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AFA NOMINEES

The Air Force Association Nominating Committee met on May 9 and selected candidates to send forward for national officer positions and National Director positions on the Board of Directors. The committee comprises three past Chairmen of the Board, one person selected by each of the two Vice Chairmen of the Board, two persons representing each geographic area, and one person each representing the Total Air Force, Air Force veterans, and aerospace industry constituencies. The slate of candidates will be presented to the delegates at the AFA National Convention in National Harbor, Md., in September.

Chairman of the Board

Scott P. Van Cleef, Fincastle, Va., nominated for his second one-year term. He is a Life Member and has served as Chairman of the Board for the past year. He was previously the AFA Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations for two years. While President of Virginia's Roanoke Chapter, it was named AFA Medium-size Chapter of the Year for 2005. He was the State President when Virginia was named the Outstanding State Organization of the Year for 2008. He was an AFA National Director from 2008 to 2011 and the Central East Region President the following year. He served on the afa21 Internal Review Group in 2005 and the afa21 Field Structure Team in 2006. He has been a member and Chairman of the Field Council and Strategic Planning Committee. Van Cleef was Virginia's Member of the Year in 2004 and 2010 and is recipient of the Central East Region President's Award, AFA's Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Chairman's Citation. Van Cleef served for more than 29 years in the Air Force. He commanded an F-16 squadron, was Vice Commander of an F-16 training wing, and Commander of a fighter wing. He is a self-employed maker of fine furniture, a chapter officer in MOAA, and a Civil Air Patrol senior member. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Museum of Transportation and on the Board of Visitors for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College. He earned a bachelor's degree in business economics from Purdue University and a master's degree in political science from Auburn University.



Van Cleef



Dietsch

Vice Chairman, Field Operations

David A. Dietsch, Arlington, Texas, nominated as Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations for a second one-year term. He has been an AFA National Director, Central Area; a Chairman's appointee to the Executive Committee; and AFA Texas Vice President for Industrial Relations and Government Relations. A Life Member active in AFA since 1992, he has served as Executive Vice President of the Lubbock Chapter, President of the Fort Worth Chapter, Texas State President, and Texoma Region President. He co-founded and became the first Board Chairman for the AFA Texas Aerospace Education Foundation. Dietsch has served at the national level on the Constitution, Membership, and the Nominating Committees and on the Field Council. He has been AFA Texas Member of the Year twice and received the AFA Texas Claire Chennault Patriotism Award. He also received the AFA Medal of Merit and three AFA Exceptional Service awards. Dietsch served for 27 years in the Air Force in aircraft maintenance and logistics. Afterward, he managed the aircraft maintenance contract workforce at two flying training wings. He has a bachelor's degree in American diplomacy and foreign affairs from Miami University in Ohio and a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University. He serves on the local Salvation Army Management Committee and is a consultant.



Bundy

Vice Chairman, Aerospace Education

Richard B. Bundy, Spotsylvania, Va., nominated for Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education for a first one-year term. An active AFA member since 1971, he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Richmond Chapter and previously served as Delaware State President for nine years. At the national level, he has been on the Nominating Committee and the Aerospace Education Council. AFA awards include the Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Presidential Citation. Bundy served in the Air Force for 33 years as an airlift pilot and as a staff officer at major command, Air Staff, Joint Staff, and DOD levels. He commanded a squadron, group, and wing. He later served as the Executive Director of Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings for 10 years as the direct liaison with senior officers and the staff of AFA and AFROTC. During this period, he convinced the Silver Wings members to join their Arnold Air counterparts as full members of AFA. Due to his efforts, all members of Arnold Air and Silver Wings are AFA members. He received a bachelor's degree in transportation and logistics management from San Francisco State University and a master's degree in personnel management from Webster's University.

David B. Warner, Monument, Colo., nominated for Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education for a first one-year term. An AFA Life Member since 1980, Warner is currently serving as a National Director at Large and has been a member of the Aerospace Education Council since 2013. Warner, the son of a chief master sergeant, grew up Air Force before embarking on his own 30-year career. He now serves as the Executive Director for the Officers' Christian Fellowship, is a Board Member for Christian Service Charities, and sits on the Advisory Board for Faith Comes by Hearing. Through AFA's AEC, Warner has been heavily involved in Cyber-



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Patriot and the emerging Stellar Xplorers Space Competition. Warner received his bachelor's of business administration degree from Southwest Texas State and a master of business administration degree from Oklahoma's Central State University, and he completed all levels of Air Force professional military education and the Harvard Management Course for Senior Executives.

Secretary

John T. "Tim" Brock, Oviedo, Fla., nominated for a first one-year term as National Secretary. He is a retired space systems officer/aerospace engineer. He has been an AFA Life Member since 1996 and has held Chapter, State, and Region Presidencies. He is currently serving as the Chapter Treasurer and State Membership Chairman. At the national level, Brock has held the office of National Director, served on the Audit, Nominating, Strategic Planning, Membership, and Field Council committees and has received the 2013 AFA Member of the Year and the Storz Individual Award. Brock served in the Air Force for 24 years in space operations. He is involved with the Lion's Club, National Space Society, and National Air and Space Society. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics at the University of Georgia and his master's degree in space operations from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Treasurer

Nora Ruebrook, Honolulu, is nomi-

nated for a second one-year term. She is an AFA Life Member and served as National Director, West Area, and Chairwoman of the National Audit Committee. She has received the AFA Medal of Merit and the Exceptional Service Award. Ruebrook has served on the AFA Finance, Strategic, and ad hoc Congressional Committees; was VP, Far West Region for Leadership Development; was AFA Hawaii President; and is an AFA National Mentor. Ruebrook is a member of the Thunderbird Society, Legacy Society, and Gold Wings. She serves on international and national boards, including that of the Navy League of the United States, as a National Director, and of the Association of the United States Army, on its Resolution Committee. Ruebrook is a National Contracting Management Association Fellow. She has been involved with governance of numerous organizations, such as the American Society of Military Comptrollers. Ruebrook is the CEO-Director of a company supporting the ISR, R&D, and cyber communities. Her industry client list includes Fortune 500 companies.

National Director at Large

The Nominating Committee submits three names for National Director at Large. Two will be elected for a three-year term.

Michael R. "Boe" Boera, of St. George, Utah, nominated for National Director at Large. Boera is an executive in the intelligence, information, and services business sector for a company in Dulles, Va. He has been an AFA member since 1985 and became a Life Member in 2015. He retired from the Air Force in 2014 after just under 33 years serving as a fighter pilot and in numerous command and senior executive staff positions. He is on the Board of Advisors and is a speaker for Patriot Mission, Inc., and is a Corporator for Lyndon Institute high school in Vermont. He is also a member of Daedalians, Red River Rats, and the National Association



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of Corporate Directors, as well as an honorary member of the Wild Weasel Association and the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. He earned his bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from the University of Colorado, his master's degree in management and supervision from Central Michigan University, and a second master's degree, in strategic studies, from the Air War College.

Charles R. Heflebower, Fairfax Station, Va., nominated for National Director at Large. He is the Air Force Strategic Account Executive for a defense contracting company. Heflebower is an AFA Life Member and served the Air Force for more than 34 years in staff, command, and operational flying positions. After he retired from Active Duty, he was selected by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and served for nearly nine years as an Air Force Senior Mentor with the Air Force Operational Command Training program. He is involved with US Air Force Academy Association of Graduates and is the Outside Director for a software company. He received a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from the academy, a master's degree in international relations from the University of Arkansas, and completed the program at National War College.

Eugene D. Santarelli, Tucson, Ariz., nominated for National Director at Large. He is self-employed as the President of his own consulting company. He has been a member of AFA since 1966 and is a Life Member. Santarelli served in the Air Force for 32 years, as a pilot and in command, operations staff, and personnel positions. He currently works with the Davis-Monthan 50 and Southern Arizona Defense Alliance and is a Board Director at a credit union. Santarelli received his bachelor of business administration degree in management accounting at Notre Dame and his master's of business administration in administration and management from Troy State University. He has completed Army Command and General Staff College, the Air War College, and the Government Security Studies program at Harvard.

National Director, Central Area

The Nominating Committee submits one name for National Director, Central Area.

Thomas W. Gwaltney, Montgomery, Ala., nominated for National Director, Central Area, for a one-year term. Gwaltney holds the position of National Director, Central Area, appointed to a one-year term, and is seeking election to the position. He has been an AFA member since 1977 and has served in many roles at the field level, including Chapter, State, and Region President. He is a member of the AFA Field Council and is Chairman of the Wounded Airman Program Committee. He has received the AFA Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Chairman's Citation. Gwaltney served in the Air Force for 32 years. His assignments took him around the globe, from presidential airlift at Andrews AFB, Md., to Thailand during the Vietnam War, to Korea, to name a few. He last served as Command Chief, Computer Systems Division, at Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Ala. On his retirement, he served in



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leadership and managerial positions in the IT field. He received his bachelor's degree in material management from Troy State University and completed the GTE Project Management and Project Leadership course and numerous professional development courses.

National Director, West Area

The Nominating Committee submits one name for National Director, West Area.

Joan Sell, Littleton, Colo., nominated for National Director, West Area, for a three-year term. Sell holds the position of National Director, West Area, appointed to a one-year term by Chairman of the Board Scott P. Van Cleef, and is seeking election to the position. She is a Concierge Travel Agent for a cruise travel company. Sell joined AFA in 1986, became an active member in 1993, and became a Life Member in 2007. She has served the Sijan Chapter and Colorado State in multiple positions, including Chapter President and State President. She also served as the Rocky Mountain Region President. Sell held the position of AFA National Secretary from 2009 to 2011. She has received the AFA National Medal of Merit, is a two-time recipient of the National Exceptional Service award and twice the recipient of the Presidential Citation. Sell was Lance P. Sijan Chapter President in 2001 when it received the Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Unit of the Year award. ★