gifford, Kan.
Senio B. Distin, Ill.
Bill Ronich, Mo.
Bryan Hutchings, Mo.
Kevin Lewis, Mo.

Exceptional Service Award
Judith K. Church, Mo.
Jerome E. Hughes, Mo.
Thomas Stark, Ill.

New England Region
Medal of Merit
Sue Alexander, Mass.
Joe Bisognano, Mass.
Brad Butler, Mass.
Kevin S.C. Darnell, R.I.
Carolyn Fitcho, Conn.
Edward H. Josephson, N.H.
Cheryl Kristant, Mass.
Jay Waller, R.I.

Exceptional Service Award
Wayne R. Mrozinski, R.I.
Eric P. Taylor, N.H.
Donald B. Warmuth, Mass.

North Central Region
Medal of Merit
Conrad Burns, Mont.
Edwin C. Culbert, Minn.
Christopher R. Ferrez, N.D.
Paul Groskreutz, Minn.

Exceptional Service Award
Richard P. Giesler, Minn.
Ronald W. Mielke, S.D.

North East Region
Medal of Merit
John Fabricatore, N.J.
James A. King Jr., Pa.
Dorothy Stone, Pa.
William E. Stone, Pa.

Exceptional Service Award
Fred Di Fabio, N.Y.

Northeast Region
Medal of Merit
John Timothy Brock, Fla.
Mark D. Chapman, Fla.
Gary L. Gilchrist, Fla.
Earl W. Harden, Fla.
Doug Hardin, Fla.
Grady Jordan, Fla.
Dave Miller, Fla.
Richard Schaller, Fla.
Stan Siefke, Fla.

Great Lakes Region
Medal of Merit
George V. Back, Ohio
Stephen J. Dillenburg, Ohio
Samuel E. Greenwood, Ohio
James R. Heltz, Ohio
Fredrick L. Pumroy, Ohio
Michael Winslow, Ohio

Exceptional Service Award
Everitt Padgett, Ind.
William J. Schaff, Ohio
Ron Thompson, Ohio

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Exceptional Service Award
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Ronald W. Mielke, S.D.

South Central Region
Medal of Merit
Larry Boese, Ala.
Thomas W. Gwaltney, Ala.
Don Karle, Ala.
Cynde Maddox, Ark.
Pat McCoy, Ala.

Exceptional Service Award
Robert S. Slaughter, Tex.
William S. Clifford, Kan.

Southwest Region
Medal of Merit
Robert D. Anderson, Ariz.
Luisa C. Bailey, Ariz.
Daniel P. Bounds, Ariz.
Pete J. Morris, Ariz.
David Sanders, Ariz.

Exceptional Service Award
Thomas E. Howery, Ariz.
Duane C. Wyles, Ariz.

Texoma Region
Medal of Merit
Ron Beesley, Tex.
Clayton A. Church, Tex.
Mary Feightner, Okla.
Lee Hayes, Okla.
Bruce Jackson, Okla.
Rose B. Lampert, Texas.
Lisa Anne Merrill, Okla.
William J. Redmond, Tex.
Helen Sodolak, Tex.

Exceptional Service Award
James Rogers, S.C.

Southeast Region
Medal of Merit
Larry Fowler, N.C.
Monica S. Hunsucker, N.C.
Stephan P. Pingel, N.C.
Robert H. Robertson, Ga.
James Rogers, S.C.
David Snodgrass, S.C.

Exceptional Service Award
Michael J. Boltong, Ga.
Rodgers K. Greenawalt, S.C.
Roger Rucker, S.C.
Roy Vice, N.C.

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