



AFA Nominees for 2004-05



Condon



Callahan



Largent



Kemp



Nelson

THE Air Force Association Nominating Committee, which 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, met in Dallas on April 30 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 Air & Space Conference in Washington, D.C., in September.

Stephen P. "Pat" Condon of Ogden, Utah, was nominated for his first one-year term as Chairman of the Board. He formerly served as National President, an AFA National Director, Northern

Utah Chapter President, Chairman of AFA Focus on Defense Symposium, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, and member of both the AFA Executive and Resolutions Committees. Among his many awards, Condon has received the AFA Medal of Merit, the Utah State AFA Presidential Citation, and Program of the Year Award.

Condon joined the Air Force in August 1964 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. A veteran of 33 years, Condon spent the majority of his career in Air Force science and technology, research and development, acquisition, test, and logistics support. He commanded the Air Force Armament Laboratory, Arnold Engineering Development Center, and

Ogden Air Logistics Center and served at the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center. Additionally, he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Management Policy and Program Integration, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition. Condon retired as a major general in 1997. A well-decorated officer, Condon has received many awards, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Currently, Condon is an aerospace consultant and senior associate at Dayton Aerospace, Inc., Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engi-

neering; the Air Force Institute of Technology with a master of science degree in aerospace-mechanical engineering; and the University of Texas at Austin with a doctorate degree in aerospace engineering.

He is active in several community and charitable organizations. Condon is married to the former Judy Smothermon, and they have two children, Susan and Michael.

The Nominating Committee is submitting two names—James E. Callahan and Robert E. “Bob” Largent—for consideration for a one-year term as National President:

James E. Callahan of Winter Garden, Fla., is a Life Member of AFA. He has served the association in appointed and elected positions at all levels. He held positions as Chapter President and New York State President, National Vice President, and National Director. He served as both member and chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee and as a member of the Executive, Resolutions, Audit, and various ad hoc Committees. He relocated to Florida in 2001 and now serves as the State Vice President for Membership and Central Florida Chapter Vice President for Leadership Development. In addition to awards from both New York and Florida, he has received the AFA Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, Presidential Citation, and Chairman’s Citation.

Callahan enlisted in the Air Force and later earned his commission and pilot’s rating through the Aviation Cadet Program. He served as Detachment Commander and Airlift Advisor to the Royal Saudi Arabia Air Force. At Headquarters USAFE, he was an Exercise Planning Division Officer, Operations Briefing Team Chief, and Airlift and Support Standardization and Evaluation Division Chief. He served as a C-130 Squadron Operations Officer and Squadron Commander at Dyess AFB, Tex. At Pope AFB, N.C., he was the wing Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. He was a Military Airlift Group Commander, while simultaneously serving as DCS Airlift at Alaskan Air Command. He has more than 8,000 flying hours, including more than 300 combat and combat support sorties for operations in the Congo and Vietnam. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Air

Medals, and numerous other awards. He retired as a colonel.

Callahan graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and earned a master of business administration degree in management from the University of Utah. He founded and served as President of the Western New York Defense Industry Consortium. He is currently employed by DRS Electronic Warfare and Network Systems, Buffalo, N.Y.

He is married to the former Bonnie Berlin, from Harrisburg, Pa. His wife and their daughter, Jamie Callahan, who is a graduate of the USAF Academy and now an assistant professor at Texas A&M University, are both AFA Life Members. The family sponsors the Aerospace Education Foundation Capt. Jodi L. Callahan Scholarship in memory of their youngest daughter, who was a Life Member of AFA and who had served as an AFA Under-40 National Director and AEF Trustee.

Robert E. “Bob” Largent of Perry, Ga., is a Life Member and has been active in AFA since 1974. He has served as the Chapter Vice President and Leadership Development Vice President for the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter and Georgia State President and Vice President of Awards and Leadership Development. He currently serves as Region President for the Southeast Region. He has been a member of the AFA Membership Committee and currently serves as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee and the AFA Organizational Review Group. In addition to chapter and state awards, he has received the Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Presidential Citation.

Largent was commissioned through ROTC in 1968 and served for more than 24 years in various strategic missile operations assignments, including Minuteman Combat Crew, Squadron Operations Officer, Chief of Wing Training, Chief of Wing Plans, Squadron Commander, and Assistant Deputy Commander for Wing and Group Operations. He has also served in a variety of staff assignments, including Special Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff in the Office of the Joint Staff Director, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Military Assistant to the Commander in Chief, Pacific; and Chief, Strategy Division, Headquarters US Pacific Command.

Largent retired in 1992 as a colonel. He received numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

He currently is the owner and principal of an organizational and leadership development consulting firm with a practice that includes an array of national and international clients. Largent is involved in a variety of local civic and community activities, as well as those of AFA, including Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, serving as the Chair of the Business Development Committee, and Houston County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Largent graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in business administration and has a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma. He is also a resident graduate of the Air War College.

He and his wife, Becky, have three children and five grandchildren.

Thomas J. Kemp of Fort Worth, Tex., was nominated for his second one-year term as AFA National Secretary. He joined AFA in December 1964 and became a Life Member in 1982. He currently serves as an AFA National Director and has been a member of AFA’s Audit, Executive, Finance, Membership, and Resolutions Committees. Kemp has also served as Texoma Region President, Texas State President and Vice President, and Fort Worth Chapter President. He has received personal recognition as AFA’s National Member of the Year in 2002 and as Texas State Member of the Year. He received AFA’s Presidential Citation in 2000, Exceptional Service Awards in 1990, 1991, and 1994, and a Medal of Merit in 1987. He has also received the Oklahoma State Medal of Merit.

Kemp was commissioned in the Air Force in December 1964 and was trained as both a navigator and a pilot. His 20-year career included service in the C-130, C-141, OV-10, and B-52. He held increasingly responsible staff positions in plans, operations, and training. Following retirement, he has worked in instructional systems and course-work design and most recently worked on development of bar code sorters for the US Postal Service as Manager, Integrated Logistics Support, for Siemens



Patterson



Sawyer



Buckwalter



Sutter



Allen



Lauducci



Marshall

ElectroCom. He graduated from Loras College, in Iowa, with a bachelor of arts degree in business (accounting), and from St. Mary's University in San Antonio with a master's degree in systems management.

He and his wife Ruth have four children.

Charles A. "Chuck" Nelson of Sioux Falls, S.D., was nominated for a fifth 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 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 serves

as Treasurer of the South Dakota Air Show, Inc., and President of the Sioux Falls Cygnets Synchronized Swim Team. He is past President of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and has previously served as their Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Administration, 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 Air & Space Conference each year. For the 2004 election, the Florida, Midwest, New England, and South Central Regions have Director positions open, and there are two Director positions open to be elected at large.

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

Florida: **Robert Patterson**, Florida. Former National Director; member of the AFA Executive, Resolutions, Nominating, and Long-Range Planning Committees; Florida State President, Executive Vice President, Area Vice President; and Eglin Chapter President.

Midwest: **Keith Sawyer**, Illinois. Former Illinois State President and Scott Memorial Chapter President. Current President of the Midwest Region.

New England: **David T. "Buck" Buckwalter**, Rhode Island. Former New England Region President, Rhode Island State President, Blue and Gold Chapter President, and member of the

AFA Long-Range Planning Committee. Current member of the AFA Constitution Committee.

South Central: **Joseph E. Sutter**, Tennessee. Former Tennessee State President, State Vice President for Aerospace Education, Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter President, and Missouri State Vice President for Government Relations. Current Chairman, AFA Long-Range Planning Committee and member of the AEF Board of Trustees.

The Nominating Committee is submitting three names for consideration for two positions as National Director at Large:

Craig E. Allen, Utah. Former Rocky Mountain Region President; Utah State President, Vice President, and Treasurer; Northern Utah Chapter President; and member of the AFA Credentials and Membership Committees. Current AFA National Director (filling an unexpired term), member of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and Chairman of the ad hoc Committee on Organization.

James R. Lauducci, Virginia. Former member of the AFA Membership and Nominating Committees, and Virginia State Vice President for Membership. Current Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter President.

Bruce E. Marshall, Florida. Former Florida Region President; Florida State President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President for Leadership Development; and Eglin Chapter President. Current member of AFA's Membership Committee.