



National Convention



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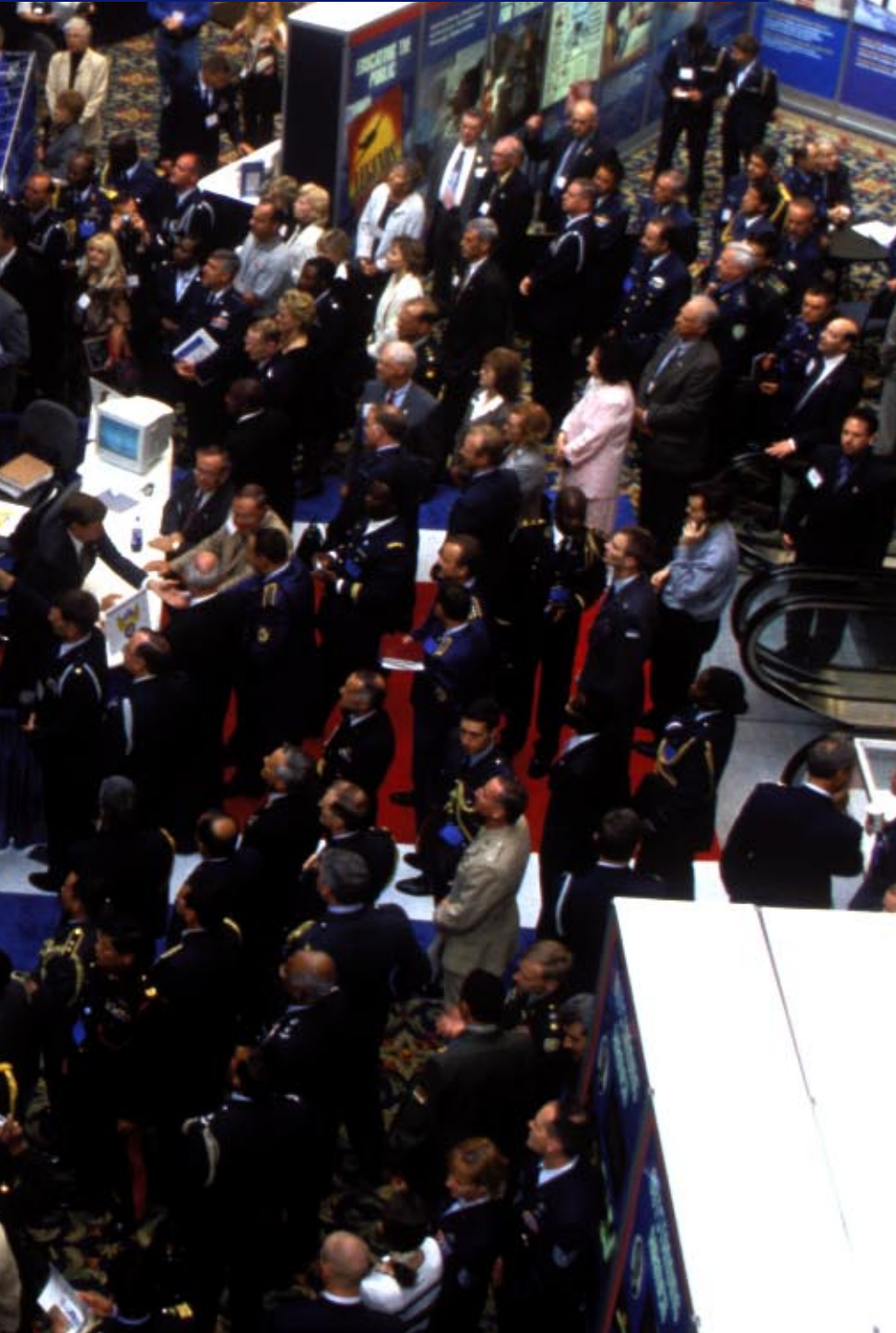


AFA's 2003 National Convention accentuated the international aspect of air and space power.

THE air chiefs of more than 90 countries joined Air Force Association delegates from 45 states and Washington, D.C., to celebrate 100 years of powered flight at AFA's National Convention held Sept. 14-17 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. The festivities featured an International Airpower Symposium, Aerospace Technology Exposition, and Global Air Chiefs Conference.

Many delegates traveled by bus to Arlington National Cemetery for a memorial service held on Sept. 14. Donald J. Harlin, AFA National Chaplain, gave the invocation and closing prayer. The 2003 Memorial

Attendees at AFA's 2003 National Convention gather for the opening of the Aerospace Technology Exposition.





Vice President Dick Cheney, speaking at one of two convention symposia, delivered a ringing defense of the need to stay on the offensive to prevent new terror atrocities. (See "Toward a New Style of Warfare," p. 80.)

Tribute List was read by AFA Chairman of the Board John J. Politi and National President Stephen P. "Pat" Condon.

The Air Force Anniversary Dinner was held on Sept. 17, the day before the Air Force turned 56. The event celebrated aerospace accomplishments of the past century and honored those individuals and organizations who made possible those achievements. Gen. T. Michael Moseley, vice chief of staff of the Air Force and the Gulf War II air component commander, was presented with the H.H. Arnold Award, AFA's top award for contributions to national security by a military member.

In that same evening, AFA named Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche as the 2003 recipient of the W. Stuart Symington Award, AFA's highest award for contributions to national security by a civilian.

The Joint Direct Attack Munition Industry Team, led by Boeing, was honored with the John R. Alison Award for industrial contributions to the nation's security.

AFA presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to Maj. Gen. John R. Alison, USAF (Ret.); Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm, USAF (Ret.); Col. Charles E. McGee, USAF (Ret.); and Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, USAF (Ret.). Col. John H. Glenn Jr., USMC (Ret.), also received a Lifetime Achievement Award but could not attend the presentation ceremony.

An Aerospace Industry Salute noted the achievements of four key aerospace companies: Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon. Highlighting the festivities was a musical presentation, "It Can Happen When You Are Driven by a Dream," narrated by Tim White and featuring Juanita Williams, soprano, and the Alexandria Harmonizers Quartet.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, launched the convention with opening remarks on the

morning of Sept. 15. Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, commander, Air Combat Command, was the guest speaker for the awards ceremony. Later that day, AFA recognized the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year at a dinner in their honor, with CMSAF Gerald R. Murray as toastmaster. Moseley was the dinner speaker.

The convention's theme—"Up From Kitty Hawk: 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight"—carried through two symposia.

The first session of the symposium, on Sept. 16, featured Jumper; Gen. Gregory S. Martin, commander, Air Force Materiel Command; and Rebecca Grant, president of IRIS Independent Research and author of "Gulf War II: Air and Space Power Led the Way," produced for the Aerospace Education Foundation. The morning session on Sept. 17 featured remarks by Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, and Roche.

In a second symposium, the Office of the Air Force Chief Scientist co-sponsored with AFA a series of speakers on Sept. 17 who discussed a wide range of developments and accomplishments of the last 100 years of flight. Presentations covered topics such as precision munitions, remote sensing, directed energy, satellites, and launch vehicles.

An estimated 7,500 attendees participated in one or more convention-



AFA Chairman of the Board John Politi (far right) and National President Pat Condon flank four recipients of AFA's Lifetime Achievement Award: (l to r) John Alison, Bernard Schriever, Jeanne Holm, and Charles McGee. (See "Awards," p. 68.)



Air Force Secretary James Roche (left) chats with AFA Chairman John Politi (right), National President Pat Condon (center), and former National Secretary Daniel Hendrickson.

dent of the Air Force Association for a second term. Thomas J. Kemp, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected National Secretary for a first term, and Charles A. Nelson, Sioux Falls, S.D., was elected National Treasurer for a fourth term.

Other Elections

Elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms were M.N. "Dan" Heth, Hurst, Tex.; Michael J. Peters, Auburn, Calif.; Victor Seavers, Eagan, Minn.; Thomas G. Shepherd, Capon Bridge, W.Va.; Brad Sutton, Mountain Green, Utah; and Richard C. Taubinger, Roseville, Calif. In a special election, Kathleen Clemence, Reno, Nev., was elected to a two-year term to fill the uncompleted term of Scotty Wetzel, who died this year.



AFA National Treasurer Charles Nelson and his wife, Kristine, tour the exhibit halls.



Thomas Kemp, newly elected AFA National Secretary, addresses AFA delegates during one of the business sessions. Delegates unanimously approved the new AFA Statement of Policy. (See "Imperative of Air and Space Power," p. 64.)

related activities. The 263 registered delegates representing 45 states and the District of Columbia were joined by senior military and government officials for the Aerospace Technology Exposition, speeches, and social events. The three-day exposition was subscribed to by 119 exhibitors. On hand to cover the convention were 120 reporters and news representatives.

Holding meetings concurrently were trustees of AFA's affiliate, the Aerospace Education Foundation, as well as Air Force Memo-

rial Foundation trustees and Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeants. Also meeting were AFA's Air National Guard Council, Civilian Advisory Council, Enlisted Council, Company Grade Officers Council, Reserve Council, and Veterans/Retirees Council.

Election of Officers

John J. Politi, Sedalia, Mo., was elected Chairman of the Board of the Air Force Association for a second term. Stephen P. "Pat" Condon, Ogden, Utah, was elected National Presi-

Three new Leadership Development Directors joined the AFA Board. They are Vivian P. Dennis, Centerville, Ga.; Joseph Price, Newport News, Va.; and James F. Shambo, Niceville, Fla.

Ten new Region Presidents were elected, and four Region Presidents were re-elected. Newly elected are James Hannam (Central East Region), O. Thomas Hansen (Northwest Region), Robert E. Largent (Southeast Region), J. Ray Lesniok (Great Lakes Region), Peter Robinson (Southwest Region), Robert P.

Talley (North Central Region), Eric P. Taylor (New England Region), Raymond Turczynski Jr. (Florida), John Wickman (Far West Region), and Charles P. Zimkas Jr. (Rocky Mountain Region).

For a complete list of AFA National Directors and Region Presidents, including those re-elected, see "This Is AFA" on p. 95 and "Field Contacts" on p. 89.

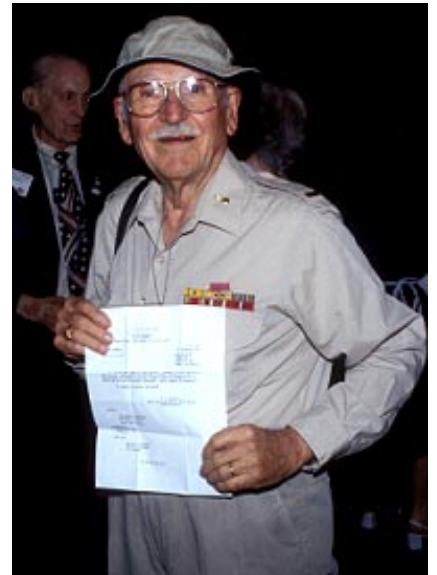
AFA's Aerospace Education Foundation elected the following officers: L. Boyd Anderson, Ogden, Utah, Chairman of the Board; Mary Anne Thompson, Oakton, Va., President; David R. Cummock, Daytona Beach, Fla., Secretary/Treasurer. The foundation trustees have made major changes to their structure, to include reducing the number of trustees and eliminating one officer



Coleman Rader (left), a former AFA National Director, and Doyle Larson, former Chairman of the Board, huddle with Mary Anne Thompson, newly elected President of AFA's Aerospace Education Foundation.



Conventioners hit the dance floor at AEF's festive Sept. 14 gala, billed as a "Squadron Reunion." Several individuals resurrected old "party suits" adorned with squadron patches.



Another gala attendee, Gerald Chapman, brought a copy of his orders—signed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

position. AEF no longer will have separate officers for Secretary and Treasurer.

AEF trustees newly elected to two-year terms are: Bonnie B. Callahan, Winter Garden, Fla., and Victoria W. Hunnicutt, Gray, Ga. Max Stitzer, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected for a one-year term.

Other AFA Business

Delegates unanimously approved the AFA Statement of Policy (see "Imperative of Air and Space Power," p. 64) and Top Issues for 2004.

Congressional Activity

AFA state delegations sponsored Congressional Breakfasts on Tuesday of convention week, with 14 members of Congress participating. Among them were Sen. Wayne Allard (R-Colo.), Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), Sen. Jim Talent (R-Mo.), all members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Craig Thomas (R-Wyo.), and Sen. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.), co-chairman of the Air Force Caucus.

Also participating in the AFA breakfast meetings were Reps. Rob

Bishop (R-Utah), Jeb Bradley (R-N.H.), and John Kline (R-Minn.), all members of the House Armed Services Committee.

Other Congressmen attending the breakfasts were Reps. Randy Neugebauer (R-Tex.), Steve Pearce (R-N.M.), Jim Matheson (D-Utah), Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.), Pete Sessions (R-Tex.), and Charles W. Stenholm (D-Tex.).

USAF Vice Chief of Staff Moseley attended the Congressional Breakfast hosted by Texas, while ACC commander Hornburg attended breakfasts

hosted by Arizona, California, New Mexico, Utah, and Washington. Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander, Air Force Space Command, attended the breakfast hosted by the Wyoming delegation, and Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester, commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, visited the breakfasts hosted by delegations from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Aerospace Education Foundation

A video on the theme of a century of military and commercial aviation accomplishments won AEF's annual Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award. The winning entry was from Unit GA-871 at Shiloh High School, Snellville, Ga. The video presented a retrospective on the story of aviation through its early years, two world



Photos by Paul Kennedy

Delegates gave special recognition to four charter AFA members who are still very active in the association. They are (left to right): Carl Beck, George Aguirre, Harold Henneke, and Sam O'Dennis.



David Blankenship (middle), an AFA Director Emeritus, congratulates Michael Peters, a newly elected National Director, as Peters talks with Julie Petrina, a current National Director.

wars, and up through Operation Iraqi Freedom. The video noted that the US did not have one combat-worthy aircraft at the start of World War I, but when it ended, the lesson learned was "if you control the air, you cannot be beaten. If you lose the air, you cannot win."

Sally Gwaltney, from Wilson, N.C., received the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award as the year's outstanding aerospace science, mathematics, and computer science teacher. The Lincoln Chapter, Lincoln, Neb., received the Sam E. Keith Jr. Aero-

space Education Award of Excellence. The award is named in honor of the late AFA leader and former Board Chairman and National President from Fort Worth, Tex. Jeri Ann Martin, Hurlburt Field Chapter, Fla., won the George D. Hardy Memorial Award. The winner is nominated by an AFA chapter for outstanding contributions to furthering the scientific, technical, and aerospace education of the nation's youth.

On Tuesday afternoon, Moseley presented the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Awards for 2003 to: the

C-5A Galaxy Torque Deck Repair Team, 433rd Airlift Wing, Lackland AFB, Tex.; Commercial Air Resource Evacuation Team, 374th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan; F100 Engine Supply Chain Process Improvement Team, Tinker AFB, Okla.; Night Operations Team, Air Mobility Command's Directorate of Operations, Scott AFB, Ill.; and Solid State Phased Array Radar Trainer Team, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Acknowledgments

Parliamentarian for the AFA National Convention was Joan L. Blankenship. Inspectors of Election for the National Directors were James Callahan (Chairman), William D. Duncan Jr., and Robert Rutledge. Inspectors of Election for National Secretary were Mark Worrick (Chairman), J. Ray Lesniok, and Edward I. Wexler. Judy K. Church chaired the Credentials Committee, serving with Bonnie B. Callahan and George C. Pankonin.

The association is particularly grateful to a corps of volunteers who assisted the staff in convention support: Cecil G. Brendle, Jimmy R. Canlas, Charlie Tippet, Debbie and Greg Snyder, and Leola Wall.

The 2004 convention will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., Sept. 13-15, 2004. ■

Awards



These are the Air Force Association National Awards for 2003.

National Aerospace Awards

Award

H.H. Arnold Award

AFA's highest honor in national security to a member of the armed forces

W. Stuart Symington Award

AFA's highest honor in national security to a civilian

John R. Alison Award

AFA's highest honor for industrial leadership

David C. Schilling Award

Outstanding contribution in flight

Theodore von Karman Award

Outstanding contribution in science and engineering

Gill Robb Wilson Award

Outstanding contribution in arts and letters

Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award

Outstanding contribution in aerospace education

Thomas P. Gerrity Award

Outstanding contribution in logistics

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year

Recipients

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Commander, USCENTCOM Air Component, and 9th Air Force, Shaw AFB, S.C.

James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force

Joint Direct Attack Munition Industry Team, Boeing

The Men and Women of the US Air Force

823rd RED HORSE Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Victoria Clarke, ASD for Public Affairs, Pentagon

Technical Training Division, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Tex.

Col. (sel.) Frank Gorman, Chief, Agile Combat Expeditionary Support, HQ USAF, Pentagon

Bob Williamson, VA Medical Center, Durham, N.C.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Maj. Gen. John R. Alison, USAF (Ret.)
World War II ace; Flying Tiger; special operations.

Col. John H. Glenn Jr., USMC (Ret.)
Pioneering astronaut; Senator.

Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm, USAF (Ret.)
First USAF female general officer.

Col. Charles E. McGee, USAF (Ret.)
Tuskegee airman, flew 136 missions in World War II.

Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, USAF (Ret.)
Architect of USAF ballistic missile and space programs.

At the convention, Gen. Michael Moseley, now Air Force vice chief of staff, greets four recipients of AFA's Lifetime Achievement Award. They are (left to right) Maj. Gen. John Alison, USAF (Ret.); Gen. Bernard Schriever, USAF (Ret.); Maj. Gen. Jeanne Holm, USAF (Ret.); and Col. Charles McGee, USAF (Ret.). Former Sen. John Glenn Jr. (a retired USMC colonel) was not able to attend.



Photo by Paul Kennedy

Crew Awards and Special Citations

| Award | Recipients | Achievement |
|---|--|---|
| Airborne Battle Management Crew | Crew 13, 963rd ACS, 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, Okla. | Best ABM crew |
| CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award | SSgt. Russell O. Bledsoe, 317th AMS, Dyess AFB, Tex. | Crew chief of the year |
| Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award | Lt. Col. David R. Stephenson, 131st FS, Barnes Arpt., Massachusetts ANG. | Best aerial warfare tactician |
| Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award | Crew Ditka 02, 9th SOS, Eglin AFB, Fla. | Best air refueling crew |
| Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award | Crew Chill 41, 40th Expeditionary BS, Diego Garcia, 5th BW, Minot AFB, N.D. | Best bomber aircrew |
| Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award | Rivet Joint Crew Kobie 35, 38th RS, 97th IS, 55th OSS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; 343rd RS, 488th IS, RAF Mildenhall, UK; 755th OSS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. | Best reconnaissance crew |
| Gen. Thomas S. Power Award | Crew S-201/S-202, 91st OG, Minot AFB, N.D. | Best missile combat crew |
| Space Operations Award | Bravo Crew, 1st SS, 21st SW, Cheyenne Mountain AFS, Colo. | Best space operations crew |
| Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award | Capt. Nathan A. Allerheiligen and crew, 61st AS, Little Rock AFB, Ark. | Best airlift aircrew |
| USAF Test & Evaluation Team of the Year | Quick Reaction Test Team, HQ AFOTEC, Kirtland AFB, N.M. | Best test team |
| Special Citation | Randy Black Sr., President, Nellis Support Team, Nellis AFB, Nev. | Outstanding support of USAF and men and women of Nellis AFB, Nev. |
| Special Citation | US Space Foundation's 20th Anniversary, Colorado Springs, Colo. | Twenty years of space advocacy and education |

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

| Award | Recipient | Achievement |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| CMSgt. Dick Red Award | TSgt. Joel Conrad, 116th AW, Georgia ANG | Best ANG aerospace maintenance |
| Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks Award | Capt. Richard D. Watson and crew, 210th RQW, Alaska ANG | Best ANG airmanship |
| Best Air National Guard Unit | 107th FS, Michigan ANG | Top ANG unit |
| Best Air Force Reserve Unit | 711th SOS, Eglin AFB, Fla. | Top AFRC unit |
| President's Award | Lt. Col. Jerry A. Davidson and crew, 315th AW, Charleston AFB, S.C. | Best Reserve aircrew |

USAF Team of the Year

| Recipient | Unit |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SSgt. Scott T. Ball | 2nd ASOS, Wuerzburg, Germany |
| TSgt. Scott J. Grotbo | 169th ASOS, Illinois ANG |
| SSgt. Joseph S. Hren | 25th FS, Osan AB, South Korea |
| TSgt. Shawn J. Minyon | 13th ASOS, Ft. Carson, Colo. |
| TSgt. Kevin D. Vance | 17th ASOS, Hunter Army Air Field, Ga. |

USAFA Outstanding Squadron

**Cadet Squadron 21
"The Blackjacks"**

Fall Cadet Commander
Cadet 1st Class Todd S. Garner

Spring Cadet Commander
Cadet 1st Class Jeffrey Cameron

Citations of Honor

Recipient

Capt. Gregory C. Bainum, 91st Space Wing (AFSPC), Minot AFB, N.D.

Lt. Col. Mark E. Cline, 9th Air Force/ CENTAF, Shaw AFB, S.C.

Col. Duane A. Jones, CENTAF, Shaw AFB, S.C.

NATO AWACS Component, Air Force Element, Geilenkirchen AB, Germany

7th Special Operations Squadron (AFSOC), RAF Mildenhall, UK

16th Special Operations Squadron (AFSOC), Hurlburt Field, Fla.

39th Airlift Squadron (AMC), Dyess AFB, Tex.

39th Operations Group (USAFE), Incirlik AB, Turkey

41st Rescue Squadron (ACC), Moody AFB, Ga.

75th Maintenance Group (AFMC), Hill AFB, Utah

374th Operations Group (PACAF), Yokota AB, Japan

Achievement

Led No. 1 missile operations crew for 2002. Instrumental in wing's achievement of an excellent combat capability assessment.

Innovative tactics and weapons employment helped revolutionize the use of airpower in Operation Enduring Freedom and for future operations.

Visionary approach to conceiving, building, and sustaining—on short notice—coalition air bases and the logistics capability needed to sustain the air war.

More than 450 USAF personnel assigned to NATO's only AWACS unit deployed with their aircraft to the US for Operation Eagle Assist.

Provided critical MC-130H Combat Talon II airdrop and air-land support for OEF, evacuations in Africa, and crisis response actions in the Balkans.

AC-130H Spectre unit provided critical support to ground forces engaged in Operation Anaconda, the most intensive ground offensive in Afghanistan.

C-130 unit supported back-to-back air expeditionary forces before shifting to OEF operations. Developed new night-vision-goggles procedures.

Provided flight, intelligence, maintenance, and weather support for 40 deployed flying units covering Operations Northern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

Integrated CSAR with AFSOC and Army in Afghanistan and Iraq; set up CSAR at two bare bones bases—piloted new rapid, smaller footprint deployment capability.

Provided extensive logistics support for 2002 Olympics and logistics and munitions support for OEF, including processing some 14 million pounds of munitions.

Provided C-130, C-9, C-21, and UH-1N support—intratheater airlift, including OEF-Philippines, and medevac for operations in Iraq.

Professional, Civilian, and Educational Awards

Award

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence
 Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians
 Verne Orr Award for Human Resources
 Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing
 Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers
 Personnel Manager of the Year
 Civilian Wage Employee of the Year
 Civilian Program Specialist of the Year
 Civilian Program Manager of the Year
 Civilian Senior Manager of the Year
 AFROTC Cadet of the Year
 CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year
 Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year
 Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Teachers
 Sam E. Keith Jr. Aerospace Education Award of Excellence
 George D. Hardy Memorial Award
 Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award

Recipient

MSgt. Brian A. Chisholm, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 Maj. J. Scott Calder, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
 66th Rescue Sq., Nellis AFB, Nev.
 Capt. Scott F. Sanders, Lackland AFB, Tex.
 Col. Thomas L. Strand, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 Maj. Guy E. Parker, Pope AFB, N.C.
 Robert N. Hall, Hill AFB, Utah
 Tommy L. Baldwin, Langley AFB, Va.
 Megan Horn, SAF/IQ, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
 Dennis Love, Eglin AFB, Fla.
 Christina Jean Croy, University of Colorado—Boulder
 Maxwell C. Sissman, National Capital Region
 Tammie Lynn Bocoock, Robins AFB, Ga.
 Sally Gwaltney, Wilson, N.C.
 Lincoln Chapter, Lincoln, Neb.
 Jeri Ann Martin, Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.
 GA-871 Unit, Shiloh High School, Snellville, Ga.

Management and Environmental Achievement Awards

Award

AFMC Executive Management Award
 AFMC Middle Management Award
 AFMC Junior Management Award
 Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Management)
 Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Technical)

Recipient

Col. Ross E. Roley, Edwards AFB, Calif.
 Maj. John C. Kubinec, Hill AFB, Utah
 Capt. Jeffrey R. King, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
 Maj. Patrice A. Melancon, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Tex.
 TSgt. Ronald C. Carden, Andersen AFB, Guam

2003 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

AFA Member of the Year

W. Ron Goerges, Ohio



AFA Member of the Year Ron Goerges of Ohio during a break in the September Board of Directors meeting.

D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year)

Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.



Accepting the award for the Hurlburt Chapter was Richard Schaller, chapter president, flanked by Chairman of the Board John Politi (left) and National President Pat Condon.

Jack Gross Award

Small Chapter

Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.

Medium Chapter

Mount Clemens, Mich.

Large Chapter

Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

Extra Large Chapter

Montgomery, Ala.

Chapter Larger Than 1,500

Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Awards

Chapter Award

Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.

Individual Award

Timothy Nesley, Ga.

Photo by Msgt. John Manna



Maj. Timothy Nesley (far right) took home the Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award for an individual. Here, Nesley and the Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper (second from left), pose for a photo with other Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter (Ga.) members at the exhibits. They are (l to r) Maj. Vivian Dennis, Capt. Latasha Dunn, and SSgt. Anthony Guzzardo. Dennis is a newly elected Leadership Development Director, and Guzzardo signed up 35 new members.

2003 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

Unit Activity Awards

Outstanding State Organization
New Hampshire

Outstanding Small Chapter
Pioneer Valley, Mass.

Outstanding Medium Chapter
No award given.

Outstanding Large Chapter
Ute–Rocky Mountain, Utah

Outstanding Extra Large Chapter
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

Exceptional Service—Best Single Program
Utah State

Exceptional Service—Communications
Gen. E.W. Rawlins, Minn.

Exceptional Service—Community Partners
Enid, Okla.

Exceptional Service—Community Relations
Paul Revere, Mass.

Exceptional Service—Overall Programming
Central Florida, Fla.

Exceptional Service—Veterans' Affairs
Wright Memorial, Ohio

Community Partner Membership Awards

Gold Award

Altus, Okla.
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.
Contraails, Kan.
Diamond State, Del.
Eagle, Pa.
Enid, Okla.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles, Calif.
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
Happy Hooligan, N.D.
High Desert, Calif.
Hurlburt, Fla.
Leigh Wade, Va.
Llano Estacado, N.M.
Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.
Mercer County, N.J.
Mount Clemens, Mich.
Richard D. Kisling, Iowa
Richard S. Reid, Ariz.
Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
Steel Valley, Ohio
Swamp Fox, S.C.
Total Force, Pa.
Ute–Rocky Mountain, Utah
Wright Memorial, Ohio

Achievement Award

Alamo, Tex.
Antelope Valley, Calif.
Ark–La–Tex, La.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Charles Hudson, Calif.
Chautauqua, N.Y.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
Cochise, Ariz.
Concho, Tex.
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.
Delaware Galaxy, Del.
Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.
Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., Tex.
Highpoint, N.J.
Joe Walker–Mon Valley, Pa.
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
Long's Peak, Colo.
McChord AFB, Wash.
Monterey Bay Area, Calif.
Montgomery, Ala.
Northeast Texas, Tex.
Palm Springs, Calif.
Panhandle AFA, Tex.
Pope, N.C.
Thunderbird, Nev.
Tidewater, Va.
William A. Jones III, Va.

Named in Memorial Tribute

Deaths during the past year that were formally recognized at the convention

Patricia Accetta
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes, USAF (Ret.)
Karl W. Berg
Roland L. Butler
Maj. Gen. Richard Carr, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Gen. Martin G. Colladay, USAF (Ret.)
Gen. W.L. Creech, USAF (Ret.)
Walter J. Cronin
Charles E. Cruze
Lt. Col. James Davidson, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Gen. Roger G. DeKok, USAF (Ret.)
Gen. Robert J. Dixon, USAF (Ret.)
Hector Evans
Joe Foss
Gen. Charles A. Gabriel, USAF (Ret.)
Mary Anne Gavin
Col. James Grant, USAF (Ret.)
CMSgt. David B. Hansen
Bernard L. Hanlon
Bob Hope
Col. Rick D. Husband
Mary Sue Keith
Brig. Gen. David L. Ladd, USAF (Ret.)
Charlotte Loos
George Mattson
Edward J. McCormick
Karl Miller
Col. Samuel F. Miller, USAF (Ret.)
Alfred R. Musi
TSgt. Jake S. Nelson, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. R.H. Ottman, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. Frank A. Pfeffer, USAF (Ret.)
Earl G. Pingel
Julian B. Rosenthal
MSgt. Stephen D. Rudloff, USAF (Ret.)
Peter J. Schenk
Col. Henry R. Smith, USAF (Ret.)
Thomas F. Stack
SMSgt. C.J. Tanner, USAF (Ret.)
Brig. Gen. R.E. VanHousen, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. Daniel J. Vogel, USAF (Ret.)
Scotty Wetzel
John E. Zipp

Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment

Ark–La–Tex, La.
Bill Harris, Ore.
Blue Ridge, N.C.
Capt. William J. Henderson, Wis.
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
Central Florida, Fla.
Charles Hudson, Calif.
Chautauqua, N.Y.
Cochise, Ariz.
Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.
Columbia Gorge, Ore.
Columbia Palmetto, S.C.
Concho, Tex.
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.
Eglin, Fla.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
Gen. Charles A. Horner, Iowa
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.
Golden Triangle, Miss.
Happy Hooligan, N.D.
Harry S. Truman, Mo.
High Desert, Calif.
Hurlburt, Fla.
Iron Gate, N.Y.
Joe Walker–Mon Valley, Pa.
John W. DeMilly Jr., Fla.
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
Langley, Va.
Leigh Wade, Va.
Lt. Col. Philip Colman, Ga.
Metro Rhode Island, R.I.
Miami, Fla.
Montgomery, Ala.
Mount Clemens, Mich.
Newport Blue & Gold, R.I.
Paul Revere, Mass.
Pioneer Valley, Mass.
Richard D. Kisling, Iowa
Richard S. Reid, Ariz.
Roanoke, Va.
Scott Berkeley, N.C.
Shooting Star, N.J.
Ute–Rocky Mountain, Utah

Individual Activity Awards

Presidential Citation

John Timothy Brock, Fla.
David T. Buckwalter, R.I.
Edward M. Bullard, Washington, D.C.
Winston S. Gaskins, Mass.
Ted Kerr, Colo.
Robert E. Largent, Ga.
Steven Lundgren, Alaska
Bruce Marshall, Fla.
Coleman Rader Jr., Minn.
Ray Turczynski Jr., Fla.

Central East Region

Medal of Merit

Jeff Barnett, Va.
Julie L. Bowles, Va.
Jim Hardenbrook, Va.
William D. McGuth, Washington, D.C.
Matthew Monczewski, Va.
Fred Richardson, Va.
Randolph W. Royce, Va.
Jerry Wright, Va.

Exceptional Service Award

Henry M. Hobgood, Va.
Linda Lerner, Va.
Ellen Merilic, Va.
Miles Sawyer, Va.
Thad A. Wolfe, Va.

Far West Region

Medal of Merit

Dayna Castro, Calif.
Seb Coglitore, Calif.
Brenden J. Davis, Hawaii
James H. Gates, Calif.
Norton B. James III, Calif.
Dick Jeffreys, Calif.
Ken Nishiyama, Calif.
Rick Randall, Calif.
Rick Reaser, Calif.
Arthur J. Stengell, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award

Rick Jones, Calif.
Ed Lewis, Calif.
Don Tomajan, Calif.
Charles E. Whited, Calif.

Florida Region

Medal of Merit

Dave Andrews, Fla.
Mark D. Chapman, Fla.
Gary L. Gilchrist, Fla.
Earl W. Harden, Fla.
Doug Hardin, Fla.
Grady Jordan, Fla.
Dave Miller, Fla.
Richard Schaller, Fla.
Stan Siefke, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award

Hugh L. Cox III, Fla.
E. Max Friedauer, Fla.
Deborah Hatch, Fla.
William Kirk, Fla.

Great Lakes Region

Medal of Merit

George V. Back, Ohio
Stephen J. Dillenburg, Ohio
Samuel E. Greenwood, Ohio
James R. Heitz, Ohio
Fredrick L. Pumroy, Ohio
Michael Winslow, Ohio

Exceptional Service Award

Everitt Padgitt, Ind.
William J. Schaff, Ohio
Ron Thompson, Ohio

Midwest Region

Medal of Merit

William S. Clifford, Kan.
Senlo B. Distin, Ill.
Bill Florich, Mo.
Bryan Hutchings, Mo.
Kevin Lewis, Mo.
Bob Mass, Mo.
Fred Niblock, Mo.

Exceptional Service Award

Judith K. Church, Mo.
Jerome E. Hughes, Mo.
Thomas Stark, Ill.

New England Region

Medal of Merit

Sue Alexander, Mass.
Joe Bisognano, Mass.
Brad Butler, Mass.
Kevin S.C. Darnell, R.I.
Carolyn Fitch, Conn.
Edward H. Josephson, N.H.
Cheryl Kristant, Mass.
Jay Waller, R.I.

Exceptional Service Award

Wayne R. Mrozinski, R.I.
Eric P. Taylor, N.H.
Donald B. Warmuth, Mass.

North Central Region

Medal of Merit

Conrad Burns, Mont.
Edwin C. Culbert, Minn.
Christopher R. Ferrez, N.D.
Paul Groskreutz, Minn.

Exceptional Service Award

Richard P. Giesler, Minn.
Ronald W. Mielke, S.D.

Northeast Region

Medal of Merit

John Fabricatore, N.J.
James A. King Jr., Pa.
Dorothy Stone, Pa.
William E. Stone, Pa.

Exceptional Service Award

Fred Di Fabio, N.Y.

Northwest Region

Medal of Merit

Becky Craig, Ore.
Stan Gohl, Alaska
Gregor J. Leist, Ore.
Helen (Fran) McGregor, Wash.
Art Mussman, Wash.
Glenda J. Smth, Wash.
Karen S. Washburn, Alaska

Exceptional Service Award

Bryon R. Fessler, Ore.
O. Thomas Hansen, Wash.
Gary Hoff, Alaska
Fred Rosenfelder, Wash.

Pacific Region

Gary L. McClain, Japan

Rocky Mountain Region

Medal of Merit

John Boone, Colo.
Thomas A. Deall, Colo.
Mark Fry, Colo.
Sherry L. Gardner, Colo.
Michael Jewett, Utah

Exceptional Service Award

Janet L. Cowley, Wyo.
Gary A. Strack, Utah
Kit Workman, Utah

South Central Region

Medal of Merit

Larry Boese, Ala.
Thomas W. Gwaltney, Ala.
Don Karle, Ala.
Cynde Maddox, Ark.
Pat McCoy, Ala.

Exceptional Service Award

Ray Bean, Ala.
Marleen Eddlemon, Ark.
Jim Ridling, Ala.
Rick Zehrer, Ala.

Southeast Region

Medal of Merit

Larry Fowler, N.C.

Michael S. Hunsucker, N.C.
Jeane W. Paris, Ga.
Stephen R. Pingel, N.C.
Robert H. Robertson, Ga.
James Rogers, S.C.
David Snodgrass, S.C.

Exceptional Service Award

Michael J. Bolton, Ga.
Rodgers K. Greenawalt, S.C.
Roger Rucker, S.C.
Roy Vice, N.C.

Southwest Region

Medal of Merit

Robert D. Anderson, Ariz.
Luisa C. Bailey, Ariz.
Daniel P. Bounds, Ariz.
Peter J. Morris, Ariz.
David Sanderson III, Ariz.

Exceptional Service Award

Thomas E. Rowney, Ariz.
Duane C. Wyles, Ariz.

Texoma Region

Medal of Merit

Ron Beezley, Tex.
Clayton A. Church, Tex.
Mary Feightner, Okla.
Lee Hayes, Okla.
Bruce Jackson, Okla.
Ross B. Lampert, Okla.
Lisa Anne Merritt, Okla.
William J. Redmond, Tex.
Helen Seidel, Tex.
Robert Slaughter, Tex.

Exceptional Service Award

William P. Bowden, Okla.
Michael G. Cooper, Okla.
Carlos Massiatte, Tex.
Daniel O'Neal, Tex.
Jackson Smith, Tex.
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