

AFA CHAPTER NEWS

MOUNT CLEMENS CHAPTER

Air Force Magazine Editor in Chief Adam J. Hebert was a guest speaker at an annual dinner of the Mount Clemens Chapter (Mich.) in May.

Hebert, a Michigan native, spoke about Selfridge Air National Guard Base as viewed from a national level while Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum, both base commander and Michigan ANG's 127th Wing commander, spoke on current missions at the base.

The dinner was coordinated by Michigan state president-elect Randy Whitmire and Chapter President Dan Heaton. More than 160 people attended the dinner and eight people signed up to become AFA members that evening, said Heaton.

During the dinner, the chapter celebrated the centennial of the base and the 70th anniversary of the Air Force.



Air Force Magazine Editor in Chief Adam Hebert speaks at a Mount Clemens Chapter dinner in Michigan. Brig. Gen. Joseph Slocum, base commander, also spoke at the dinner.

■ GEN. BRUCE K. HOLLOWAY CHAPTER

The Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter (Tenn.) recently held its monthly executive committee meeting at McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn. Chapter President Paula Pen-son led discussions on a golf tournament fund-raiser and plans to celebrate the Air Force's 70th birthday in September, said Joseph E. Sutter, former AFA chairman of the board.

Present at the meeting were Col. Kevin M. Donovan, then-commander of the I. G. Brown Training and Education Center at McGhee-Tyson and AFROTC cadets from the University of Tennessee.

■ TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

AFA chapters from around the US highlighted a number of teachers:

■ The **Cape Canaveral Chapter** (Fla.) presented its Chapter Teacher of the Year Award to Judy Houser of Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy in Melbourne, Fla. Houser is the director of enrichment for the academy's lower school. According to chapter VP for Communications Jerry May, she is a three-time Teacher of the Year recipient.

■ The **Lewis E. Lyle Chapter** (Ark.) selected teachers Denise Gregory of Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in Hot Springs and Cassie Kautzer of Hellstern Middle School in Springdale for Chapter Teachers of the Year. Gregory

teaches high school math and computer science and Kautzer teaches sixth grade science. Kautzer was also selected to be the State Teacher of the Year, according to Chapter Secretary William Jervis.

■ The **Green Mountain Chapter** (Vt.) awarded math teacher Tim Ulrich of Lyndon Institute in Lyndon, Vt., the Chapter and State Teacher of the Year Award. Chapter President Ray Tanguay and other chapter leaders traveled to Lyndon for the ceremony. Ulrich "was recently named "Educator of the Year" by the state, according to Tanguay.

■ The **Eglin Chapter** (Fla.) named Penny Parmer as its Chapter Teacher of the Year during a ceremony, said chapter VP for Communications Amy Gold. Parmer is a math and language arts teacher at C. W. Ruckel Middle School in Niceville, Fla. The chapter also awarded 17 students with scholarships through its Aerospace Education Foundation. The ceremony was "especially significant" because Gen. William L. Kirk, who had served more than 25 years as AEF chair, had passed away earlier that day, said Gold.

■ OUTSTANDING CADET AWARDS

■ During an AFJROTC awards ceremony at Hinckley High School in Aurora, Colo., **Mile High Chapter** (Colo.) President Richard Wendt presented an AFA Outstanding Cadet award to Biruk Hamussa. The ceremony featured JROTC detachments

from three schools, including Hinckley, and the Color Guard that had posted the colors for the final banquet at AFA's recent StellarXplorers competition, said Wendt.

■ Chapter President John Schmidt of the **Col. H. M. "Bud" West Chapter** (Fla.) presented AFA awards during an AFROTC awards ceremony at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. Matthew Long received an AFA Silver Medal; April Bradley and Francis Cullen III received Outstanding Cadet awards; and William Chirinos received the Chief Schmidt Award for community service.

■ RICHARD M. SKINNER III (1924-2017)

Richard M. Skinner III of Silver Spring, Md., died May 6 at the age of 92.

From 1959 to 1989, Skinner was an editor and later associate publisher of *Air Force Magazine*.

Skinner was born in Princeton, Ill., and graduated from Knox College in Illinois and later Columbia University in New York. Skinner served in World War II as a cryptographer with Seventh Air Force in the Pacific, working with B-24 bomber units.

"He ran magazine production and quality control with a sure and dependable hand. ... He was a good teacher. I was one of his students," said John T. Correll, former Editor in Chief of *Air Force Magazine*.