





# Air Force Association



Photos by Christopher J. McCarlin

*At the Air Force Anniversary dinner, AFA celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Outstanding Airmen of the Year program. Here, Outstanding Airmen past and present gather on stage for a lengthy standing ovation.*

# National Convention 2006

**T**HE Air Force Association's annual National Convention and Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition, held Sept. 22 through 27 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., celebrated AFA's six decades of existence and its 50-year history of bestowing the outstanding enlisted airmen award. It was a week in which the national headquarters building was rededicated, and participants got a "first look" tour of the new Air Force Memorial.

On Friday evening, Sept. 22, AFA





**Above (l-r), CMSAF Rodney McKinley, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne, and AFA National President (now Chairman of the Board) Robert Largent await the Air & Space Conference opening and awards ceremonies.**

**At right, Gen. John Corley, USAF vice chief of staff, and Rep. Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) (far right) were welcomed to the Midwest Region Congressional Breakfast by Judy Church, AFA's new National Secretary, and Keith Sawyer of the Scott Memorial Chapter (Ill.)**



**Below, AFA's National Treasurer, Steven Lundgren of the Fairbanks Midnight Sun Chapter, addresses the AFA delegate meeting. He was elected for a second term.**



hosted the ceremony rededicating its newly renovated national headquarters building, followed by a reception. About 100 guests, including delegates and AFA officials, attended. The rededication featured the unveiling of a plaque paying tribute to Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, who pioneered the establishment of a national association to support the United States Air Force; Gen. Russell E. Dougherty, who envisioned a national headquarters building for AFA; and national officers, past and present, who supported and sustained AFA's ownership. The plaque, which marks the building's entrance, reads in part: "This building stands as a permanent reminder that the Air Force Association is still on the job—working to maintain the kind of aerospace power required to ensure the freedom

of future generations of Americans." Assisting AFA Chairman of the Board Stephen P. "Pat" Condon was former AFA Chairman of the Board David L. Blankenship, who was AFA's National President at the time the building was first dedicated in 1984.

For the second year in a row, AFA hosted students from USAF's Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., at the Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition. The Class of 2007, all 587 students, attended the workshops, speeches, and briefings. Their participation was made possible by a grant to AFA from Boeing. Accompanied by faculty members, the students arrived Sunday, Sept. 24, and stayed through Wednesday, Sept. 27. They became acquainted



**The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. T. Michael Moseley, delivered an address on air and space power to conference attendees. Moseley also moderated a forum of four-star generals.**

with AFA, met with current USAF leaders, and conversed with defense and aerospace industry representatives and executives. They also attended panels and seminars and visited the various exhibits at the Technology Exposition.

The students were joined by more than 1,250 attendees registered for the Air & Space Conference, along with hundreds of AFA members and delegates who gathered on Saturday and Sunday to participate in the AFA National Convention preceding the Air & Space Conference.

Many delegates, conference attendees, and ACSC students attended a memorial service on Sunday at the hotel. Donald J. Harlin, AFA National Chaplain, officiated. He gave the invocation, offered a message highlighting the new Air Force Memorial, and concluded with a closing prayer. AFA Chairman of the Board Condon, and National President Robert E. "Bob" Largent read the 2006 Memorial Tribute List. After the service, many boarded chartered buses for an Air Force Memorial tour, conducted by Memorial Foundation President Maj. Gen. Edward F. Grillo Jr., USAF (Ret.). Following a tour of the memorial, attendees visited the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials.

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. 25. The opening ceremony also featured a video highlighting 60 years of AFA service and accomplishments as "The Force Behind the Force." Later that evening, AFA honored the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year, with an address by Gen. John D.W. Corley, vice chief of staff. CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley was toastmaster. The next day, Tuesday, Sept. 26, the Outstanding Airmen met with their Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill.

Tuesday evening's festivities began with a reception, underwritten by a donation from Lockheed Martin. At the Air Force Anniversary Dinner following the reception, AFA honored retired Gen. Lance W. Lord, former commander of Air Force Space Command, with the H.H. Arnold Award, in recognition of the year's most significant contribution to national security.

Ronald D. Sugar, chairman and CEO, Northrop Grumman, was honored with the John R. Alison Award for industrial contributions to the nation's security.

AFA officials also thanked members of the aerospace industry for their support of the Air Force Memorial, set to be officially dedicated Oct. 14.

To mark the 50th anniversary of AFA's Outstanding Airmen program, 90 award recipients, representing each of the five decades, were honored on stage during the evening. The honorees reciprocated by presenting a plaque to Condon, as well as to AFA, in gratitude for the association's support of the program, which has honored 715 distinguished enlisted airmen during the last half-century. Largent also received a thank you gift of USAF artwork from Moseley.

A birthday cake celebrating AFA's 60th year was cut and served to guests. A musical presentation narrated by Tim White, and featuring the singer Andy Childs, rounded out the evening.

At the National Convention, there were 252 registered delegates rep-



**Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne (l) and then-AFA Chairman of the Board Pat Condon gather with other anniversary dinner attendees. Wynne delivered the keynote address at the conference.**



**Joseph Sutter (above) of Knoxville, Tenn., was elected National President and, pursuant to subsequent changes in AFA's governance structure, on Oct. 1 assumed the title of AFA Vice Chairman, Field Operations.**

**At right, Thomas Kemp, then-AFA National Secretary, chats with Gen. Ronald Keys, commander of Air Combat Command.**

**AFA officials and National Convention attendees on Sept. 22 rededicated the association's recently renovated headquarters building in Arlington, Va. Shown here (l-r) at the rededication plaque were National President Bob Largent, Board Chairman Pat Condon, Vice Chairman L. Boyd Anderson, and Donald Peterson, Executive Director.**



representing 45 states, the District of Columbia, and the European area. The Air & Space Conference's Technology Exposition drew some 6,850 attendees and 85 news media representatives.

Holding meetings were trustees of the Air Force Memorial Foundation. Also meeting were the Air Force's Air National Guard Council, Civilian Advisory Council, Company Grade Officer Council, Enlisted Council, and Reserve Advisory Council. The conference marked the 50th anniversary of these councils: In 1956, then Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Nathan F. Twining met with association members to establish the advisory councils to provide Air Force and association leaders with input on issues of importance.

Over the years, many former coun-

cil members have gone on to assume senior leadership positions in the Air Force. At the joint council meeting, Gen. Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton, USAF (Ret.), representing all former council members, spoke about his tenure on the Company Grade Council and how it influenced his Air Force career.

### **Election of Officers**

Robert E. "Bob" Largent, Harrison, Ark., was elected Chairman of the Board for a first term. Joseph E. Sutter, Knoxville, Tenn., was elected National President, for a first term. Judy K. Church, Lenexa, Kan., was elected National Secretary for a first term, and Steven R. Lundgren, Fairbanks, Alaska, was re-elected National Treasurer for a second term.



**AFA Vice Chairman of the Board L. Boyd Anderson addresses AFA delegates. On Oct. 1, Anderson assumed the new title of AFA Vice Chairman, Aerospace Education.**

Pursuant to changes in AFA's governance structure approved by the delegates (see "Other AFA Business"), Sutter on Oct. 1 assumed the title of Vice Chairman of the Board, Field Operations, and L. Boyd Anderson, who was serving as Vice Chairman of the Board, became the Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education.

**Other Elections**

Elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms were Dennis R. Davoren, Woodland, Calif., James Hannam, Burke, Va., Buster Horlen, San Antonio, Charles A. Nelson, Sioux Falls, S.D., Paul W. Schowalter, Hickory, N.C. (at large), and Charles P. Zimkas Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Five new Region Presidents were elected. Newly elected are Marvin L. Tooman (Midwest Region), Michael J. Peters (Far West Region), Maxine Donnelly, (Northeast Region), Leonard Vernamonti (South Central Region), and Edward W. Garland (Texoma Region).

For a complete list of AFA National Directors and Region Presidents, including those re-elected, see "This Is AFA," p. 76, and "Field Contacts," p. 103.

**Other AFA Business**

AFA delegates ratified transition documents approved earlier by the Board of Directors at their December 2005 and February 2006 meetings that were necessary to merge AFA and the Aerospace Education Foundation into

a single organization and to create the AFA Veteran Benefits Association (AFAVBA). (These changes took effect April 1, 2006.) These included an AFA Transition Constitution, an AFA Operations and Procedures Manual, and an AFAVBA Constitution. This was a necessary first step to considering a more permanent governance structure.

Delegates also ratified a permanent-governance-structure AFA Constitution and Operations and Procedures Manual. The new structure is to be phased in over a number of years. Among its more important features are

the following: It reduces the size of the Board of Directors; establishes a Field Council to function in a similar manner to the Aerospace Education Council set up by the transition documents; and realigns titles and responsibilities of the national officers. In addition to the Oct. 1 elected officer title changes noted above, the Executive Director assumes the title of President.

Delegates also approved changes to the way the AFA Nominating Committee is constituted and functions. The new procedures are to be phased in over a number of years, parallel to the board phase-in schedule, and require some further approvals by the board and delegates. The first steps, however, will be taken during the 2006-07 operating year.

Other actions included directing the newly created Field Council to develop ways to streamline the AFA field organizations and to monitor several administrative changes approved by the delegates to be incorporated into the operating policy for field units.

**Congressional Activity**

AFA state delegations sponsored 14 Congressional Breakfasts on Tuesday, with 44 members of Congress participating. Among them were Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.), Sen. James Talent (R-Mo.), and Sen. John R. Thune (R-S.D.), members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee attending the breakfasts included Sen. Wayne Allard



**Lester Lyles and Elizabeth McLaughlin compare notes during a break at an AFA Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C.**



**Gen. Duncan McNabb (l), head of Air Mobility Command, and Gen. Ronald Keys (c) head of Air Combat Command, talk things over with retired Gen. Lloyd Newton, a member of AFA's Board of Directors 2001-05. Retired CMSAF Gerald Murray can be seen in the background.**

(R-Colo.), Sen. Robert Bennett (R-Utah), Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.), and Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.).

Participating in the AFA breakfast meetings were Rep. Joel Hefley (R-Colo.), Rep. Jim Marshall (D-Ga.), Rep. Ike Skelton (D-Mo.), Rep. John M. Spratt Jr. (D-S.C.), Rep. William "Mac" Thornberry (R-Tex.), Rep. Michael Turner (R-Ohio), and Rep. Mark Udall (D-Colo.), members of the House Armed Services Committee.

Members of the House Appropriations Committee attending the breakfasts included: Rep. Virgil H. Goode Jr. (R-Va.), Rep. David Hobson (R-Ohio), Rep. James Kolbe (R-Ariz.), Rep. Dennis Rehberg (R-Mont.), and Rep. Dave Weldon (R-Fla.).

Other Senators attending the breakfasts included: Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Sen. John DeMint (R-S.C.), Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), and Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.).

Other lawmakers attending the breakfasts were Rep. John Alver (D-Mass.), Rep. J. Gresham Barrett (R-S.C.), Rep. Joe Barton (R-Tex.), Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.), Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite (R-Fla.), Rep. Ralph Hall (R-Tex.), Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.), Rep. Stephanie Herseth (D-S.D.), Rep. Jim Matheson (D-Utah), Rep. James McGovern (D-Mass.), Rep. John Mica (R-Fla.), Rep. Jeff Miller (R-Fla.), Rep. Dennis Moore (D-Kan.), Rep. James Moran (D-Va.), Rep. Earl

Pomeroy (D-N.D.), Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), Rep. Pete Sessions (R-Tex.), Rep. John F. Tierney (D-Mass.), and Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.).

Secretary of the Air Force Wynne visited breakfasts hosted by Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. Moseley, the Air Force Chief of Staff, visited breakfasts hosted by North and South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. Gen. John D.W. Corley, vice chief of staff, visited the Midwest Region, Texas, and Utah breakfasts. Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, visited the Utah breakfast.

Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, commander of Air Force Space Command, attended the Montana breakfast.

### **AFA Education Awards**

Videos on the theme of "How Skills Learned in Air Force ROTC Build Character and Better Citizens" competed for AFA's annual Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award. The winning entry, from AFJROTC Unit VA-20011 at Franklin County High School, Rocky Mount, Va., explored the role that the Air Force core values of integrity, service, and excellence play in forming effective AFROTC cadets, and the effects of that development on their collegiate and post-collegiate life.

Susan Rippe, from Olathe, Kan., won AFA's National Teacher of the Year Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award as the year's outstanding teacher of aerospace science, mathematics, or computer science.

### **Acknowledgements**

Parliamentarian for the AFA National Convention was Joan L. Blankenship. Inspectors of Elections were Robert Rutledge (Chairman), William R. Goerges, and James W. Simons. Lynn Morley chaired the Credentials Committee, serving with Joan Sell and Patricia J. Snyder.

The association is particularly grateful to a corps of volunteers who assisted the staff in convention support: Jason R. Baseil, Cecil G. Brendle, Molly Mae E. Potter, Charlie Tippett, Leola Wall, and 2nd Lt. Robert Wray. ■



**Susan Rippe of Olathe Northwest High School in Olathe, Kan., received the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award as AFA's National Teacher of the Year.**





# Air Force Councils

## Air National Guard Council



**Lt. Gen. David B. Poythress** (Chair)

CMSgt. Lori Ashness  
Capt. Robert T. Botkin  
CMSgt. Kevin M. Gadd  
CMSgt. Michael W. Meyer  
Lt. Col. Craig A. Noll  
Brig. Gen. Charles V. Ickes II (Advisor)  
Lt. Col. Randy D. Johnson (Liaison)

## Civilian Advisory Council



**Jeffrey C. Allen** (Acting Chair)

Sheila Barboza  
James Hamilton  
Laura L. Loflin  
Ray Pablionia  
Sharon B. Seymour  
Karen Thomas  
James H. Carlock Jr. (Liaison)

## Company Grade Officers Council



**Capt. Christopher Raines** (Chair)

Capt. Alonzo Bray  
Capt. Jason Calhoun  
Capt. Mary Carnes  
Capt. Eric Crowell  
Capt. Tammy Haley  
Lt. Manny Hauck  
Capt. Robert Jackson  
1st Lt. Joshua Logie  
Capt. Marc Meyer  
Capt. Megan Schafer  
Capt. Joshua Zaker  
Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain (Advisor)

## Enlisted Council



**CMSgt. Trena L. Voegtle** (Chair)

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SrA. Polly-Jan Bobseine  
SSgt. Daniel F. Dierickx  
SSgt. Jeffrey M. Hansen  
SMSgt. Michael T. Lemke  
SMSgt. Henry Parker III  
SrA. Eric J. Pena  
SSgt. David L. Plachno  
MSgt. Bradley T. Reilly  
SSgt. Elizabeth E. Sewell  
TSgt. Billy D. Tramel Jr.  
MSgt. Renee L. Williams  
MSgt. Michael E. Harris (Liaison)

## Reserve Advisory Council



**Brig. Gen. Wallace W. Farris Jr.** (Chair)

Capt. Melanie Davis  
CMSgt. Alan Gingras  
SSgt. Dominique Hogan  
SMSgt. Phyllis Joyner  
Capt. Jennifer Kowalski  
Maj. Robert Palmer  
SMSgt. Anthony Rittwager  
Col. John C. Silvia III  
Lt. Col. Raymond Stuermer  
Lt. Col. Meleah Whetstone  
SrA. Kris Winder  
CMSgt. Valerie Barnes (Liaison)  
Wayne Gracie (Advisor)  
Col. Michael LoGrande (Advisor)



## Veterans/Retiree Council



**Walter S. Hogle Jr.** (Chair)

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David A. Guzman  
Charles E. Lucas  
Jimmy L. Miller  
John T. Park  
Robert E. Patterson  
Elia T. Vasilopoulos



# Air Force Association National Awards 2006

## 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. Lance W. Lord, USAF (Ret.),** Former Commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

(no presentation this year)

**Ronald D. Sugar, Chairman and CEO,** Northrop Grumman, Los Angeles

**354th Fighter Sq.,** Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

**Integrated Avionics Test Facility Team,** Det. 2, 28th Test Sq., Tyndall AFB, Fla.

**James Ingo Freed** (posthumously), Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, New York, N.Y.

**Scott Crossfield** (posthumously), Herndon, Va.

**Lt. Col. Maurice McDonald,** 3rd Logistics Readiness Sq., Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

**Alan Sumitomo,** National Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu

(no presentation)



*Gen. Lance Lord, who retired in April after 37 years of active service, received the H.H. Arnold Award for ushering in a new generation of space professionals supporting joint combat forces.*



*Ronald Sugar (left), chairman and CEO of Northrop Grumman, receives the John R. Alison Award, for outstanding leadership in furthering aviation and space technology, from Pat Condon, AFA Chairman of the Board.*



*At the Air Force Memorial site, AFA Chairman of the Board Pat Condon (left) thanks Jack Metzler, Arlington National Cemetery superintendent, for his past support of AFA's annual Memorial Service. At right is AFA Chaplain Donald Harlin.*

## USAFA Outstanding Squadron

**Cadet Squadron 9**  
"Viking 9"

*Fall Cadet Commander*

**Cadet 1st Class Andrew Gray**

*Spring Cadet Commander*

**Cadet 1st Class Hunter Grunden**

## Crew Awards

Award	Recipients	Achievement
Airborne Battle Management Crew	Crew Two, Joint STARS, 16th Expeditionary Air Command & Control Sq., Robins AFB, Ga.	Best airborne battle management crew
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award	SSgt. James L. Briscoe, 347th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., Moody AFB, Ga.	Crew chief of the year
Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award	Capt. David J. Berkland, 4th Fighter Sq., Hill AFB, Utah	Best aerial warfare tactician
Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award	Crew of Guts 31, 8th Special Operations Sq., Eglin AFB, Fla.	Best air refueling crew
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award	Crew of DOOM 02, 9th Expeditionary Bomb Sq., 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Tex.	Best bomber aircrew
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award	Crew of Guss 01, 488th Intel Sq., USAFE; 343rd Recon Sq., 97th Intel Sq., 55th Ops Gp., Offutt AFB, Neb.	Best reconnaissance crew
Gen. Thomas S. Power Award	Crew S-200, Capt. David S. Bristow and Capt. Eric J. Ward, 90th Operations Sq., 90th Space Wing, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.	Best missile combat crew
Space Operations Award	STS-114 Return to Flight Crew, 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB, Fla.	Best space operations crew
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award	Crew of Talon 04, 15th Special Operations Sq., Hurlburt Field, Fla.	Best airlift aircrew
USAF Test & Evaluation Team of the Year	Multi-aircraft Control Ground Control Station Test Team, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	Best test team

## Professional, Civilian, and Educational Awards

Award	Recipient
Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence	Capt. David M. Canady Jr., Tinker AFB, Okla.
Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians	Lt. Col. David L. Smith, Lackland AFB, Tex.
Verne Orr Award for Human Resources	50th Operations Support Sq., Schriever AFB, Colo.
Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing	1st Lt. Julio Cano, US Air Force Academy, Colo.
Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers	James W. Russell III, Bolling AFB, D.C.
Personnel Manager of the Year	Capt. Casey J. Vile, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
Civilian Wage Employee of the Year	Michael E. Hartsfield, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
Civilian Program Specialist of the Year	Kathryn A. Burge, Vance AFB, Okla.
Civilian Program Manager of the Year	William H. Grozdanich, Lackland AFB, Tex.
Civilian Senior Manager of the Year	Monique F. Botting, Langley AFB, Va.
AFROTC Cadet of the Year	Patrick D. O'Dell, University of Oklahoma
CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year	Haley Blevins, Lexington Park, Md.
Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year	Doris M. Lankford, Holloman AFB, N.M.
Air Force Chaplain Service Award	SSgt. Daniel T. Krautheim, Lackland AFB, Tex.
Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Teachers	Susan Rippe, Olathe, Kan.
Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award	VA-20011 Unit, Franklin County High School, Rocky Mount, Va.

## USAF Team of the Year

Recipient	Unit
SrA. John J. Hitchens	375th Services Sq., Scott AFB, Ill.
A1C Nicolas A. Paulino	355th Services Sq., Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
A1C Andrea Quintanilla	347th Services Sq., Moody AFB, Ga.
A1C Ashley N. Sakurai	35th Services Sq., Misawa AB, Japan
SSgt. Heather J. Schaffer	153rd Services Flight, Wyoming ANG, Cheyenne, Wyo.

## Citations of Honor

Recipients	Achievement
437th and 315th Maintenance Gps., Charleston AFB, S.C. (AFRC)	Launched 13,823 mobility missions worldwide, carrying 68,387 passengers and 111,592 tons of cargo. Strong data management produced engineering fixes for C-17 deficiencies. Smoothly integrated 320 mobilized reservists into workforce.
8th Special Operations Sq., Eglin AFB, Fla. (AFSOC)	Deployed MC-130Es and their crews to four separate missions in Southwest Asia, Gulf Coast, and Latin America. Transported Iraqi military leaders to combat zone. In orbit off Mississippi coast, refueled search and rescue aircraft for Hurricane Katrina victims. Trained Peruvian paratroops in high-altitude, low-opening operations.
TSgt. Jason L. Graves, 8th Information Warfare Flt., Barksdale AFB, La. (ACC)	First enlisted airman assigned to Marine Camp Fallujah, Iraq. Created targeting information operation plans and briefed senior Marine leadership. Managed the redesign of the special technical operations facility. Provided training for USAF air and space expeditionary force follow-on deployment forces.
HAF/XOOC "Checkmate," Pentagon, Washington, D.C.	Conducted detailed study of USAF support to homeland defense, civil support, and emergency preparedness. Wrote the joint air operations plan for Hurricane Katrina. Initiated design of post-Saddam era Iraqi Air Force.
Eugenio G. Pino, Peterson AFB, Colo. (NORAD-USNORTHCOM)	Spearheaded a network of military, federal, and civilian academic institutions to support education in homeland defense and security. Wrote a brief on US Northern Command's wartime missions. Wove lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita into national civil support exercise Ardent Sentry 2005.
David K. Russell, SATCOM Operations Manager, Offutt AFB, Neb. (USSTRATCOM)	Engineered recovery of operations after two satellites temporarily failed, affecting coverage of Southwest Asia. Fought for and secured funding for future capability of aging ultrahigh frequency satellites. Devised and implemented standardized requests for narrowband satellite access.
614th Space Operations Sq., Vandenberg AFB, Calif. (AFSPC)	Directed space operators worldwide for Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle. Delivered thousands of space products. Optimized GPS signals for US Central Command. Monitored missile and space launches. Trained space advisors.
Capt. Bernard R. Sprute, 48th Security Forces Sq., RAF Lakenheath, Britain (USAFE)	Served as protection policy officer and base security planner, normally a lieutenant colonel-level position, while deployed for six months to Iraq. Responsible for implementing Iraqi installation access control policy and managing the program.
309th Aircraft Maintenance Gp., Hill AFB, Utah (AFMC)	Expedited repairs and maintenance on nearly 500 A-10s, C-130s, and F-16s in record time. Their work garnered the Silver Shingo Prize for F-16 modifications. Chosen for the F-22 repair assignment.
22nd Security Forces Sq., McConnell AFB, Kan. (AMC)	First USAF security forces team to support US Army detainee operations in Iraq. Managed more than 3,000 detainees, quelled prison riots, discovered escape tunnel, thwarted escape attempt. Trained Afghan security forces.

## Management and Environmental Achievement Awards

Award	Recipient
AFMC Executive Management Award	Col. Robert M. Stambaugh, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
AFMC Middle Management Award	Kevin G. O'Connor, Tinker AFB, Okla.
AFMC Junior Management Award	1st Lt. William C. Williams II, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Management)	Badar U. Habib, Tinker AFB, Okla.
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Technical)	TSgt. Jeffrey S. Hemly, Luke AFB, Ariz.

## Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

Award	Recipient	Achievement
CMSgt. Dick Red Award	MSgt. Jon G. Beam, 122nd Maintenance Gp., Fort Wayne Arpt., Ind.	Best ANG maintainer
Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks Award	CONR-1AF (AFNORTH) Operation Noble Eagle Team, Tyndall AFB, Fla.	Best ANG unit airmanship
Best Air National Guard Unit	148th Fighter Wing, Duluth Arpt., Minn.	Top ANG unit of the year
Best Air Force Reserve Unit	482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead ARB, Fla.	Top AFRC unit of the year
President's Award	Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center, St. Joseph, Mo.	Best AFRC aircrew of the year

## 2006 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

### AFA Member of the Year

**Craig E. Allen**



*AFA Member of the Year Craig Allen (left) meets up with last year's Member of the Year, Charles Nelson. Allen is from the Northern Utah Chapter and Nelson is from the Dacotah Chapter.*

### D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year)  
Enid, Okla.



*Board Chairman Pat Condon (left) and National President Bob Largent (right) present George Pankonin of the Enid Chapter with the AFA Unit of the Year award.*

### Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Awards

<b>Chapter Award</b>	<b>Individual Award</b>
Charlemagne, Germany	(no presentation)



*USAF 1st Lt. Adam Shaw traveled from Germany to accept the Charlemagne Chapter's Storz award for membership recruiting. Condon (left) and Largent presented the honor to Shaw, the chapter VP, at the AFA Presidents' Reception and Awards Dinner.*

### Jack Gross Award

<b>Small Chapter</b>	<b>Extra Large Chapter</b>
Meridian, Miss.	Montgomery, Ala.
<b>Medium Chapter</b>	<b>Chapter Larger Than 1,500</b>
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska	Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
<b>Large Chapter</b>	
Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah	

## 2006 AFA Membership and Activity Awards (cont.)

### Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment

Ark-La-Tex, La.  
Big Sky, Mont.  
Central Florida, Fla.  
Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.  
Charlemagne, Europe  
Charles Hudson, Calif.  
Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.  
Columbus-Bakalar, Ind.  
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.  
Del Rio, Tex.  
Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.  
Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska  
Enid, Okla.

Falcon, Fla.  
Fort Dodge, Iowa  
Fort Wayne, Ind.  
Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles, Calif.  
Gen. Charles A. Horner, Iowa  
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.  
Gen. E. W. Rawlings, Minn.  
Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.  
Golden Triangle, Miss.  
Green Mountain, Vt.  
Happy Hooligan, N.D.  
Harry S. Truman, Mo.  
Hurlburt, Fla.  
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

Leigh Wade, Va.  
Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.  
Mercer County, N.J.  
Miami, Fla.  
Mount Clemens, Mich.  
Northeast Texas, Tex.  
Northern Utah, Utah  
Paul Revere, Mass.  
Pioneer Valley, Mass.  
Roanoke, Va.  
Shooting Star, N.J.  
Snake River Valley, Idaho  
Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

### Unit Activity Awards

#### Outstanding State Organization

Iowa

#### Outstanding Small Chapter

Fort Dodge, Iowa

#### Outstanding Medium Chapter

Red Tail Memorial, Fla.

#### Outstanding Large Chapter

(no presentation)

#### Outstanding Extra Large Chapter

Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

#### Exceptional Service—Best Single Program

Hurlburt, Fla.

#### Exceptional Service—Communications

Roanoke, Va.

#### Exceptional Service—Community Partners

Central Oklahoma (Gerrity)

#### Exceptional Service—Community Relations

Northern Shenandoah, Va.

#### Exceptional Service—Overall Programming

Eglin, Fla.

#### Exceptional Service—Veterans' Affairs

Mercer County, N.J.

### Community Partner Membership Awards

#### Gold Award

Altus, Okla.  
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.  
Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.  
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.  
Cochise, Ariz.  
Col H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.  
Contraills, Kan.  
Del Rio, Tex.  
Enid, Okla.  
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska  
Fort Wayne, Ind.  
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., Tex.  
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.  
Golden Triangle, Miss.  
Happy Hooligan, N.D.  
High Desert, Calif.  
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.  
Leigh Wade, Va.  
Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.  
McChord, Wash.  
Mercer County, N.J.  
Meridian, Miss.  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Northeast Texas, Tex.  
Richard D. Kisling, Iowa  
Steel Valley, Ohio  
Swamp Fox, S.C.  
Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

#### Achievement Award

Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance, Del.  
Bob Hope, Calif.  
Charles Hudson, Calif.  
Chautauqua, N.Y.  
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.  
Eagle, Pa.  
Fort Dodge, Iowa  
Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles  
Hurlburt, Fla.  
Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.  
Mel Harmon, Colo.  
Maj. Gen. Charles I. Bennett, Calif.  
Mount Clemens, Mich.  
Palm Springs, Calif.  
Pioneer Valley, Mass.  
Roanoke, Va.  
Robert H. Goddard, Calif.  
Shooting Star, N.J.  
Tucson, Ariz.  
William A. Jones III, Va.  
Wright Memorial, Ohio

### Named in Memorial Tribute

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

CMSgt. Kenneth Beers, USAF (Ret.)  
SMSgt. Eugene M. Brudnicki, USAF (Ret.)  
Col. Charles C. Carr, USAF (Ret.)  
Robert L. Carr  
Col. Harry Chrisman, USAF (Ret.)  
Scott Crossfield  
Lewis M. Epperson  
SMSgt. Edmund J. Gagliardi, USAF (Ret.)  
MSgt. Winston S. Gaskins, USAF (Ret.)  
C. James Gleason  
Lt. Gen. Harry Goodall, USAF (Ret.)  
Maj. Gen. David L. Gray, USAF (Ret.)  
Col. Jack B. Gross, USAF (Ret.)  
Col. Clarence Hand, USAF (Ret.)  
CMSgt. Ronald C. Heise, USAF (Ret.)  
Col. Bruce Herrstrom, USAF (Ret.)  
Harry Henry  
Grace M. Lizzio  
Howard T. Markey  
Robert Puglisi  
CMSgt. Clayton C. Pyle, USAF (Ret.)  
Maj. Alfred D. Richter, USAF (Ret.)  
Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, USAF (Ret.)  
CMSgt. Walter E. Scott, USAF (Ret.)  
Daniel M. Sheehan Jr.  
Maj. Gen. Joe L. Shoshid, USAF (Ret.)  
Maj. Jack Shotwell, USAF (Ret.)  
Robert A. Trivalos  
Billie E. Thompson  
Lt. Col. Allan V. Wexler, USAF (Ret.)  
Robert Young

# Individual Activity Awards

## Presidential Citation

Richard Bundy, Del.  
Judith K. Church, Kan.  
Janet Cowley, Wyo.  
Lee Greer, Calif.  
Raymond Klosowski, Minn.  
Dennis Mathis, Tex.  
George Pankonin, Okla.  
Richard Schaller Jr., Fla.  
Richard Seiber, Wash.  
Michael Winslow, Ohio

## Central East Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Nicholas Abate, Va.  
Peter Gavares, Va.  
Jim Holt, Va.  
Dave Kolodzinski, Va.  
Jerry Levesque, Va.  
Matt O'Kane, Va.  
Ronald Perkins, Md.  
Gordon Strong, Va.  
Jay Welsh, Va.

## Exceptional Service Award

Harold "Hap" Harris, Md.  
Joe Price, Va.  
Scott P. Van Cleef, Va.  
Harry Van Den Heuvel, Del.

## Far West Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Phil Barger, Calif.  
Joseph Battaglia, Calif.  
Holly Branch, Calif.  
John P. Delaney III, Calif.  
Nora Feuerstein, Hawaii  
Ben James, Calif.  
Wayne Kauffman, Calif.  
Barbara Konieczny, Calif.  
Edith A. Magerkurth, Calif.  
Rick Reaser, Calif.

## Exceptional Service Award

Robert W. Barrow, Calif.  
Beverly Brumley, Calif.  
Bob Darling, Calif.  
Tom Dwelle, Calif.

## Florida Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Robert F. Cutler, Fla.  
Theresa Kemp, Fla.  
Edward J. Madden, Fla.  
Dave Schantz, Fla.  
John E. Schmidt Jr., Fla.  
Timothy D. Wieck, Fla.  
Sandra S. Wood, Fla.

## Exceptional Service Award

E. Grady Jordan, Fla.  
Gary Sharpe, Fla.  
Kevin Sluss, Fla.

## Great Lakes Region

**Medal of Merit**  
John Hoff, Ind.  
Ed Katz, Ohio  
John McCance, Ohio  
Betty Moredock, Ohio  
Ev Odgers, Ohio  
Fred Pumroy, Ohio  
Walt Shellhorn, Ohio

## Exceptional Service Award

Karen A. Bell, Ind.  
Jim Heitz, Ohio  
Tim Kern, Ohio

## Midwest Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Bruce Bachellor, Iowa  
Charles McDonald, Iowa  
Gayle K. McDonough, Mo.  
Thomas O'Shea, Ill.  
Robert E. Seibolt, Mo.  
James W. Thomas Jr., Neb.

## Exceptional Service Award

Justin Faiferlick, Iowa  
Gregg A. Moser, Kan.  
Fred W. Niblock, Mo.  
Marvin Tooman, Iowa

## New England Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Ronald M. Adams, Mass.  
Daniel W. Caron, N.H.  
Richard Codling, Mass.  
Henry L. Cyr Jr., Mass.  
Louis Emond, N.H.  
Daniel R. Scace, Conn.  
Don Sutton, N.H.

## Exceptional Service Award

John W. Hasson, Mass.  
Donald G. Jones, Vt.

## North Central Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Milton A. Arneson, N.D.  
Matthew Leardini, Mont.  
Thomas Nelson, N.D.  
Glenn Shull, Minn.  
Carol Wolosz, Minn.

## Exceptional Service Award

Edwin C. Culbert, Minn.  
Leo Wittenberg, Minn.

## Northeast Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Robert Braverman, N.Y.  
Edward A. DeFalcon, N.J.  
Robert Hodges, N.J.  
Kenneth Kibler, Pa.  
Gary Lewi, N.Y.

## Exceptional Service Award

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

## Northwest Region

**Medal of Merit**  
Stephani Butler, Wash.  
Roger Fogleman, Idaho  
Bart LeBon, Alaska  
Shana Medford, Wash.  
Matthew Pollock, Alaska  
Butch Stein, Alaska  
Tom Traver, Ore.

## Exceptional Service Award

James Drew, Alaska  
William P. Moore, Wash.

## Rocky Mountain Region

**Medal of Merit**  
James Aadland, Utah  
Jeri Andrews, Colo.  
Tom Cavalli, Colo.  
Brian Curtis, Colo.  
Debbie Estrem, Colo.  
Ronald A. Geurts, Colo.  
Jason Unwin, Colo.

## Exceptional Service Award

Robert Ekstrom, Utah  
Teresa Tafoya, Colo.  
Don Wardle, Utah

## South Central Region

**Medal of Merit**  
David A. Bird, La.  
Larry Carter, Ala.  
Ron Gaston, Ala.  
John Heffernan, Ark.  
Claude Morse, Tenn.  
Andy G. Potter, Ala.  
Bill Rodgers, Tenn.

## Exceptional Service Award

John Logan Burrow, Ark.  
Mike Clowers, Ala.

## Southeast Region

### Medal of Merit

Greg Bricker, Ga.  
Arthur D. Cartwright, Ga.  
Sandy Edge, S.C.  
Joyce W. Feuerstein, N.C.  
Tom Halfhill, N.C.  
Ralph R. Hightower, N.C.  
Millie L. Hudgins, N.C.  
Corlyn J. (C.J.) Troyer, S.C.

### Exceptional Service Award

Elizabeth McLaughlin, Ga.  
Daniel B. Mitchell, N.C.

## Southwest Region

### Medal of Merit

Ramon A. Barajas, Ariz.  
Adolphus Bledsoe Jr., Ariz.  
Lloyd W. Howerton, Ariz.  
Nancy Melendez, Ariz.  
James F. Record, Ariz.

### Exceptional Service Award

James M. Fitzsimmons, Ariz.  
Karen Halstead, Ariz.

## Texoma Region

### Medal of Merit

Dave Bauer, Tex.  
Douglas A. Chown, Okla.  
Terry Cox, Okla.  
James Diehl, Okla.  
James Henderson, Tex.  
Jay Jacobs, Okla.  
Cameron Johnson, Tex.  
Veronique Nicklas, Okla.  
Scott Northcutt, Okla.

### Exceptional Service Award

Jack E. Beam III, Okla.  
Ralph Chalfant, Tex.  
Ric Hamer, Tex.  
Ross Lampert, Okla.