



Air Force Association

Delegates at the 2005 AFA National Convention gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to participate in a memorial service honoring AFA members who died during the previous year and to observe a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Below, AFA's Chairman of the Board Stephen P. "Pat" Condon (left) and National President Robert E. "Bob" Largent salute as a bugler plays Taps.



Photos by Guy Aceto and Lee Orlando

National Convention 2005

By Tamar A. Mehuron, Associate Editor

THE entire Class of 2006 from USAF's Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., attended the Air Force Association's Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition, held in mid-September at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. It was the first-ever venture of its type for ACSC.

The class of some 570 airmen, accompanied by faculty members, arrived Sunday, Sept. 11, and stayed through Wednesday, Sept. 14. The students' attendance was made possible by a grant from Boeing Co. and AFA. Their presence meant these future Air Force leaders got to know AFA, meet and talk with current USAF leaders, and acquaint themselves with defense and aerospace industry representatives, including executives. The students also attended a wide variety of Air & Space Conference panels and seminars and



visited the Aerospace Technology Exposition's samplings of advanced technology developments.

The students were joined by more than 6,300 attendees registered for the Air & Space Conference, along with hundreds of AFA members and delegates who gathered Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11, to participate in the annual AFA National Convention preceding the Air & Space Conference.

Many delegates traveled by chartered bus to Arlington National Cemetery for a memorial service held on Sunday. Donald J. Harlin, AFA National Chaplain, officiated. He gave the invocation, offered a reflective message, and concluded with a closing prayer. The 2005 Memorial Tribute List was read by AFA Chairman of the Board Stephen P. "Pat" Condon and National President Robert E. "Bob" Largent. After the service, Condon and Largent laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on behalf of AFA.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force Chief of Staff, welcomed delegates, Air Force attendees, and members of industry at the conference opening on Monday morning, Sept. 12. Later that evening, AFA honored the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year, with an address by Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, assistant vice chief of staff of the Air Force. CMSAF Gerald R. Murray was toastmaster. The next day, Sept. 13, the Outstanding Airmen met with their Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill.

At the Air Force Anniversary Dinner that Tuesday evening, AFA honored retired Gen. Gregory S. Martin, former



AFA Board Members Jim Finch (a retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force) and Air National Guard C-130J pilot Julie Petrina review an agenda item coming up for discussion.

commander of Air Force Materiel Command, with the H.H. Arnold Award in recognition of the year's most significant military contribution to national security.

In that same evening, AFA named Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) as the 2005 recipient of the W. Stuart Symington Award for outstanding civilian contribution to national security. Hunter is the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Sir Richard Branson, chairman, Virgin Atlantic Airlines and Virgin Galactic, London, England, was honored with

the John R. Alison Award for industrial contributions to the nation's security.

AFA also presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), World War II veteran and recipient of the Medal of Honor and Bronze Star; William F. Perry, former Secretary of Defense; and Patty Wagstaff, aerobatic aviator. AFA paid special tribute to the Air Force's role in Hurricane Katrina relief operations and honored airmen, sailors, soldiers, and marines wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Serving as master of ceremonies for these events was Tim White. Music by singer Andy Childs rounded out the evening's festivities.

On Sept. 14, Lt. Gen. Glen W. Moorhead III received the Sen. Ted Stevens Leadership Award as outstanding commander of a numbered Air Force. He is commander of Allied Air Component Command Izmir, Turkey; NATO's Joint Force Command Naples, Italy; and 16th Air Force, Aviano AB, Italy.

At the convention, there were 260 registered delegates representing 46 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to the more than 6,300 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition attendees, the expo drew 93 news media representatives.

Holding meetings concurrently were trustees of AFA's affiliate, the Aerospace Education Foundation, and trustees of the Air Force Memorial Foundation. Also meeting were the Air Force's Air National Guard Council, Civilian



Steven Lundgren (right), AFA's newly elected National Treasurer, accepts congratulations from Thomas McKee, a former Chairman of the Board.

Advisory Council, Company Grade Officer Council, Enlisted Council, and Reserve Advisory Council.

Election of Officers

Stephen P. "Pat" Condon, Ogden, Utah, was re-elected AFA Chairman of the Board for a second term. Robert E. "Bob" Largent, Perry, Ga., was re-elected National President for a second term. Thomas J. Kemp, Fort Worth, Tex., was re-elected National Secretary for a third term, and Steven R. Lundgren, Fairbanks, Alaska, was elected National Treasurer for a first term.

Other Elections

Elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms were Robert C. Bienvenue, East Amherst, N.Y.;



Pictured at top is the 95th Airlift Squadron's "Crome 32," the recipient of the Outstanding Reserve Aircrew Award. Members (l-r): Maj. Rolf Breen, Maj. Jason Schroeder, Lt. Col. John Loranger, SSgt. Daniel Hayes, MSgt. James Grigsby, and TSgt. Robert Sczesny. Each was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for a 2004 counterinsurgency mission in Iraq.

At left, Gen. Ronald Keys, commander of Air Combat Command chats with Air Force Undersecretary Ronald Segal, and Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren.

Below, CMSAF Gerald Murray (right) and CMSgt. Ronald Kriete, the command chief of Air Force Space Command, meet at a Command Chief's conference.



Michael J. Bolton, Savannah, Ga.; O. Thomas Hansen, Steilacoom, Wash.; J. Ray Lesniok, Concord Township, Ohio; and Charles Thomas, Albuquerque, N.M. James R. Lauducci, of Alexandria, Va., was elected National Director At-Large.

Three new Leadership Development Directors joined the AFA Board. They are Elizabeth Burris, Bonaire, Ga.; Angela Dupont, Billerica, Mass.; and Michelle Ryan, Alexandria, Va.

Eleven new Region Presidents were elected, and three Region Presidents were re-elected. Newly elected are Joseph P. Bisognano Jr. (New England Region), Amos Chalif (Northeast Region), William Williams (Central East Region), David T. Hanson, (Southeast Region), Emil Friedauer (Florida Re-





Top (l-r), Coleman Rader Jr., then Region President for North Central Region, speaks with David Cummock, AEF Secretary-Treasurer and Victor Seavers, a member of AFA's Board of Directors.

At right, National President Bob Largent (l) and Chairman Pat Condon (r) are pictured with philanthropist Steven Udvar-Hazy, recipient of the Hoyt Vandenberg Award for contribution to aerospace education.

Below (l-r), AEF Trustee Joseph Price deals a hand to Dennis Davoren, Far West Region President, and other guests at AEF's Casino Night festivities.



gion), William A. Howard (Great Lakes Region), James W. Simons (North Central Region), Ted Helsten (Rocky Mountain Region), Robert J. Herculson Jr. (Southwest Region), Gary A. Hoff, (Northwest Region), and Dennis Davoren (Far West Region).

For a complete list of AFA Region Presidents and Directors, including those re-elected, see "This Is AFA" on p. 60.

AFA's Aerospace Education Foundation re-elected L. Boyd Anderson, Ogden, Utah, as Chairman of the Board. David R. Cummock, Port Orange, Fla., was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

AEF trustees newly elected to two-year terms are: Jodi H. Lunt, Layton, Utah; Joseph Price, Newport News, Va.; and Sanford Schlitt, Sarasota, Fla.

Other AFA Business

Delegates approved the AFA Statement of Policy and Top Issues for 2006.

In addition, the delegates approved two recommendations that will advance the progress of "afa21," a strategic roadmap that aims to set a new course for the association's future organization and structure. (For more on this key initiative, see "The 'afa21' Roadmap," p. 82.)

Congressional Activity

AFA state delegations sponsored 15 Congressional breakfasts on Tuesday, with 23 members of Congress participating. Among them were Sens. John Cornyn (R-Tex.), James M. Inhofe (R-Okla.), and John R. Thune, (R-S.D.), all

members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee attending the breakfasts included Sens. Robert Bennett (R-Utah), Byron L. Dorgan (D-N.D.), and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.).

Also participating in the AFA breakfast meetings were Reps. Dan Boren (D-Okla.), Jim Marshall (D-Ga.), and Michael Turner (R-Ohio), all members of the House Armed Services Committee.

Members of the House Appropriations Committee attending the breakfasts included: Reps. David Hobson (R-Ohio), Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.), and Tom Latham (R-Iowa).

Other Senators attending the breakfasts included: Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Craig Thomas (R-Wyo.), and Michael B. Enzi (R-Wyo.), who is also co-chairman of the Air Force Caucus.

Other Congressmen attending the breakfasts were Reps. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), Barbara Cubin (R-Wyo.), Stephanie Herseth (D-S.D.), Frank D. Lucas (R-Okla.), and Jeff Miller (R-Fla.).

Meeting separately with their Congressional representatives were members of the Nebraska, Oregon, and Washington AFA delegations.

Pete Geren, Acting Secretary of the Air Force, visited breakfasts hosted by Arizona, Massachusetts, Midwest Region (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri), Texas, and Utah. The Air Force



Gen. T. Michael Moseley (left), the Air Force's new Chief of Staff, confers with Gen. William Looney III, commander of Air Education and Training Command, before AFA's Four-Star Forum.

Chief of Staff visited breakfasts hosted by North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, Southeast Region, Texas, and Wyoming. Air Force Undersecretary Ronald M. Sega visited breakfasts hosted by Colorado, Florida, Minnesota, Virginia, and Wyoming.

Aerospace Education Foundation

A video on the theme "Why Freedom Is Not Free" won AEF's annual Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award. The winning entry, from AFJROTC Unit LA-932 at Destrehan High School, Destrehan, La., noted that "freedom is the ability to enjoy choice without force

or pressure," but also cautioned that the world "has not allowed freedom to come without a cost."

The video cited the "extraordinary acts of courage, sacrifice, and loss" shown in the Revolutionary War, the two world wars, 9/11, and most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan. The cadets singled out the sacrifice of Army National Guardsman Sgt. Nicholas J. Olivier, a graduate of Destrehan High School, who was killed when a roadside bomb exploded in Baghdad.

"If freedom were indeed free, there would be no reason for the deaths of Sergeant Olivier and his fellow servicemen. ... If it were not for these sacrifices, we would not enjoy the freedoms prevailing in our lives today," concluded the video.

Patrick A. Welsh, from Central, S.C., won the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award as the year's outstanding aerospace science teacher.

Acknowledgments

Parliamentarian for the AFA National Convention was Joan L. Blankenship. Inspectors of Elections were Mark Dierlam (Chairman), Craig E. Allen, and Buster Horlen. Raymond Turczynski Jr. chaired the Credentials Committee, serving with Sheila K. Jones and Eric P. Taylor.

The association is grateful to volunteers who assisted the staff in convention support: TSgt. Shawn Baldy, Cecil G. Brendle, Maj. Jimmy R. Canlas, Capt. Francisco Flores, Debbie Snyder, Charlie Tippett, and Leola Wall. ■



AEF President Mary Anne Thompson and Chairman L. Boyd Anderson (far right) present the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher of the Year Award to Patrick Welsh, a physics teacher at D.W. Daniel High School in Central, S.C.



Air Force Association National Awards 2005

National Aerospace Awards

Award

H.H. Arnold Award

AFA's highest honor in national security to a member of the armed forces

W. Stuart Symington Award

AFA's highest honor in national security to a civilian

John R. Alison Award

AFA's highest honor for industrial leadership

David C. Schilling Award

Outstanding contribution in flight

Theodore von Karman Award

Outstanding contribution in science and engineering

Gill Robb Wilson Award

Outstanding contribution in arts and letters

Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award

Outstanding contribution in aerospace education

Thomas P. Gerrity Award

Outstanding contribution in logistics

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year

Sen. Ted Stevens Leadership Award

Recipients

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

Rep. Duncan Hunter, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee

Sir Richard Branson, Chairman, Virgin Atlantic Airlines & Virgin Galactic, London, England

99th Reconnaissance Sq., Beale AFB, Calif.

Team of Maj. Michael D. Eliason and Maj. Eric J. Trychon, Hq., Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

Maj. Todd A. Ernst, 560th Flying Training Sq., Randolph AFB, Tex.

Steven Udvar-Hazy, Chairman and CEO, International Lease & Finance Corp., Los Angeles

Maj. Daniel A. Pacheco, Hq., PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

Michael Waters, VA Regional Office, Columbia, S.C.

Lt. Gen. Glen W. Moorhead III, Commander, 16th AF, USAFE, Aviano AB, Italy

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

World War II combat veteran; Medal of Honor recipient; third most senior member of the Senate; co-chairman of Senate Commerce Committee; ranking Democrat on the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

William J. Perry

Former Secretary of Defense; Stanford University professor; Army veteran; Medal of Freedom and DOD Distinguished Service Medal recipient.

Patty Wagstaff

Directs Patty Wagstaff Air Shows; US national aerobatic champion; flight and instrument instructor, rated to fly aircraft from World War II to modern airplanes.



Patty Wagstaff, a 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, pauses for a snapshot with Flying Tiger legend **John Alison**, who was recognized with the award at the 2003 convention.



Gen. Gregory Martin, who recently retired as commander of Air Force Materiel Command, received the 2005 H.H. Arnold Award, the Air Force Association's highest honor in national security. The award is given annually to a member of the armed forces.

USAFA Outstanding Squadron

Cadet Squadron 33

"The Ratz"

Fall Cadet Commander

Cadet 1st Class Zachary B. Walter

Spring Cadet Commander

Cadet 1st Class Nicholas Jurewicz

Crew Awards

Award	Recipients	Achievement
Airborne Battle Management Crew	Crew Three, 128th Airborne Command & Control Sq., 116th Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.	Best ABM crew
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award	SSgt. Poun T. Thies, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Sq., 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Spangdahlem AB, Germany	Crew chief of the year
Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award	Capt. Matthew J. McGarry, 355th Fighter Sq., 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska	Best aerial warfare tactician
Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award	Crew of Fever 11, 79th Rescue Sq., Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	Best air refueling crew
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award	Crew of Dark 11, 9th Bomb Sq., Dyess AFB, Tex.	Best bomber aircrew
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award	Crew of Senior Scout, Mission 1CY040605, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.	Best reconnaissance crew
Gen. Thomas S. Power Award	Crew S-60, Capt. Jimmy R. Soles Jr. and 1st Lt. Jeffrey A. Mueller, 12th Missile Sq., Malmstrom AFB, Mont.	Best missile combat crew
Space Operations Award	Charlie Flight Crew, 2nd Space Warning Sq., Buckley AFB, Colo.	Best space operations crew
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award	Crew of aircraft 50010, 22nd Airlift Sq., Travis AFB, Calif.	Best airlift aircrew
USAF Test & Evaluation Team of the Year	F/A-22 Initial Operational Test and Evaluation Center Test Team, Det. 6, Air Force Operational T&E Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.	Best test team

Professional, Civilian, and Educational Awards

Award	Recipient
Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence	MSgt. Robert T. Marquez, Scott AFB, Ill.
Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians	Lt. Col. Donald H. Jenkins, Lackland AFB, Tex.
Verne Orr Award for Human Resources	NATO Airborne Early Warning & Control Force E-3A, Component Training Wing, Geilenkirchen, Germany
Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing	Capt. Ryan P. Thornton, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers	Col. Edward J. Monahan, 9th Air Force, Shaw AFB, S.C.
Personnel Manager of the Year	SSgt. Shawndra Singleton, Keesler AFB, Miss.
Civilian Wage Employee of the Year	Timothy M. Sparks, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
Civilian Program Specialist of the Year	Sharon L. Williams, Dyess AFB, Tex.
Civilian Program Manager of the Year	George T. Denslow, Dyess AFB, Tex.
Civilian Senior Manager of the Year	James C. Patterson, Tinker AFB, Okla.
AFROTC Cadet of the Year	Natalie E. Schick, University of Kentucky
CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year	Dana A. Keller, Maramec, Okla.
Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year	Cynthia A. Roberts, Ramstein AB, Germany
Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Teachers	Patrick A. Welsh, Central, S.C.
Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award	LA-932 Unit, Destrehan High School, Destrehan, La.

USAF Team of the Year

Recipient	Unit
SrA. John N. Chege	1st Logistics Readiness Sq., Langley AFB, Va.
TSgt. Jason D. Hohenstreiter	5th LRS, Minot AFB, N.D.
SrA. Joshua Powell	354th LRS, Eielson AFB, Alaska
MSgt. Dennis A. Ross	11th LRS, Bolling AFB, D.C.
SSgt. Amelia C. Solomon	100th LRS, RAF Mildenhall, UK

Citations of Honor

Recipients	Achievement
Air Force Command & Control Battle-lab, Hurlburt Field, Fla. (AFC2ISRC)	Harnessed emerging military/commercial technologies for application in the field, including a satellite communications fighter pod and a system to directly transfer ground close air support data to B-52s.
Vincent C. Fonner, chief, Readiness Systems Branch, Hq., AFPC, Randolph AFB, Tex. (AFPC)	Overhauled Air Force personnel readiness program to better track service personnel. Ensured smooth computer system operability for deploying personnel.
Reconnaissance Systems Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (AFMC)	Managed the development, acquisition, integration, and sustainment of U-2, RC-135, Compass Call, Global Hawk, Predator, and ISR sensors.
Lt. Col. Michael F. Welch, chief, Logistics Plans and Force Assessment, Reaction Force Air Staff, Germany (ACO)	Spearheaded the integration of logistics policies and plans into exercises and force structure assessment for 26 NATO nations. Served as airfield operations and logistics leader on NATO teams deployed to assess bases in Uzbekistan and Afghanistan.
3rd Air Support Operations Gp., Ft. Hood, Tex. (ACC)	Prepared terminal attack controllers. Instructed artillery officers in emergency close air support. Deployed air support operations center for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Advised AC-130s to target improvised explosive devices.
9th Special Ops Sq., Eglin AFB, Fla. (AFSOC)	Achieved 98 percent mission success rate with two highly specialized MC-130P Combat Shadows. Executed hundreds of infiltration and exfiltration missions using night vision goggles.
24th Special Tactics Sq., Pope AFB, N.C. (AFSOC)	Established a new strategic airfield. Developed close air support procedures for CENTCOM. Devised classified rescue procedures. Provided security during Afghan elections. Prepared combat weather forecasts.
48th Explosive Ordnance Flight, 48th FW, RAF Lakenheath, UK (USAFE)	Provided counterterrorism support for President and foreign leaders. Led destruction of enemy munitions. Coordinated joint minefield clearance in Iraq.
62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash. (AMC)	Removed Libya's weapons-grade uranium and components, eliminating weapons of mass destruction capability; key player in largest troop rotation in CENTCOM area of responsibility.
301st FW Installation Honor Guard, 301st Mission Support Gp., NAS JRB Fort Worth, Tex. (AFRC)	Trained hundreds of soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen for the Joint Service Honor Guard to perform in military funerals. Developed lesson plans for honor guard duties.
325th Operations Support Sq., Training Flight, Tyndall AFB, Fla. (AETC)	Launched F/A-22 instruction for ACC/AETC students, including night vision goggle training and JDAM instruction. Provided F-15C instruction. Wrote new F-15C courses.
341st Maintenance Gp., Malmstrom AFB, Mont. (AFSPC)	Achieved highest alert rate in AFSPC. Changed launch codes. Hosted first responders nuclear accident response exercise. Prepared weapons systems for treaty inspections.
374th Operations Gp., Yokota AB, Japan (PACAF)	Led first US flight into Iran since 1984, for post-earthquake relief. Provided airlift support to Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. Trained Japanese service personnel in night vision goggles.
756th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., Luke AFB, Ariz.	Bested Air Force and AETC mission capable rates for F-16s. Trained pilots in night vision goggles. Deployed for Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, Nev.

Management and Environmental Achievement Awards

Award	Recipient
AFMC Executive Management Award	Col. Scott W. Jansson, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
AFMC Middle Management Award	Lt. Col. David L. O'Nan, White Sands Missile Range, N.M.
AFMC Junior Management Award	1st Lt. Sophie E. Parker, Hill AFB, Utah
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Management)	Eric S. Andrews, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Technical)	TSgt. John S. Rogers Jr., Misawa AB, Japan

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

Award	Recipient	Achievement
CMSgt. Dick Red Award	MSgt. Steven L. Auman, 122nd Maintenance Sq., Fort Wayne Arpt., Fort Wayne, Ind.	Best ANG aerospace maintenance
Best Air National Guard Unit	107th Fighter Sq., Selfridge ANGB, Mich.	Top ANG Unit
Best Air Force Reserve Unit	315th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.	Top AFRC unit
President's Award	Crew of Crome 32, 386th Expeditionary Airlift Sq., Ali al Salem, Kuwait	Best Reserve aircrew

2005 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

AFA Member of the Year

Charles A. Nelson



AFA Member of the Year Charles Nelson (right), the outgoing National Treasurer, is pictured (l-r) with National Secretary Tom Kemp and Chairman of the Board Pat Condon.

D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year)

Central Florida



Chairman of the Board Condon (left) and National President Bob Largent (right) congratulate John Timothy Brock, president of the Central Florida Chapter, which received the AFA Unit of the Year award.

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Awards

Chapter Award

Charlemagne, Germany

Individual Award

**Capt. John S. Nolan Jr.,
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.**



National President Largent (left) and Board Chairman Condon (right) flank Bethann Fleming, the president of the Charlemagne Chapter, Germany, which won this year's Arthur C. Storz Sr. Award for membership recruiting.

Jack Gross Award

Small Chapter

**Charlemagne,
Germany**

Extra Large Chapter

**Gen. E.W. Rawlings,
Minn.**

Medium Chapter

**Fairbanks Midnight Sun,
Alaska**

Chapter Larger Than 1,500

**Carl Vinson Memorial,
Ga.**

Large Chapter

**Tennessee Ernie Ford,
Calif.**

Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment

Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance, Del. Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga. Central Florida, Fla. Charlemagne, Europe Charles Hudson, Calif. Cochise, Ariz. Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla. Columbus-Bakalar, Ind. Contraills, Kan. David D. Terry Jr., Ark. Delaware Galaxy, Del. Eagle, Pa. Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska Enid, Okla. Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska Flying Yankees/Gen. George C. Kenney, Conn. Fort Dodge, Iowa Frank Luke, Ariz.	Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles, Calif. Gen. David C. Jones, N.D. Gen. E. W. Rawlings, Minn. Brig. Gen. James R. McCarthy, Fla. Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo. Golden Triangle, Miss. Grissom Memorial, Ind. Happy Hooligan, N.D. Harry S. Truman, Mo. Hurlburt, Fla. John C. Meyer, Fla. John W. DeMilly Jr., Fla. Lance P. Sijan, Colo. Langley, Va. Leigh Wade, Va. Mel Harmon, Colo. Miami, Fla. Monterey Bay Area, Calif.	Montgomery, Ala. Mount Clemens, Mich. Newport Blue & Gold, R.I. Ouachita, Ark. Paul Revere, Mass. Pioneer Valley, Mass. Red River Valley, N.D. Richard D. Kisling, Iowa Richard S. Reid, Ariz. Roanoke, Va. Savannah, Ga. Steel Valley, Ohio Swamp Fox, S.C. Taunton, Mass. Tennessee Ernie Ford, Calif. William A. Jones III, Va.
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Unit Activity Awards

Outstanding State Organization Florida	Outstanding Large Chapter Hurlburt, Fla.	Exceptional Service—Community Partners Enid, Okla.
Outstanding Small Chapter Mel Harmon, Colo.	Outstanding Extra Large Chapter Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.	Exceptional Service—Community Relations Altus, Okla.
Outstanding Medium Chapter Roanoke, Va.	Exceptional Service—Best Single Program Gen. E.W. Rawlings, Minn. Exceptional Service—Communications Claude Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.	Exceptional Service—Overall Programming Langley, Va. Exceptional Service—Veterans' Affairs Paul Revere, Mass.

Community Partner Membership Awards

Gold Award

Altus, Okla.
Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance, Del.
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
Col H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.
Contraills, Kan.
Eagle, Pa.
Enid, Okla.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles, Calif.
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., Tex.
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
Golden Triangle, Miss.
Happy Hooligan, N.D.
High Desert, Calif.
Hurlburt, Fla.
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
Leigh Wade, Va.
Llano Estacado, N.M.
Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.
McChord, Wash.
Mercer County, N.J.
Mount Clemens, Mich.
Richard D. Kisling, Iowa
Richard S. Reid, Ariz.
Steel Valley, Ohio
Swamp Fox, S.C.
Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
Wright Memorial, Ohio

Achievement Award

Ark-La-Tex, La.
Bill Harris, Ore.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.
Charles Hudson, Calif.
Chautauqua, N.Y.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
Cochise, Ariz.
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.
Delaware Galaxy, Del.
Del Rio, Tex.
Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.
Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska
Flying Yankees/Gen. Geo. C. Kenney
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Frank Luke, Ariz.
Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.
John W. DeMilly Jr., Fla.
Langley, Va.
Lt. Col. B.D. "Buzz" Wagner, Pa.
Mel Harmon, Colo.
Monterey Bay Area, Calif.
Montgomery, Ala.
Northeast Texas, Tex.
Palm Springs, Calif.
Panhandle AFA, Tex.
Pope, N.C.
Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
Rushmore, S.D.
South Georgia, Ga.
Tennessee Valley, Tenn.
Tidewater, Va.
Total Force, Pa.
William A. Jones III, Va.
William J. "Pete" Knight, Calif.

Named in Memorial Tribute

Deaths during the past year that were formally recognized by the association

Col. M.F. Caruthers, USAF (Ret.)
William E. Charles
Raymond Choquette
Lt. Col. Thomas D. Combs, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Marc Drinkhahn, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Adolph Eckhardt, USAFR (Ret.)
Col. Edward Elbert, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Joseph Falvey, USAF (Ret.)
Col. William E. Freeman, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Robert R. French, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Gen. Richard A. Freytag, USAF (Ret.)
Roland E. Fry
Col. Lindy Gunderson, USAF (Ret.)
1st Lt. Tom Hissem
Lt. Col. Robert Iarussi, USAF (Ret.)
Anthony Laporte
Virginia Leitch
Col. Ralph L. Michaelis, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Bennett Moyle, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Lloyd Pickering, USAF (Ret.)
CMSgt. Gordon Reuter, USAF (Ret.)
Gen. B.A. Schriever, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Richard E. Siner, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. Robert W. Sweginnis, USAF (Ret.)
Capt. Frank Swords, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. Glen Thompson, USAF (Ret.)
Brig. Gen. Anthony Tolin, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Jack Ventling, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Charles Waterman, USAF (Ret.)
Capt. Charles J. Widmar, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Sherman Wilkins, USAF (Ret.)

Individual Activity Awards

Presidential Citation

Arthur D. Bosshart, Ga.
Robert F. Cutler, Fla.
Irene Johnigan, Wyo.
William D. McGuth, D.C.
Lynn Morley, Ga.
Julie Petrina, Md.
Eric Taylor, N.H.
Ray Turczynski, Fla.

Central East Region

Medal of Merit

James M. Barker Jr., Va.
Allan Berg, Va.
Keith Ebert, Va.
Kip Hansen, D.C.
Gerald Hovatter, Va.
Jerry King, Va.
James H. McGuire, Va.
John K. Murphy, Del.
Stan "Steamer" Stevens, Va.
Scott P. Van Cleef, Va.

Exceptional Service Award

Richard Bundy, Del.
Tom Coney, D.C.
Matthew E. Monczewski, Va.
Jeffrey Platte, Va.
Jake Tweedy, Va.

Far West Region

Medal of Merit
Tom Dwelle, Calif.
Scott Edrington, Calif.
Jack Gruber, Calif.
Nelson E. Howlett, Calif.
Dick Jeffreys, Calif.
Mary J. Nishiyama, Calif.
Robert I. Recker Jr., Calif.
Tony Rollis, Calif.
Steve Scott, Calif.
John Simpson, Hawaii
Don Tomajan, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award

Paul Bell, Calif.
Don Eby, Calif.
James H. Gates, Calif.
Lee Greer, Calif.
Chris Harlambakis, Calif.
John Rosso, Calif.

Florida Region

Medal of Merit
E.J. "Bud" Albers, Fla.
James J. Burns, Fla.
James B. Connors, Fla.
Dennis E. Foley, Fla.
Robert W. Marinan, Fla.
Candace Robey, Fla.
Kevin Vislocky, Fla.
Robert Walker, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award

Marion Caruthers, Fla.
Max Friedauer, Fla.
Theresa Kemp, Fla.
Dennis Moran, Fla.
Richard Schaller, Fla.

Great Lakes Region

Medal of Merit

Lani Duquette, Mich.
James Jenkins, Ky.
Leland Nellist, Mich.
Robert Vick, Mich.
Daniel Wells, Ky.

Exceptional Service Award

Robert Brewster, Ohio
Thomas Craft, Mich.

Midwest Region

Medal of Merit
John Campo, Kan.
Justin Faiferlick, Iowa
Peter Glenboski, Neb.
Todd Hunter, Kan.
Jack Kuykendall, Mo.
Glenn Scott, Ill.
Marvin Tooman, Iowa

Exceptional Service Award

Robert D. Lewallen, Neb.
Petrina Merritt, Iowa
Loran Schnaidt, Mo.
James Snyder, Mo.

New England Region

Medal of Merit
Craig Hancock, Conn.
John W. Hasson, Mass.
David Houde, N.H.
Thomas Huizenga, R.I.
Donald G. Jones, Vt.
Robert Lachapelle, R.I.

Exceptional Service Award

Angela Dupont, Mass.
Edward H. Josephson, N.H.
Steven Negron, Mass.
Joseph N. Waller, R.I.

North Central Region

Medal of Merit
Julie Eszlinger, Minn.
Tim Jensen, Wis.
Bob McGonigal, Minn.
Glenn Shull, Minn.
James W. Simons, N.D.
Johnnie Sowell Jr., N.D.

Exceptional Service Award

Juanita Giesler, Minn.
Curtis Halverson, N.D.
Robert P. Talley, N.D.

Leo Wittenberg, Minn.
Kenneth Wofford, Minn.

Northeast Region

Medal of Merit

Cathy Ward, N.Y.
Robert Wiggins, N.J.

Exceptional Service Award

Linda Fairlie, N.J.
Susan Griffith, N.Y.
Edward Keil, N.Y.
Mary Traver, N.J.

Northwest Region

Medal of Merit

Rob Coe, Wash.
Carlene Joseph, Wash.
Jon Powell, Alaska

Exceptional Service Award

Gary A. Hoff, Alaska
Richard A. Seiber, Wash.
Joseph E. Tucker, Wash.

Rocky Mountain Region

Medal of Merit
Daniel Beatty, Colo.
Lamberth Blalock, Colo.
Dennis Guymon, Utah
Jim Hall, Colo.
Teresa Tafoya, Colo.
Kit Workman, Utah

Exceptional Service Award

Tom Cavalli, Colo.
Rick Hartle, Utah
Joan Sell, Colo.
Gayle White, Colo.

South Central Region

Medal of Merit
Mike Clowers, Ala.
Jaimee Cruz-Montanez, Ala.
Paul Dietke, Miss.
Roy A. Gibbens, Miss.
James C. Kasperbauer, Tenn.
Paul LaFlame, La.
George Livers, Tenn.
Judy Rice, Ala.
Jonathan P. Shockey, Ark.
James Van Eynde, Tenn.

Exceptional Service Award

Wes Padgett, Ala.
Joe Panza, Ala.
Jerry Reichenbach, Ark.
Ronald J. Vaughan, Miss.

Southeast Region

Medal of Merit
Sara Bishop, N.C.
Elizabeth C. Burris, Ga.
Latasha Dunn, Ga.
Lewis Feuerstein, N.C.
Edward C. Greene, N.C.
Deborah L. Marshall, S.C.
John "Bones" Marshall, S.C.
Tillman Meetze, S.C.

Exceptional Service Award

Don Adee, S.C.
Bush Hanson, S.C.

Southwest Region

Medal of Merit

Marianne Catterton, Ariz.
Herbert Egender, Ariz.
Hal Jewell, Ariz.
Jeffrey A. Laforcarde, Ariz.
Kelley Roberts-Cooper, Ariz.
Robert Sullivan, Nev.

Exceptional Service Award
Kathleen Clemence, Nev.
Robert Herculson, Nev.
James I. Wheeler, Ariz.

Texoma Region

Medal of Merit

Joan Blankenship, Okla.
Ralph Chalfant, Tex.
Jerry Christopher, Okla.
Bob Gehbauer, Tex.
Sean Habina, Tex.
Robert Pavelko, Tex.
Bill Lawson, Tex.
James C. McLeroy, Tex.
Joe Wiser, Tex.

Exceptional Service Award

Gary Beach, Okla.
John W. Blumentritt, Tex.
Mary Feightner, Okla.
Marsha D. Krotky, Tex.
Terry Thomas, Tex.

