

National Convention



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Delegates at the 2004 AFA National Convention elected new officers and adopted a Statement of Policy, among other activities. Presiding over the September assembly were, left to right, National Treasurer Charles Nelson, National President Stephen "Pat" Condon, Chairman of the Board John Politi, and National Secretary Thomas Kemp.



Photo by Paul Kennedy

DELEGATES from around the US and the world came to the Air Force Association's national convention, held in September at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The event was punctuated by ceremonies and awards that recognized the outstanding leadership and prowess shown by Air Force personnel and the defense industry.

This year's convention preceded AFA's first-ever Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition (see p. 66).

Many delegates traveled by chartered bus to Arlington National Cemetery for a memorial service held on Sept. 12. Donald J. Harlin, AFA National Chaplain, gave the invocation and closing prayer. The 2004 Memorial Tribute List was read by AFA

then-Chairman of the Board John J. Politi and then-National President Stephen P. "Pat" Condon. After the service, Politi and Condon laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on behalf of AFA.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, welcomed delegates, Air Force attendees, and members of industry on Sept. 13, marking the official opening of the conference.

A highlight of that ceremony was the award of Silver Stars to two Cold War airmen, Col. John R. McKone, USAF (Ret.), and Col. Freeman B. Olmstead, USAF (Ret.). Assigned to the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, their RB-47 was shot down by Soviet fighter aircraft over international waters. They were imprisoned at Lubyanka Prison, Moscow, from



At a break and between meetings, delegates gather to discuss strategy as they helped shape AFA's agenda for the coming year. Attending were almost 300 delegates, representing 45 states and the District of Columbia.

July 1, 1960, to Jan. 24, 1961, before being returned to the United States. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, and Jumper presented the Silver Stars to McKone and Olmstead for their gallantry and courage under constant interrogation, harassment, and extreme hardship in a Soviet prison.

AFA later that day recognized the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year at a dinner in the airmen's honor. Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF vice chief of staff, was the dinner speaker. CMSAF Gerald R. Murray was toastmaster.

The Air Force Anniversary Dinner, held on Sept. 14 was interrupted for almost an hour when a fire broke out in one of the hotel's mechanical systems. Dinner guests repaired to the parking lot, after which they returned to the ballroom. Dinner and the program resumed.

The H.H. Arnold Award, for the year's most significant military contribution to national security, was presented to Jumper.

That same evening, AFA named Peter B. Teets, undersecretary of the Air Force, as the 2004 recipient of the W. Stuart Symington Award for outstanding civilian contributions to national security.

Thomas J. Cassidy Jr., president and CEO of General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc., was honored with the John R. Alison Award for industrial contributions to the nation's security.

The association also presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to Gen. Russell E. Dougherty, USAF (Ret.), a former commander of the Air Force's Strategic Air Command, and Florene Miller Watson, an original member of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (later the Women Airforce Service Pilots).

Another highlight of the evening festivities was the appearance of actor Richard Dean Anderson, star of the television show "Stargate SG-1." Anderson said the show sought to create a positive portrayal of the

service and sacrifice of USAF personnel.

Jumper, who made a guest appearance in last season's final episode of the program, "promoted" Anderson from colonel to honorary brigadier general and gave him a pair of stars.

The evening included a musical presentation, "Why an Air Force Memorial," narrated by Tim White and featuring singer Daniel Rodriguez, a former New York City policeman.

Events concluded Sept. 15, with the groundbreaking ceremony and site dedication for the new Air Force Me-



Newly elected National President Robert Largent and his wife, Becky, enjoy one of the evening gala events with former AFA Executive Director John Gray. Largent, from Perry, Ga., previously served as Region President for the Southeast Region.



Florene Miller Watson and retired Gen. Russell Dougherty were the two recipients of this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. (See "Awards," p. 99.)

memorial to be built on the Navy Annex grounds near the Pentagon. Edward F. Grillo, Jr., president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, served as master of ceremonies. A narrative paying tribute to airmen past and present was written by historian Walter J. Boyne. The United States Air Force Band performed for the ceremony. The proceedings concluded with the unveiling of the site dedication plaque.

At the convention, there were 278 registered delegates, representing 45 states and the District of Columbia. The Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition drew some 6,000 attendees and 116 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 Advisory Council, Enlisted Council, Company Grade Officer Council, and Reserve Advisory Council.

Election of Officers

At a meeting of AFA delegates on Sept. 12, Stephen P. "Pat" Condon, Ogden, Utah, was elected AFA Chairman of the Board for a first term. Robert E. Largent, Perry, Ga., was elected National President for a first term. Thomas J. Kemp, Fort Worth, Tex., was re-elected National Secretary for a second term, and Charles A. Nelson, Sioux Falls, S.D., was re-



AFAers at the convention present a US flag and an Air Force flag, both of which have been flown over the three 9/11 terrorist attack sites. From left, Robert Braverman, Raymond Hamman, Bonnie Callahan, and James Callahan.

elected National Treasurer for a fifth term.

Other Elections

Elected to the Board of Directors as National Directors for three-year terms were David T. "Buck" Buckwalter, Portsmouth, R.I.; Robert Patterson, Shalimar, Fla.; Joseph E. Sutter, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Keith N. Sawyer, O'Fallon, Ill. Two National Directors at Large were elected: Craig E. Allen, Hooper, Utah, and Bruce E. Marshall, Shalimar, Fla.

Three new Leadership Development Directors joined the AFA Board. They are Kevin J. Campbell, Laurel, Md; Timothy Kern, Athens, Ohio; and Carol J. Wolosz, Duluth, Minn.

Five new Region Presidents were elected, and nine Region Presidents were re-elected. Newly elected are Judy K. Church (Midwest Region), Coleman Rader (North Central Region), William G. Stratemeier Jr. (Northeast Region), Jack H. Steed (Southeast Region), and Clarence N. "Buster" Horlen (Texoma Region).

For a complete list of AFA National Directors and Region Presidents, including those re-elected, see "This Is AFA" on p. 55.

AFA's Aerospace Education Foundation re-elected Mary Anne Thompson, Oakton, Va., as President.

AEF trustees newly elected to two-year terms are: William D. Croom Jr., San Antonio; Robert G. Stein, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Andrew Veronis, Annapolis, Md.

Other AFA Business

Delegates approved the AFA Statement of Policy and Top Issues for 2005. Three changes to the AFA National Constitution were approved: One was to change the name of the Long-Range Planning Committee to the Strategic Planning Committee. The second was to allow the Chair-

man of the Board to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Nominating Committee during his second term in office. The third was to approve a change to the definition of AFA membership to include lineal ancestors or descendants of those serving or who have served honorably in the armed forces of the United States, including the Guard and Reserve. Four resolutions were approved. One directed AFA to increase its Congressional efforts on behalf of the Guard and Reserve. Three others called upon AFA to support legislation that would require the VA to provide credentialed physicians for veterans' eye surgery, to increase the VA's burial plot allowance, and to pay the full cost of nursing home care for veterans with 70 percent or higher disability.



Photos by Paul Kennedy

Air Force Secretary James Roche (far right) and Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper (far left) present Silver Stars to retired Cols. John McKone (right) and Freeman Olmstead.



Rep. Jim Marshall (left) talks with Largent (center), AFA's new National President, and Condon, new Chairman of the Board. Marshall made a presentation titled "The Future of Iraq." (See p. 71.)

Congressional Activity

AFA state delegations sponsored 18 Congressional breakfasts on Sept. 14, with 57 members of Congress participating. Among them were Sens. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), John Cornyn (R-Tex.), and James M. Inhofe (R-Okla.), all members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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

Also participating in an AFA breakfast meeting were Reps. Ike Skelton (D-Mo.), Rob Bishop (R-Utah), Jo Ann S. Davis (R-Va.), Phil Gingrey (R-Ga.), Joel Hefley (R-Colo.), John Kline (R-Minn.), Jim Marshall (D-Ga.), Jeff Miller (R-Fla.), and John M. Spratt Jr. (D-S.C.), all members of the House Armed Services Committee.

Members of the House Appropriations Committee attending a breakfast included Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-Calif.), Norman D. Dicks (D-Wash.), Jack Kingston (R-

Ga.), Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.), James P. Moran (D-Va.), and David E. Price (D-N.C.).

Other Senators attending a breakfast included: Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle (D-S.D.), Wayne Allard (R-Colo.), Norm Coleman (R-Minn.), Kent Conrad (D-N.D.), Mark Dayton (D-Minn.), Michael B. Enzi (R-Wyo.), who is also co-chairman of the Air Force Caucus, Ben Nelson (D-Neb.), Don Nickles (R-Okla.), John E. Sununu (R-N.H.), and Craig Thomas (R-Wyo.).

Other Congressmen attending a breakfast were Reps. J. Gresham Barrett (R-S.C.), Michael C. Burgess (R-Tex.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Howard Coble (R-N.C.), Barbara Cubin (R-Wyo.), Virgil H. Goode Jr. (R-Va.), Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Gene Green (D-Tex.), Ralph M. Hall (D-Tex.), J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.), David Hobson (R-Ohio), Sam Johnson (R-Tex.), Mark R. Kennedy (R-Minn.), Frank D. Lucas (R-Okla.), Jim Matheson (D-Utah), Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), John Mica (R-Fla.), Sue Wilkins Myrick (R-N.C.), Randy Neugebauer (R-Tex.), Tom Osborne (R-Neb.), Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.), Pete Sessions (R-Tex.), John Sullivan (R-Okla.), Lee Terry (R-Neb.), and Mark Udall (D-Colo.).

Roche visited breakfasts hosted by Arizona, Colorado, North and South Dakota, and Oklahoma. Jumper attended breakfasts hosted by Arizona, Colorado, Utah, and Virginia.

Moseley visited breakfasts hosted by North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Texas. Murray attended the North and South Carolina and Georgia breakfasts.

Gen. Donald G. Cook, commander, Air Education and Training Command, attended breakfasts hosted by Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, and Texas. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, commander, Air Force Materiel Command, attended the breakfast hosted by Ohio. Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, commander, US Air Forces in Europe, attended breakfasts hosted by Montana and Wyoming. Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander, Air Force Space Command, visited the Wyoming breakfast as well.

Meeting separately with their Congressional representatives were the Alabama and Nevada delegations.

Florida presented an award to Rep. John Mica, and the Southeast Region gave a citation to Rep. Jack Kingston and certificates of appreciation to Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) and Rep. Howard Coble. Minnesota gave engraved bronze plates to legislators in appreciation of their service, while Virginia presented AFA coasters to lawmakers and staffers at their breakfast.

Aerospace Education Foundation

A video on the theme of "Who is your most influential Air Force historical figure and why?" won AEF's annual Jimmy Stewart Aerospace



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AEF President Mary Anne Thompson presents the teacher of the year award to Daniel Caron of New Hampshire as AFA Board Chairman Politi (far left) and AEF Board Chairman L. Boyd Anderson look on.

Education Award. The winning entry was from AFJROTC Unit NJ-821 at Scotch Plains High School, Scotch Plains, N.J. The video succinctly summarized the contributions to the Air Force of aviation legends from Jimmy Doolittle through Benjamin O. Davis, but emphasized the work of Henry H. "Hap" Arnold. The video narration said that Arnold "believed that success came from anticipation and research."

Daniel W. Caron, from Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, N.H., won the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award as the year's outstanding

ing aerospace science, mathematics, and computer science teacher.

USAF Team Awards

On Tuesday afternoon, Jumper presented the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Awards for 2004 to: the B-1 Next Enhancement Implementation Team, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; the B-52 Formal Training Advanced Communications Team, 11th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.; C-5 CANN (Cannibalization) Jet Rebuild Team, 60th and 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons, Travis AFB, Calif.; Life in the Fast Lane Test Team, 18th Flight Test Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and Women's Health Specialty Care Optimization Pilot Program Team, 99th Medical Operations Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

Acknowledgments

Parliamentarian for the AFA national convention was Joan L. Blankenship. Inspectors of Elections were Robert Rutledge (Chairman), William D. Duncan Jr., and Rodgers K. Greenawalt. Judy K. Church chaired the Credentials Committee, serving with James T. Hannam and Raymond Turczynski Jr.

The association is particularly grateful to a corps of volunteers who assisted the staff: Cecil Brendle, Jimmy Canlas, Francisco Flores, Alec Littler, Billie Richey, Debbie and Greg Snyder, Charlie Tippett, Mark Tuturea, and Leola Wall. ■



Conventioners fill the room for the AEF-sponsored Casino Night. AFA and AEF officers served as dealers for the event, one of AEF's fund-raising activities.

Awards



These are the Air Force Association National Awards for 2004.

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

Recipients

Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF Chief of Staff

Peter B. Teets, Undersecretary of the Air Force

Thomas J. Cassidy Jr., Pres. and CEO, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems

41st Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.

Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, Missile Defense Agency, Arlington, Va.

Herman S. Wolk, Air Force History Research Center, Washington, D.C.

362nd Training Squadron, Air Education and Training Command, Sheppard AFB, Tex.

Lt. Col. Mark S. Forester, 609th Air Support Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.

Kevin Hillegas, VA Regional Office, Houston

Lifetime Achievement Award

Gen. Russell E. Dougherty, USAF (Ret.)

Commander in chief, Strategic Air Command; judge advocate; command pilot; master missileman; AFA executive director.

Florene Miller Watson

Pioneering pilot; instructor pilot for male aviation cadets; first commanding officer of Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS)/Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) at Love Field, Tex.; college professor.

At the convention awards ceremony, then-AFA Chairman of the Board John Politi (right) presents the H.H. Arnold Award to USAF Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. The Arnold Award is AFA's highest honor in national security awarded to a member of the armed forces.



Photo by Paul Kennedy

Crew Awards

Award	Recipients	Achievement
Airborne Battle Management Crew	12th Expeditionary Airborne Command & Control Sq., 116th Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.	Best ABM crew
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award	SSgt. Jessica L. Pittman, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Sq., Langley AFB, Va.	Crew chief of the year
Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award	Maj. John D. Caine, ANG/AFRC Test Center, Tucson Arpt., Ariz.	Best aerial warfare tactician
Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award	Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Ray and crew, 711th Special Operations Sq., Eglin AFB, Fla.	Best air refueling crew
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award	Crew of Throw 35, 40th Expeditionary Bomb Sq., Diego Garcia	Best bomber aircrew
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award	Rivet Joint Crew of Isaac 41, 55th AMS, 97th IS, 343rd RS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; 390th IS, Kadena AB, Japan; 488th IS, RAF Mildenhall, UK	Best reconnaissance crew
Gen. Thomas S. Power Award	Cpts. William D. Bragg and Russell S. Williford, 91st Ops. Support Sq., Minot AFB, N.D.	Best missile combat crew
Space Operations Award	Delta Crew, 3rd Space Ops. Sq., Schriever AFB, Colo.	Best space operations crew
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award	Maj. Richard W. Walker and crew, 711th SOS (AFRC), Eglin AFB, Fla.	Best airlift aircrew
USAF Test & Evaluation Team of the Year	Guidance and Navigation Programs, 746th Test Sq., Holloman AFB, N.M.	Best test team

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

Award	Recipient	Achievement
CMSgt. Dick Red Award	SMSgt. Lawrence M. Byers, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Ohio ANG	Best ANG aerospace maintenance
Best Air National Guard Unit	123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky ANG	Top ANG unit
Best Air Force Reserve Unit	711th Special Operations Sq., Eglin AFB, Fla.	Top AFRC unit
President's Award	Crew of Steel 71, 711th SOS, Eglin AFB, Fla.	Best Reserve aircrew

USAF Team of the Year

Recipient	Unit
CMSgt. Michael J. Franklin	AFOSI Det. 262, Bagram AB, Afghanistan
TSgt. Kim R. Gaestel	AFOSI Det. 515, Ramstein AB, Germany
TSgt. Jessie N. Garcia	AFOSI Det. 409, Lackland AFB, Tex.
SSgt. Justin N. Rock	AFOSI, Det. 502, Sembach AB, Germany
MSgt. Michael W. Willoughby	AFOSI, Coalition Provisional Authority, Baghdad, Iraq

USAF Outstanding Squadron

Cadet Squadron 21
"The Blackjacks"
Fall Cadet Commander
Cadet 1st Class Michael Chmielewski
Spring Cadet Commander
Cadet 1st Class Chris Marron

Citations of Honor

Recipient	Achievement
Capt. Danielle L. Barnes, Eielson AFB, Alaska (PACAF)	Directed airfield management, weather analysis, intelligence, and air traffic control activities at Kirkuk AB, Iraq, a key facility during combat operations.
Crew of Flash 39, 39th Airlift Sq. (AMC), Dyess AFB, Tex.	Led 12-ship formation for combat paratroop drop into Afghanistan, performing terrain-hugging flight in mountains despite poor visibility and hostile fire.
MSgt. Judith M. Freshwater, Peterson AFB, Colo. (AFSPC)	Ran logistics planning at Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan, ensuring timely fuel delivery and aircraft beddown for combat operations in Afghanistan.
1st Lt. Corey C. LaLonde, 375th Surgical Ops. Sq. (AMC), Scott AFB, Ill.	Aided wounded UN delegates after bombing in Baghdad; served as lead for only critical care air transport deployed downrange for Operation Iraqi Freedom.
Majs. Frank J. Link and Anthony J. Roberson, 32nd Air Ops. Group (USAFE), Ramstein AB, Germany	Devised air attack plans for OIF, taking full advantage of all air and space capabilities of joint and coalition assets.
Robert A. Miskin, 789th Communications Sq. (AMC), Andrews AFB, Md.	Led engineering effort to install primary satellite communications system at US Central Command; aided Navy and State Department with SATCOM setups.
Randall J. Redlinger, AFOSI Det. 110, El Segundo, Calif.	Provided critical counterintelligence support for Coalition Provisional Authority; led team that found secret Iraqi command bunker containing war documents.
Capt. Tammie L. Ridder, AFOTEC Det. 3, Kirtland AFB, N.M.	Coordinated ISR support as key combined air operations center member, supplying time-critical intelligence for operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Africa.
USAF Band (11th Wing), Bolling AFB, D.C.	Created, produced, and performed "Born of a Dream," a musical presentation commemorating the 100th anniversary of first powered flight.
18th Air Support Ops. Gp. (ACC), Pope AFB, N.C.	Provided base operating support, contingency response, terminal attack control, and combat weather support for coalition forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.
317th Airlift Gp. (AMC), Dyess AFB, Tex.	Maintained longest combat support operations in Southwest Asia and Africa, delivering 100,000 troops and 75,000 tons of cargo; excelled in maintenance.
352nd Special Ops. Gp. (AFSOC), RAF Mildenhall, UK	Built logistics bridge from Europe to Iraq; took first Special Forces into northern Iraq; became first air unit to conduct combat operations from Iraqi soil.

Professional, Civilian, and Educational Awards

Award	Recipient
Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence	Maj. Kimberly C. Ullmann, AF/XI, Pentagon
Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians	Maj. Steven G. Venticinque, Lackland AFB, Tex.
Verne Orr Award for Human Resources	41st Rescue Sq., Moody AFB, Ga.
Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing	Capt. Jeannie M. Berry, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers	Col. Michael D. Murphy, White House Military Office
Personnel Manager of the Year	Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Sersun, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii
Civilian Wage Employee of the Year	Dell C. Barritt, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
Civilian Program Specialist of the Year	Robert S. Caudle, RAF Croughton, UK
Civilian Program Manager of the Year	Douglas W. Gray, Scott AFB, Ill.
Civilian Senior Manager of the Year	Susan T. Arnold, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
AFROTC Cadet of the Year	Timothy A. Soeken, Texas A&M University
CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year	Elizabeth Dumont, Cadillac, Mich.
Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year	Sandra L. Rodriguez, Moron AB, Spain
Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Teachers	Daniel W. Caron, Melvin Village, N.H.
Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award	NJ-821 Unit, Scotch Plains High School, Scotch Plains, N.J.

Management and Environmental Achievement Awards

Award	Recipient
AFMC Executive Management Award	Col. Ricky T. Stearman, Hill AFB, Utah
AFMC Middle Management Award	Richard Chance, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
AFMC Junior Management Award	Capt. Chad W. Clementz, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Management)	1st Lt. Naomi Gabriel, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Tex.
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Technical)	TSgt. John E. Newlin II, Kunsan AB, South Korea

2004 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

AFA Member of the Year

Doyle E. Larson, Minnesota

Photos by Paul Kennedy



This year's AFA Member of the Year, Doyle Larson of Minnesota (left), poses with retired Maj. Gen. John Alison, an AFA director emeritus, during the Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition.

D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year)

Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.



Lynn Morley, chapter president, accepts the unit of the year award for the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter. She is flanked by then-Chairman of the Board John Politi (left) and then-National President Pat Condon.



Enid Chapter (Okla.) President Bruce Jackson displays a couple of awards the chapter won. At left is Mary Feightner, recipient of the individual Storz membership award.

Jack Gross Award

Small Chapter

Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.

Medium Chapter

Mount Clemens, Mich.

Large Chapter

Enid, Okla.

Extra Large Chapter

Montgomery, Ala.

Chapter Larger Than 1,500

Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Awards

Chapter Award

Enid, Okla.

Individual Award

Mary Feightner, Okla.

2004 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

Unit Activity Awards

Outstanding State Organization
Florida

Outstanding Small Chapter
Mel Harmon, Colo.

Outstanding Medium Chapter
Savannah, Ga.

Outstanding Large Chapter
Hurlburt, Fla.

Outstanding Extra Large Chapter
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

Exceptional Service—Best Single Program
Paul Revere, Mass.

Exceptional Service—Communications
Enid, Okla.

Exceptional Service—Community Partners
Enid, Okla.

Exceptional Service—Community Relations
Altus, Okla.

Exceptional Service—Overall Programming
Central Florida, Fla.

Exceptional Service—Veterans' Affairs
Ak-Sar-Ben, Neb.

Community Partner Membership Awards

Gold Award

Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
Col H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.
Contraills, Kan.
Diamond State, Del.
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.
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

Altus, Okla.
Ark-La-Tex, La.
Bill Harris, Ore.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Charles Hudson, Calif.
Chautauqua, N.Y.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
Cochise, Ariz.
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.
Delaware Galaxy, Del.
Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.
Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska
Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.
John W. DeMilly Jr., Fla.
Lt. Col. B.D. "Buzz" Wagner, Pa.
McChord, Wash.
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.
South Georgia, Ga.
Tidewater, Va.
Total Force, Pa.
William A. Jones III, Va.

Named in Memorial Tribute

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

Capt. Robert D. Andrews, USAF
Col. Thomas F. Bailey, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. J. Brandon Barnes, USAF (Ret.)
Richard Becker
John L. Beringer Jr.
Robert L. Burns
CMSgt. James M. Crawford, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Handford Cummings, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. Rene L. Devoucoux, USAF (Ret.)
Milton A. Ehemam
J. Reynolds Erickson
Robert Griffin
Lt. Col. Matthew J. Harlin, USAF
Allen G. Harris
Dean Hofstead
Maj. J.R. Kuhlman, USAF (Ret.)
Irwin Levy
Dorothy Lewis
Lt. Col. George Madden, USAF (Ret.)
James A. McDonnell
Don McKellar
Lt. Col. J.R. Osborne, USAF (Ret.)
Col. William A. Parker, USAF (Ret.)
Ronald W. Reagan
Col. William H. Roberts, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Patricia S. Robertson, USAF (Ret.)
Lucille Schwartz
Ernie Seeling
Norma Smith
Rae M. Smith
Patricia Stearn
O. Earl Toole

Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment

Big Sky, Mont.
Bill Harris, Ore.
Cape Fear, N.C.
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
Central Florida, Fla.
Charlemagne, Germany
Charles Hudson, Calif.
Columbia Palmetto, S.C.
Columbus-Bakalar, Ind.
Contraills, Kan.
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.
Eagle, Pa.
Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.
Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska
Eglin, Fla.
Enid, Okla.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., Tex.
Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, Ohio
Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.
Golden Triangle, Miss.
Happy Hooligan, N.D.
H.H. Arnold Memorial, Tenn.
High Desert, Calif.
Hurlburt, Fla.
Iron Gate, N.Y.
Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.
John W. DeMilly Jr., Fla.
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
Langley, Va.
Leigh Wade, Va.
Lincoln, Neb.
Long Island, N.Y.
Miami, Fla.
Monterey Bay Area, Calif.
Mount Clemens, Mich.
Paul Revere, Mass.
Pensacola, Fla.
Pioneer Valley, Mass.
Richard D. Kisling, Iowa
Richard I. Bong, Minn.
Roanoke, Va.
Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
Savannah, Ga.
South Georgia, Ga.
Swamp Fox, S.C.
William A. Jones III, Va.

Individual Activity Awards

Gold Life Member

John Alison, Washington, D.C.

Presidential Citation

Harry Bailey, Ariz.
Richard Giesler, Minn.
Richard Hawley, Va.
Ted Helsten, Utah
William Kirk, Fla.
James Lauducci, Va.
Richard Taubinger, Calif.
Edward Wexler, Ga.
Robert Williams, Neb.

Central East Region

Medal of Merit

Nikki Barry, Va.
Dick Bundy, Del.
Joel T. "Tom" Coney, Washington, D.C.
Sam O'Dennis, Md.
John Pfalzgraf, W.Va.
Joe Price, Va.
James L. Quinn Jr., Va.
David F. Slaughter, W.Va.
Ed Spencer, Va.
Jake Tweedy, Va.

Exceptional Service Award

Natalie L. Desmond, Md.
William D. McGuth, Washington, D.C.
Jeff Platte, Va.
Skip Williams, Va.

Far West

Medal of Merit

Robert W. Barrow, Calif.
Joseph H. Battaglia, Calif.
Beverly Brumley, Calif.
Robert Darling, Calif.
Don Eby, Calif.
Irene Graham, Calif.
Lee Greer, Calif.
Wayne R. Kauffman, Calif.
Barbara J. Konieczny, Calif.
Dave Murphy, Calif.
Virginia N. Pribyla, Hawaii

Exceptional Service Award

Seb Coglitore, Calif.
Eugene W. Grimm, Calif.
James L. Grogan III, Calif.
Robert H. Krumpe, Calif.
Kathleen L. Landis, Calif.
Mike Peters, Calif.
Rick Randall, Calif.

Florida

Medal of Merit

Wayne H. Coloney, Fla.
Theresa D. Kemp, Fla.

Medra W. Keyser, Fla.
Henry L. Marois Jr., Fla.
Jeri Ann Martin, Fla.
Norm Mears, Fla.
Robert A. Polhemus, Fla.
Candace Robey, Fla.
Glenn Rutland, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award

Douglas L. Hardin, Fla.
Edwin G. Jordan, Fla.
David O. Miller, Fla.
John E. Schmidt Jr., Fla.
Harvey W.C. Shelton, Fla.

Great Lakes Region

Medal of Merit

Bob Brewster, Ohio
Philip M. Brown, Ohio
Dennis Drayer, Ohio
Bernard Fullenkamp, Ohio
Hanfred Moen, Ohio
Kent Owsley, Ohio
Shiela Wallace, Ohio

Exceptional Service Award

Amy Beth Cervone, Ohio
Samuel S. Conte, Ind.
William E. Jones, Ind.
Patricia M. Ventling, Ohio
Mike Winslow, Ohio

Midwest Region

Medal of Merit

Diane Bartels, Neb.
Mary J. Cain, Iowa
Samuel Digirolamo, Mo.
Stewart Entz, Kan.
Walter J. Evans, Ill.
Beth Kelley, Neb.
Deborah Livengood, Kan.

Exceptional Service Award

Joan Boyd, Mo.
Robert D. Persinger, Neb.
Carl Willert, Neb.

New England Region

Medal of Merit

Lori Casucci, R.I.
Richard Codling, Mass.
Angela Dupont, Mass.
Patrick S. Ryan, Mass.
Dave Silvia, R.I.

Exceptional Service Award

Joseph P. Bisognano, Mass.

North Central Region

Medal of Merit

Juanita Giesler, Minn.
Jim Simons, N.D.

Donald Solwold, Minn.
Tom Wilk, Minn.

Exceptional Service Award

John Seely, Minn.

Northeast Region

Medal of Merit

William B. Burns, Pa.
Ernest Cribari, Pa.
John Dodsworth Jr., Pa.
Susan M. Griffith, N.Y.
David E. Judson, N.J.
Al Richter, N.Y.
Mary Traver, N.J.

Exceptional Service Award

Barry H. Griffith, N.Y.
Murlin R. Lower, N.J.
Al Parise, N.Y.
Chris Patti, N.Y.

Northwest Region

Medal of Merit

Jacqueline S. Burdette, Alaska
Harry F. Cook, Alaska
Carroll Dickson, Wash.
Frederick Sine, Wash.

Exceptional Service Award

Robert E. Baltzell, Wash.
Gordon Wohlfeil, Wash.

Pacific Region

No awards given.

Rocky Mountain

Medal of Merit

Judee Albert, Colo.
George "Tom" Cavalli, Colo.
Richard W. Hartle, Utah
Paul Hendrickson, Utah
George C. Hitt, Utah
C. Robert Johnigan, Wyo.
Donald Wardle, Utah
Gayle White, Colo.

Exceptional Service Award

Grant Hicinbothem, Utah
Dave Thomson, Colo.

South Central

Medal of Merit

Amy Thompson Brown, Ala.
Wes Padgett, Ala.
Joe Panza, Ala.
Cecil C. Robins, Ala.
James Tynan, Ala.

Exceptional Service Award

Paul Bixby, Ark.
Larry Boese, Ala.
Tom Gwaltney, Ala.

Southeast

Medal of Merit

Jack Boyd, S.C.
Jack T. Hamrick, N.C.
David T. Hanson, S.C.
Delmar T. Jones, Ga.
Will Newson, Ga.
Jim Sams, S.C.
Thomas N. Walker, N.C.
Mary N. Watkins, N.C.

Exceptional Service Award

William D. Duncan Jr., N.C.
Stanley Hood, S.C.
Lynn M. Morley, Ga.

Southwest

Medal of Merit

George D. Gunn, Ariz.
Karen L. Halstead, Ariz.
Wilhelm F. Percival, Nev.
Edward S. Tooley, N.M.

Exceptional Service Award

Peter T. Gillespie, Nev.
Giles D. Leonard, Ariz.

Texoma

Medal of Merit

Gary Beach, Okla.
Jack E. Beam III, Okla.
John Blumentritt, Tex.
Monty Deihl, Tex.
Ric Hamer, Tex.
Norm King, Tex.
Paul T. Lerch, Okla.
Andy Nodine, Tex.
Max J. Stitzer, Tex.
Tommy Thompson, Tex.
Jessica L. Waddle, Tex.

Exceptional Service Award

Robert A. Beers, Okla.
Dave Dietsch, Tex.
Bruce Jackson, Okla.
George C. Pankonin, Okla.



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