

By Frances McKenney, Assistant Managing Editor



## Emerging Leaders

The Air Force Association's Emerging Leaders Program began in 2013 as a way to prepare volunteers for future AFA leadership roles. Emerging Leaders serve for a year. They participate on a national-level council, attend national leader orientations, and serve as National Convention delegates.

Emerging Leaders for 2015 are: Emilie S. Boschert, Shannon M. Farrell, Deborah A. Landry, Michael J. Liquori, Emily C. Shay, Christopher M. Talbot, James A. Thurber, Jeremy Trotter, and Daniel Whalen.

Here's the eighth profile in AFA's second group of Emerging Leaders.

### Jeremy C. Trotter

**Home State:** Georgia.

**Chapter:** Carl Vinson Memorial (Ga).

**AFA Offices:** State treasurer; former Community Partner.

**Occupation:** Senior engineer, Alion Science and Technology.

**Education:** B.S. and M.S., Mercer University in Macon, Ga.



Photo by Capt. Becky Grotewiel

### Q&A

**How did you hear about AFA?** Both of my parents [Mike Trotter and Jacqueline Trotter] are retired Air Force and are actively involved, and I had an opportunity at my previous company to be the company's representative to AFA.

**In AFA Membership Committee meetings, the best idea I've heard is ...** trying to push to reach out to a younger group of officers, specifically through the Company Grade Officers Council. We're actually looking at getting a CGOC representative on the Membership Committee so we have a voice for younger officers; they aren't targeted for [AFA] membership as much as they used to be.

**What new suggestions do you have for AFA?** I personally was pricing out eLife Memberships and graduated Life Memberships. I think basically we priced it out, and it didn't really appear that it was going to be effective, but we certainly were given an opportunity to defend it and give it a shot.



*"Best selfie I've ever taken," Trotter calls this photo. He took it last year at Strike Eagle Farms, near Macon, posing with a new foal. Trotter teaches horseback riding to youngsters, including those with physical or mental difficulties.*



Photo by Amy Gold

*Runners in the Eglin Chapter and Eglin Top 3 Association's fifth annual 5K raised \$2,600 this March, benefiting Fisher House of the Emerald Coast in Florida. Fisher House Foundation provides temporary lodging for military families whose loved one is hospitalized.*



Photo via Bob Schure

*The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter in Missouri held its awards banquet in March for airmen in the Scott AFB, Ill., area. L-r are award winners and ceremony participants: Col. Clarence Atterbury, SrA. Hillary McCaherty, Col. Jack Van Ryn, MSgt. Patricia Rodriguez, TSgt. Kim Miller, MSgt. Peter Hensel, TSgt. Brandon Archer, and Lt. Col. Thomas Koory.*

*Josh Cockey of the Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences and Grace Callahan from Epiphany Cathedral School hold awards from the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter, presented by President Michael Richardson (center). The Florida chapter rewarded the students' entries in a regional science fair.*



Photo by Mayer Karissa

**Colorado's Air Force Ball Spotlights Space**

At the invitation of the **Lance P. Sijan Chapter** and Air Force Space Command, nearly 700 guests filled the Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs, Colo., in March for an Air Force Ball. They celebrated achievements by airmen in the space arena.

The highlight of the black-tie gala was presentation of the Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award to Brig. Gen. Nina M. Armagno. As commander of the 45th Space Wing at Patrick AFB, Fla., Armagno oversees the launch of government and commercial satellites from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. She previously commanded the 30th Space Wing at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. A 45th Space Wing news release stated that this gives Armagno the distinction of being the only USAF officer to command both the Eastern and Western US rocket and missile ranges.

Retired Maj. Gen. Roger W. Burg, former commander of Air Force Global Strike Command's 20th Air Force, presented the O'Malley award on behalf of his wife, Sharon O'Malley-Burg. The award honors her father, who was head of Tactical Air Command when he and his wife died in a 1985 crash of a military T-39 at the airport in Scranton, Pa.

At the Colorado Air Force Ball, special guests included 2014 Outstanding Airmen of the Year SMSgt. Boston A. Alexander from Peterson AFB, Colo., and TSgt. Ryan E. Gangadeen from Schriever AFB, Colo.

Chapter VP Linda S. Aldrich said proceeds from this annual event go toward such projects as scholarships and unit awards.

*Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson, an Air Force Ball guest speaker, presents a challenge coin as a thank-you to Mitchell High School AFJROTC cadets from Colorado Springs. They were the evening's color guard.*



Photo by Allison Earnest

*At the Air Force Ball in Colorado, Brig. Gen. Nina Armagno gestures toward Roger Burg, who presented her with the O'Malley leadership award. On the right: Sijan Chapter President Don Kidd and AFA Board Chairman Scott Van Cleef.*



**As He Sees It**

In North Carolina, the **Blue Ridge Chapter's** meeting in March featured State President Lawrence L. Wells.

Having retired as a major general and commander of 9th Air Force at Shaw AFB, S.C., in 2013, Wells spoke with an insider's knowledge about Air Force readiness and the impact of sequestration. He also talked about his personal experiences with aircraft ranging from the F-16, KC-10, and U-2 to the remotely piloted RQ-4.

Wells presented a 2014 AFA Exceptional Service Award to past Chapter President Alicia L. Hughes and an AFA Aerospace Education Achievement Award to Chapter VP for Aerospace Education Nancy B. Duncan.

Chapter President William D. Duncan Jr. said they had won the Aerospace Achievement Award for three reasons: support of the Visions of Exploration AFA-USA *Today* newspaper program that encourages students to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics topics; its involvement with the Western North Carolina Regional Science Fair; and its Teacher of the Year programs. 🌟



Photo via Joseph Hardy

*In Maryland, Thomas W. Anthony Chapter President John Huggins (l) and Central Maryland Chapter's Frank Coorsen flank Andy Nguyen (l) and Henry Danchi. The cadets earned the chapter's Hap Arnold-Chuck Suraci Award and the Frank Coorsen Award, respectively.*



Photo via Howard Leach

*Shooting Star Chapter members Arthur Snyder (left) and Bob Vaucher pose for a photo at a March meeting in New Jersey. Guest speaker Snyder gave a presentation on his Korean War B-29 missions. Vaucher flew the B-29, too—in World War II.*



Photo via John Schmidt

*Col. H. M. "Bud" West Chapter member John Schmidt (l) presented Florida State University AFROTC cadets with AFA and chapter awards in April. L-r are Anita Naylor, Steven Reyes, and Rollin Read. Col. Gregory Reese (r) accepted the chapter's CMSgt. John Schmidt Award on behalf of cadet Jordan Muntain.*

Photo via Bruce VanSkiver



At April's AFA Breakfast Series session, guest speaker USAF Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh (fifth from left) poses with AFROTC Det. 130 cadets, based at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Their commander, Nation's Capital Chapter's Aerospace Education VP Lt. Col. Darryl Terrell, is at far right. The chapter told Welsh's office the students would be there, so

he acknowledged them among the crowd of 160 guests. Front row, left to right are: Samantha Smithson, Walter Saunders, Samantha Dewar, and Tiana Lockhart. Back row (l-r): Timothy Hill, Evan Melick, Welsh, Kristoffer Rhodes, Ellen Petersen, Austin Bryan, and Terrell. Except for Bryan, who will be a senior this fall, the cadets were commissioned in May.

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