Global Warfare Symposium --
“Rethinking Conflict in the 21st Century”

The Air Force Association’s 2011 Global Warfare Symposium will be held in Los Angeles, CA, November 17-18, 2011, at our new location, The Hyatt Regency Century Hotel, 2025 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

AFA will repeat last year’s successful two-day format, part of the evolution of this Symposium’s emphasis from Space to Global Warfare. Topics include Space, Cyberspace, ISR, Long Range Strike, the Pacific, and the Air Force’s global responsibilities. We have invited multiple speakers to inform our audience on these topics, and look forward to hosting the top echelon of USAF senior management and commanders, the aerospace community and academia.

Invited speakers include:

Michael Donley
Secretary of the Air Force

General Phillip Breedlove
Air Force Vice Chief of Staff

Lt General Larry James
Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance

Mark Lewis
Former Air Force Chief Scientist

Bob Elder
Lt. Gen., USAF, retired

Dave Deptula
Lt Gen., USAF, retired

Richard Halloran
Reporter, Honolulu Star

The Symposium will be held on Thursday, November 17, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Friday, November 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The annual Air Force Reception and Ball will be held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Since it is important for AFA leaders to have the opportunity to attend the symposium, a special “AFA Leader” registration fee for National Officers, Region Presidents, Directors, State and Chapter Officers and designees has been established. Registration is now open. Please go to https://registration.afa.org/events/la2011reghome.aspx for more details.

If you plan to stay at The Hyatt Century Plaza, the AFA discounted rate is $225 single/double plus tax. To make your hotel reservation, please either book online at https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventId=3327275 or by call the hotel directly at (888) 421-1442. If you call, please mention you are with the Air Force Association’s Global Warfare Symposium to receive the special symposium rate. The
deadline to receive these rates is **Monday, October 24** or until the group block sells out, whichever comes first.

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**2011 AFA National Convention**

The 2011 AFA National Convention is less than a month away! We still have a few discounted hotel rooms left at the Gaylord for September 16-18 even though the original deadline was yesterday. Please encourage your members to contact Sarah Piggott at **spiggott@afa.org** ASAP to take advantage of the discounted rooms.

If you have not already booked your ticket for the Saturday Night AFA Celebration Cruise, please do so immediately. We’ve been getting a great response so far, so get your ticket now since the space is limited. As a reminder, boarding will begin at 5:30 at the National Harbor dock. The reception hour will be from 5:45 – 6:45 (complimentary beer and wine) with a full cash bar the remaining times. The boat will depart at exactly 6:00.

Please make sure that you continue to check the [Convention website](http://www.afa.org/events/Conference/2011/pdfs/delegates/Pentagon_9-11%20National%20Memorial%20Tour.pdf) for updated information. It is especially critical that you read the “Background Material for Delegates” page so you are caught up with all issues. The Statement of Policy will continue to be updated as input is received. Please check out the site and begin your consideration of these issues in preparation for the Convention business session. As you know, AFA is governed by our delegates and the Association relies on you for such important matters.

Also you will find in the Background Material section an optional Monday evening Pentagon/National 9-11 Memorial Tour – suspense for sign-up is 12 September 2011 (see [pdf](http://www.afa.org/events/Conference/2011/pdfs/delegates/Pentagon_9-11%20National%20Memorial%20Tour.pdf)).

Click [here](http://www.afa.org/events/Conference/2011/) for the Convention Schedule and click [here](http://www.afa.org/events/Conference/2011/) for the Conference schedule. If you have any questions about Convention or Delegate Information, please contact **khahn@afa.org**. We look forward to seeing you!

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**2011 National Aerospace Awards Presentations**

The award recipients for the National Aerospace Awards program were announced in the August issue of *Newsline*. Many of the awards will be presented at ceremonies during AFA’s 2011 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition scheduled for September 19-21, 2011, while other awards will be presented at the award recipient’s location. This year’s conference returns to the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center on the Potomac, in National Harbor, just across the river from Alexandria and minutes from downtown Washington, DC.

Among this year’s highlights:

- The H. H. Arnold Award to General Duncan J. McNabb, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command
- The John R. Alison Award to United Launch Alliance for the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, a joint venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin
- The W. Stuart Symington Award to Representative C.W. Bill Young, Florida 10th District
- The AFA Lifetime Achievement Awards to:
  - Mrs. Natalie W. Crawford, Senior Fellow, RAND Corporation
  - Thomas P. Stafford, Lt Gen, USAF (Ret)
  - Larry D. Welch, Gen, USAF (Ret)
  - Heavy Bombardment Crews of WWII
  - The Commando Sabre Operation – Call sign “MISTY”
- The AFA Chairman’s Aerospace Education Award to the National Science Foundation

Presenters at the Opening and Awards Ceremonies on September 19 include Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Norton A. Schwartz, Commanders from the Air Force’s Major Commands and AFA’s Chairman of the Board Sandy Schlitt. More information on the awards and the ceremonies is available at [http://www.afa.org/AboutUs/faq.asp](http://www.afa.org/AboutUs/faq.asp).
The Air Force Association is pleased to recognize the distinguished accomplishments of individuals, organizations and corporations who have made such significant contributions to the nation’s security and well being,” said Sandy Schlitt, AFA Chairman of the Board. “It is with their exceptional dedication, leadership and performance that this nation can press forward to meet new challenges.”

The 2011 Outstanding Airmen Announced

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TSgt Edward M. Thomas, Jr. Receives Capt. Jodi Callahan Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Air Force Technical Sergeant Edward M. Thomas Jr. will receive the 2011 Captain Jodi Callahan Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Sergeant Thomas is pursuing a Master’s Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Currently he serves as the Defense Paralegal for Tinker AFB, Oklahoma where he is responsible for ensuring defense services for more than 6,900 active duty airmen. Sergeant Thomas plans to use the skills of understanding multicultural individual and group behaviors learned throughout his studies and incorporate them into future duties within the Air Force.

AFA awards the $1,000 Callahan Memorial Scholarship annually to deserving Air Force active duty, full time Guard or Reserve pursuing a non-technical Master’s Degree.

Captain Jodi Callahan was an AFA National Director and a Trustee of the Aerospace Education Foundation. She was a life member of AFA. This scholarship is possible because of the generous donations of her family and friends through the Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

“We offer our congratulations to this year’s recipient of the Jodi Callahan Memorial Graduate Scholarship,” said Mike Dunn, President of AFA. “Sgt. Thomas has done some exceptional work in the Air Force, and we are pleased to be able to contribute to his educational goals while continuing to honor the memory of Capt. Callahan.”

Christina Marie Bladow Awarded 2011 Ferretti Scholarship

Ms. Bladow, of Bellevue, Nebraska, is the 2011 recipient of the Lt Col (Ret) Romeo and Josephine Bass Ferretti Scholarship. This remarkable endowment was established through a bequest of the late Lt Col Ferretti of Bourne, Massachusetts, and a personal gift from the late Mrs. Ferretti. The $250,000 endowment from the Ferretti estate, managed by Amy Mowbray and Col Lew Ferretti, USMCR (Ret), makes possible a yearly scholarship of $2,500 to minor dependents of enlisted Air Force active duty, reserve or guard personnel selected with consideration of both merit and need. The first scholarships were distributed three years ago.

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Music Masters. She also participated in various volunteer and community outreach programs. She opted to dual-enroll at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, completing 25 credit hours while still in high school and received the Presidential Award in recognition of her academic achievements.

“The 2011 Ferretti Scholarship honors the memory of Romeo and Josephine Ferretti and their vision of providing financial aid to the children of airmen,” said Lew Ferretti. “The dedication Ms. Bladow has already illustrated toward her education makes her very deserving of this Scholarship.”

“The current expenses of college often can be distracting to scholars trying to further their education,” said Amy Mowbray. “With the enthusiasm Christina shows toward her future, this investment will without doubt be used well.”

The late Lt Col Ferretti and his late wife were long time supporters of AFA and advocates of education. Lt Col Ferretti served in the Air Force for more than 23 years, beginning in World War II with the Army Air Corps where he volunteered for flight training. He went on to fly in the P-61 Black Widow nightfighter. On Easter Sunday in 1945, he was shot down over enemy territory, but was able to parachute to safety and evade capture. After retirement in 1966, he became a stockbroker and financial planner.

Mrs. Ferretti was a secondary and high school teacher and retired after 30 years of teaching. While she and her husband were stationed at MacDill AFB, Florida, she taught Airmen from the base their General Education Degree program requirements as well as other courses. She said the reason for the scholarship fund is for children of Airmen, noting her husband Romeo did not have the money available to attend college and wanted to see more children have that opportunity. Originally from Opelika, Alabama, Mrs. Ferretti and her late husband had called Tampa, Florida, their home.

“The Ferretti Scholarship allows AFA to participate in the educational opportunities of dedicated young people in pursuit of furthering their education,” said George Mueller, AFA’s Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education. “We genuinely appreciate the great generosity of the Ferrettis and their vision.”

AFA advocates education, particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), to develop the skills that are crucial to airpower, national security and economic vitality. For more information on how to support these programs and other AFA educational initiatives, go to http://www.afa.org/aef/cntrbtns/.

Social Media at Conference

This September, we’ll be covering the 2011 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition live from the floor! Join us in the speaker sessions, on the Expo floor, and in the awards ceremonies throughout the conference, right from home! Through facebook, twitter, and the AFA blog, tune in! Look forward to live tweets with #afairspace, photos, and discussions online—join the conversation!

Friend us (www.facebook.com/AirForceAssociation), follow us (@AirForceAssoec), and check out our daily recaps and more on the blog (http://www.airforceassociation.blogspot.com)

Southwest Region Profile

The Southwest Region is comprised of eight chapters in the states of Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico with a total membership of over 6,400. Six of the chapters are located near major Air Force installations and each is very active in supporting installation activities and airmen at those bases. The following highlights the activities of each of our chapters to further the AFA mission.

ARIZONA - State President: Ross Lampert - Four Chapters – 3703 Members.

The Cochise Chapter is headquartered in Sierra Vista, an Army town next to Fort Huachuca. There are fewer than twenty active duty Air Force members stationed at the Fort. However, the chapter is 120 members strong with good member participation. The Cochise Chapter has very strong aerospace education and veterans programs. The chapter is very excited to be part of the CyberPatriot program. They sponsored the Buena High School Army JROTC team which place second nationally in this year’s All Service Division. They are working hard to ensure every high school in their area is aware of the opportunities, fun, and education that CyberPatriot affords to the students who compete. Below is a photo of State President Ross Lampert with the award winning Buena High School team.

The Southwest Region Installation Commanders; Panel 1, SW Region Installation Commanders; Panel
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Experts; and Panel 4, Warrior Patriots
2, Cyberspace Experts; Panel 3, Industry
Experts; and Panel 4, Warrior Patriots
(inspiring AF members recently returned
from Iraq and Afghanistan).  Featured
speakers included: Lt. General (Ret.)
John F. Regni, former Superintendent,
U.S. Air Force Academy; Dr Werner
Von Dahm, former AF Chief Scientist;
and Sandy Schlitt, AFA Chairman of the
Board. The annual conference was
“moved to a new level” as it was
attended by over 100 people in addition
to the state and chapter delegates.

The Prescott-Goldwater
Chapter has over 400 members spread
over a huge area in Northern Arizona.
Their membership stretches from the
California border on the west to the New
Mexico border on the east. The chapter
concentrates its efforts on supporting the
Northern Arizona VA Center, the
AFROTC units at Embry-Riddle
Aeronautical University in Prescott and the
Northern Arizona University in
Flagstaff, and local JROTC and Civil Air
Patrol units. They currently have a
campaign to recruit high schools in
Northern Arizona cities, distant from
Prescott, to enroll in the CyberPatriot IV
program.

The Tucson Chapter has built
an especially close and continuing
relationship with the active duty
personnel at Davis-Monthan AFB. The
chapter participates and supports in some
way in almost all official functions at the
base. These include changes of
command, senior retirements, awards at
graduations, and other recognitions of
superior individual performances. The
chapter founded and actively supports the
Tucson Community Cares
Committee, which provides support to
the base’s airmen and their families through the Airman and Family
Readiness Center.

NEVADA - Chapter President: Don
Sexton - One Chapter - 1229
Members.

The Thunderbird Chapter, near
Nellis AFB, is the only chapter in
Nevada. The chapter stays busy in the
community supporting numerous AFA
initiatives. They have a very strong
Community Partner program that affords
them opportunities to better
serve the active duty force at Nellis. The
chapter has a close interface with the Las
Vegas school district (5th largest in
nation). In addition to participating in the
traditional AFA aerospace education
programs, the chapter teams with the
Red Flag Exercise Team to provide
tanker rides for the AFJROTC units in
the school district. During the past year,
they have sponsored or participated in
numerous events including: a golf
tournament, Honor the Honor Guard, Las
Vegas 51’s (AAA baseball team and a
Community Partner) Military
Appreciation Night, Starbase Startup at
Nellis, Creech AFB cook out, Aviation
Nation Air show, and many other
luncheons and events. The photo below
shows an AFJROTC cadet experiencing a
Red Flag tanker ride.

NEW MEXICO - State President: Fred
Harsany - Three chapters - 1487
Members.

The Albuquerque Chapter is the
largest in the state with almost 1,000
members, and supports many of the
activities and award programs at
Kirtland AFB. The chapter has been a
recipient of many AFA Aerospace
Education Achievement Awards for
sponsoring a wide variety of educational
and scholarship projects. They annually
sponsor over ten “Visions” classrooms,
support AFJROTC activities in
Albuquerque schools, and provide cadets in the AFJROTC unit at the University of
New Mexico with scholarships and
glider rides. The chapter actively works
with and supports the Civil Air Patrol
and Starbase activities at Kirtland. Currently, several of the chapter’s
members are engaged in recruiting
schools within the Albuquerque and
northern New Mexico area for
CyberPatriot IV. Chapter members are
also active in supporting a wide variety
of veteran programs throughout the
Albuquerque area.

The Fran Parker Chapter is
located on Holloman AFB in
Alamogordo, New Mexico. During the
past few years the chapter has been
rebuilding and strengthening its
relationship with the base. Earlier this
year, the chapter elected a new group of
chapter officers that are strengthening
support to base airmen and activities.
The new chapter officers include many
“Vanguard” members. The chapter is
currently working with base officials to
support an October Air Show. They
have plans to re-establish their aerospace
education projects to include Visions of
Exploration, CyberPatriot, and tours for
local school to the multiple Holloman
research facilities.

The LLano Estacado Chapter is
in Clovis, NM near Cannon AFB. The
chapter, the smallest in NM, has been
very active in supporting local
AFJROTC and Civil Air Patrol
activities. This past year the Clovis High
School AFJROTC cadets were the best
scoring CyberPatriot III team in New
Mexico. The Clovis Chapter also
provides significant support to memorial
programs and other veteran projects
within the Clovis area. With the recent
increase of personnel at the Special
Operations Wing at Cannon, the chapter
is increasing its support to the airmen
and their families at Cannon.

Like AFA throughout the
country, membership growth and
participation continue to be problems
with many of the region’s chapters. However, many of the chapters are
starting to make progress in these
important areas. The Southwest Region
chapter leaders are enthusiastic and
proud of the contributions each of their
chapters are making to advance the AFA
objectives to educate, advocate, and
support aerospace power, and the
personnel who contribute, or have contributed, to those objectives.

Submitted by: John Toohey, Southwest Region President