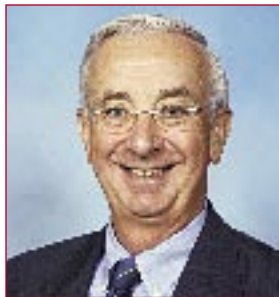




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The Air Force Association Nominating Committee met in Dallas on April 18 and selected a slate of candidates for the five national officer positions and three elective positions on the Board of Directors. The committee consists of the three most recent past Chairmen of the Board, one representative selected by each of the Vice Chairmen of the Board (Aerospace Education and Field Operations), two representatives from the Central geographic area, one representative from each of the regions in the West and East geographic areas, 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.

Joseph E. Sutter of Knoxville, Tenn., was nominated for his first one-year term as Chairman of the Board. He is currently serving as Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations. 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. He has served as President of the Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter and as both Chapter and State Vice President for Aerospace Education, and as Tennessee State President. At the national level, he has served as 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 Chair of his parish council, and served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Knoxville. While maintaining active involvement in those organizations, he also currently serves as member of the Board of Directors of a major Knoxville health care system.

He served on active duty for 28 years at various USAF locations: Minot AFB, N.D.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; the Pentagon; Offutt AFB, Neb.; Whiteman AFB, Mo.; and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. His primary military duties were in ICBM operations. He commanded an ICBM squadron, operations group, and missile wing. Other military duties included Staff Officer assignments at the Pentagon, including two years in Air Force Legislative Liaison, Hq. Strategic Air Command, Chief of the Advanced ICBM Requirements Division, and Senior Controller, SAC Command Center. 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.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Meritorious Service Medal with four OLCs; Air Force Commendation Medal with one OLC; and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

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, are members of the AFA Thunderbird Society. Geri is currently serving as the AFA Tennessee State Secretary. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

S. Sanford Schlitt is completing his first year as Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education and has been nominated for a second 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, Of-

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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 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 fund-raiser 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.

The Nominating Committee is submitting two names—Craig E. Allen and James R. Lauducci—for consideration for a one-year term as Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations.



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Craig E. Allen of Hooper, Utah, was nominated for his first term as Vice President of the Board for Field Operations. He has been a member of AFA since 1972 and is a Life Member. He has served in a variety of elected positions at all levels of the association. He is a past National Director and has also served as President of the Rocky Mountain Region, Utah State President, and Northern Utah Chapter President. Craig is a recipient of the Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Presidential Citation. In 2006, he was named AFA Member of the Year. He has also served on the national Executive Committee, as Chairman of the ad hoc Committee during the afa21 process, and currently serves as an advisor to the AFA Strategic Planning Committee, of which he is the immediate past Chairman.

Allen has been actively involved in leadership roles in a variety of other organizations in the community. He is a past President of the Utah AFA Aerospace Education Foundation, a past member of the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and the Hill Air Force Base Museum Board of Directors. He is also the past President of the Wasatch Front Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Utah and is now the Utah State Vice Chairman of the latter group.

During a 23-year military career in ICBM operations, maintenance, logistics, and acquisition, Allen served in several challenging assignments. He has been a Services Squadron Commander and Chief of Services, Civil Engineering Squadron Commander, and Base Civil Engineer. On retirement, he continued to work in the ICBM field in a civilian capacity. He currently works as a manager and supervisor for Northrop Grumman. His



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position is Director, Systems Engineering Integration and Test, for the Prime Integration Program for the ICBM Force at Hill AFB, Utah.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Allen also holds a master's degree from Wichita State University.

He and his wife, Connie, have two children and three grandchildren.

James R. "Jim" Lauducci of Alexandria, Va., was nominated for his first term as Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations. 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 AFA chapters and a key part of AFA in the National Capital Region. He has also served in various state positions, including VP 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 is currently a National Director and is serving in his second year 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 SAC, 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 Cor-

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porate 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. He has continued his service to AFCEA by serving on their International Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

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.

Judy K. Church of Lenexa, Kan., is completing her second year as National Secretary and has been nominated for a third one-year term. She is a Life Member and has been active in AFA since 1987. Her involvement with the association began through her late husband, National Treasurer Charles H. Church Jr. She was active at the chapter level and also gained national experience as she traveled with him to national meetings and events throughout the country.

She has served AFA in appointed and elected positions at all levels. She held the position of Chapter Treasurer of the Harry S. Truman Chapter and has served as Missouri State President, Vice President, and Vice President for Communications. She also served for two years

as the Midwest Region President. At the national level, she served as a member of the Constitution Committee for four years and has served twice on the Nominating Committee. She was on the Credentials Committee for three years, serving twice as Chairman.

She has maintained a full commitment to other volunteer work through service on many civic boards. She is a current member of the NE Johnson County Kansas Republican Women's Board, past member of the Kansas City Symphony Board, and past member of the University of Missouri Kansas City Women's Council Board.

She was named the 2003 Midwest Member of the Year and was made a Charles H. Church Jr. Fellow by the state of Missouri. At the national level, she has received the Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Medal, and a Presidential Citation.

Church graduated from Southland Girl's High School, Invercargill, New Zealand. She attended Otago University in Dunedin, New Zealand, and has a diploma in early childhood education. She has two children.

Steven R. Lundgren of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been nominated for his fourth one-year term as National Treasurer. He is a 26-year 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. 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 a 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 30 years has been in the financial services industry. He is currently Senior Vice President and a member of the Senior Management Committee for a large community bank in the Fairbanks area.

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 completed the American Bankers Association National Commercial Lending School in 1991 and the ABA Graduate Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma in 1992.

He and his wife, Susan, have three children.

The Nominating Committee is submitting two names—Joseph P. Bisognano and Scott P. Van Cleef—for consideration for the office of National Director to be elected from the East geographic area.

Joseph P. "Joe" Bisognano of Acton, Mass., has been a member of AFA since 1976. He has served as Chapter President, State President, and Region President. Nationally, he has served on the AFA Field Council since its inception. He has received AFA's Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Award.

Bisognano retired after more than 25 years of service in USAF, principally in the area of financial management and acquisition management. He served in positions at wing, major command, and Air Staff levels. In 1983, he was selected for an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies position at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In the community, Bisognano is a member of several military-oriented as-

sociations, including Military Officers Association of America, ROA, AFCEA, and the American Society of Military Comptrollers. He has served in a volunteer capacity as part of the local Little Youth Baseball and Softball League, serving as coach and manager for a variety of teams. He also worked part-time for more than 10 years as a reporter for the local community newspaper.

Bisognano currently works as a Program Manager for Engility Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of L-3 Communications.

He has been married to his wife, Dee, for 37 years. They have four children.

Scott P. Van Cleef of Fincastle, Va., is a Life Member who joined AFA in 1972. He has served as the Roanoke Chapter President and Virginia State VP for Administration and is now the Virginia State President. Nationally, he has served on the afa21 Internal Review Committee and the afa21 Field Structure Team and currently serves on the Strategic Planning Committee and the AFA Field Council. He has received AFA's Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Award.

Van Cleef retired after more than 29 years of service in USAF in various fighter (F-4, F-5, F-16) and staff assignments, including command of a fighter squadron and fighter wing, a joint tour in Cairo, Egypt, and staff tours at Hq. Air Combat Command and the Air Staff.

In retirement, Van Cleef has made his avocation his business by operating his own custom, hardwood furniture shop. He is an active member of Historic Fincastle, Inc., and a member of MOAA.

Van Cleef holds a bachelor's degree in business economics from Purdue University and a master's in political science from Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala.

He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Fincastle, Va.

The Nominating Committee is submitting four names—Louis A. Emond, Emil M. Friedauer, Fredrick K. Stein, and Leonard R. Vernamonti—for consideration for the office of National Director to be elected at-large. Two will be elected.

Louis A. Emond of Nashua, N.H., has been a member of AFA since joining as a cadet in 1964. He was active in the Paul Revere Chapter near Hanscom AFB, Mass., serving on the Chapter Executive Council and more recently as the President of the Brig. Gen. Harrison R. Thyng Chapter of New Hampshire. He has received AFA's Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Award.

Emond is active in the local community

through his work with the Lion's Club and his church parish. He is also a Founding Member of the New Hampshire Air Force Memorial Committee. He is also a member of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and was recognized as the 2005 Small Business of the Year.

Emond retired after 20 years of active duty with USAF, with duties as an Air Weapons Controller, Staff Officer, Air Force Station Commander, and Foreign Military Sales Officer. He has a bachelor's degree from Fordham University in French and a master's in education from the University of California at Los Angeles.

He and his wife, Kathleen, have two children.

Emil M. "Max" Friedauer of Mary Esther, Fla., is a Life Member of AFA and has been a member since 1976. He has served as President at the chapter and state level and is the immediate past President of the Florida Region. Nationally, he serves on the AFA Field Council. He has received AFA's George D. Hardy Memorial Award, Medal of Merit, three Exceptional Service Awards, and three Presidential Citations.

Friedauer is active in volunteer work with the Special Operations Warrior Foundation and the American Cancer Society. He serves on the Special Operations Warrior Foundation Annual Fund-Raiser Committee, and is the Founder and Treasurer/Database Manager for the 7th Air Commando Society.

He retired after 27 years of active duty with USAF, and had a wide variety of assignments, including Chief of the Exercise Division at a NAF and a MAJCOM, and Chief, Current Operations, at a MAJCOM. He then worked as a defense contractor for 15 years.

Friedauer has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Ball State University and extensive additional training through the Air Force PME structure and in psychological operations, special operations, and airlift operations.

He and his wife, Lily, have two children.

Fredrick A. "Butch" Stein of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been a Life Member of AFA since 1985. He has served in several chapter positions, including Chapter President and now serves as the Alaska State President. He has received the AFA Medal of Merit.

Stein has served in numerous similar positions in civic organizations, including the US Jaycees, Rotary, United Way, and Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He has received

the State of Alaska Commendation Medal from the Governor of Alaska.

He retired after a total of 21 years of service in both the Regular Air Force and the Alaska Air National Guard. After some 12 years of active duty service as an Air Traffic Controller, Stein moved on to work as an FAA Controller and later in private business before returning to the Air Force as a member of the Alaska Air National Guard, which he joined during Desert Storm in 1991. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal on retirement.

His education combines both formal college credit from a number of institutions, including the University of Alaska, and a variety of specialized training courses from the Air Force and in the civilian community.

A 35-year Alaskan resident, he and his wife, Shannon, have four children and seven grandchildren.

Leonard R. "Len" Vernamonti of Clinton, Miss., has been a member of AFA since 1967. He has served as Chapter and State President, and is the current South Central Region President. Nationally, he has served on the Science & Technology, Nominating, and Constitution Committees, afa21 Field Structure Team, and the AFA Field Council. He has received AFA's Medal of Merit twice and the Exceptional Service Award.

Vernamonti retired after 22 years of service in USAF, principally in the areas of acquisition, plans and programs, finance, and strategic planning, including assignments to the President's Reorganization Project, Executive Office of the President, as the Comptroller-Deputy for Computer Resources, USAF Ballistic Missile Organization, and as the Special Assistant to the Acting Defense Attaché, Saigon, Vietnam.

Vernamonti has also served as President of the United States Air Force Academy Association of Graduates National Capitol Chapter, as a Board member for Mississippi Baptist Health Systems and several other large organizations, and as President and CEO of a nonprofit research corporation.

Vernamonti has a bachelor's degree in economics from the United States Air Force Academy and a master's in systems engineering from the University of Florida. He is a graduate of the National War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Air Command & Staff College, and Squadron Officers School.

He and his wife, Betty, have two children. ■