





# Air Force Association **National**



# Convention 2008

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*(This page, l-r): Gen. Norton Schwartz, USAF Chief of Staff, AFA Chairman of the Board Robert Largent, and CMSAF Rodney McKinley pay respects at the AFA Memorial Service and wreath-laying, held at the Air Force Memorial on Sept. 14.*

**T**he 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 E. 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.



**Above: (l-r) Joseph Sutter, AFA Chairman of the Board (then AFA Vice Chairman, Field Operations), Barbara Wynne, and former Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne at the AFA Field Awards Dinner on Sept. 13. Right: Sanford Schlitt, AFA Vice Chairman, Aerospace Education, at an AFA business session. Below: (l-r) Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Gen. Ronald Keys, USAF (Ret.), former head of Air Combat Command.**



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



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.).

Air Force leaders at the event were Donley, Schwartz, McKinley, Carlson, Lorenz, Gen. Roger A. Brady, commander, US Air Forces in Europe, Gen. John D. W. Corley, commander, Air Combat Command, Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander, Air Force Space Command, Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, director, Air National Guard, Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, deputy chief of staff, manpower and personnel, and Maj. Gen. David S. Gray, director, Global Reach Programs, Office of 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.).



*Top: Vivian Dennis, a delegate from the Edward J. Monaghan Chapter (Alaska), at an AFA business session on Sept. 14. Above: AFA National Treasurer Steven Lundgren (Alaska) at the Sept. 13 Board of Directors meeting. Left: a group of airmen from Langley AFB, Va., entering the Air & Space Technology Exposition hall.*



**Above: (l-r) AFA National Secretary Judy Church and then-AFA Board Chairman Robert Largent at a Sept. 12 meeting. Right: (l-r) Steve Lundgren and newly elected Vice Chairman of the Board, Field Operations, James Lauducci. Below: AFA Chairman of the Board Joseph Sutter (r) talks things over with retired Gen. T. Michael Moseley, former Air Force Chief of Staff, at AFA's Field Awards Dinner.**



Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

**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 Tippet, 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](http://www.afa.org/mitchell/studies).



**Gen. Norton Schwartz (l), USAF Chief of Staff, and Gen. Bruce Carlson, Air Force Materiel Command, address the crowd at the Four-Star Forum.**



# Air Force Association National Awards 2008

## 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*

#### Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award

*Outstanding performance in aerial warfare tactics*

#### 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 systems and logistics*

#### Department of Veterans Affairs Employees of the Year

*Outstanding Performance by VA employees*

### Recipients

#### Gen. Bruce Carlson, USAF

Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

#### Gen. Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.)

Former commander of United States Southern Command, Miami.

#### Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., and Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, the CV-22 Osprey.

Maj. Richard J. Piazza, 23rd Operations Support Sq., Moody AFB, Ga.

906th Air Refueling Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

The Mitre Corp. Bedford, Mass.

Lawrence Wright, author, *The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*.

Gen. William R. Looney III, USAF (Ret.), Former commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Tex.; Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Tex.

Maj. Benjamin W. Spencer, commander, 1st Special Operations Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Larry L. Thornton, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu; Mary Farquhar, VA Regional Office, St. Petersburg, Fla.



**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.**



**(L-r): AFA Board Chairman Robert Largent, Chris Chadwick on behalf of Boeing, Maj. Gen. John Alison, USAF (Ret.), and Richard Millman on behalf of Bell Helicopter Textron. Boeing Integrated Defense Systems and Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., received AFA's award for outstanding industrial leadership.**





*(L-r): Gen. David Jones, USAF (Ret.), and Col. George Day, USAF (Ret.), both recipients of AFA's Lifetime Achievement Award.*



*Harold Brown, former Secretary of the Air Force and former Secretary of Defense, recipient of AFA's Lifetime Achievement Award.*

## Crew Awards and Team Awards

**Airborne Battle Management Crew;** Crew Four, 16th Air Command & Control Sq., Robins AFB, Ga. Best airborne battle management crew.

**Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award;** Crew of Woody 26, 67th Special Operations Sq., RAF Mildenhall, England. Best air refueling crew.

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

**Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award;** Crew of Python 76, 97th Intelligence Sq., 488th IS, 338th Combat Training Sq., 38th Reconnaissance Sq., 561st Joint Tactics Sq., 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb. Best reconnaissance crew.

**Gen. Thomas S. Power Award;** Crew of S-230, Capt. William J. Burich, 1st Lt. Mitchell W. Patton, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. Best missile combat crew.

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

**Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award;** Crew of Crome 46, 2nd Airlift Sq., Pope AFB, N.C. Best airlift crew.

**Lt. Gen. Howard W. Leaf Award;** Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Command Test Center, ARC-210 Test Team, Tucson, Ariz. Best test team.

## Professional, Management, and Civilian Awards

### Award

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence  
 Gen. George C. Kenney Award  
 CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award  
 Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians  
 Verne Orr Award for Human Resources  
 Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing  
 Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers  
 Personnel Manager of the Year  
 Civilian Wage Employee of the Year  
 Civilian Program Specialist of the Year  
 Civilian Program Manager of the Year  
 Civilian Senior Manager of the Year  
 AFROTC Cadet of the Year  
 CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year  
 Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year  
 Air Force Chaplain Service Award  
 Air Force Chaplain Service Award  
 Management Award—Executive Division  
 Management Award—Middle Division  
 Management Award—Junior Division

### Recipient

SMSgt. Matthew S. Miller, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.  
 561st Joint Tactics Sq., Nellis AFB, Nev.  
 SSgt. Paul W. Hiller, 1st Special Ops Aircraft Maintenance Sq., Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
 Lt. Col. Kirk A. Milhoan, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Tex.  
 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.  
 Capt. Becky M. Bautch, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska  
 Col. Evan L. Haberman, Det. 3, Bolling AFB, D.C.  
 MSgt. Tracy S. Deason, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex.  
 Dennis R. Tolliver, Beale AFB, Calif.  
 Jennifer M. McMillan, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
 Debra A. Fogle, Kirtland AFB, N.M.  
 Timothy M. Boudreaux, Space Innovation & Development Ctr., Schriever AFB, Colo.  
 Ryan W. Castonia, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 David M. Trick, Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol  
 Melanie R. Huk, Aviano AB, Italy  
 Lt. Col. Steven E. West, Whiteman AFB, Mo.  
 Capt. Erik G. Harp, Ramstein AB, Germany  
 Kay L. Lee, 577th Aeronautical Systems Gp., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
 Lt. Col. Donald D. Lytle, Tinker AFB, Okla.  
 Capt. Joshua L. McAllister, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

## Citations of Honor

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

Recipients	Achievement
327th Aircraft Sustainment Gp./B-52 Aircraft Fischer-Tropsch Fuel Mgmt. Demo Team, Tinker AFB, Okla.	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.
31st Intelligence Sq., Ft. Gordon, Ga.	Highly skilled linguists and analysts established new national-tactical integration mission products, including technical target databases, which improved intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance capability for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.
SMSgt. Gabriel Hage, Randolph AFB, Tex.	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.
3rd Special Operations Sq., Nellis AFB, Nev.	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.
MSgt. William L. Newman, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.	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.

## Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

Award	Recipient	Achievement/Employer
Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks Award	Crew of Yankee 02, 106th Rescue Wing, Francis S. Gabreski ANGB, N.Y.	Best ANG unit airmanship
Outstanding Air National Guard Unit	110th Fighter Wing, W. K. Kellogg Arpt., Mich.	Top ANG unit of the year
George W. Bush Award, Officer	Capt. Michelle R. Mulberry, 187th Aeromed. Evac. Sq., Cheyenne, Wyo.	Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, Cheyenne, Wyo.
George W. Bush Award, Enlisted	SSgt. Daniel R. Wilcox, 142nd Civil Engineer Sq., Portland, Ore.	Oregon Mutual Insurance Co., McMinnville, Ore.
President's Award for AFRC	Crew of Reach 5141, 729th Airlift Sq., March ARB, Calif.	Best AFRC aircrew of the year
AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Officer	Lt. Col. Douglas B. Cox, USAFR Military Judge, Bolling AFB, D.C.	XO Communications, headquartered in Herndon, Va.
AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Enlisted	SrA. Chad R. Rasmusen, 419th Maintenance Sq., 419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah	Whitewater Whirlpool Baths & Systems, Lindon, Utah

## 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.*

### 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.*

### 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

## 2008 AFA Membership and Activity Awards (cont.)

### Outstanding State Organization

Virginia

President Scott P. Van Cleef

### Outstanding Chapters by Size

#### Extra Large Chapter (901+ members)

Tucson, Ariz.

President Rudy W. Cardona

#### Large Chapter (401-900 members)

Hurlburt, Fla.

President Dann D. Mattiza

#### Medium Chapter (201-400 members)

Col. H. M. "Bud" West, Fla.

President John E. Schmidt Jr.

#### Small Chapter (20-200 members)

Northern Shenandoah Valley, Va.

President Norman M. Haller

### Unit Exceptional Service Awards

#### Best Single Program

Paul Revere, Mass.

President Angela M. Dupont

#### Communications

Central Okla. (Gerrity), Okla.

President James F. Diehl

#### Community Partners

Swamp Fox, S.C.

President David A. Cotton

#### Community Relations

Langley, Va.

President James R. Hobbs

#### Overall Programming

Central Florida, Fla.

President James E. Callahan

#### Veterans' Affairs

Wright Memorial, Ohio

President Kent D. Owsley

### 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.  
Col. H. M. "Bud" West, Fla.  
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska  
Falcon, Fla.  
Fort Dodge, Iowa  
Fort Wayne, Ind.  
Frank Luke, Ariz.  
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., Tex.  
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.  
Gen. H. H. Arnold Memorial, Tenn.  
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  
Worcester, Mass.

### 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.  
Frank Luke, Ariz.  
H. H. Arnold Memorial, Tenn.  
Brig. Gen. James R. McCarthy, Fla.  
Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Fla.  
Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.  
Grissom Memorial, Ind.  
Iron Gate, N.Y.  
Lake Superior Northland, Mich.  
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. Kislung, Iowa  
Richmond, Va.  
Savannah, Ga.  
Snake River Valley, Idaho  
Southern Indiana, Ind.  
Steel Valley, Ohio  
Tarheel, N.C.  
Tennessee Valley, Ala.  
Worcester, Mass.

### 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.*

<b>Small Chapter</b>	Fort Dodge, Iowa
<b>Large Chapter</b>	Hurlburt, Fla.
<b>Extra Large Chapter</b>	Eglin, Fla.

#### 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

*The following chapters have qualified for these awards based on their recruitment of new members during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2008.*

#### 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.	McChord, Wash.
Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.	Mercer County, N.J.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.	Meridian, Miss.
Cochise, Ariz.	Montgomery, Ala.
Col H. M. "Bud" West, Fla.	Northeast Texas, Tex.
Contraits, Kan.	Richard D. Kislring, Iowa
Enid, Okla.	Steel Valley, Ohio
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska	Swamp Fox, S.C.
Fort Wayne, Ind.	Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly, Tex.	W. J. "Pete" Knight, Calif.
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.	
Happy Hooligan, N.D.	
Hurlburt, Fla.	
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.	
Leigh Wade, Va.	
Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.	

##### 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.	Red Tail Memorial, Fla.
Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance, Del.	Richard I. Bong, Minn.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.	Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
Chautauqua, N.Y.	Strom Thurmond, S.C.
Fort Dodge, Iowa	Tidewater, Va.
Frank Luke, Ariz.	Total Force, Pa.
Gen. B. A. Schriever Los Angeles	William A. Jones III, Va.
H. H. Arnold Memorial, Tenn.	Wright Memorial, Ohio
Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.	
Maj. Gen. C. I. Bennett Jr., Calif.	
Mel Harmon, Colo.	
Miami, Fla.	

## Individual Awards

*Presented for outstanding service.*

### Chairman's Citation

Debbie Estrem, Colo.  
Emil M. Friedauer, Fla.  
Thomas W. Gwaltney, Ala.  
James Hall, 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 Hobbs, 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 Saffold, 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.

Dann Mattiza, Fla.  
Jerry Nabors, Fla.  
William Palmby, Fla.

#### *Exceptional Service Award*

Richard Schaller, Fla.  
William A. Yucuis, Fla.

### Great Lakes Region

#### *Medal of Merit*

Vita Eonta, Ohio  
William Gommel, Ind.  
Harlan Leimenstoll, Ind.  
Ray Lesniok, Ohio  
Jeff Liffick, Ohio  
Jonathan Rosa, Ky.  
David Shearer, Ind.

#### *Exceptional Service Award*

Dennis Drayer, Ohio

### Midwest Region

#### *Medal of Merit*

Deone Bachellor, Iowa  
Richard Betterton, Iowa  
James Lannigan, Mo.  
William Mavity, Neb.  
Nancy Needham, Neb.  
Jesse Wayland, Ill.

#### *Exceptional Service Award*

Von L. Blunt, Iowa  
Robert Seibolt, Mo.

### New England Region

#### *Medal of Merit*

Barbara Burnett, Mass.  
Joe Magnone, Mass.  
Michael Payne, Mass.  
Lisa Sirois, 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.

#### *Exceptional Service Award*

Ron Garcia, N.D.  
Julie (Eszlinger) Jensen, Minn.  
George Masters, N.D.

### Northeast Region

#### *Medal of Merit*

Oresta DiCerbo, Pa.  
Jaclyn Lacy B. Gyger, Pa.  
Susanna Gyger, 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.  
Jay Mosley, Utah  
Don Nate, Colo.  
Charlie Parker, Utah  
Sharon White, Colo.

#### *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.

#### *Exceptional Service Award*

John S. Heffernan, Ark.

### Southeast Region

#### *Medal of Merit*

Don Adee, S.C.  
Gerald Murray, Ga.

#### *Exceptional Service Award*

Lance S. Young, S.C.

### Southwest Region

#### *Medal of Merit*

Gerald Ashley, Ariz.  
Robert Hale, Nev.  
Joseph Martin, Ariz.  
Mike Starkey, Ariz.  
Annette Trebesch, Ariz.

#### *Exceptional Service Award*

Luisa Bailey, Ariz.  
Ken Huey, N.M.  
Ross Lampert, Ariz.  
Ed Tooley, N.M.

### 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.

## 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. Bachellor, 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, USAFR (Ret.)  
Col. Robert E. Darlington, USAF (Ret.)  
Lt. Col. James V. Drew, USAF (Ret.)  
SSgt. 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.)  
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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.)  
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Maj. Gen. David C. Morehouse, USAF (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Robert E. Olson, USA (Ret.)  
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Lt. Col. William J. Redmond, USAF (Ret.)  
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Brig. Gen. Edward D. Slasienski, USAF (Ret.)  
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Capt. George A. Taylor, USAF (Ret.)  
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Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., USAF (Ret.)  
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Ralph Yates  
Walter Zywan



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