



# SCHRIEVER CHAPTER 147 AIR & SPACE FORCES ASSOCIATION Fall Newsletter 2022



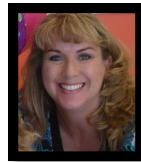
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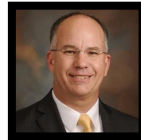
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*From The President.....*

Fellow Schriever Chapter AFA members,

I hope you all had an amazing summer. I have to start by saying Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the United States Air Force! We'll celebrate the third birthday of the US Space Force later this year at our Space Force Ball; more on that later. Kids are back in school, and the Space Systems Command (SSC)/ industry team is in full swing getting after the threat. Your AFA Schriever Chapter executed another two major events since our last newsletter.

We kicked off the summer with our Salute to SSC Awards Dinner. This was our post-pandemic return to the LAX Marriott to recognize the best of the best at SSC. The highlight of the evening was presentation of the 2021 Schriever Leadership Award, our Chapter's highest award, to the Vice Chief of Space Operations, Gen D.T. Thompson. After several years of virtual, or hybrid and even a drive-by awards presentation, it was especially satisfying to return to the in-person event and all of the networking and friendship that our Salute dinner entails.

We also inducted the Class of 2022 to the Schriever Wall of Honor. Over 30 family and friends attended the ceremony to recognize the achievements of LtGen Roger DeKok, LtGen Kenneth Schultz, Dr Richard DeLauer, Mr John Karas, Mr Bill Maikisch, and Dr Harold Rosen. The event was decoupled from the Salute banquet to enable our team to again orchestrate a first-class event, and the new timing of the ceremony worked well.

Your Schriever Chapter hosted the second morning of SSC Industry Days on 20 Oct at the LAX Marriott. Our Chairman of the Board, MGen (ret) Tav Taverney moderated a Legacy Panel featuring LtGen (ret) Gene Tatinni, LtGen (ret) Sam Greaves, and former SMC/CD Doug Loverro. If you're still in the business, I hope you attended. There's always next year!

We'll finish the year with our second annual Space Force Ball. This year's Ball and surrounding events will grow somewhat at the request of the Space Force and National AFA. The Schriever Space Futures Forum will span two half-days, and the Guardians of the Year will be recognized at the events. More details to come, but I'm humbled by the trust the U.S. Space Force and AFA National have placed in our Chapter.

Enjoy your family, fall, and football (especially the Air Force Falcons),

Bill Harding







# Salute to SSC Awards

June 10, 2022



The Space Systems Command (SSC), a Field Command of the US Space Force, is the center of technical excellence for developing, acquiring, fielding and sustaining military space systems. SSC's mission is to deliver resilient, affordable and sustainable space capabilities. The Command is responsible for on-orbit check-out, testing, sustainment and maintenance of military satellite constellations and other Department of Defense space systems.

SSC's portfolio includes GPS, military satellite communications, defense meteorological satellites, space launch and range systems, satellite control networks; space based infrared systems and space situational awareness capabilities.

The Schriever Chapter recognized and honored outstanding performers at the Space Systems Command Salute held at the LAX Marriott. Enjoy the photos of the event and the award winners.



William Harding  
AFA Chapter 147  
President



Tav Taverney  
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Gen David Thompson



Brig Gen Timothy Sejba



# Schriever Chapter 147 Salute to SSC

## Award Winners



**Gen David D. Thompson**  
**General Bernard A. Schriever**  
**National Space Leadership Award**



**Brig Gen Timothy A. Sejba**  
**Schriever Fellowship Award**



**Col Matthew Burris**  
 Space Systems Command Staff Judge Advocate  
**Lt Gen John W. O'Neill Award**  
**Outstanding Program Director**



**Lt Col Matthew Flahive**  
 PEO Assured Access to Space  
**Lt Gen Kenneth W. Schultz Award**  
**Outstanding Program Manager**



**MSgt Andrew Lueras**  
 PEO Assured Access to Space  
**Lt Gen Richard C. Henry Award**  
**Outstanding Leadership**



**2Lt Jeremy Schuler**  
 PEO Assured Access to Space  
**Gen Samuel C. Phillips Award**  
**Outstanding Young Engineer/Scientist**



**Igor Brin, GS-14**  
 PEO for Space Sensing  
**Dr. Alfred Rockefeller, Jr. Award**  
**Outstanding Civilian**



**Capt Charles Bolen**  
 PEO Space Domain Awareness and Combat Power  
**Lt Gen Forrest McCartney Award**  
**Outstanding Sr Company Grade Officer**







**SrA Alexandra Sinclair** accepted by Brig Gen Steve Purdy  
with Mrs. Catherine DeKok  
PEO Assured Access to Space  
Lt Gen Roger G. DeKok Award  
**Outstanding Airman**



**Lt. Col Brian Mihalko** accepted by Col Sly Ortiz  
PEO Communication and Precision Navigation  
Maj Gen Thomas D. Taverney Award  
**Outstanding Reservist**



**2nd Space Launch Squadron**  
PEO Assured Access to Space  
Col Larry C. Jackson Award  
**Mission Assurance Excellence**



**Henry Shen**  
Atlas Contracting Directorate  
Gen Schriever Chapter Award of Excellence  
**Outstanding Staff or Support Member**



**Maj Julius Williams**  
PEO Assured Access to Space  
Chairman's Award  
**Outstanding Field Grade Officer**



**TSgt Joshua Rodriguez**  
PEO Assured Access to Space  
Chapter President's Award  
**Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer**



**2Lt Trevor Pffrman**  
PEO Space Domain Awareness and Combat Power  
**Outstanding Jr Company Grade Officer Award**



**Upgraded Early Warning Radar Division**  
PEO Space Domain Awareness and Combat Power  
**Outstanding Unit of the Year**  
Ms Kristine Engen & Stephanie Simons, accepting



**Amanda Hattie**, accepted by Brig Gen Steve Purdy  
PEO Assured Access to Space  
Kathleen L. Landis Award  
**Volunteer of the Year**



# Los Angeles Military Charitable Fund Scholarships



**Ray Heinonen's** parents are Air Force National Guard Technical Sergeant (retired) Harry Heinonen and Miki Heinonen. He attends West High School in Torrance and plans to major in computer engineering at the University of California, San Diego. Ray is the epitome of a student-athlete. He ran cross country, played varsity baseball, completed 14 advanced classes, and maintained an unweighted 4.0 GPA while also completing 13 post-secondary hours. He credits baseball for making him work hard and persevering in life.



**Josselyn Luce** is the daughter of Air Force Major (retired) Jennifer Luce and Rick Luce. She attends Redondo Union High School and plans to study Interactive Media & Game Design at El Camino College. She completed 15 Honors of Advanced Placement classes, and earned an Ivy Chain award for earning Top 40 GPA in academic achievement. Josselyn participated four years in Marching Band, is currently a High Woodwind Sergeant, competed 10 years in AYSO soccer, and is an AYSO Youth Referee.

Submitted by Nancy Hodgkiss  
President LAMCF

## Mira Costa Cybersecurity Club



The MB/X Foundation wishes to thank the AFA Schriever Chapter 147 for your generous **\$1750.00** donation in support of Mira Costa Cybersecurity Club





# Wall of Honor

This year's Wall of Honor was held Friday, Sept 9 at 1:00pm. Due to extreme heat, the ceremony was held in the Gordon Conference Center. This year a Heritage Center tour was added for the families to enjoy and have a deeper appreciation for the development of the Space program and how the honorees contributed to helping LAAFB move toward a Space Force Base. Joe Boyle, Board member and Heritage Center docent, guided a group of 18 family members through the Heritage center.



The Wall of Honor Ceremony Honors 6 individuals every year for their remarkable contributions to the space program. This year's Honorees are: Lt Gen Roger G. DeKok, Dr. Richard D. DeLauer, Mr. John C. Karas, Mr. William Maikisch, Dr. Harold A. Rosen and Lt Gen Kenneth W. Schultz.

**National Anthem:** SRA Jesse Quintana

**Invocation:** Chaplain Godley

**Speakers:** Brigadier General D. Jason Cothorn and Chairman of the Board Major General Thomas D. Taverny.







In 2022, the Air and Space Forces Association (AFA), Schriever Chapter 147 committed and distributed over \$15,000 to over a dozen STEM and education-related organizations. AFA Schriever Chapter is a proud sponsor of the California Science Center, Discovery Cube, Torrance Airport Association, and several local high schools' robotics, aerospace, and STEM clubs.



AFA Schriever Chapter holds an annual "Teacher of the Year" program to recognize the commitment, dedication, and achievement of extraordinary teachers in the Los Angeles area. This year, the AFA Schriever Chapter awarded *Mr. Daniel Horvath* (El Segundo High School) and *Mr. Kevin Mulka* (Girls Academic Leadership Academy) as the High School and Middle School Teacher of the Year, respectively. Under Mr. Horvath's guidance and mentorship, his students pushed the boundaries of STEM education by applying their education in multiple engineering competitions, to include Raytheon Engineers Games and Aerospace Corporation's Science Competitions. In addition to regular school hours, Mr. Mulka volunteers his hours by facilitating mentoring relationships between his students and Aerospace professionals, shaping their perspective and confidence for a future career in STEM.



Bill Harding (AFA Chapter President) and Will Tran (AFA Education Chair) present the Teacher of the Year award to Mr. Horvath in front of the El Segundo Unified School District Board of Directors.

## Upcoming events

17-18 Nov: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual [AFA Schriever Forum](#)  
Day 1 @ the Northrop Grumman Aerospace  
Presentation Center, Day 2@ the Beverly Hilton

18 Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual [AFA Space Force Ball](#) @  
the Beverly Hilton

For more information  
and registration click  
on the event title.



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