

# SCHRIEVER CHAPTER NEWS



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## Chapter Events for 2006

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Fall Mixer &  
Board Installation  
September

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AFA Space Ball  
November

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## AFA "Salutes" SMC's Best



The annual Schriever Chapter "Salute" to Air Force Space & Missile Systems Center was held at the LAX Marriott Hotel on June 23rd. On hand to commemorate the special event was Dr. Ronald Sega, Undersecretary of the Air Force. Dr. Sega delivered the keynote address to an audience of over 450. Dr. William Ballhaus, President and CEO, Aerospace Corporation, received the 2006 General Bernard A. Schriever Award for his outstanding leadership and contributions to SMC and US military space activities.

This was the Chapter's 32nd year in recognizing SMC's "best of the best" personnel in this premier Air Force organization. Over 100 officer, enlisted and civilian personnel were nominated by their supervisors or offices for these prestigious awards. The Chapter began this formal recognition banquet in 1974 to honor the dedication, ingenuity and hard work of the people who support our military space programs. In 1981, the generic title of some of the original awards began to carry the names of SMC's early leaders.

Schriever Chairman Seb Coglitore and President Bob Smith, accompanied by SMC Commander, Lt Gen Mike Hamel, presented the awards to: Outstanding Unit of the Year went to the Directorate of NAVSTAR Global Positioning System Program headed by Col Allan Ballenger. The General John O'Neill Award for Outstanding Program Office Director was presented to the

Director of the Development and Transformation, Colonel James Painter. Mr Steve O'Neill assisted in the presentation of the award. Lt Colonel Vincent Park, Program Manager for Advanced Space Control Demonstration received the Lt Gen Kenneth W. Schultz Outstanding Program Manager Award; MSgt Mark Floyd, Superintendent, 61st Contracting Squadron received the Lt Gen Richard C. Henry Leadership Award; The Lt. Gen. Forrest S. McCartney Award for Outstanding Company Grade Project Officer was presented to Captain Franchesca Malzhan. Capt. Malzahn is the Director of Operations for SMC Det 12's premier Satellite DRT&E Support Complex.

The Chairman's award for Outstanding Field Grade Officer was presented to Lt. Col. Eva Jenkins. Lt. Col. Jenkins is the Director of Intelligence. The winner of this year's Alfred Rockefeller, Jr., award for Outstanding Civilian is Mr. Mark Gruettner. Mr. Gruettner is the chief of the Ground Effectivity Division of the Space Based Infrared System Program. Dr. Rockefeller's wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Rockefeller was present to give the award. The President's award for Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer was presented to TSgt. Jeffrey Oehler. TSGT. Oehler is the NCO In Charge of the support staff for the Commander of the 61<sup>st</sup> Medical Support Squadron.

The Lt. Gen. Roger Dekok award for Outstanding Airman was presented to Senior Airman Joseph MacDonald. (continued on page 3)

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## Message From The Chairman



Our Salute to the Space and Missile System Center Banquet held on 23 June was one of the finest Salute Banquets ever. I have received numerous complements about the lovely evening. We were honored to have Dr Sega as our guest speaker and several of the former SMC commanders and past Schriever Award winners in attendance.

Kathleen Landis again did an outstanding job of planning and executing the activities for this gala event as she has done for many years. We are all indebted to Kathleen for her extraordinary efforts to ensure this event is our highlight event of the year.

Thanks, too, to Chris Harlambakis who again lead the effort on the Executive Forum held earlier on 23 June. The feedback from General Hamel and the other

participants was very positive. Most participants wished the Forum had been able to continue longer into the afternoon.

Our near-term business is now focused on our upcoming Board of Directors election and preparations for the Space Symposium and Air Force Ball. We also have some serious planning to do to establish next year's budgets for both the Chapter and for the Schriever Education Foundation. I look for the new Board to carry on the outstanding work we have accomplished recently, but the task will be more difficult as the budget environment is not as robust as it has been in the past. I am sure we will be up to the challenge.

*Seb Cagliore*

## Message From The President



The Schriever chapter has had another outstanding and fast-paced year. Since our last letter, the Chapter has been busy with numerous activities. In April our jointly sponsored SMC Industry Days conference set attendance records. Numerous panel sessions presentations were well received. Lt Gen Hamel and his Staff provided informative updates covering the portfolio of space programs resident at the Space and Missile Systems Center. We concluded Industry Days with another superb AFA Sports Day. Many golfers attempted mightily to master the elusive art of (Sub) Orbital Mechanics. The Marriott hotel and Skylinks golf course were outstanding venues for these events.

Our Executive Forum and SMC Awards banquet committee member's hard work and dedication paid off in spades. These two events were held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the LAX Marriott. The morning Executive Forum hosted approximately 45 Government and Industry Executives. Lt Gen Hamel and staff held frank and candid discussion with participants on the theme of getting "Back to Basics" in our space acquisition processes. We had over 400 participants for the evening black tie awards banquet. Our awards committee, led by Ben James received 140 awards nominations from SMC and distilled these down to the 14 outstanding award winners.

The Honorable Ron Sega was our banquet speaker.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> our Chapter supported the California AFA (CAFA) meeting. Chapter members received 16 awards, tops in the state again. Included in those were three prestigious awards: Wayne Kauffman received the Edward A Stern award, Charles Whited received the Member of the Year, and Dave Murphy received the Presidents Award. Congratulations to all.

We have also started our planning for this year's annual Space Symposium and Air Force Ball to be held at the Beverly Hilton on 17, 18, and 19 November. This year AFA National is expanding and modifying the agenda of the Symposium to include 25 training tracks for Air Force personnel and additional speakers.

Finally, please take the time to complete and return the enclosed ballot for next year's chapter officers and board members. We have a great lineup of volunteers that promises next year will be even more successful than this year has been. Thanks to all who have volunteered and continue to work hard for the Chapter.

*Bob Smith*

## Chapter Members Receive CAFA Awards

The following members recently received CAFA awards: Wayne Kauffman (CAFA Edward A. Stern Award), Charles Whited (CAFA Member of the Year), and Dave Murphy (CAFA President's Award). The following received the CAFA Sustained Outstanding Performance Award: Ben James, Holly Branch, Bob

Recker, Don Tomajan, Beverly Brumley, and Jim Gates. The following members received the CAFA Exceptional Service Award: John Delaney, Bob Smith and Col Rick Reaser. CAFA Meritorious Service Awards were presented to: Pat Devine, Pam Levine, 2Lt Carlos Ortiz, and Steve Quilici.

## Chapter Supports Local AFROTC Scholarship Programs

The Active season for our AFROTC Scholarship Program is complete. The three area University AFROTC programs that we support have held their Awards Banquets and we presented scholarships to deserving and dedicated Cadets that are preparing to embark on an AF Career.

Jerry Saunders represented the Schriever Chapter at the USC Awards Banquet and presented Scholarships totaling \$9,500 to eight outstanding cadets.

John Delaney represented the Chapter at the LMU Dining Out and Awards Ceremony on April 22. Eight Cadets received \$1000 Scholarships each from the Schriever Chapter. John also presented the AFA Detachment Level Medal on behalf of the AFA. The UCLA AFROTC Dining Out and Awards Banquet was held on May 19 and awarded \$8,000 in Schriever Educational Foundation scholarships.

## Congratulations To The 2006 Salute To SMC Award Winners

*(Continued from Page One)* Airman MacDonald is a Communication-Computer Programmer for the 526<sup>th</sup> ICBM Support Wing at Hill AFB. The Gen. Schriever Chapter's Award of Excellence was presented to Lt. Col. Robert Ewart, Chief of Architecting and Integration for the Space Superiority Systems Wing. The Kathleen Landis Volunteer of the Year award was given to The Outstanding Reservist Award was presented to Major William Berkstresser. 1Lt. Justin Pendry. Lt. Pendry is a Command and Control Project Officer for the Satellite Control Network and is a selfless volunteer for local area youth programs. Mrs. Landis was present

to give this award. Many thanks to Kathleen Landis, Ben James, Jim Gates, the LAAFB Honor Guard, Chuck Whited, Bob Smith, Barbara Konieczny, Peggy Hodge, Beverly Brumley, Gene Grimm, Bob Krumpke, Major Renee Waldrop, Captain Shelley Knight, Major Renee Waldrop, Staff Sergeant Steven Flores, First Lieutenant Matthew Foster, Lieutenant Colonel Ivan Thompson, Chaplain Captain Bradley Kimble, Holly Branch, Seb Coglitore and so many, many more for their time and sacrifice in producing another outstanding Salute. [See the Chapter website (<http://www.afa147.org>) for pictures of the 2006 SMC Salute]

## SMC and Industry Executive Forum Precedes "Salute"

The SMC Commander's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Executive Forum hosted by Chapter 147 was held on 23 June at the LAX Marriott in conjunction with the Bernard A Schriever Chapter 147 "Salute to SMC Awards Banquet".

The Forum Theme was "Back to Basics", a critical look at present day Best Practices and how the Air Force will procure future systems. It consisted of two panels: 1) "Program Execution and Performance" chaired by Brig Gen Ellen Pawlikowski, Director MIL-SATCOM Joint Program Office, and 2) "Future Program Definition" chaired by Brig Gen Neil McCasland, SMC Vice Commander.

The Chapter hosted the Forum for the SMC Commander, Lt. Gen. Michael Hamel. Panel membership consisted of members from both large and small businesses along with senior government representatives from AFSPC Headquarters, former SMC Commanders, Aerospace and individual SMC Program Offices. Attendance consisted of 50 industry leaders (20 different companies) and Government acquisition officials (12 different SPOs) to informally assess new ways of doing business, discuss newly introduced initiatives, and provide the environment for generating new ideas in support of SMC's next generation efforts. Schriever Chapter participation con-

sisted of Brig Gen Seb Coglitore (USAF Ret): Chairman of the Board, Col Chris Harlambakis (USAF Ret): Forum Chair and CAPT Bob Smith (USN Ret): Schriever Chapter President.

General Hamel thanked Chapter 147 for its involvement in facilitating the Executive Forum for 25 years. He emphasized that the key to **"Program Execution and Performance"** are the five facets of "Getting Back to Basics": 1.) Rebuilding the Space Acquisition Force, 2.) Reestablishing Structured, Disciplined Acquisition Processes, 3.) Strengthening Partnerships, 4.) Implementing New R&D Business Model (Dr Sega's 4 Phase approach), and 5.) Horizontally Integrating Capabilities across the Space Enterprise. He defined **"Future Program Definition"** as ensuring the RIGHT PROGRAMS gets STARTED RIGHT.

He emphasized he is relying on the Strategic and Developmental Planning Office to efficiently define, mature, and demonstrate innovative Military Space concepts through integrated developmental planning and focused technology maturation. In this way "The Right System" will be built "The Right Way".

# You have received this quarterly newsletter by mail because it contains the ballot for the pending annual election of Chapter Officers and Directors.

[Please complete the enclosed ballot and mail it by the due date as requested.](#)

All other quarterly newsletters will be posted on the Schriever Chapter website at <http://www.afa147.org>, where you will find more pictures and content. In the past, we tried emailing the newsletter to our 600+ membership but only 60% had email accounts and we received over 100 non-delivery messages from those, thus indicating that we are unable to reach over 460 of our members via email. To control Chapter expenses, we will continue to post all quarterly newsletters, except the annual ballot, on our website and mail paper copies only to the members that request it. We have had only four members request a paper copy. We invite your suggestions to continue to work the newsletter process so that we can meet your needs. Please send comments to the Chapter Executive Secretary or email our webmaster at: [jlrog@pacbell.net](mailto:jlrog@pacbell.net).

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