



AFA Nominees for 2000-01

At a meeting May 27, 2000, in Colorado Springs, Colo., the Air Force Association Nominating Committee selected a slate of candidates for the four national officer positions and the six elective positions on the Board of Directors. This slate will be presented to the delegates at the National Convention in Washington, D.C., in September.

The Nominating Committee consists of the five most recent past National Presidents (not serving as Chairman of the Board) and one representative from each of the 14 US regions.

Nominated for National President was **John J. Politi** of Sedalia, Mo. He is a business consultant and President

of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation. Politi is a 1997 recipient of the Governor's Quality Leadership Award and is on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Examiners. In AFA, he currently serves as a National Director, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and member of the Executive and Resolutions Committees. He is also the Vice President, Leadership Development, for Missouri State AFA.

Politi graduated from Central High School in Valley Stream, N.Y., and from the University of Colorado at Boulder, with a major in political science. He also earned a master's degree in economics from South Dakota State University and completed the Advanced Executive Management Program at Texas A&M University.

He was commissioned into the Air Force through the ROTC program in March 1966. Politi retired from the Air Force as a colonel after 26 years of service, the majority of which was spent in strategic nuclear weapons systems. His assignments included air division, wing, and group command, as well as major air command and Air Staff duties.

Politi has served as National Vice President for the Midwest Region, Missouri State President and Treasurer, Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Ad Hoc Financial Committee, and a member of the Membership Committee and Credentials Committee. He has received AFA's Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Presidential Citation.

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over \$2 million since its inception.

Among his many awards, McKee has received New York State AFA's Exceptional Service Citation, AFA's Exceptional Service Award, and AFA's Presidential Citation. He has twice been designated an AEF Doolittle Fellow in recognition of his seven years as Chairman of the National Air Force Salute Committee.

As an Air Force dependent, McKee

and completed the Emerging Executives Program at Pennsylvania State University in 1983.

In addition, McKee is a Trustee on the following boards: Air Force Memorial Foundation in Arlington, Va.; Falcon Foundation at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; and the College of Aeronautics in New York City. He is a Charter Sustaining Life Member of



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Hatch and has five children, Pam, Eileen, Jay, Stephanie, and Chip.

Thomas J. McKee of Fairfax Station, Va., an aerospace industry executive and former Air Force pilot, was nominated for National Chairman of the Board. He was elected National President of the Air Force Association during its 1998 National Convention and recently completed his second one-year term in office.

McKee had served as Chairman of the Board of the Aerospace Education Foundation, AFA's educational affiliate, and is a past President of the foundation. He has also served as an Under-40 National Director, AFA National Secretary, Chairman of both AFA's Resolutions Committee and Industrial Associate Task Force, and as a member of its Executive and Communications Committees.

At the grass-roots level, he has been an active member of AFA's Iron Gate Chapter, located in New York City, previously serving as Chapter Vice President, President, and Chairman of the National Air Force Salute Foundation, an organization set up by the chapter to support Air Force-oriented charities, which raised and donated

traveled extensively and was later commissioned into the United States Air Force through Officer Training School. After earning his pilot wings at Reese AFB, Tex., he served as a T-38 instructor pilot and check pilot at Williams AFB, Ariz., and subsequently transferred to Tactical Air Command where he flew the A-7D Corsair II while assigned to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. After seven years of service, he separated from the Air Force and began a career in the defense industry.

McKee joined the Grumman Aerospace Corp. in Bethpage, N.Y., as a customer requirements representative for Air Force programs. He later became the Director of Air Force Requirements and was subsequently transferred to Grumman's Washington Operations and elected a Corporate Vice President by the Board of Directors. When Grumman Corp. was acquired by Northrop in 1994, McKee became responsible for executive-branch (defense and nondefense) customer relations for the Northrop Grumman Corp.

McKee earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Southeast Missouri State University

the Aerospace Education Foundation and a Life Member of AFA.

He is married to the former Patricia Rizzuto from Midland Park, N.J., and they have three children, Michelle, Catherine, and Thomas Jr.

Nominated for National Secretary was **Daniel C. Hendrickson** of Layton, Utah. He is the Minuteman Chief Systems Engineer for Boeing and in 1996 was named ICBM Engineer of the Year for the company. In AFA he is a National Director and member of the Resolutions and Executive Committees.

Hendrickson was born in Upland, Calif., and graduated from Chaffey High School in Ontario, Calif. He received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics with honors from California State Polytechnic University in 1967. He later received a master's degree in business administration from California State University at Fullerton.

After receiving his undergraduate degree, Hendrickson joined Autonetics, formerly a division of Rockwell International and now a division of Boeing. In this position he developed inertial guidance equations and com-



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puter programs for the Minuteman III ICBM. Since then he has accepted increasingly more complex and responsible assignments related to the engineering, scientific, and business aspects of ICBM guidance. To better employ his expertise with the Air Force customer he relocated to Utah in 1975. He has held positions in engineering management, program management, and program development. He co-authored a 1995 book entitled *A Brief History of Minuteman Guidance and Control*.

In AFA Hendrickson has served as National Vice President for the Rocky Mountain Region, Chairman of the Membership and Credentials Committees, and Utah State and Chapter President. He has received two Presidential Citations, the Medal of Merit and the Exceptional Service Award. He has also been honored as a Jimmy Doolittle Fellow in the Aerospace Education Foundation where he serves as a member of the Public Awareness and Development Committees. He was elected a National Director in 1997 and selected to serve on the Executive Committee in 1999.

He and his wife, Judy, have a son, Paul, who is an AFROTC student at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Charles A. "Chuck" Nelson of Sioux Falls, S.D., was nominated as National Treasurer. Nelson was born in Sioux Falls and received a bachelor of science degree in business

administration from the University of South Dakota in 1983 and became a certified public accountant in 1985.

Nelson enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard in 1980, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1984, and retired from the South Dakota ANG at the grade of major in 1995.

A Life Member of AFA, Nelson has served as North Central Region President, covering Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, South Dakota State President, and Dacotah Chapter President. Nationally, he has been active since 1989 while serving on the Junior Officer Advisory Council, Air National Guard Council, Membership Committee, Finance Committee, and as an Under-40 National Director, and most recently as Chairman of the Audit Committee. He received AFA's Medal of Merit in both 1991 and 1998.

Nelson is currently President of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and has previously served as their Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Administration. He also serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the South Dakota Air Show, Inc. He is married to the former Kristine Christensen, and they have three daughters, Rebecca, Jillian, and Sarah.

The six people whose photographs appear on this page are nominees for the six elected Directorships for the coming year. Five are nominees

from their respective regions and are to be ratified by the delegates to the convention.

John E. Craig II, Virginia (Central East Region). Former Virginia State President; President of the Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter. Currently Central East Region President.

Arthur F. Trost, California (Far West Region). Former National Vice President, Far West Region; California State President; President of the Golden Gate Chapter. Currently California AFA Chairman of the Board and member of the Finance Committee.

Coleman Rader Jr., Minnesota (North Central Region). Former Minnesota State Vice President; President of the General E.W. Rawlings Chapter. Currently Minnesota State President.

Howard R. Vasina, Colorado (Rocky Mountain Region). Former Colorado State President; President of the Colorado Springs/Lance P. Sijan Chapter. Life Member of AFA.

Thomas J. Kemp, Texas (Texoma Region). Former Texas State President; President of the Fort Worth Chapter. Currently Texoma Region President. Life Member of AFA.

The sixth person is the nominee to be elected at large.

Robert E. Patterson, Florida (At Large). Former Florida State President; President of the Eglin Chapter. Currently Eglin Chapter Vice President for Programming. Life Member of AFA.