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# AFA ALMANAC

## The Air Force Association's 12 Founders

**John S. Allard**  
Bronxville, N.Y.  
**Everett R. Cook**  
Memphis, Tenn.

**Edward P. Curtis**  
Rochester, N.Y.  
**Jimmy Doolittle**  
Los Angeles

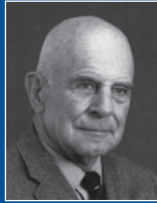
**W. Deering Howe**  
New York  
**Rufus Rand**  
Sarasota, Fla.

**Sol A. Rosenblatt**  
New York  
**Julian B. Rosenthal**  
New York

**James M. Stewart**  
Beverly Hills, Calif.  
**Lowell P. Weicker**  
New York

**Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney**  
New York  
**John Hay Whitney**  
New York

## AFA Chairs of the Board<sup>1</sup>



**Jimmy Doolittle**  
President  
1946-49

**Edward P. Curtis**  
1946-47  
**Thomas G. Lanphier Jr.**  
1947-48, 1951-52  
**C. R. Smith**  
1948-50  
**Robert S. Johnson**  
1949-51  
**Carl A. Spaatz**  
1950-51  
**Harold C. Stuart**  
1951-53  
**Arthur F. Kelly**  
1952-54  
**George C. Kenney**  
1953-55  
**John R. Alison**  
1954-56  
**Gill Robb Wilson**  
1955-57

**John P. Henebry**  
1956-58  
**Peter J. Schenk**  
1957-59  
**James M. Trail**  
1958-59  
**Howard T. Markey**  
1959-61  
**Julian B. Rosenthal**  
1959-60  
**Thos. F. Stack**  
1960-62  
**Joe Foss**  
1961-63  
**John B. Montgomery**  
1962-63  
**W. Randolph Lovelace II**  
1963-65  
**Jack B. Gross**  
1963-64

**Jess Larson**  
1964-71  
**Robert W. Smart**  
1967-69  
**George D. Hardy**  
1966-67, 1969-72  
**Martin M. Ostrow**  
1971-75  
**Joe L. Shosid**  
1972-76  
**George M. Douglas**  
1975-79  
**Gerald V. Hasler**  
1976-79  
**Victor R. Kregel**  
1979-82  
**Daniel F. Callahan**  
1979-81  
**John G. Brosky**  
1981-84

**David L. Blankenship**  
1982-85  
**Edward A. Stearn**  
1985-86  
**Martin H. Harris**  
1984-88  
**Sam E. Keith Jr.**  
1986-90  
**Jack C. Price**  
1988-92  
**Oliver R. Crawford**  
1990-94  
**James M. McCoy**  
1992-96  
**Gene Smith**  
1994-98  
**Doyle E. Larson**  
1996-2000  
**Thomas J. McKee**  
1998-2002

**John J. Politi**  
2000-04  
**Stephen P. Condon**  
2002-06  
**Robert E. Largent**  
2004-08  
**Joseph E. Sutter**  
2008-10  
**S. Sanford Schlitt**  
2010-12  
**George K. Muellner**  
2012-14  
**Scott P. Van Cleef**  
2014-16  
**F. Whitten Peters**  
2016-19  
**Gerald R. Murray**  
2019-22  
**Bernard "Bernie" Skoch**  
2022-2025



**Kathleen Ferguson**  
Chair, 2025-

<sup>1</sup>The Chair of the Board is a volunteer position and has been known by different titles over AFA's history. It was titled President until 2006.

## AFA President & CEOs<sup>2</sup>



**Willis S. Fitch**  
Executive Director  
1946-47

**James H. Straubel**  
1948-80  
**Russell E. Dougherty**  
1980-86  
**David L. Gray**  
1986-87  
**John O. Gray**  
1987-90

**Charles L. Donnelly Jr.**  
1988-89  
**Monroe W. Hatch Jr.**  
1990-95  
**John A. Shaud**  
1995-2002  
**Donald L. Peterson**  
2002-06/07

**Michael M. Dunn**  
2007-12  
**Craig R. McKinley**  
2012-15  
**Larry O. Spencer**  
2015-19  
**Bruce R. Wright**  
2019-24



**Burton Field**  
President-CEO  
2024-

<sup>2</sup>The title of President & CEO is the chief executive running the AFA organization. The job has been titled as Executive Director among other titles over AFA's history.

### VICE CHAIR, FIELD OPERATIONS



**Chris Canada**  
Vice Chair,  
Field Operations  
2023-

**Joseph E. Sutter**  
2006-08  
**James R. Lauducci**  
2008-10  
**Justin M. Faiferlick**  
2010-12  
**Scott P. Van Cleef**  
2012-14  
**David A. Dietsch**  
2014-16  
**F. Gavin MacAloon**  
2016-20  
**Jim Simons**  
2020-23

### NATIONAL SECRETARIES



**Paul Hendricks**  
National Secretary  
2024-

**A. A. "Bud" West**  
1985-87  
**Thomas J. McKee**  
1987-90  
**Thomas W. Henderson**  
1990-91  
**Mary Ann Seibel**  
1991-94  
**Mary Anne Thompson**  
1994-97  
**William D. Croom Jr.**  
1997-2000  
**Daniel C. Hendrickson**  
2000-03  
**Thomas J. Kemp**  
2003-06  
**Judy K. Church**  
2006-09  
**Joan Sell**  
2009-11  
**Edward W. Garland**  
2011-14  
**Marvin L. Tooman**  
2014-15  
**John T. Brock**  
2015-17  
**Ross Lampert**  
2017-18  
**Richard W. Hartle**  
2018-21  
**Michael J. Liquori**  
2021-24

### NATIONAL TREASURERS



**Charles L. Martin Jr.**  
National Treasurer  
2020-

**Jack B. Gross**  
1966-81  
**George H. Chabbott**  
1981-87  
**William N. Webb**  
1987-95  
**Charles H. Church Jr.**  
1995-2000  
**Charles A. Nelson**  
2000-05  
**Steven R. Lundgren**  
2005-10  
**Leonard R. Vernamonti**  
2010-14  
**Nora Ruebrook**  
2014-16  
**Charles L. Martin Jr.**  
2016  
**Steven R. Lundgren**  
2016-20  
**W. Deering Howe**  
1946-47  
**G. Warfield Hobbs**  
1947-49  
**Benjamin Brinton**  
1949-52  
**George H. Haddock**  
1952-53  
**Samuel M. Hecht**  
1953-57  
**Jack B. Gross**  
1957-62  
**Paul S. Zuckerman**  
1962-66

### VICE CHAIR, EDUCATION



**Gary Copsey**  
Vice Chair,  
Education  
2024-

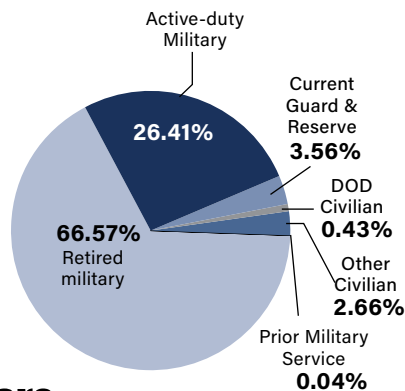
**L. Boyd Anderson**  
2006-07  
**S. Sanford Schlitt**  
2007-10  
**George K. Muellner**  
2010-12  
**Jerry E. White**  
2012-15  
**Richard B. Bundy**  
2015-18  
**James T. Hannam**  
2018-21  
**Stephen K. Gourley**  
2021-24

## AFA Membership

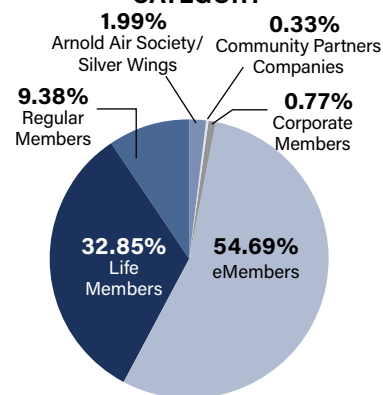
As of September 2025. Total **130,000**. Numbers are rounded.

**AFA Membership** has grown steadily since 2021, in line with the growing attendance at AFA's major professional development events, the Air, Space & Cyber Conference in September and the AFA Warfare Symposium, now held in Denver each winter.

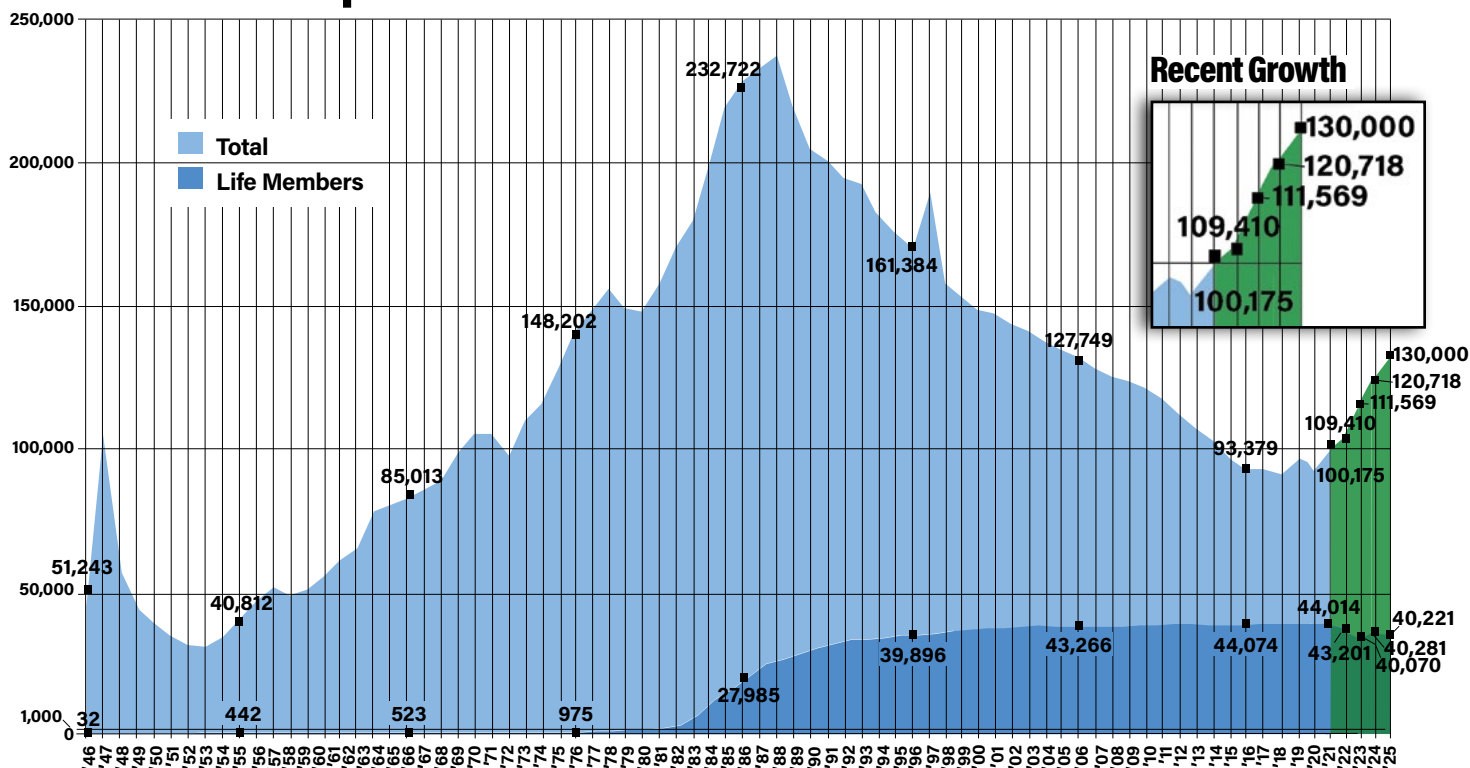
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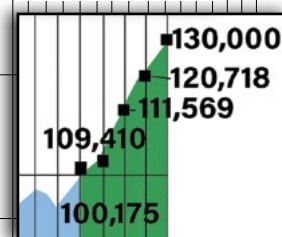
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## AFA Membership Over The Years

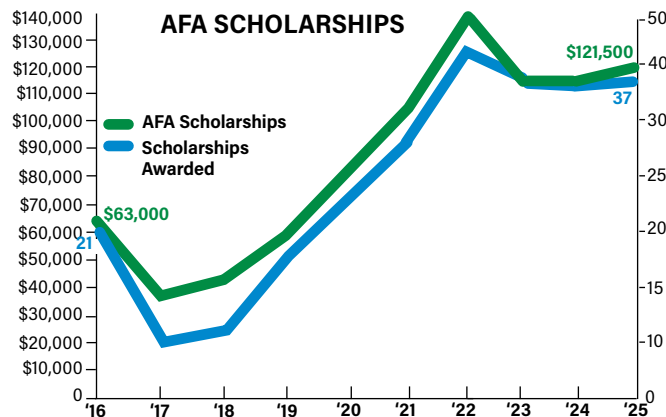


### Recent Growth

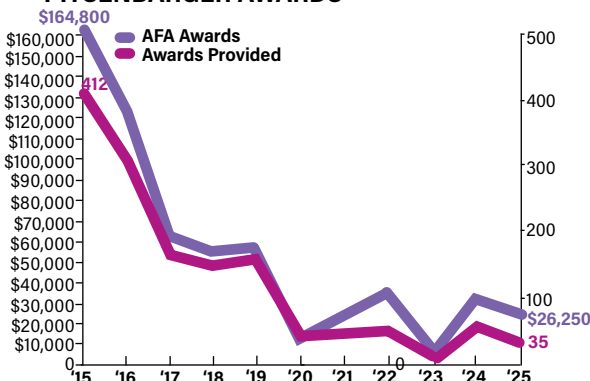


## Scholarships

AFA awards **scholarships**, to aspiring college students backed by funds from generous organizations and individuals. AFA also funds **Pitsenbarger** awards for Airmen who complete their associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and intend to pursue a bachelor's degree.



### PITSENBARGER AWARDS



**Note:** Another round of scholarships will be awarded in the fall, causing the Pitsenbarger Scholarship totals to increase.

# National Aerospace Awards

## H.H. ARNOLD AWARD

Named for the World War II leader of the Army Air Forces, the H.H. Arnold Award has been presented annually in recognition of the most outstanding contributions in the field of aerospace activity. Since 1986, it has been AFA's highest honor to a member of the armed forces in the field of national defense.

| Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                                         | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                                                                                        | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                            | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1948 | W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force                                            | 1969 | No Award                                                                                                                                  | 1988 | Men and women of the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile team                      | 2008 | Gen. Bruce Carlson, Cmdr., AFMC                                         |
| 1949 | Maj. Gen. William H. Tunner and the men of the Berlin Airlift                              | 1970 | Apollo 11 team (J. L. Atwood; Lt. Gen. S. C. Phillips, USAF; and astronauts Neil Armstrong and USAF Col. Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins) | 1989 | Gen. Larry D. Welch, Chief of Staff, USAF                                     | 2009 | Gen. John D. W. Corley, Cmdr., ACC                                      |
| 1950 | Airmen of the United Nations in the Far East                                               | 1971 | John S. Foster Jr., Dir. of Defense Research and Engineering                                                                              | 1990 | Gen. John T. Chain, CINC, SAC                                                 | 2010 | Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula, USAF Deputy Chief of Staff, ISR              |
| 1951 | Gen. Curtis E. LeMay and the personnel of Strategic Air Command                            | 1972 | Air units of the allied forces in Southeast Asia (Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and the Vietnamese Air Force)                      | 1991 | Lt. Gen. Charles A. Horner, Cmdr., CENTCOM Air Forces and 9th Air Force       | 2011 | Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, Cmdr., TRANSCOM                                  |
| 1952 | Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson and Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney                                        | 1973 | Gen. John D. Ryan, USAF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff                                                                                     | 1992 | Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA, Chm., Joint Chiefs of Staff                        | 2012 | Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USAF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff             |
| 1953 | Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, USAF (Ret.), former Air Force Chief of Staff                      | 1974 | Gen. George S. Brown, USAF, Chm., Joint Chiefs of Staff                                                                                   | 1993 | Gen. Merrill A. McPeak, Chief of Staff, USAF                                  | 2013 | Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., SOUTHCOM             |
| 1954 | John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State                                                     | 1975 | James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense                                                                                                | 1994 | Gen. John Michael Loh, Cmdr., Air Combat Command                              | 2014 | Gen. C. Robert Kehrer, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., STRATCOM              |
| 1955 | Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Chief of Staff, USAF                                               | 1976 | Sen. Barry M. Goldwater                                                                                                                   | 1995 | World War II Army Air Forces veterans                                         | 2015 | Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., AFMC             |
| 1956 | Sen. W. Stuart Symington                                                                   | 1977 | Sen. Howard W. Cannon                                                                                                                     | 1996 | Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Staff, USAF                                 | 2016 | Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, USAF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff              |
| 1957 | Edward P. Curtis, special assistant to the President                                       | 1978 | Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., USA, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe                                                                         | 1997 | Men and women of the United States Air Force                                  | 2017 | Lt. Gen. Christopher C. Bogdan, USAF (Ret.), former CEO, F-35 Prgm      |
| 1958 | Maj. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Cmdr., Ballistic Missile Div., ARDC                        | 1979 | Sen. John C. Stennis                                                                                                                      | 1998 | Gen. Richard E. Hawley, Cmdr., ACC                                            | 2018 | Gen. Herbert J. Carlisle, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., AFMC               |
| 1959 | Gen. Thomas S. Power, CINC, SAC                                                            | 1980 | Gen. Richard H. Ellis, USAF, CINC, SAC                                                                                                    | 1999 | Lt. Gen. Michael C. Short, Cmdr., Allied Air Forces Southern Europe           | 2019 | Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., AFMC              |
| 1960 | Gen. Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff, USAF                                                 | 1981 | Gen. David C. Jones, USAF, Chm., Joint Chiefs of Staff                                                                                    | 2000 | Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Chief of Staff, USAF                                    | 2020 | Gen. David L. Goldfein, USAF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff, USAF        |
| 1961 | Lyle S. Garlock, Assistant SECAF                                                           | 1982 | Gen. Lew Allen Jr., USAF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff                                                                                    | 2001 | Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, CINC, EUCOM                                           | 2021 | Gen. John W. "Jay" Raymond, USSF, Chief of Space Operations             |
| 1962 | A. C. Dickieson and John R. Pierce, Bell Telephone Laboratories                            | 1983 | Ronald W. Reagan, President of the United States                                                                                          | 2002 | Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chm., Joint Chiefs of Staff                      | 2022 | Gen. Tod D. Wolters, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., USEUCOM and NATO SACEUR |
| 1963 | The 363rd Tactical Recon. Wing and the 4080th Strategic Wing                               | 1984 | The President's Commission on Strategic Forces (Scowcroft Commission)                                                                     | 2003 | Lt. Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Cmdr., air component, CENTCOM, and 9th Air Force | 2023 | Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, Cmdr., NORTHCOM/NORAD                            |
| 1964 | Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Chief of Staff, USAF                                                 | 1985 | Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, USA, SACEUR                                                                                                       | 2004 | Gen. John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff, USAF                                     | 2024 | Gen. David Thompson, USSF (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Space Operations |
| 1965 | The 2nd Air Division, PACAF                                                                | 1986 | Gen. Charles A. Gabriel, USAF (Ret.), former Air Force Chief of Staff                                                                     | 2005 | Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., AFMC                       | 2025 | No Award                                                                |
| 1966 | The 8th, 12th, 355th, 366th, and 388th Tactical Fighter Wings and the 432nd and 460th TRWs | 1987 | Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., USN, Chm.,                                                                                                     | 2006 | Gen. Lance W. Lord, USAF (Ret.), former Cmdr., AFSPC                          |      |                                                                         |
| 1967 | Gen. William W. Momyer, Cmdr., 7th Air Force, PACAF                                        |      |                                                                                                                                           | 2007 | Gen. Ronald E. Keys, Cmdr., ACC                                               |      |                                                                         |
| 1968 | Col. Frank Borman, USAF; Capt. James                                                       |      |                                                                                                                                           |      |                                                                               |      |                                                                         |



AFA President & CEO Lt. Gen. Burt Field, USAF (Ret.), and AFA Chair of the Board Kathleen Ferguson present the W. Stuart Symington Award to U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker (center) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to national defense.

Courtesy

## W. STUART SYMINGTON AWARD

AFA's highest honor to a civilian in the field of national security, the award is named for the first Secretary of the Air Force.

| Year | Award Recipient(s)                                      | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                              | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                          | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                      |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1986 | Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary of Defense              | 1996 | Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska)                                     | 2007 | Michael W. Wynne, SECAF                                     | 2017 | Lisa S. Disbrow, Undersecretary of the Air Force        |
| 1987 | Edward C. Aldridge Jr., Secretary of the Air Force      | 1997 | William Perry, former SECDEF                                    | 2008 | Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.)                         | 2018 | Deborah Lee James, former SECAF                         |
| 1988 | George P. Schultz, Secretary of State                   | 1998 | Rep. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) and Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-Wash.) | 2009 | Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah)                                | 2019 | Heather Wilson, former SECAF                            |
| 1989 | Ronald W. Reagan, former President of the United States | 1999 | F. Whitten Peters, SECAF                                        | 2010 | John J. Hamre, Center for Strategic & International Studies | 2020 | Will Roper, Asst. SECAF (AT&L)                          |
| 1990 | John J. Welch, Asst. SECAF (Acquisition)                | 2000 | Rep. Floyd Spence (R-S.C.)                                      | 2011 | Rep. C. W. "Bill" Young (R-Fla.)                            | 2021 | Barbara Barrett, former SECAF                           |
| 1991 | George Bush, President of the United States             | 2001 | Sen. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.)      | 2012 | Gen. James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.)                            | 2022 | Sen. Jim Inhofe, Ranking Member, SASC                   |
| 1992 | Donald B. Rice, SECAF                                   | 2002 | Rep. James V. Hansen (R-Utah)                                   | 2013 | Michael B. Donley, SECAF                                    | 2023 | Frank Kendall, former SECAF                             |
| 1993 | Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)                              | 2003 | James G. Roche, SECAF                                           | 2014 | Ashton B. Carter, former Deputy SECDEF                      | 2024 | Dr. Derek Tourneart, Director, Space Development Agency |
| 1994 | Rep. Ike Skelton (D-Mo.)                                | 2004 | Peter B. Teets, Undersecretary of the Air Force                 | 2015 | William A. LaPlante, Asst. SECAF (Acquisition)              | 2025 | Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)                             |
| 1995 | Sheila E. Widnall, SECAF                                | 2005 | Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.)                                   | 2016 | Jamie M. Morin, Director, Cost Assessment & Prgm Evaluation |      |                                                         |
|      |                                                         | 2006 | No Award Given                                                  |      |                                                             |      |                                                         |

## JOHN R. ALISON AWARD

AFA's highest honor for industrial leadership.

| Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                                            | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                                     |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1992 | Norman R. Augustine, Chairman, Martin Marietta                                                | 2006 | Ronald D. Sugar, Chm. and CEO, Northrop Grumman                                        |
| 1993 | Daniel M. Tellep, Chm. and CEO, Lockheed                                                      | 2007 | Boeing and Lockheed Martin                                                             |
| 1994 | Kent Kresa, CEO, Northrop Grumman                                                             | 2008 | Bell Boeing CV-22 Team, Bell Helicopter Textron, and Boeing                            |
| 1995 | C. Michael Armstrong, Chm. and CEO, Hughes Aircraft                                           | 2009 | General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.                                              |
| 1996 | Harry Stonecipher, Pres. and CEO, McDonnell Douglas                                           | 2010 | Raytheon                                                                               |
| 1997 | Dennis J. Picard, Chm. and CEO, Raytheon                                                      | 2011 | United Launch Alliance                                                                 |
| 1998 | Philip M. Condit, Chm. and CEO, Boeing                                                        | 2012 | Boeing                                                                                 |
| 1999 | Sam B. Williams, Chm. and CEO, Williams International                                         | 2013 | X-51A WaveRider Program, Boeing, Aerojet Rocketdyne, and Air Force Research Laboratory |
| 2000 | Simon Ramo and Dean E. Wooldridge, missile pioneers                                           | 2014 | C-17 Globemaster III, Boeing                                                           |
| 2001 | George David, Chm. and CEO, United Technologies                                               | 2015 | F-22 Raptor, Lockheed Martin                                                           |
| 2002 | Sydney Gillibrand, Chm., AMEC, and Jerry Morgensen, Pres. and CEO, Hensel Phelps Construction | 2016 | SpaceX                                                                                 |
| 2003 | Joint Direct Attack Munition Industry Team, Boeing                                            | 2017 | Northrop Grumman                                                                       |
| 2004 | Thomas J. Cassidy Jr., Pres. and CEO, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems                    | 2018 | Skunk Works, Lockheed Martin                                                           |
| 2005 | Richard Branson, Chm., Virgin Atlantic Airways and Virgin Galactic                            | 2019 | Draken International                                                                   |
|      |                                                                                               | 2020 | Marilyn Hewson                                                                         |
|      |                                                                                               | 2021 | Tory Bruno, CEO, United Launch Alliance                                                |
|      |                                                                                               | 2022 | Jeff Babione, COO, Sierra Space                                                        |
|      |                                                                                               | 2023 | Neal Blue, Chairman/CEO, and Linden Blue, Vice Chairman, General Atomics               |
|      |                                                                                               | 2024 | Victus Nox (Space Sys. Command, Millennium Space, and Firefly Aerospace)               |
|      |                                                                                               | 2025 | BAE Systems                                                                            |

## AFA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The award recognizes a lifetime of work in the advancement of aerospace.

| Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2003 | Maj. Gen. John R. Alison, USAF (Ret.); Sen. John H. Glenn Jr.; Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm, USAF (Ret.); Col. Charles E. McGee, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, USAF (Ret.)                 |
| 2004 | Gen. Russell E. Dougherty, USAF (Ret.); Florene Miller Watson                                                                                                                                    |
| 2005 | Sen. Daniel K. Inouye; William J. Perry; Patty Wagstaff                                                                                                                                          |
| 2007 | CMSAF Paul W. Airey, USAF (Ret.)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2008 | Col. George E. Day, USAF (Ret.); Gen. David C. Jones, USAF (Ret.); Harold Brown                                                                                                                  |
| 2009 | Doolittle Raiders; Tuskegee Airmen; James R. Schlesinger                                                                                                                                         |
| 2010 | Col. Walter J. Boyne, USAF (Ret.); Andrew W. Marshall; Gen. Lawrence A. Skantze, USAF (Ret.); Women Airforce Service Pilots                                                                      |
| 2011 | Natalie W. Crawford; Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Larry D. Welch, USAF (Ret.); Heavy Bombardment Crews of WWII; Commando Sabre Operation-Call Sign Misty                       |
| 2012 | Gen. James P. McCarthy, USAF (Ret.); Vietnam War POWs; Berlin Airlift Aircrews; Korean War Airmen; Fighter Pilots of World War II                                                                |
| 2013 | Maj. Gen. Joe H. Engle, USAF (Ret.); US Rep. Sam Johnson; The Arlington Committee of the Air Force Officers' Wives' Club—"The Arlington Ladies"                                                  |
| 2014 | Brig. Gen. James A. McDivitt, USAF (Ret.); Civil Air Patrol—World War II veterans; American Fighter Aces                                                                                         |
| 2015 | R. A. "Bob" Hoover; Eugene F. "Gene" Kranz; Gen. Michael V. Hayden, USAF (Ret.)                                                                                                                  |
| 2016 | Maj. Gen. Claude M. Bolton Jr., USAF (Ret.); Lt. Col. John T. Correll, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Charles A. Horner, USAF (Ret.); Lt. Gen. James M. Keck, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret.) |
| 2017 | Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF (Ret.); Col. Clarence E. "Bud" Anderson, USAF (Ret.); Elinor Otto; Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Foundation                                                        |
| 2018 | Maj. Gen. Alfred K. Flowers, USAF (Ret.); Dan Friedkin; Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; Air Force Enlisted Village; Air Force Aid Society                                                   |
| 2019 | Gen. John A. Shaud, USAF (Ret.); Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF (Ret.); Dr. Benjamin Lambeth                                                                                                      |
| 2020 | Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, USAF (Ret.); Gen. John M. Loh, USAF (Ret.); Maj. Gen. Michael Collins, USAF (Ret.)                                                                                      |
| 2021 | CMSAF James M. McCoy, USAF (Ret.)                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2022 | Gen. Lance W. Lord, USAF (Ret.); Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret.)                                                                                                                            |
| 2023 | Dr. Paul Kaminski, Chairman/CEO Technovation, Inc.; Pioneers of the Red Flag, presented to Lt. Gen. Glen "Wally" Moorehead, USAF (Ret.)                                                          |
| 2024 | Norman Augustine, Aerospace Businessman                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2025 | Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, USAF (Ret.); Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF (Ret.)                                                 |

## AFA CHAIR'S AEROSPACE EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For long-term commitment to aerospace education, making a significant impact nationwide.

| Year | Award Recipient(s)                               | Year | Award Recipient(s)                               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 2009 | ExxonMobil Foundation                            | 2018 | Project Lead the Way                             |
| 2010 | USA Today                                        | 2019 | Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. |
| 2011 | The National Science Foundation                  | 2020 | Bernard K. "Bernie" Skoch                        |
| 2012 | The Military Channel                             | 2021 | The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies     |
| 2013 | The Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Program | 2022 | Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings              |
| 2014 | Department of Defense STARBASE Program           | 2023 | Rolls-Royce                                      |
| 2015 | Northrop Grumman                                 | 2024 | No Award Given                                   |
| 2016 | Harry Talbot                                     | 2025 | Daniel P. Woodward                               |
| 2017 | Analytical Graphics, Inc.                        |      |                                                  |

## AFA Field Awards

### AFA MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

State names refer to recipient's home state at the time of the award.

| Year | Award Recipient(s)                                  | Year | Award Recipient(s)                 |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| 1953 | Julian B. Rosenthal (N.Y.)                          | 1988 | Charles G. Durazo (Va.)            |
| 1954 | George A. Anderl (Ill.)                             | 1989 | Oliver R. Crawford (Texas)         |
| 1955 | Arthur C. Storz (Neb.)                              | 1990 | Cecil H. Hopper (Ohio)             |
| 1956 | Thos. F. Stack (Calif.)                             | 1991 | George M. Douglas (Colo.)          |
| 1957 | George D. Hardy (Md.)                               | 1992 | Jack C. Price (Utah)               |
| 1958 | Jack B. Gross (Pa.)                                 | 1993 | Lt. Col. James G. Clark (D.C.)     |
| 1959 | Carl J. Long (Pa.)                                  | 1994 | William A. Lafferty (Ariz.)        |
| 1960 | O. Donald Olson (Colo.)                             | 1995 | William N. Webb (Okla.)            |
| 1961 | Robert P. Stewart (Utah)                            | 1996 | Tommy G. Harrison (Fla.)           |
| 1962 | No award                                            | 1997 | James M. McCoy (Neb.)              |
| 1963 | N. W. DeBerardinis (La.) and Joe L. Shosid (Texas)  | 1998 | Ivan L. McKinney (La.)             |
| 1964 | Maxwell A. Kriendler (N.Y.)                         | 1999 | Jack H. Steed (Ga.)                |
| 1965 | Milton Caniff (N.Y.)                                | 2000 | Mary Anne Thompson (Va.)           |
| 1966 | William W. Spruance (Del.)                          | 2001 | Charles H. Church Jr. (Kan.)       |
| 1967 | Sam E. Keith Jr. (Texas)                            | 2002 | Thomas J. Kemp (Texas)             |
| 1968 | Marjorie O. Hunt (Mich.)                            | 2003 | W. Ron Goerges (Ohio)              |
| 1969 | (No presentation)                                   | 2004 | Doyle E. Larson (Minn.)            |
| 1970 | Lester C. Curl (Fla.)                               | 2005 | Charles A. Nelson (S.D.)           |
| 1971 | Paul W. Gaillard (Neb.)                             | 2006 | Craig E. Allen (Utah)              |
| 1972 | J. Raymond Bell (N.Y.) and Martin H. Harris (Fla.)  | 2007 | William D. Croom Jr. (Texas)       |
| 1973 | Joe Higgins (Calif.)                                | 2008 | John J. Politi (Texas)             |
| 1974 | Howard T. Markey (D.C.)                             | 2009 | David R. Cummock (Fla.)            |
| 1975 | Martin M. Ostrow (Calif.)                           | 2010 | L. Boyd Anderson (Utah)            |
| 1976 | Victor R. Kregel (Texas)                            | 2011 | Steven R. Lundgren (Alaska)        |
| 1977 | Edward A. Stearn (Calif.)                           | 2012 | S. Sanford Schlitt (Fla.)          |
| 1978 | William J. Demas (N.J.)                             | 2013 | Tim Brock (Fla.)                   |
| 1979 | Alexander C. Field Jr. (Ill.)                       | 2014 | James W. Simons (N.D.)             |
| 1980 | David C. Noerr (Calif.)                             | 2015 | James R. Lauducci (Va.)            |
| 1981 | Daniel F. Callahan (Fla.)                           | 2016 | David T. Buckwalter (Texas)        |
| 1982 | Thomas W. Anthony (Md.)                             | 2017 | James T. Hannam (Va.)              |
| 1983 | Richard H. Becker (Ill.)                            | 2018 | Russell V. Lewey (Ala.)            |
| 1984 | Earl D. Clark Jr. (Kan.)                            | 2019 | Susan Broderick Mallett (Ala.)     |
| 1985 | George H. Chabbott (Del.) and Hugh L. Enyart (Ill.) | 2020 | Mark Tarpley (Okla.)               |
| 1986 | John P.E. Kruse (N.J.)                              | 2021 | Gabrielle "Gabbe" Kearney (Alaska) |
| 1987 | Jack K. Westbrook (Tenn.)                           | 2022 | Linda McMahon (Va.)                |
|      |                                                     | 2023 | Roberta "Bobi" Oates (Nev.)        |
|      |                                                     | 2024 | Janelle Stafford (Okla.)           |
|      |                                                     | 2025 | Gavin "Mac" MacAloon (Va.)         |

# Aerospace Education Achievement Award

Presented to chapters for outstanding achievement in aerospace education programming.

- Alamo Chapter, Texas**  
*President Jennifer Deinhart*
- Albuquerque Chapter, N.M.**  
*President Fred Harsany*
- Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter, Neb.**  
*President Chris Canada*
- Charleston Chapter, S.C.**  
*President Makenzie Guerra*
- Cheyenne Cowboy Chapter, Wyo.**  
*President Scott Fox*
- Chuck Yeager Chapter, W.Va.**  
*President Peter Jones*
- David C. Jones Chapter, N.D.**  
*President James Bowman*

- D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va.**  
*President Darian Padilla*
- East Georgia Chapter, Ga.**  
*President Laurie Orth*
- Enid Chapter, Okla.**  
*President Tony Weedn*
- Fort Meade Chapter, Md.**  
*President Izeck Kohler*
- Gen. E.W. Rawlings Chapter, Minn.**  
*President Roman Hund*
- Greater Seattle Chapter, Wash.**  
*President Gordon Broadbent*
- Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.**  
*President Dann Matizza*

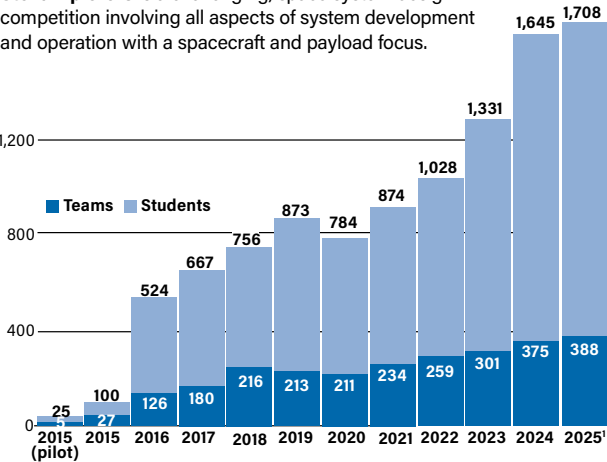
- Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Caty Rozema*
- Lincoln Chapter, Neb.**  
*President Kenneth Brownell*
- Martin H. Harris Chapter, Fla.**  
*President Sharon Branch*
- Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Michael Sumida*
- Mile High Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Cliff Klein*
- Montgomery Chapter, Ala.**  
*President Scott Key*
- Northeast Texas Chapter, Texas**  
*President Zachary Hill*

- Paul Revere Chapter, Mass.**  
*President Michael Harm*
- Robert E. Huyser Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Michael Peterson*
- Sam Johnson Chapter, Texas**  
*President Bob Gehbauer*
- Swamp Fox Chapter, S.C.**  
*President David Hanson*
- Tucson Chapter, Ariz.**  
*President Walter Saeger*

## STEM Programs

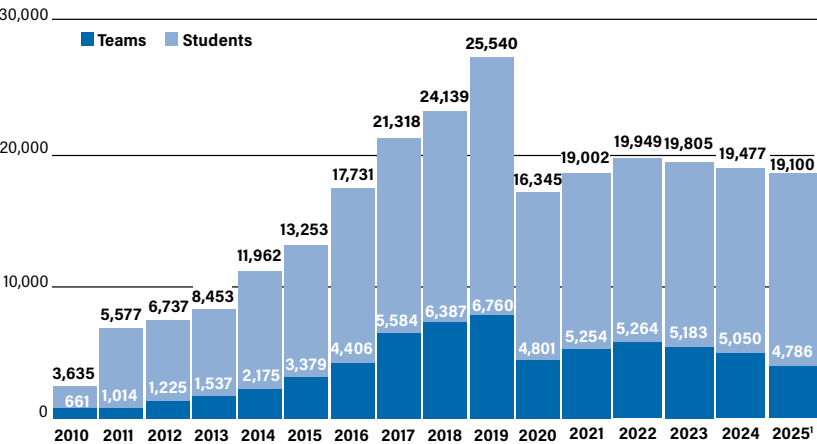
### AFA'S STELLARXPLORERS PROGRAM

**StellarXplorers** is a challenging, space system design competition involving all aspects of system development and operation with a spacecraft and payload focus.



### AFA'S CYBERPATRIOT PROGRAM

**CyberPatriot** is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created by AFA to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.



\*Estimated—our competitor registration deadline is early November.

## GOLD LIFE MEMBER CARD

Awarded to members whose AFA record, production, and accomplishments on a national level have been outstanding over a period of years.

| Name                | Year | Card No. |
|---------------------|------|----------|
| Gill Robb Wilson    | 1957 | 1        |
| Jimmy Doolittle     | 1959 | 2        |
| Arthur C. Storz Sr. | 1961 | 3        |
| Julian B. Rosenthal | 1962 | 4        |
| Jack B. Gross       | 1964 | 5        |
| George D. Hardy     | 1965 | 6        |
| Jess Larson         | 1967 | 7        |
| Robert W. Smart     | 1968 | 8        |
| Martin M. Ostrow    | 1973 | 9        |
| James H. Straubel   | 1980 | 10       |
| Martin H. Harris    | 1988 | 11       |
| Sam E. Keith Jr.    | 1990 | 12       |
| Edward A. Stearn    | 1992 | 13       |
| Dorothy L. Flanagan | 1994 | 14       |
| John O. Gray        | 1996 | 15       |
| Jack C. Price       | 1997 | 16       |
| Nathan H. Mazer     | 2002 | 17       |
| John R. Alison      | 2004 | 18       |
| Donald J. Harlin    | 2009 | 19       |
| James M. McCoy      | 2013 | 20       |
| George M. Douglas   | 2014 | 21       |
| John A. Shaud       | 2016 | 22       |
| Mary Anne Thompson  | 2018 | 23       |
| Bill Croom          | 2023 | 24       |

## CyberPatriot Awards



**CyberPatriot Mentor of the Year**  
**Xinle Yang**  
Westview High School  
(Portland, Ore.)



**CyberPatriot Coach of the Year**  
**Kavidha Ingole**  
Scouts BSA Troop 261  
(Frisco, Texas)

## DONALD W. STEELE SR. MEMORIAL AWARD

Air & Space Forces Association Unit of the Year.

| Year | Award Recipient(s)                                                                | Year | Award Recipient(s)                                |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1953 | San Francisco Chapter                                                             | 1988 | Gen. David C. Jones Chapter (N.D.)                |
| 1954 | Santa Monica Area Chapter (Calif.)                                                | 1989 | Thomas B. McGuire Jr. Chapter (N.J.)              |
| 1955 | San Fernando Valley Chapter (Calif.)                                              | 1990 | Gen. E. W. Rawlings Chapter (Minn.)               |
| 1956 | Utah State AFA                                                                    | 1991 | Paul Revere Chapter (Mass.)                       |
| 1957 | H. H. Arnold Chapter (N.Y.)                                                       | 1992 | Central Florida Chapter and Langley Chapter (Va.) |
| 1958 | San Diego Chapter                                                                 | 1993 | Green Valley Chapter (Ariz.)                      |
| 1959 | Cleveland Chapter                                                                 | 1994 | Langley Chapter (Va.)                             |
| 1960 | San Diego Chapter                                                                 | 1995 | Baton Rouge Chapter (La.)                         |
| 1961 | Chico Chapter (Calif.)                                                            | 1996 | Montgomery Chapter (Ala.)                         |
| 1962 | Fort Worth Chapter (Texas)                                                        | 1997 | Central Florida Chapter                           |
| 1963 | Colin P. Kelly Chapter (N.Y.)                                                     | 1998 | Ark-La-Tex Chapter (La.)                          |
| 1964 | Utah State AFA                                                                    | 1999 | Hurlburt Chapter (Fla.)                           |
| 1965 | Idaho State AFA                                                                   | 2000 | Wright Memorial Chapter (Ohio)                    |
| 1966 | New York State AFA                                                                | 2001 | Lance P. Sijan Chapter (Colo.)                    |
| 1967 | Utah State AFA                                                                    | 2002 | Eglin Chapter (Fla.)                              |
| 1968 | Utah State AFA                                                                    | 2003 | Hurlburt Chapter (Fla.)                           |
| 1969 | No Award                                                                          | 2004 | Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter (Ga.)                |
| 1970 | Georgia State AFA                                                                 | 2005 | Central Florida Chapter                           |
| 1971 | Middle Georgia Chapter                                                            | 2006 | Enid Chapter (Okla.)                              |
| 1972 | Utah State AFA                                                                    | 2007 | Central Oklahoma (Gerrity) Chapter                |
| 1973 | Langley Chapter (Va.)                                                             | 2008 | Lance P. Sijan Chapter (Colo.)                    |
| 1974 | Texas State AFA                                                                   | 2009 | Paul Revere Chapter (Mass.)                       |
| 1975 | Alamo Chapter (Texas) and San Bernardino Area Chapter (Calif.)                    | 2010 | C. Farinha Gold Rush Chapter (Calif.)             |
| 1976 | Scott Memorial Chapter (Ill.)                                                     | 2011 | Lance P. Sijan Chapter (Colo.)                    |
| 1977 | Thomas B. McGuire Jr. Chapter (N.J.)                                              | 2012 | Hurlburt Chapter (Fla.)                           |
| 1978 | Thomas B. McGuire Jr. Chapter (N.J.)                                              | 2013 | Paul Revere Chapter (Mass.)                       |
| 1979 | Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis Chapter (Calif.)                                      | 2014 | D. W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter (Va.)           |
| 1980 | Central Oklahoma (Gerrity) Chapter                                                | 2015 | Lance P. Sijan Chapter (Colo.)                    |
| 1981 | Alamo Chapter (Texas)                                                             | 2016 | Paul Revere Chapter (Mass.)                       |
| 1982 | Chicagoland-O'Hare Chapter (Ill.)                                                 | 2017 | Enid Chapter (Okla.)                              |
| 1983 | Charles A. Lindbergh Chapter (Conn.)                                              | 2018 | Langley Chapter (Va.)                             |
| 1984 | Scott Memorial Chapter (Ill.) and Colorado Springs/Lance Sijan P. Chapter (Colo.) | 2019 | Wright Memorial Chapter (Ohio)                    |
| 1985 | Cape Canaveral Chapter (Fla.)                                                     | 2020 | Mile High Chapter (Colo.)                         |
| 1986 | Charles A. Lindbergh Chapter (Conn.)                                              | 2021 | Paul Revere Chapter (Mass.)                       |
| 1987 | Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter (Ga.)                                                | 2022 | Mel Harmon Chapter (Colo.)                        |
|      |                                                                                   | 2023 | Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Chapter (Calif.)        |
|      |                                                                                   | 2024 | Wright Memorial Chapter (Ohio)                    |
|      |                                                                                   | 2025 | Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter (Va.)       |

## Aerospace Education Excellence Award

Presented for excellence in aerospace education programming. To qualify, a chapter must have received the Aerospace Education Achievement Award this year.

### Small Chapter

**Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Michael Sumida*

### Medium Chapter

**No Award**

### Large Chapter

**Charleston Chapter, S.C.**  
*President Makenzie Guerra*

### Extra-Large Chapter

**Tucson Chapter, Ariz.**  
*President Walter Saeger*

## AFA's 2025 Teacher of the Year Award

AFA named **Ashlie Smith** the 2025 Teacher of the Year sponsored by Rolls-Royce North America Defense. The annual award recognizes exceptional teachers who inspire their students through innovative approaches to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.



AFA Teacher of the Year Ashlie Smith, was one of the leaders of a STEM teachers workshop held in Lagos, Nigeria, last year that connected students across cultures by way of science projects. "Aerospace is ... a launchpad," said Smith.

## Outstanding State Organization

**COLORADO**

## Outstanding Chapters by Size

### Small Chapter

**Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Michael Sumida*

### Medium Chapter

**No Award**

### Large Chapter

**Northeast Chapter, Texas**  
*President Vance Clarke*

### Extra-Large Chapter

**D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va.**  
*President Darian Padilla*

## Chair, AFA Board of Directors Citation Award

Awarded to those individual AFA members whose distinguished contribution to AFA in a specific field has improved and elevated the effectiveness of the Association in a national sense.

**Richard Baldwin**      **Ross Lambert**  
**Frances Bradshaw**    **Marianne Tango Williams**

## Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award

Presented to that AFA chapter which produces the highest number of new members during the 12-month period ending June 20, 2025, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of June 30, 2024.

**Mount Clemens Chapter, Mich.**

*President Doug Slocum*



Jud McCrehin/staff

## David "Buck" Buckwalter Distinguished Sustained Aerospace Education (DSAE) Award

Presented to an individual AFA member whose record overwhelmingly demonstrates distinguished sustained service in any support of the educational mission of the Air & Space Forces Association over a period of years.

**Stephen Gourley** was awarded the DSAE award for his continuous work with the Education Council, as a founder of the StellarXplorers program, and his commitment to AFA.

## Unit Exceptional Service Awards (ESA)

**ESA United Forces & Families**  
**Mile High Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Cliff Klein*

**ESA Best Single Program**  
**Sam Johnson Chapter, Texas**  
*President Bob Gehbauer*

**ESA Communications**  
**D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va.**  
*President Darian Padilla*

**ESA Community Partners-  
-Small Chapter**  
**Fairbanks Midnight Sun Chapter, Alaska**  
*President Jeff Putnam*

**-Medium Chapter**  
**Enid Chapter, Okla.**  
*President Tony Weedn*

**-Large Chapter**  
**Northeast Texas Chapter, Texas**  
*President Zachary Hill*

**-Extra-Large Chapter**  
**Tennessee Valley Chapter, Ala.**  
*President John Pennell*

**-Over 1,100**  
**Central Oklahoma Gerrity Chapter, Okla.**  
*President Tim Frisby*

**ESA Community Relations**  
**Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.**  
*President Dann Matizaa*

**ESA Overall Programming**  
**Paul Revere Chapter, Mass.**  
*President Michael Harm*

**ESA Veterans Affairs**  
**Paul Revere Chapter, Mass.**  
*President Michael Harm*

**ESA Unit AAS/SW Integration**  
**D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va.**  
*President Darian Padilla*

**ESA Heritage**  
**Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo.**  
*President Mike Sumida*

**ESA AIMS (Advocates Inspiring  
Military Service)**  
**-Small**  
**Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo.**

*President Michael Sumida*

**Medium -Not Awarded**  
**Large-Not Awarded**

**-Extra-Large**  
**D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va.**  
*President Darian Padilla*

## Jack Gross Award

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**  
**Spangdahlem Chapter, Germany**  
*President Jason Eastman*

**Medium Chapter**  
**MiG Alley Chapter, Korea**  
*President Trenton Schreyer*

**Large Chapter**  
**Northeast Texas Chapter, Texas**  
*President Zachary Hill*

**Extra-Large Chapter**  
**Mount Clemens Chapter, Mich.**  
*President Doug Slocum*

**Chapter Size Larger Than 1,100**  
**Central Oklahoma Gerrity Chapter, Okla.**  
*President Tim Frisby*

## AFA Lifetime Achievement Award



Chilton



Breedlove



Jumper



Martin

Jud McCrehin /staff

The 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award recipients were recognized for having made lasting contributions to aerospace power and national defense. (L-R): Gen. Kevin Chilton, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, USAF (Ret.); Gen John P. Jumper, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Gregory S. Martin.

(To learn more, visit: <https://www.afa.org/afa-congratulates-2025-lifetime-achievement-award-winners/>)

## Individual Awards by Region

Presented for outstanding service.

### Medal of Merit

Awarded for exceptional services in local, regional, or national fields and shall denote great initiative on the part of the recipient for specific achievements.

### Exceptional Service Award

Presented to those individual AFA members who have performed exceptional services for AFA in local, regional, or national fields.

#### Central East

##### Medal of Merit

David Baylor  
Tyler Johnson  
Izeck Kohler  
James Merchant  
Karl Schrader  
Tim Tanbonliong  
Jay Thompson  
Derald Wentzien  
Paul Willard

##### Exceptional Service Award

Bob Hill  
Lloyd Swede  
Adrian Zollinger

#### Far West

##### Medal of Merit

Scott Beidleman  
Tony Della-Moretta  
Bill Harding  
Jim McFarlin  
Steve Pluntze

#### Florida

##### Medal of Merit

Susan Ault-Davis  
Sharon Branch  
Thomas Carney  
Emily Farkas  
Deb Hutto

#### Great Lakes

#### Medal of Merit

Brian Birchmeier  
Randy Clark  
Frank Merrill  
Carl Shofner  
Tamara Shoemaker

##### Exceptional Service Award

Dave Babcock  
Doug Slocum

#### Midwest

##### Medal of Merit

Louis Campbell  
James Giles  
Frank Kimball  
Bill Mavity

#### New England

##### Medal of Merit

Talisa Bell

##### Exceptional Service Award

Michael Harm  
Michael Kearns

#### North Central

##### Medal of Merit

James Bowman  
Cole Kirby  
Donald Mikitta

##### Exceptional Service Award

George Masters  
Thomas Theis

#### Northeast

##### Medal of Merit

Meredith Camelletti  
Fred Di Fabio  
Bill Petzinger  
Janet Woods

#### Northwest

##### Medal of Merit

Gordon Broadbent  
Sarah Broadbent  
Mark Minickiello  
E. Kent Wong

#### Rocky Mountain

##### Medal of Merit

Laura Conn

##### Exceptional Service Award

Kenneth Bowens  
Mark "Yak" Maryak

#### South Central

##### Medal of Merit

Maura Barton  
Stefan Eisen  
Laura Meins  
Greg Sharpe

##### Exceptional Service Award

Betty McCoy  
Patrick McCoy

#### Southeast

##### Medal of Merit

Makenzie Guerra  
Greggia Sylvester

#### Exceptional Service Award

Cheryl Moyer  
Laura Orth

#### Southwest

##### Medal of Merit

Jennifer Cunningham  
Bill Foraker  
Marie Lankford  
Vickie Jo Ryder  
Markesha Wilson

##### Exceptional Service Award

Walter Saeger

#### Texoma

##### Medal of Merit

Ahna Arcturus  
Jordan Arcturus  
Mike Bofferding  
Ross Fasolino  
Bryan Hielscher  
Priscilla Ashley Miller

##### Exceptional Service Award

Vance Clark  
Ed Garland  
Glenn Medeiros  
Holly Olson  
Joseph Peltier  
Jerry Ransom

## Community Partner Awards

### GOLD AWARD

Presented to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least 6 percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.

-Fairbanks Midnight Sun Chapter, Alaska  
-Enid Chapter, Okla.  
-Northeast Texas Chapter, Texas

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented in the field to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least 3 percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.

Lincoln Chapter, Neb.  
Meridian Chapter, Miss.

## Special Recognition Membership Awards

### STATE GROWTH

This state has realized a growth in total membership from June 2024 to June 2025:

|                      |             |                |                |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Alaska               | Georgia     | Montana        | Pennsylvania   |
| Alabama              | Hawaii      | Nevada         | South Carolina |
| Arizona              | Iowa        | New Jersey     | Tennessee      |
| Arkansas             | Idaho       | New Mexico     | Texas          |
| Colorado             | Louisiana   | New York       | Utah           |
| Delaware             | Maryland    | North Carolina | Virginia       |
| District of Columbia | Michigan    | North Dakota   | Washington     |
| Florida              | Mississippi | Oklahoma       | Wyoming        |
|                      | Missouri    | Oregon         |                |

### REGION GROWTH

This region has realized a growth in total membership from June 2024 to June 2025:

|                     |                      |                       |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Central East Region | New England Region   | Rocky Mountain Region |
| European Region     | North Central Region | South Central Region  |
| Far West Region     | Northeast Region     | Southeast Region      |
| Florida Region      | Northwest Region     | Southwest Region      |
| Midwest Region      | Pacific Region       | Texoma Region         |

### CHAPTER GROWTH

These chapters have realized a growth in total membership from June 2024 to June 2025:

|                                                 |                                              |                                          |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Abilene Chapter, Texas                          | East Georgia Chapter, Ga.                    | Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.                   | San Jacinto Chapter, Texas               |
| Alamo Chapter, Texas                            | Edward J. Monaghan Chapter, Alaska           | Inland Empire Chapter, Wash.             | Sam Johnson Chapter, Texas               |
| Albany-Hudson Valley Chapter, N.Y.              | Eglin Chapter, Fla.                          | Joe-Walker-Mon Valley Chapter, Pa.       | Scott Berkeley Chapter, N.C.             |
| Albuquerque Chapter, N.M.                       | Enid Chapter, Okla.                          | Keystone Chapter, Japan                  | Scott Memorial Chapter, Ill.             |
| Altus Chapter, Okla.                            | Everett R. Cook, Tenn.                       | Lake Superior Northland Chapter, Mich.   | Scott Van Cleef Chapter, Va.             |
| Ark-La-Tex Chapter, La.                         | Fairbanks Midnight Sun Chapter, Alaska       | Lance P Sijan Chapter, Colo.             | Snake River Valley Chapter, Idaho        |
| Austin Chapter, Texas                           | Falcon Chapter, Fla.                         | Langley Chapter, Va.                     | South Alabama Chapter, Ala.              |
| BG Frederick W. Castle Chapter, N.J.            | Florida West Coast Chapter, Fla.             | L.D. Bell Niagara Frontier Chapter, N.Y. | South Georgia Chapter, Ga.               |
| BG Harrison R. Thyng Chapter, N.H.              | Fort Meade Chapter, Md.                      | Llano Estacado Chapter, N.M.             | Space Coast Chapter, Fla.                |
| Big Sky Chapter, Mont.                          | Frank Luke Chapter, Ariz.                    | Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr. Chapter, Mich.      | Spangdahlem Chapter, Germany             |
| Blue Ridge Chapter, N.C.                        | Gen. James R. McCarthy Chapter, Fla.         | Long Island Chapter, N.Y.                | Stan Hryn Monterey Bay Chapter, Calif.   |
| Bob Newman Cape Fear Chapter, N.C.              | Gen. Bernard A. Schriever LA Chapter, Calif. | Lt. Col. B.D. Buzz Wagner Chapter, Pa.   | Steel Valley Chapter, Ohio               |
| Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance Chapter, Del.          | Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter, Tenn.        | Lt. Erwin R. Bleckley Chapter, Kan.      | Swamp Fox Chapter, S.C.                  |
| Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Memorial Chapter, Ohio | Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Chapter, N.Y.            | Maj. Gen. Oris B. Johnson Chapter, La.   | Tennessee Ernie Ford Chapter, Calif.     |
| Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter, Ga.               | Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr. Chapter, Texas  | Martin H. Harris Chapter, Fla.           | Tennessee Valley Chapter, Ala.           |
| Central Maryland Chapter, Md.                   | Gen. Charles A. Gabriel Chapter, Va.         | McChord Field Chapter, Wash.             | The Red Tail Memorial Chapter, Fla.      |
| Central Oklahoma Gerrity Chapter, Okla.         | Gen. David C. Jones Chapter, N.D.            | Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo.                | Thomas W. Anthony Chapter, Md.           |
| Charlemagne Chapter, Germany                    | Gen. Doolittle LA Area Chapter, Calif.       | Meridian Chapter, Miss.                  | Thunderbird Chapter, Nev.                |
| Charleston Chapter, S.C.                        | Gen. H. H. Arnold Memorial Chapter, Tenn.    | Miami-Homestead Chapter, Fla.            | Tucson Chapter, Ariz.                    |
| Cheyenne Cowboy Chapter, Wyo.                   | Gen. Robert F. Travis Chapter, Calif.        | MiG Alley Chapter, Korea                 | Tulsa Chapter, Okla.                     |
| Col. Bud West Chapter, Fla.                     | Gen. Russell E. Dougherty Chapter, Ky.       | Mile High Chapter, Colo.                 | Tyndall Chapter, Fla.                    |
| Columbia Gorge Chapter, Ore.                    | Gold Coast Chapter, Fla.                     | Montgomery Chapter, Ala.                 | United Kingdom Chapter, Europe           |
| Columbia Palmetto Chapter, S.C.                 | Golden Gate Chapter, Calif.                  | Mount Clemens Chapter, Mich.             | Ute-Rocky Mountain Chapter, Utah         |
| Cochise Chapter, Ariz.                          | Golden Triangle Chapter, Miss.               | Nation's Capital Chapter, D.C.           | Waterman-Twining Chapter, Fla.           |
| Cochise Chapter, Ariz.                          | Harry S. Truman Chapter, Mo.                 | Northern Utah Chapter, Utah              | White Sands Chapter, N.M.                |
| Concho Chapter, Texas                           | Hawaii Chapter, Hawaii                       | Ramstein Chapter, Germany                | Whiteman Chapter, Mo.                    |
| David D. Terry Jr. Chapter, Ariz.               |                                              | Red River Valley Chapter, N.D.           | William J. "Pete" Knight Chapter, Calif. |
| Del Rio Chapter, Texas                          |                                              | Richard I. Bong Chapter, Minn.           | Wright Memorial Chapter, Ohio            |
| Delaware Galaxy Chapter, Del.                   |                                              | Richmond Chapter, Va.                    | York-Lancaster Chapter, Pa.              |
| Dobbins Chapter, Ga.                            |                                              | Robert H. Goddard Chapter, Calif.        |                                          |
| Dolomiti Chapter, Italy                         |                                              | Rushmore Chapter, S.D.                   |                                          |
| Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va.      |                                              | Salt Lake City Chapter, Utah             |                                          |
|                                                 |                                              | San Diego Chapter, Calif.                |                                          |

# AFA Chapter Members by Region, State, and Chapter

These figures indicate the number of affiliated members as of September 2025. Listed below the name of each region is the Region President.

|                                                |               |                                                |              |                                        |              |                                                |               |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>CENTRAL EAST REGION</b>                     | <b>18,486</b> | Battle Creek . . . . .                         | 12           | Shooting Star . . . . .                | 140          | <b>Georgia</b>                                 | <b>3,077</b>  |
| Linda McMahon                                  |               | Lake Superior Northland . . . . .              | 155          | Thomas B. McGuire Jr. . . . .          | 333          | Carl Vinson Memorial . . . . .                 | 1,173         |
| <b>Delaware</b>                                | <b>473</b>    | Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr. . . . .                   | 291          | <b>New York</b>                        | <b>1,923</b> | Dobbins . . . . .                              | 1,358         |
| Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance . . . . .             | 121           | Mount Clemens . . . . .                        | 1,110        | Albany-Hudson Valley* . . . . .        | 296          | East Georgia . . . . .                         | 561           |
| Delaware Galaxy . . . . .                      | 351           | <b>Ohio</b>                                    | <b>4,503</b> | Finger Lakes . . . . .                 | 331          | South Georgia . . . . .                        | 285           |
| Liberty Bell . . . . .                         | 1             | Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Memorial* . . . . .   | 462          | Gen. Carl A. Spaatz . . . . .          | 125          | <b>North Carolina</b>                          | <b>2,373</b>  |
| <b>District of Columbia</b>                    | <b>2,504</b>  | Frank P. Lahm . . . . .                        | 349          | Genesee Valley . . . . .               | 179          | Blue Ridge . . . . .                           | 388           |
| Nation's Capital . . . . .                     | 2,504         | Gen. Joseph W. Ralston . . . . .               | 389          | Iron Gate . . . . .                    | 220          | Bob Newman Cape Fear . . . . .                 | 185           |
| <b>Maryland</b>                                | <b>4,279</b>  | North Coast* . . . . .                         | 168          | L. D. Bell-Niagara Frontier . . . . .  | 218          | Kitty Hawk . . . . .                           | 36            |
| Central Maryland . . . . .                     | 575           | Steel Valley . . . . .                         | 128          | Long Island . . . . .                  | 438          | Pope . . . . .                                 | 686           |
| Fort Meade . . . . .                           | 1,530         | Wright Memorial* . . . . .                     | 3,007        | Pride of the Adirondacks . . . . .     | 116          | Scott Berkeley . . . . .                       | 339           |
| Thomas W. Anthony . . . . .                    | 2,174         | <b>MIDWEST REGION</b>                          | <b>5,871</b> | <b>Pennsylvania</b>                    | <b>1,891</b> | Tarheel . . . . .                              | 739           |
| <b>Virginia</b>                                | <b>11,000</b> | Fred Niblock                                   |              | Altoona . . . . .                      | 117          | <b>South Carolina</b>                          | <b>2,031</b>  |
| Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial . . . . .        | 5,834         | <b>Illinois</b>                                | <b>2,223</b> | Joe Walker-Mon Valley . . . . .        | 154          | Charleston . . . . .                           | 660           |
| Gen. Charles A. Gabriel . . . . .              | 13            | Chicagoland-O'Hare . . . . .                   | 755          | Lehigh Valley . . . . .                | 126          | Columbia Palmetto . . . . .                    | 410           |
| Langley . . . . .                              | 2,238         | Scott Memorial . . . . .                       | 1,468        | Liberty Bell . . . . .                 | 475          | Strom Thurmond . . . . .                       | 391           |
| Richmond . . . . .                             | 2             | <b>Iowa</b>                                    | <b>384</b>   | Lt. Col. B. D. "Buzz" Wagner . . . . . | 89           | Swamp Fox . . . . .                            | 570           |
| Scott Van Cleef . . . . .                      | 3,013         | Fort Dodge . . . . .                           | 24           | Mifflin County* . . . . .              | 71           | <b>SOUTHWEST REGION</b>                        | <b>7,107</b>  |
| Northern Shenandoah Valley . . . . .           | 5             | Gen. Charles A. Horner . . . . .               | 175          | Olmsted . . . . .                      | 218          | Alan Berg                                      |               |
| <b>West Virginia</b>                           | <b>230</b>    | Northeast Iowa . . . . .                       | 147          | Pocono Northeast . . . . .             | 156          | <b>Arizona</b>                                 | <b>3,329</b>  |
| Chuck Yeager . . . . .                         | 230           | Richard D. Kisling . . . . .                   | 38           | Total Force . . . . .                  | 287          | Cochise . . . . .                              | 140           |
| <b>FAR WEST REGION</b>                         | <b>8,525</b>  | <b>Kansas</b>                                  | <b>541</b>   | York-Lancaster . . . . .               | 198          | Frank Luke . . . . .                           | 1,721         |
| Wayne Kauffman                                 |               | Lt. Erwin R. Bleckley . . . . .                | 354          | <b>NORTHWEST REGION</b>                | <b>4,168</b> | Prescott/Goldwater . . . . .                   | 304           |
| <b>California</b>                              | <b>7,426</b>  | Maj. Gen. Edward R. Fry . . . . .              | 187          | Bill Striegel                          |              | Tucson . . . . .                               | 1,164         |
| Bob Hope . . . . .                             | 487           | <b>Missouri</b>                                | <b>1,504</b> | <b>Alaska</b>                          | <b>650</b>   | <b>Nevada</b>                                  | <b>1,926</b>  |
| Brig. Gen. Robert Cardenas San Diego . . . . . | 646           | Harry S. Truman . . . . .                      | 511          | Edward J. Monaghan . . . . .           | 499          | Thunderbird . . . . .                          | 1,926         |
| Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis . . . . .          | 521           | Spirit of St. Louis . . . . .                  | 507          | Fairbanks Midnight Sun . . . . .       | 151          | <b>New Mexico</b>                              | <b>1,852</b>  |
| C. Farinha Gold Rush . . . . .                 | 752           | Whiteman . . . . .                             | 486          | <b>Idaho</b>                           | <b>457</b>   | Albuquerque . . . . .                          | 1,206         |
| David J. Price/Beale . . . . .                 | 274           | <b>Nebraska</b>                                | <b>1,219</b> | Snake River Valley . . . . .           | 457          | Llano Estacado . . . . .                       | 242           |
| Fresno* . . . . .                              | 399           | Ak-Sar-Ben . . . . .                           | 1,010        | <b>Oregon</b>                          | <b>693</b>   | White Sands . . . . .                          | 404           |
| Gen. B. A. Schriever Los Angeles . . . . .     | 793           | Lincoln . . . . .                              | 209          | Bill Harris . . . . .                  | 175          | <b>TEXOMA REGION</b>                           | <b>13,890</b> |
| General Doolittle Los Angeles Area* . . . . .  | 816           | <b>NEW ENGLAND REGION</b>                      | <b>2,713</b> | Columbia Gorge* . . . . .              | 518          | Norm King                                      |               |
| Golden Gate* . . . . .                         | 438           | David DeNofrio                                 |              | <b>Washington</b>                      | <b>2,368</b> | <b>Oklahoma</b>                                | <b>2,441</b>  |
| Orange Desert . . . . .                        | 91            | <b>Connecticut</b>                             | <b>495</b>   | Greater Seattle . . . . .              | 667          | Altus . . . . .                                | 263           |
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| Palm Springs . . . . .                         | 276           | Lindbergh/Sikorsky . . . . .                   | 223          | McChord Field . . . . .                | 1,032        | Enid . . . . .                                 | 368           |
| Robert H. Goddard . . . . .                    | 466           | <b>Massachusetts</b>                           | <b>1,269</b> | <b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION</b>           | <b>7,725</b> | Tulsa . . . . .                                | 339           |
| Stan Hryn Monterey Bay . . . . .               | 157           | Minuteman . . . . .                            | 203          | Linda Aldrich                          |              | <b>Texas</b>                                   | <b>11,449</b> |
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| Hawaii* . . . . .                              | 1,099         | <b>New Hampshire</b>                           | <b>554</b>   | Mel Harmon . . . . .                   | 125          | Austin . . . . .                               | 1,064         |
| <b>FLORIDA REGION</b>                          | <b>9,095</b>  | Brig. Gen. Harrison R. Thyng . . . . .         | 554          | Mile High . . . . .                    | 2,310        | Concho . . . . .                               | 372           |
| Mike Liquori                                   |               | <b>Rhode Island</b>                            | <b>205</b>   | <b>Utah</b>                            | <b>1,363</b> | Del Rio . . . . .                              | 201           |
| <b>Florida</b>                                 | <b>9,095</b>  | Metro Rhode Island . . . . .                   | 164          | Northern Utah . . . . .                | 452          | Fort Worth . . . . .                           | 1,178         |
| Gen. James R. McCarthy . . . . .               | 1,392         | Newport Blue & Gold . . . . .                  | 41           | Salt Lake City . . . . .               | 420          | Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr. . . . .           | 305           |
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| Falcon . . . . .                               | 1,126         | <b>NORTH CENTRAL REGION</b>                    | <b>3,067</b> | Cheyenne Cowboy . . . . .              | 470          | San Jacinto . . . . .                          | 857           |
| Florida Highlands . . . . .                    | 10            | Larry Sagstetter                               |              | <b>SOUTH CENTRAL REGION</b>            | <b>7,010</b> | <b>OVERSEAS CHAPTERS</b>                       | <b>1,385</b>  |
| Florida West Coast . . . . .                   | 184           | <b>Minnesota</b>                               | <b>857</b>   | Susan Mallett                          |              | <b>US Air Forces in Europe</b>                 | <b>859</b>    |
| Gold Coast . . . . .                           | 540           | Gen. E. W. Rawlings . . . . .                  | 709          | <b>Alabama</b>                         | <b>2,521</b> | Erin LeFever (Special Assistant)               |               |
| Hurlburt . . . . .                             | 7             | Richard I. Bong . . . . .                      | 148          | Birmingham . . . . .                   | 298          | Charlemagne: Geilenkirchen, Germany. . . . .   | 19            |
| Martin H. Harris . . . . .                     | 1,052         | <b>Montana</b>                                 | <b>371</b>   | Montgomery . . . . .                   | 1,393        | Dolomiti: Aviano AB, Italy. . . . .            | 193           |
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| Waterman-Twining . . . . .                     | 1,217         | Happy Hooligan . . . . .                       | 67           | Lewis E. Lyle . . . . .                | 314          | Jeremy Nickel (Special Assistant)              |               |
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