



Air & Space Forces Association Chapter 147

General Bernard A. Schriever Chapter

Los Angeles, CA



2024

Maj Gen Edward L. Bolton, Jr. Col Francis J. Hale
 Brig Gen Maurice A. Cristadoro, Jr. Lt Gen Susan J. Helms
 Dr. Antonio Elias Mr. Edward M. Lassiter





From the President

Happy Autumn, Everyone!

We had an absolutely wonderful Schriever Wall of Honor ceremony and reception in September and are working hard to prepare for co-hosting Space Industry Days in late October and to make this year's Schriever Space Futures Forum and the 5th annual Space Force Ball in November the best ever!

Please remember to vote for next year's Chapter 147 Board Members and Officers when the ballot comes out in late October/early November. Your Chapter Board Members and Officers and Liaisons are instrumental in accomplishing the incredible amount of good our Chapter does for the Air and Space Forces every year. Please continue to support them, and our Chapter causes and events, with your time, talents, and/or treasure.



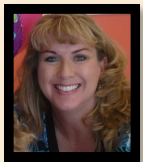
Thank you,
Laura Pope
President, AFA Schriever Chapter #147



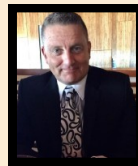
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Category 1




Air & Space Forces Advocacy -

Every year, the AFA advocates for stronger Air & Space Forces with the U.S. Congress. The Advocacy Committee works with the Department of the Air Force to develop issues for our association to raise with the legislative branch. The top handful of issues are forwarded to leadership of both chambers as well as committee leadership. AFA makes in-person visits and sends letters to advocate for key Air Force, Space Force and family support issues affecting both services.

AFA members can now easily assist in pushing for action on these instrumental advocacy positions. The AFA National Website, [AFA.org](https://www.afa.org), will autogenerate letters for any member to print, sign and send to your Representative and to both Senators. Once on the website, go to ADVOCATE, pull down and select:

AFA's Legislative Priorities. The six 2025 legislative issues are listed there. For reference: number one is Increasing the Personnel Strength of the Space Force and number five is Exploiting Commercial Space. These are the top space issues for 2025. If you click on "[Read More →](#)" for any of the issues, you'll find an option (on right side of next page) to ADD YOUR VOICE TO THIS AFA INITIATIVE.




ADD YOUR VOICE TO THIS AFA INITIATIVE

Use the form below to find your local representatives. AFA will create a formatted letter for you, addressed to your legislator, which you can print, sign, and drop in the mail personally.

YOUR LEGISLATORS IN CA DISTRICT 36

- Rep. Ted Lieu (D)
- Sen. Alejandro Padilla (D)
- Sen. Laphonza Butler (D)

We will personalize your letter with the information you enter below. AFA does not store your address information, it is purely used to create the printable letter.

Simply type in your zip code, and your name, address, phone and email, and the site will generate personalized letters from you to your Representative and Senators. Print the letters, sign them and send them to all three and you've added your voice to the fight. Remember that these elected officials work for you, the citizens of the nation, so don't be deterred from adding your voices. Please consider helping, especially with the two Space Force issues.



Wall of Honor

September 26, 2024



This year's Wall of Honor ceremony was held at 9:00am September 26, 2024. We had two Honorees attend and a total of forty-two honoree family and friends attend the ceremony. They came from CA, MA, TX, CO, FL, AL, LA, SC and NC.



Honoree:
Maj Gen Edward L. Bolton Jr
 Bolton Family



Honoree
Brig Gen Maurice A. Cristadoro Jr
 (deceased)
 Cristadoro Family

Honoree
Dr Antonio Elias
 Elias Family



Honoree
Col Francis J. "Joe" Hale
 (deceased)
 Hale Family

Honoree
Edward M. Lassiter
 Lassiter Family



Edward M. Lassiter





Lt Gen Garrant welcomes the Honorees and their families before the ceremony.



USC Color Guard



Lt Gen Garrant



Maj Gen (Ret) Tav Taverney
Lt Gen Garrant



Congratulations!



Chapter president Laura Pope presenting a 2024 AFA Medal of Merit award to Rick Reaser. A Medal of Merit was also to be awarded to Robert Marohn, but sadly he passed away before it could be awarded.

Both Rick and Robert were recognized for their hard work updating the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT



23-24 Oct Space Industry Days @ LAX Marriott

14-15 Nov 10th Annual AFA Schriever Forum
(day 1 @ NG Space Park APC, day 2 @ the Beverly Hilton)



15 Nov Annual AFA Space Force Ball @ the Beverly Hilton





James E. (Jim) Dalton, General, USAF (Retired)

October 17, 1930 - August 4, 2024

AFA Chapter 147 Chairman of the Board – 1988-1991

Jim Dalton was born in Manhattan, New York. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1954 where he received his commission in the U.S. Air Force and became a transport pilot. He received a Master of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1960 where he married his wife, Betty. Upon graduation, Jim was assigned to Los Angeles and was responsible for the development of operational targeting programs for the Atlas, Titan and Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missiles. In 1968 Jim became Program Element Monitor for the Advanced Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Technology Program in the Pentagon. In 1970, he became an adviser for the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT) with the Soviet Union. Interspersed with these duties, Jim graduated from Air Command and Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). He had flying assignments at Charleston, Naha (Japan), McGuire, and Eglin Air Force Bases and earned Command Pilot Wings. Jim served as Commander of the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Vice Director of the Joint Staff, ICAF Commandant and Director of the Joint Staff. After receiving his 4th star, he became Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE). After his Air Force retirement in 1985, he began his second career as a Vice President of Logicon, Inc. in San Pedro. In 1997, Logicon merged with Northrop Grumman and Jim served as a vice president for Northrop Grumman until his retirement from industry in 1998. In addition to his work with AFA, where he was a member for over 50 years, Jim was a trustee of the Falcon Foundation of the USAF Academy, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Pacific Council on International Policy, and the Order of Daedalians.



Gaylord Wesley (Wes) Clark, Major General, USAF (Retired)

July 7, 1932 - July 11, 2024

AFA Chapter 147 President – 1996-1997

AFA Chapter 147 Chairman of the Board – 1998 to 2002

Wes Clark was born in Huntington, West Virginia. He attended Marshall University one year, and then enlisted in the Air Force in 1952 where he became a nuclear weapons electronic technician. After he pinned on staff sergeant and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1957. Wes worked as a communications officer, armament and electronics officer, munitions officer and maintenance officer at McChord, Ent and Richards-Gebaur Air Force Bases. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Southern Colorado in 1965 and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Auburn University in 1969.

He was a distinguished graduate of Air Command and Staff College in 1969 and Naval War College in 1977.

In 1969 Wes became Senior Director for the North American Air Defense Command's (NORAD) Space Defense Center. In 1972 he became operations officer with the 16th Surveillance Squadron. In 1973, he became the 14th Aerospace Force Director of Command and Control and in 1975 became Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. He was Division Chief in the Directorate of Plans in the Pentagon in 1977. From 1979 to 1980 he was deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Plans and Policy. In June 1980 he was assigned to NORAD's Aerospace Defense Center as director of space defense and missile warning, then Director of Space in the Plans Office. In 1983, Wes became the first Vice Commander of the 1st Space Wing. He became the Air Force Space Command, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans in 1984, and 1989 he became Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command. Wes retired from active duty in 1990. In civilian life, Wes first worked for Northrop Grumman in Los Angeles. He then started his own consulting firm, Parsec Inc. He moved to Colorado Springs in 2002 where he served as SAIC's Vice President for Operations 8 years. In addition to his work with AFA, where he was a member for over 50 years, and other professional organizations, Wes served on the Board of the Peak Military Care Network.



Robert Karl (Bob) Marohn

July 24, 1936 - July 11, 2024

AFA Chapter 147 President – 2000-2001

Bob Marohn was born in Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Toledo in 1959 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, where he played Football, was president of his fraternity and a member of Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC). After marrying his wife Gretchen, he served two years as the commander of a Military Police company. After his military service, Bob worked for Martin Marietta, Bunker Ramo and then TRW in Huntsville, Alabama on tactical missile and National Air and Space Administration (NASA) projects. In 1968, TRW transferred Bob to its Space Park facility in Redondo Beach, California where he continued to work on NASA programs. In 1979, Bob joined Rockwell International as Director of Business Development for the Space Shuttle. He returned to TRW in 1981 where he supported a variety of defense, intelligence and civil space programs until his TRW retirement in 1999. In addition to his work with AFA, where he was a member for over 40 years and other professional organizations, Bob was active in community affairs and involved in the formation of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Bob continued to support business development of many companies as a private consultant until his death.



Please take this note to the others so they may be Thanked!

Please stay in touch
Sincerely Gretchen R. Marohn

Sept 29, 2024
Dear Rick,
Thank you so much for attending my husband, Bob Marohn's Celebration of Life Ceremony. And for speaking on behalf of him. He would have been so proud to see how many cared!
Thank you also for sending the Medal of Merit to me. It is such a nice attribution for all the effort he put forth in behalf of the Air and Space Force, business dealings

Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Marohn

Dear Air and Space Forces Assoc. I am sincerely proud to accept the Medal of Merit that Richard Reaser sent to me in honor of my late husband, Robert K. Marohn. He would have been greatly honored!
Sincerely Gretchen R. Marohn



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