



Air Force Association **National**



Michael Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force, Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Soeung Samnang, Cambodia's air chief, and Robert Largent, AFA's Board Chairman, pay respects at the AFA Memorial Service on Sept. 23.

Convention 2007

By Tamar A. Mehuron Associate Editor

Air chiefs from scores of countries imparted to the Air Force Association's annual gathering a distinctively international flair, as AFA hosted the Global Air Chiefs Conference alongside its Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition, following AFA's National Convention. The kaleidoscope of events took place Sept. 22 through Sept. 27 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. The chiefs were joined by hundreds of AFA delegates who gathered for the National Convention Sept. 22-23, and were among the nearly 6,300 attendees who participated in the Air & Space Conference, and viewed the 135 aerospace exhibits in the Technology Exposition, Sept. 24-26.

Joining the crowd, for the third consecutive year, were students from USAF's Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. AFA hosted them at the Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition. The Class of 2008, some 315 students, attended the conference's workshops, speeches, and briefings. Their participation was made possible by a grant from Boeing, which also underwrote Tuesday's breakfast and dinner. Accompanied by faculty members, the students arrived Sunday, Sept. 23, and stayed through Wednesday, Sept. 26. They

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Photos by Guy Aceto



Above, Joseph Sutter, AFA Vice Chairman of the Board, Field Operations, and Ross Perot Jr., former Chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation and AFA's 2007 recipient of the Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award for outstanding contribution to aerospace education, at AFA's Memorial Service. Right, William Burns, a delegate from Kansas, and Judy Church, AFA National Secretary, at the National Convention. Below, AFA National Treasurer Steven Lundgren.



became acquainted with AFA, met with current USAF leaders, and conversed with defense and aerospace industry representatives and executives. They also attended panels and seminars and visited the various exhibits at the Technology Exposition.

For the first time, AFA's memorial service was held at the Air Force Memorial. More than 800 people—air chiefs and spouses and support staff, AFA delegates, members, and USAF airmen—gathered there Sunday morning, Sept. 23, for a ceremony commemorating all airmen, worldwide, who died in the service of their countries. Donald J. Harlin, AFA National Chaplain, officiated. He gave the invocation and concluded the service with a closing benediction. Maj. Gen. Charles C. Baldwin, USAF chief of chaplains,

delivered the homily. The official party, consisting of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force Secretary Michael W. Wynne, AFA Chairman of the Board Robert E. Largent, and Lt. Gen. Soeung Samnang, Commander of the Royal Cambodian Air Force and senior air chief at the Global Air Chiefs Conference, laid a wreath to honor those lost. The 2007 AFA Memorial Tribute List was read by Largent.

Moseley welcomed delegates, Air Force attendees, and members of industry at the conference opening on Monday morning, Sept. 24. At the opening ceremony, a USAF honor guard presented the colorful national flags of the air chiefs in attendance. The Air Force Band Ceremonial Brass provided music. That evening, AFA paid tribute



Boyd Anderson, AFA's Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education (left), speaks with Brian Binn, president of the Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colorado Springs, Colo.

to the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. A reception underwritten by Lockheed Martin honored the airmen. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb delivered the address, and CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley served as toastmaster.

The next day, Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Outstanding Airmen, along with AFA and USAF leaders, met with their Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill, one of many highlights during their weeklong program of activities sponsored by AFA and underwritten by ATK Corp.

On Tuesday evening, the air chiefs gathered at the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles Arpt., Va., for a reception in their honor. The event was made possible by Northrop Grumman.

A reception underwritten by Lockheed Martin launched the festivities for AFA's Air Force Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday evening, Sept. 26. Retired CMSAF Paul W. Airey, first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, received the AFA Lifetime Achievement Award. AFA honored Wynne with the W. Stuart Symington Award, in recognition of singular civilian contributions to national security. Gen. Ronald E. Keys, commander of Air Combat Command, was awarded the H.H. Arnold Award in recognition of the year's most significant contribution, by a military member, to national security.

Lockheed Martin and Boeing Co. were honored with the John R. Alison Award for industrial contributions to the nation's security. The award recognized

their excellence in the production of the Atlas V (Lockheed) and Delta IV (Boeing) evolved expendable launch vehicles, and other launchers, that have contributed to USAF's record of 50 consecutive successful space launches.

Guests also viewed a special video highlighting 60 years of USAF's accomplishments, its technological achievements, outstanding service by its personnel, and contributions to the national defense. Patrick C.G. Coulter, vice president of communications and public affairs for Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems, served as master of ceremonies for the evening's festivities.

Singer and former New York police officer Daniel Rodriguez provided the musical entertainment.

At the National Convention, there were 274 registered delegates representing 44 states and the District of Columbia. The Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition drew some 110 news media representatives.

Holding meetings were the Air Force's Air National Guard Council, Company Grade Officer Council, Enlisted Council, and Reserve Advisory Council.

Election of Officers

Robert E. Largent, of Harrison, Ark., was re-elected Chairman of the Board for a second term. Joseph E. Sutter, Knoxville, Tenn., was re-elected Vice Chairman of the Board, Field Operations, for a second term. S. Sanford Schlitt, Sarasota, Fla., was elected Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education, for a first term. Judy K. Church, Lenexa, Kan., was re-elected AFA National Secretary for a second term, and Steven R. Lundgren, Fairbanks, Alaska, was re-elected AFA National Treasurer for a third term.

Other Elections

Elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms were Justin Faiferlick, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Jerry E. White, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Edward W. Garland, San Antonio.

Ten new Region Presidents were elected. Newly elected are Mason S. Botts (Central East Region), John T. Brock (Florida Region), Ronald



Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF Chief of Staff (left), and Julius Jackson, staff assistant to US Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Tex.), meet at an AFA Congressional breakfast.



Above, Bob Largent, AFA's Chairman of the Board (left), and S. Sanford Schlitt (right), AFA's newly elected Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education. Right, CMSAF Rodney McKinley (center) talks with (l-r) MSgt. Charles Mercurio IV and SMSgt. Gerardo Tapia. Below, Col. Valeri Saar, air chief Estonia, and Air Chief Marshal Herman Prayitno, Indonesia, talk together during a Global Air Chiefs gathering.



E. Thompson (Great Lakes Region), Ronald M. Adams (New England Region), E. Laird Hansen (Northwest Region), Ronald W. Mielke (North Central Region), Joan Sell (Rocky Mountain Region), Donald R. Michels (Southeast Region), James I. Wheeler (Southwest Region), and Terry Cox (Texoma Region).

Other AFA Business

AFA delegates ratified four Constitution or Operations Procedures Manual (OPM) changes at the 2007 convention. Two were mandated by actions approved at the 2006 convention.

The delegates approved a Constitution change to the AFA Nominating Committee that alters the composition of the committee to include specified AFA constituency representa-

tives (Education, Field, Total Force, Retired, and Industry), the past three AFA Chairmen of the Board, and two representatives from each geographic area. The final structure was inserted into the Constitution, with a phase-in plan detailed in the OPM. The delegates also approved clarifying language in the Constitution and OPM to provide for full state delegation voting for national officer or director elections and delegates-present voting for all floor issues.

Two further issues arose during the year since the 2006 convention, and were approved by the Board of Directors prior to the 2007 convention.

In the first, the delegates approved a Constitution change to include the Air Force Memorial Foundation as an affiliate of AFA. They also approved



Lt. Gen. David Deptula, USAF deputy chief of staff for ISR, greets retired Gen. Charles Horner, who was air boss of the 1991 Gulf War.

a Constitution change to the title of the President of AFA to “President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)” and were informed of the minor changes made to the OPM President-CEO duties by the Board of Directors.

Finally, the delegates approved a proposal by the Field Council to revise the way in which support payments will be made to chapters. The process will have a transition year in 2008 and be fully implemented in 2009.

Congressional Activity

AFA delegations from 16 states and two regions (Midwest and Southeast) gathered at the House of Representatives Cannon Building for a breakfast Tuesday morning with members of Congress, senior professional staff members, and USAF leadership. Among Congressional leaders in attendance was Sen. John R. Thune (R-S.D.), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee attending the breakfast included Sen. Christopher S. “Kit” Bond (R-Mo.).

Also participating in the AFA breakfast meeting were Reps. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), Dan Boren (D-Okla.), Thelma D. Drake (R-Va.), Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.), Robin Hayes (R-N.C.), Walter Jones Jr. (R-N.C.), Dave Loebsack (D-Iowa), Jeff Miller (R-Fla.), and John M. Spratt Jr. (D-S.C.), all members of the House Armed Services Committee.

Members of the House Appropriations Committee attending the breakfast included: Reps. Virgil H. Goode

Jr. (R-Va.), Tom Latham (R-Iowa), and John W. Olver (D-Mass.).

Other Senators attending the breakfast included Jon Tester (D-Mont.).

Other Congressmen attending the breakfast were Reps. Henry E. Brown Jr. (R-S.C.), Howard Coble (R-N.C.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Darleen Hooley (D-Ore.), Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.), James P. McGovern (D-Mass.), John Mica (R-Fla.), Brad Miller (D-N.C.), Harry E. Mitchell (D-Ariz.), Richard E. Neal (D-Mass.), Ed Perlmutter (D-Colo.), Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-S.D.), Bobby Scott (D-Va.), Heath Shuler (D-N.C.), and John F. Tierney (D-Mass.).

Air Force leaders who visited with

AFA delegates and lawmakers at the breakfast included Michael Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF Chief of Staff.

AFA Education Awards

Videos on the theme of “The Most Significant Event in the Air Force’s First 60 Years” competed for AFA’s annual Jimmy Stewart Aerospace Education Award. The winning entry, from AFJROTC Unit FL-936, Flagler Palm Coast High School, Bunnell, Fla., focused on the Berlin Airlift as “the symbol of hope and humanitarian effort, ... by far the Air Force’s most significant event in [its] history.”

Jennifer Sinsel, a fifth-grade teacher at Wichita Collegiate School, Wichita, Kan., won the AFA Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award as the year’s outstanding aerospace science, mathematics, or computer science teacher.

Acknowledgements

Parliamentarian for the AFA National Convention was Joan L. Blankenship. Inspectors of Elections were Robert C. Bienvenue (Chairman), Michael J. Bolton, and Edward S. Tooley. Raymond Turczynski Jr. chaired the Credentials Committee, serving with Nancy J. Driscoll and Patricia J. Snyder.

The association is particularly grateful to a corps of volunteers who assisted the staff in convention support: Dane Arnholt, Dan Hixon, Mordechai Levin, CMSgt. Debbie Snyder, Leola Wall, and 2nd Lt. Robert Wray III. ■



David Buckwalter of Rhode Island was a candidate for Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education.



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. Ronald E. Keys, USAF

Commander, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.

Honorable Michael W. Wynne

Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Lockheed Martin and Boeing Company

Suppliers of evolved expendable launch vehicles

17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.

Maj. Steven M. Ross, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Donald Lopez, Deputy Director, Smithsonian Institution, National Air & Space Museum, Washington, D.C.

Ross Perot Jr., former Chairman, Air Force Memorial Foundation, Plano, Tex.

Lt. Col. William T. Singer, Deputy Director, 565th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Carl E. Lowe II, Director, Waco, Tex.



Gen. Ronald Keys, commander, Air Combat Command, received the H.H. Arnold Award for his advocacy for air and space power and his support of USAF's combat forces. He retired in September.



Joanne Maguire (l) of Lockheed Martin and James Albaugh (r) of Boeing accept the John R. Alison Award from AFA Board Chairman Robert Largent. The award recognized quality production of Atlas V (Lockheed) and Delta IV (Boeing) evolved expendable launch vehicles, which contributed to the achievement of 50 straight successful launches.



Retired CMSAF Paul Airey, the first airman to hold the top enlisted position, received the AFA Lifetime Achievement Award.



Michael Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force, was presented the W. Stuart Symington Award as the top civilian proponent of airpower.

Crew Awards and Team Awards

Award	Recipients	Achievement
Airborne Battle Management Crew	12th Expeditionary Airborne Command & Control Sq., Crew Three, 116th Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.	Best airborne battle management crew
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award	SSgt. Charles R. Tate III, 463rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq., Little Rock AFB, Ark.	Crew chief of the year
Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award	Maj. Clinton W. Eichelberger, 66th Weapons Sq., USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.	Best aerial warfare tactician
Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award	Air Crew of Shadow 61, 67th Special Operations Sq., RAF Mildenhall, England	Best air refueling crew
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award	Crew of Bone 27, 37th Expeditionary Bomb Sq., 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.	Best bomber aircrew
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award	Crew of Crowe 45, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.	Best reconnaissance crew
Gen. Thomas S. Power Award	Capt. Melissa S. Ward and 1st Lt. James A. Mijatovich, 90th Space Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.	Best missile combat crew
Space Operations Award	2nd Range Operations Sq., FTG-02 Range Crew, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.	Best space operations crew
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award	Crew of Ouzo 05, 7th Special Operations Sq., RAF Mildenhall, England	Best airlift aircrew
USAF Test & Evaluation Team of the Year	Small Diameter Bomb Test Team, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.	Best test team

Professional, Management, Civilian, and Environmental Awards

Award	Recipient
Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence	Lt. Col. William J. Poirier, 35th Communications Sq., Misawa AB, Japan
Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians	Lt. Col. Christopher G. Scharenbrock, 60th Medical Ops Sq., Travis AFB, Calif.
Verne Orr Award for Human Resources	5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing	Capt. Christina R. Wheeler, Scott AFB, Ill.
Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers	Lyndon B. James, 16th Air Force, Det. 3, RAF Mildenhall, England
Personnel Manager of the Year	Capt. Liza M. Theriault, 51st Mission Support Sq., Osan AB, South Korea
Civilian Wage Employee of the Year*	David L. Smart, 1st Special Operations Logistics Readiness Sq., Hurlburt Field, Fla.
Civilian Program Specialist of the Year*	Christopher R. Nordberg, 309th Maintenance Group, Hill AFB, Utah
Civilian Program Manager of the Year*	Robert D. LeFever, 820th Security Forces Group, Moody AFB, Ga.
Civilian Senior Manager of the Year	Robert C. Renko, Defense Cyber Crime Center, Linthicum, Md.
AFROTC Cadet of the Year	Maureen A. Hartney, University of Florida
CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year	Maria T. Mangano, Iowa State University
Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year	Michele D. Jurgensen, Ankara, Turkey
Air Force Chaplain Service Award	Col. Gary L. Carlson, US Central Command Air Forces
AFMC Executive Management Award	Lynda T. Rutledge, 308th Armament Systems Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
AFMC Middle Management Award*	Maj. Kristi L. Forino, 558th Aircraft Sustainment Group, Hill AFB, Utah
AFMC Junior Management Award*	Capt. Richard L. Van Slyke, 516th Aero. Systems Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Management)*	Kevin S. Hooper, 45th Civil Engineering Sq., Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla.
Gen. E.W. Rawlings Award (Technician)*	TSgt. Joseph A. Barry, 50th CES, Schriever AFB, Colo.

**Presented at recipient's location*

Citations of Honor*

For the outstanding contribution of an individual or organization to the development of aerospace power.

*Presented at recipient's location.

Recipients	Achievement
ROVER Team, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force	Air Force and industry teamed to produce and deliver an advanced, live shared-video system, comprising a laptop, receiver, and cables, that enables pilots and ground controllers to simultaneously view a target. ROVER technology aided precise air-to-ground strikes.
301st Mission Support Group, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Tex.	Finished nearly 60 major renovation projects in Afghanistan, including helping build a helipad at Bagram Air Base. Expedited delivery of relief workers and supplies as first aerial port squadron supporting post-Katrina operations in New Orleans.
43rd Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C.	Transported 330,000 troops and 78 million pounds of cargo. Created C-130 realignment plan for Central Command Air Forces. Evacuated 17,000 patients in more than 500 missions from Iraq and Afghanistan. Established first intermediate engine repair facility in theater. Conducted 130 convoy missions.
1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.	Carried out nearly 7,000 combat and humanitarian missions in Southwest Asia, Africa, South America, and the Philippines, eliminating or capturing thousands of enemy personnel and providing medical care to 6,000 civilians. Flew 18,941 combat hours.
658th Aeronautical Systems Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	Provided 41 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle systems for combat operations. Sped delivery of MQ-9 Reaper UAVs to combat theater. Fielded Hellfire missile with expanded target area capability.
Rapid Attack ID & Detection and Reporting System Deployable Ground Segment Team, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Southwest Asia	Deployed to Southwest Asia as the sole defensive counterspace unit, employing satellite communications system to "find, fix, track, target" in record time to terminate enemy communications.
355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	Conducted more than 500 combat convoys. Trained Iraq's first vehicle operations flight. Facilitated materiel shipped into and out of Southwest Asia, including hundreds of critical air assets. Refueled US Customs aircraft, facilitating 6,200 counterdrug sorties.
86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany	Provided instruction and training for Iraqi pilots and maintainers, enabling stand up of Iraq's only airlift squadron. Evacuated 14,000 Americans out of Lebanon. Airlifted 200 tons of aid and 3,400 peacekeepers to Darfur. Moved troops and cargo for five commands spanning 65 countries.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

Award	Recipient	Achievement/Employer
CMSgt. Dick Red Award	CMSgt. Terry M. Allen, 175th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., Martin State Arpt., Md.	Best ANG maintainer
Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks Award	Crew of Jolly 92, 129th Rescue Sq., 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett Field, Calif.	Best ANG unit airmanship
Best Air National Guard Unit	114th Fighter Wing, Joe Foss Field, S.D.	Top ANG unit of the year
George W. Bush Award, Officer	Capt. Andrew F. Bennett, 290th Joint Comm. Support Sq., MacDill AFB, Fla.	Advanced C4 Solutions, Inc., Tampa, Fla.
George W. Bush Award, Enlisted	MSgt. Alice Sischo, 115th Mission Support Gp., Truax Field, Wis.	Kwik Trip, Inc., La Crosse, Wis.
Best Air Force Reserve Unit	446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.	Top AFRC unit of the year
President's Award	446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.	Best AFRC aircrew of the year
Citizen Airman Award, Officer	Maj. Thomas N. Jensen, 97th Airlift Sq., 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.	Alaska Airlines, Seattle
Citizen Airman Award, Enlisted	SMSgt. Kenneth C. Crosby, 914th Aero-medical Evacuation Sq., Niagara Falls Arpt./ARS, N.Y.	Middle Atlantic Warehouse Distributor, Inc., Tonawanda, N.Y.

AFA Member of the Year



William Croom Jr., Alamo Chapter (Tex.).

D.W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year)



President of the Central Oklahoma (Gerrity) Chapter, James Diehl.

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award—Chapter



Michael Clark, president of the Miami Chapter (Fla.).

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Awards

Chapter Award

Miami, Fla.
President Michael S. Clark

Individual Award

Elizabeth McLaughlin
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.

Jack Gross Award

Small Chapter
Meridian, Miss.
President Langford Knight

Extra Large Chapter
Montgomery, Ala.
President Thomas W. Gwaltney

Medium Chapter
Miami, Fla.
President Michael S. Clark

Chapter Larger Than 1,500
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
President Brian Binn

Large Chapter
Enid, Okla.
President James J. Jacobs

AFA Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Teachers



Jennifer Sinsel, a fifth-grade teacher at Wichita Collegiate School in Wichita, Kan.

Gill Robb Wilson Award



Donald Lopez, deputy director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C.

2007 AFA Membership and Activity Awards (cont.)

Outstanding State Organization

Florida

President E. Max Friedauer

Outstanding Chapters by Size

Extra Large Chapter (901+ members)

Montgomery, Ala.

President Thomas N. Gwaltney

Large Chapter (401-900 members)

Hurlburt, Fla.

President James B. Connors

Medium Chapter (201-400 members)

Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.

President John E. Schmidt Jr.

Small Chapter (20-200 members)

Fort Dodge, Iowa

President Deann Faiferlick

Unit Exceptional Service Awards

Best Single Program

Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

President Brian Binn

Communications

Lufbery-Campbell, Germany

President Kenneth E. Gammons

Community Partners

Enid, Okla.

President James J. Jacobs

Community Relations

Tucson, Ariz.

President Karen Halstead

Overall Programming

Eglin, Fla.

President Edwin G. Jordan

Veterans' Affairs

Long Island, N.Y.

President William G. Stratemeier

Special Recognition— Sustained New Member Recruitment

These chapters have attained the quarterly new member recruitment goal for three consecutive quarters, extending from October 2006 to June 2007.

Ark-La-Tex, La.

Big Sky, Mont.

Bob Hope, Calif.

Central Florida, Fla.

Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.

Chautauqua, N.Y.

Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.

Contrails, Kan.

Dacotah, S.D.

David D. Terry Jr., Ark.

Delaware Galaxy, Del.

Edward J. Monaghan, Alaska

Eglin, Fla.

Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska

Fort Dodge, Iowa

Gen. Charles A. Horner, Iowa

Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.

Gold Coast, Fla.

Golden Triangle, Miss.

Green Mountain, Vt.

Happy Hooligan, N.D.

Harry S. Truman, Mo.

Hurlburt, Fla.

Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

Lincoln, Neb.

Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.

Meridian, Miss.

Miami, Fla.

MiG Alley, South Korea

Montgomery, Ala.

Newport Blue & Gold, R.I.

Paul Revere, Mass.

Red River Valley, N.D.

Red Tail Memorial, Fla.

Roanoke, Va.

Robert H. Goddard, Calif.

Rushmore, S.D.

Savannah, Ga.

Shooting Star, N.J.

Tucson, Ariz.

Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

Special Recognition—Chapter Growth

These chapters have realized a growth in total membership from June 2006 to June 2007.

Lindbergh/Sikorsky, Conn.

Flying Yankees, Conn.

Minuteman, Mass.

Paul Revere, Mass.

Newport Blue & Gold, R.I.

Gen. Carl A. "Tooey" Spaatz, N.Y.

Chautauqua, N.Y.

Olmstead, Pa.

Lehigh Valley, Pa.

Total Force, Pa.

Altoona, Pa.

Delaware Galaxy, Del.

Leigh Wade, Va.

Roanoke, Va.

Langley, Va.

Tarheel, N.C.

Cape Fear, N.C.

Blue Ridge, N.C.

Kitty Hawk, N.C.

Strom Thurmond, S.C.

Red Tail Memorial, Fla.

Florida Highlands, Fla.

Miami, Fla.

Hurlburt, Fla.

Falcon, Fla.

Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Fla.

Birmingham, Ala.

Tennessee Valley, Ala.

Razorback, Ark.

Meridian, Miss.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

H.H. Arnold Memorial, Tenn.

Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, Tenn.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Lexington, Ky.

Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, Ohio

Big Sky, Mont.

Happy Hooligan, N.D.

Red River Valley, N.D.

Dacotah, S.D.

Gen. Charles A. Horner, Iowa

Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.

Lincoln, Neb.

Enid, Okla.

Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.

Alamo, Tex.

Abilene, Tex.

Ghost Squadron, Tex.

Denton, Tex.

Cochise, Ariz.

Llano Estacado, N.M.

Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.

Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska

Snake River Valley, Idaho

Inland Empire, Wash.

Keystone, Pacific

MiG Alley, Pacific

Special Recognition— State Growth

These states have realized a growth in total membership from June 2006 to June 2007.

Connecticut

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

Delaware

North Carolina

Tennessee

Kentucky

South Dakota

Iowa

Oklahoma

Colorado

Special Recognition— Region Growth

These regions have realized a growth in total membership from June 2006 to June 2007.

New England

Texoma

EDUCATION AWARDS

Chairman's Award for Exceptional Performance in Aerospace Education

Presented to a maximum of three chapters annually for sustained performance in aerospace education programs. To qualify, a chapter must have received the Aerospace Education Council award this year and the prior year.

Wright Memorial, Ohio
Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial, Va.
C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.

Aerospace Education Council Award for Sustained Performance in Aerospace Education

Presented to chapters for outstanding aerospace education programs.

Albuquerque, N.M.
Ark-La-Tex, La.
Blue Ridge, N.C.
Brig. Gen. James R. McCarthy, Fla.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.
Col. H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.
Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial, Va.
Eglin, Fla.
Falcon, Fla.
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Gen. Charles A. Gabriel, Va.
Gold Coast, Fla.
Harry S. Truman, Mo.
Kitty Hawk, N.C.
John C. Meyer, Fla.
Miami, Fla.
Montgomery, Ala.
Northern Shenandoah Valley, Va.
Northern Utah, Utah
Red Tail Memorial, Fla.
Richard I. Bong, Minn.
Roanoke, Va.
Savannah, Ga.
Scott Berkeley, N.C.
Swamp Fox, S.C.
Tarheel, N.C.
Tidewater, Va.
Tucson, Ariz.
Wright Memorial, Ohio

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The following chapters have qualified for these awards based on their recruitment of new members during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2007.

Community Partner Membership Awards

Gold Award

Presented in the field to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least six percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.

Altus, Okla.	Hurlburt, Fla.
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.	Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.	Leigh Wade, Va.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.	Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.
Cochise, Ariz.	McChord AFB, Wash.
Col H.M. "Bud" West, Fla.	Mercer County, N.J.
Contrails, Kan.	Meridian, Miss.
Del Rio, Tex.	Miami, Fla.
Delaware Galaxy, Del.	Montgomery, Ala.
Enid, Okla.	Northeast Texas, Tex.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska	Richard D. Kislign, Iowa
Fort Wayne, Ind.	Steel Valley, Ohio
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.	Swamp Fox, S.C.
Golden Triangle, Miss.	Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
Happy Hooligan, N.D.	Wright Memorial, Ohio
High Desert, Calif.	

Achievement Award

Presented in the field to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least three percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.

Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance, Del.	Langley, Va.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.	Lt. Col. B.D. "Buzz" Wagner, Pa.
Charles Hudson, Calif.	Maj. Gen. Charles I. Bennett Jr., Calif.
Chautauqua, N.Y.	Mel Harmon, Colo.
David D. Terry Jr., Ark.	Red Tail Memorial, Fla.
Earl D. Clark Jr., Mo.	Richard I. Bong, Minn.
Fort Dodge, Iowa	Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
Frank Luke, Ariz.	Shooting Star, N.J.
Gen. B.A. Schriever Los Angeles	Strom Thurmond, S.C.
Gen. Charles A. Horner, Iowa	Tidewater, Va.
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., Tex.	Total Force, Pa.
Jackson, Miss.	William A. Jones III, Va.
Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.	

Jimmy Stewart Media Award

Given annually to the AFJROTC unit that produces the most creative public service video. The theme of the video is different each year, but is always patriotic/military oriented. This award is named to honor Brig. Gen. James Stewart—actor, warrior, and a charter member of the Air Force Association. He was America's leading man who served his country in World War II.

Flagler Palm Coast High School AFJROTC

Bunnell, Fla.

The topic this year was "What was the most significant event in the Air Force's first 60 years?"

Individual Awards

Presented for outstanding service.

Presidential Citation

John Timothy Brock, Fla.
David Buckwalter, R.I.
David Cummock, Fla.
Mary Feightner, Okla.
Rodgers Greenawalt, S.C.
Stan Hood, S.C.
Joe Panza, Ala.
Joe Price, Va.
Joan Sell, Colo.
Thomas G. Shepherd, W.Va.
Stephan Pappas, Wyo.

Central East Region

Medal of Merit

Harold Barton, Va.
Tom Bucklin, Va.
Nancy Cribb, Va.
John Friedman, Del.
Norman Haller, Va.
Curt Osterheld, D.C.
Michelle Ryan, Va.
Charles Winstead, Va.

Exceptional Service Award

Nikki Barry, Va.
Thomas Bass, Md.
James Holt, Va.
Fred Richardson, Va.
Sean Ryan, Va.
William Williams, Va.

Far West Region

Medal of Merit

Marjorie Beckmann, Calif.
Chad Cerreto, Calif.
Nancy Driscoll, Calif.
Eugene Grimm, Calif.
Martin Ledwitz, Calif.
Carlos Ortiz, Calif.
Jerry Saunders, Calif.
Robert D. Smith, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award

Joseph Battaglia, Calif.
Lee Greer, Calif.
Barbara Konieczny, Calif.
Arthur Trost, Calif.

Florida Region

Medal of Merit

Steve Czonstka, Fla.
Leslie Matheson, Fla.

Merry Ortega, Fla.
Ann Shambo, Fla.
Danny Webb, Fla.
William Yucuis, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award

Jeri Martin, Fla.
Sandra S. Wood, Fla.

Great Lakes Region

Medal of Merit

Gerhard Gaiser, Ind.
Robert Goedel, Ind.
David Judson, Ohio
Al Schoolcraft, Ohio
George Simons, Ohio
Charles Spencer, Ohio
Michael Winslow, Ohio

Exceptional Service Award

William Howard, Ind.
Kent Owsley, Ohio
Shiela Wallace, Ohio

Midwest Region

Medal of Merit

Von Blunt, Iowa
David Cory, Mo.
Donna Dee, Iowa
Deann Faiferlick, Iowa
Richard Schlegel, Iowa
Robert Tovado, Neb.

Exceptional Service Award

Bruce Bachellor, Iowa
Michael Cook, Neb.
Charles McDonald, Iowa
Mark Musick, Neb.
Jerry Needham, Neb.

New England Region

Medal of Merit

James Anderson, Vt.
Mark Harysch, R.I.
Brad Jensen, Vt.
Lisa McCurdy, Mass.
Udo McGregor, Mass.
Yvonne Thurston, Mass.

Exceptional Service Award

Ronald Adams, Mass.
Richard Codling, Mass.
Louis Emond, N.H.

North Central Region

Medal of Merit

Al Garver, Mont.
Paul Johnson, Minn.

Exceptional Service Award

Ronald Mielke, S.D.
Robert McGonigal, Minn.
James Simons, N.D.

Northeast Region

Medal of Merit

Robert Egoft, Pa.
Frank Martins, N.J.
Edgar Shallenberger, Pa.

Northwest Region

Medal of Merit

Gary Brackett, Wash.
Mary Mayer, Ore.
Mary Moss, Wash.
Darlene Parrow, Ore.
Jack Wilbur, Alaska
Vivian Wilson, Wash.

Exceptional Service Award

Carlene Joseph, Wash.
Fred Rosenfelder, Wash.

Rocky Mountain Region

Medal of Merit

Richard Ames, Wyo.
Russ Anarde, Colo.
Marvin Berry, Utah
Brian Binn, Colo.
Cary Trafton, Colo.
Walter Saeger, Utah

Exceptional Service Award

James Aadland, Utah
Jeri Andrews, Colo.
Ronald Geurts, Colo.

South Central Region

Medal of Merit

Michael Asselin, Miss.
Leonard Buch, Ark.
Bob Frye, Ala.
John Glass, Tenn.
Richard T. Johnson, Miss.
Langford Knight, Miss.
Ann Reichenbach, Ark.

Exceptional Service Award

Amy T. Brown, Ala.

Thomas W. Gwaltney, Ala.
Pat McCoy, Ala.
Judy Rice, Ala.

Southeast Region

Medal of Merit

David Griffiths, N.C.
George Medina, N.C.
Donald Michels, Ga.
Jay Seward II, S.C.
Lance Young, S.C.

Exceptional Service Award

Joyce Feuerstein, N.C.
Ronald Powell, S.C.

Southwest Region

Medal of Merit

Elizabeth Evans, Ariz.
Joseph Peltier III, Nev.
Helen Oster, Ariz.
James O. Turner, Ariz.
Rex Weber, Ariz.

Exceptional Service Award

Ramon Barajas, Ariz.
Karen Halstead, Ariz.

Texoma Region

Medal of Merit

Nancy Bolinger, Okla.
Robert Hall, Tex.
Kelly Jones, Tex.
Joel Mann, Okla.
Dan Ohnesorge, Okla.
Rick Pena, Okla.
James Perry, Tex.
Pattie Rosas, Tex.
Joe Shurila, Okla.

Exceptional Service Award

Clay Church, Tex.
Terry Cox, Okla.
James Diehl, Okla.
Richard Walker, Tex.

Europe

Medal of Merit

Kenneth E. Gammons, Germany

Named in Memorial Tribute

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

Alva Appel

Lt. Col. Gregory H. Bradford, USAF (Ret.)

Lt. Col. W.W. Brown, USAF (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Norman Collard, USAF (Ret.)

Brig. Gen. Darrell Cramer, USAF (Ret.)

Carol Denicole

Maj. Russell Martin Dobyns, USAF (Ret.)

Gen. Russell E. Dougherty, USAF (Ret.)

Brig. Gen. Donald Dressler, USAF (Ret.)

Col. James Fagan, USAF (Ret.)

Joseph R. Falcone

Col. E.F. "Sandy" Faust, USA (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Romeo Ferretti, USAF (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Carl M. Folsom, USAF (Ret.)

Herbert Foster

William W. Glasmann Jr.

Brig. Gen. John O. Gray, USAF (Ret.)

Maj. Gen. Rex A. Hadley, USAF (Ret.)

Frances Northrop Hardy

Lt. Col. C.R. Hedrick, USAF (Ret.)

SMSgt. Carroll Herndon, USAF (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Roy J. Hopper, USAF (Ret.)

Maj. Gen. Doyle E. Larson, USAF (Ret.)

Capt. Joseph G. Lerner, USAF (Ret.)

Alwyn T. Lloyd

Col. Nathan Mazer, USAF (Ret.)

Brig. Gen. Robert F. McDermott, USAF (Ret.)

Robert E. Meinecke

Lt. Col. Chase J. Nielsen, USAF (Ret.)

Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, USAF (Ret.)

Adrian T. Peschl

CMSAF Gary R. Pfingston, USAF (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Samuel L. Rich, USAF (Ret.)

Col. Robert R. Scott, USAF (Ret.)

SSgt. Robert S. Seidel, USAF (Ret.)

Bryan Sharratt

Janelle Shaud

Hon. John C. Stetson

Harold C. Stuart

Lt. Col. Andrew J. Stough, USAF (Ret.)

Sen. Craig Thomas

Lt. Col. James O. Tyler, USAF (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Jay Zeamer, USAF (Ret.)

Dorothy Jule Zumwalt



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 CMSgt. Michael Meyers
 CMSgt. Jon Rosa
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