



2009-10 AFA

The Air Force Association Nominating Committee met on April 17 and selected candidates to send forward for the five national officer positions and three elective National Director positions on the Board of Directors. The committee consists of the three most recent past Chairmen of the Board, one representative selected by each of the Vice Chairmen of the Board (Aerospace Education and Field Operations), two representatives each from the Central and East geographic areas, one representative from each of the regions in the West geographic area, and one person representing each of the following constituencies: Total Air Force, Air Force veterans, and aerospace industry.

The slate will be presented to the delegates at the National Convention in Washington, D.C., in September.

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Chairman of the Board

Joseph E. Sutter of Knoxville, Tenn., is completing his first term as Chairman of the Board and has been nominated for a second one-year term. He is a Life Member and has been active in AFA since 1987. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the former Aerospace Education Foundation (now part of AFA) and in AFA at the chapter, state, and national levels. At the national level, he served as Vice Chairman of the



Board for Field Operations, a National Director, a member and the Chairman of the AFA Strategic Planning Committee, and as Chairman of the afa21 Governance Team. He has received the AFA Chairman's Citation, AFA Presidential Citation, Exceptional Service Award, and Medal of Merit, and was named AFA Tennessee Volunteer Member of the Year in 1996 and 2004.

Sutter has been active in the civilian community. He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Knoxville, the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council, past Chairman of his parish council, and served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Knoxville. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of an East Tennessee health care system.

He served on active duty for 28 years, primarily in ICBM operations; he commanded an ICBM squadron, operations group, and missile wing. Other military duties included staff assignments at the Pentagon and major command levels. He graduated from the Naval War College, College of Command and Staff with Highest Distinction, and from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces as a Distinguished Graduate.

Sutter graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and from the University of Southern California with a Master of Science degree in systems management. He works as a consultant on national

security matters, serving USAF and other clients in the Washington, D.C., area.

He and his wife, Geri, live in Knoxville and are members of the AFA Thunderbird Society. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Vice Chairman for Aerospace Education

S. Sanford Schlitt is completing his second year as Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education and has been nominated for a third one-year term. He was active in the former AEF since 2002, serving first as a member of the AEF Board of Trustees and, after the organizations merged in 2006, as a member of the AFA Board of Directors. In that capacity, he was active in the afa21 process as a member of the Governance Team



and was a principal architect of the Aerospace Education and Field Councils as part of AFA's new, combined governance structure. He has also served on the AEF Nominating and Program Committees, the AFA Strategic Planning Committee, the AFA Constitution Committee, as Chair of the AEF Audit Committee, and Co-Chair of the AFA/AEF Audit Committee.

Schlitt is a graduate of The American University in Washington, D.C., was commissioned into the West Virginia Air National Guard in 1967, and later transferred to the Reserves. He served for more than 34 years in a variety of assignments, principally in the contracts management and acquisition fields. He served as Chief of Staff for a Defense Contract Administrative Services Region; Deputy Commander (and Individual Mobilization Assistant) of the Defense Contract Management Command, Defense Logistics Agency; the Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Contracting, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and the Mobilization Assistant to the Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition. After 10 years at the Pentagon, Schlitt retired in 2001 as a brigadier general and has received, among other awards, the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters). He attended SOS, ACSC, AWC, and the Leadership Institute at Eckerd College.

He has established or purchased and then sold or successfully liquidated several businesses. He has served as Chairman of the Board of one company and member of the Board of another, a NASDAQ-listed public company, and on various associated committees, including those on compensation, governance, and audit. Schlitt served as a member of the Advisory Board to the College of Business and Information Technology for Argosy University. He also served on the Senate staffs of Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. Walter Mondale. In 1980 he was a candidate for the United States

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Congress. Schlitt continues as the Senior Managing Director of a mortgage investment trust and has a daily involvement in financial portfolio management.

Schlitt has served as the elected President of his community association and as Vice President for Finance and board member for his temple and is a fundraiser for local charities. He has been a member of the New York Friars Club and Chapter President and Vice President-Air for the Reserve Officers Association.

He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Sarasota, Fla. They have two children.

Vice Chairman for Field Operations

James R. Lauducci of Alexandria, Va., is completing his first term as Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations and has been nominated for a second one-year term. He joined AFA in 1983 and is a Life Member. He has served AFA in many capacities. He is a past President of the Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter in Northern Virginia, one of the largest of AFA's chapters and a key part of AFA in the National Capital Region. He has also served in various state positions including



Vice President for Programs, VP for Special Projects, and VP for Membership, as well as State President.

Lauducci has served at the national level as a member of the afa21 Governance Task Force, the Membership Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and the Nominating Committee. He served as a National Director and also served two years as Chairman of the Membership Committee. He is the recipient of the AFA Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Presidential Citation. He has also won numerous chapter, state, and region awards, including Virginia AFA Member of the Year in 2003.

His 24-year Air Force career in communications and information included assignments at Strategic Air Command, NORAD, the Joint Staff, NATO, and the Air Force Secretariat. Following his Air Force career, Lauducci joined the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) professional staff as the Director of Corporate and Chapter Operations. He then moved to private industry, where he has held positions in program management, government relations, and business development. He is currently Director of Air Force Field Marketing for Harris Corp.

In 1990, Lauducci was one of the co-founders of the Air Force C4 Association and has served continuously as the association Treasurer since then.

In 2007, he was one of three persons inducted into the US Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame. The C&I Hall of Fame, established in 1999, recognizes the achievements of past Air Force leaders for their solutions

to problems, innovation and creativity, and application of new technologies. Their achievements paved the way for the communications, command and control, and intelligence capabilities the Air Force now enjoys.

He is a graduate of LeMoyne College with a bachelor's degree in physics and holds a master's degree from Troy State University in counseling and guidance. He was also a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University's JFK School of Government.

He and his wife, Marie, have three children.

National Treasurer

Steven R. Lundgren of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been nominated for his fifth and final one-year term as National Treasurer. He is a 27-year AFA member, having begun as a Community Partner. He has served AFA in many leadership positions, including Chapter, State, and Region President. He currently chairs the AFA Finance Committee and the President's Evaluation and Compensation Committee. Lundgren has received the AFA Exceptional Service Award and



the Presidential Citation.

Lundgren is a member of the Alaskan Command Civilian Advisory Board, Vice Chairman of the Alaska State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), and member of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. He is also active as a leader in other civic organizations, serving as Chairman of the Fairbanks Economic Development Corp. and on the Board of Directors of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. Lundgren has also served as a Director of the Interior Alaska Builders Association and the United Way of the Tanana Valley, as well as President of the Fairbanks Sunrisers Rotary Club. He has received numerous awards, including the Jim Messer Award for Community Support of the Military, the ESGR Spirit of Volunteerism Award, the ESGR 7-Seals Award, the 2006 Annual Honorary Iceman Award from Eielson AFB, Alaska, and the Alaska Commendation Medal in 2008.

Lundgren's entire professional career of more than 30 years has been in the financial services industry. He is currently Executive Vice President of Denali State Bank, a locally owned community bank based in Fairbanks.

He graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and has completed graduate studies at Portland State University and the University of Alaska. He attended the American Bankers Association National Commercial Lending School in 1991 and the ABA National Commercial Lending Graduate School in 1992 at the University of Oklahoma.

He and his wife, Susan, have three children.

2009-10 AFA Nominees

The Nominating Committee is submitting two names—Joan Sell and Marvin L. Tooman—for consideration for a one-year term as National Secretary.

National Secretary

Joan Sell of Colorado Springs, Colo., is nominated for her first one-year term as National Secretary. Sell has been an active member of AFA since 1993 and is a Life Member. She has been a Community Partner since 1995, and as a new small-business owner, wrote her first corporate check to AFA for her business Community Partner membership. She has served as the Lance P. Sijan Chapter President, leading the chapter when it received the



coveted Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award as Unit of the Year. She has also served as Colorado State President and is currently the Rocky Mountain Region President. Nationally, Sell was a member of the first class of the Field Council, chaired the Credentials Committee, and served on the Long-Range Planning Committee. Sell has received numerous awards at all levels of AFA to include the AFA Presidential Citation in 2001 and 2007.

Sell retired from a 40-year career in the aerospace industry as Director, Business Development. She provided program development direction in support of Air Force Space Command, NORAD, US Northern Command, and the Space and Missile Systems Center activities. She now owns and operates a full-service day spa in Falcon, Colo.

Other 501(c)(3) organization experience includes six years on the Colorado Aerospace Education Foundation Board, three as Chairwoman; 16 years on the Rocky Mountain Chapter Board of the National Defense Industrial Association, two as President; 10 years on the Peterson Air and Space Museum Board, five as Director of Development; six years on the Armed Services YMCA Board, including two years on the Building Fund Committee; three years on the Board of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce; and five years as Co-chair of the Care & Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado's annual fundraiser, "Taste of the Springs."

Sell and her husband, Chuck, have a blended family of three daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

National Secretary

Marvin L. Tooman of West Des Moines, Iowa, was nominated for his first term as National Secretary. He has been a member of AFA since 1991 and is a Life Member. During his undergraduate studies, he was a member of the Arnold Air Society. Within AFA, he has served as Gen. Charles A. Horner Chapter President, Iowa State President, and Midwest Region President. Nationally, he currently is in his second year as member of the



Field Council and has previously served on the Membership Committee. Tooman is recipient of the AFA Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Award and was Midwest Member of the Year 2004.

Tooman has served as President and CEO of a regional health care corporation providing rehabilitation services for individuals with brain injury. Following this, he became Iowa's Chief Regulator for all Iowa health care providers. It was during this experience that he served, in a volunteer capacity, as Secretary and then President of the National Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies.

Tooman served five years on active duty as Electronic Combat Countermeasures Officer on a B-52. He served 22 years within the 132nd Fighter Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard. Within this unit, he served as the Chief of Base Administration, Chief of Personnel, Wing Electronic Combat Measures Officer, Chief of Intelligence, and Support Group Commander. Tooman is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Medal, Air Defense Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm, and RVN Campaign Medal.

Tooman is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Drake University and holds a Doctorate of Education in administration.

He and his wife, Fayonne, have three children and four grandchildren.

The Nominating Committee is submitting two names—Wayne R. Kauffman and Peter D. Robinson—for consideration for the office of National Director to be elected from the West geographic area. One will be elected.

National Director West

Wayne R. Kauffman of Agoura, Calif., has been an AFA member since 2000. He has served as President and Vice President of the Gen. B. A. Schriever Los Angeles Chapter in Los Angeles, California Area Vice President, California State Senior Vice President, and California State President and is currently serving as Far West Region President. He has also served on the AFA National Audit Committee.



He has received the AFA Medal of Merit along with numerous state awards.

Kauffman holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida in aerospace engineering and has worked for a number of leading aerospace firms in the Los Angeles area where he is currently employed by Raytheon as the Director of their Corporate Business Development Office for the Greater Los Angeles Area. In addition to his active involvement in AFA, he is a member of a number of other professional organizations, including the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), AFCEA, Association of the US Army, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the California Space Authority and has



received professional recognition from several of them. He is also active as an officer of the Board of Directors and as a volunteer in the USO. Prior to his current career, Kauffman served in the US Army for two years at the Aviation Test Board at Ft. Rucker, Ala., where he was involved in helicopter testing and served as a project manager. He and his wife, Shirley, have two children.

National Director West

Peter D. Robinson of Albuquerque, N.M., has been an AFA member since the mid-50s. He has been the New Mexico State President and the Southwest Region President and is currently serving as the New Mexico State Treasurer. He has received the AFA Medal of Merit.



He is active in Daedalians and has been on the board of two nonprofit organizations in the area. He is currently Treasurer for Catholic Charities of

Albuquerque and Santa Fe and has been active with that organization for 13 years.

He retired with 33 years of active duty in USAF. His assignments included fighter operations, personnel, testing, training, and education. He flew 435 combat missions in Vietnam and commanded six different organizations at squadron level and above. After retirement from the Air Force, he consulted on several defense issues concerning testing, counterterrorism, base closure, and education.

Robinson has a bachelor's degree in basic and applied science from the Air Force Academy and a master's degree in planning and public administration from Pepperdine University. He also studied mathematics for two years at the University of Freiburg in Germany. He completed SOS, Air Command and Staff College, the Air War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and the Royal College of Defence Studies in London. He is now active in nonprofit activities in the Albuquerque area.

He and his wife, Pat, have two children.

The Nominating Committee is submitting five names—Karen L. Halstead, Larry Lawson, William R. Looney III, Eric P. Taylor, and David L. Veseley—for consideration for the office of National Director to be elected at-large. Two will be elected.

National Director at Large

Karen L. Halstead, from Tucson, Ariz., joined the AFA in 1983, but after separating from the Air Force relied on her husband's membership until 2003, when she rejoined and became involved with the Tucson Chapter.



She has served as Chapter President and currently is the chapter's Vice President for Public Affairs and Communications. She has received the AFA Medal

of Merit, the Exceptional Service Award, and the Chairman's Citation, and was President of the Tucson Chapter when it was recognized for its community achievement with the Outstanding Community Relations Program and Extra Large Outstanding Chapter of the Year.

Under her leadership, the Tucson Chapter created a charitable foundation to accept donations for Congressionally unfunded programs which impact deployed airmen, their families, and airmen with financial needs who are unable to qualify for other aid programs.

While in the military, she served in the public affairs career field and has written for several military publications, and wrote for a brief period for the *Wichita Falls Times*, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Halstead's community efforts include member of Tucson's Military Community Relations Committee, member of the Arizona Governor's Veterans' Roundtable Panel 2008, and church lay leader. She was recently recognized as the Air Combat Command Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian of the Year 2008. Halstead currently serves as the Chairman of the Board-CEO, Tucson Community Cares Foundation Inc., member of the Board of Directors, STARBASE Arizona Inc.

National Director at Large

Larry Lawson of Atlanta, Ga., is an ardent supporter of the US Air Force, having dedicated more than 30 years of professional service to our nation's defense.



Lawson is the Executive Vice President and General Manager of the F-22 Program at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company and leads the team of Boeing, Pratt & Whitney and more than 5,000 Lockheed Martin employees, as well as 1,000 defense industrial suppliers in the development,

manufacture, and sustainment of the F-22.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University and a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri. He is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program and was an MIT Seminar XXI Fellow.

Lawson is a senior member of the NDIA, AIAA, and the National Management Association, from which he received the Silver Knight of Leadership Award in 2008.

He is active in his community and serves on the American Diabetes Fund Raising Board and was formerly on the Kid's House Board of Directors. He volunteers his time supporting many educational outreach programs such as Society of Automotive Engineers, leadership forums, and Atlanta's Good Fathers Summit and was named the Atlanta Father of the Year in 2007.

Lawson is a Life Member of AFA and has served as host and participated in numerous AFA events, briefings, and forums.

He and his wife, Debi, have two children.

National Director at Large

William R. Looney III of Garden Ridge, Tex., became a Life Member of AFA in 1972 and was an ardent supporter of AFA during his time in uniform. He has been recognized by AFA as the 2002 California Man of the Year, 2003 Schriever Fellow, and 2008 Vandenberg Recipient. In addition, Looney has served as a member of AFA's Force Capabilities Committee, AFA's policy advisory group. Looney retired in 2008 as a general, after 36 years



of active duty service. During his military career, Looney commanded air, space, and acquisition organizations in Air Combat Command, US Air Forces in Europe, Air Force Space Command, and Air Force Materiel Command. His last assignment was as the commander of Air Education and Training Command. Looney acquired a bachelor's degree from the United States Air Force Academy and a master's degree from Central Michigan University. He also attended Squadron Officer School, Armed Forces Staff College, National War College, as well as various other professional courses. Looney is now consulting on defense issues.

National Director at Large

Eric P. Taylor of West Grove, Pa., has been a member of AFA since joining the Arnold Air Society in 1957. He has served as President at the chapter and region levels and as State President of two states in two different regions. He is currently serving as the Pennsylvania State Vice President for Leadership Development and Membership. Nationally, he is currently serving on the Field Council and is in his fourth year on the Strategic Planning Committee. Taylor has been awarded the AFA Medal of Merit, the Exceptional Service Award, the Presidential Citation, and the Outstanding State Organization while New Hampshire State President.



Taylor retired after 23 years service from USAF. After early assignments as a Maintenance Officer for aircraft and then for ICBMs, the remainder of his career was in systems development and acquisition of tactical weapons, including assignments in the Air Staff and at the major command level. After 16 years in the defense industry, he took an early retirement to pursue a third career by entering the family-owned meeting and event planning business. He is active in his local home owners association where he served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for two years.

Taylor has a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Southern California and is a graduate of ICAF, in residence.

He and his wife, Paula, have two sons.

National Director at Large

David L. Vesely of Lusby, Md., is Senior Vice President and the Air Force Strategic Account Executive for Science Applications International Corp., McLean, Va. He has held that position since joining the corporation in October 2003. Prior to joining SAIC, he held senior positions with the former Veridian Corp.



He retired from the Air Force in December 1999 at the rank of lieutenant general. At his retirement, he held the position of assistant vice chief of staff, Hq. USAF. During Vesely's 33-year career in the Air Force, he held numerous command and staff positions, primarily in operational units within the US and Europe. A command pilot, he compiled more than 4,200 hours of flying experience in fixed wing and helicopter aircraft. A Vietnam veteran, Vesely is credited with more than 150 hours of combat flying with the 20th Special Operations Squadron.

Vesely commanded an Air Force squadron, an Air Force wing, and the famous 14th Air Force "Flying Tigers" of World War II heritage. He also commanded two centers, the Air Force-Army Warrior Preparation Center in Germany and the Space Warfare Center in Colorado. His broad career included assignments in flying training, special operations, tactical fighter, electronic combat, intelligence, strategic missile, and operational space units. His staff assignments included positions at NATO's Southern Command, on the staff of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Joint Staff, and Hq. USAF.

Vesely has been a Life Member of AFA since 1974. He has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the Nation's Capital Chapter since his retirement and a frequent supporter of numerous chapters across the association. n