The Air Force Association’s premier fall events provided a public debut for USAF’s new leaders—Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff. Both cut prominent figures at AFA’s Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition, held in September at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The conference and expo ran in conjunction with AFA’s National Convention, which saw hundreds of AFA delegates and some 6,300 conference attendees welcome Donley and Schwartz.

The new leaders headlined the week’s proceedings with major addresses, visits to the Technology Exposition, and exchanges on Capitol Hill with AFA delegates, Congressional leaders, and the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Opening the week-long forum was AFA’s National Convention, held Sept. 12-14. Delegates then mingled with attendees at the Air & Space Conference and companion Technology Exposition, held Sept. 15-17.

Joining the crowd for the fourth consecutive year were students from USAF’s Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Some 338 students from the Class of 2009 attended the conference’s workshops, speeches, and briefings. They were able to visit 144 exhibits at the Technology Exposition. Their participation was made possible through a grant from Boeing.

The Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition drew 134 news media representatives.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 14, AFA delegates and members and airmen gathered at the Air Force Memorial to honor the memory of fallen compatriots. Donald J. Harlin, AFA National Chaplain, officiated. The official party—Schwartz, CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley, and AFA Chairman of the Board Robert L. Largent laid a memorial wreath. The 2008 memorial tribute list was read by Largent, Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations Joseph E. Sutter, and Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education S. Sanford Schlitt.

Schwartz delivered the conference welcome on Monday, Sept. 15. In the evening, AFA feted the 12 Outstanding Airmen at a reception underwritten by Northrop Grumman. Gen. Stephen R.
Lorenz, commander, Air Education and Training Command, delivered the address, and McKinley served as toastmaster. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Outstanding Airmen, along with AFA and USAF leaders, met with their Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. The weeklong activities of the Outstanding Airmen were underwritten by ATK Corp.

On Sept. 17, a reception sponsored by Lockheed Martin began the festivities at AFA’s Air Force Anniversary Dinner. Col. Jay B. Welch, USAF (Ret.), served as master of ceremonies. Singer Andy Childs provided musical entertainment. At this dinner, AFA honored:

- Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, with the H. H. Arnold Award, recognizing the year’s most significant contribution by a military member to national security.

Retired Army Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey with the W. Stuart Symington Award, recognizing the year’s top civilian contribution to national defense.

- Bell Helicopter Textron and Boeing, providers of the Air Force’s V-22 Osprey, with the John R. Alison Award for the top industrial contribution to national defense.

- Col. George E. Day, USAF (Ret.); Gen. David C. Jones, USAF (Ret.), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Harold Brown, former Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force, with Lifetime Achievement Awards.

AFA Education Award
Leo Murphy, a teacher at Choctawhatchee and Crestview High Schools in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., won the AFA National Aerospace Teacher of the Year Award, as the
year’s outstanding science, technology, engineering, or mathematics teacher.

Congressional Activity

AFA delegates from more than 25 states gathered at the Senate’s Everett Dirksen building for a reception Tuesday morning with members of Congress, senior professional staff members, and USAF leadership. Attendees included Sen. Ben Nelson (D-Neb.), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Sen. Robert Bennett (R-Utah) of the Senate Appropriations Committee also attended the reception, as did Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) and Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Tex.), members of the House Armed Services Committee. Members of the House Appropriations Committee included Rep. F. Allen Boyd Jr. (D-Fla.) and Rep. Dennis Rehberg (R-Mont.).

Other Senators attending the reception were Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.). Other Congressmen were Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Tex.), Rep. Ron Klein (D-Fla.), Rep. Donald A. Manzullo (R-Ill.), Rep. John Mica (R-Fla.), and Rep. Robert Wittman (R-Va.).


Election of Officers

Joseph E. Sutter, of Knoxville, Tenn., was elected AFA Chairman of the Board for a first term. James R. Lauducci, of Alexandria, Va., was elected Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations for a first term. S. Sanford Schlitt, Sarasota, Fla., was re-elected Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education for a second term. Judy K. Church, Lenexa, Kan., was re-elected AFA National Secretary for a third term, and Steven R. Lundgren, Fairbanks, Alaska, was re-elected AFA National Treasurer for a fourth term.

Other Elections

Elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms were Emil M. Friedauer, Mary Esther, Fla.; Scott P. Van Cleef, Fincastle, Va.; and Leonard R. Vernamonti, Clinton, Miss.

Five new Region Presidents were elected. Newly elected are Mark J. Dierlam (South Central Region), Frank J. Gustine (Midwest Region), Wayne R. Kaufmann (Far West Region), Robert Nunamann (Northeast Region), and Fred Rosenfelder (Northwest Region).

Other AFA Business

At the National Convention, there were 234 registered delegates representing 44 states and the District of Columbia. Holding meetings were the Air Force’s Air National Guard Council, Company Grade Officer Council, Enlisted Council, and Reserve Advisory Council.

Delegates approved the 2009 Statement of Policy and 2009 Top Issues. They were...
also briefed on the AFA Strategic Plan for 2009-13, which was approved by the Board of Directors on Sept. 13. The plan contained an important change to the third element of AFA’s “Educate, Advocate, Support” mission statement, adding the words “aerospace education.” That portion of the mission now reads, “Support the Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education.” The delegates also considered and acted on four Field Resolutions after taking into account the recommendations of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

They did not concur with a resolution to return to the requirement for a chapter to send a quarterly newsletter to each member, voting instead to retain the more flexible policy instituted in 2007 allowing chapters to poll members once each year and then service only those desiring to receive the newsletter. They did, however, concur with the sense of another part of the resolution that there needed to be better training of chapter leaders.

The delegates also did not concur with a resolution to return to the chapter payment formula used prior to 2008 until such time as the group exemption for chapters as 501c(3) organizations is approved. In this they also reiterated that membership recruitment was an important part of every chapter’s mission.

They also did not concur with a resolution to provide each surviving spouse of a member a free copy of Air Force Magazine, recognizing that this general topic was being worked by the leadership as part of the overall AFA Membership Strategy, still being formulated.

Finally, the delegates voted to reverse the 2006 decision to merge the positions of National Secretary and National Treasurer and approved making the necessary changes to the Constitution to reflect that decision.

Acknowledgments

Parliamentarian for the AFA National Convention was Joan Blankenship. Inspectors of Elections were William R. Goerges (Chairman), James F. Diehl, and Thomas W. Gwaltney. Joan Sell chaired the Credentials Committee, serving with Marguerite H. Cummock and Deann Faiferlick.

The association is particularly grateful to a corps of volunteers who assisted the staff in convention support: Michael Arth, Lt. Col. Daniel Twomey Jr., 1st Lt. Robert Wray, 2nd Lt. Justin Mastrangelo, CMSgt. Debbie Snyder, Charlie Tippett, Meghan Gunther, Matthew Schneider, and Leola Wall.

Rebecca Grant unveils the logo for the new General Billy Mitchell Institute for Airpower Studies on Sept. 16.

In the Spirit of General Billy Mitchell

A new voice for airpower in the nation’s capital was formally launched on Sept. 16 at the Air Force Association’s Air & Space Conference. Its name: the General Billy Mitchell Institute for Airpower Studies.

The institute, honoring America’s most famous airman, will produce independent, high-quality, policy-oriented research on key airpower topics, especially the key role of airpower in the defense of the nation. It supplants the Eaker Institute, founded by AFA in 1996, as a center of AFA research efforts.

Then-AFA Chairman of the Board Robert E. Largent, unveiling the Mitchell initiative at an evening reception, said it represents AFA’s “new commitment” to a vital mission. He announced the selection of Rebecca Grant, one of Washington’s foremost airpower analysts, as the Mitchell Institute’s first director.

Joining Largent and Grant was Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, the commander of Air Education and Training Command. Lorenz’s grandfather flew with Billy Mitchell in the early 1920s experiments that proved an aircraft could sink a battleship.

Earlier at the conference, Grant presented the first Mitchell Institute product, the 27-page study, “Losing Air Dominance.” It can be found at www.afa.org/mitchell/studies.
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Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, received the H. H. Arnold Award, AFA’s highest honor to an armed forces member in the cause of national security.

Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, former commander of US Southern Command, was awarded the W. Stuart Symington Award, AFA’s highest award to a civilian in the cause of national security.
Crew Awards and Team Awards


Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award: Crew of Bone 11, 9th Bomb Sq., 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Tex. Best bomber aircrew.


Best Space Operations Crew: Charlie Crew, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo. Best space operations crew.


Professional, Management, and Civilian Awards

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<td>Lt. Col. Kirk A. Milhoan, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Tex.</td>
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<td>Verne Orr Award for Human Resources</td>
<td>437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.</td>
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<td>Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing</td>
<td>Capt. Becky M. Bautch, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska</td>
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<td>MSgt. Tracy S. Deason, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex.</td>
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<td>Dennis R. Tolliver, Beale AFB, Calif.</td>
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<td>Jennifer M. McMillan, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio</td>
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<td>Debra A. Fogle, Kirtland AFB, N.M.</td>
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<td>Timothy M. Boudreaux, Space Innovation &amp; Development Ctr., Schriever AFB, Colo.</td>
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<td>AFROTC Cadet of the Year</td>
<td>Ryan W. Castonia, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</td>
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<td>CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year</td>
<td>David M. Trick, Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol</td>
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<td>Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year</td>
<td>Melanie R. Huk, Aviano AB, Italy</td>
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<td>Management Award—Executive Division</td>
<td>Kay L. Lee, 577th Aeronautical Systems Gp., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio</td>
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<td>Lt. Col. Donald D. Ltytle, Tinker AFB, Okla.</td>
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<td>Capt. Joshua L. McAllister, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio</td>
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Harold Brown, former Secretary of the Air Force and former Secretary of Defense, recipient of AFA’s Lifetime Achievement Award.
Citations of Honor

For the outstanding contribution of an individual or organization to the development of aerospace power.

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<td>327th Aircraft Sustainment Gp./B-52 Aircraft Fischer-Tropsch Fuel Mgmt. Demo Team, Tinker AFB, Okla.</td>
<td>Team completed USAF’s fast-paced alternative fuel demonstration on time and under budget, enabling USAF to certify the synthetic blended fuel for worldwide use on B-52 bombers.</td>
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<td>SMSgt. Gabriel Hage, Randolph AFB, Tex.</td>
<td>Led 165 airmen engaged in combat convoy missions, inspiring airmen to keep mission focus when unit suffered two killed in action and four wounded; received Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service; volunteered for Operation Warm Heart to send mail and packages to combat theater.</td>
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<td>3rd Special Operations Sq., Nellis AFB, Nev.</td>
<td>Flew nearly 1,578 combat sorties, amassing 30,438 hours with MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle while manned at less than 50 percent of authorized strength; aided killing or capture of 1,695 insurgents and detection of numerous improvised-explosive-device emplacements.</td>
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<td>MSgt. William L. Newman, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.</td>
<td>Served as an independent duty medical technician in Operation Iraqi Freedom, providing medical support during combat operations, including the 23-hour battle at An Najaf; supervised aeromedical evacuation for airmen and soldiers.</td>
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<td>Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks Award</td>
<td>Crew of Yankee 02, 106th Rescue Wing, Francis S. Gabreski ANGB, N.Y.</td>
<td>Best ANG unit airmanship</td>
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<td>Outstanding Air National Guard Unit</td>
<td>110th Fighter Wing, W. K. Kellogg Arpt., Mich.</td>
<td>Top ANG unit of the year</td>
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<td>President’s Award for AFRC</td>
<td>Crew of Reach 5141, 729th Airlift Sq., March ARB, Calif.</td>
<td>Best AFRC aircrew of the year</td>
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<td>AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Officer</td>
<td>Lt. Col. Douglas B. Cox, USAFR Military Judge, Bolling AFB, D.C.</td>
<td>XO Communications, headquartered in Herndon, Va.</td>
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<td>AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Enlisted</td>
<td>SrA. Chad R. Rasmusen, 419th Maintenance Sq., 419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah</td>
<td>Whitewater Whirlpool Baths &amp; Systems, Lindon, Utah</td>
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2008 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

AFA Member of the Year

John Politi, Alamo Chapter (Tex.), recipient.

D. W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year: Lance P. Sijan Chapter)

(L-r): Outgoing AFA Chairman of the Board Robert Largent, George Cavalli (President, Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colo.), and incoming AFA Chairman of the Board Joseph Sutter.

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award

Presented to the AFA chapter or individual member producing the highest number of new members during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2008, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of July 1, 2007. This award is based on both the quantity of new members as well as sustained new member recruitment.

Chapter Award
Meridian, Miss.
President Langford Knight

Jack Gross Awards

Presented to the chapter in each size category with the highest number of new members as a percentage of chapter size at the beginning of the membership year. A minimum of 10 is required.

Small Chapter
Meridian, Miss.
President Langford Knight

Medium Chapter
W. J. “Pete” Knight, Calif.
President Randolph Kelly

Large Chapter
Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
President Jay Mosley

Extra Large Chapter
Montgomery, Ala.
President Thomas W. Gwaltney

Chapter Larger Than 1,500
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
President George T. Cavalli

Distinguished Sustained Aerospace Education Award

Richard Ortega, recipient, with his wife, Wynelle.

AFA National Aerospace Teacher of the Year

(L-r): Sanford Schlitt, AFA Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education, AFA National Aerospace Teacher of the Year Leo Murphy, and outgoing Chairman of the Board Largent.
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### Outstanding Chapters by Size

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**Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment**

These chapters have attained the quarterly new member recruitment goal for three consecutive quarters, extending from October 2007 to June 2008.

- Ark-La-Tex, La.
- Altus, Okla.
- C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.
- Central Florida, Fla.
- Charlemagne, Germany
- Charles Hudson, Calif.
- Cochise, Ariz.
- Hurlburt, Fla.
- Fort Dodge, Iowa
- Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
- Gold Coast, Fla.
- Golden Triangle, Miss.
- Hurlburt, Fla.
- Iron Gate, N.Y.
- Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
- Leigh Wade, Va.
- Mel Harmon, Colo.
- Mercer County, N.J.
- Meridian, Miss.
- Miami, Fla.
- Montgomery, Ala.
- Red River Valley, N.D.
- San Gabriel Valley, Calif.
- Shooting Star, N.J.
- Red Tail Memorial, Fla.
- Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

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**Special Recognition—Chapter Growth**

These chapters have realized a growth in total membership from June 2007 to June 2008.

- Alamo, Tex.
- Altoona, Pa.
- Bob Hope, Calif.
- C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.
- Charles Hudson, Calif.
- Chuck Yeager, W.Va.
- Danville, Va.
- Denton, Tex.
- H. H. Arnold Memorial, Tenn.
- Grissom Memorial, Ind.
- Iron Gate, N.Y.
- Llano Estacado, N.M.
- Mercer County, N.J.
- Meridian, Miss.
- Northeast Texas, Tex.
- Northeast Iowa, Iowa
- Otis, Mass.
- Paul Revere, Mass.
- Pensacola, Fla.
- Prescott/Goldwater, Ariz.
- Red Tail Memorial, Fla.
- Richard D. Kisling, Iowa
- Richmond, Va.
- Savannah, Ga.
- Snake River Valley, Idaho
- Southern Indiana, Ind.
- Steel Valley, Ohio
- Tarheel, N.C.
- Tennessee Valley, Ala.

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**Outstanding State Organization**

Virginia
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**Unit Exceptional Service Awards**

- **Best Single Program**
  - Paul Revere, Mass.
    - President Angela M. Dupont
  - Central Okla. (Gerrity), Okla.
    - President James F. Diehl
  - Swamp Fox, S.C.
    - President David A. Cotton

- **Community Relations**
  - Langley, Va.
    - President James R. Hobbs
  - Central Florida, Fla.
    - President James E. Callahan
  - Wright Memorial, Ohio
    - President Kent D. Owsley

- **Overall Programming**
  - Central Okla. (Gerrity), Okla.
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  - Wright Memorial, Ohio
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- **Veterans’ Affairs**
  - Wright Memorial, Ohio
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## EDUCATION AWARDS

### Aerospace Education Excellence Award

*Presented to one chapter in each of the AFA size categories annually for excellence in aerospace education programming. To qualify, a chapter must have received the Aerospace Education Achievement Award this year.*

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### Aerospace Education Achievement Award

*Presented to chapters for outstanding achievement in aerospace education programming.*

- Blue Ridge, N.C.
- Central Florida, Fla.
- Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.
- Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
- C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.
- Cochise, Ariz.
- Eglin, Fla.
- Enid, Okla.
- Everett R. Cook, Tenn.
- Falcon, Fla.
- Fort Dodge, Iowa
- Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
- Gen. E. W. Rawlings, Minn.
- Harry S. Truman, Mo.
- Hurlburt, Fla.
- Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
- Lincoln, Neb.
- McChord, Wash.
- Montgomery, Ala.
- Northern Shenandoah Valley, Va.
- Paul Revere, Mass.
- San Jacinto, Tex.
- Swamp Fox, S.C.
- Thomas W. Anthony, Md.
- Tidewater, Va.
- Tucson, Ariz.
- Wright Memorial, Ohio

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### Community Partner Membership Awards

#### Gold Award

*Presented in the field to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least six percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.*

- Altus, Okla.
- Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.
- Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
- Cochise, Ariz.
- Col H. M. “Bud” West, Fla.
- Contrails, Kan.
- Enid, Okla.
- Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
- Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
- Happy Hooligan, N.D.
- Hurlburt, Fla.
- Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
- Leigh Wade, Va.
- 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
- W. J. “Pete” Knight, Calif.

#### Achievement Award

*Presented in the field to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least three percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.*

- Alamo, Tex.
- Cape Canaveral, Fla.
- Chautauqua, N.Y.
- Fort Dodge, Iowa
- Gen. B. A. Schriever Los Angeles
- H. H. Arnold Memorial, Tenn.
- Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.
- Mel Harmon, Colo.
- Miami, Fla.
- Red Tail Memorial, Fla.
- Richard I. Bong, Minn.
- Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
- Strom Thurmond, S.C.
- Tidewater, Va.
- Total Force, Pa.
- Wright Memorial, Ohio
## Individual Awards

Presented for outstanding service.

### Chairman’s Citation
- Debbie Estrem, Colo.
- Emil M. Friedauer, Fla.
- Thomas W. O’Flawnley, Ala.
- James Hailey, Colo.
- Karen L. Halstead, Ariz.
- O. Thomas Hansen, Wash.
- David T. Hanson, S.C.
- William L. Kirk, Fla.
- Scott P. Van Cleef, Va.
- Shiela Wallace, Ohio

### Central East Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Stephanie Davis, Va.
  - Donald Ellis, Va.
  - Scott Frazier, Va.
  - Kevin Jackson, D.C.
  - Frederick Knowles, Va.
  - John Murphy, Va.
  - Kenneth Spencer, Va.
  - Charles Thompson, Md.
  - Elaine Van Dervort, Va.

### Exceptional Service Award
- James Hobs, Va.
- Ira Latimer, W.Va.
- Jerry Levesque, Va.
- Gordon Strong, Va.

### Far West Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Bob Clauson, Calif.
  - Nancy Driscoll, Calif.
  - Elony Eldredge, Hawaii
  - John (Stan) Getz, Calif.
  - John Pickleseimer, Hawaii
  - Tim Satfod, Hawaii
  - Frank Walterscheid, Calif.
  - Ken Wilce, Calif.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Lee Greer, Calif.

### Florida Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Francis Dailey, Fla.
  - Mike Emig, Fla.
  - Frederick Gross, Fla.
  - Rik Harvin, Fla.

### Midwest Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Deone Bachelor, Iowa
  - Richard Betterton, Iowa
  - James Lannigan, Mo.
  - William Mavity, Neb.
  - Nancy Needham, Neb.
  - Jesse Wayland, Ill.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Dennis Drayer, Ohio

### New England Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Barbara Burnett, Mass.
  - Joe Magnone, Mass.
  - Michael Payne, Mass.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Angela Dupont, Mass.
- Donald Warmuth, Mass.

### North Central Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Larry Barnett, N.D.
  - Joyce Goodvin, N.D.
  - Durbin Keeney, Minn.
  - Jim Simons, N.D.
  - Vladimir Tkach, Minn.

### Northeast Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Oresta DiCerbo, Pa.
  - Susanna Gyer, Pa.
  - Frank Hayes, N.Y.
  - Gladys Jefferies, Pa.
  - Kenneth Kibler, Pa.
  - Frank Schaffer, Pa.
  - Gerald Still, Pa.

### Exceptional Service Award
- James M. Cain, Pa.
- Lee Niehaus, Pa.

### Northwest Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Roger Fogleman, Idaho
  - Jerry Moore, Ore.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Mary J. Mayer, Ore.

### Rocky Mountain Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Dan Beatty, Colo.
  - Mary Carroll, Wyo.
  - Dan Clark, Wyo.
  - Kevin Estrem, Colo.
  - Pete Illoway, Wyo.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Jeri Andrews, Colo.
- Jack Powell, Colo.
- Don Wardle, Utah

### South Central Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Stephen Carey, Ala.
  - Sam Forbert, Miss.
  - James Harris, Ala.
  - Susan Mallett, Ala.
  - Winston J. Daws, Tenn.

### South Central Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Frank Hayes, N.Y.

### South Central Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Jerry Nabors, Fla.
  - William Palmb, Fla.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Richard Schaller, Fla.
- William A. Yucuis, Fla.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Ron Garcia, N.D.
- Julie (Eszlenger) Jensen, Minn.
- George Masters, N.D.

### Southeast Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Gerald Ashley, Ariz.
  - Joseph Martin, Ariz.
  - Mike Starkey, Ariz.
  - Annette Trebesch, Ariz.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Lance S. Young, S.C.

### Southwest Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Richard Baldwin, Okla.
  - Annie Howell, Tex.
  - Rich Knapp, Okla.
  - William Lawson, Tex.

### Texoma Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Eric Bailey, Tex.
  - Linda Campbell, Tex.
  - Jennifer Condon-Pracht, Okla.
  - James Jacobs, Okla.
  - Mary King, Tex.
  - Michelle Lollar, Tex.
  - Michael Rollman, Okla.
  - Bruce Shelton, Okla.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Richard Baldwin, Okla.
- Annie Howell, Tex.
- Rich Knapp, Okla.
- William Lawson, Tex.

### Exceptional Service Award
- John S. Heffernan, Ark.

### Northeast Region
- **Medal of Merit**
  - Don Ade, S.C.
  - Gerald Murray, Ga.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Lance S. Young, S.C.

### Exceptional Service Award
- Walter Zywan

### Exceptional Service Award
- John T. Willis, USAF (Ret.)
- Anthony Vallone
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## Named in Memorial Tribute

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

- Col. Jack H. Alston, USAF (Ret.)
- MSgt. Bruce R. Bachelor, USAF (Ret.)
- Brig. Gen. Walter J. Bacon, USAF (Ret.)
- Maj. Gen. William J. Breckner Jr., USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. John G. Brennan, USAF (Ret.)
- Rose Brosky
- Capt. Norfleet Callicott, USAF (Ret.)
- Col. Robert E. Darlington, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. James V. Drew, USAF (Ret.)
- S/Sgt. Jacob DeShazer, USAF (Ret.)
- Angelo DiGiovanni
- Lt. Col. Charles W. Dryden, USAF (Ret.)
- Winfield Du Barr
- Edward C. Greene
- Irwin Hansen
- Edward J. Hayes Jr.
- Maj. Gen. John P. Henebry, USAF (Ret.)
- Gen. Robert T. Herres, USAF (Ret.)
- Brig. Gen. David Lee “Tex” Hill, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Walter A. Hogan, USAF (Ret.)
- Edward Hudson
- Brig. Gen. Harold F. Knowles, USAF (Ret.)
- Frank R. Leary
- Col. Edwin W. Lewis, Jr., USAF (Ret.)
- Col. Donald S. Lopez, USAF (Ret.)
- Maj. Gen. Lewis Lyle, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Kemp F. Martin, USAF (Ret.)
- Gordon E. Meinert
- Maj. Gen. Otis C. Moore, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Robert E. Olson, USA (Ret.)
- Col. G. Barney Rawlings, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. William J. Redmond, USA (Ret.)
- Robert T. Shaughness
- Brig. Gen. Edward D. Slasienski, USAF (Ret.)
- Col. Ray E. Stratton, USAF (Ret.)
- Col. Theodore Stumm, USAF (Ret.)
- Capt. George A. Taylor, USAF (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Lee Terrell, USAF (Ret.)
- Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., USAF (Ret.)
- Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Tinsley
- Anthony Vallone
- Maj. John T. Willis, USAF (Ret.)
- Ralph Yates
- Walter Zywan
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