

# N Air Force Association Newsline

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## Important Dates

July

- 3 Independence Day Holiday  
AFA closed
- 10-11 Florida State Convention  
Jacksonville, FL
- 17-19 Texoma Regional  
Convention  
Dallas, TX



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*Educate the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation*

*Advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense*

*Support the United States Air Force, the Air Force Family, and Aerospace Education*

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## 2009 Awards Announced

The Awards Committee met at AFA Headquarters on June 18. While the National Aerospace Awards were selected, these awards need to be finalized by contacting the recipients and in most cases Air Force Leaders at the Pentagon as well as MAJCOM Commanders. This process will take a couple of weeks so these awards will be included in the next issue of *Newsline*. For now, please see the field awards listed below.

### 2009 AFA INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

#### **GOLD CARD RECIPIENT**

Donald J. Harlin, GA

#### **MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

David R. Cummock, FL

#### **DISTINGUISHED SUSTAINED AEROSPACE EDUCATION AWARD**

Mary Anne Thompson, MA

#### **CHAIRMAN'S CITATION**

Ronald Adams, MA  
Joseph Bisognano, MA  
George Cavalli, CO  
Terry Cox, OK  
James Diehl, OK  
Dennis Moran, FL  
James Simons, ND  
Eric Taylor, PA

#### **CENTRAL EAST REGION**

##### **Medal of Merit**

Gary Austin, MD  
Rene Bergeron, DC  
Carl Bess, VA  
Norm Brander, VA  
Peter Jones, VA  
Bob King, DE  
Tom Moncure, VA  
Wade McRoberts, VA  
Terry Young, VA

##### **Exceptional Service Award**

Keith Ebert, VA  
Blair Ellis, VA  
Kevin Jackson, DC  
James McGuire, VA  
Curt Osterheld, DC

#### **FAR WEST REGION**

##### **Medal of Merit**

Ron Azarcon, CA  
Philip Barger, CA  
Robert Barrow, CA  
Rick Chisholm, CA  
Jan Clawson, CA  
Norman Marous, CA

##### **Exceptional Service Award**

Nora Ruebrook, HI

#### **FLORIDA REGION**

##### **Medal of Merit**

Michael Clark, FL  
Jeff Fanto, FL  
Michael Liquori, FL  
Clifford Palmer, FL

Shirley Pigott, FL  
Ricardo Soria, FL  
Jeff Spraggins, FL

**Exceptional Service Award**

Michael Emig, FL  
Grady Jordan, FL  
Jeri Ann Martin, FL  
William Palmby, FL

**GREAT LAKES REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Renee Albright, OH  
Anthony Boehm, OH  
James Fultz, IN  
Glenn Harland, IN  
Julie Livingston, OH  
Brandon Monticue, IN  
Sharon Murner, OH  
Jane Lori Stone, OH

**Exceptional Service Award**

William Draper, IN  
Marjorie Feeback, IN  
William Grider, IN  
Everett Odgers, OH

**MIDWEST REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Lang Anderson, NE

Diane Bartels, NE  
Raymond Cain, IA  
Charles Carlson, IA  
Deann Faiferlick, IA  
Steven Plamann, NE

**Exceptional Service Award**

Robert Tovado, NE

**NEW ENGLAND REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

John Christopher, MA  
Peter Colerico, MA  
Linda Jean, MA  
Marian McGovern, MA  
Luis Nunez, MA  
Keith Taylor, MA  
Robert Wilkinson, RI

**Exceptional Service Award**

John Hasson, MA  
Yvonne Thurston, MA

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Daniel Becker, ND  
Clark Culbertson, ND  
Bonnie Goldschmidt, ND  
Paul Goldschmidt, ND  
Kellie Lewis, ND  
Heidi Priestly, MN

**Exceptional Service Award**

Milton Arneson, ND

**NORTHEAST REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Charles Harker, PA  
George Henderson, PA  
Nick Mullaney, NJ  
Judith Nunamann, NJ  
Ray Wienk, NY  
Gary Wolbert, PA

**Exceptional Service Award**

Al Parise, NY  
Cathy Ward, NY

**NORTHWEST REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Gary Brackett, WA  
Robert Branscomb, WA  
Art Cornelius, OR  
John Lee, OR

Vicky Mohler, WA  
Phil Szymkowicz, OR

**Exceptional Service Award**

Laird Hansen, WA

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Henry Baird, CO  
Rick Peterson, CO  
Hank Scarangella, CO  
Dusty Thein, WY  
David Tobin, CO  
R.J. Schultz, CO

**Exceptional Service Award**

Debbie Estrem, CO  
Kevin Estrem, CO  
Walter Saeger, UT  
Gayle White, CO

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Morris Cash, AR  
James Dotherow, AL  
John Phillips, AL  
Andy Potter, AL

**Exceptional Service Award**

Susan Mallett, AL

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Matthew Dunn, GA  
Sam Finklea, SC  
David Klinkicht, NC  
Nick Lacey, GA  
Will Newson, GA  
Arthur Rooney, SC

**Exceptional Service Award**

Ralph Hightower, NC  
Ronald Powell, SC

**SOUTHWEST REGION**

**Medal of Merit**

Luisa Bailey, AZ  
Ernest Denecke, NM  
Frederick Harsany, NM  
Sharon Marvin, AZ  
Donald Sexton, NV  
Harold Thomas, AZ

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### **Exceptional Service Award**

Gerald Ashley, AZ

### **TEXOMA REGION**

#### **Medal of Merit**

Debra Bates, OK  
Douglas Chown, OK  
William Coggins, TX  
Joan Lopez, TX  
Michael Nishimuta, TX  
David Pope, TX  
Bruce Shelton, OK  
Adam Walker, TX  
Debra Westmoreland, TX

### **Exceptional Service Award**

Joyce Habina, TX  
Kelly Jones, TX  
Dan Ohnesorge, OK  
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### **2009 AFA UNIT AWARD WINNERS**

#### **OUTSTANDING STATE ORGANIZATION**

Florida State - President John T. Brock

#### **D.W. STEELE MEMORIAL SR. MEMORIAL AWARD (Unit of the Year)**

Paul Revere Chapter - President Angela M. Dupont

#### **OUTSTANDING SMALL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR (20-200 members)**

David C. Jones Chapter, ND - President Ronald L. Garcia

#### **OUTSTANDING MEDIUM CHAPTER OF THE YEAR (201-400)**

Roanoke Chapter, VA - President James H. McGuire

#### **OUTSTANDING EXTRA LARGE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR (over 900)**

Lance P. Sijan Chapter, CO - President George T. Cavalli

#### **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD (BEST SINGLE PROGRAM)**

Alamo Chapter, TX – President Gary L. Copsy

#### **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD (COMMUNICATIONS)**

Hurlburt Chapter, FL – President Dann D. Mattiza

#### **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD (COMMUNITY PARTNERS)**

McChord Chapter, WA – President Robert Branscomb

#### **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD (COMMUNITY RELATIONS)**

Eglin Chapter, FL – President Jeffrey L. Fanto

#### **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD (OVERALL PROGRAMMING)**

Wright Memorial Chapter, OH – President Kent D. Owsley

#### **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD (VETERANS AFFAIRS)**

Central Florida Chapter, FL – President James E. Callahan

### **AFA Awards for Aerospace Education Excellence**

The Awards for Aerospace Education Excellence were established to recognize sustained excellence in the execution of aerospace education programs. The program is two-tiered: the first tier is the Aerospace Education Achievement Award and the second tier is the Aerospace Education Excellence Award.

#### **The following chapters received the Aerospace Education Achievement Award for 2009.**

Albuquerque Chapter  
B/G James McCarthy Chapter  
Blue Ridge Chapter  
C. Farinha/Gold Rush Chapter  
Cape Canaveral Chapter  
Central Florida Chapter  
Chicagoland/O'Hare Chapter  
Cochise Chapter  
Col. H. M. 'Bud' West Chapter  
Col. Loren Everson Chapter  
Cowboy Cheyenne Chapter  
D.W. Steele Chapter  
Danville Chapter  
Eglin Chapter  
Falcon Chapter  
Gen E. W. Rawlings Chapter  
Gerrity Chapter  
Gold Coast Chapter  
Hurlburt Chapter  
Jerry Waterman Chapter

Lance P. Sijan Chapter  
Langley Chapter  
McChord Chapter  
Miami Chapter  
Montgomery Chapter  
Nathan F. Twining Chapter  
Northern Shenandoah Chapter  
Red Tail Memorial Chapter  
Roanoke Chapter  
Swamp Fox Chapter  
Thomas W. Anthony Chapter  
Wright Memorial Chapter

The following chapters were selected to receive the Aerospace Education Excellence Award.

Medium Chapter – Northern Shenandoah Chapter  
Large Chapter – Hurlburt Chapter  
Extra Large Chapter – Gen. E. W. Rawlings Chapter

### **Take the Worry out of Making Your Membership Goal**

How would you like to take the worry out of making your quarterly membership goal? Take advantage of the policy that allows you to get more members than you need one quarter and carry the “excess” forward into future quarters until that “excess” is used up. It’s just like having a bank balance from which scheduled withdrawals are made each quarter. Just keep the balance larger than the withdrawal will be and you’ll always be set – without those last minute worries.

Remember both quarterly goals (.75% and the 1.5% levels) are based on your October 1 membership and rounded DOWN to the nearest half member (since you can get cadets, students or junior enlisted for that half-credit).

So if you need 6 per quarter (at the .75% level) but get 15 in a given quarter, we’ll use 6 for that quarter, 6 for the next quarter, leaving you a balance of 3 toward the 6 you need in the third quarter. We will do the same at the 1.5% level.

You pay attention to your bank balance before you write a check or use a

debit card. Why not handle your membership “balance” the same way? Develop a cushion to cover those “down” periods of summer vacations and the winter Holidays so that you never miss getting full membership credit.

Try it. It works!

### **Leadership Development – “Bring on the Young” and Mentor them to become our Future Leaders**

There will come a time that many of our Chapter members will fall into one of these areas:

- 1) Ready to step back in their involvement due to **career changes**
- 2) Ready to step back in their involvement due to **burnout**
- 3) Ready to step back in their involvement due to **retirement**
- 4) Ready to step back in their involvement due to **family commitments**

The best advice to share with our AFA Chapters is to suggest they invite and welcome the younger industry and military personnel into their monthly meetings and Chapter events **with open arms**. Share your Chapter activities with them, welcome them into committees which are planning and executing Chapter sponsored events, such as symposiums, balls, dinners, luncheons, golf tournaments, and fundraisers.

Begin by teaming them with an experienced Chapter member and next offer them a small, **but important piece** to oversee or lead. When successful, they will begin to see how they can help make a difference in both the Chapter’s success and in supporting their local community. One of them may very well be your next Chapter President.

**To the young and those wanting additional experience in leadership:** There are many in your local area with a mass of experience and

knowledge. They are willing to share if you are willing to listen and learn.

*-From your National Membership Team*

### **Special Flags Available**

The Air Force Association is offering a unique opportunity to give a special gift while helping to continue its educational programs and outreach efforts. For a contribution of \$150, you can receive an Air Force flag which was flown over the U.S. Air Force Memorial on Memorial Day. This is an official 3’x5’ U.S. Air Force outdoor flag made of 100% nylon and finished with a canvas header and brass grommets. The flag will also include a certificate of authenticity, and all donations are tax-deductible. It is a perfect way to honor and thank speakers, leaders in your community, or other dignitaries.

As you know the Air Force Association relies on support from people like you to continue to **EDUCATE** the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation, **ADVOCATE** aerospace power and a strong national defense, and **SUPPORT** the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education.

Please contact our Development Assistant, Lisa Rietmann, on Ext 4837 or at [lrietmann@afa.org](mailto:lrietmann@afa.org) to be part of this unique opportunity.

### **Region & State Presidents Meeting, October 30-31, 2009**

The 2009 Region and State Presidents meeting will be held October 30-31 in Arlington, Virginia. As in the past, there will be an informal reception on October 29 for all who arrive early. The business meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. on October 30 and 31. All region and state presidents (those serving another term, as well as the newly elected) are invited and will be reimbursed for attendance. Please contact Mary Nauheimer with the names of all new

presidents as soon as possible. Mark your calendars with these dates; details will be provided as plans are finalized. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Simpson (ext. 5856 or [jsimpson@afa.org](mailto:jsimpson@afa.org)) or Mary Nauheimer (ext. 4821 or [mnaheimer@afa.org](mailto:mnaheimer@afa.org)).