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The Air Force Association Nominating Committee, which this year consists of the three most recent past National Chairmen of the Board, one representative appointed by the Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education, and one representative from each of the 14 US regions, met in Dallas on April 27 and selected a slate of candidates for the five national officer positions and three 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.

Robert E. "Bob" Largent of Harrison, Ark., was nominated for his second one-year term as Chairman of the Board. He has previously served as AFA National President. He is a Life Member and has been active in AFA since 1974. He has served as the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter Vice President and Vice President for Leadership Development; Georgia State President and Vice President for Awards and Leadership Development; Southeast Region President; and as a member of AFA's Membership Committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee, and the AFA Organizational Review Group. In addition to chapter and state awards, he has received the national Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Presidential Citation.

Largent was commissioned through AFROTC 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 Chief of Staff, USAF; in the Office of the Director, Joint Staff, 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 and has received, among other awards, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two times), and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (two times).

He currently is the owner and principal of an organizational and leadership development consulting firm with a practice that includes national and international clients. Largent is involved in a variety of local civic and community activities, including Rotary and his local Chamber of Commerce, as well as those of AFA.

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

He resides in Harrison, Ark., with his wife, Becky.

Joseph E. Sutter of Knoxville, Tenn., is completing his first year as Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations and has been nominated

for a second one-year term. He is a Life Member and has been active in AFA since 1987. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the former Aerospace Education Foundation (now a part of AFA) and in AFA at the chapter, state, and national levels. He has served as President of the Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter and as both Chapter and State Vice President for Aerospace Education, and as Tennessee State President. At the national level, he has served as both a member and the Chairman of the AFA Strategic Planning Committee, Chairman of the afa21 Governance Team, and as a National Director. He has received two AFA Presidential Citations, the Exceptional Service Award, Medal of Merit, and was named AFA Tennessee "Volunteer Member of the Year" in 1996 and 2004.

Sutter is active in the civilian community. He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Knoxville, the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council, past Chair of his parish council, and served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Knoxville. While maintaining active involvement in those organizations he also currently serves as member of the Board of Directors of a major Knoxville health care system.

He served on active duty for 28 years at various USAF locations: Minot AFB, N.D.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; the Pentagon; Offutt AFB, Neb.; Whiteman AFB, Mo.; University of Tennessee, Knoxville. His primary military duties were in ICBM

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operations, where he commanded an ICBM squadron, operations group, and missile wing. Other military duties included Staff Officer assignments at the Pentagon, including two years in Air Force Legislative Liaison, Hq. Strategic Air Command, Chief of the Advanced ICBM Requirements Division, and Senior Controller, SAC Command Center. He graduated from the Naval War College, College of Command and Staff with Highest Distinction, and from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces as a Distinguished Graduate.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Meritorious Service Medal with four OLCs; Air Force Commendation Medal with one OLC; and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Sutter graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and from the University of Southern California with a master of science degree in systems management. He works as a consultant on national security matters, serving USAF and other clients in the Washington, D.C., area.

He lives in Knoxville with his wife, Geri (who is currently serving as the Tennessee State Secretary). They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

The Nominating Committee is submitting two names—David T. Buckwalter and S. Sanford Schlitt—for consideration for a one-year term as Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education.

David T. “Buck” Buckwalter was nominated for his first term as Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education. He is a Life Member and has been active in AFA since 1972. He has served in the AFA field as a Chapter, State, and Region President and also as a Trustee for the former AEF. He has served on the Strategic Planning Committee and was head of the afa21 Task Force Tax Status Team. As Chairman of the Constitution Committee, he was charged with providing implementing language for all the afa21 Task Force recommendations, including merging AFA and AEF, which required convention-delegate-approved changes to both the AFA Constitution and the AFA Operations and Procedures Manual. He is currently serving as a National Director, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, and as a member of the Strategic Planning and Executive Committees. He is also currently Vice Chairman of the Aerospace Education Council. In addition to a Chairman's Citation for his work on afa21 issues, he has received national AFA individual awards, including the Medal of Merit, the Exceptional Service Award, and the Presidential Citation.

Buckwalter entered active duty through Officer Training School in 1972 at Lackland AFB, Tex., and served for 27 years in various positions, including Weapons System Officer and Flight Commander in the RF-4C; Maintenance Squadron and Logistics Group Commander; and Senior Air

Force Advisor to the Naval War College President. Other military duties included various squadron- to wing-level positions and as the Executive Officer to the Director of Operations, Headquarters US Air Forces in Europe. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Medal. Since his retirement from the Air Force in 1999, he has served as a Professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval War College. He has accumulated more than 14 years of experience in the professional military education classroom, teaching graduate-level strategic leadership, management, and decision making.

Buckwalter is a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and holds advanced degrees from Troy State University, the Naval War College, and Salve Regina University. He is a member of the Naval War College Foundation, the Rhode Island Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the Military Order of Foreign Wars, and the Reserve Officers Association. He has done volunteer work for each of these organizations, but his principal contributions have been to AFA.

He resides in Portsmouth, R.I., with his wife, Mary. They have two children and five grandchildren. In July, he retired from his position at the Naval War College and plans to move to Seabrook, Tex., in November.

S. Sanford “Sandy” Schlitt was nominated for his first term as Vice



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Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education. He is a member of AFA and was active in the former AEF since 2002, serving first as a member of the AEF Board of Trustees and, after the organizations merged in 2006, as a member of the AFA Board of Directors. In that capacity, he was active in the afa21 process as a member of the Governance Team and was a principal architect of the Aerospace Education and Field Councils as part of AFA's new, combined governance structure. He has also served on the AEF Nominating and Program Committees, the AFA Strategic Planning Committee, the AFA Constitution Committee, as Chair of the AEF Audit Committee, and Co-Chair of the AFA/AEF Audit Committee.

Schlitt is a graduate of The American University in Washington, D.C., was

commissioned into the West Virginia Air National Guard in 1967, and later transferred to the Reserves. He served for more than 34 years in a variety of assignments, principally in the contracts management and acquisition fields. He served as Chief of Staff for a Defense Contract Administrative Services Region; Deputy Commander (and Individual Mobilization Assistant) of the Defense Contract Management Command, Defense Logistics Agency; the Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Contracting, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and the Mobilization Assistant to the Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition. After 10 years at the Pentagon, Schlitt retired in 2001 as a brigadier general and has

received, among other awards, the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters). He attended SOS, ACSC, AWC, and the Leadership Institute at Eckerd College.

He has established or purchased and then sold or successfully liquidated several businesses. He has served as Chairman of the Board of one company and member of the Board of another, a NASDAQ listed public company, and on various associated committees including those on compensation, governance, and audit. Schlitt served as a member of the Advisory Board to the College of Business and Information Technology for Argosy University. He also served on the Senate staffs of Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. Walter

Mondale. In 1980 he was a candidate for the United States Congress. Schlitt continues as the Senior Managing Director of a mortgage investment trust and has a daily involvement in financial portfolio management.

Schlitt has served as the elected President of his community association and as Vice President for Finance and board member for his temple and is a fundraiser for local charities. He has been a member of the New York Friars Club and Chapter President and Vice President-Air for the Reserve Officers Association.

He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Sarasota, Fla. They have two children.

Judy K. Church of Lenexa, Kan., is completing her first year as National Secretary and has been nominated for a second one-year term. She is a Life Member and has been active in AFA since 1987. Her involvement with the association began through her late husband, National Treasurer Charles H. Church Jr. She was active at the chapter level and also gained national experience as she traveled with him to national meetings and events throughout the country.

She has served AFA in appointed and elected positions at all levels. She held the position of Chapter Treasurer of the Harry S. Truman Chapter and has served as Midwest Region President, Missouri State President, Vice President, and Vice President for Communications. At the national level, she serves as a member of the Constitution Committee and has served as both a member and Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

She has also maintained a full commitment to other volunteer work through service on many civic boards. She is a current member of the NE Johnson County Kansas Republican Women's Board, past member of the Kansas City Symphony Board, and past member of the University of Missouri Kansas City Women's Council Board.

She was named the 2003 Midwest Member of the Year and was made a Charles H. Church Jr. Fellow by the state of Missouri. At the national level, she has received the Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Medal and in 2006 was awarded a Presidential Citation.

Church graduated from Southland Girl's High School, Invercargill, New Zealand. She attended Otago Univer-

sity in Dunedin, New Zealand, and has a diploma in early childhood education. She lives in Lenexa, Kan., and has two children.

Steven R. Lundgren of Fairbanks, Alaska, was nominated for his third one-year term as National Treasurer. He has been an AFA member for 25 years, having begun as a Community Partner. He has served AFA in many leadership positions, including Chapter, State, and Region President. He currently chairs the National Finance Committee. Lundgren has received an Exceptional Service Award and the national Presidential Citation.

Lundgren is a member of the Alaskan Command Civilian Advisory Board, Vice Chairman of the Alaska State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), and a member of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. He is also active as a leader in other civic organizations, serving as Chairman of Fairbanks Economic Development Corp. and on the Board of Directors of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. Lundgren has also served as a Director of the Interior Alaska Builders Association and the United Way of the Tanana Valley as well as President of the Fairbanks Sunrisers Rotary Club. His service has been recognized by numerous awards, including the 2004 ESGR Spirit of Volunteerism Award, and he was honored with the 2006 Annual Honorary Iceman Award from Eielson AFB, Alaska.

Lundgren's entire 29-year professional career has been in the financial services industry. He is currently Senior Vice President and member of the Senior Management Committee for a large community bank in the Fairbanks area.

He graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and has completed graduate studies at Portland State University and the University of Alaska. He completed the American Bankers Association National Commercial Lending School in 1991 and the ABA Graduate Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma in 1992.

He resides in Fairbanks, Alaska, with his wife, Susan, and three children.

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

Convention each year. At the 2007 National Convention, two Director positions will be elected at large by the delegates to the National Convention and a Central Region Director will be elected.

The Nominating Committee is submitting two names—Mark Dierlam and Edward W. Garland—for consideration for the office of National Director to be elected from the Central geographic area:

Mark Dierlam, Alabama. Former Montgomery Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Vice President for Government Relations, and Vice President for Community Partners. Six years of service to AFA at the national level on the AFA Finance Committee. Currently serving on that committee and as Alabama State President.

Edward W. Garland, Texas. Former Alamo Chapter President and AFA Texas State President. Current Texas Vice President for Leadership Development. Past member AFA Membership and Constitution Committees and Civilian Advisory Council. Past member afa21 ORG Field Team. Currently serving as Region President Texoma.

The Nominating Committee is submitting four names—Louis Emond, Justin Faiferlick, Joseph Price, and Jerry E. White—for consideration for the office of National Director to be elected at-large. Two will be elected.

Louis Emond, New Hampshire. Former Chapter Vice President for Community Partners and symposium Chairman. Currently serving as Chapter President.

Justin Faiferlick, Iowa. Former State Vice President, former Chapter President, Vice President, and Vice President for Community Partners. Currently serving as Chapter Secretary. Currently serving as State President.

Joseph Price, Virginia. Former member of the AEF Board of Trustees, National Director for Leadership Development, State Vice President, and Chapter President. Currently serving as National Director, Region Vice President, State Treasurer, and Chapter Vice President.

Jerry E. White, Colorado. Former member of the AEF Board of Trustees, Co-Chairman of the AEF Development Committee, and member of the afa21 Tax Status Team as part of the afa21 Task Force. Currently an appointed AFA Board member. ■