



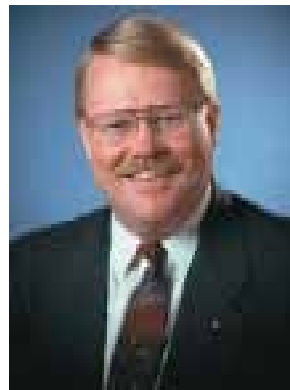
AFA Nominees for 2002-03



Politi



Steed



Hendrickson



Nelson

THE Air Force Association Nominating Committee met in Dallas on April 26, 2002, and selected a slate of candidates for the four national officer positions and 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 National Chairman of the Board) and one representative from each of the 14 US regions.

Nominated for a one-year term as National Chairman of the Board was **John J. Politi** of Sedalia, Mo. Politi now serves as National President and

formerly served as an AFA National Director, National Vice President for the Midwest Region, Missouri State President, and Chairman of the Audit, Membership, and Ad Hoc Financial Committees.

Politi has received the AFA Presidential Citation, the Exceptional Service Award, and the Medal of Merit.

Politi was commissioned through the AFROTC program and entered the Air Force in March 1966 at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. He is a 26-year veteran of the Air Force. He spent most of his career in USAF's strategic nuclear weapons systems. He commanded an air division and two wings and served on both the Joint Staff and the Air Staff. He retired as a colonel in 1992.

Currently, Politi is the President of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation, a nonprofit, private sector education organization. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and of South Dakota State University with a master of science degree in economics.

He is married to the former Terri Hatch and has five children, Pam, Eileen, Jay, Stephanie, and Chip.

Jack H. Steed of Warner Robins, Ga., was nominated for a one-year term as National President. Steed is a senior business development consultant for Nichols, Cauley, and Associates, LLC, a certified public accounting and financial and business development advisory firm. He currently serves as an AFA National Director and Chairman of the Membership Committee. His past national positions include Vice President for the Southeast Region, member of AFA's Executive and Resolutions Committees, Aerospace Education Foundation Trustee, and member of the AEF Audit Committee. Steed is an active member of AFA's Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter where he has served in numerous positions and continues on the executive committee. He also served four years as Georgia State President.

In addition to numerous state AFA awards, Steed has been awarded AFA's Medal of Merit twice, the Exceptional Service Award, two AFA Special Citations,

and three Presidential Citations. He was selected AFA Member of the Year for 1999 and was a Storz Award recipient for 2000.

Steed retired as a chief master sergeant after 33 years of service in the Air Force, the last 10 of which were as a senior enlisted advisor. He served in the air traffic control, personnel, and first sergeant career fields. A highlight of his many Air Force accomplishments was his service on the task force that developed the highly successful Weighted Airman Promotion System.

Upon retirement, Steed joined Bank South as vice president for marketing until it was purchased by Bank of America in 1996. He became a director of the Bank of America's Advisory Board and continues to serve in that position. He assumed his present duties with Nichols, Cauley, and Associates in 1996.

Steed attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Centenary College in Shreveport, La., and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is active in his local community and has received numerous awards, including the Charlie Jones Memorial Award, the highest given by the city of Warner Robins.

Steed is married to the former Betsy Chennault of High Point, N.C., and they have three grown daughters.

Nominated for a third one-year term as National Secretary is **Daniel C. Hendrickson** of Layton, Utah.

Hendrickson joined AFA in 1981. He is currently an Executive Committee member and Chairman of the AFA Resolutions Committee. Past offices held include National Vice President for the Rocky Mountain Region, Chairman of the Membership and Credentials Committees, Ogden Chapter President, Utah State President, and Utah State Chairman.

Among his many awards, Hendrickson has received AFA's Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Awards, two Presidential Citations, and was designated a Doolittle Fellow in AEF where he served as a member of the Public Awareness and Development Committees.

Hendrickson is the Minuteman Chief Systems Engineer for Boeing and

in 1996 was named ICBM Engineer of the Year for the company.

Born in Upland, Calif., Hendrickson 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. He developed inertial guidance equations and computer programs for the Minuteman III ICBM. Since then he has accepted increasingly more complex 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. In 1995, Hendrickson co-authored *A Brief History of Minuteman Guidance and Control*. In 2000, he was selected as an Associate Technical Fellow for Boeing.

He and his wife, Judy, have a son, Paul, who is a second lieutenant stationed at Hill AFB, Utah.

Charles A. "Chuck" Nelson of Sioux Falls, S.D., was nominated for a third one-year term as National Treasurer.

A Life Member of AFA, Nelson has served as North Central Region President, 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. Most recently he has served as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Nelson was awarded AFA's Medal of Merit in both 1991 and 1998.

In 1980, Nelson enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in July 1984 and promoted to the rank of major in 1993. He retired from the South Dakota ANG in April 1995. Nelson's military awards include Outstanding Lieutenant for the South



Goerges



Rutledge



Lee



Hood



Wetzel



Petrina



Sutter

Dakota ANG (1987), Junior Officer of the Year (1987), Air Force Commendation Medal (1992), and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (1995).

Nelson is a certified public accountant and is employed as a managing partner for Nelson & Nelson CPAs LLP, in Sioux Falls. He is past 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., and is a past President of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club.

He is married to the former Kristine Christensen, and they have three daughters, Rebecca, Jillian, and Sarah.

The AFA Constitution directs that one-third of the 18 elected Directors be elected at the National Convention

each year. For the 2002 election, the Great Lakes, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest have Director positions open, and there is one Director position open to be elected at large.

The nominees for Director to be chosen by their regions are:

Great Lakes: **W. Ron Goerges**, Ohio. Former Great Lakes Region President, Ohio State President, and Vice President; Wright Memorial Chapter President and Vice President.

Northeast: **Robert C. Rutledge**, Pennsylvania. Current Pennsylvania State President. Former Pennsylvania Vice President; Chapter President.

Northwest: **John Lee**, Oregon. Current Oregon State President. Former AEF Trustee; National Vice President for the Northwest Region.

Southeast: **Stanley V. Hood**, South

Carolina. Former National Vice President for the Southeast Region; South Carolina State President; Chapter President.

Southwest: **Emery S. “Scotty” Wetzel Jr.**, Nevada. Former Southwest Region President; Nevada State President; Chapter President.

One Director to be selected at large: **Julie E. Petrina**, Maryland. Currently serving on the National Membership Committee. Former Under-40 National Director; Maryland State Vice President; Chapter President.

Joseph E. Sutter, Tennessee. Currently serving on the National Long-Range Planning Committee. Current Tennessee State President. Former Chapter President.