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To the handful of Army Aviators who in 1957 had the courage, vision and tenacity to strike out on their own and start their own professional membership association that has made a difference in the lives of countless soldiers and their families for over 50 years.

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FROM: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

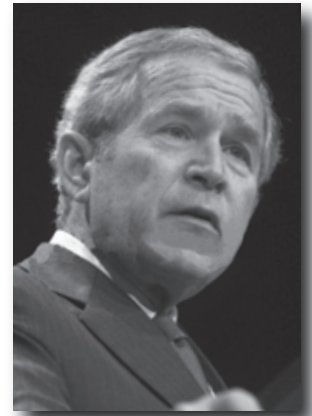
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I send greetings to those celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Army Aviation Association of America.

Since the earliest days of flight, Army aviators have answered the call of duty to protect our country and preserve the ideals that define our Nation. For five decades, the AAAA has helped meet the needs of the Army Aviation community, encouraged professional development for aviators, and honored their achievements and sacrifices in the skies above. These dedicated efforts help support the Army Aviation soldiers who serve a critical role in our efforts to secure peace and advance liberty around the globe.

I appreciate the AAAA for your commitment to the men and women of Army Aviation. Your work supports our Nation's heroes and contributes to the great strength of our Armed Forces.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, may God bless our troops, and may God bless America.





FROM: THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY



Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA).

Your organization's contributions to the United States Army are significant and appreciated. As this long war continues, AAAA's contributions are becoming even more important.

As you gather in Atlanta to renew friendships and remember those absent and fallen comrades, please know that I appreciate your past and present service.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great time at the event.

Sincerely,


Peter J. Schoomaker
General, United States Army



FROM: THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY

January 31, 2007

Dear Army Aviation Association of America:

I congratulate you on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of your founding. Since 1957, the Army Aviation Association of America has been supporting our Aviators on the ground and in the air. From the assembly line to the flight line, AAAA has answered America's call to duty.

Today, Army Aviation is playing a decisive role in the defense of our country. Around the world in more than 80 countries, our Aviators are flying and fighting alongside nearly 600,000 Soldiers to protect our homeland and safeguard the cause of freedom. Army Aviators are men and women of character who live our Army Values, demonstrate the Warrior Ethos, and always set the highest professional example.

I am tremendously grateful for the brave men and women of Army Aviation and I look forward to AAAA's continued engagement for another fifty years.

Thank you, for you are truly, "Above the Best."

Sincerely,

Richard A. Cody
General, United States Army





FROM: COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND



UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
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February 1, 2007


Members of the Army Aviators Association of America,

I am privileged to join in the celebration of your 50th Anniversary, a significant milestone marking a half century of outstanding contributions to the advancement and support of US Army Aviation. Thank you for your dedication, patriotism, and commitment to supporting some of the world's finest aviators.

Your impressive membership of over 15,000 members and 70 chapters is a testament to the difference you make each day in the advancement of Army Aviation and its aviators, both past and present.

I cannot commend you enough for your accomplishments, but I can and do stand united with AAAA in support of our nation's Army Aviators.

Sincerely,


Bryon D. Brown
General, U.S. Army
Commander

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FROM: U.S. ARMY AVIATION BRANCH CHIEF



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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

February 14, 2007

Brigadier General(Retired) Tom Konitzer
Army Aviation Association of America
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Dear General Konitzer:

Would like to personally congratulate the US Army Aviation Association for reaching 50 years of dedicated service and support to the US Army Aviation Community and its Soldiers.

AAAA has served as Army Aviation's professional cohesive force, stimulating good fellowship; representing membership interests; maintaining historical records; and recognizing outstanding contributions within Army Aviation through the Aviation Hall of Fame, AAAA Awards Program, and the AAAA Scholarship Foundation.

AAAA's support to our Soldiers has been outstanding and we look forward to AAAA being an integral part of Aviation for many more years. Thanks again for all that AAAA does and best wishes on this significant occasion.

"Above the Best" Sincerely,

Army Aviation Strong

Virgil L. Packett II
Major General, US Army
Commanding





FROM: COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY AVIATION & MISSILE COMMAND



COMMANDING GENERAL
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April 2, 2007

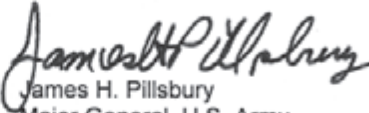
Dear Army Aviation Association of America:

My heartiest congratulations to the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) on the 50th Anniversary of what is—without a doubt—the best organization representing Army Aviation today.

This year's convention theme, "50 Years Above the Best – The Legacy Lives On", is a powerful statement reflecting both on the past accomplishments of AAAA as well as its future. The AAAA does an outstanding job of promoting Army Aviation worldwide not only through the convention, but by the professional sessions and technology displays as well as the generous awards program.

I am proud to be a member of such a prestigious group, and I am proud of the work you do every day for the Army Aviation community in support of our Soldiers, our Army, and our Nation.

Sincerely,


James H. Pillsbury
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FROM: PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AVIATION



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January 29, 2007

Office of the Program Executive Officer, Aviation

BG Thomas J. Konitzer
President, Army Aviation Association of America
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Dear BG Konitzer:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your more than 15,000 member association on the achievement of its 50th anniversary. Army Aviation continues to be the key enabler in the Global War on Terrorism for our Army, and your efforts to professionally represent the interests of Army Aviation and its dedicated soldiers both in peace and in war are recognized throughout our Aviation family.

Army Aviation has evolved and transformed throughout the 50 year period that this association has been in existence. This evolution could not have been possible without the leadership and guidance from the members of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA). This team of active and retired military, civil servants, industry partners, and their families working together with one common goal: Providing the best possible support to our Army Soldiers. Here in the Program Executive Office Aviation, we understand the value of this professional organization, and here in the Tennessee Valley Chapter, we certainly take advantage of the experience pool that it offers.

We look forward to participating in the anniversary events during this key milestone year, especially this year's convention in Atlanta. Once again, my congratulations to you, your team, and all our fellow AAAA members for achieving this key milestone. We should all be very proud of Army Aviation and its accomplishments, as I am proud to be a continued member of the Army Aviation Association of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Bogosian
Program Executive Officer, Aviation





ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Preface



What a pleasure it has been to help put this book together with Joe DiMaggio. Special thanks to Art Kesten who helped in innumerable ways with fact checking and many, many details.

MG (Ret.) Carl McNair, the chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee, solicited some terrific articles by our founders and key players in AAAA's history. As I was diving into the scores of banker's boxes in the association's archives for graphics to support these articles, I ran across hundreds of great photos and press releases on not only AAAA's past, but on Army Aviation history.

We have included a number of these in three photo essay sections. One is on Vietnam, another is on the equipment flown over the last five decades, and the last one is just random shots of AAAA events over the years. Some had captions, many did not, but you will recognize many of the faces and places they show. We just couldn't resist letting them see the light of day one more time.

You will also see in the pages and appendices a variety of unique lists, including all of the names of the AAAA award winners since the first award was presented in 1959. There is a listing of all members who joined in our first year of existence. This alone was a monumental task, going over many back issues of the magazine month by month to compile the lists and compare to what our other files showed. And you'll see all past and present elected officers, all past and present chapters, and much more.

Needless to say, this is AAAA history only in broad-brush strokes. Inevitably, we may have left out some of the best stories or events that you recall. We look forward to your bringing them to our attention so we can publish them in an upcoming issue of ARMY AVIATION Magazine as we complete our 50th Anniversary year.

Bottom line...this is one heck of an organization that Bob Williams and Art and Dotty Kesten kicked off 50 years ago, which has had such a wonderful impact on the lives of thousands of Soldiers. It was a great privilege to put at least a small part of its history together for your reflection and enjoyment.

Bill Harris
Publisher

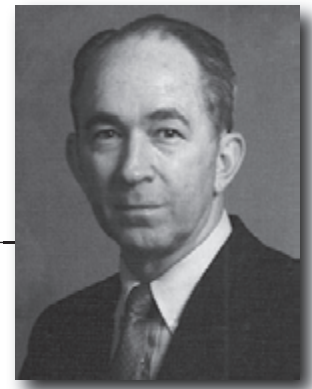
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Introduction

Welcome to the world of AAAA and fifty Golden years of sustained growth and progress supporting the U.S. Army Aviation Soldier and the Army family in the nation’s defense. “The Legacy Lives On.”

This historic memory book of fact, fun and perhaps even fantasies that came true beyond our founders’ wildest dreams, is dedicated to those who have gone before and those who will follow tomorrow, and by all of us who are privileged to serve today. May each of you, whatever your role, share this great pride and the passion as a member of the Army Aviation team and our branch’s Association – fifty years strong and growing still.

As you might imagine, something as complicated, challenging and significant as a Golden Anniversary celebration requires a team effort. I would like to thank all of our AAAA 50th Anniversary Committee members for their countless hours of time over the past 18 months. From the monthly teleconferences and hundreds of emails, to locating the special vendors for our unique memorabilia, to coordinating special articles for ARMY AVIATION magazine and this first ever anniversary book, and to soliciting congratulatory notes from the top military executives of the land...beginning with our Commander in Chief. And for helping to preserve our living history with video interviews with those who not only lived, but made our AAAA and Army Aviation history these past fifty years. Finally, and of great import, the fundraising to make all this happen – the committee was there to do it all.

In a major organization such as ours, there are three critical elements: Mission, Members and Money. AAAA has built and is blessed today with a solid foundation of each. We know our mission, we have our members, and in the fundraising area...what an outstanding response we received from our corporate members and our chapters worldwide. Please review the list of sponsors on the following page and note their generous contributions. And as you see them over the course of the convention, thank them for their support, and for making this book and other special initiatives possible. Our success cannot be attributed to our fund-raising ability so much as it is to the amazing depth of support that our industry members and chapters have always provided for our Soldiers and Army Aviation. It is largely their participation in the Annual Conventions and direct donations to the Scholarship Foundation and other Soldier support programs that has permitted AAAA to do so much for our members and their families over the years.

Thank you, one and all, to each and every sponsor and participant, from the Platinum level to the Bronze, from the largest chapter to the smallest, and every individual donor of time and talent. You and your presence on this momentous occasion have truly made this celebration and its attendant activities possible. The committee has simply shaped the clay which you have provided and now may the image we have created of the 50th Anniversary live on in posterity.

We are confident that AAAA and the Army Aviation team – military, civilian and industry – will collectively grow stronger in the years ahead, just as we have in our first half century. And with the passage of time, our younger members may reflect on this aging tome in 2057, our Centennial year, and be just as proud then of our past as we are today of our present. As we pause for final reflection, let us salute our aviation warriors deployed across the globe, in harms way, fulfilling our ageless motto: “Above the Best.”

MG Carl H. McNair, Jr., USA (Ret.), Chairman, AAAA 50th Anniversary Committee

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**PRESIDENT,
ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

By **BG (Ret.) Thomas J. Konitzer**

The Future



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF America on 50 great years in support of the U.S. Army Aviation community.

This book pays a wonderful tribute in photos and words to the AAAA of the past.

We can thank Bill Harris and his staff for truly capturing the 'Golden Years' on these pages.

Today we have a solid foundation as we turn the corner to start the future.

That great American philosopher, Yogi Berra once said, "The future ain't what it used to be." I am sure that 50 years later the founding fathers of the Army Aviation Association of America are saying the same thing.

AAAA certainly ain't what it used to be today, nor will it be another 50 years from now.

I do not intend to crystal ball what the Army or Army Aviation will look like in another 50 years.

Technology will drive the changes in manned and unmanned systems that break friction with the ground in the third tier of mobility and do the unimaginable.

What I will predict is that there are at least two things that will not change.

First and foremost, the Soldier is the Army and there will always be a need for 'boots on the ground,' and thus Army Aviation to support the troops.

Second, as long as there is Army Aviation there is no doubt that the AAAA will be there.

Why do I say that? Because we serve a need that no other organization can match...Supporting the U.S. Army Aviation Soldier and Family.

We are the only association that eats, drinks, sleeps and breathes Army Aviation. As you will see in these pages, we were founded by visionary



aviation leaders who would not take “no” for an answer and developed AAAA into the premier branch association in the Army.

As we stand on their shoulders, what do we see in the future?

We see even more advocacy for you and your families at the highest levels of government in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill, making sure your needs and concerns are addressed.

We see a greater emphasis on National Guard and Reserve Army Aviation needs being met.

We see a fresh effort to make sure that our junior enlisted and warrant officer members feel that this is their home too, and that we stand and fight for their issues.

Our Compensation Committee is only addressing the tip of the iceberg of many more issues with the resolution to abandon the 1/30th rule on Aviation Career Incentive Pay.

We see incremental growth in our scholarship program that will easily be awarding over a million dollars a year.

We see a business model that is strategically focused and robustly supported by our industry partners to provide even

greater resources to support our Soldiers and families.

In short we see the emergence of the AAAA as the VOICE of the ENTIRE Army Aviation community: active duty and reserve component, Department of the Army civilians, retired, and industry alike.

We will build on our past successes and sponsor new areas of professional development to address issues and provide solutions for our warfighters.

We will make new efforts to educate the public at large, the Department of Defense and Congress to really know and understand Army Aviation’s capabilities and potential.

We will be successful when Army Aviation is not taken for granted, but fully integrated into plans, operations and budgets.

In other words, adequately resourced for the long haul for the next 50 years.

We are seeing today the “Next Greatest Generation” perform heroically in the Global War on Terrorism and in the many other conflicts that demand U.S. Army presence.

This has also transcended Army Aviation from an afterthought to an essential capability in the minds of every

combatant commander.

Now we have to make sure that this message is received in the halls of Congress and at the highest decision making levels – so that never again do we acquire aircraft without adequate survivability equipment, or neglect your needs that are paid for in blood.

That is our charter and our mission...to speak when you can’t, where you can’t, and say what you can’t in order to ensure that you have the tools to answer the call.

Some of you younger souls who read this will be attending our 100th Anniversary.

You are our legacy.

History will capture your experiences and how well our Army was led during the next 50 years, but rest assured that the Army Aviation Association of America will be there for you throughout...Supporting the U.S. Army Aviation Soldier and Family.

AAAA – 50 YEARS ABOVE
THE BEST – THE LEGACY
LIVES ON – 1957 - 2007

Retired BG Thomas “Tom” J. Konitzer is the AAAA National President and a gold award recipient of the Honorable Order of St. Michael.



Brigadier General Bogardus S. Cairns,

Commanding General U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala., is shown handing his AAAA membership application to LTC Alexander J. Rankin, USA Aviation Board, the Executive Vice President of the association's Alabama Region in July 1957. Also pictured is (l to r) LTC James L. Townsend, Commander of the School Regiment, COL John J. Tolson, Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Aviation School and COL William R. Tuck, Deputy Assistant Commandant.



AAAA 50 YEARS AGO

By MG (Ret.) Carl H. McNair, Jr.

In the Beginning...

IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS NO AAAA. The world was not flat, nor was it devoid of life, water or aircraft and pilots.

And some thought that this was good and the way it should always be.

But Army Aviation was small, relatively unstructured and possibly unappreciated, with the future unclear and uncertain.

The Air Force, Navy and Marines took to the skies in modern, sleek and sophisticated turbine powered aircraft to combat our cold war enemies.

Five years after World War II, the Army had yet to develop an aircraft of its own, while flying obsolescent fabric-covered L-5's and other commercial off-the-shelf aircraft.

In 1950, the aluminum skinned and then state-of-the-art Cessna L-19A Birddog was a thing of beauty and a Pentagon procurement bargain at less than \$30,000 per copy.

Each field artillery battalion had a "robust" section of two Birddogs for artillery fire adjustment and liaison.

The Korean War was upon us and the Army had a grand total of 56 utility and observation helicopters with no cargo helicopters in its inventory.

So, how did it come to pass two short decades later, that Army Aviation became such a formidable force, moving the Soldier into the third dimension of air mobility, while compressing the fourth dimension of time for the ground commander?



**Early
announcement
in ARMY AVIATION
Magazine of the formation
of the AAAA**



Announcing the Formation of the ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION Of America

Out of a long-felt need for an overall organization of Army aviation personnel representing all segments of the active Army, the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve establishments the Army Aviation Association of America, Inc. has emerged.

AAAA, a non-profit corporation without capital stock organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, serves three main purposes:

To preserve and foster the spirit of good fellowship among former and present personnel of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve who were or are presently affiliated

To advance those policies, programs, and concepts that will be of mutual benefit to the membership of the Association.

AAAA, with national headquarters in Westport, Connecticut, and with regional headquarters in seventeen widely-separated locations, will shortly have full National and Regional Executive Board staffs on which all components have full representation.

AAAA, returns immediate bona fide benefits to its membership. All Members of AAAA, by acting in concert, secure those group benefits that are available to any group of individuals acting as a body. Members

Locator service, employment information for those interested in the field of aviation and allied fields, and investment counseling are benefits of the Association that are to be implemented in the near future.

A license renewal reminder program, an Association-paid travel and pedestrian insurance policy covering Members for accidents involving loss of life or dismemberment as pedestrians or when riding in vehicles such as a car, plane, train, bus, etc.; and a public relations program designed to assist individual Members and lecturers are planned as future benefits.

AAAA, organized on a National, Re-

AN ASSOCIATION

HARTFORD, CONN.—An Army aviation fraternal organization intended to encompass members in the National Guard, USAR, and active Army establishments was created in this city recently.

Sponsored by interested civilian leaders in the Reserve Components, the new organization is entitled *The Army Aviation Association of America* and will serve to foster and generate a spirit of good fellowship among personnel of the various Army aviation elements.

Embracing self-governing, self-supporting regional and chapter activities as well as a national organization, the new association is expected to be staffed at all levels by recognized leaders in USAR, N.G., and active Army circles.

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We know that story, as our history has been told time and again.

It was a history built on the tactical successes and valor of Army crewmembers in the jungles of Vietnam, on the plains of Europe, and the deserts of southwest Asia.

The Army team has earned deserved praises and admiration on all continents.

At the same time, how has the Army Aviation Association of America become the premier branch related professional association in this greatest Army on earth?

AAAA stands shoulder to shoulder, rotor blade to blade, skid to skid with the Army Aviation team.

Over these years, AAAA has served as a cohesive force, binding the aviation community together by:

- Fostering public understanding of Army aviation and military forces.
- Exchanging ideas pertinent to operations, maintenance, safety and personnel.
- Representing member interests.
- Promoting esprit de corps and camaraderie.
- Recognizing outstanding performance of individuals and units.
- Cementing relationships with fellow branches and services.

From Army Aviation's humble beginning in 1942, came full combat arms branch status in 1983, including an aviation brigade alongside the infantry, artillery and armor brigades of

The actual first mention of the formation of AAAA appeared on page 33 of the March 1957 issue of ARMY AVIATION Magazine. Note at top of page the early AAAA logo facing the opposite direction it does today. Ask Art Kesten for the reason.



America's divisions and corps.

But in those early years, a need was also seen for a professional association for communications, coordination and esprit akin to the infantry, cavalry, artillery and ordnance associations of the day.

Thus was born AAAA across a coffee bar and a kitchen table, stuffing envelopes with mimeographed letters, news of "who was where and what they were doing in Army aviation."

The Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), the largest private, not-for-profit educational organization that today supports our total Army, was born in 1950, rising from the myriad of branch associations that existed at the time.

Concurrently, Art Kesten, a WWII liaison pilot and an Army aviator, then a serving reservist in the First U.S. Army area, and his wife Dotty saw the need for a professional-technical association to enhance the knowledge, image and well-being of the Army aviation community.

They founded the embryo AAAA magazine in 1953 – to keep fellow reservists and active Army aviators in their area abreast of events – at the astronomical cost of \$2 per year.

From a regional to Army-wide focus, AAAA was born in 1957, with two chapters and 1,407 charter members.

Included were civilians, military

in every grade from NCO to general officer, and a handful of loyal industry supporters.

Their names became indelibly linked with Army aviation over the next 50 years, in peace and in war.

Many are now in the Army Aviation Hall of Fame, with most having served in senior leadership roles of both AAAA and the Army.

The founding president, BG Robert M. Leich, attended "liaison pilot" training at Fort Sill, Okla., in the "Class before Class One."

Then CPT Leich was the Army's very first aviation engineering (maintenance) officer.

As a major, Leich also became the first, and for a long time, the only Army aviator serving in the Pentagon during WWII.

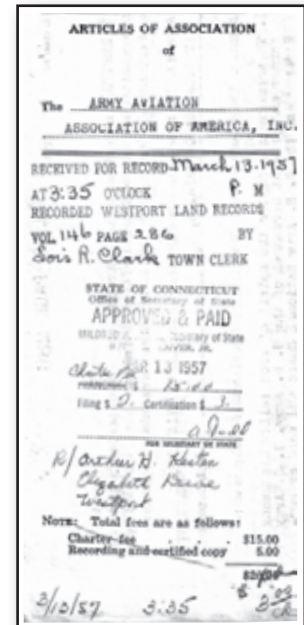
He established and managed the original logistical support system for Army aircraft deployed worldwide in that conflict.

In retirement, he served as a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for many years, as well as AAAA's awards chairman for 24 years.

After 31 years of commissioned service he personified the Army term "retired, still serving."

The prestigious AAAA National "Robert M. Leich Award" is named after this distinguished Soldier and founding president.

LTG Robert "Bob" Williams, also in the famous "Class before Class



The actual receipt for the establishment of AAAA on March 13, 1957 and man most responsible for getting the Army's endorsement to start AAAA, COL (later LTG) Robert R. Williams.



One,” served in 1957 as the first president of the Army Aviation Test Board at Fort Rucker, Ala., a legendary and catalytic element for new aviation developments.

In that position, then COL Williams, along with Art Kesten, carried the organization’s proposal to GEN Hamilton H. Howze, then director of Army Aviation, G3, on the Army Staff.

Howze, a man of few words, simply said, “Go with it.”

Williams then became AAAA’s first senior vice president, and later following retirement, a national president.

He was also the first ground forces officer to receive an instrument rating and the designation as a Master Army Aviator.

Adding to those achievements, he later served as commanding general of the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker from 1962 to 1963; and the 1st Aviation Brigade in Vietnam, the largest Army aviation force ever assembled, with 20,000 troops and 2,000 aircraft.

Kesten, AAAA’s first executive vice president, drafted the initial By-laws, which were taken to the Pentagon for review by Howze.

Kesten remembers vividly the meeting with Howze, and the general’s concluding observation (perhaps in jest), “You have my blessing, Art. And I hope this isn’t



GEN Hamilton H. Howze, then Army Aviation Director, G3, who told COL Williams to “Go with it” and start the AAAA.



Not everyone in the Pentagon was delighted with this development as this letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army reveals.

the end of my career.”

As all may recall, it was not the end of his career as his next assignments were all top Army commands of the Cold War era, the 82nd Airborne Division, XVIII Airborne Corps, Eighth U.S. Army and as the Commander in Chief of the United Nations Command in Korea.

But Army history remembers him best for the “Howze Board” studies and the Army Air Mobility Tests of the 1960s which led to the original aviation brigade and organization of the Air Assault Division.

The Army had responded to the challenge of the Defense Secretary to free itself from the “tyranny of



First AAAA President, COL Robert M. Leich (center right), attends the activation of the Fort Campbell Chapter in 1960.

the terrain.”

With Howze’s “blessing” in hand, Kesten left the original By-laws with the staff and moved out smartly.

He recruited officers and members of the initial National Executive Board and transitioned a 4,000 subscriber magazine into a national association.

Chapter programs, flight pay insurance (until then provided only

by the Air Force Association), and the first national convention all followed and furthered the professional posture and organizational hallmark of AAAA.

Thus, you have the genesis of our organization, which today hosts 70 chapters worldwide, more than 15,600 members, a magazine circulation approaching 20,000 and the most robust scholarship pro-



gram of any branch activity.

The 50th Anniversary and the 2007 Annual Convention are taking place in Atlanta, Ga.; and ironically, this was the site of our first convention foray outside of Washington D.C. in 1979.

Prior to 1979, all conventions were held in the D.C. area following after the AUSA National Meetings in October.

But AAAA sought to be different, taking the National meeting to the field, nearer the troops and their families.

For almost 30 years, AAAA has rotated these meetings on a recurring basis in Atlanta, St. Louis, Louisville, Fort Worth, Orlando, Charlotte and Nashville.

These central metro areas were in closer proximity to major aviation unit and troop concentrations, thus less costly to our members for travel and lodging.

Outside of Washington, all would have an easier opportunity to gain the professional development and camaraderie of thousands of fellow aviators and crew members and their families.

We recognized our “brightest and best” in front of peers and company mates.

All could then hear from the Army’s top leaders on how we can do our job better and make our Army stronger.

There our industry and civilian



Member of the initial AAAA Executive Board and first AAAA VP Public Affairs, CPT Howard E. Haugerud, is seen briefing Vice President of the United States, Hubert H. Humphrey, about his trip to Norway in 1965 as Deputy Inspector General for Foreign Assistance, U.S. State Department.

friends in middle America could also visit and see the power, might and pride in the aviation force.

As GEN Creighton Abrams once said, “People are the Army.”

And great people they are in Army Aviation!

AAAA – 50 YEARS ABOVE THE BEST – THE LEGACY LIVES ON – 1957-2007

Retired MG Carl H. McNair, Jr., is the first Chief of the Aviation Branch, AAAASFI president, a past AAAA President, an Army Aviation Hall of Fame member, and the chairman of the AAAA 50th Anniversary Committee.



The author escorting wife Jo Ann at 1984 convention.



ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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The author, then Colonel, later Lieutenant General Robert Williams, "at the office" around the time AAAA was formed.



By LTG (Ret.) Robert R. Williams

The Conception

IN A FEW SHORT YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FOUNDING of the Army Aviation Association of America, several significant events occurred that presented the opportunity and requirement for our having a professional association.

Combat operations in Korea demonstrated the survivability, capabilities and maintainability of the helicopter and its potential for many Army roles.

This stimulated the imagination and enthusiasm of ground commanders and Army aviators alike for the application of the helicopter in future operations.

No longer were Army aviators perceived as just “Cub pilots,” but as true professionals with exciting experiences and the technical knowledge that needed to be promulgated within the aviation community and sold to the Army.

An Army aviation association, with its own magazine for wide distribution, was needed.

New missions were approved for Army Aviation, including medical evacuation.

After witnessing combat operations in Korea, the Army Surgeon General sent back a message saying, “it’s lives or helicopters. Send more helicopters.”

Here was an exciting mission that would get both the military and



WWII era
Piper Cub L-4s are the symbol of the establishment of “organic” Army Aviation on June 6, 1942.



public's attention and give much support for Army aviation.

We needed a means to spread the word.

The Transportation Corps started the cargo helicopter program.

This had two significant facets; it put Army aviation in a new and very expensive field that would get a lot of attention at high levels and it brought about the establishment of the warrant officer aviator program.

Aviation warrant officers were a unique group.

They were experienced pilots, like Mike Novosel, who had served as commissioned officers in the other services during World War II to lead and teach young pilots who had just graduated from flight school.

The young pilots matured rapidly and performed magnificently.

This whole group was recognized as the true professional pilots in our Army.

With this background they needed a voice within the aviation community, an organization to push for flight pay equalization, flight pay insurance, and other issues unique to their group.

They needed an Army Aviation Association.

In order to support the new 12 battalion cargo helicopter program and the other expanding facets of Army aviation, the Transportation

Corps took over the logistical support from the Air Force. This was a major step.

The Army's assumption of this responsibility generated a requirement for much greater contact and exchange of information between its aviation organizations and industry.

Flight pay had been contentious and controversial within the military services since before World War II when it was termed hazardous duty pay and was 50 percent of base pay.

Many non-aviators resented the pilots receiving this special pay.

In 1942, the introduction of Field Artillery organic aviation presented a new factor, and the mission required a pilot and an observer.

The hazard was the same for each.

Should the observer be paid hazardous duty pay?

As Army aviation missions expanded, riding in airplanes as part of the job became common for all.

The entitlement pay changed from hazardous duty pay to flight pay, then later to aviation career incentive pay.

The ACIP is much less than the 50 percent provided by hazardous duty pay and was much more restrictive on who could receive it, but it remains contentious.

How much should it be, who should get it, and for what?



CW4 Michael Novosel
the model of the professional Army Aviator and Medal of Honor recipient.



AAAA National Executive Board Members meet at the Fort Rucker, Ala., Lake Lodge and hear AAAA President Joseph McDonald, Jr. (center right) report on planning for the 1963 AAAA Annual Meeting.

Should a pilot receive flight pay as a skill pay because he is a pilot, or should it be paid only when he is practicing his trade in a flying position?

These questions were the same for all the services.

Another problem for the pilots in all the services was what could they do to protect their income if grounded for medical or physical reasons?

The Air Force Association offered flight pay insurance.

Army aviators being dispersed among many carrier branches, such as the Field Artillery, Infantry and Transportation Corps had no similar organization to look to for this service.

None of the branches were sympathetic to pilots even receiving flight pay.

Army aviators needed their own



association to provide insurance.

The solution for this need and to provide the services identified above was a professional association; with a magazine carrying well-prepared articles by members of the military and advertising from industry, plus well-attended conventions and technical forums.

Life insurance without the “war clause,” not available at a reasonable price on the open market, was another service highly desired by Army aviators during the Vietnam War.

Life and flight pay insurance policies could be provided by an Army Aviation Association.

In 1954, the Army Aviation School at Fort Sill, Okla., outgrew the available airspace and the school was moved to Fort Rucker, Ala.

The Aviation Section of the Field Artillery Board was also moved to Fort Rucker and re-established as the Army Aviation Board.

The Transport Aviation Test and Support Activity and the Signal Aviation Test and Support Activity were created at Fort Rucker to work with the Aviation Board and the school command.

After combining these activities, Fort Rucker was designated the U.S. Army Aviation Center in 1955.

Now Army aviation had its first real and recognized home; but it

still needed an unofficial voice outside the framework of the military.

Until 1955, as a lieutenant colonel on the Army’s G-3 staff, I was the senior Army aviator in the Pentagon as the chief of the Aviation Branch.

MG James M. Gavin, a famous 82nd Airborne Div. paratrooper, and the G-3 then, wrote a well-known article entitled “Cavalry and I Don’t Mean Horses,” which stimulated a lot of thought about aviation at all levels of the Army.

Gavin asked me why there were so few regular Army officers in aviation.

I explained that the perception of the Army leadership was that a career in aviation was a dead-end street.

To illustrate this point, I pointed out that the G-1 had a policy that West Point graduates could not apply for flight training until they had five years of service, and by that time they were over the age limit to apply.

I had previously challenged this policy and was told, “We are not going to invest four years at West Point in a man for him to become a pilot.”

Gavin said let’s get that policy changed.

At that time, West Point graduates were required to take either ranger or airborne training on



November 1954 issue of ARMY AVIATION Magazine featuring a “Chrysler Aerial Vehicle” on the cover.



graduation.

Gavin's solution was to give them a third choice of flight training.

Over the strong objection of the G-1, Gavin convinced the Army Chief of Staff that the option of flight training should be added.

This sent a message that encouraged all regular officers to apply, even if their superiors advised against it.

This opened the door for a large group of regular officers to enter flight training.

It was too bad that we didn't have an Aviation Association at that time to be our advocate.

Gavin's next major contribution to aviation was raising the Army Aviation Branch in the G-3 to a division status and bringing in BG Hamilton H. Howze as the first director of Aviation.

This created a counterpart to the Navy's Vice Admiral and Marine's Lieutenant General heads of their respective aviation.

If we were going to have an aviation association, we really needed the backing of someone of the stature of the Director of Army Aviation.

Under Howze as director, aviation expanded with the procurement of the OV-1 Mohawk in 1960 and the CV-2 Caribou in 1961 for newer, highly visible fixed-wing missions.

One of the most significant developments that opened the door for an Army aviation association to be born was the selection of a group of well respected, highly qualified and seasoned combat senior officers to attend flight training and become rated aviators.

Their emergence on the scene in command and staff jobs changed the Army's perspective of aviation from a bunch of "Fly Boys," who, if not carefully monitored, might secede from the Army as the Air Force had done.

Forming an association would create a respectable group and would not be considered insurrection.

In 1957, the need for an organization to represent and serve all the many facets of Army aviation was seen by a group of World War II artillery Cub pilots, who by then had seen the problems and prospects for an aviation force from a variety of Army staff positions.

The men: Glenn Goodhand in the National Guard, Art Kesten with the Army Reserves, Bob Leich in community relations, Bryce Wilson in the helicopter industry, Joe McDonald in the fixed-wing industry, and Elmore Swenson in personnel management and myself banded together to ignite a spark.

Connected only by communica-



First AAAA auditor
selected by LTC Charles E. Haydock in 1959.



tions, long friendship and a dedication to Army aviation, this small group examined what would be required to form an association.

The normal procedure would be to prepare a charter and By-Laws, hire a staff to administer the association, including the publication of a magazine, contracting for services, and assisting with flight pay insurance.

We had no Aviation Branch at that time; no organization to start the action and no money to hire a staff.

Fortunately, the solution was there ahead of us. Art Kesten had formed a company four years earlier, Army Aviation Publications, Inc. (AAPI) to publish a magazine, initially for the USAR and ARNG aviators in the First Army area, which had already expanded to many subscribers throughout the Army.

Initially, the newly formed Army Aviation Association of America contracted with Art and Dotty Kesten to take on the entire administration done by other paid staffs of similar associations and to do so at no cost to our association.

In return, they received the normal subscription fee and retained ownership of the magazine and provided complete administrative support for all AAAA programs.

This arrangement has continued to this day with the staff of AAPI

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I certify that I am currently on flying status and entitled to receive incentive pay, and that to the best of my knowledge I am in good health, and that no notice is pending to remove me from flying status for failure to meet required physical standards.

Signature of Applicant _____ DATE _____
Submit application and premium check to AAAA, Warren, Conn.
The annual premium charge is 1% of annual flight pay.

Non-AAAA Member: I enclose \$4.00 membership dues. Please enroll me as a member of the Army Aviation Association. *Annual dues as of July 1, 1958.

Early Flight Pay Insurance Plan for AAAA members in 1958.

and has been vetted many times during the past 50 years.

Each time it's proven to be the most efficient and effective method, and the least costly way to handle our Association affairs.

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Retired LTG Bob Williams is one of the original founders of the AAAA, a 1974 Army Aviation Hall of Fame inductee and a former chairman of the HOF selection committee, and a past AAAA National President (1976-79).



Art and Dotty Kesten, ARMY AVIATION Magazine founders in 1953, and co-founders of the AAAA with LTG Bob Williams in 1957, provided the critical organizational and administrative support to the AAAA for over 30 years. Art served as Executive Vice President of the AAAA and Dotty served as the magazine publisher during that time.



ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

By Arthur H. Kesten

The Birth

IN THE PRECEDING ARTICLES BY MG (RET.) CARL MCNAIR and LTG (Ret.) Bob Williams, both alluded to the informal aspects of AAAA's birth or "underground." All too true!

We did operate for 36 years out of the basement in two successive homes in Westport, Conn., and I assure you that many AAAA invoices, meeting notices and invitations were folded and stuffed, and the magazine page paste-ups were occasionally "worked" within six feet of an upstairs refrigerator and oven.

"Why?" you might ask.

In the beginning, we absolutely could not afford any other kind of arrangement. It was that simple.

Later, as our commercial enterprise magazine "ARMY AVIATION" grew from a distribution of 4,000-plus copies and we became responsible for the administrative support of AAAA, our staff increased from three to nine persons.

We still found that we couldn't afford to support this size of a staff and rent downtown commercial office space.

By then, however, the back-woods, cubby-hole existence had become an accepted way of life for all nine of us and we believe our whole crew enjoyed its close up, day-to-day intimacy.

This did not interfere with the many visits and over night stays of countless



Art and Dotty's
apartment in New York
City in 1953, the first home
of ARMY AVIATION
Magazine.



Senator John L. McClellan delivers the Banquet address at the first AAAA Annual Meeting on June 6, 1959 at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Sen. McClellan established the first AAAA National Award in memory of his son, James, at this event.



The Flight Pay Insurance Program explained.

AAAA members who stopped by while on official business at nearby Sikorsky or Lycoming facilities.

In early 1957, Bob Williams indicated that flight pay insurance was indeed the “hook” on which we could all hang our association hats, and he said, “Art, let’s do it.”

To provide insurance, we quickly recognized that three elements were needed: an identifiable group that would be eligible for the insurance; an insurance company that would be willing to take on the insurance at a reasonable price, based on their analysis of the risks involved in the client group established; and a registered insurance agency.

First, the member group required the incorporation of the AAAA in the

State of Connecticut; so the paperwork was drawn up and the association incorporated on March 11, 1957.

A set of detailed By-Laws had been prepared at the same time and a brief announcement concerning the creation of the AAAA appeared in the March 1957 issue of ARMY AVIATION.

No details were given – just the fact that the association had been organized.

Meanwhile, we shopped the market on the advice of several local insurance brokers and selected the Credit Life Insurance Co. of Springfield, Ohio as the initial underwriting firm.

We asked CLIC to submit a proposed Flight Pay Protection Plan policy based on the assumption



that the insured group would be the membership of the AAAA.

In a follow-on meeting with the state insurance commissioner in Hartford, he approved AAAA as the group entity, CLIC as its underwriting firm, and the proposed FPPP policy for AAAA.

We needed association officers and quickly, too.

On tap were a handful of WWII veterans, both in and out of the service, with whom we'd been in constant contact through the magazine.

A good many of these same senior aviators are cited in Williams' previous article.

With these key leaders on board, we completed the process of putting "the round pegs into the round holes" and came up with a suggested slate of officers for AAAA's first National Executive Board.

Each NEB invitee was then contacted personally by the writer and asked to serve a one-year term in a specific office and sent a copy of the By-Laws for personal review.

Concurrently, we also contacted some 180 individuals in the active Army, Army Guard and Reserves – officers, warrants, NCOs and Department of the Army civilians – who were affiliated with industry.

They were located in 18 quite arbitrary "regions" and each invitee was asked to serve in an assigned role on

their Regional Executive Board.

For the most part, these early AAAA volunteers-to-be were the very same persons whom we knew reasonably well in their having served as our voluntary magazine correspondents in the four years preceding AAAA's establishment.

All accepted ...so what did we have then? On paper we had an "instant association."

In one month it was just a few documents; then a month later it was a worldwide framework for a viable organization.

It was now time for the Leaders to Lead, and that they did.

They held their first meeting in the Pentagon on April 18, 1957, the date eventually chosen as AAAA's birthday.

With members present, or present by proxy, a necessary corporate banking resolutions and bank account agreement was approved; then each NEB member was



The structure of AAAA was largely in "Regions" in the early years as revealed at the conclusion of the first year of existence in April 1958.



The first annual meeting in 1959 featured an aviation panel with (l to r) COL Robert F. Cassidy, COL Jack L. Marinelli, BG Richard D. Meyer, BG William B. Bunker, Mr. Eugene L. Vidal, GEN Orval R. Cook, BG Frank H. Britton, BG Ernest F. Easterbrook, COL Hallett D. Edson, and COL Robert M. Leich, first AAAA President.

directed to review the existing By-Laws for additions and deletions and to present such changes at the next NEB meeting scheduled for June 6 at Fort Rucker, Ala.

“Let’s get organized and take all of the fun out of things,” exclaimed one of the new NEB members!

It might seem like this thought prevailed, but not so...there were a great many decisions made at the second and later quarterly meetings.

Everything was debated, including the AAAA’s winged foot emblem.

“Looks like a foot in a foot bath,” said one.

“Can’t think of a better way to symbolize flying soldiers than a winged foot,” said another.

“I call for a vote,” said a third.

The vote taken, we wound up with the footbath.

Nothing was overlooked; we debated important items and we debated minutiae.

THE TODDLER STAGE

Although AAAA was still a relative toddler at age one-and-a-half, the urgency to move on, out, and up took hold early.

At its September 1958 meeting, the board thinking way ahead voted to schedule its first annual convention (nee Membership Meeting) on the following June 6, 1959.

Planned were the whole ten yards: distinguished guests, speakers, panels, and AAAA discussions.

This made sense, for AAAA really was growing very rapidly in membership and new programs, as well as in broad acceptance and prestige within the Department of



the Army and industry circles.

A Dec. 1, 1958 progress report indicated that we had 3,010 members aboard, and that our five worldwide regions and 17 chapters were pursuing membership meeting activities on a quarterly basis.

Nine months later at age 2-1/2, we topped out at 4,633 members and 27 active chapters, two gains that measured in excess of 50 percent.

It was apparent that virtually all of the magazine's subscribers had transferred over to an AAAA membership and that "new blood" was



MSG Albert A. Kulikauskas, Pentagon Dispensary and SP6 Philip F. Barrows, Walter Reed Army Hospital flank MAJ Alexander P. Bolding, the first Army Aviator shot down in Korea at the first AAAA Annual Meeting in 1959.

joining them.

In early 1959, the NEB accepted Sen. John L. McClellan's (D-Ark.) offer to provide an annual award in memory of his son James H. "Jimmy" McClellan, an Army aviator who had died in a 1958 civilian airplane accident.

That same year, AAAA, on its own, initiated an "Army Aviator of the Year Award."

Had we bitten off more than we could chew?

Not really, for the vehicle for the presentation of these two awards had been approved by the NEB ten months earlier.

These were the first of what would eventually total 11 national awards.

Our first convention gathering in 1959 turned out to be a huge, well-supported success.

It started on June 5 with a classified panel session at Fort McNair, Va., moderated by retired Air Force Gen. Orval R. Cook, president of the Aerospace Industries Association of America.

Six key military leaders and three aircraft corporation presidents served as panelists.

That evening, more than 600 attendees enjoyed the convention's pre-anniversary reception and unlike today, that function was hosted by AAAA's 24 industry member firms.

On the next day, a symbolic June 6, additional unclassified military,



First Annual Meeting Program.



MAJ Arne H. Eliasson, Headquarters, Seventh U.S. Army, Germany, accepts the first ever AAAA award, the James H. McClellan Safety Award on June 6, 1959.



Left, Dotty Kesten makes sure Art's brand new AAAA tie is just right for the camera.

industry and AAAA morning and afternoon sessions were held.

The 17th Anniversary of Army Aviation luncheon that day marked the initial presentation of the "Aviator of the Year Award."

That evening's black tie affair, AAAA's first annual awards banquet, was attended by well over 650 persons.

The highlight was the initial presentation of the "James H. McClellan Aviation Safety Award" by Sen. McClellan.

In the audience that night were seven other U.S. Senators and five Congressmen and their spouses.

Their presence sparked the attendance of many other top Department of the Army leaders.

So there you have it – from AAAA's birth to toddler stage.

Suffice it to say that even at this early two year point in time, you wouldn't be wrong if you said... "You've come a long way, baby!"

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Art Kesten is a past AAAA Executive Vice President and a charter member, a member of the National Executive Board, founder and editor of ARMY AVIATION Magazine, and an Army Aviation Hall of Fame inductee with his wife Dorothy.



Newly elected AAAA National President, LTC Harry W. O. Kinnard, Ret., addresses the National Executive Board at the close of the 1970 convention.



TAKING THE AAAA NATIONAL CONVENTIONS TO THE MEMBERS

By LTG (Ret.) Harry W.O. Kinnard

Moving Out

DURING AAAA'S OCTOBER 1972 ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C., I served as your national president.

For the record, this was AAAA's 14th successive meeting held in the D.C. and our seventh at the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

Maybe the old saw, "Familiarity breeds contempt" applied here, or the hotel took umbrage over our occasional booking with the Shoreham Hotel across the street.

But in 1972 their registration desk clerks would not honor the reservations of the entire 30-member Fort Rucker contingent.

Moreover, the French Embassy phoned saying their director of army aviation had been turned away and that they were sending him back to France.

Dorothy "Dotty" Kesten and I then did some severe desk-pounding citing our status as faithful Sheraton-Park customers.

The situation was righted, but not without our having some serious misgivings about their actions.

During the 1973 to 1978 period, we continued to use Washington, D.C. area hotels with three of our last four conventions being held in Arlington, Va.

The urge to quit the D.C. scene grew stronger after our 20th straight gathering in the capital and the undercurrent finally took over in 1978.

Following the adjournment of the National Executive Board's Feb. 18,



VIPs at the 1967 Convention Banquet pose for the camera. Standing (l to r), LTC Don Luce and Congressman John Young. Seated, MAJ Bob Cox, MAJ Billy Nunnelee, Mr. Cliff Kalista, Mr. Barc Resler, Mrs. Hetty Cox, BG Bob Losey, Mr. Garth Slater, and Mr. Ray Sale.



1978 meeting, those NEB members interested in the “convention site issue” were asked to attend a tack-on meeting.

At AAAA President LTG Bob Williams’ request, two five-member groups were asked to address the issue as separate Red and Blue Teams.

LTG Jack Wright and I were chosen by Williams as the respective team chairmen.

Our teams each studied the issue in detail, reconvened at Bob’s call, and Jack and I then presented our “team positions.”

The following informal, point-by-point summary was published in the March, 1978 magazine.

My Blue Team position was

“Move the 1979 National Convention out of the Washington area.”

Among the “Pro” move points were:

- Some perennials have attended all past national conventions, but moving out means a new, en-

larged audience.

- Let’s show the chapters and the regions that we’re a part of them, and that we’re one organization by going “TO” them.

- “Will it play in Peoria?” Yes, it will be BIG news in Peoria. It was noted that the Mayor of Savannah, Ga., has declared the First Region’s convention week there as

“Army Aviation Week.”

We never got any publicity in Washington, and we had held 20 consecutive D.C. area conventions.

- Let’s try a move out of Washington once and we’ll know. The decision would be for 1979 only and not forever. The regional meetings have been successful; we should assume that a non-D.C. National Convention would be more so.

- High-level people like to get out of D.C. and they have a need to go out to the field.

We’d also have attending mayors, governors and senators at a non-DC National Convention.

Moreover, we could get the attendance support of the area industry and subcontractors who never seem to make it to DC.

- “Cut the cord.” and end our lock-step, back-to-back tie to the Association of the U.S. Army’s annual meeting.

A move out of D.C. would give AAAA complete latitude as to the place and season as long as the center of gravity was Army aviation.

- The National Office could run the convention and the region and chapter members would be free to support the convention with attendance alone.

It would also give the selected region, if it so chose to do so, a



1970 AAAA Annual Meeting registration form.



1976 LTG Harry W.O. Kinnard, Past AAAA President; **LTG Robert R. William**, Senior VP, and **LTG John M. Wright, Jr.** National AAAA President at one convention.

breather in that it could conduct such a gathering as part of the national convention.

Wright's Red Team position was "Keep the Convention in Washington."

Back then, Wright cited the 1971 minutes indicating that the NEB had rejected a well-developed plan to move the 1972 national convention from Washington, D.C. to St. Louis.

Among the Red Team's points were:

- A convention out of D.C. will not attract many young Soldiers. They are attracted first by chapter meetings, then by regional gatherings, and last by national events.

- "Why be great in Peoria?" Will our members go to a Peoria-like

site? Don't change your form in a winning game; there's no reason to change if you're winning.

Make the change when you are failing. Also, a meeting outside of Washington will weaken the regional concept we've pursued.

- Support our chapters and regions and help them to succeed, of course, but don't usurp their activities.

- There's more of a benefit to the young members if they come to D.C. (they visit assignment managers and check records, etc.)

- Why "Cut the cord with AUSA?" The back-to-back AUSA-AAAA conventions save trans-



1969 AAAA Annual Meeting Honors Luncheon. (l to r) GEN Hamilton Howze, President AAAA, MAJ Patrick Brady, recipient of Outstanding Aviation Unit of the Year award, The Honorable Thaddeus R. Beal, Under Secretary of the Army, and MG John L. Klingenhagen, Director Army Aviation. MAJ Brady later received the Medal of Honor for actions on January 8, 1968 and retired as a Major General.

portation costs, etc.

- We may not be able to get the key people to attend.
- The Warrant Officers Association has held two meetings outside of Washington, and neither was as successful as the ones held in D.C.
- Other facts to consider included:
 - The Hall of Fame inductions had been non-D.C. events and they hadn't helped the Army Aviation Center chapter's overall membership.
 - Selecting the site will probably

alienate more people than the number you'd get to support a non-D.C. convention.

- Those organizations that have moved their national conventions around do not have regional structures.

After studying the situation, the two teams made their presentations to the NEB.

Williams instructed the attending NEB members to avoid compromise.

He added that AAAA could not



afford a repeat of the NEB's turn-about from 1972, and that the board's decision would be final.

The NEB disapproved a motion by Wright to delay the decision until the May 1978 Board meeting, and then approved a motion in a 21 to 5 vote to conduct the '79 National Convention at a site other than one in Washington, D.C.

Williams then appointed me to serve as the chairman of a committee to select the date and site of the 1979 National Convention.

I was to select my committee members and then submit our recommendations during the May 1978 NEB meeting.

We bite the bullet!

The task of recommending a site for the first non-D.C. meeting was challenging and critical to the successful execution of our committee's mandate.

We decided that the criteria for selection would be that the site must have suitable, available facilities; be located where we could expect support by an interested Army activity; and be easily and economically reachable by commercial air.

As far as easy to get to by air, people on the East Coast used to say, "If you are going to go by air it doesn't matter if you are going to heaven or hell, you have to go

through Atlanta, Ga."

Atlanta emerged as the best location. The facilities there were available and reasonable in price.

The U.S. Army Forces Command was nearby and commanded by GEN Bob Shoemaker, our only four-star general officer Master Army Aviator.

Shoemaker had been my G3 in the 11th Air Assault Div. and commanded, in turn, an airborne infantry battalion and the air cavalry squadron while I commanded the 1st Cav. Div. in Vietnam.

I knew if we could get him involved, the meeting would be a success.

So we recommended Atlanta.

Art Kesten, AAAA's executive vice president, and his staff at Army Aviation Publications, Inc. then made the detailed search for facilities and then the on-site arrangements.

It was a much bigger job than they had in Washington, but it took place in a friendlier atmosphere.

When Shoemaker accepted the position as chairman of the Presentations Committee and GEN Bernard Rogers, the Army Chief of Staff, committed to being the banquet speaker – I felt that curiosity, interest and enthusiasm in our Atlanta convention would increase



The professional sessions at the 1979 Convention featured briefings by U.S. Army Forces Command at the Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta, Ga. This marked the first AAAA Convention outside of the Washington, D.C. area.



substantially in our military, civilian and aviation communities.

The end results were rewarding.

The commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center, and the head aviators on the Army General Staff were there, as were the presidents of every one of the major aviation companies.

The latter group not only attended the meetings, but participated in an industry member panel that set a precedent for later AAAA conventions.

The four original 1957 National Executive Board members were also present and included: Past AAAA President Bob Leich, Senior V.P. Bob Williams, Treasurer Glenn Goodhand and Exec. Sec. Art Kesten.

Did we draw the attendance of many who had never been to an AAAA national gathering?

You bet we did!

Professionalism prevailed in the daytime, and camaraderie and a lot of fun were shared in the evenings by all.

As with our 20 earlier D.C. meetings, our spouses joined us en masse.

The chapter receptions were not the stuffy affairs we once knew in Washington, but were very lively costume parties of great imagination.

So what was the bottom line?

This first convention was a good start for our out-of capital area gatherings that took "National" on



AAAA President LTG Bob Williams addresses the 1979 Convention in Atlanta.

the road to St. Louis, Fort Worth, Charlotte, Nashville, Orlando and Louisville.

The decision to bring AAAA to the field was a great one!

AAAA – 50 YEARS ABOVE THE BEST – THE LEGACY LIVES ON – 1957-2007

Retired LTG Harry W. O. Kinnard is a past AAAA National President (1970-72), a 1974 Army Aviation Hall of Fame inductee, and a gold award recipient of the Honorable Order of St. Michael.



The Godfather of Army Aviation Logistics, Mr. Joseph P. Cribbins, addresses the 1977 Product Support Symposium sponsored by the AAAA Lindbergh Chapter in St. Louis, Mo.



By William R. Harris

AAAA Grows and Prospers

AROUND THE TIME THE DECISION WAS MADE IN THE LATE 1970s to move the AAAA Annual Convention out of Washington, D.C. for the first time, AAAA really began to grow.

Membership, chapter activities, convention exhibit sales and net annual revenue all set records year after year until a pause for the “peace dividend” of the early 1990s.

From 7,800 members in 1980, to more than 15,500 now, the AAAA grew in many ways.

Scholarship awards increased from \$12,000 per year in 1980 to more than \$200,000 today.

The various AAAA symposia, such as the Joseph P. Cribbins Product Support Symposium that began in 1973 in St. Louis, prospered dramatically under the guidance of retired COL Don Luce and Paul Hendrickson. The Aircraft Survivability Symposium established in 1983 at Loral Electronics in Yonkers, N.Y., and the Fort Monmouth Chapter’s Avionics Symposium established earlier, proved exceedingly successful as well and helped fund those chapters’ scholarship programs.

During this time there was also a healthy debate in ARMY AVIATION Magazine and among AAAA members culminating in the formation of the Army’s Aviation Branch on April 12, 1983. There was no doubt, however, where AAAA stood and when the formal ceremonies took



Mr. Paul L. Hendrickson, Command & Project Management Office, AVCOM seen speaking at the May 5, 1966 Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry, St. Louis, Mo. Paul was President three times of the St. Louis based Lindbergh Chapter.



The founders
of Army Aviation
Publications, Inc.,
Art and Dotty Kesten
at the 1970 AAAA
Convention.



Lynn Coakley,
the Kesten's daughter,
and former Executive
Director of the American
Helicopter Society,
moved back to
Connecticut in 1981 and
later bought the
publishing company from
her parents in 1987.

place in 1984, LTG Carl E. Vuono, deputy commanding general of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, presented the first proof set of branch insignia to MG Bobby J. Maddox, then branch chief and commanding general of Fort Rucker, Ala. Maddox in turn presented an AAAA-supplied mint set of the new branch insignia to Vuono for his support of the Aviation Branch and the AAAA.

During all this time there were also significant staff changes at AAAA National Office.

Art and Dotty Kesten, founders of the ARMY AVIATION Magazine back in 1953, had formed a publishing company called Army Aviation Publications, Inc. (AAPI).

In 1957, AAPI assumed the day to day management of the newly formed AAAA when it transformed

from Art's pre-existing subscribers to the magazine.

The Kesten's son Dale became the magazine's editor in the 1970s and their daughter Lynn, who had been the executive director of the American Helicopter Society (AHS), moved back in December 1981 from Washington, D.C. to Connecticut to join the team.

She immediately set to work migrating the various AAAA programs that had grown over the years onto an IBM mid-range main frame computer system and focused on the operational aspects of the company.

Lynn's husband Terry Coakley, who had a background in the hotel industry, also joined the team and became the advertising and exhibit sales manager.

This full time effort on marketing



and sales paid off and helped to grow the annual convention exhibits from a few table top displays in the 1960s and 70s, to a large industry-based exhibit hall covering hundreds of thousands of square feet, which proved to be a significant revenue generator for AAAA.

Terry became AAAA's first executive director in 1991 after Art Kesten

more than 30 years was just the first step in 1988, establishing the National Office in a modern office setting in Westport, Conn.

With the demise in 1992 of the AVIATION DIGEST, the Aviation branch's professional journal published at Fort Rucker (due to funding reductions), ARMY AVIATION Magazine stepped in to help fill the



One of the great AAAA supporters, COL John Marr, left, is seen at work in the Pentagon. John became President of the AAAA and Scholarship Foundation and later perennial AAAA Board Parliamentarian.

retired as AAAA's long serving executive vice president since 1957.

In 1987, Lynn bought the publishing company AAPI from her parents and brought the organization to its next level.

Moving AAPI from her parents' basement where the AAAA and magazine had been based for

void left behind for branch Soldiers.

Lynn took another huge leap forward at the end of 1997, and completely re-designed the magazine from the 45-year old "digest" size (designed to fit in a cargo pocket), to a full-size magazine with the January 1998 issue.

As the AAAA office staff changed



Terry Coakley worked the convention exhibit sales and marketing and became Executive Director of AAAA in 1991.



1976

Army Aviation

Electronics Symposium
Fort Monmouth, NJ.
Pictured (l to r) are John F.X. Mannix, Senior VP of the Monmouth Chapter; LTG John M. Wright, AAAA National President and National Director, Boy Scouts of America; COL Lee M. Hand, President, Monmouth Chapter, and Commander and Director of ECOM's Avionics Lab; and Kenneth K. Kelly, Chairman Symposium Program Committee.



The Honorable Order

of Saint Michael was established by an MOU between the Army and the AAAA in 1989 as the Army Aviation Branch award. Over 5,500 medals have been awarded since inception.

and grew throughout the 1980s and 1990s, the awards program also grew.

Since the establishment of the first AAAA award—the “James H. McClellan Safety Award” in 1959—recognition of excellence had always been a big part of the AAAA mission.

From half a dozen national awards at the convention and a few functional awards like the “Aircraft Survivability Award” in 1980, the program expanded to over 30 awards today.

The program recognizes all aspects of the Army aviation community, to include the new “Crew Chief of the Year,” the “Flight Medic of the Year” and the “Fixed Wing Unit of the Year,” to the new “Unmanned Aviation Systems Operator and Unit of the Year” awards.

In 1989, one of the most popular

programs that AAAA has ever supported was established. This is the Honorable Order of Saint Michael program which paralleled the Order of Saint George and Order of Saint Barbara for our sister combat arms branches. As the executive agent for the Aviation Branch, the AAAA National Executive Board donated \$20,000 in escrow to kick it off.

Since then, more than 5,500 OSM awards have been presented to outstanding Soldiers and civilians over the years.

A similar national program, the Honorable Order of Our Lady of Loreto was established in 2004 at the suggestion of COL Tony Crutchfield, president of AAAA's North Country Chapter at Fort Drum, N.Y. The OLL award recognizes spouses and others in the



LTC Donald F. Luce, right, outgoing president of the Richard H. Bitter Chapter hands over the reins to COL Floyd H. Buch on April 14, 1967. Don started a number of AAAA Chapters and figured prominently with Paul Hendrickson in the start of the Lindbergh Chapter Product Support Symposium.

local community who support our aviation Soldiers. Over 175 of these awards have been presented just in the last three years.

Most recently, the AAAA has expanded its Distinguished Graduate award program.

For decades, the AAAA just underwrote the cost of the Distinguished Graduate's wings and provided a suitable plaque or memento to all aviator classes at Fort Rucker; Fort Eustis, Va.; and at the Eastern and Western Army National Guard Aviation Training Sites.

Now in our 50th anniversary year, the AAAA is moving to provide all aviator and crew chief wings to all graduates of all our classes throughout the system.

Another real key to AAAA's success has been the advocacy for our

members. In fact, association advocacy began as soon as AAAA was born.

Simultaneous with AAAA's birth in the Spring of 1957, an issue was raised concerning the Army Guard and Reserve aviators being denied 36 paid drills per year that had been granted to the Air Force Reserve.

I recently discovered a letter, dated Aug. 3, 1959, from AAAA President Bryce Wilson (1959-1961) to the Honorable William Brucker, Secretary of the Army, addressing inequities in the flight status and training that dated back to that time as well.

Perhaps the most significant AAAA event during these years was the continuation of political advocacy, especially in defense of



Letter from AAAA President, Bryce Wilson, in 1959 to SECARMY advocating for equity in flight status and training.



our warrant officer members.

On Jan. 19, 1980, the AAAA NEB directed the AAAA President MG George Beatty (1979-1981) to forward a letter to the Secretary of Defense calling for “Flight Pay Equalization for warrant officers with commissioned officers.” Moreover, the Board directed that the AAAA be prepared to go to Congress to support it directly if the SECDEF did not come on board.

This action was the final step in a long battle, which began in 1973 with a strong letter from the AAAA leadership to the Hon. Howard H. Callaway, then Secretary of the Army, convincing him to change the Army position and support equalization of flight pay.

At the urging of retired GEN Butch Saint in the late 1990s, the AAAA Strategic Planning Committee, under the guidance of its chairman retired BG Harry Bendorf (USAF), looked at how effective AAAA was as a voice for Army Aviation.

Specifically, Saint challenged the AAAA leadership to develop a program using non-aviator, three and four star retired general officers to carry the Army Aviation message.

Thus the AAAA Senior Executive Associates was born, first chaired by retired GEN William “Bill” R. Richardson, the former TRADOC commander, and now by GEN

John “Jack” M. Keane, the former Army Vice Chief of Staff.

It includes a dozen other outstanding retired leaders like generals Wayne A. Downing, Paul J. Kern, William F. Kernan, Barry R. McCaffrey, William G.T. Tuttle, Jr., (including Keane, Richardson and Saint); and lieutenant generals Joseph E. DeFrancisco, Harold T. Fields, Jr.; Jay M. Garner, John M. McDuffie, Max W. Noah, Roger C. Schultz and Michael F. Spigelmire.

All have donated their time and energy as true believers in Army Aviation and your capabilities. These volunteers operate at the highest decision making levels of the government and civilian worlds in their retirements. The impact of their efforts on our behalf cannot be overstated.

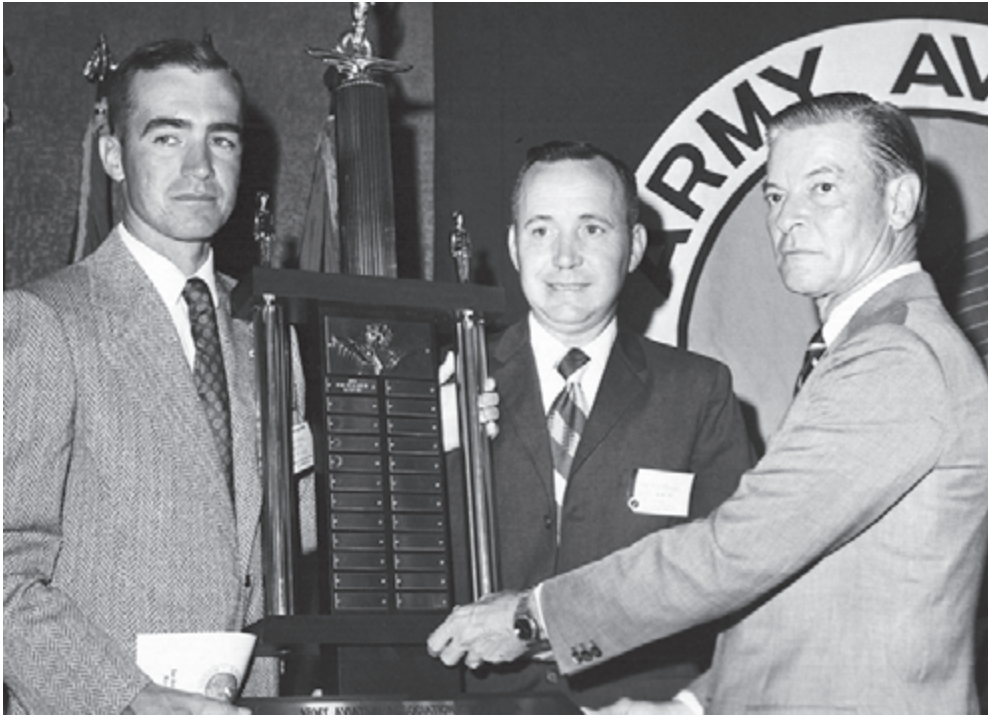
All this, in conjunction with specific efforts—like the recent AAAA Board resolution to require the Army to pay full Aviation Career Incentive Pay to the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve aviators and crew chiefs—has proven to our membership that we are serious about representing their needs. In fact, AAAA was the first organization to take up this fight.

Together with our membership in The Military Coalition (See article by retired colonels Sy Berdux and JoAnn Eberle), there is no doubt



The Honorable Order

of Our Lady of Loreto was established by the AAAA in 2004 to recognize spouses and others who support the Army Aviation Soldier.



MAJ Curtis J. Herrick, Jr., Commander, Company B, 227th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and 1SG Eldon R. Alexander, center, accept the Outstanding Aviation Unit Award in Fifth Army Area from Fifth Army Commander, LTG G.P. Seneff, Jr. during AAAA Region Awards Dinner. Curt retired as a Colonel and is now the AAAA Representative to The Military Coalition.

AAAA is the “Voice” of the Army Aviation community.

Today, your association is over 15,500 members strong, with 70 chapters around the world, with programs ranging from: local chapter Soldier of the Month awards, member appreciation nights, professional development meetings, golf tournament fundraisers for the Scholarship Foundation, Welcome Home ceremonies for the troops returning from the Global War on Terrorism, and the Army Aviation Hall of Fame.

The following articles in this

publication will highlight many of these programs.

Thanks to the support of our AAAA Industry members, our annual convention exhibit revenue has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in recent years to worthy causes.

This has allowed the AAAA to underwrite our chapters’ efforts like the Welcome Home celebrations, scholarships, and family readiness groups, and to make other substantial donations from the AAAA each year to the Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker, Ala.; the Army Aviation Hall of



The January 1998 issue of ARMY AVIATION marked the move by publisher Lynn Coakley to full size magazine from the previous digest size.



Fame, the Wings of Liberty Museum at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the Army Museum.

In one recent case, we were even there in a pinch on casualty assistance support with rental vans when Army lawyers refused to allow units to transport the families of our fallen to and from the airport to their own loved ones' memorial services at Fort Campbell.

All of this is captured in the new AAAA mission statement "AAAA: Supporting the U.S. Army Aviation Soldier and Family," established by our AAAA President, Tom Konitzer, in 2005.

I assure you that everything the AAAA Board does on your behalf, every program we start, and every dollar we spend, is measured against this standard. We at the National Office are very proud of all our members in and out of uniform.

I came to work for AAPI in 1987 as the managing editor of the magazine and then editor a year later.

After 16 years with the company, I purchased AAPI in 2003 from Lynn Coakley. We at the National Office work hard to make sure we are totally focused on you, our members. Many of our employees have more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Army Aviation family. It is truly a team effort and we couldn't do what we do without the support and mentorship of

all our AAAA presidents over my 20 years with AAAA.

I would also like to recognize some unsung heroes such as retired colonels John Marr, Harry Townsend and John Stanko, who have done so much for the association decade after decade after decade.

Finally, nothing we--your national office staff--can do could adequately repay our AAAA members and your families for what you do for this country every day.

Thanks to you all from all of us at the AAAA National Office: Janis, Juli, Deb, Debbie, Riki, Mary Ellen, Erika, Anne, Bob, Mike S., Mike F., Joe, James, Joan, Diane and myself; and especially from our long-serving retired staff members Mary Ann and Jill.

Let us know what we can do to serve you better.

AAAA has been there for you for 50 years, yet we have only just begun.

AAAA – 50 YEARS ABOVE THE BEST – THE LEGACY LIVES ON – 1957-2007

William "Bill" R. Harris became the executive director of AAAA in 1998, after serving in various positions with AAAA and Army Aviation Publications, Inc. since 1987. Today he is the owner of AAPI, and also the publisher of ARMY AVIATION Magazine.



Another AAAA stalwart behind the scenes, COL Harry Townsend has served on the AAAA and Scholarship Boards with distinction. Harry has served as Scholarship Foundation Parliamentarian for many years.



Joel R. Graft accepts the first AAAA Scholarship Foundation award in 1963. The \$1,500 grant was provided by Ryan Aeronautical Foundation. AAAA President, Bryce Wilson, left, made the presentation. 2LT Graft, (Flight Class 068-10/68-14), served one tour in Vietnam and died at the age of 23 in 1969.



ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

By **BG (Ret.) James M. Hesson,**
with research assistance
by **Arthur “Art” H. Kesten**

Your Scholarship Foundation

HOW IT BEGAN In 1963, only six years after the founding of AAAA, a pioneer group met to establish the AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (AAAASFI).

The foundation was established as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation in the State of Connecticut to render financial assistance for the college-level education of members of the Army Aviation Association of America, Inc. (AAAA) and their children.

Currently, in addition to eligibility for members and their unmarried children, eligibility also includes spouses, unmarried siblings, and unmarried grandchildren of current and deceased AAAA members.

In 1992, AAAASFI established the “set aside scholarships” for spouses of members and upperclassmen and these special scholarships are given only to the designated type recipient.

In 1993, other special scholarships were designated for warrant officers and graduate students, and in 1994 company grade officers and enlisted Soldiers were also added to this set-aside program.

In addition to the scholarship grants, a four-year interest-free loan program was started in 1990.

A DONATION “KICK-START”

The first scholarship awarded was the result of a donation by the Ryan



**BG Jim
Hesson,**
Past President, AAAA
Scholarship Foundation.



Miss Barbara Daughtry, a DAC at USAAVNS, is shown receiving a donation from CPT Richard C. Anglin during the Fort Rucker Chapter's marathon sale of the Army Aviation Song 45 rpm record. The song was written by James Van Huesen with lyrics by Sammy Cahn. The recording was made by Mitch Miller and the Sing Along Gang. The proceeds from the sales were donated by the artists to the AAAA Scholarship Foundation.



The first scholarship presentation is covered in the September-October 1963 ARMY AVIATION Magazine.

Aeronautical Company of San Diego, Calif.

No written record exists as to why AAAA wished to start a scholarship foundation, but it was motivated by the Ryan Aeronautical donation.

On Dec. 6, 1963, the Certificate of Incorporation was signed and the "AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc." was established in the State of Connecticut.

This corporation, separate from, but in support of the AAAA (which is also a Connecticut chartered organization), was based on the following original purposes and standards to:

- Render financial assistance to the college-level education of selected children or members of AAAA.

- Conduct fund-raising activities for the purposes of supporting the activities of the corporation.

- Do all and everything necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of the purposes of the corporation whether alone or in association with other corporations, firms or individuals.

FUND RAISING START-UP

In the early years, fund-raising was limited to direct mail solicitation letters from the AASFI President and from the sale of 5,000 copies of sheet music of the Cahn-Van Huesen original "Army Aviation" song donated by the Douglas Aircraft Company.

It became apparent that if the foundation were to grow, direct so-



licitation from industry, AAAA chapters and individuals was required.

A more aggressive “marketing” effort was initiated, but early progress was slow.

EARLY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

From 1963 until 1985 our awards (monetary grants) never exceeded 20 in number and a total of \$10,000 in value per year.

Early scholarships ranged from \$100 to \$500 and from 1964 until 1985, certificates of achievement or merit award plaques were presented to highly qualified applicants for whom no scholarship funds were available to award.

Some funds received during the year were awarded that same year and the base scholarship fund remained low.

In 1986 at a meeting in Westport, Conn., a proposal was made that the foundation would establish a goal of \$1,000,000 of financial assets in ten years (by 1996).

At the beginning of 1992, that goal was reached, beating the target date by four years.

THE FIRST \$1,000 AWARD

In 1972, the first \$1,000 scholarship, designated the “LTG William B. Bunker Memorial Scholarship” in honor of one of the pioneers in Army aviation logistics and acquisition, was awarded alongside the regular



LTC Frederick C. Goodwin President, Jimmie L. Hilton Chapter, Ft. Sill, is shown presenting a \$100 honorarium to Roger Moseley as a 1964 AAAA Scholarship winner. Accepted at the tuition free Air Force Academy, Roger forfeited a \$500 AAAA Scholarship for the \$100 honorarium.

award grants of \$150 to \$500.

In 1985, the Bunker scholarship was increased to \$1,500, a first at that level.

The Bunker award was again increased to \$4,000 in 1986, then to \$5,000 in 1990, \$10,000 in 1991, \$14,000 in 1997, and \$15,000 by 1998.

More recent awards of the Bunker and other scholarships have been based on availability of funds earned by the Foundation investment portfolio.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GROWTH

The AAAASFI program is supported



today by an investment portfolio of approximately \$2.5 million dollars.

The earnings from the portfolio and the annual donations from our chapters, individuals and industry donors—where funds are received and expended in the same year—comprise the bulk of our annual awards.

Starting with that single \$1500 scholarship awarded in 1963, the program has grown dramatically.

In 2006, we awarded 148 scholarship grants and loans worth \$239,000, bringing the total awards during the life of the program to \$3,103,625 in grants and loans.

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

This growth could not have occurred without the outstanding support of AAAA's industry members.

Their strong financial participa-

tion “jump-started” the establishment of endowments to allow earnings from investments to become the principal source of annual grants and loans.

A number of the industry members contributed \$50,000 which, in recent years, has been augmented by a \$15,000 “matching” contribution from the AAAA general fund.

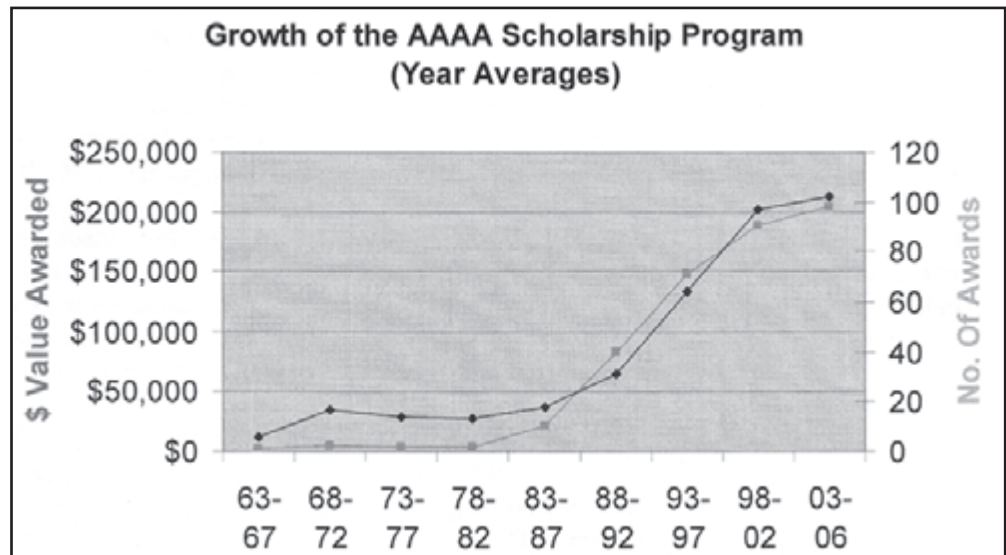
CHAPTER MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1969, the “Cub Club,” an organization of “senior” Army aviators awarded Liaison Pilot wings, was the first recorded organization affiliated with AAAA that donated money to the scholarship fund to underwrite a scholarship.

In 1983, the Lindbergh Chapter of St. Louis underwrote a \$500 scholarship.

The Washington, D.C. and Fort

The AAAA Scholarship program has grown in annual awards from one award of \$1,500 in 1963 to over 148 awards totaling \$239,000 in 2006.





Monmouth chapters joined in 1984; and in 1987 they were joined by other such chapters as the Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, Germany; the Colonial Virginia of Fort Eustis, the Phantom Corps of Fort Hood, Texas; the Morning Calm in Korea, and the Southern California chapter.

In 2006, 14 chapter matching scholarships were awarded.

This program matches individual chapter donations up to \$5,000 per chapter, per year from the AAAASFI general fund (based on fund availability) and are generally awarded the year the funds are provided.

In most cases, the scholarship award goes right back to a local chapter member's dependent in that chapter, unless they are awarded a more valuable grant.

HERITAGE PROGRAM

In 2000, the Heritage Organization Matching Fund (HOMF) program was established.

The AAAASFI recognized that there were a number of organizations whose heritage was related to AAAA, but who did not have the infrastructure to manage a scholarship program.

They were also organizations that did not have any new and younger members to continue the organization into perpetuity and

over time would be only remembered.

The concept was straightforward – the organization would provide the funds to AAAASFI to manage, and the applicant or the sponsoring person must be a member of AAAA.

As earnings accrued, a minimum of a \$1000 scholarship would be awarded.

Priority would go to the children and grandchildren of the HOMF member.

The first organization was the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) which provided funds for an award in 2001.

They were subsequently followed by the Dust-Off Association and their "CW4 Michael J. Novosel, Sr. Scholarship"; the 114th Avn. Co. (Potomac Knights) Assoc., the 7th Sdqn., 17th Cav. Regt. (Ruthless Riders) Assoc., and the Otter-Caribou Association.

Together, these organizations have approximately \$135,000 in assets earning funds for scholarships.

As with the chapter and industry matching program, the AAAASFI provides a match for the first \$15,000 in funds donated.

GRANT/LOAN AWARD POLICIES

Since inception, the scholarship award program has been based on individual merit.

Applications are screened by the



Each year
all the Scholarship recipients are listed with their photos in the August – September ARMY AVIATION Magazine.



AAAA National Office to determine eligibility and if the applicant is a member or a direct relative of a parent or grandparent member.

The application is “sanitized” where all references to names, rank of applicant or sponsor, and where appropriate, location, are removed from all documentation.

After an initial sorting by the National Office in each category - undergraduate, upperclassman, graduate, etc., the application

packages are presented to a selection board consisting of AAAA and Heritage program members, and representatives of all ranks from the active

Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, retirees, Department of the Army civilians and industry.

This board meets annually in July in the national capitol region where the files are scored by multiple evaluators, much like a military promotion board.

The composite scores are tallied and an order of merit list (OML) which rank orders the applicant categories is established.

The highest-ranking applicants are awarded the most valuable grants.

Only after the OML awards are made are the individual awardee names revealed.

For those who are not awarded grants, but have indicated they would like an interest free loan, they are also ranked and informed that a \$1,000 loan for each of the 4 years of undergraduate study is available.

Loans are self-perpetuating and the loan repayment starts after a student graduates, with a minimum payment of \$50 per month with no interest charges.

The repayment goes into the general fund and becomes available for new loans.

Currently, 10 loans are authorized annually.

FINANCIAL AWARD POLICIES

Our policies related to how much we award annually have varied over the years.

In the early years as money was received, we gave it out.

For example, in 1963 we received \$1,500 and awarded it.

Early Foundation Board of Governors recognized that AAAASF needed to develop a source of funds that would allow us to grow and use earnings on the investments as the source of funds for the scholarship grants.



BG John J. Tolson congratulates Robert Spears, son of LTC Leroy C. Spears, left, on his being awarded a \$500 AAAA Scholarship in 1963. BG Tolson was visiting Atlanta to address the Atlanta AAAA Chapter membership.



To make the transition without stopping awards, in some years we gave grants in excess of earnings.

In 2001, with the stock market reversal following the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, all AAAASFI assets were cashed out from the managing stockbroker and a detailed look to our future was conducted.

In addition, all of the laws, policies and procedures for management of our assets were reviewed.

The Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act, or UMIFA, requires that we not invade the endowed principal of a funded scholarship without the express approval of the donor.

Review of all endowed funds was completed, funds reinvested and a new policy established -- a "spend rate" of 3.5 percent of the endowed funds is the current annual limit.

This allows the funds to grow over time and reduces the risk of invading the original principle amount without the sponsor's approval.

This also brings us in line with the managers of other endowed programs.

THE BOTTOM LINE

The Army Aviation Scholarship Foundation has had a great beginning and more is to come.

In 44 years of growth from a \$1,500

donation to \$2.5 million in assets, the foundation has focused on our AAAA members and the support of our Soldiers and their families.

The foundation is fiscally sound with aggressive ongoing marketing efforts to raise additional funds.

Management of the funds is handled by a well-qualified financial institution to ensure assets are protected and long-term growth occurs.

After the more than \$3 million in awards, AAAA members recognize that the scholarship program is a significant membership benefit.

They also understand that the award process is fair and equitable as rank and position of the applicant and AAAA member parent are removed from the files.

It is all about merit in awarding the most money to the most qualified students.

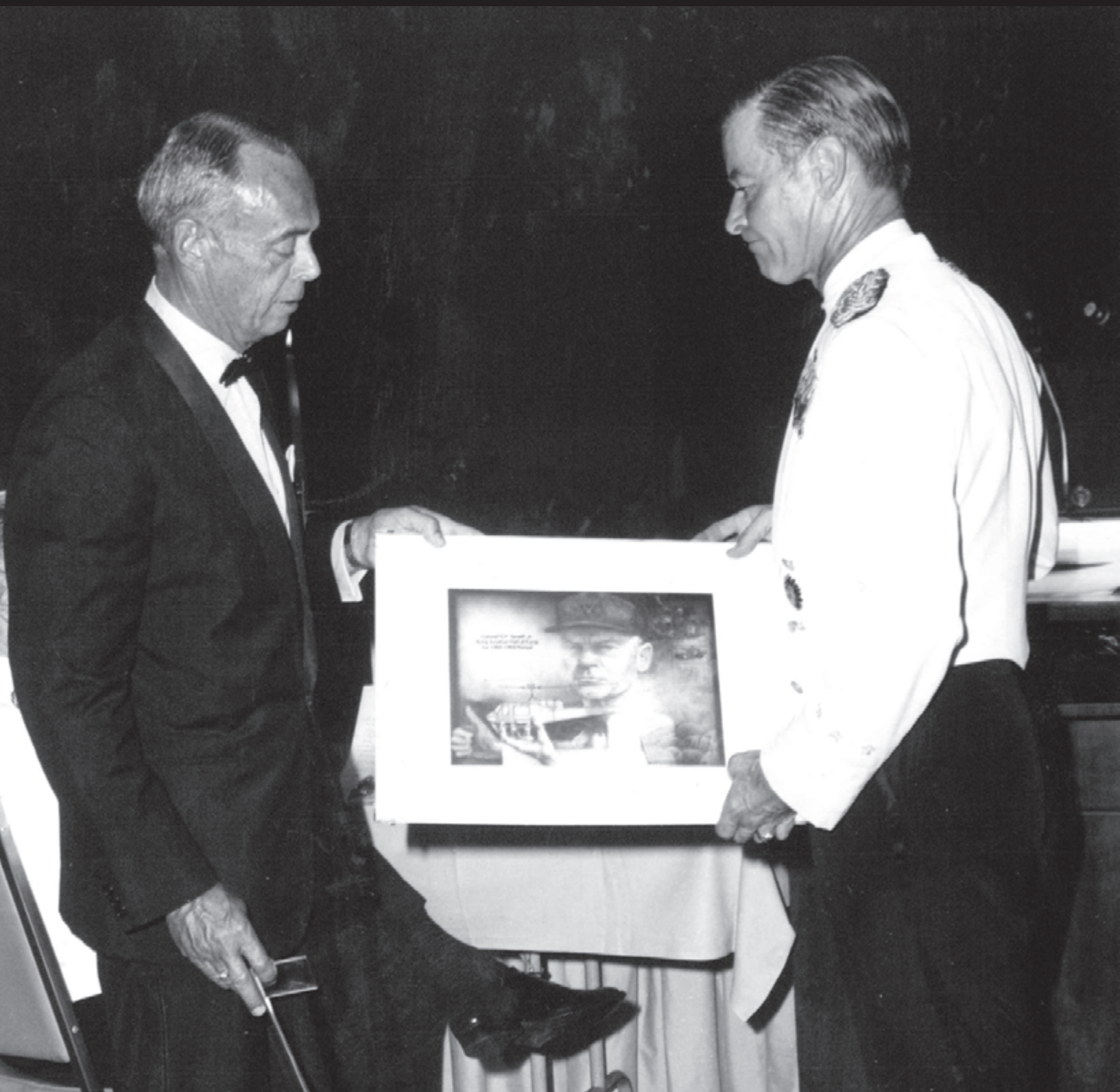
The future is bright as we continue to support our AAAA membership.

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One of the best features of the Scholarship program is seeing how the Foundation's funds enable the success of our recipients. Above is a thank you note from Chuck Graft in 1966 noting that his son Joel, our first Scholarship winner, was selected outstanding ROTC cadet and was attending summer camp at Fort Sill.



LTG George P. Seneff, right, is pictured receiving his original portrait by President Edward L Nielsen. It was hung in the initial Army Aviation Hall of Fame at Fort Rucker in the old Army Aviation Museum. Seneff was inducted in the first ceremonies conducted on June 6, 1974.



THE ARMY AVIATION HALL OF FAME

By MG (Ret.)
Benjamin L. Harrison

33 Years of Preserving Our Heritage and History

AS HISTORIANS BEGAN TO DOCUMENT THE MANY BATTLES OF the Vietnam War, it became known as the “Helicopter War.”

From the first significant involvement of the U.S. military in 1961, to the departure of U.S. forces in 1973, battlefield operations became heavily dependent upon Army aviation and especially the helicopter.

Acts of bravery, flying skill and battle leadership became commonplace, but by no means ordinary.

Of course there were awards and decorations, but the leadership of the Army Aviation Association, at the recommendation of COL Ted Crozier, concluded in 1973 that an AAAA-sponsored Army Aviation Hall of Fame should be established to honor those persons who have made an outstanding contribution over an extended period, or a truly exceptional achievement, and to record those individuals and acts for posterity.

But it was not just for flying heroes of the Vietnam War.

The Army Aviation Hall of Fame (AAHOF) honors commissioned, warrant and non-commissioned officers and Soldiers, and civilians from government and industry who have contributed in all areas of Army aviation.

To launch the AAHOF, the Association decided to honor individual contributions from the very beginning.

Back in 1971, retired BG Robert M. Leich, the chairman of the Awards Committee, appointed AAAA founder Arthur “Art” Kesten to chair a sub-



MG Benjamin L. Harrison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Army Aviation Hall of Fame and past AAAA President.



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CW4 Donald R.
Joyce, Ret.

COL (Dr.) Hal
Kushner, Ret.

COL John W.
Marr, Ret.

LTG Ellis D. Parker,
Ret.

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Mr. S. Harry
Robertson

MG Richard E.
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CSM Hartwell B.
Wilson, Ret.

committee for the AAHOF.

Kesten's committee labeled the periodic history of Army aviation as the Prior to 1942 Period, the 1942-1949 Period, the 1950-1959 Period and the 1960-1969 Period.

This committee declared that anyone could nominate an individual for the AAHOF for any of these periods.

The committee evaluated the nominees, about 60, and selected two candidates for the Prior to 1942 Period and five candidates for each of the other three periods.

The AAHOF committee ruled that AAAA members with at least five years of membership could vote for one of the two candidates in the Prior to 1942 Period and for two of the five candidates in each of the other three periods.

During the first inductions in 1974, the following people were selected:

Prior to 1942: Igor I. Sikorsky.

1942-1949: LTG Robert R. Williams and Frank N. Piasecki.

1950-1959: LTG George P. Seneff and LTG William B. Bunker.

1960-1969: GEN Hamilton H. Howze and LTG Harry W. O. Kinnard.

The same procedures were followed in 1975 and 1976 by the selection committee chaired by COL Rudolph D. Descoteau, except that in 1975, Arthur and Dorothy Kesten were inducted as a team

for the 1950-1959 period.

On July 17, 1976 the National Executive Board (NEB) created the AAHOF Board of Trustees (BOT), with retired GEN Hamilton H. Howze as chairman, to "have the responsibility for making the year-to-year selection of inductees. No attempt will be made henceforth to select inductees according to the time period, nor will any pre-determined number of inductees be selected in any year."

This BOT selected seven individuals to be honored with AAHOF induction in June 1977 at Fort Rucker, Ala.; and decided to select on a three-year cycle and conduct the induction ceremonies during future annual AAAA conventions.

Seven people were inducted in 1980 and ten were selected in 1983.

Retired LTG Robert Williams served as chairman for the 1992 and 1995 inductions and retired MG George W. Putnam, Jr., conducted the 1998 and 2001 inductions.

As time passed, the five-year AAAA membership requirement for voting eligibility was eventually reduced to two years of membership in 1992, and finally eliminated in 2001.

Over the years, AAAA membership participation in the voting process began to decline, with smaller percentages of ballots being returned from members than the number of ballots mailed out.



The NEB called for a comprehensive review of the Hall of Fame selection process in 1999.

The review committee was chaired by retired BG Rod Wolfe, who was not an AAHOF inductee at the time.

The committee concluded several key factors, including: the significance of AAHOF was not widely understood; the process for selection was not widely known or understood; the AAHOF was perceived to be only for more senior people; and that there was a reluctance to prepare nominations.

Additional publicity was provided and the balloting was opened to all AAAA members for the 2001 induction.

This did not help, as only 16 percent of the ballots were returned.

In 2004 it was even worse with only 6 percent of the membership voting.

The NEB recognized with only 821 members out of 14,879 voting, the selection process could easily be skewed by a relatively small number of voters.

This resulted in the AAHOF BOT conducting another comprehensive review.

We looked at Army's other Halls of Fame and concluded our Army Aviation Hall is quite unique.

The other combat arms—Infantry, Armor and Artillery—do not have their own Halls of Fame.

However, the Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS) at the Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Ga., has an OCS Hall of Fame, administered by the commander of the OCS Regiment, with yearly inductions.

The Transportation Corps has an HOF administered by the commandant of the Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Va., and also conducts yearly inductions.

The Military Intelligence branch also has yearly inductions for its Hall of Fame and is administered by the MI branch chief.

The Combined Arms Center has a Fort Leavenworth Memorial HOF in Kansas, with a Board of Governors making recommendations to the CAC commander.

For the 2007 induction, the selection and induction process was significantly different.

It involved all 68 AAAA chapter presidents and the 45 members of the National Executive Board carefully evaluating the nominees, not just voting for their top six choices out of a ballot of 20 to 25 nominees.

The National Office was asked to compile the resulting three order of merit lists (OML), which were distributed back with one for the chapter presidents, one for the members of the NEB, and another for the HOF Board of Trustees.

It was recognized that several



In the early days candidates were nominated for specific decades of achievement.



chapter presidents were also members of the NEB.

For the purpose of developing the OML, the chapter presidents voting would be tabulated only once and be listed only on the chapter presidents OML.

Each member of the three separate evaluating groups rated each of the nominations on a scale of zero to 10 points, with zero being the lowest, then additional “center of mass” instructions were given to insure a valid distribution.

The final results this year showed an excellent degree of correlation between the three groups.

We are pleased to announce the 12 Hall of Fame inductees for 2007:

- COL James C. Adamson
- MG Ronald K. Andreson
- BG John C. Bahnsen, Jr.
- COL Norman M. Bissell
- CW5 Robert Ray Fladry
- MG Joseph N. Jagers, Jr.
- CW5 Stephen T. Knowles, II
- MG James H. Patterson
- SGM Kenneth G. Rich
- CW5 Mary Cara Smalley
- BG Robert L. Stewart
- BG Rodney D. Wolfe



COL Ted A. Crozier
who initially proposed the concept of a Hall of Fame to the AAAA National Executive Board.

Going forward, the AAHOF Board of Trustees has decided that induction into the AAHOF will become an annual event.

The intent is not to increase the number of people inducted, but to focus more attention on the AAHOF each year and on the induction of the three selectees.

This will encourage more, better nominations, especially from our current generation of warfighters; allows for acceptance speeches (not done since 1989); and provides an opportunity for pictures and videos of the inductees.

The current members of the Board of Trustees—CW5 Randolph W. Jones, CW4 Donald R. Joyce, COL (Dr.) Hal Kushner, COL John W. Marr, LTG Ellis D. Parker, MG George W. Putnam, Dr. Harry S. Robertson, MG Richard E. Stephenson and CSM Willy Wilson—join me in expressing our most sincere appreciation for the unfailing support from the AAAA National Executive Board.

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Retired MG Benjamin L. Harrison is a past AAAA National President (1992-95), the chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Army Aviation Hall of Fame, a 1992 Army Aviation Hall of Fame inductee, and a gold award recipient of the Honorable Order of St. Michael.



THE ARMY AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

MAJ William E. Adams
COL James C. Adamson
LTG Teddy G. Allen, Ret.
MG Ronald K. Andreson
MSG John H. Bae, Ret.
BG John C. Bahnsen, Jr.
LTC Arthur W. Barr
MG George S. Beatty, Jr.
Lawrence D. Bell
SSG Roy P. Benavidez
GEN Frank S. Besson, Jr.
COL Norman M. Bissell
MG Patrick H. Brady
CPT William P. Brake
MAJ(COL) Delbert L. Bristol
BG(LTG) William B. Bunker
LTG Allen M. Burdett, Jr.
CW4 James T. Burnette
BG Charles E. Canedy
COL Robert F. Cassidy, Ret.
CW4 E. M. Cook
LTC Bruce P. Crandall, Ret.
Joseph P. Cribbins
COL Ted A. Crozier
BG John N. Dailey, Ret.
CW2 Jerome R. Daly
CW3 Frederick E. Ferguson
CW5 Robert Ray Fladry
COL E. Pearce Fleming, Jr.
COL(BG) William W. Ford
Marion J. Fortner
CW4 Raymond A. Frank
CPT Ed W. Freeman, Ret.
SP5 Dennis M. Fujii, Ret.
CW4 Billy J. Fulbright, Ret.
COL John C. Geary
MAJ(BG) O. Glenn Goodhand
MSG Gary I. Gordon
1LT Gerald D. Green
LTC Michael C. Grimm
CW4 Robert L. Hamilton
MG James F. Hamlet
CW4 William T. Hargrove, Sr., Ret.
MG Benjamin L. Harrison
COL Frank L. Henry
Stanley Hiller, Jr.
LTC William A. Howell, Ret.
GEN Hamilton H. Howze
CW3 Jon A. Iseminger
MG Joseph N. Jaggars, Jr.
CW5 Randolph W. Jones
CW4 Donald R. Joyce
Bartram Kelley
MAJ Charles L. Kelly
CSM Lawrence E. Kennedy
MG Richard D. Kenyon, Ret.
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Arthur and Dorothy Kesten
LTG Harry W. O. Kinnard
CW5 Stephen T. Knowles, II
COL(R) Dr. Hal Kushner
PFC Garfield M. Langhorn
SPC4 Joseph G. LaPointe
BG Robert M. Leich
COL Robert F. Litle, Jr.
COL Richard L. Long
LTC Donald F. Luce
LTG Jack V. Mackmull
COL(MG) William J. Maddox, Jr.
COL Nelson A. Mahone, Jr.
COL Jack L. Marinelli
COL John W. Marr
MG Carl H. McNair, Jr., Ret.
LTG James H. Merryman
MG Robert F. Molinelli
LTC(MG) Spurgeon Neel
COL Robert H. Nevins, Jr.
LTG John Norton
CW3 Michael J. Novosel
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MAJ(COL) John W. Oswald
LTG Ellis D. Parker
MG James H. Patterson
Frank N. Piasecki
William T. Piper, Sr.
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MG George W. Putnam, Jr.
SGM Kenneth G. Rich
Jerry R. Riley, Ret.
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MAJ Marie T. Rossi-Cayton
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John L. Shipley
GEN Robert M. Shoemaker
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CW5 Mary Cara Smalley
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SP4 Gary G. Wetzel
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CSM Willy Wilson, Ret.
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BG Rodney D. Wolfe
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LTG John M. Wright, Jr.
SFC Rodney J. T. Yano



Army National Guardsmen Spc. Clint Aucoia from Morgan City, La., and Pfc. Christopher Tiffit from Spokane, Wash., attach hooks supporting large bags of sand to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter in New Orleans, La., on Sept. 7, 2005. The bags are being used to plug the levee that burst during Hurricane Katrina. (DoD Photo)



ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION

By Dr. Michael D. Doubler

AAAA Total Force Policy

SINCE 1636, THE NATIONAL GUARD HAS PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE of capabilities in support of the nation's defenses.

This has never been truer than with the development of the Army National Guard (ARNG) aviation force.

An important aspect of that story has been the close ties between AAAA and ARNG aviation.

This relationship has flourished under the Total Force Policy, a Department of Defense program that relies upon citizen-Soldiers just as much as active duty personnel to defend the country.

A number of key personalities have forged strong ties between the Guard and AAAA, all under the protective umbrella of the Total Force Policy.

The ARNG aviation program was born in 1948, almost a full decade before the start of AAAA in 1957.

The same year AAAA was organized, ARNG aviation included only 1,154 qualified pilots with an inventory of 640 fixed wing aircraft and 107 observation helicopters.

A GUARD AVIATION PIONEER

No one has been more responsible for the development of ARNG aviation than retired COL John J. Stanko.

A member of the Army Air Corps in World War II, he became a light



The godfather and architect of modern Army National Guard Aviation, COL John J. Stanko. John was secretary-treasurer of AAAA for many years and remains on the board today.



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From the first months of the AAAAA's existence there was attention paid to the needs of National Guard and Reserve Aviators. Here the November 1957 list of all State Maintenance Supervisors to each National Guard Advisory Group is published to facilitate communication among our RC aviators. It is noted that the U.S. Army Reserve list is soon to follow.

aircraft pilot in the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1954.

Since the day he volunteered, Stanko loved serving with the Guard until his civilian retirement in 1993 as chief of the ARNG Aviation Division.

Stanko was an advocate of the Total Force Policy with one important qualification; active duty Soldiers, Guardsmen and Reservists have their own unique characteristics and should not be treated as one.

Instead, the Army should seek to exploit the strengths of its three components, minimize their weaknesses, and draw out the best traits in each.

Stanko first came to the National Guard Bureau (NGB) in 1966, and by the time of his retirement, ARNG aviation was arguably the

largest, separate military aviation force in the world, consisting of 2,800 helicopters, 150 fixed wing aircraft, and 6,800 aviators.

He is most satisfied with his role in the creation of ARNG aviation logistics, maintenance and training organizations and infrastructure.

Stanko is proudest of the outstanding safety record Guard pilots have established; in 1990 the ARNG achieved a zero percent accident rate, an unheard of accomplishment.

In early recognition of his many accomplishments, Stanko was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 1983.

Advocacy of AAAAA was a constant theme of Stanko's long aviation career.

He first joined AAAAA in 1959, and before that, he was an avid reader of the aviation publications produced by Arthur Kesten, publisher of ARMY AVIATION Magazine and an AAAAA founder who became one of his best friends.

Stanko is quick to point out that one unique aspect of AAAAA's founding is that of the 45 original members, 13 were Guard state aviation officers.

When the NGB urged its pilots to join AAAAA, he believed they should organize their own local chapters where they could participate more fully in activities.



For more than seven years Stanko served as AAAA's secretary-treasurer and is one of only two members of the National Executive Board ever to earn the title "member emeritus" with permanent voting privileges.

ANOTHER TORCH BEARER

MG Raymond F. Rees, the current Adjutant General of Oregon, personified the close cooperation between ARNG aviation and AAAA in the 1980s and 1990s.

Following a combat tour in Vietnam, he became rated in the OH-58 and AH-1 during a tour of duty with the 82nd Airborne Division.

In 1973, Rees left active duty and joined the Oregon National Guard where he flew the UH-1.

"There were senior warrant officer aviators in the Oregon Guard who had been pilots in World War II," Rees recalled, and he was in awe of their experience and skills and their willingness to share both with younger pilots.

In addition to multiple tours as the Adjutant General of Oregon, Rees' most recent senior assignments included director of the Army National Guard; vice chief of the NGB; and chief of staff for the U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

All through these key assignments,

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Rees has advocated the important role of AAAA to ARNG aviation.

"AAAA is very helpful and supportive for the Total Force Policy, not just superficial things, but real substance," he observed.

He has been an AAAA member since the 1970s, and since 1998, he has served on its National Executive Board.

When the Army began the planning and execution of the Army Aviation Modernization Plan in the 1990s, Rees served as the chairman of a Guard task force to consider the program.

As a result, AAAA proved helpful in insuring that Guard aviation assets were equally distributed across the country.

As Oregon's Adjutant General,

More listings of ARNG facilities and points of contact, state by state in 1957.



Rees has seen the positive benefits of ARNG aviation for state missions and the War on Terror.

Aviation is one of the essential capabilities that governors require in every state and territory.

For homeland security missions, only aviation has the ability to get to a scene quickly, make accurate assessments, and rapidly transport key personnel and resources to the crisis point.

Rees is proud to note that Oregon aviators have served with distinction in Afghanistan and Iraq, while flying UH-60, CH-47D and C-23 aircraft on every conceivable type of mission.

He believes the most dramatic example of the Total Force Policy at work today in the aviation community is the deployment in August 2006 of the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Consisting of 2,700 Guard aviators drawn from as many as 44 states, the 36th CAB is the first of the ARNG's transformed combat aviation brigades mobilized for the war in Iraq.

CITIZEN-SOLDIER AVIATOR

In recent years, retired COL Robert E. Godwin has come to the forefront as a citizen-Soldier aviator who has strengthened the ties between the Guard and AAAA while advancing the Total Force Policy.

His assignments include command of the 1st Bn., 111th Avn. Regt., an attack helicopter battalion in the Florida Guard, and as the senior Guard advisor to Fort Rucker.

Retired from the Guard in 1999, Godwin, now a Department of the Army civilian, currently serves as the NGB's deputy chief of the Aviation and Safety Division.

Under Godwin's leadership, ARNG aviation and AAAA have collaborated to promote simulations technologies for all of Army aviation.

The best example is the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer or AVCATT.

Originally conceived as a simulator for Guard aviators, the AVCATT has become an Army-wide asset.

Another clear example of the Total Force Policy in action came with the cancellation of the RAH-66 Comanche program, when the Guard and AAAA worked together to provide funding for recognized ARNG shortfalls.

Godwin also constantly promotes AAAA membership, and today as many as 20 AAAA chapters have a majority membership of Guard aviators.

GUARD AVIATION AND AAAA

With the War on Terror, the ARNG aviation community can clearly declare... "We are there!"



The Army National Guard aviation personnel are deployed around the world on the Global War on Terrorism. Here, MAJ J. Ray Davis, left, and CPT Jay McElveen, South Carolina ARNG AH-64A pilots, display "Old Glory" after a long mission to provide aerial security for 40 polling sites around Mosul, Iraq on January 31, 2005, for the Iraqi national elections.

The Total Force Policy is alive and well within the Army aviation community, due in no small part to the close cooperation between the ARNG and AAAAA, which has allowed citizen-Soldier aviators to receive the resources necessary to permit them to serve as a full partner in the War on Terror.

Whether flying high altitude missions in Afghanistan's eastern mountains, conducting combat and support missions over Iraq's urban centers, or rescuing American citizens from Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters, ARNG aviation has indeed proven that it is a full

partner in the Total Force.

If the last 50 years are an indicator, ARNG aviation and AAAAA will certainly enjoy a supportive and mutually beneficial relationship in the decades to come.

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AAAA President, BG Tom Konitzer, top left, joins 30 other leaders of the organizations that make up the 5.5 million members of The Military Coalition at the annual gathering at the NGAUS headquarters in Washington, D.C.



AAAA AND THE MILITARY COALITION

By COL (Ret.) Sylvester "Sy" Berdux
& LTC (Ret.) JoAnn Eberle

Take on Capital Hill

DURING A 1992 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, A MOTION was brought forward and approved for AAAA to join the other 20 veteran service organizations (VSO) of The Military Coalition (TMC).

Since that day fifteen years ago, AAAA has been represented by MG (Ret.) Charles "Chuck" Drenz from 1992 to 1994, COL (Ret.) Sylvester "Sy" Berdux from 1995 through 2005, LTC (Ret.) JoAnn Eberle from Jan. to Oct. 2006, and COL (Ret.) Curt Herrick from Nov. 2006 to present.

These dedicated AAAA members have lent their time, talents and efforts to improving the recruiting, retention and readiness of the Armed Forces, in conjunction with the other organizations in petitioning the departments of Defense and Veteran's Affairs, and the Congress for military compensation and benefits packages commensurate with the "extraordinary demands and sacrifices associated with military service."

Throughout its history, AAAA has been dedicated to bettering the lives of America's fighting forces, as well as their families.

Over the last 25 years as part of the TMC with AAAA members assistance – through letters, cards, e-mails and visits to Capital Hill – AAAA has played a decisive role in winning enactment of virtually every significant legislative initiative affecting compensation and benefits for active, Reserve and Guard, and retired service members.

Mike Higgins, a professional staff member who works on the House Armed



COL Curt Herrick,
is the current AAAA
representative to The
Military Coalition.



Services Military Personnel Subcommittee, believes the coalition's grassroots support helped carry such issues as TRICARE for Life (TFL) and concurrent receipt.

In fact, during the fight to win concurrent receipt, coalition members sent 25,000 communications to Congress in two days.

"The postcards and phone calls we receive make a huge difference," Higgins said.

Many of the letters, e-mails and phone calls were from AAAA members.

Twelve military veterans service organizations realized the value of speaking with one voice when

they banded together 21 years ago to form TMC in 1985.

At the time, the coalition's primary focus was to repeal the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law, which would have imposed a 22.5 percent reduction in military retired pay value for a seven-year period.

The law was repealed the following year, and the fledgling TMC was recognized as a force to be reckoned with and has continued to be so.

In 1996, TMC incorporated as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization in Virginia.

Today TMC is comprised of 36

AAAA's political advocacy

goes back to its early years. Here, AAAA President, James N. Davis, presents an AAAA Honorary Membership to Congressman Thomas N. Downing at an event at Fort Monroe, Va. on December 12, 1963 as then Major General, Harry W.O. Kinnard looks on.





military and veterans' organizations and represents more than 5.5 million active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retirees and veterans of the uniformed services, as well as their families and survivors.

Many of AAAA goals are similar to the coalition, which include:

- Maintaining a strong national defense provided by dedicated, skilled and highly capable personnel in the seven uniformed services.
- Maintaining military service compensation and entitlements at levels sufficient to attract and retain our professional service members in careers to support the nation.
- Representing the interests of all uniformed services, including members' families and survivors, and responding to actions detrimental to compensation and entitlements earned by members of that community through years of dedicated service.
- Educating the public on the extraordinary demands and sacrifices associated with a military career, and the need to maintain a similarly unique system of compensation and benefits sufficient to attract and retain the number of high-quality personnel needed to meet the nation's short- and long-term defense requirements.

TMC's philosophy is "by working together on issues of mutual agree-

ment, the participating organizations can harness the grassroots support of more than 5.5 million members, plus their families, and accomplish far more than by working on these initiatives separately."

When one or more of the coalition organizations is invited to testify before Congress, we frequently coordinate the testimony with the other TMC associations and present it on behalf of the entire coalition.

This lends greater weight and unanimity to the testimony than if it were presented by any individual association.

20 YEARS OF TMC ACHIEVEMENTS

Working together, some of TMC's key victories during the past 20 years include:

1986 - Repealed Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law that caused a 22.5 percent curtailment of military retired pay cost of living allowances (COLA) for seven years.

1989 - Won premium reduction and open-enrollment season for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) after a four-year effort.

1992 - Achieved temporary early retirement authority to facilitate equitable force draw downs.

1994-1996 - Restored COLA equity by repealing military-specific COLA delays the Defense Department and Congress attempted to curtail.



1995-1996 - The Aviation Career Incentive Pay (ACIP) and Aviation Career Continuation Pay Act of 1974 was brought to the attention of Congress, revised, updated and passed in 1996.

This act provides additional pay for aviation service in order to attract and retain officer volunteers in military aviation.

1998 - Won 30-year paid-up SBP coverage (effective 2008) following five to six years of effort.

1999 - Repealed REDUX system that cut post-1986 entrants' retirement benefits by 22 percent.

1999-2003 - Repealed statutory military pay-raise caps.

2001 - Won TFL and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy programs.

AAAA and TMC pursued this effort for over 12 years and finally accomplished it with the strong assistance of a number of dedicated Congressional members and staff. Based on grass roots feedback, this probably is the single most important achievement in TMC's history.

Additionally, achieved nearly a 50 percent increase in active duty GI Bill benefits.

2003 - Won concurrent receipt for combat-disabled service members and those with 50-plus percent disability ratings.

2004 - Phased out the age 62 SBP "widows tax." When retiring serv-

ice members signed up for the SBP in the 1970s, '80s and '90s, they were told that after a sponsor dies the spouse would receive 55 percent of the retired pay for the rest of their life.

Instead, SBP annuity dropped to 35 percent when the spouse turned 62 and began collecting Social Security, causing them to lose more than \$400 a month.

In the 1990s, AAAA and TMC took up the issue and battled for more than a decade to end this inequity.

A couple of years ago, persistence paid off when Congress passed legislation that phases out the age 62 SBP Social Security offset by April 1, 2008.

2004 - Won premium-based TRICARE Reserve Select coverage for mobilized members (and their families) of the Selected Reserve who have been mobilized at least 90 days since Sept. 11, 2001, and continue to serve in the Reserve.

2005 - Won a 3.5 percent pay raise for active Army, Guard and Reserve members; and doubling the survivor education benefit eligibility period to 20 years following a service member's death while on active duty. Won permanent ID cards at age 75 for spouses and survivors of military retirees.

2006 - Prohibited increases to TRICARE prime and standard, phar-



macy co-pays, and Reserve Select premiums in FY 2007.

Increased end strength by 30,000 for the Army and 17,000 for the Army Guard over the President's original budget request; won eligibility for all drilling reserve members for TRICARE coverage at the lowest current premium (28 percent of cost);

Authorized permanent ID cards for permanently disabled dependents of retirees; provided \$400,000 free life insurance coverage for members assigned to Iraq and Afghanistan; restricted unscrupulous lending practices by imposing a 36 percent annual interest rate cap on loans to servicemembers; and adopted a 2.2 percent pay raise, with additional targeted increases for warrant officers and senior enlisted grades.

Indexed military death gratuity to increase annually by same percentage as basic pay raise and increased the maximum VA home loan guarantee amount to \$333,700.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

"There's a multiplier effect that comes from working with other organizations that share the same goals," said retired Navy Master Chief Joe Barnes, TMC's co-chair and national executive secretary for the Fleet Reserve Association.

"You create significant synergy, which results in a win-win for all members of the coalition," he said.

AAAA will continue working in the future with TMC and to build on our legislative successes.

We are dedicated to bettering the lives of America's fighting forces, as well as their families.

AAAA with TMC's assistance will continue to introduce and seek significant legislative initiatives affecting compensation and benefits for our active, Reserve and Guard, and retired service members.

We ask each AAAA member to stay abreast of the issues that affect his or her quality-of-life, and bring issues to the attention of their chapter leadership and the National Executive Board.

Always keep in mind..."what Congress gives, Congress can take away."

AAAA – 50 YEARS ABOVE THE BEST – THE LEGACY LIVES ON – 1957-2007

Retired COL Sylvester "Sy" Berdux and retired LTC JoAnn Eberle are immediate past AAAA TMC representatives and the authors of numerous Legislative Reports featured in past issues of ARMY AVIATION Magazine. Retired COL Curt Herrick is the current AAAA representative to TMC.



Back of this snap shot dated January 1944 states that the L-4 weighs 726 lbs. Does anyone know who this intrepid Army Aviator is?



**By Arthur H. Kesten
& COL. (Ret.) Colin D. Ciley, Jr.**

Cub Club No Rules - Just Right!

CONCEIVED BY BOARD MEMBER COL ALEXANDER J. RANKIN IN 1962, when he and six other AAAA applicants met their own self-imposed “less than stringent” requirements for membership, the Cub Club started out as a true splinter group within a splinter group.

Who were they?

An ersatz organization of 1942 to 1950 Army aviators who at one time held the rating of Liaison Pilot.

To confirm their desire to gather regularly in relative and uncluttered isolation, I was directed – as a first meeting attendee – to draw up the basic “No-No List” (see insert) that has been their Club’s mantra.

Pledged to do absolutely nothing as a named organization, the Club’s individual applicants performed a useful service early on by assisting the AAAA in fulfilling one of its specific objectives, “To maintain historical records pertinent to Army aviation.”

In later years, annual \$10 donations collected in “off-in-the-corner” gatherings at AAAA National Conventions have underwritten periodic Association scholarships.

Would-be members were (and still are) required to provide a copy of their orders rating them as L-Pilots, and for several decades, they were also required to come up with some form of Army aviation memorabilia: be it a photo, combat report, piece of bungee cord, clipping, whatever.



**The unofficial/
official
Cub Club patch**

No-No List

No Dues
No Organization
No Officers
No Certificates
No Meetings
No Mergers
No Handshakes
No Decisions
No I.D. Cards
No Flag-Waving
No Emblem
No Executives
No Programs
No Honors
No Rituals
No Trespassing
No Morals
No Benefits
No Staff
No Pins
No Money
No Axes
No Committees
No Publicity
No Do-Gooding
No By-Laws
No Collaboration
No Conventions
No Charters
No Propaganda
No Records
No Soft Drinks
No Leadership
No Budgeting
No Policies
No Women
No Chapters
No Shouting
No Insurance
No Assurance
No Initiation Fees
No Clock-Watchers
No Resolutions
No Boys
No Paperwork
No Volunteers
No Motto
No Awards
No Constitution
No Heroes
Vintage is Everything!



Cub Club members gather for the 40th Anniversary of Army Liaison Pilot Training in 1982

These submissions were re-ceived by AAAA's National Office and placed in suitable folders that Rankin mistakenly thought was the "AAAA Trunk in the Attic."

But really, who are these reticent 60 mph flyboys?

"They're admittedly a collection of old individuals," says Doug Ciley, Cub Club honcho.

Look for these common characteristics: a shortness of breath, some graying or balding, and the making of many nostalgic references to "the good old days."

Virtually all wear hearing aids—most wear glasses—those that do

not wear them squint excessively.

When they gather, what happens?

With no programs, rituals, officers, by-laws, or policies, their subdued gatherings quickly degenerate into the re-telling of a few old, vintage '44 exaggerations (lies!) abetted by the stimulus that's "in the bottle brought by the other guy."

Actually, as Doug adds, the Clubbers meet annually in the AAAA President's suite, and then gladly pony up the ten bucks for scholarships in belting down his top quality booze and using his borrowed (but very posh) hotel suite.

Our original "No-No" list took a



2006 AAAA Convention in Nashville, Tenn. at Opryland and the members are going strong.

30 Initial Gathering Attendees

LTC John L. Briggs
LTC Richard E. Bywaters
MAJ William R. Chaires, Ret.
MAJ Jesse Childress
LTC Jack W. Duffy
LTC William C. Dysinger
Mr. M. Jake Fortner
LTC E. Morgan Fox, Ret.
LTC Darwin P. Gerard, Ret*
BG O. Glenn Goodhand*

LTC Joseph L. Gude
MAJ Claude E. Hargett
MAJ William H. Harper
CPT Arthur H. Kesten, Ret.
COL Robert M. Leich, Ret.*
COL Richard L. Long*
LTC Nelson A. Mahone, Jr.
COL Jack L. Marinelli, Ret.
MAJ James W. Maschmann
LTC Joseph E. McDonald, Jr*

MAJ William R. Miller
LTC Robert K. Moore
Dario Politella
COL Alexander J. Rankin
LTC Thomas J. Sabiston, Ret.
COL Cloyd V. Taylor
LTC Henry S. Wann
COL Edwin F. Whitney, Ret.
BG Robert R. Williams*
Mr. Bryce Wilson*

* Past AAAA National Presidents



The Cub Club assembles in the AAAA President's suite for some re-hydration during the 1975 AAAA Annual Convention.

beating over time – The Cub Club has an emblem, one that's sold by the Aviation Museum; and they've kept records.

"No Motto" was quickly ignored when the phrase, "Vintage Is Everything!" appeared at the bottom of the first "No-No list," and "No Do-Gooding" bit the dust when their annual pass-the-hat exercise underwrote those scholarships.

You'll see that seven of the 30 first timers who bent elbows on

Oct. 6, 1962, later became AAAA National Presidents.

That's not bad for a collection of old geezers, is it?

AAAA – 50 YEARS ABOVE THE BEST – THE LEGACY LIVES ON – 1957-2007

Art Kesten and COL (Ret.) Doug Ciley, Jr. are Cub Club members who have kept the Club afloat since 1962.



AAAA President, GEN Hamilton H. Howze speaks on air-mobility at the U.S. Army Europe AAAA Convention held at Garmisch in 1969.



AAAA's EUROPEAN CONVENTION

By MG (Ret.) Rudolph Ostovich III

Remembrances of Garmisch

THE MERE THOUGHT BRINGS A SMILE TO MY FACE. Snow piled high on A-framed lodges; skiers making their way down the slopes with varying degrees of skill; friends, family and fellow warriors assembling from all over Europe to enjoy a few days together amongst the brotherhood free from the cares and toil of daily responsibility.

These are my remembrances of the annual U.S. Army, Europe (USAREUR) AAAA Conventions in Garmisch, Germany.

We were at the height of the Cold War with more than 130,000 U.S. Soldiers assigned to USAREUR as part of the grand NATO alliance.

On the other side of the "Iron Curtain" stood the Group of Soviet Forces-Germany and its Warsaw Pact allies.

We were two forces equipped with the most modern and lethal weapons systems, each faced off against the other and ready at a moments notice to do battle.

Army Aviation was well represented within the U.S. force with large aviation battalions in each of the four divisions, the air cavalry troops of two armored cavalry regiments, aviation groups supporting two corps, and a long list of other aviation, air traffic control, aerial exploitation, and maintenance units all trained, organized and equipped for high end conventional warfare.

From these units and local chapters came the leadership that governed



MG George P. Seneff,
Commanding General
3d Infantry Division,
also speaks on
air-mobility at the 1969
USAREUR Convention
in Garmisch.



Stuttgart Chapter AAAA members gather at Garmisch in October 1958.



Martin Scott Tyson (right), receives a \$500 scholarship at the banquet during the eighth AAAA USAREUR Convention on March 11, 1966 from AAAA President, BG O. Glenn Goodhand.

AAAA in the US-AREUR region, and this regional AAAA organization was the one that planned and executed the annual aviation conventions in Garmisch, which were second in size only to the annual AAAA National Conventions held in the United States.

The exhibit floor was filled with the latest weapons systems and flying machines at no small cost to industry that must absorb the added expense for deploying their exhibits across the Atlantic.

Continuing education and pro-

fessional development programs fine-tuned to address contemporary issues; the newest tactics, techniques and procedures; and the latest developments in Army aviation.

Senior leaders from across the Army came to address our aviation audience.

It was here in 1984 that MG Bobby "Bo" J. Maddox, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker, Ala., announced the formation of our new Aviation branch.

Of particular value is the unique contribution made by our NATO allies who came to the convention and contributed to the program with as much enthusiasm as our U.S. forces.



Though there was more than sufficient professional development scheduled during the convention to justify permissive temporary duty, our Soldiers also came to Garmisch to spend time with their families, walk the streets of lovely Bavarian towns like Oberammergau, visit the beer halls of Munich or climb the Zugspitze for a spectacular view of the valley below.

Skiing was a big draw, and why not?

Garmisch sits at the base of the Alps with easy access to Austria and Switzerland.

To our great advantage, the Army assumed ownership of some of the nicest guest houses in the area following the defeat of Nazi Germany.

Places like the Von Stueben Hotel, the lodge at Eibsee, and Berchtesgaden next to Hitler's famous "Eagle's Nest" redoubt; all offered comfortable accommodations to enjoy the conference and time together with family and friends.

As the Iron Curtain crumbled, the Soviet Union dissolved, and our military presence in Europe was reduced, the AAAA USAREUR Convention came to an end.

Remembrances of a time gone by when aviation Soldiers and their families came to Garmisch to learn, play and revel in each others company are all that remain.

It reminds me that then, as now,



AAAA members meet at Berchtesgaden in February 1959.

the AAAA plays an important role in supporting our aviation Soldiers and their families.

AAAA – 50 YEARS ABOVE THE BEST – THE LEGACY LIVES ON – 1957-2007



Retired MG Rudolph "Rudy" Ostovich III is an AAAA vice president on the National Executive Board and the president of the Washington-Potomac Chapter, a former USAREUR Region AAAA president, and served as the fourth Chief of the Army Aviation Branch (1989-1991).

Among the dignitaries seated at the 1963 USAREUR luncheon were (l to r), COL W.B. Dyer, Commander USAAMAC; COL J.D. Crowley, Army Materiel Command; COL R.P. Bonasso, U.S. Army Aviation Test Board.

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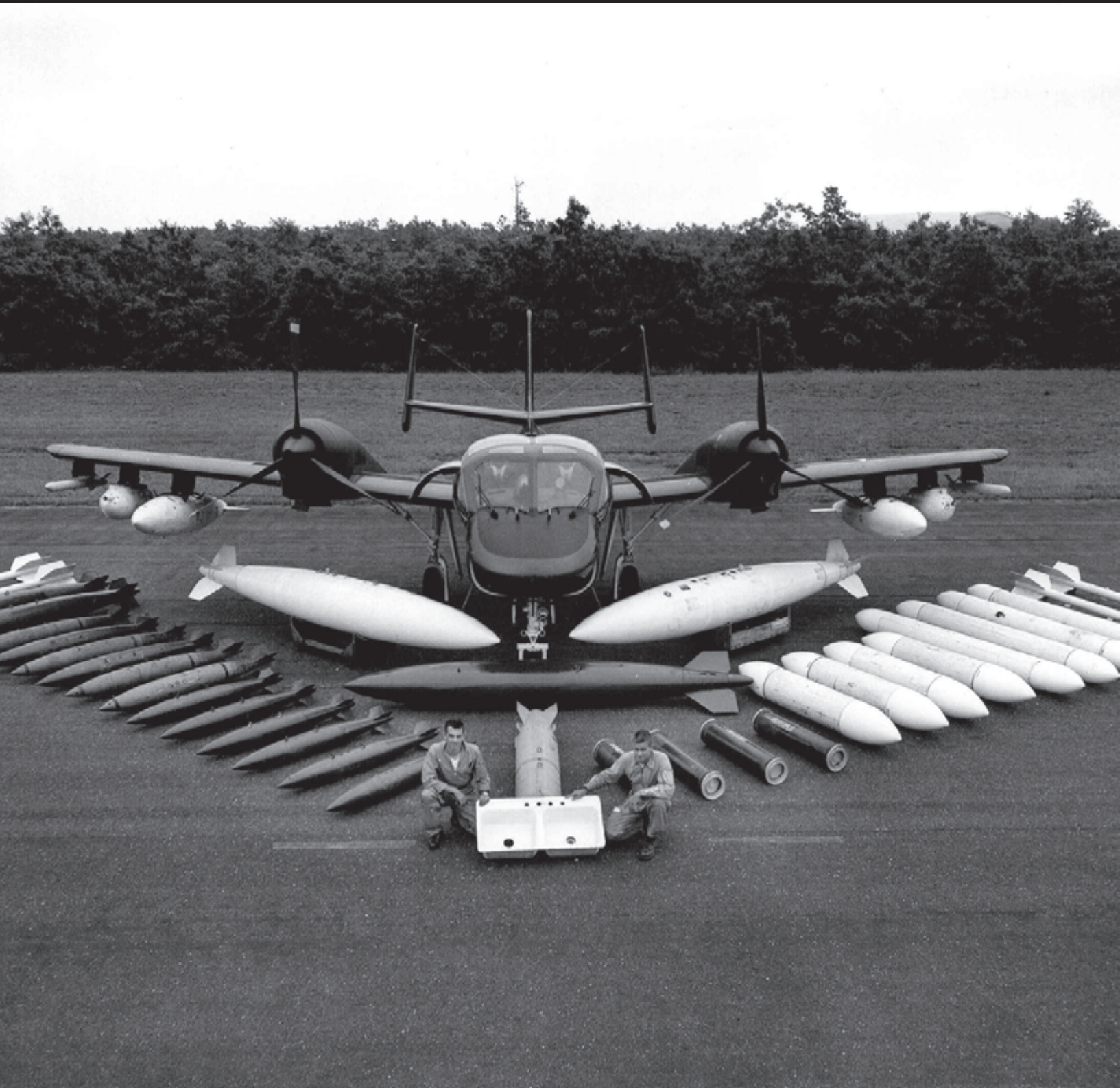








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Don't clutch - boys!
 I'm an old instrument
 pilot from way back,



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First meeting of the Incorporators of the AAAA, Inc. is held in Westport, CT.

March 13 1957

An announcement concerning the creation of the organization appears on page 33 of March, 1957 issue of Army Aviation Magazine.

March 29 1957

AAAA announces the formation of its Army Aviation Flight Pay Protection Plan.

April 1957

Initial meeting of National Executive Board held at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

May 1957

March 11 1957

Application for AAAA incorporation approved and issued this date by the State of Connecticut.

March 1957

Second meeting of the AAAA is held in Westport, CT. By-Laws considered.

Application for membership first appears in the April issue of Army Aviation Magazine.

April 18 1957

Announcement and listing of the 104 National and Regional Directors who have accepted the office

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Mike Button
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GENERAL DELK M. ODEN

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Second meeting of the NEB at Fort Rucker

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Sept.
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Nov.
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AAAA initiates Military Aviation Placement Services for its members.

Hayes Aircraft becomes the first Industry Member.

AAAA initiates the Industry Membership Program.

August
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Sept.
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2,440 persons have joined the AAAA since its inception in April 1957.

AAAA announces the scheduling of its first Annual Membership Meeting to be held in Washington, DC in June '59.

October
1958

Dec.
1958

First European AAAA meeting held in Garmisch, Germany.

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The wings you wear!

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AAAA: WHY JOIN? Question: Can a Redeyed Cobra knock down an enemy high performance Jet

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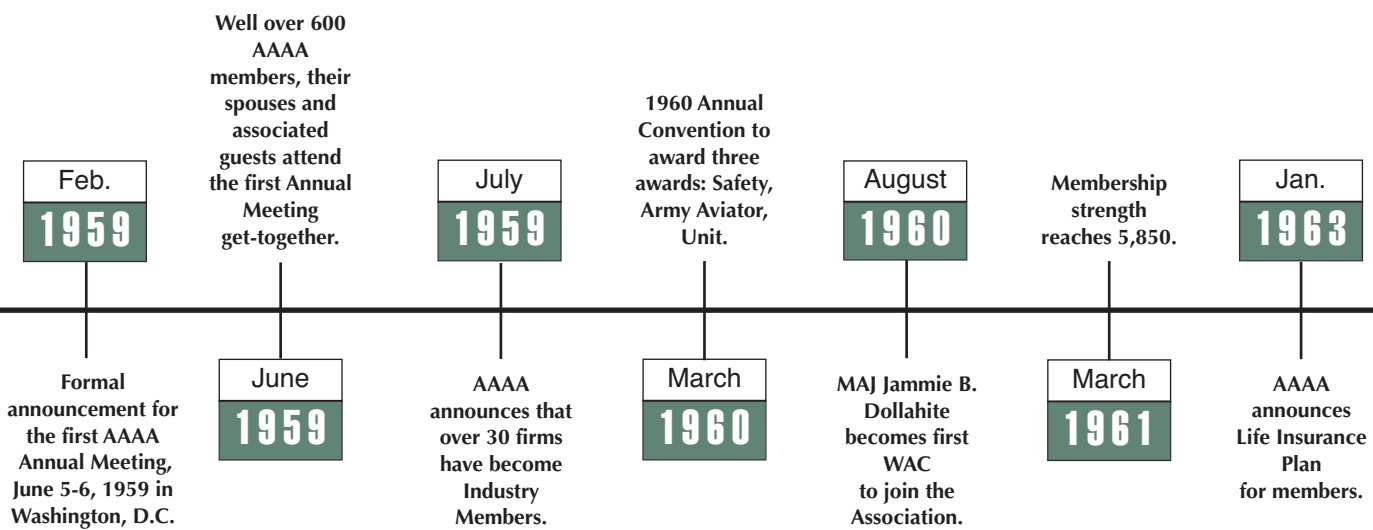
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Hospitality Suites

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Uniform Madness

Enervating '80's

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Army Aviation's Doubling Thomases are many!

People Hall of Fame
AWO HIGH-TIMER

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USAREUR Region holds largest meeting yet

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Wire Strike Protection for Helicopters

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Join AAAA in Atlanta!

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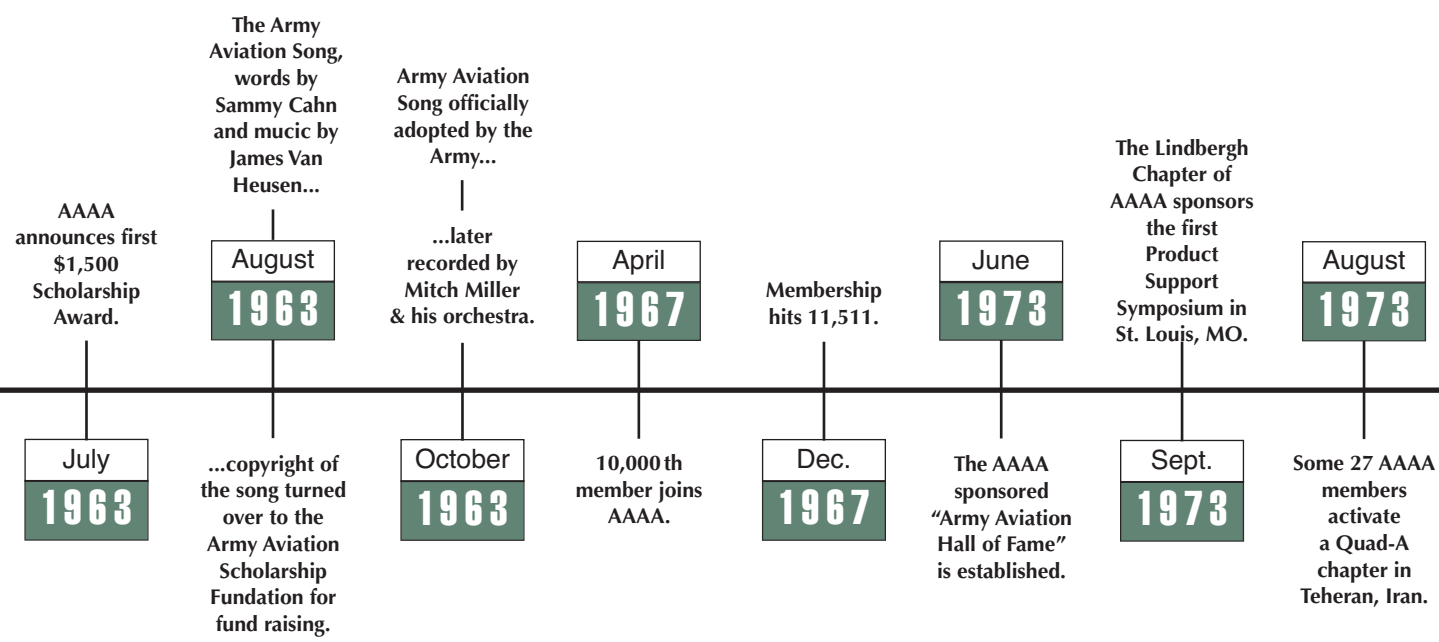
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April 1979

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March 1985

The Association establishes the Order of St. Michael Medal.

May 26 1990

AAAA celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Association.

Dec. 1978

The AAAA holds its first National Convention outside of Washington, D.C. (in Atlanta).

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Outstanding Aviation Unit of the Year

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by The Boeing Company, this award is presented annually by the AAAA "to the Active Army Aviation unit that has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Army Aviation over & above the normal mission assigned to the unit during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year." Any Active Army Aviation unit that has met the foregoing criteria is eligible for consideration.

1959 - First Recon Squadron (Sky Cavalry), 2nd U.S. Army Missile Command (Medium), LTC Robert F. Tugman, Commander.

1960 - 937th Engineer Company (Aviation) (Inter American Geodetic Survey), LTC Jack W. Ruby, Commander.

1961 - 45th Transportation Battalion (Helicopter), accepted by MAJ Milton P. Cherne for LTC Howard B. Richardson, Commander.

1962 - USA Utility Tactical Transport Company, MAJ Ivan L. Slavich, Commander.

1963 - 11th Air Assault Division & attached 10th Air Transport Brigade, MG Harry W.O. Kinnard, CDR, 11th Air Assault Div., COL Delbert L. Bristol, 10th Brigade Commander.

1964 - 13th Aviation Battalion, LTC Jack V. Mackmull & LTC J.Y. Hammack, Co Commanders, 13th Aviation Battalion.

1965 - 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), MG Harry W.O. Kinnard, Commander, & SGM Kenneth W. Cooper, Senior NCO.

1966 - 1st Aviation Brigade, MG G.P. Seneff, Jr., Commander, & Brigade SGM Douglas W. Sims, Senior NCO.

1967 - 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion, LTCs Raymond G. Lehman, Jr.; Edward P. Luckert, Jr.; Paul C. Smithey, Co Commanders, & SGM Ernest J. Winters, Senior NCO.

1968 - 25th Aviation Battalion (Infantry Division), LTC Kenneth J. Burton, Commander, & CSM

William H. Bennett, Senior NCO.

1969 - 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), LTG Melvin Zais & LTG John M. Wright, Jr., Co Commanders; CSM Robert A. Young & CSM William T. Mixon, Co Senior NCOs.

1970 - 1st Squadron, 9th Cav, 1st Cav Div (Airmobile), COL Robert H. Nevins, & LTC Clark A. Burnett, Co-Commanders; & CSM John F. Adams Jr., Senior NCO.

1971 - F Battery, 79th FA, 3rd Brigade, MAJ Lawrence E. McKay, Jr., Commander, with SFC Lionel S. McDonald, Senior NCO.

1972 - 227th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cav Division, LTC Frank L. Henry, Commander, with CSM James W. Reed, Senior NCO.

1973 - 155th Aviation Company (Attack Helicopter), MAJ Kermit E. Larson Jr., Commander, & SFC Ray M. Teer, Senior NCO.

1974 - 210th Aviation Battalion (USARCARIB), LTC Joseph R. Koehler, Commander, & CSM Stephen M. Cole, Senior NCO.

1975 - 334th Aviation Company (Atk Hel), MAJ Gary F. Ramage, Commander, & 1SG

Charles Lewis, Senior NCO.

1976 - 7th Squadron (Atk Hel), 17th Cavalry, 6th Cav Brigade (Air Combat), LTC Gary F. Dolin, Commander, & 1SG Leon S. Wozniak, Senior NCO.

1977 - 242nd Aviation Company (ASH), MAJ Gary D. Johnson, Commander, & 1SG James E. Fuller, Senior NCO.

1978 - 17th Aviation Group (Combat), COL George F. Newton, Commander, & CSM Albert P. Liwang, Senior NCO.

1979 - 146th ASA Company (Aviation) (Forward), MAJ Kenneth Loudermilk, Commander, & 1SG James Jones, Senior NCO.

1980 - 59th Air Traffic Control Battalion, LTC Albert E. Hervey, Jr., Commander, & CSM Johnnie M. Byram, Senior NCO.

1981 - S. Helicopter Team, MAJ Roy Mann, Coach, & SGM John P. Traylor, Senior NCO.

1982 - 70th Transportation Bn (AVIM), LTC William E. Turner, Commander, & CSM Hulon Jackson, Senior NCO.

1983 - 160th Aviation Battalion (AHX Reinforced), COL Terence M. Henry, Commander, & SGM Mitchell G. Yahner, Senior NCO.

1984 - 210th Combat Aviation Battalion, LTC Theodore A. Duck, commander, & CSM Everett Grundon, Senior NCO.

1985 - 210th Combat Aviation

Battalion, LTC Michael H. Abbott, Commander & CSM Everett Grundon, Senior NCO.

1986 - 238th Aviation Company, 24th ID (M) MAJ Jesse M. Danielson, Commander, & 1SG Frederick G. Jaehn, Senior NCO.

1987 - 17th Assault Helicopter Co., Avn Bde, 25th Infantry Div, CPT Christopher A. Acker, Commander, & SFC Michael G. Whittaker, Senior NCO.

1988 - 9th Cavalry Brigade, 9th Infantry Div, COL Joseph D. Carothers, Commander, & CSM Markfast S.E. Bess, Senior NCO.

1989 - Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division (Light), COL Douglas R. Terrell, Commander, & CSM Claud W. Sisco, Senior NCO.

1990 - 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 52nd Medical Battalion, MAJ Richard H. Agosta, Commander, & 1SG Albert L. Johnson, Senior NCO.

1991 - Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) COL Thomas H. Garrett, Commander, & CSM Richard A. Howard, Senior NCO.

1992 - 12th Aviation Brigade, COL Thomas M. Hayes, Commander & CSM Timothy L. Fosseque, Senior NCO.

1993 - 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI), COL Lawrence Casper, Commander & CSM Dwight J. Brown, Senior NCO.

1994 - 4th Battalion, 24th Aviation Regiment, 24th Combat Aviation Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), LTC Jack C. Dibrell, Commander & CSM Karl M. Moody, Senior NCO.

1995 - 2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, 18th Aviation Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, LTC Richard D. Miller, Jr., Commander & CSM Ronald W. Strahan, Senior NCO.

1996 - 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army, COL William L Webb, III, Commander & CSM John E. Lawrence, Senior NCO.

1997 - 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, LTC John M. Kelley, Commander & CSM Donald K. Henry, Senior NCO.

1998 - 1st Battalion (Attack), 3rd Aviation Regiment Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech), LTC Thomas J. DeVine, Commander & CSM Terrel R. Barlow, Senior NCO.

1999 - 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade (Aviation), 1st Cavalry Division, LTC Donald M. MacWillie, Commander & CSM Jimmy G. Ruiz, Senior NCO.

2000- 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, LTC Joseph P. Mudd, Commander & CSM Keith D. Wilbur, Senior NCO.

2001 – 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), COL Richard L. Polczynski, Commander & CSM Donnie D. Calvery, Jr., Senior NCO

2002 – 3rd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), LTC James M. Richardson, Commander & CSM Orlando Diaz-Rodriguez, Senior NCO.

2003 – 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (Assault), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), LTC Timothy A. Jones, Commander & CSM Michael R. Marler, Senior NCO.

2004 – HHC 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, COL James C. McConville, Commander & CSM Donald Sanders, Senior NCO.

2005 – 3rd Infantry Division, COL Ronald Tuggle, Commander & CSM Richard Stidley, Senior NCO.

2006 – 4th Infantry Division, Combat Aviation Brigade, COL Donald MacWillie, Commander & CSM Kenneth E. Patton, Senior NCO.

Reserve Aviation Unit of the Year

BACKGROUND - The Reserve Component Aviation Unit Award was sponsored by Textron Lycoming & was presented annually from 1969 through 1984. In late

1985, the Association established separate "Aviation Unit Awards" for both the Army National Guard & the U.S. Army Reserve.

1969 - 1105th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter) Iowa ARNG, MAJ Robert C. Cummings, Commander, & 1SG Arnold J. Newsum, Senior NCO.

1970 - 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) Nebraska ARNG, MAJ Roger W. Fosbender, Cdr & 1SG Andrew M. Alexander, Senior NCO.

1971 - 997th Aviation Co. (Assault Helicopter) AZ ARNG, MAJ James H. Cowan, Cdr, & 1SG Dale S. Swensen, Senior NCO.

1972 - 307th Aviation Co. (Heavy Helicopter) Alabama ARNG, MAJ Arthur E. Fleet, Commander, & 1SG John F. Hoskins, Senior NCO.

1973 - 445th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter) Oklahoma ARNG, MAJ Karl M. Frank, Commander, & 1SG Kenneth Inman, Senior NCO.

1974 - 536th Aviation Co. (Assault Support Helicopter) Texas ARNG, MAJ Joe E. Harry, Commander, & SGT Joseph Kimball, Senior NCO.

1975 - 1042nd Military Intelligence Company (Aerial Surveillance) Oregon ARNG, MAJ Loren W. Franke, Commander, & 1SG Donald MacPherson, Senior NCO.

1976 - 300th Aviation Co. (Assault Helicopter) Texas USAR, MAJ Jerry Stokely, Commander, & 1SG Jack Powell, Sr. NCO.

1977 - Troop E, 19th Cav/29th Brigade, Hawaii ARNG, MAJ Bernard M. Watson, Commander, & MSG Richard Y. Tabe, Senior NCO.

1978 - 49th Transportation Company (Medium Helicopter) California ARNG, MAJ Lawrence Faller, Commander, & 1SG Sidney G. Richards, Senior NCO.

1979 - Brigade Aviation Section, HHC, 92d Sep. ID Puerto Rico ARNG, CPT Anibal Torres, Commander, & 1SG Hector Doran, Senior NCO.

1980 - 190th Aviation Company (Medium Helicopter) Kansas ARNG, MAJ Thomas A. Staadt, Commander, & 1SG Paul M. Green, Senior NCO.

1981 - 717th Medical Detachment, New Mexico ARNG, MAJ George B. Faulhaber, Commander, & SFC Nancy J. Reutner, Senior NCO.

1982 - 138th Aviation Company (EW), Florida USAR Orlando, Florida, MAJ Arthur S. Johnson, Commander, & SFC James E. Dennis, Senior NCO.

1983 - D Company, 28th Combat Aviation Battalion, North Carolina ARNG, MAJ Julius H. Avant, Commander, & 1SG Thomas W.

Keyes, Senior NCO.

1984 - 40th Combat Aviation Battalion, CA ARNG, LTC James Ghormley, Commander, & CSM William J. Selling, Senior NCO.

USAR Aviation Unit of the Year

BACKGROUND - During the 1969-1984 period, the Army Aviation Association presented an "Outstanding Reserve Component Aviation Unit Award" that recognized annual outstanding unit accomplishments within the Army National Guard & U.S. Army Reserve.

The award was won by Army National Guard aviation units in 14 of the 16 years in which it was presented by the AAAA. In late 1985, the Association established separate "Aviation Unit Awards" for both the Army National Guard & the U.S. Army Reserve, with each trophy being sponsored by Honeywell.

1985 - 219th Transportation Co. (Aircraft Maintenance) (IS), 102nd ARCOM, Scott AFB, IL, MAJ Gilbert E. Boen, Commander, & 1SG Ronnie G. Greeling, Senior NCO.

1986 - 282nd Aviation Co. (Combat Support) (Corps), 787th Maintenance Bn (GS), Ft. Rucker, AL, MAJ Gregory N. Beaman, Commander, & 1SG Jackie J. Bradley, Senior NCO.

1987 - C Co., 2d Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Olathe, KS, MAJ Thomas W. Meisenzahl, Jr., Commander, & 1SG Jerry W. Clemmer, Senior NCO.

1988 - 185th Trans. Co. (AVIM), Glenview, IL, MAJ David C. Roberts, Commander, & 1SG Richard C. Beatty, Senior NCO.

1989 - HQ, 244th Theater Aviation Group, Glenview, IL, COL Charles V. Nolan, Commander, & CSM Richard T. Koralik, Senior NCO.

1990 - 2nd Battalion (Attack Helicopter), 123rd Avn. Rgt., 6th Infantry Div. (Light) (Round Out), 88th ARCOM, St. Paul, MN, LTC Kenneth A. Sorensen, Commander & CSM Bruce F. Lohn, Senior NCO.

1991 - 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment (Combat), Scott Air Force Base, IL. LTC James M. Richey, Commander, & CSM Ronnie G. Greeling, Senior NCO.

1992 - 2-123 Attack Helicopter Battalion, 6th Infantry Division (L) (Roundout), Saint Paul, MN, LTC Daniel J. McGraw, Commander, CSM Gary C. Gustner, Senior NCO.

1993 - 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment (CBT) 146th Aviation Group (CBT) Scott Air Force Base, IL, LTC James M. Richey, Commander & CSM Warren O. Berry, Senior NCO. 1994 - 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment (Attack), 121st Army Re-

serve Command, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, LTC James B. Blunk, Jr., Cdr, and CSM Robert C. Leffel, Senior NCO.

1995 - 6th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, 124th Reserve Support Command, Everett, WA, LTC Rosemary R. Loper, Commander & CSM Robert T. Detchemendy, Senior NCO.

1996 - Aviation Support Facility - Olathe, Kansas, Mr. Michael D. Walsh, Facility Supervisor.

1997 - B Company, 6-52nd Aviation (TA) - Dobbins ARB, GA, 1LT Michael J. Livatino, Commander & SPC Zachary K. Taylor, Senior NCO.

1998 - 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment (Attack) - Conroe, TX, LTC Charles E. Fletcher, Commander & CSM James J. Schiffman, Jr., Senior NCO.

1999 - 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment (Attack), Operation Joint Forge - Comanche Base, Bosnia, APO AE, LTC John E. Valentine, Commander & CSM James H. Robinson, Senior NCO.

2000 - 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment - Fort Eustis, VA, LTC Matthew S. Maney, Commander & CSM Marshall A. Banks, Senior NCO.

2001 - M Company, 158th Aviation Regiment (AVIM) - Fort Hood, TX, MAJ Troy D. Kok, Commander & 1SG Jay P.

Huseman, Senior NCO.

2002 – 6th Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment (Theater Air) USAR, Los Alamitos, CA, LTC Steven J. Campfield, Commander & 1SG Donald E. Kimball, Senior NCO.

2003 – 244th Aviation Brigade, Fort Sheridan, IL, COL Thomas W. Caples, Commander & CSM Dennis P. Jensen, Senior NCO.

2004 – 6th Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Los Alamitos JFTB, CA, LTC Steven J. Campfield, Commander & CSM Peter Tirapelle, Senior NCO.

2005 – 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX, LTC John M. Kiesov, Commander & CSM James A. Markey, Senior NCO.

2006 – Company B, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, LTC Walter R. Bradley, Commander & CSM 1SG Russell L. Reese, Senior NCO.

ARNG Aviation Unit of the Year

BACKGROUND - During the 1969-1984 period, the Army Aviation Association presented an "Outstanding Reserve Component Aviation Unit Award" that recognized annual outstanding unit accomplishments within the Army National Guard and U.S.

Army Reserve. The award was won by Army National Guard aviation units in 14 of the 16 years in which it was presented by the AAAA. In late 1985, the Association established separate "Aviation Unit Awards" for both the Army National Guard & the U.S. Army Reserve, each trophy being sponsored by Honeywell.

1985 - Company C, 26th Aviation Battalion, Florida Army National Guard, MAJ David J. Cook, Commander, & 1SG Billy R. Cowart, Senior NCO.

1986 - 45th Aviation Battalion (Light Helicopter Combat), Oklahoma Army National Guard, LTC Leroy A. Wall, Commander, & MSG Charles B. Connell, Senior NCO.

1987 - 1st Battalion, 111th Aviation (AH) Florida Army National Guard, Jacksonville, FL, LTC Donald L. Adkison, Commander & SGM Billy R. Cowart, Senior NCO.

1988 - 1st Battalion, 130th Aviation Regiment, - 449th Avn Group, Morrisville, NC, LTC Duncan M. Stephens, Commander, & CSM Clarence L. Hodges, Senior NCO.

1989 - 1st Battalion, 131st Avn Regt., 167th Support Command (Corps), Montgomery, AL, LTC Don E. Stagg, Cdr., & CSM Harold M. Johnston, Senior NCO.

1990 - Company G, 3rd Battal-

ion, 149th Aviation Regiment, Texas Army National Guard, Grand Prairie, TX MAJ Richard B. Keene, Commander, & 1SG Thomas B. Lewis, Senior NCO.

1991 - 1109th Aviation Classification & Repair Depot, Mobilization AVCRAD Control Element, Connecticut Army National Guard, Groton, CT COL Paluel J. Flagg, II, Commander, and CSM George H. Allard, Jr., Senior NCO.

1992 - 1st Battalion (Attack Helicopter) 211th Aviation Regiment, Utah Army National Guard, West Jordan, UT, LTC Robert G. Holt, Commander & CSM Travis R. Heywood, Senior NCO.

1993 - 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment, Illinois Army National Guard, Peoria, IL, LTC Michael A. Marvin, Commander & CSM Frederick A. Lane, Senior NCO.

1994 - Company G, 3rd Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment, California Army National Guard, Stockton, CA, MAJ Kevin B. Keenan, Commander & 1SG Charles M. Chiasson, Senior NCO.

1995 - 1st Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment (Attack Helicopter), Florida Army National Guard, Jacksonville, FL, LTC David W. Starr, Commander & CSM Gary L. Wingard, Senior NCO.

1996 - 1st Battalion, 151st Aviation Regiment (Advanced Attack Helicopter), South Carolina Army

National Guard, LTC Earl M. Yerrick, Jr., Commander & CSM George E. Dorr, Senior NCO.

1997 - 126th Medical Company (AA), California Army National Guard, MAJ Manuel Anthony Lascano, Commander & 1SG Eugene Joe Baker, Senior NCO.

1998 - 1-130th Aviation Attack Helicopter Battalion (ATKHB), North Carolina Army National Guard, LTC Irvin R. Blackmon, Commander & CSM John T. Gattis, Senior NCO.

1999 - 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Nebraska Army National Guard, CPT Rick Dahlman, Commander & 1SG Troy Johnson, Senior NCO.

2000 - 1-189th Aviation Battalion (CSAB), LTC Kevin M. Kepler, Commander & CSM Kent C. Robinson, Senior NCO.

2001 - 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation, Anchorage Readiness Center, LTC Jerry Kidrick, Commander & CSM Dennis Roggenkamp, Senior NCO.

2002 - 1042 Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Oregon Army National Guard, MAJ Mathew J. Brady, Commander & 1SG David Walsh, Senior NCO.

2003 - G Company 104th Aviation Regiment, Pennsylvania and Connecticut Army National

Guard, MAJ David Ernest Wood, Commander & 1SG Dell Lynn Christine, Senior NCO.

2004 - Task Force Pirate (1st Bn 211th Avn Rgt, C-25 (AVIM), C2-25, E2-25, F2-25 (AVUM), B-214, Det 42 OSA, Det 2 B Co 2-228), LTC Rodney Scott Robinson, Commander & CSM Gary Charles Stearman, Senior NCO.

2005 - 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, Rhode Island National Guard, COL Christopher P. Callahan, Commander & CSM Robert Fortin, Senior NCO.

2006 - 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, LTC Robert e. McMillin II, Commander & CSM Susan Bentley, Senior NCO.

Active Aviation Unit of the Year

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by L-3 Communications, this award is presented "to the active Army aviation unit, (Battalion and below), that has made an outstanding contribution to, or innovation in, the employment of Army aviation over and above the normal mission assigned to the unit during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year." Any active unit meeting the criteria is eligible for consideration.

2005 - 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation

Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, LTC Pedro G. Almeida, Commander & CSM Jose I. Acosta, Senior NCO.

2006 - 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, LTC Donald N. Galli, Commander & CSM Chester Westergart, Senior NCO.

Army Aviator of the Year

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by the Sikorsky Aircraft Division of UTC, this Association award is presented annually at the AAAA Annual Convention to the Active Duty or Reserve Component Army Aviator who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation during the previous calendar year.

1958 - CPT James T. Kerr, U.S. Army Transportation Test & Support Activity, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1959 - CWO Clifford V. Turvey, U.S. Army Aviation Test Board, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1960 - CWO Michael J. Madden, U.S. Army, Transportation Board, Ft. Eustis, VA.

1961 - CPT Leyburn W. Brockwell, Jr., HS, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC.

1962 - CPT Emmett F. Knight, 57th Aviation Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1963 - MAJ Marquis D. Hilbert, John F. Kennedy Center for Spe-

cial Warfare, Ft. Bragg, NC.

1964 - MAJ Paul A. Bloomquist, 57th Med. Det. (Helicopter Ambulances), U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1965 - CPT James A. Scott, III, 219th Avn Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1966 - CWO Jerome R. Daly, 121st Avn Co., U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1967 - CPT Robin K. Miller, 114th Assault Helicopter Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1968 - MAJ Patrick H. Brady, 54th Medical Det. (Hel. Ambulances), U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1969 - CWO John I. O'Sullivan, 174th Avn Co., U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1970 - LTC Robert M. Molinelli, 2d Squadron, 17th Cav, 101st Abn. Div. (Airmobile), U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1971 - CPT Ronald A. Radcliff, F Troop, 4th Cavalry, 1st Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1972 - MAJ Theodore J. Dolloff, Company D, 227th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

1973 - CWO Norman E. York, 71st Aviation Company, (Assault Helicopter), APO NY.

1974 - MAJ Eugene L. Richardson, HHD, Military Bureau, Maine Army National Guard.

1975 - CWO Robert R. Hawkins, 7th Squadron (Assault Helicopter), 17th Cavalry, Fort Hood, TX.

1976 - CWO Randy F. Dyer, 155th Aviation Company, (Attack Helicopter), Ft. Ord, CA.

1977 - MAJ William S. Reeder, Jr., 334th Aviation Company (Attack Helicopter), APO NY.

1978 - CWO Michael B. Farmer, Air Troop, 2d Armored, Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.

1979 - CWO Ernest W. Rickenbacker, 60th Co., 6th Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1980 - CWO Richard S. Seefeldt, Project Manager's Office (BLACK HAWK), U.S. Army Materiel Development & Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.

1981 - CWO George D. Chrest, D Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th CAV, 1st CAV DIV, Fort Hood, TX.

1982 - 2LT Richard G. Hatch, 2d Staff & Faculty Company, Fort Eustis, VA.

1983 - CWO Anthony G. Kraay, C Company, 3rd Combat Aviation Battalion, APO NY.

1984 - COL Robert L. Stewart, NASA Astronaut, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

1985 - CWO Roger W. Duprey, HHC, 229th Attack Helicopter Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, KY.

1986 - LTC Kenneth R. McGinty, 3/6th Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Brigade (AC), Fort Hood, TX.

1987 - CW4 James M. Call, 237th Medical Detachment, Ft. Ord, CA.

1988 - CW4 Myron F. Babcock, C Co., 228th Aviation Regiment, Ft. Wainwright, AK.

1989 - CW3 Jon A. Iseminger, U.S. Precision Helicopter Team, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1990 - CW2 Jim M. Sandberg, C Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, 49th Armored Division, TXARNG, Houston, TX.

1991 - CW3 James C. Kalahan, 4th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC.

1992 - MW4(P) Randolph Wise Jones, B Company, 1/160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

1993 - CW2 Gerhard P. Turner, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 227th Avn Regt, APO AE.

1994 - CW2 Victoria A. Welch, A Company (AVIM), 3rd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.

1995 - CW4 Robert L. Wylie, HHC, 11th Aviation Regiment, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army, APO AE.

1996 - 1LT Donald J. Lee, 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (MECH), Fort Hood, TX.

1997 - CW4 Michael E. Sheldon, D Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th

Cavalry Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

1998 – LTC Richard E. MacNealy, 21st Cavalry Brigade (Air Combat), III Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood, TX.

1999 – CW3 Daniel R. Zimmermann, A Troop, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

2000 – CW3 (P) William C. Ragsdale, C Company, 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2001 – CW3 John F. Nailor, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2002 – CW4 James E. Hardy, Alpha Company, 3-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 – CW4 Curtis R. Phipps, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 – CW3 Christopher P. Wilson, Company A, 1st Battalion (Attack), 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler AAF, HI.

2005 – CW4 Roger A. Graf, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment (Attack Recon), Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

2006 – CW2 Philip A. Learn,

Company B, 3rd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, Illesheim, Germany.

Crew Chief of the Year

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Robertson Aviation, this award was established in 2005. This award is named for SGM Henry Q. Dunn, who was the first Crew Chief of the Army's Executive Flight Detachment for President Eisenhower in 1957 and one of the first E-9s in the Army. It is presented annually by AAAA "to the Crew Chief who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army aviation in the awards period encompassing the previous CY." The crew chief must be on current flight status or have been on flight status performing CE duties within the last 12 months. A candidate for this award must be in the active U.S. Army or reserve components, and must have made an outstanding individual achievement.

2005 – SGT Christopher J. Scangarello, Company B, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, Florida Army National Guard, Brooksville, FL.

2006 – SSG Jeremy W. David, Company D, 1st Battalion, 160th Aviation Regiment, Fort

Campbell, KY.

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's "Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award" is sponsored by Lockheed Martin. It is presented at the Annual Convention of the Army Aviation Association.

2001 – 1SG Allen R. Haynes, 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 101st Airborne Division (AA), Fort Campbell, KY.

2002 – SSG Edward L. Newell, HHC/7-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 – SGT Shawn S. Hope, 507th Medical Company (AA), Fort Hood, TX.

2004 – SFC William G. Howard, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Germany.

2005 – SSG Byron W. Montgomery, Company A, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

2006 – SGT Domingos Fernandes, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.

Aviation Soldier of the Year

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's

“Aviation Soldier of the Year Award” is sponsored by Bell Helicopter Textron. It is presented at the Annual Convention of the Army Aviation Association.

1960 - MSG Robert R. Young, Airfield Operations Command, Fort Rucker, AL.

1961 - SFC James C. Dykes, 225th Signal Detachment U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1962 - SFC James K. Brock, First Aviation Company (Caribou), U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1963 - SFC Robert M. George, Utility Tactical Transport Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1964 - MSG Cyril G. Manning, 13th Aviation Battalion, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1965 - SFC Donald MacNevin, 114th Aviation Company, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1966 - SP5 Dennis L. Falo, 1st Cav Division (Airmobile), U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1967 - SFC Jesse J. Dodson, Jr., 405th USA Transportation Maintenance Detachment, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1968 - SFC William R. Baum, 122nd Maintenance Battalion, 3d AD, U.S. Army Europe.

1969 - SFC Dennis L. Jantz, 240th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter), U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1970 - SP5 Dennis M. Fujii, 237th Medical - Detachment (Air

Ambulance), U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1971 - SP5 Richard G. Hatch, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Fort Hood, TX.

1972 - SFC Robert H. Vaughan, 4th Battalion, (Aerial Field Artillery), 77th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) Fort Campbell, KY.

1973 - SFC Robert J. Coleman, C Co., 159th Aviation, (ASH), 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Fort Campbell, KY.

1974 - SP5 Gregory J. Maurakis, B Company, 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Fort Campbell, KY.

1975 - MSG John R. Montgomery, USA Aviation Precision Demonstration Team, Fort Rucker, AL.

1976 - SP5 Charles W. Ball, 146th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), West Virginia ARNG.

1977 - SGT Chris B. Archer, 236th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), APO NY.

1978 - SFC James L. Fielder, 129th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter), Fort Bragg, NC.

1979 - SFC Leland E. Hinely, Co A, 501st Aviation Battalion (Combat), APO NY.

1980 - SFC James D. Glending, Air Trp, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.

1981 - Staff SGT William G. Patterson, 54th Medical Detach-

ment (Helicopter Ambulance), Fort Lewis, WA.

1982 - SFC Ronald L. Boese, Platoon Sgt, Aeroscout Platoon, Combat Aviation Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.

1983 - SP4 David T. Amos, 196th Aviation Co., (ASH), 269th Combat Aviation Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC.

1984 - SSG Ronnie Garrett, 11th Combat Aviation Squadron, 11th Armored Combat Aviation Squadron, APO NY.

1985 - SP4 James A. Clement, 568th Transportation Company, 222d Aviation Battalion (Air Combat), Ft. Wainwright, AK.

1986 - SSG Richard E. Frye, 377th Med Co (AA), APO San Francisco (before being assigned to the 82d Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.).

1987 - SSG Beau A.H. Tatumura, B Co, 2d Aviation Battalion (Combat), APO SF.

1988 - SSG John E. Rhodes, Task Force Phoenix, 4th Brigade, 1st AD, APO NY.

1989 - SSG Eric J. Harris, 4th Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regt., Feucht Army Airfield, APO NY.

1990 - SSG Robert Martinez, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, APO NY.

1991 - SSG Everett F. Smith, III, 1st Battalion, 24th Aviation Regi-

ment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

1992 - SSG Donald C. Maddox, E Troop, 4th Squadron, 17th Cavalry 18th Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.

1993 - SGT Joseph T. Ebuon, B Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Corps), 159th Combat Aviation Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC.

1994 - SSG Donald L. Wilson, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Ft. Drum, NY.

1995 - SPC Chad Douglas MacDonald, 5th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.

1996 - CPL Troy E. Pontello, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 6th Cavalry Brigade, Camp Eagle, Republic of Korea.

1997 - SPC Michael R. Swingle, D Company (AMC), 82d Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.

1998 - SSG Michel Pigford, 571st Medical Company (AA), Fort Carson, CO.

1999 - SFC William G. Sikes, D Company, 2/160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2000 - SSG Melissa M. Mendoza, HHC, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.

2001 - SPC Andrew S. Kirfman, F Company, 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2002 - SGT James H. Hanshaw, B Company, 2-82nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC.

2003 - SPC Joseph M. Buffinton, TF 12th Aviation, Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

2004 - SPC Michael R. Hedgepeth, Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.

2005 - SPC Joshua R. Blizzard, Company D, 1st Battalion, 151st Aviation Regiment, South Carolina Army National Guard, Eastover, SC.

2006 - SPC Kristopher D. Holden, Company B, 277th Aviation Support Battalion, Fort Drum, NY.

James H. McClellan Aviation Safety Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by General Electric Aircraft Engines in memory of James H. McClellan, a former Army Aviator who was killed in a civil aviation accident in 1958, the award is presented annually to a person who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation safety in the previous calendar year.

1958 - MAJ Arne H. Eliasson, Aviation Safety Division, Headquarters, 7th Army, APO NY.

1959 - COL John L. Inskeep (Co

Winner), U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School, (USAPHS), Fort Wolters, TX & Raymond L.

Thomas, (Co Winner), Southern Airways Company (Manager, Contract Operations).

1960 - No award given.

1961 - COL Spurgeon H. Neel, Jr., U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1962 - COL James F. Wells, U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Ft. Rucker, AL.

1963 - COL Conrad L. Stansberry, Hqs, U.S. Army, Europe, APO NY.

1964 - Ralph B. Greenway, Army Aviation Directorate, OACSFOR, Department of the Army.

1965 - Gerard M. Bruggink, U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Ft. Rucker, AL.

1966 - CPT Gary R. Ramage, 228th Assault Helicopter Battalion, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

1967 - Francis P. McCourt, U.S. Army Aviation Laboratories (AVLABS), Ft. Eustis, VA.

1968 - COL Russell P. Bonasso, U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Fort Rucker, AL.

1969 - COL Robert W. Bailey, U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratories, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1970 - COL Eugene B. Conrad,

U.S. Army Board for Aviation Accident Research (USABAAR), Ft. Rucker, AL.

1971 - BG William W. Spruance, Air National Guard, Wilmington, DE.

1972 - CWO Ralph S. Park, 155th Aviation Company (Attack Helicopter), Fort Ord, CA.

1973 - CPT Charles F. Nowlin, U.S. Army Agency for Aviation Safety (USAAVS), Ft. Rucker, AL.

1974 - CWO George L. Allen, Simmons Army Airfield, Ft. Bragg, NC.

1975 - CWO Alfred J. Cargen, Ret., Hqs, Fifth U.S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, TX.

1976 - MAJ Arthur M. Mountcastle, 101st Aviation Group, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT), Ft. Campbell, KY.

1977 - CWO Fate (Jim) Hutchins, 129th Aviation Co. (Assault Helicopter), Ft. Bragg, NC.

1978 - CWO Frankie C. Wilson, 207th Aviation Company, APO NY.

1979 - CWO Harold D. Hintze, Student, U.S. Army Warrant Officer College, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1980 - CWO Peter D. Maskunas, B Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 2d Armored Div., APO SF.

1981 - SFC Gerald L. Johnson, U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1982 - No award given.

1983 - CW2 Richard L. Williams, Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 2d Combat Aviation Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea.

1984 - CW4 Ralph V. Tolbert, 6th Cavalry Brigade, (Air Combat), Ft. Hood, TX.

1985 - CW4 Thomas M. Cloud, D Company, 7th Aviation Training Battalion, Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1986 - CW3 Dean R. Coder, HHC, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, APO NY.

1987 - CW2 Gary D. Braman, S Troop, 4th Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.

1988 - CW3 Henry M. Yerger, 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), APO SF.

1989 - CW2 William K. Manuel, 1 212th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Lowe Army Airfield, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1990 - CW4 Lawrence R. Burbank, Aviation Division National Guard Bureau, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

1991 - CW4 Stephen V. Rauch, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, APO AE.

1992 - CW4 Michael S. Olin, A Company, 1/501st Aviation, 17th Aviation Brigade K 16 (Seoul Air Base), APO AP.

1993 - CW5 James H. Raiford, Aviation Branch Safety Office, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1994 - CW5 Gerald D. Cartier, Senior Aviation Safety Officer, 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Ft. Drum, NY.

1995 - CW3 Alfred Aponte, Jr., Safety Officer, HHC, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.

1996 - CW3 David E. Milligan, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY.

1997 - CW4(P) John H. Aberg, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

1998 - CW3 Paul D. Clark, 6th Squadron (Attack), 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

1999 - CW4 Greg S. Schneider, HHC, 5-158th Aviation, APO AE.

2000 - CW5 Robert S. Johnson, HHC, 17th Aviation Brigade, APO AP.

2001 - CW4 Steven A. Morris, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, Alpha Company (AVIM), APO AE.

2002 - CW4 Ryan B. Newman, 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 - CW3 Daniel S. Dotson, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 - CW5 Willis J. Haas, 4th Brigade (Avn), 1st Infantry Division (Mech), Germany

2005 – CW4 Troy W. Boonstra, HHC, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2006 – CW5 Mark W. Grapin, 63rd Theater Aviation Brigade, Frankfort, KY.

Joseph P. Cribbins DAC of the Year

BACKGROUND - This AAAA Award is sponsored by The Boeing Company. Named for Mr. Joseph P. Cribbins, the award's first recipient in 1976, this award is presented annually to the Department of the Army Civilian who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation in the previous calendar year.

1976 - Joseph P. Cribbins, Special Assistant for Aviation Logistics; Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics; Department of the Army, Washington, DC.

1977 - John B. Greenwell, Deputy Director, Materiel Management, U.S. Army Troop Support & Aviation Materiel Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.

1978 - Sherman C. Hines, Equipment Specialist, U.S. Army MIRCOC Field Maintenance, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, APO NY.

1979 - M. Margaret Brown, Aircraft Equipment Manager, Aviation Office, USA Troop Support & Materiel Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.

1980 - John J. Stanko, Jr., Chief, Army Aviation Division, National Guard Bureau, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

1981 - Michael J. Hoffman, Aerospace Engineer, U.S. Army Troop Support & Aviation Materiel Readiness Command, St. Louis, MO.

1982 - Frank Soliz, Chief, Engine Shops Div, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.

1983 - Carolyn Chapman, Aviation Program Specialist, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Dept. of the Army, Washington, DC.

1984 - Robert D. Robbins, Test Pilot, U.S. Army Aviation Engineering Flight Activity, Edwards AFB, CA.

1985 - Paul L. Hendrickson, Aircraft Systems Division, Directorate for Materiel Management, U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, MO.

1986 - Charles C. Crawford, Jr., Technical Director, U.S. Army AVSCOM, St. Louis, MO.

1987 - Daniel M. McEneaney, Director of Engineering, U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, MO.

1988 - John L. Shipley, Deputy Director, U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, U.S. Army Aviation Research & Technology Activity, AVSCOM,

Fort Eustis, VA., & John A. McLaughlin, Deputy Project Manager, Army Helicopter Improvement Program, (AHIP), St. Louis, MO.

1989 - John K. Shannon, Chief, Logistics Management Division, Advanced Attack Helicopter AH 64 (Apache) Program Management Office, PEO Aviation, St. Louis, MO.

1990 - Daniel J. Rubery, Logistical Director, U.S. Army AVSCOM, St. Louis, MO.

1991 - James R. Ray, Chief, Logistics Assistance Branch, U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command, Europe.

1992 - James E. Speigner, Chief, Airfield ALERT Section, Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.

1993 - Rickie L. Barron, Directorate of Evaluation & Standardization (DES), USAAVNC, Fort Rucker, AL.

1994 - Rodney J. Schulz, Deputy Assistant Commandant and Senior Logistics Management Specialist, U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School (USAALS), Ft. Eustis, VA.

1995 - Mr. Robert W. Arden, Chief, Stress/Loads/Fatigue Branch, Directorate for Engineering, U.S. Army ATCOM, St. Louis, MO.

1996 - Mr. Kenny Deskins, U.S.

Army Aviation Logistics School, Fort Eustis, VA.

1997 - Mrs. Diane Ottolini, formerly with U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Chesterfield, MO.

1998 – Mr. Thomas L. House, Executive Director, Aviation Research, Development and Engineering Center, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.

1999 – Ms. Gerri Shelp, 21st Cavalry Brigade (AC), Fort Hood, TX.

2000 – Mr. John E. Marksteiner, HQDA, ODCSOPS, Washington, DC.

2001 – Mr. Timothy W. Gilchrist, HHC/12th Aviation Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA.

2002 – Mr. John L. Shipley, AMCOM Director, Special Programs (Aviation), AATD, Fort Eustis, VA.

2003 – Mr. Alvin A. Abejon and Mr. George Dimitrov (co-winners), PM Tactical Operations Center, Madison, AL, and U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate (AATD), Fort Eustis, VA.

2004 – Mr. James E. Thompson, Program Integrator, Apache Mods/Recap, Redstone Arsenal, AL.

2005 – Mr. Robert A. Boutwell, Standardization Officer, HHC, 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL.

2006 – Mr. Roy P. Oler, Deputy to the Commanding Officer, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX.

Robert M. Leich Award

BACKGROUND - This AAAA Award is named in memory of BG Robert M. Leich, the AAAA's first president (1957-59), & Awards Committee Chairman for 23 years. It is sponsored by the Northrop Grumman Corporation & is presented to a unit or individual for sustained contributions to Army Aviation, or for a unique one time outstanding performance.

1973 - 34th General Support Group (AHM&S), RVN. Accepted for the unit by MG Alton G. Post & COL Donald H. Jersey, & CSM Samuel Ring. (For 1965-1972 Period).

1976 - 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, KY. Accepted for the unit by MG John A. Wickham, Jr., Commander. (For REFORGER 1976)

1978 - Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, TX. Accepted for the Depot by COL Charles F. Drenz, Commander. (For 1961-1978).

1979 - U.S. Army Aviation Board. Accepted for the Board by COL Robert A. Bonifacio, President, US-AVNBD. (For 1976-1980).

1980 - U.S. Army Aviation Develop-

ment Test Activity & all Predecessor Units. Accepted for the Activity & Units by COL William E. Crouch, Jr. (For 1945-1981).

1981 - Aviation Applied Technology Laboratory, Ft. Eustis, VA. Accepted for the Laboratory by COL Emmett F. Knight. (For 1957-1982).

1982 - U.S. Army Engineering Flight Activity, Edwards AFB. Accepted for the unit by COL Lewis J. McConnell, Commander. (For 1960-1983).

1983 - Mississippi Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, MSARNG. Accepted for the unit by COL James H. Burns, Commander. (For 1971-1984).

1984 - U.S. Army Safety Center, Ft. Rucker. Accepted for the unit by COL Joseph R. Koehler, former Commander. (For 1955-1984).

1986 - Davison Aviation Command, Washington, D.C. Accepted for the unit by COL John A. Lasch, III, Commander, & CSM William H. Fountain, Sr. NCO.

1987 - CSM William H. Fountain. U.S. Army Davison Aviation Command, Ft. Belvoir, VA.

1988 - Task Force 118, 18th Aviation Brigade Ft. Bragg, NC. Accepted for the unit by LTC Edmund E. Hughes, Commander & 1SG Danny L. Elzie, Senior NCO.

1989 - U.S. Precision Helicopter Team, Ft. Rucker, AL. Accepted for the Team by LTC Robert E. Harry, Com-

mander, CW3 Jon A. Iseminger, Pilot, CW3 Rudolph V. Hobbs, Co Pilot, & SSG John L. Degand, Crew Chief.

1990 - Mr. Richard L. Ballard. Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army for RDA, Washington, D.C.

1991 - Army Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, MO. MG Donald R. Williamson, Commander, & CSM Richard P. Mullen, Senior NCO.

1992 - U.S. Army Combat Aviation Training Brigade, III Corps & Fort Hood, TX. COL Gerald D. Saltness, Commander & CSM Jerome G. Chappelle, Senior NCO.

1993 - U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School (USAALS), Fort Eustis, VA. COL Thomas E. Johnson, Commander & SGM Alan A. Gott, Senior NCO.

1994 - 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Corps), XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC. LTC Joseph G. Kaufmann, Jr., Commander & CSM Ronald W. Strahan, Senior NCO.

1995 - 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), 12th Aviation Brigade, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army, APO AE, LTC Michael T. Inman, Commander & CSM Sanford C. Tanna, Senior NCO.

1996 - A Company, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, 12th Aviation Brigade, V Corps, USAREUR & Seventh Army, APO AE, MAJ Roland C. Haun, Com-

mander & 1SG Ray Aldeguer, Senior NCO.

1997 - Directorate of Combat Developments (DCD), U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, AL, COL Jesse M. Danielson, Commander & MSG Donald D. Altgilbers, Senior NCO.

1998 - 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY, COL Howard W. Yellen, Commander & CSM Donnie D. Calvery, Senior NCO.

1999 - U.S. Army Scout-Attack Helicopter Product Office and Predecessors, Redstone Arsenal, AL, LTC William M. Gavora, Product Manager & John Guenther, Deputy Product Manager.

2000 - COL William S. McArthur, Jr., Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

2001 - Mr. Charles J. Reading, RAH-66 Comanche Helicopter Program, Redstone Arsenal, AL.

2002 - COL Robert P. Birmingham, Comanche Program Office, Redstone Arsenal, AL.

2003 - COL William M. Gavora and Ms. Sandy Hoff (co-winners), Program Manager and Deputy Commander, AATD, Fort Eustis, VA.

2004 - MG James D. Thurman, HQ 4th Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Hood, TX.

2005 - 4th Battalion, 159th

Aviation Regiment, LTC Terence W. Reeves, Commander & CSM Robert A. Fox, Senior NCO.

2006 - 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, COL James M. Richardson, Commander & CSM Tod Glidewell, Senior NCO.

AAAA Top Chapter

BACKGROUND - This AAAA Award is presented annually to the AAAA Chapter deemed "Top Chapter" based on its meeting activity, to include unusual, innovative, & successful programming; membership growth; pursuit of a local AAAA Awards Program; participation in community affairs; maintenance of a full Executive Board slate; & its interface with the National Office in the administration of its Chapter affairs.

1973 - Aviation Center Chapter

1974 - Lindbergh Chapter

1975 - Air Assault Chapter

1976 - Monmouth Chapter

1977 - Air Assault Chapter

1978 - Lindbergh Chapter

1979 - Aviation Center Chapter

1980 - Franconia Marne Chapter

1981 - Corpus Christi Chapter & Lindbergh Chapter (tie)

1982 - Morning Calm Chapter

1983 - Morning Calm Chapter

1984 - Air Assault Chapter

1985 - Morning Calm Chapter

1986 - Lindbergh Chapter

1987 - Redcatcher Chapter
 1988 - Lindbergh Chapter
 1989 - North Texas Chapter
 1990 - Morning Calm Chapter
 1991 - Morning Calm Chapter
 1992 - Corpus Christi Chapter
 1993 - Colonial Virginia Chapter
 1994 - Colonial Virginia Chapter
 1995 - Aviation Center Chapter
 1996 - Monmouth Chapter
 1997 - Central Florida Chapter
 1998 - Monmouth Chapter
 1999 - Tennessee Valley Chapter
 2000 - Tennessee Valley Chapter
 2001 - Monmouth Chapter
 2002 - Tennessee Valley Chapter
 2003 - Monmouth Chapter
 2004 - Monmouth Chapter
 2005 - Central Florida Chapter
 2006 - Tennessee Valley Chapter

Outstanding ROTC Cadet

BACKGROUND - The selection of the most outstanding ROTC Cadet who has been selected for the Army Aviation Branch is accomplished by a Selection Board under the leadership of the Commander, U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, in November of the year prior to the Cadet's graduation.

1988 - Pedro G. Almeida

1989 - Michael A. Flynn
 1990 - Gregory T. Lang
 1991 - Louis A. Birdsong
 1992 - Victor S. Hamilton
 1993 - Roy R. Trumble, IV
 1994 - Christopher C. Frost
 1995 - Fred D. Rothenbush, Jr.
 1996 - Matthew S. Rader
 1997 - John B. Broam
 1998 - Jennifer L. Eckert
 1999 - Joshua A. Nanes
 2000 - Katherine A. Oleksiak
 2001 - Dwayne W. Staples
 2002 - Michael J. Milas
 2003 - Chad Gosney
 2004 - James A. Attaway III
 2005 - Alex M. Bertelli
 2006 - Nathan S. Ellis

Outstanding USMA Cadet

BACKGROUND - The selection of the most outstanding U.S. Military Academy Cadet who has been selected for the Army Aviation Branch is accomplished under the leadership of the Commandant immediately following the Branching of a USMA Class in the January before graduation.

1988 - Kenneth S. Prygoski
 1989 - Charles T. Tully, Jr.
 1990 - H. Dave Wood
 1991 - Christopher J. Watrud
 1992 - Michael D. McKay
 1993 - Marc A. Wehmeyer
 1994 - Spencer T. Kympton
 1995 - Andrew J. Norton

1996 - Philip J. Root
 1997 - Ryan G. Leonard
 1998 - Jason A. Foerter
 1999 - Scott R. Stechshulte
 2000 - Hartleigh Richard
 2001 - Joseph S. Minor
 2002 - Cole A. Spitzack
 2003 - Brian M. Merkl
 2004 - Michael Alan Powell
 2005 - Jeffrey M. Bonheim
 2006 - Benjamin T. Summers

Aircraft Survivability Equipment

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by BAE Systems, this National Award is presented annually to the person who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation in the area of Aircraft Survivability Equipment during the awards period encompassing August 1 through July 31. Prior to 1992, the awards period encompassed the calendar year.

1985 - MAJ Michael F. Blacker, Chief, Aviation Division, Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

1986 - CW4 Perry M. Smith, Systems Manager, Directorate of Training & Doctrine, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1987 - Mr. Richard Paoella, Project Leader, Infrared Countermeasures U.S.A. Communications & Electronics Command, Ft.

Monmouth, NJ.

1988 - MAJ Steve L. Ash, Assistant Program Manager, ASE Project Manager's Office, PEO Aviation, St. Louis, MO.

1989 - Mr. Joseph N. Graziano, Director, Tactical Systems, ITT Avionics, Nutley, NJ.

1990 - CW3 Stephen L. Woods, Brigade ASE Officer/Pilot, Ft. Riley, KS.

1991 - Mr. Larry Johnson, an Electronic Warfare Integration Engineer with the Naval Air Warfare Center, Point Mugu, CA.

1992-1993 - CW4 Bradford A. Powell, CH/MH-47 Project Officer, System Integration & Maintenance Office, 160th SOAR(A), Ft. Campbell, KY.

1994 - CW2 Michael E. Croslin, Aviation Brigade EWO, 1/227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, TX.

1995 - CW2 Kevin L. Crumpler, 4th-123rd Theater Aviation Battalion, Fort Wainwright, AK.

1996 - Mr. Peter R. McGrew, Senior Analyst, SRI International, Systems Development Division, Menlo Park, CA.

1997 - CW3 Jack B. Pike, Jr., Battalion Electronic Warfare Officer, 8th Bn., 229th Aviation Regiment (Attack), Fort Knox, KY.

1998 - CW3 Michael A. Strieber, MH-60K/ASE Project Officer, Systems Integration &

Management Office, HHC, 160th SOAR (A).

1999 - CW2 Michael D. Kelley, 2d Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2000 - LTC Jeffrey A. Crabb, Department of the Army System Coordinator, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Arlington, VA.

2001 - CW4 Albert J. Maes, HHC, 1-210th Avn. Regt., Fort Rucker, AL.

2002 - CW3 Norman J. Elmore, Systems Integration and Management Office, 160th Special Operations Avn Regt (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 - CW4 Brendan D. Kelly, Brigade Tactical Operations/Electronic Warfare Officer, HQ, 101st Avn Brigade, Qayyarah West Airfield, Iraq

2004 - Mr. Christian Gilbert, Chief, Army Reprogramming Analysis Team-Threat Analysis, 1st Information Operations Command (Land), Army Intelligence and Security Command, Eglin AFB, FL.

2005 - CW4 Gregory A. Calvert, 2nd Battalion, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY

2006 - CW4 Jeffrey S. Curd, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort

Campbell, KY.

Air/Sea Rescue

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Goodrich Hoist and Winch, this AAAA National Award will be presented "to the crew or crew member who has performed a rescue using a personnel rescue hoist that saved the life or eased the suffering of an individual or individuals during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1991 - CW3 Scott Berrier, Standardization Instructor Pilot, & CW3 Julian Council, Instructor Pilot, A Troop, 4th Squadron, 17th Cavalry (AIR)(RECON), Ft. Bragg, NC.

1992 - WO1 J. Tucker Rojas, WO1 Christopher S. Latin, SGT Anthony Robinson, & SPC Dwane Means, 377th Medical Company (AA), APO AP.

1993 - 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Ft. Campbell, KY.

1994 - CW4 John P. Airington, CW4 David Schweitzer, SPC Frank G. Myers, and SPC Jared L. Cheramie, 872nd Medical Company, Lafayette, LA.

1995 - CW4 Randy L. Mullen, CW3 Thomas D. Leedom, SSG Florencio Q. Abendanio, SSG James A. Swindler, SGT Carl D. Wilber, PFC Autumn D. McCauley, CPT

Garth W. Le Cheminant, and CPT Michael S. Machen, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Fort Carson, CO.

1996 - MAJ David J. Curci, CW3 Timothy R. O'Neill, SSG Eric J. Mott, SSG George A. Oldt, 1LT Mark D. Siple, SGT Arthur Goodling, CW3 John H. Cross, Jr., CPT Eric M. Bleakney, CW2 Jeffery A. Reep, SSG William V. Westover, SGT Robert M. Biffart, SGT Bruce W. Sheetz, CW3 Daniel J. Reggie, SSG Edward W. Blantz, SGT Nicholas S. Gilliland, CPT Michael J. Jones, CW4 Martin D. Dillingham, CW3 Michael P. Slattery, SGT Brian C. Beck, SGT Patrick A. Sevetsky, and SGT Robert W. Wilcox, G Company, 104th Aviation, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Philipsburg, PA.

1997 - 68th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance) "Dustoff Hawaii", Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.

1998 - 571st Medical Company (AA), Fort Carson, CO.

1999 - 214th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance) (Forward), APO AA.

2000 - 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance) (Mission 2), Fort Carson, CO.

2001 - 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 101st Abn Div

(AA), Fort Campbell, KY.

2002 - D Company, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (A), FPO AA.

2003 - 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 - 68th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), APO AE.

2005 - 68th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI.

2006 - Company C, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI

Army Aviation Medicine Award

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's "Army Aviation Medicine Award" is sponsored by Gentex Corporation & is presented annually "to the flight surgeon or aeromedical physician assistant who best exemplifies the contribution to Aviation during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1994 - MAJ Lisa A. Black, D.O., 159th Combat Aviation Group (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, NC.

1995 - MAJ Robert A. Mazur, M.D., 224th Military Intelligence Battalion (AE), Savannah, GA.

1996 - CPT Terrence L. Lakin,

M.D., HHC, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Operation Joint Endeavor, APO AE.

1997 - No award given.

1998 - CPT Troy R. Johnson, M.D., HHC, 2/160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

1999 - CPT Ray D. Kelley, M.D., HHC, 4-123rd Aviation Regiment, Fort Wainwright, AK.

2000 - LTC Walter J. Lawrence, M.D., U.S. Army Aeromedical Center, Fort Rucker, AL.

2001 - CPT Alexander G. Truesdell, HHS, 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (AE), APO AE.

2002 - CPT(P) Larry McCord, 3rd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 - MAJ Mark E. Green, HHC, 1/160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 - LTC John A. Smyrski III, MD, HHC, AVN BDE, JTF Wings, APO AE.

2005 - CPT Nicole C. Powell-Dunford, HQ and HQ Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Wheeler Army Airfield, HI.

2006 - CPT Scott M. Gilpatrick, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

Army Aviation Dustoff Flight Medic

of the Year Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Air Methods, Inc. this National Award will be presented to the "Flight Medic who, through his or her demonstrated performance of duty, exemplifies the spirit of the DUSTOFF mission and the motto of DUSTOFF units since Major Charles Kelly's last words set the standard – "When I have your wounded." The award can be for a lifetime of achievement in DUSTOFF Aviation or for a specific mission accomplished in support of wounded or injured warriors.

2006 – SGT Branden Coughlin, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, Fort Hood, TX

Army Aviation Fixed Wing Unit Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by FlightSafety International, this National Award is presented "to the unit or detachment with fixed wing aircraft that has achieved the highest level of excellence in training, safety, logistics, operations and support during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1994 - 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Camp Humphreys, Korea, LTC Jerry Proctor, Commander.

1995 - Operational Support Air-lift Command, COL Arthur W.

Ries II, Commander

1996 - 224th Military Intelligence Battalion (AE), LTC Thomas G. Francis III, Commander.

1997 - 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), APO AE, LTC Steven H. Nichols, Commander.

1998 - 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), APO AE, LTC Vernon L. Campbell, Commander.

1999 - 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), APO AE, LTC Vernon L. Campbell, Commander.

2000 – 204th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Reconnaissance), Fort Bliss, TX, LTC Charles R. Mehle, II, Commander.

2001 – 6-52nd Aviation Regiment (Theater Army), Los Alamitos, CA, MAJ Steven J. Campfield, Commander.

2002 – 15th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), West Fort Hood, TX, LTC Steven P. Carney, Commander.

2003 – 1st Battalion, 214th AVN REGT, LTC Brian J. Diaz, Commander.

2004 – Company I, 185th Aviation Regiment, Gulfport, MS, CPT Mark W. Johnson, Commander.

2005 – Company A, 249th Aviation (Theater Aviation Company), Salem, OR, MAJ Devin

Wickenhagen, Commander.

2006 – Company D, 126th Theater Aviation Company, LTC Gene K. Lambrecht, Commander.

Army Aviation Trainer of the Year

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's "Army Aviation Trainer of the Year Award" is sponsored by L-3 Communications Link Simulation & Training, and is presented annually to "the trainer who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1984 - SFC(P) Walter D. Smith, Dept. of NCO Training, USAALS, Ft. Eustis, VA.

1985 - CPT Michael R. Rampy, 1st Battalion, 1st Avn. Bde. (Air Assault), Ft. Rucker, AL.

1986 - CW2 William H. McCollister, 7th Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1987 - MAJ James D. Thurman, Apache Training Brigade, Ft. Hood, TX, & SSG Bobby W. Eades, Academic Branch, Air Operations Division, DOET, US-AAVNC, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1988 - MAJ Mark S. Wentlent, Task Force 118, 18th Aviation Brigade, Ft. Bragg, NC, & CW4 Robert J. Monette, D Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment, Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1989 - CW4 Russell A. Hunter, Instructor Pilot, E Company, 160th SOAG (Airborne), Ft. Campbell, KY.

1990 - CW4 Michael S. Kather, Company Standardization Officer, B Co., 1 14th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Ft. Rucker, AL.

1991 - CW3 John S. Moltenberry, Track Chief, OH 58D Maintenance Test Pilot Course, USAALS, Ft. Eustis, VA, & SGT Christopher M. Pakutka, Aeroscout Observer, Palehorse 4/2 Armored Cavalry Regiment, Feucht, Germany.

1992 - CW3 William Oates, SIP & MTFE, P Troop, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Bliss, TX.

1993 - SFC Alexander A. Tejada, Senior Instructor/Writer, U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School, Ft. Eustis, VA.

1994 - MSG Charles Neil Reisinger, Eastern Army Aviation Training Site (EAATS), Annville, PA.

1995 - CW3 Paul D. Hutchinson, HHD, 1-14th Aviation Regiment, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.

1996 - CW2 Charles Preston Watson, B Company, 224th MI BN (AE), Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

1997 - CW2(P) Jeffery A. Moss, B Company, 2-501st Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

1998 - CW3 Craig S. Wheeler,

B Company, 2-501st Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

1999 - CW5 Steel Parsons, HHC, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2000 - CW3 Robert B. Rainier, B Company, 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2001 - CW4 Warren A. Aylworth, HHT, 2-6 CAV, 11th Avn Regt, APO AE.

2002 - CW3 Andrew C. Sentiff, B/2-160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 - CW4 Richard K. Chenault, Company A, 3-101 Avn Regt, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 - CW3 David A. Fallon, Company A, 2-160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2005 - CW4 John J. McCann, HQ and HQ Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment (Attack Reconnaissance), Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

2006 - CW4 Richard W. Knowlton, Company E, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, AL

ATC Company Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Raytheon Company, this National Award will be presented "to the Army Aviation Air Traffic Control company fixed facility that has

contributed greatly to safety or efficiency in tactical ATC during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1996 - E Company, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT John Wilhelm Jones, Commander.

1997 - Company A, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT Kenneth J. Verhulst, Commander.

1998 - B Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT Albert H. Stiller, Commander.

1999 - A Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Corps) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC, CPT James Heer, Commander.

2000 - C Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT Bryan K. Phillips, Commander.

2001 - Cairns Army Radar Approach Control (ARAC), Fort Rucker, AL, Leverette C. Phillips, Commander.

2002 - Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Tony Taylor, Commander.

2003 - E/120th ATS AVN, 10th Mountain Avn Bde, APO AE, CPT Jeffrey Bilodeau, Commander.

2004 - C Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Jennifer Lynn Newsome, Commander.

2005 - Company D, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment,

Hunter Army Airfield, GA, CPT Robert E. Bugner, Commander.

2006 – Company C, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, CPT Jeramie D. Johnson, Commander.

ATC Facility Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Raytheon Company, this National Award will be presented "to the Army Aviation Air Traffic Control fixed facility that has contributed greatly to safety or efficiency in ATC during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1996 - Cairns Army Airfield Tower, Daleville/Ft. Rucker, AL, CPT James M. Corcoran, Commander.

1997 - Theater Army Flight Following Service (Skywatch AFFS), APO AA, CPT Raymond F. O'Neill, Jr., Commander.

1998 - Camp Colt, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, CPT John W. Jones, Commander.

1999 – Heidelberg Air Traffic Control Tower/Approach Control, APO AE, CPT Bryan K. Phillips, Commander.

2000 – Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, Team 38, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE, LTC Eric M. Nelson, Commander.

2001 – Cairns Army Radar Approach Control (ARAC), Fort Rucker, AL, Leverette C. Phillips,

Commander.

2002 – Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Kandahar Army Airfield), Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Tony Taylor, Commander.

2003 – Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY, CPT Tony Taylor, Commander.

2004 – B Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment – All American Tower, CPT Bryan Thomas Donohue, Commander.

2005 – Washington Army Helipoint (WAHP), Company D, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA, CPT Robert E. Bugner, Commander.

2006 – Detachment 1, Company E, 111th Aviation Regiment (ATS), Louisiana Army National Guard, Pineville, LA, CPT Mark S. Parent, Commander.

ATC Controller Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Raytheon Company, this National Award will be presented "to the Army Aviation Air Traffic controller who has performed outstandingly in or contributed commendably to air traffic control during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1996 - SSG Richard T. Cofer, E Company, 58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

1997 - SGT Ramin H. Panahi, A Company, 1-11th Aviation Regiment (ATB), Fort Rucker, AL.

1998 - SSG Douglas K. Dahl, B Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

1999 – SGT Jamie Appleberry, B Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

2000 – SSG Scott E. Nutter, C Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

2001 – SPC Michael E. Intschert, 1-58th Avn Regt (ATS), Fort Bragg, NC.

2002 – CPL Michael L. Taylor, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 – SSG Colt W. Howland, Delta Company, 1st Battalion 58th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

2004 – SGT Terry M. Horner, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

2005 – SPC Timothy A. Johnson, Company D, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

2006 – SGT Daniel Garcia, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion (GSAB), 10th Aviation Regiment, Task

Force Centaur, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

ATC Manager Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Raytheon Company, this National Award will be presented "to the Army Aviation ATC manager who has performed outstandingly in or contributed commendably to air traffic control during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1996 - SSG Thomas I. Melo, A Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation, Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Rucker, AL.

1997 - SFC(P) Kenneth E. Russell, C Company, 1-58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

1998 - SFC Keith Shykes, E Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

1999 - SFC Randy T. Church, HHC, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

2000 – SFC Bobby Griffin, E Company, 1-58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Drum, NY.

2001 – SFC Randy T. Church, APO AE.

2002 – SSG Christopher D. Briggum, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 – SFC Kiti M. Fowlkes,

Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 – SFC William A. Wrancher, B Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fayetteville, NC.

2005 – SFC Micheal D. Sutterfield, G Company, 58th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI.

2006 – SFC Leland Hughes, Detachment 1, Company E, 111th Aviation Regiment (ATS), Pineville, LA.

ATC Maintenance Technician Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Raytheon Company, this National Award will be presented "to the Army Aviation ATC maintenance technician who has performed outstandingly in or contributed commendably to air traffic control during the awards period encompassing September 1 through August 31."

1996 - SFC Charles E. Dick, A Company, 4th Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Yongsan, Korea, APO AP.

1997 - SFC John Eimer, Company A, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

1998 - SGT Paul O. Williamson, E Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment

(ATS), APO AE.

1999 – SSG Julio A. Adon, Skywatch AFFS, APO AA.

2000 – SGT Phillip A. Schmauch, C Company, 3-58th Aviation Regiment (ATS), APO AE.

2001 – CW3 Everette J. Smith II, HHD, 164th ATS Group, APO AP.

2002 – Mr. Eric Williams, E Company, 12th Aviation Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA.

2003 – SSG Michael P. Collins, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 – SGT Curt P. Krenning, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

2005 – SSG Alina Smith, Company G, 58th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI.

2006 – SSG Jeffrey L. Knight, Detachment 1, Company E, 111th Aviation Regiment (ATS), Pineville, LA.

Avionics Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by Cubic Defense Systems, Inc., this National Award is presented "to the person who has made an outstanding individual contribution to Army Aviation in the area of Avionics during the awards period encompassing August 1 through July 31."

1993 - CPT Keith J. Kranhold, Brigade Signal Officer, 128th Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army South, APO AA.

1994 - CW4 Tommy Lee Dorris, Avionics Platoon Leader, F Co., 1-160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Ft. Campbell, KY.

1995 - Thorwald E. Eide, Equipment Specialist (General), 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell, KY.

1996 - SPC Verne Saint Remy, Avionic Mechanic, 6-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

1997 - Mr. Robert B. Carneal, Avionics Mechanic, D Co., 12th Aviation Battalion, Fort Belvoir, VA.

1998 - SPC Daniel E. Blackburn, Command and Control Avionics Technician, B Company, 6-101 Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

1999 - SPC Daniel E. Blackburn, B Company, 6-101 Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2000 – Mr. Arlie D. Keister, Electronic Engineer, Program Manager-Aviation Electronic Combat (PM-AEC), Redstone Arsenal, AL.

2001 – CW3 Bruce L. Brown, HHC, 1-52nd Aviation Regiment, CINCHAWK, APO AP.

2002 – SGT Donald W. Poelking, D Co., 2/160th SOAR(A), Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 – Mr. James E. Davis,

DELTA Company, 1-52 Aviation Regiment, Korea

2004 – CW3 Jason K. Pratt, D Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), APO AE.

2005 – SGT David L. Geldmacher, D Company, 1-227th Aviation Regiment, Copperas Cove, TX.

2006 – SGT Denaz D. Williams, Company B, 96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.

Hamilton H. Howze Gunnery Award

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's "Howze Gunnery Award" is sponsored by General Hamilton H. Howze, Ret., & is presented annually to the top AH 1 & AH 64 crew in the annual GEN Hamilton H. Howze Gunnery Competition. Individual replicas of the permanent trophy are sponsored by Rockwell International Corporation, and are presented to the top three crews.

1989 - CW2 John S. Van Buren & 1LT Michael J. Blatz, B Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Avn. Regiment, 2nd Armored Div., APO NY.

1991 - WO1 Jose E. Trejeda & CW2 John L. Kercheville, AH 1 crew, C & D Trps, 1 7 Cavalry, 1st Cav Div, Ft. Hood, TX; CW2 Jar-

rett R. Brewer & WO1 Kevin E. Smith, AH 64 crew, C Troop, 6th Cav Regt, Ft. Hood, TX.

Outstanding Logistics Support Unit Award

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's "Outstanding Aviation Logistics Support Unit of the Year Award" is sponsored by the Army Aviation Association of America, & is presented annually to "the Active Army or Reserve Component Aviation Unit that has made an outstanding individual contribution to or innovation in the logistic support of Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year."

1987 - Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), Corpus Christi, TX.

1988 - 3rd Battalion, 9th Aviation Regiment, Ft. Lewis, WA.

1989 - B Company, 3rd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, APO SF.

1990 - 8th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Operation DESERT STORM, APO NY; 8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Operation DESERT STORM, APO NY.

1991 - 8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Ft. Campbell, KY, & CT AVCRAD, Groton, CT.

1992 - D Troop, 2nd

Squadron (Recon) 9th Cavalry, Ft. Ord, CA.

1993 - E Company, 228th Aviation Regiment (AVIM), Albrook Air Force Station, Panama, APO AA.

1994 - 9-227th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division Support Command, Hanau, Germany.

1995 - 7-159th Aviation Regiment, Illesheim (Stork Barracks), Germany.

1996 - 127th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division, USAREUR & 7th USA, APO AE.

1997 - Aviation Company, 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion, APO AE.

1998 - 7th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, APO AE.

1999 - 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, KY.

2000 - 601st Division Aviation Support Battalion, APO AE.

2001 - 8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2002 - Delta Company, 3-101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY.

2003 - 8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (AVIM), 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, KY.

2004 - D Company, 1-227th Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, APO AE.

2005 - 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA.

2006 - 96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Soldier of the Year Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by the AAAA, this National Award is presented "to the Army Unmanned Aircraft Systems soldier who has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems over and above the normal missions assigned during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30."

2006 - CPL James Dreiling, 1st Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon, Company C, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit of the Year Award

BACKGROUND - Sponsored by AAI Corporation, this National

Award is presented "to the Army Unmanned Aircraft Systems unit that has made an outstanding contribution to or innovation in the employment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems over and above the normal missions assigned during the awards period encompassing July 1 through June 30."

2006 - Company A (Forward), 634th Military Intelligence Battalion, 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard, Rosemont, MN.

Materiel Readiness Contributions by an Industry Team, Group or Special Unit

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's "Army Aviation Materiel Readiness Award for Contributions by an Industry Team, Group, or Special Unit" is sponsored by the AAAA Tennessee Valley Chapter, & is presented annually to "the Industry team, group, or special unit that has made an outstanding contribution to the Materiel Readiness (Logistic Support) of Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year."

1983 - Boeing Vertol Tech. Publications Group

1984 - Bell Helicopter Textron, Customer Support Services Division

1985 - Sikorsky Support Services

1986 - Dynalectron
 1987 - DYNCORP
 1988 - Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.
 1989 - Lockheed Support Sys., Inc.
 1990 - GE Aircraft Engines,
 T700 Customer Support Operations
 1991 - Lockheed Support Sys., Inc.
 1992 - Lockheed Support Sys., Inc.
 1993 - DynCorp. Contract Field
 Team 10 2S
 1994 - DynCorp. Contract Field
 Teams, Germany
 1995 - UNC Lear Siegler, Inc.
 1996 - Advanced Engineering
 and Planning Corp. (AEPCO) and
 Logistics Management Engineer-
 ing, Inc., (LME)
 1997 - Lear Siegler Services,
 Inc., OLR Team
 1998 - DynCorp, Fort Hood
 Support Division
 1999 – DynCorp Contract Field
 Team 10-38
 2000 – DynCorp, Fort Hood
 Support Division
 2001 – DynCorp Contract Field
 Team 10-2S/23
 2002 – DynCorp Maintenance
 Contract Field Team, K-16 Korea
 2003 – 1-52 Aviation Regiment
 DynCorp Team
 2004 – 1-52 Aviation Regiment
 DynCorp Team
 2005 – Advanced Engineering
 & Planning Corporation (AEPCO)
 and Millennium System Service
 Incorporation (MSSI)
 2006 – Mr. Leon Hite and Mr.

Joseph Stevens, Dynamics Re-
 search Corp. (DRC)

Materiel Readiness Contributions by a Small Business Organization

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's
 "Army Aviation Materiel Readiness
 Award for Contributions by a
 Small Business Organization" is
 sponsored by the AAAA Ten-
 nessee Valley Chapter, & is pre-
 sented annually to "the small
 business organization that has
 made an outstanding contribu-
 tion to the Materiel Readiness
 (Logistic Support) of Army Avia-
 tion during the awards period en-
 compassing the previous
 calendar year."

1983 - COBRO Company
 1984 - General Mechatronics
 1985 - COBRO Company
 1986 - AviBank Manufacturing
 1987 - Aerodyne Investment
 Casting, Inc.
 1988 - (co winners) Kent Asso-
 ciates & The Stalker Corporation
 1989 - Schweizer Aircraft Company
 1990 - Associated Company,
 Inc. & Clamshell Buildings, Inc.
 1991 - Southern Aero Corp.
 1992 - Realtime Digital Inc.
 1993 - Sabreliner Corp.
 1994 - ERA Aviation Services
 1995 - COBRO Corporation
 1996 - Westar Corp./Avion, Inc.
 1997 - Advanced Engineering

and Planning Corporation, Inc.
 (AEPCO)

1998 - US Helicopter, Inc.
 1999 – Westar Corporation
 2000 – The Purdy
 Corporation
 2001 – AEPCO, Inc.
 2002 – CAS, Incorporated
 2003 – Westar Corporation, Aero-
 space Filtration Systems Division
 2004 – Robertson Aviation, LLC
 2005 – Joint Venture, Yulista
 and Science and Engineering
 Services (JVYS)
 2006 – The Ontario Knife Comp.

Materiel Readiness Contributions by a Major Contractor

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's
 "Army Aviation Materiel Readiness
 Award for Contributions by a
 Major Contractor" is sponsored
 by the AAAA Tennessee Valley
 Chapter, & is presented annually
 to the "major defense contractor
 that has made an outstanding
 contribution to the Materiel
 Readiness (Logistic Support) of
 Army Aviation during the awards
 period encompassing the previ-
 ous calendar year."

1983 - GET 700 Product
 Support Operations
 1984 - No Award Given
 1985 - Grumman Aerospace
 1986 - Bell Helicopter Textron
 1987 - COBRO Corporation

1988 - Beech Aerospace Services, Inc.
 1989 - DYNCORP
 1990 - Lockheed Support Systems, Inc.
 1991 - DYNCORP
 1992 - Lockheed Support Systems, Inc.
 1993 - Sikorsky Aircraft Div., UTC
 1994 - Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.
 1995 - Parker Hannifin Corporation
 1996 - DynCorp, Fort Rucker Div.
 1997 - Raytheon Aerospace Contract Field Teams
 1998 - Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation
 1999 - DynCorp, Fort Rucker Div.
 2000 - Motorola, Inc., Integrated Information Sys. Group
 2001 - Raytheon Aerospace Contract Field Teams
 2002 - Raytheon Aerospace LLC, Contract Field Team Operations
 2003 - GE Aircraft Engines Comp.
 2004 - L-3 Communications, Vertex Aerospace LLC, Contract Field Teams
 2005 - Sikorsky Aircraft Corp.
 2006 - Parker Aerospace, Parker Hannifin Corp.

Matériel Readiness Contributions by an Individual Member of Industry

BACKGROUND - The AAAA's

“Army Aviation Materiel Readiness Award for Contribution by an Individual Member of Industry” is sponsored by the AAAA Tennessee Valley Chapter, & is presented annually to “the individual member of industry that has made an outstanding contribution to the Materiel Readiness (Logistic Support) of Army Aviation during the awards period encompassing the previous calendar year.”

1984 - John R. Myers, VP & General Manager, Avco Lycoming Division.

1985 - Bill Lauth, President, Bordine Tool & Machine Co.

1986 - Dick Deichman, Structures Eng., Sikorsky.

1987 - Victor Conner, Senior Apache Fielding Rep., Ft. Hood, McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company, & David M. Carpenter, Senior Logistics Administrator, General Electric Co.

1988 - Donald P. Manahan, Chairman of the Board, COBRO Corporation.

1989 - Richard D. Walter, President, Beech Aerospace Services, Inc.

1990 - Mr. Cebie Strickland, Director, Operations, DYNCORP, Ft. Rucker Division.

1991 - Mr. Harry Frazier, Saudi Arabia Site Supervisor/Director of Operations, DYNCORP.

1992 - Mr. Earl West, Chief, Ad-

vanced Helicopter Avionics Systems, DynCorp, Ft. Rucker Division.

1993 - Mr. Dennis R. Weaver, Field Service Rep., Martin Marietta Corporation, Illesheim, Germany.

1994 - Mr. Perry M. Smith, CAS, Incorporated, Huntsville, AL.

1995 - Mr. Frank Gordon, COBRO Corporation, Earth City, MO.

1996 - Ms. Christine L. Henderson, COBRO Corporation, Earth City, MO.

1997 - MG Richard D. Kenyon, Ret., DynCorp, Fort Rucker Division, Fort Rucker, AL.

1998 - Mr. William J. Barron, Jr., AEPCO, Inc., Madison, AL.

1999 - Mr. William G. Tripp, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Huntsville, AL.

2000 - Mr. Robert A. Eckel, Jr., Raytheon Systems Company.

2001 - Mr. Larry DeMott, Rolls Royce Allison, Indianapolis, IN.

2002 - Mr. Tommy Eric Pevey, The Boeing Company, Mesa, AZ.

2003 - Mr. Roger L. Brown, 3-6 Cavalry Squadron, APO AP.

2004 - Dr. George C. Prueitt, PhD, CAS, Inc., Huntsville, AL.

2005 - Mr. Patrick J. Sheahan, WESTAR Aerospace and Defense Group, Incorporated, Athens, AL.

2006 - Mr. Ronald Cannon, WESTAR Aerospace and Defense Group, Inc., Huntsville, AL.



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By-Laws

The Army Aviation Association of America, Inc.

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

Section 1 - Title

The title of this Association is "The Army Aviation Association of America, Inc."

Section 2 - Purposes

- a) To preserve and foster the spirit of good fellowship among former and present personnel of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve establishments who were or currently are professionally affiliated with the field of U.S. Army aviation or its allied pursuits.
- b) To advance those policies, programs, and concepts that will be of mutual benefit to the Membership of the Association.
- c) To advance the status, overall esprit, and the general knowledge and efficiency of those persons who are professionally engaged in the field of U.S. Army aviation in the active Army forces and in the Civilian Component establishments.

Section 3 - Powers

- a) The Association, through its Executive Boards, officers, committees, and other duly authorized representatives, shall have the power to carry out the above stated purposes and to take necessary and appropriate action in connection therewith, in accordance with the laws under which the Association is organized.
- b) The Association shall have the power to purchase, lease, rent, or otherwise acquire real or other property to carry out the objectives of the Association, and may dispose of said property.
- c) The Association shall have the power to make loans to active members in the amounts and under the conditions determined by the Executive Board of the Association, all such loans to be considered emergency loans.
- d) The Association shall have the power, through its Executive Board, to accept contributions or loans for any purposes, such contributions to be properly receipted and accounted for and such loans to be accomplished at the prevailing interest rates.
- e) The Association shall have the power to hire and employ persons so as to accomplish the affairs of the Association, such persons to be paid the prevailing sums in return for services rendered.

Section 4 - Government

The Association shall be governed by its By-Laws and Rules.

Section 5 - Organization

The Association is organized as a non-profit corporation without capital stock under the laws of the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Classes of Membership

- a) Members: Those persons who were or currently are professionally engaged in the field of U.S. Army aviation in the active Army establishment or in one of the U.S. Army Civilian Component establishments.
- b) Student Members: Those persons who at the time they apply for membership are enrolled at a recognized U.S. Army Primary Flight Training facility or a U.S. Army Basic Aviation Maintenance Instruction facility.
- c) Honorary Members: Those persons who, through their past or current professional military affiliation with U.S. Army aviation, whose work towards the advancement of the aims and purposes of the Association, shall, in the opinion of the Executive Board of the Association, have constituted an outstanding achievement. The granting of Honorary Memberships shall be in perpetuity and shall be limited in number to nine (9) per year.
- d) Associate Members: Those persons, though not necessarily having a past or current professional military affiliation with U.S. Army aviation, who desire to advance the aims and purposes of the Association.

Section 2 - Application for Membership

a) How obtained

- 1) Upon application, temporary membership shall be granted to any individual

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of acceptable moral character who displays an active and constructive interest in the aims and purposes of the Association, such membership to become permanent following the Association Review hereinafter described.

- 2) Honorary Members shall be elected by a majority of the Executive Board of the Association at its Annual Meeting, such membership to become effective upon receipt of the written acceptance of the nominee at the National Headquarters of the Association.
- b) Investigation
- 1) The Membership Committee of each activity shall consist of four (4) members as hereinafter provided.
 - 2) Investigation shall be made by the Membership Committee as to the integrity and qualifications of each applicant for admission to membership; whether his admission to membership will further the aims and purposes of the Association; and which class of membership he should occupy. The Membership Committee of each activity will employ forms prescribed by the Association, such forms to be submitted by the applicant to facilitate this investigation.
- c) Association Review
- 1) Filing of each application for membership shall be made in the authorized organ of the Association immediately upon receipt of such application.
 - 2) If, following this publication, ten (10) or more members file objections with the Executive Board of the Association within sixty (60) days of the publication date, such objections to concern themselves with the qualifications of the applicant, permanent membership will be tabled until such time as the applicant has had an opportunity to be heard. Such communications will be considered confidential.
- d) Reclassification of Members
- The Membership Committee of the Association, at periodic times set by the Executive Board, shall make such changes in membership classification as may be warranted. This periodic review will be limited to the following:
- 1) Reclassification of a Student Member to a Member status.
 - 2) Reclassification of an Associate Member to a Member status.
- e) Termination of Membership
- 1) All classes of members may resign from the Association by sending written notice of such resignation to the Executive Secretary of the Association.
 - 2) All classes of members may be dismissed from the Association by the Executive Board of the Association for cause, such dismissal to require a three-fourths vote of the full Executive Board.
 - 3) All classes of members may be dismissed from the Association by the Executive Board of the Association for non-payment of dues, such dismissal to be effected as hereinafter provided.
- f) Re-Application Procedure
- 1) Members dismissed from the Association for cause shall not be eligible for re-application to membership.
 - 2) Members dismissed from the Association for non-payment of dues, or who resign from the Association, shall be reinstated to membership upon payment of the Annual Dues for the year in which they failed to pay, plus the payment of Annual Dues for the year in which they re-apply for membership.
- g) Good Standing
- 1) A member shall be considered to be in good standing if his Annual Dues are paid.
 - 2) A member shall cease to be in good standing if he fails to pay his Annual Dues by May 15th of any Membership Year, unless in the judgment of the Executive Board of the Association following the opportunity of the member to be heard, it is determined that the member was prevented from paying such Annual Dues.
 - 3) A second notice shall be sent to all members in arrears as of May 15th, and if the member fails to pay his Annual Dues by July 1st of any Membership Year, the Executive Board of the Association, without further notice to the member, shall dismiss him from the Association.

Section 3 - Privileges

- a) All classes of members may attend any meeting of the Association, except that a majority of the Executive Board of any activity may vote a closed session for specific Executive Board meetings.
- b) All classes of members shall receive all of the authorized publications of the Association.
- c) All members, except Honorary Members, Student Members, and Associate Members, are eligible to hold offices or appointments at any activity level.

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- d) All members, except Honorary Members, Student Members, and Associate Members are eligible to vote in the affairs of the Association.
- e) All members, except Honorary Members and Associate Members, who are unqualified to meet the requisites of the separate undertakings, are eligible to secure the benefits of any and all Association undertakings of a commercial nature, such as group purchasing, group insurance, etc.
- f) All members, except Honorary Members and Associate Members, are eligible to receive emergency loans of a temporary nature, such loans to be discharged at no interest rate to the Member and subject only to the telegraphic or postal charges involved in fulfilling the request for such an emergency loan.
- g) All members are entitled to receive all other privileges as set forth in the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT

Section 1 - The Executive Board of the Association

- a) Structure: The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of the following:

- 1) The President
- 2) The Executive Vice President
- 3) The Vice President for Army Affairs
- 4) The Vice President for National Guard Affairs
- 5) The Vice President for Reserve Affairs
- 6) The Vice President for Industrial Affairs
- 7) The Vice Presidents for Public Affairs
- 8) The Treasurer
- 9) The Secretary
- 10) The Executive Secretary
- 11) The Presidents of the chartered Regional Activities

The Executive Board of the Association shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization.

- b) Composition of the Executive Board of the Association

- 1) The Executive Board of the Association shall be composed of members of the active Army, National Guard, and USAR establishments.
- 2) Nominations to elective office on the Executive Boards of all activities shall be so governed as to provide representation by members of each of the establishments named above.
- 3) Nominations to elective office on the Executive Board of the Association shall be so governed as to prevent any one establishment named above from obtaining a majority of the elective offices of such Board.

- c) Duties of the Executive Board of the Association

- 1) Enforce the By-Laws and Rules of the Association.
- 2) Implement the desires of the membership as expressed by a legal vote.
- 3) Create such Committees as are necessary to administer the affairs of the Association.
- 4) Pass on the activities of the Committees as recommended by the Chairman.
- 5) Establish and maintain desirable relations with other organizations, associations, societies, etc., such participation in the name of the Association being subject to approval as hereinafter provided.
- 6) Adhere to the wishes of the membership by investigating those areas peculiar to a lower activity level that may best be served by the Association acting as a body.
- 7) Publicize and promote those activities, program, and policies of other organizations and societies that are of mutual benefit to the membership.
- 8) Perform such other acts as are necessary to administer the affairs of the Association in the best interests of the membership.

Section 2 - Regional and Chapter Executive Boards

- a) Structure: The Regional and Chapter Executive Boards shall consist of the same officers as outlined in Article III, Section 1 (a), above, except that:

- 1) Regional and Chapter activities located outside of the continental U.S. shall not have the offices enumerated in Article III, Section 1 (a) (4), 1 (a) (5), and 1 (a) (10).
- 2) Regional and Chapter activities shall not have the dual officers enumerated in Article III, Section 1 (a) (7), but shall have one such Vice President to represent this office at Chapter and Regional levels.

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- 3) The Chapter Executive Boards shall consist of those offices enumerated in Article III, Section 1(a)(1) through 1(a)(9).
- b) Composition of the Regional and Chapter Executive Boards
The composition of the Regional and Chapter Executive Boards shall be governed by Article III, Section 1(b)(2).
- c) Duties of the Regional and Chapter Executive Boards
In administering the affairs of the Association within the geographic jurisdiction of their activity, the Regional and Chapter Executive Boards shall have the same duties as are enumerated in Article III, Section 1(c).

Section 3 - Activities

a) Classes of Membership Activities

- 1) National activity: That activity governed by the Executive Board of the Association and representative of the entire membership of the Association.
- 2) Regional activity: That activity governed by a distinct Executive Board and representative of two or more Chapter activities having a combined membership of two hundred and fifty (250) or more members.
- 3) Chapter activity: That activity governed by a distinct Executive Board and representative of thirty-six (36) or more members domiciled in a particular geographic area or locality.

b) Geographic Structure

For purposes of establishing broad geographic areas so as to insure a representative composition of the Association, the following areas shall be defined as potential Regional activities, subject to the membership requirement stated in Article III, Section 3(a)(2) above.

- 1) Northeast Region - Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Maine, and New Hampshire.
- 2) Eastern Region - New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.
- 3) Washington Region - The District of Columbia, Maryland, and those parts of Virginia that are within sixty (60) miles of the District of Columbia.
- 4) Mid-Eastern Region - West Virginia, Delaware, and those parts of Virginia that are not within sixty (60) miles of the District of Columbia.
- 5) Southeastern Region - Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida.
- 6) Southern Region - Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.
- 7) Central Region - Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin.
- 8) Alabama Region - Alabama
- 9) Texas Region - Texas
- 10) Midwestern Region - Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- 11) Northwest Region - Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Wyoming.
- 12) West Central Region - Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico.
- 13) California Region - California.
- 14) OSAREUR Region - Europe, Africa, The Middle East.
- 15) OSAPPE Region - Far East, Territory of Hawaii.
- 16) OSARDARE Region - The Caribbean, The Antilles, Central America, South America.
- 17) USARAL Region - Alaska.
- 18) Canadian Region - Canada.

c) Reclassification of Membership Activities

- 1) Regional and Chapter activities may be divided or combined as recommended by the Presidents of the activities concerned and as approved by the Executive Board of the Association.
- 2) Chapter activities organized in the broad general Regional areas outlined in Article III, Section 3(b) above and having in excess of two hundred and fifty (250) members domiciled within the broad general Regional areas enumerated shall create a Regional activity and shall elect Regional officers as hereinafter provided.
- 3) The sub-division of a Chapter activity shall not be approved by the Executive Board of the Association unless the residue membership resulting from such a sub-division is sufficient to create two distinct Chapter activities as required by Article III, Section 3(a)(3).
- 4) Upon the authorization of a sub-division of a Chapter activity by the Executive Board of the Association, the distinct Chapter activities resulting from such a sub-division shall, by local ballot, elect distinct Executive Boards as their governing bodies, such Boards to include the incumbents of the original Executive Board.
- 5) The Executive Board of the Association, in the absence of a recommendation

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for reclassification, shall take periodic cognizance of the activity structure of the Association and shall sub-divide any Regional activity having in excess of five hundred (500) members so as to create two distinct Regional activities and shall sub-divide any Chapter activity having in excess of one hundred (100) or more members so as to create two distinct Chapter activities.

d) Functions of the Regional and Chapter Activities

- 1) To hold formal meetings to conduct the affairs of the Association.
- 2) To hold in the name of the Association informal get-togethers, discussions, lectures, or demonstrations so as to advance the aims and purposes of the Association.
- 3) To build and maintain the interest of the membership in the Association and in the Regional and Chapter activities of the Association.
- 4) To conduct formal joint meetings or informal get-togethers in the name of the Association with other Regional and/or Chapter activities of the Association.
- 5) To hold meetings or attend meetings with other organizations, associations, societies, etc., such participation as is made in the name of the Association being subject to approval as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE IV - THE OFFICERS

Section 1 - General

a) Requirements for Election to Office

- 1) The President; the Executive Vice President; the Vice Presidents for Army, National Guard, and Reserve Affairs; the Treasurer; the Secretary (of all activities) and the Executive Secretary of the Association shall be a citizen of the United States and shall be or shall have been a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and/or its Civilian Component establishments and shall possess suitable experience in Army aviation matters.
- 2) The Vice President for Industrial Affairs and the Vice President for Public Affairs of all activities shall be citizens of the United States and shall possess suitable experience in Army aviation matters.
- 3) In addition to the requirements stated in Section 1(a) above, the Vice Presidents for Army, National Guard, and Reserve Affairs of all activities shall comply with the following:
 - (a) The Vice President for Army Affairs shall be a member of the active U.S. Army establishment and shall hold or have held an Army aviation assignment in the active U.S. Army establishment.
 - (b) The Vice President for National Guard Affairs shall be a member of the active U.S. Army National Guard Civilian Component and shall hold or have held an Army aviation assignment in the active U.S. Army National Guard Civilian Component.
 - (c) The Vice President for Reserve Affairs shall be a member of the active U.S. Army Reserve Civilian Component and shall hold or have held an Army aviation assignment in the active U.S. Army Reserve Civilian Component.
- 4) A member shall not be qualified to hold office on the Executive Board of the Association until he has served on a Regional Executive Board for a period of one year.
- 5) A member shall not be qualified to hold office on the Executive Board of a Regional activity until he has served on a Chapter Executive Board for a period of one year.
- 6) To permit the free and unhampered growth of the Association during its initial organizational phase, the requirements enumerated in Article IV, Sections (4) and (5) above shall be waived until March 31st, 1959.

b) Election Procedure Required

- 1) The President; the Executive Vice President; the Vice Presidents; the Treasurer; and the Secretary of all activities shall be elected to membership as hereinafter provided.
- 2) The Executive Secretary of the Association shall be appointed as hereinafter provided.

c) Terms of Office

- 1) The terms of all elected officers of each activity shall be for one year and shall begin with the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall continue until their successors have taken office.

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- 2) All elected officers, of each activity, except the President of each activity, may be elected to the same office for a second successive term or may be elected to the same office in odd years, but they shall not hold the same elective office in an activity for more than a total of two one-year terms.
- 3) The office of President of each activity shall be rotated on a triennial basis so as to insure the equal leadership of each activity by members of the active Army, National Guard, and USAR establishments, such requirement to be waived for all Regional and Chapter activities located outside of the Continental United States.
- 4) To provide continuity to the affairs of the Association and to assure the perpetuity of the programs, policies, and concepts of the Association through changing administrations, the Executive Secretary of the Association shall be appointed on a quinquennial basis, the initial five-year term appointment and all subsequent appointments to be approved by a majority of the full Executive Board of the Association. There shall be no limitation on the number of successive appointments the Executive Secretary may hold, each term being subject to approval as stated above. Termination of an appointment at any time prior to its expiration shall require a three-fourths vote of the full Executive Board of the Association.
- 5) For the purpose of computing tenure of office, any officer filling the unexpired portion of a term created by a vacancy shall not be considered as having accrued any tenure of office for this period.

Section 2 - The President

a) Duties of the President

- 1) Serves as Chairman of the Executive Board of his activity.
- 2) Implements the desires of the membership of his activity as expressed by a legal vote.
- 3) Appoints the Chairman of each Committee of his activity.
- 4) Implements the policies of the Association as promulgated by the Policy Committee of the Executive Board of his activity.
- 5) Presides at formal meetings of the membership of his activity.
- 6) Establishes and maintains desirable relationships with other organizations, associations, societies, etc. whose activities and policies are of mutual benefit to the membership of the Association.
- 7) Adheres to the wishes of the membership by investigating those problem areas peculiar to a lower activity level that may best be served by the Association acting as a body.
- 8) Makes an Annual Report to the membership at the time of the Annual Meeting of his activity covering the significant events and programs of his activity during his tenure of office.
- 9) Informs either personally or by correspondence, those persons who have been elected or appointed to office in his activity of their election or appointment.
- 10) Performs such other duties as are normally attached to the office.

b) Succession

- 1) In the event the office of the President of an activity shall become vacant before a successor shall have been elected by the membership in the Annual Election, the Executive Board of the activity of which he was a member shall designate one of their number to complete the unexpired portion of the term.
- 2) The Executive Vice President shall call for and preside at a meeting of the Executive Board convening for the purposes enumerated in Article IV, Section 2(b)(1) above.

Section 3 - The Executive Vice President

a) Duties of the Executive Vice President

- 1) Assumes the duties of the President and represents the Association and/or the activity in the temporary absence of the President.
- 2) Serves as Chairman of the Policy Committee of the activity, recommending to the Executive Board of the activity those policies which the activity as a body shall pursue, such policies to be in consonance with the By-Laws of the Association and to be consistent with those pursued by the immediate superior activity level.
- 3) Implements the policies of the Association within the geographic jurisdiction of his activity.
- 4) Serves as President pro tem at meetings of the Executive Board called for

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- the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of President in the activity.
- 5) Serves as Chairman of the Membership Committee of his activity, encouraging and promoting membership in the Association throughout his activity.
 - 6) Makes an Annual Report to the membership at the time of the Annual Meeting of his activity covering the activities and programs of the Membership Committee of his activity during his tenure of office, making such recommendations for future planning as he may feel are warranted.

b) Succession

In the event the office of the Executive Vice President shall become vacant before a successor shall have been elected by the membership in the Annual Election, the Executive Board of which he was a member shall designate either the Vice President for Army Affairs, Vice President for National Guard Affairs, or the Vice President for Reserve Affairs of the activity to complete the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4 - The Vice Presidents

a) Duties of the Vice Presidents

- 1) The Vice Presidents For Army Affairs, National Guard Affairs, and Reserve Affairs shall be responsible within the jurisdiction of their activity for the following duties:

- a) Maintain an interest in all matters pertaining to their respective establishments that are brought to their attention by the membership.
- b) Augment and implement all measures taken to encourage and promote the technical proficiency and general welfare of the Army aviation personnel within their respective establishments.
- c) Encourage and actively promote Association membership within their respective Army, National Guard, and Reserve establishments.
- d) Serve as members of the Membership Committee in promoting Association membership within their respective establishments.
- e) Coordinate with their counterparts on all activity levels in membership matters and those matters that concern their respective establishments.
- f) Encourage and promote individual get-togethers between members of their respective establishments.

- 2) Vice President for Industrial Affairs

Supervises all activities, programs, and policies of the Association and/or the activity that have a bearing on or are pertinent to the aviation industry or any industry allied to Army aviation, coordinating and implementing these Association programs, activities, and policies so as to insure harmonious relationships between industry and the Association.

- 3) Vice Presidents for Public Affairs

- a) The Vice Presidents For Public Affairs of the national activity shall supervise all Association activities, programs, and policies that have a bearing on or are pertinent to the public interest and those Association activities, programs, and policies that are pertinent to the relationship of U.S. Army aviation to the U.S. Army establishment,
 - (1) one of the two such officers to additionally be concerned with the particular relationship of the active Army aviation personnel to the U.S. Army establishment, and
 - (2) the other of the two officers to additionally be concerned with the particular relationship of the Civilian Component aviation personnel to the U.S. Army establishment and to those Association activities, programs, and policies that pertain to legislative affairs.
- b) The Vice President for Public Affairs of the Chapter and Regional activities shall perform the duties enumerated in Section 4 (a)(3)(a) above.
- c) The Vice Presidents for Public Affairs of all activity levels shall coordinate with their counterparts in other activities so as to insure the pursuit of a correlated program.

b) Succession

- 1) In the event the office of any Vice President shall become vacant before a successor shall have been elected by the membership in the Annual Election, the Executive Board of which he was a member shall designate one of their number to complete the unexpired portion of the term, provided that the person so designated meets the qualifications of that office and is willing to accept that office.

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- 2) In the event a member of the Executive Board is not qualified to fill the vacancy, or if it is determined that the acceptance of this second office by a member of the Executive Board will prevent him from performing his primary duties in an adequate fashion, the Executive Board in which the Vice President vacancy exists shall designate a Vice President of a subordinate activity level who holds the equivalent office to complete the unexpired portion of the term, such office being considered as filled upon receipt of the written acceptance of the office by the person so designated at the National Headquarters.

Section 5 - The Treasurer

a) Duties of the Treasurer of Regional and Chapter Activities

- 1) Receives, deposits, disburses, and is accountable for all locally-acquired funds as may be locally raised by the Regional and/or Chapter activities to further the aims and purposes of the Association.
- 2) Prepares and maintains all records attending to the receipt, deposit, and disbursement of funds provided to the Regional and/or Chapter activity by the Association.
- 3) Draws checks in the name of the Regional and/or Chapter activity and on accrued Regional and/or Chapter funds that may be locally-acquired or provided by the Association so as to meet the locally-incurred financial obligations of the Regional and/or Chapter activity.
- 4) Makes all fiscal records available for examination by any member of his Regional or Chapter activity, following the member's written request to the President of the particular activity.
- 5) Prepares a budget based upon locally-acquired funds and those funds provided by the Association covering the planned fiscal operations of the Regional or Chapter activity for the subsequent year.
- 6) Makes an Annual Report to the membership at the time of the Annual Meeting of his activity, covering the financial status of the activity and outlining a fiscal program for the subsequent year.

b) Duties of the Treasurer of the Association

- 1) Reviews the financial records of the Association and in coordination with the Executive Secretary submits such financial reports as may be requested by the Executive Board of the Association.
- 2) Prepares a budget covering the planned operations of the Association for the subsequent year, coordinating with the Executive Secretary in the performance of this duty.
- 3) Makes an Annual Report to the membership at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Association covering the financial status of the Association and outlining a fiscal program for the subsequent year.

c) Succession

- 1) In the event the office of Treasurer shall become vacant before a successor shall have been elected by the membership in the Annual Election, the Executive Board in which the vacancy exists shall designate one of their number to complete the unexpired portion of the term, or
- 2) In the event a member of the Executive Board is not qualified to fill the vacancy, or if it is determined that the acceptance of this second office by a member of the Executive Board will prevent him from performing his primary duties in an adequate fashion, the Executive Board in which the vacancy exists may designate a Treasurer of a subordinate activity to complete the unexpired portion of the term, such office being considered as filled upon receipt of the written acceptance of the office by the person so designated at the National Headquarters of the Association, or
- 3) In the event that it is not feasible to take the step outlined in Section 5 (c)(2) above, the Executive Board of the activity in which the vacancy exists is empowered to elect any non-office-holding member of the activity to complete the unexpired portion of the term, such office being considered as filled upon the receipt of the written acceptance of the office by the person so elected at the National Headquarters of the Association.

Section 6 - The Secretary

a) Duties of the Secretary

- 1) Administers the affairs of the activity as authorized by the By-Laws of the Association.
- 2) Prepares and maintains the minutes of all formal meetings of the activity and forwards a duplicate copy of said minutes to the Association Headquarters with a two-week period following a formal meeting.

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- 3) Attends all special meetings of his activity called for the purpose of transacting a specific order of business, assures that the special meeting is limited to a pursuit of this specific order of business, prepares the minutes of the special meeting, and forwards a duplicate copy of such minutes to the National Headquarters of the Association within a two-week period following the special meeting.
 - 4) Serves as an ex-officio member of all Committees of his activity.
 - 5) Secures the written acceptance of office of all persons elected or appointed to office in his activity, forwarding the written acceptance to the National Headquarters of the Association upon receipt of the acceptance.
 - 6) Secures the written acceptance of office of all persons designated by the Executive Board of his activity to complete unexpired portions of terms following vacancies in office.
 - 7) Coordinates with the Nominating Committee of his activity, where authorized, placing the names of all nominees on a record and forwarding a duplicate copy of such record to the National Headquarters of the Association upon receipt of the names of the nominees and the completion of the record.
 - 8) Facilitates the administration of his activity by being responsible for the receipt, custody, and disbursement of all stationery, envelopes, and promotional material forwarded to him by the Association.
- b) Succession
- 1) In the event the office of Secretary of any activity shall become vacant before a successor shall have been elected by the membership in the Annual Election, the Executive Board in which the vacancy exists shall designate a Secretary of a subordinate activity to complete the unexpired portion of the term, such office to be considered as filled upon the written acceptance of the person so designated at the National Headquarters of the Association, or
 - 2) In the event that a Secretary from a subordinate activity cannot be designated to complete the unexpired portion of the term, the Executive Board in which the vacancy exists is empowered to elect any non-office-holding member of the activity to complete the unexpired portion of the term, such office to be considered as filled upon receipt of the written acceptance of the person so elected at the National Headquarters of the Association.

Section 7 - The Executive Secretary of the Association

- a) Duties of the Executive Secretary
- 1) Receives, deposits, disburses, and is accountable for all funds raised by the National activity.
 - 2) Prepares and maintains fiscal records attesting to the receipt, custody, and disbursement of all funds raised by the National activity.
 - 3) Draws checks in the name of the Association upon funds that are available to the Association so as to meet the financial obligations of the Association.
 - 4) Disburses that portion of the Annual Dues that accrue to the Regional and/or Chapter activities maintaining a record of such disbursements.
 - 5) Procures such stationery, envelopes, and promotional material as may be needed by the Association and/or the Regional and Chapter activities and forwards such items to the appropriate officers in the National, Regional, and Chapter activities.
 - 6) Assists the Treasurer of the Association in furnishing such fiscal data as may be required for periodic reports, and acts in the absence of the Treasurer in this capacity.
 - 7) Maintains all records and archives of the Association and provides such personnel data as may be requested by the membership of the Association.
 - 8) Supervises the special fund of the Association set aside for emergency loan purposes, disbursing such loans as may be authorized, and collects the loans to individual members in accordance with the conditions set by Executive Board of the Association.
 - 9) Exercises supervision over the publications of the Association and so as to prevent editorial policies favorable to one particular establishment or part thereof, is solely responsible for determining the editorial policies pursued in the publications of the Association.
 - 10) Exercises supervision over all Association undertakings of a commercial nature and of those commercial undertakings that are of mutual benefit to the membership as a whole.
 - 11) Is empowered to hire, employ, discharge, and determine the working periods of such clerical and administrative help necessary to administer the affairs of the Association, reimbursing such help the prevailing wages for

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- services rendered.
- 12) Supervises the public relations program of the Association and maintains effective liaison with members of the press.
 - 13) At such times as the President and the Executive Vice President of the Association may direct and for such specified periods as they may direct, the Executive Secretary shall fill the office of Deputy President, such office to be titular and temporary in nature and to be employed only in those instances wherein representation of the Association at any meeting of another organization cannot be accomplished by either the President or the Executive Vice President of the Association.
 - 14) Insures his person with Association funds, any and all such policies purchased and paid for by Association funds to stipulate expressly that the Association as a body shall be the sole beneficiary and the entire proceeds from such life insurance, in the event of death, to be employed by the Association to aid in securing a replacement.
- b) Succession
The succession of the Executive Secretary shall be as enumerated in Article IV, Section 1 (c) (4).
- c) Salary
The Executive Secretary shall be paid a salary commensurate with the duties performed, such salary to be fixed by the President of the Association and/or approved by a majority of the Executive Board of the Association.

ARTICLE V - FINANCE

Section 1 - Annual Dues

- a) Amount of Annual Dues
- 1) Members, Student Members and Associate Members shall pay annual dues in the amount of six dollars (\$6.00) to the Association.
 - 2) Honorary Members shall not be required to pay Annual Dues.
- b) When Due
- 1) Upon application for membership, annual dues shall be payable and shall accompany the application form.
 - 2) Upon the termination of each membership year, annual dues shall be payable and shall accompany the membership renewal form.
 - 3) For purposes of defining the operating fiscal year of the Association, the membership year shall commence at 12:01 A.M., April 1st, and shall terminate at 12:00 P.M., March 31st of the subsequent year.
- c) Refund of Dues
- 1) A sum equal to fifty cents (\$.50) shall be refunded to the Chapter Treasurer for each active Association member enrolled in that Chapter activity, such funds to be used at the discretion of the Chapter activity to further the aims and purposes of the association, and to defray the costs of distinct Chapter stationery and envelopes as may be furnished by the Association.
 - 2) The residue existing in any Chapter treasury one month prior to the end of the membership year must be expended in a social activity embracing the Chapter membership prior to the end of the membership year.
 - 3) At such times as two or more Chapter activities meet the requirements for a Regional activity, a sum equal to fifty cents (\$.50) shall also be refunded to the Regional activity, such funds as accrue to be employed for the purposes enumerated in Section 1 (c) (1) above and to be disposed in the manner enumerated in Section 1 (c) (2) above in those instances wherein a residue exists in the Regional treasury one month prior to the end of the membership year.
- d) Pro-Rating of Annual Dues
- 1) Applications for membership shall be accepted throughout the membership year of the Association and shall be pro-rated as follows:
 - 2) Annual Dues for applications postmarked during the period April 1st through June 30th shall be six dollars (\$6.00).
 - 3) Annual Dues for applications postmarked during the period July 1st through September 30th shall be four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50).
 - 4) Annual Dues for applications postmarked during the period October 1st through December 31st shall be three dollars (\$3.00).
 - 5) Annual Dues for applications postmarked during the period January 1st thru

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March 31st shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

- 6) The pro-rating of Annual Dues only applies to those applications received from new members.
- d) Dues Not Returnable
- 1) All classes of members, except those certain Student Members described immediately below, shall not be entitled to any return of Annual Dues upon severance of their connection with the Association.
 - 2) Student members who fail to complete the primary training phase at either of the two types of training activities enumerated in Article II, Section (1) (b) may, upon written request to the National Headquarters of the Association, secure a pro-rated refund of the Annual Dues previously paid by them.

Section 2 - Other Revenues

- a) Nothing contained in the By-Laws of the Association shall be so construed as to prevent the National, Regional, or Chapter activities from augmenting their particular treasuries by obtaining working capital from sources other than the Annual Dues program.
- b) Through its Executive Board, the Association may pursue other fund-raising avenues when it is determined that the Annual Dues program is insufficient to adequately administer the affairs of the Association.
- c) Through its Executive Board, the Association may accept loans or contributions from any source, such contributions to be properly receipted and accounted for and such loans to be accomplished at prevailing interest rates.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Classes of Formal Meetings

- a) Annual Meeting of the Association
- b) Annual Meeting of the Regional and/or Chapter Activity
- c) Executive Board Meetings
- d) Special Meetings
- e) Joint Meetings

Section 2 - Frequency of Meetings

- a) An Annual Meeting of the Association convening as a body shall be held at least once each year during the April 15th-June 30th period and shall be at the call of the Executive Board of the Association.
- b) An Annual Meeting of the Regional and/or Chapter activities meeting as a body shall be held at least once each year during the September 1st-November 15th period and shall be at the call of the Executive Board of the activity or activities concerned.
- c) Executive Board meetings of all activities shall be held at least three times each year, one meeting of which must take place during the Annual Meeting of the activity, and shall be at the call of the President of the Executive Board of the activity.
- d) Special meetings of the National, Regional, or Chapter activity meeting as a body or of the Executive Board of any activity meeting as a body may be called by the President of the activity concerned following the written request for such a meeting by at least twenty-five (25%) of the membership of the activity, or of the Executive Board concerned.
- e) Joint meetings with the officers and/or membership of other activities of the Association shall be at the discretion of the Executive Boards of the activities concerned, the notice of such meeting to be the responsibility of the Presidents of the activities concerned and to be sent to the membership of the activities concerned at least four weeks prior to the joint meeting. The President of the host activity shall forward an information copy of this notice to the Association Headquarters at least three weeks prior to the date of the joint meeting.
- f) Joint meetings with the officers and/or membership of other organizations, associations, etc., wherein such participation will be taken in the name of the Association, may be called by the President of the activity or activities concerned, subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the Association. A notice stating the time, date, place, and the nature of the proposed participation in the name of the Association shall be forwarded by the President of the activity or activities concerned to Association Headquarters at least five weeks prior to the date of the joint meeting. Notice of such joint meeting, if approved, shall be sent to all members of the activity or activities

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concerned at least three weeks prior to the date of such joint meeting by the activity or activities concerned.

Section 3 - Place of Meeting

- a) The Annual Meeting of the Association convening as a Body shall be held at a site determined by the incoming Executive Board of the Association at their first regular meeting, such determination of a site to be accomplished by November 15th of each year.
- b) Annual Meetings of the Regional and/or Chapter activities convening as a body shall be held at a site determined by the incoming Executive Board at their first regular meeting, such determination of a site to be accomplished by July 1st of each year.
- c) Executive Board meetings of all activities shall be held at sites selected by the President of the Board and shall be rotated geographically so as to insure annual participation by all Board members.
- d) Special meetings shall be held at sites determined by the President of the activity or activities concerned.
- e) Joint meetings with other activities of the Association or with other organizations, associations, societies, etc. shall be held at sites selected by the President of the activity or activities concerned.

Section 4 - Special Meetings

- a) Special meetings shall be held upon receipt of a written request from at least twenty-five (25%) of the membership of a particular activity, the President of the activity to call a special meeting upon receiving such a request.
- b) The special meeting shall be held within a four week period following the receipt of the request by the President with a notice of the special meeting to be sent at least three weeks prior to the date of the special meeting to all members of the activity. The notice shall state the time, date, place, and the nature of specific business to be transacted at the special meeting.
- c) No other business shall be entertained or transacted at any such special meeting.
- d) The President of the activity concerned shall forward a duplicate copy of this notice to Association Headquarters at least two weeks prior to the date of the special meeting.
- e) The Secretary of the activity concerned shall keep the minutes of such special meeting, affixing or appending such proxies to the minutes, and forwarding a duplicate copy of the minutes of such meeting to Association Headquarters.

Section 5 - Quorum

One third of the membership of the Executive Board or one third of the membership of an activity either in person or by proxy in writing shall constitute a quorum for action.

Section 6 - Proxies

- a) Voting at any meeting may be accomplished by proxy, said member holding such proxy to furnish written proof of same to the Secretary of the activity concerned.
- b) A member shall not represent more than one proxy member at any meeting.
- c) Voting on matters at or between meetings may be done by mail or confirmed by telegram. Proxy votes are suggested at meetings in the absence of Executive Board members, but it may happen that a member of the Board may not know the wishes of a member for whom he holds a proxy and will desire his vote on the subject by telegram.
- d) Any member of an Executive Board of any activity who plans to be out of the country for a period in excess of ninety (90) days or during that time an Executive Board meeting is to be held may designate a proxy to vote in his stead, said proxies to be filed at Association Headquarters.

Section 7 - Tabulation and Recording of a Vote at a Meeting

To be accepted, a vote on any issue presented at any activity meeting, other than a vote on an amendment to the By-Laws, must be made in person or by written proxy as stipulated above. Those members physically present at a meeting may indicate their vote by a show of hands, or if approved at that meeting, by a written ballot. The Secretary of the activity concerned, with

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such assistance as he may request, will count the vote, indicate the "for" and "against" number on the issue in the minutes, including such proxy votes as may apply to the issue, and indicate the number of persons physically present who abstained from voting on that particular issue.

Section 8 - Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed at all formal meetings.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS

Section 1 - General

- a) A member shall only be eligible as a nominee for one elective office in any one election.
- b) The member, if nominated for different offices in different activities, for the same office in different activities, or for different offices in the same activity, shall inform the Secretary of his activity which nomination he desires to accept. Such notice shall be given to the Secretary within four days of the receipt of the second or subsequent nomination.
- c) The member assumes the responsibility of informing the Secretary of the appropriate activity of the nomination he does not wish to accept.

Section 2 - Specific Limitations

- a) Nominations for the office of President in each activity will be governed by Article IV, Section C (2) and C (3).
- b) Nominations for each National office shall not exceed five (5) in number; for each Regional office four (4) in number; and for each Chapter office three (3) in number, one of whom, except for the office of the President, must be the incumbent unless:
 - 1) The incumbent indicates to the Secretary of the activity concerned that he does not wish to accept the nomination, or
 - 2) The incumbent is nominated for another office in that activity or in another activity and he desires to accept this nomination, or
 - 3) The incumbent is unqualified to accept the nomination for that particular office by reason of having served in that office for a total of two one-year terms.

Section 3 - Nominating Committees

- a) The Executive Board of the Association shall appoint a committee of six (6) persons to serve as the Nominating Committee for offices of the National Executive Board and the Executive Boards of the Regional activities.
- b) The composition of the Nominating Committee will be such that an equal representation of the Army, N.G., and USAR establishments is secured.
- c) The President will direct the Executive Secretary to serve as a non-voting member of the Nominating Committee and to render such administrative assistance as may be required by the Committee.
- d) The Executive Board of Chapter activities shall appoint a six-member Nominating Committee from among their activity membership, such Committee to follow the composition outlined in Section 3 (b) above.

Section 4 - Nomination Period

- 1) Nominations for the elective offices of all activities will be accomplished on or before January 15th of each year, and shall reach the Association Headquarters no later than January 22nd of the year.
- 2) In the event of duplicate nominations, the Executive Secretary will inform the appropriate Nominating Committee Chairmen of such duplications on or before February 1st so that a corrected list may be secured.
- 3) Revised nominations will be accomplished by the Nominating Committees concerned on or before February 10th, such final nominations reaching the Association Headquarters on or before February 10th.

Section 5 - Acceptance and Recording of Nominations

- 1) The Secretary of each activity concerned will, within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the list of nominees from the Nominating Committee, contact the nominees in person or in writing and will secure from their acceptance or non-acceptance of the nomination, said acceptance to be given

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to the Secretary of the activity concerned by the nominee within four days of notice of the nomination.

- 2) The Secretary shall inform the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the acceptances and non-acceptances so as to insure the completion of a full slate at the earliest opportunity.
- 3) Upon receipt of a written acceptance from a nominee, the Secretary of the activity will promptly forward this acceptance to the Association Headquarters in envelopes provided for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS

Section 1 - Balloting

- a) For purposes of the Annual Election, members shall be considered as being members of the Region and Chapter activity where they maintain permanent legal residence.
- b) Upon the receipt of the slates on or before February 10th, the Executive Secretary shall draft the completed ballot and shall forward it to the membership of the Association on or about February 29th of each year.
- c) Voting members shall cast their votes for the elective offices of the Association, the elective offices of the Regional activity of which they may be a part, and the elective offices of the Chapter activity of which they are a part, and shall return their ballots to Association Headquarters on or before April 10th of each year. For purposes of computation, ballots submitted in envelopes postmarked after April 1st shall be void.
- d) The ballots shall be unsigned but shall be returned to the Association Headquarters in serially numbered envelopes provided by the Association. The Executive Secretary shall retain the ballots unopened and shall safeguard them until the time for tabulation.

Section 2 - Tabulation

- a) When Made: Tabulation of ballots for all elective offices shall be made on or before April 15th of each year.
- b) By Whom: The Executive Secretary, with two other members of the Executive Board designated by the President and such disinterested clerical help as may be employed to facilitate the tabulation, will convene at the Association Headquarters or at any site mutually convenient to those designated so as to conduct the tabulation.
- c) Procedure in Case of a Tie: In the event the two highest nominees for any office in any activity receive an equal number of votes for that office, the tie shall be resolved by a drawing made in the presence of any five members other than those members who are contesting for elective office. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for enlisting the help of the five members and shall have each member attest to the validity of the drawing upon its completion.

Section 3 - Verification

- a) Upon the completion of the tabulation of all ballots for elective office, the Executive Secretary and the designated Board members shall draft a list of the elected officers.
- b) The Executive Secretary and the designated Board members shall each attest as to the correctness of the tabulation by affixing their signatures on the original master copy of the list.

Section 4 - Announcement

- a) The list of elected officers shall be duplicated and copies shall be forwarded to each member of the Executive Board of the Association and to each President of a Chapter activity.
- b) The incumbent President of each activity shall, in person or in writing, immediately inform each newly-elected officer of his election to office, and that tenure of office shall commence with the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Association.
- c) A general announcement of all newly-elected officers shall be displayed at the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall also be published in the issue of the Association organ immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Association.

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Section 6 - Safekeeping and Re-Examination of Ballots

- a) Ballots and the attested master copy of elected officers shall be retained at the Association Headquarters for three years following each election.
- b) Ballots and the attested master copy of elected officers may be examined by any member upon written request to the President.

ARTICLE IX - PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS

Section 1 - Records

Records of all significant transactions of the Association and all personnel records of the Association shall be maintained at the Association Headquarters and shall be available to all members.

Section 2 - Publications

- a) Copyright: The Association shall not claim any exclusive copyright to material appearing in its authorized publications, such rights to remain with the original author or illustrator, unless said creative work is purchased from the author or illustrator with Association funds wherein the Association will assume copyright privileges.
- b) Responsibilities:
 - 1) Legal Responsibilities: The Association, its officers, and/or its members shall not be legally responsible for any statements and/or opinions advanced by individual authors or illustrators in the authorized publications of the Association, nor shall the Association, its officers, and/or its members assume any responsibility for claims made by firms using advertising space in the authorized publications of the Association.
 - 2) Editorial Responsibilities: For reasons enumerated in Article IV, Section 7 (a) (9) the Executive Secretary of the Association shall determine and be responsible for editorial policies expressed in the authorized publications of the Association.
- c) Roster: A roster containing the names, current mailing address, and membership classification of all Association members shall be issued to each member, such roster to be issued at least once each year as one issue of an authorized publication of the Association.
- d) Distribution: All classes of members who are in good standing shall receive the authorized periodical publication of the Association without charge.

Section 3 - By-Laws

- a) All officers of the Executive Board of each activity, upon the chartering of the activity, shall receive a personal copy of the By-Laws of the Association.
- b) At such time as the Association has two thousand (2,000) voting members, a personal copy of the By-Laws of the Association shall be sent to each voting member.
- c) The Secretary of each activity shall be sent an "activity copy" of the By-Laws of the Association, such copy to be retained in the activity headquarters as a file copy.

ARTICLE X - REPRESENTATION

Section 1 - Use of the Association Name

- a) The use of the Association name shall be limited to members in good standing and shall be governed, in the case of participation with other organizations, societies, and associations, etc. by Article VI, Section 2 (f).
- b) The use of the Association name in any commercial enterprise, other than those enumerated in the By-Laws and approved by the Association Executive Board, is prohibited, unless advance notification of the use of the Association name is submitted to Association Headquarters well in advance of its intended use and is approved by a majority of the full Executive Board.

Section 2 - Use of the Association Emblem

The use of the Association emblem in any commercial enterprise, other than those enumerated in the By-Laws and as may later be approved by the Executive Board of the Association, is prohibited.

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ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - How Initiated

Any member, except Student Members, Associate Members, or Honorary Members, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws of the Association by securing the signatures of twenty-five (25) voting members on a petition in which the proposed amendment is set forth.

Section 2 - Submission

The petition outlining the proposed amendment and containing the required signatures affixed thereon shall be submitted to the Association Headquarters where it shall be placed on the agenda for the next immediate meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 3 - Discussion

The Executive Board of the Association shall take the proposed amendment under consideration and following the discussion of the proposed amendment by the Executive Board meeting in session, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the full Executive Board. A two-thirds approval of the full Executive Board shall be sufficient to place the proposed amendment to a vote by the membership of the Association.

Section 4 - Balloting

A portion of the Annual Ballot shall be set aside for the publication of all proposed amendments to the By-Laws. This space shall provide for an indication of a "for" and "against" vote on each proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the membership as part of the Annual Election ballot.

Section 5 - Approval and Adoption

If two-thirds of the members voting approve the amendment, it shall be considered as being accepted by the membership of the Association and shall become effective upon the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

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Chapters

Chapter Name	Chapter Location	Activation Date
Air Assault Chapter	Fort Campbell, KY	December, 1959
Aloha Chapter	Honolulu, HI	February, 1958
America's 1st Coast Chapter	Jacksonville, FL	February, 1990
Arizona Chapter	Mesa, AZ	December, 1985
Armadillo Chapter	Conroe, TX	June, 1989
Aviation Center Chapter	Fort Rucker, AL	November, 1957
Bavarian Chapter	Hohenfels, Germany	August, 1994
Benelux Chapter*	Brussels, Belgium	December, 1988
Big Red One Chapter	Fort Riley, KS	April, 1959
Birmingham Area Chapter*	Birmingham, AL	January, 1978
Black Knights Chapter	West Point, NY	February, 1988
Bonn Area Chapter*	Bonn, Germany	May, 1967
Camp Bondsteel Chapter	Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo	August, 2005
Cedar Rapids Chapter	Cedar Rapids, IA	June, 1981
Central Florida Chapter	Orlando, FL	March, 1989
Checkpoint Charlie Chapter*	Berlin, Germany	January, 1964
Citadel Chapter*	Charleston, SC	October, 1982
Cleveland Chapter*	Cleveland, OH	January, 1974
Colonial Virginia Chapter	Fort Eustis, VA	July, 1958 376
Connecticut Chapter	Stratford, CT	March, 1973
Cornhusker Chapter*	Lincoln, NE	September, 1971
Corpus Christi Chapter	Corpus Christi, TX	January, 1964
Delaware Valley Chapter	Philadelphia, PA	April, 1969
Edwin A. Link Memorial Chapter	Binghamton, NY	March, 1984
Embry Riddle Eagle Chapter	Daytona Beach, FL	January, 1978
First City Troop Chapter*	Philadelphia, PA	August, 1999
Flying Tigers Chapter	Fort Knox, KY	August, 1959
Follow Me Chapter*	Fort Benning, GA	September, 1972
Fort Devens Chapter*	Fort Devens, MA	
Fort Monroe Chapter*	Fort Monroe, VA	June, 1959
Fort Sill Chapter*	Fort Sill, OK	
Fort Wolters*	Fort Wolters, TX	
Frontier Army Chapter	Fort Leavenworth, KS	August, 1969

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Golden Gate Chapter*	San Francisco, CA	December, 1970
Greater Atlanta Chapter	Atlanta, GA	January, 1968
Greater Chicago Area Chapter	Chicago, IL	June, 1969
Griffin Chapter	Ansbach, Germany	January, 1976
High Desert Chapter	Fort Irwin, CA	March, 1991
Hudson-Mohawk Chapter*	Albany, NY	May, 1991
Indianapolis Chapter*	Indianapolis, IN	November, 1985
Iron Eagle Chapter*	Hanau, Germany	August, 1960
Iron Mike Chapter	Fort Bragg, NC	March, 1959
Jack H. Dibrell (Alamo) Chapter	Fort Sam Houston, TX	April, 1960
Jimmy Doolittle Chapter	Columbia, SC	March, 1997
Keystone Chapter	Indiantown Gap, PA	October, 1981
Land of Lincoln Chapter	Peoria, IL	April, 1996
Lindbergh Chapter	St. Louis, MO	August, 1960
Lone Star Chapter*	Austin, TX	March, 1976
MacArthur Chapter	New York/Long Island Area, NY	February, 1992
Magnolia Chapter	Jackson, MS	May, 2001
Mainz Chapter*	Mainz, Germany	January, 1964
Michigan Great Lakes Chapter	Grand Ledge, MI	April, 2000
Midnight Sun*	Fort Richardson, AK	May, 1993
Midnight Sun Chapter	Anchorage, AK	June, 2006
Minuteman Chapter	Westover AFB, MA	December, 1991
Mississippi Valley Chapter*	Davenport, IA	January, 1973
Monmouth Chapter	Fort Monmouth, NJ	September, 1966
Monterey Bay Chapter*	Fort Ord, CA	December, 1957
Morning Calm Chapter	Seoul, Korea	May, 1958
Mount Rainier Chapter	Fort Lewis, WA	June, 1965
Mukilteo Chapter*	Everett, WA	November, 1990
Narragansett Bay Chapter	North Kingstown, RI	August, 1992
Nile Delta Chapter*	Cairo, Egypt	June, 1997
North Country Chapter	Fort Drum, NY	March, 1989
North Star Chapter	St. Paul, MN	March, 1991
North Texas Chapter	Dallas-Fort Worth Area	October, 1964
Northern Lights Chapter	Fort Wainwright/Fairbanks, AK	October, 1971
Old Ironsides Chapter*	Ansbach, Germany	April, 1979
Old Tucson Chapter	Marana, AZ	May, 1987
Oregon Trail Chapter	Salem, OR	May, 1995
Ozark Mountain Chapter*	Fort Leonard Wood, MO	
Phantom Corps Chapter	Fort Hood, TX	November, 1958
Pikes Peak Chapter	Fort Carson, CO	June, 1959
Potomac Chapter*	Arlington Hall Station, VA	August, 1958

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Ragin' Cajun Chapter	Fort Polk, LA	April, 1973
Razorback Chapter*	North Little Rock, AR	June, 1993
Redcatcher Chapter*	Nurnberg, Germany	
Rhine Valley Chapter	Heidelberg, Germany	
Rio Grande Chapter (prev. Sun Bowl)	El Paso, TX	September, 1972
Rising Sun Chapter	Camp Zama, Japan	December, 1995
Riyad Chapter*	Saudi Arabia	January, 1977
Rocky Mountain Chapter*	Fort Carson, CO	
San Jacinto Chapter*	Ellington Field, Houston, TX	October, 1989
Savannah Chapter	Fort Stewart/Hunter AAF, GA	November, 1966
Schwaebisch Hall Chapter*	Germany	February, 1968
ShowMe Chapter	Jefferson City, MO	May, 1998
Sinai Chapter	Sinai, Egypt	January, 1997
Snake*		January, 1976
Sooner*	Norman, OK	January, 1974
Southern California Chapter	Los Angeles, CA	April, 1959
Stonewall Jackson Chapter	Sandston, VA	April, 1996
Stuttgart Chapter*	Stuttgart, Germany	March, 1962
Suncoast Chapter*	Southwest, FL	May, 1970
Talon Chapter*	Illesheim, Germany	January, 1962
Tarheel Chapter	Raleigh, NC	December, 1977
Tauber Chapter*	Germany	January, 1974
Taunus Chapter	Wiesbaden, Germany	April, 1973
Tennessee Valley Chapter	Huntsville, AL	February, 1976
Thunder Mountain Chapter	Sierra Vista, AZ	October, 2006
Thunderhorse Chapter*	Fulda, Germany	August, 1978
University of North Dakota Chapter	Grand Forks, ND	April, 1995
Utah Chapter*	Utah	
Valley Forge MA & JC*	Wayne, PA	
Valley View Chapter*	Germany	January, 1969
VMI/VWIL Chapter	Lexington, VA	December, 1995
Volunteer Chapter	Smyrna, TN	October, 2005
Voodoo Chapter	New Orleans, LA	June, 2002
Washington-Potomac Chapter	Washington, DC	August, 1958
Western New York Chapter	Rochester, NY	August, 1992
William C. Moog Memorial Chapter	Greater Buffalo, NY	February, 2006
Winged Warriors Chapter*	Soto Cano AB, Honduras	May, 1984
Wings of the Warriors*	Camp Stanley, Korea	November, 1992
Wings of Victory Chapter*	Giebelstadt, Germany	February, 1994
Wright Brothers Chapter	Columbus, OH	February, 1991
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