

AOG Names Two Honorary Members

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Two outstanding Colorado Springs leaders, James I. Conboy and Joseph A. Reich Sr., have been tapped for honorary memberships in the Association of Graduates.

Individual plaques were presented to the two men at an awards banquet in April at the Academy Officer's Club.

"Honorary membership in the Association of Graduates is limited to 20 living persons," said retired Air Force Col. Jock Schwank, president of the AOG. "Our two honorees, who epitomize the zenith of service to the Air Force and the Air Force Academy over a period of years will join Sen. Barry Goldwater, Gail McComas, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Smith, and Freida Weber. These are the only persons selected thus far by the association's board of directors."



The names of Mr. Joseph Reich, second from left, and Mr. James Conboy, at right, were recently added to the permanent AOG Honorary Life Membership Plaque, held by Jock Schwank, '60, AOG president. At left is Dick Coppock, '61, AOG executive director.

In addition to the wall plaques to be presented with suitable citations to Mr. Conboy and Mr. Reich, their names will be inscribed on a master honorary membership scroll which hangs in the association office.

Well known by Falcon sports fans, Mr. Conboy has been head athletic trainer for the Air Force Academy since 1955. Throughout 30 years' service, Mr. Conboy has been invaluable in administering to the physical needs of intramural and collegiate athletes of the Academy. For the first 17 years at the Academy, he was also the baseball pitching coach.

Countless cadets have benefitted from Mr. Conboy's personal interest in their physical qualifications for commissioning and, in many instances, their entry into undergraduate flying training programs. Not the least of his contributions is the constant motivational influence he has provided cadets, resulting in their ultimate service as well-rounded members of the armed forces.

Mr. Conboy's selection for the National Hall of Fame for Athletic Trainers, and service on behalf of national Olympic teams have brought great credit upon the Air Force and the Academy.

The legendary Joseph A. Reich Sr. has made continuous contributions to the armed services in Colorado Springs since becoming a resident in 1932. Always active in community affairs, he was instrumental in establishing Camp Carson at the onset of World War II. Additionally, he served as one of the original directors of the USO.

In 1948, while serving as vice president of the city's Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Reich initiated the idea of proposing Colorado Springs as a future site for the proposed United States Air Force Academy. He enlisted the support of the chamber, prominent local and state business people, political leaders and Air Force of-

ficials. He saw his dream become reality when cadets marched in to the new Academy in 1958.

It was in 1950, while still president of the chamber, that Mr. Reich encouraged the Air Force to select Colorado Springs as the location for the Continental Air Defense Command, the forerunner of today's North American Aerospace Defense Command.

For a number of years, Mr. Reich was chairman of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee, and under his leadership the city soon became known as a model of good civil/military relations. His support of the armed services was recognized when he was presented distinguished service awards by the secretaries of the Air Force, Army and Navy.

Mr. Reich played an important role as a member of the Academy Foundation. He was also a dynamic leader in the group's efforts to raise funds for the construction of Falcon Stadium, the Eisenhower Golf Course and the new Visitor Center.

In 1985, the Cadet Wing recognized Mr. Reich's achievements by holding a parade in his honor. At a reception afterwards, he was presented with a cadet sabre in recognition of his influence in bringing about a harmonious relationship between the military and the city of Colorado Springs.

GRADUATES SELECTED FOR MAJOR (Regular Air Force)

1986 O-4 Promotions (USAF Graduates)

Class	Primary Zone		Secondary Zone
	Select	Non-Select	Select
1967	-	1	
1968	-	-	
1969	-	2	
1970	-	5	
1971	-	5	
1972	-	5	
1973	-	1	
1974	7	18	
1975	352	30	
1976	2	-	18
1977	-	-	14
1978	-	-	7
TOTALS	361	67	39

Secondary Zone Selectees

1976	
Anderson, Herman S.	Dennert, Robert E. Jr.
Auclair, Paul F.	DeWillis, Frantz
Christian, Lance D.	Ewing, James W.
Dilla, Benjamin L.	Fucillo, James E.
Frye, Stephen B.	Jones, Timothy C.
Grosvenor, Robert C.	Lord, William T.
Hauser, Michael L.	Martinez, Randy J.
Iverson, Robert B.	Mazurowski, John E.
King, Richard P.	Miller, Stephen J.
Kluck, Peter E.	Precourt, Charles J.
Moffett, Bradley L.	Riegsecker, Norman R. Jr.
Nakayama, David T.	Scott, David J.
Pijor, Andrew J.	Smith, Jeffrey P.
Rose, James C.	1978
Sevier, Michael L.	Goldfein, Stephen M.
Vizzone, Raymond T.	Hollister, Gregory S.
Wallett, Robert M.	Quigley, Patrick C.
Wysocki, Joseph	Rice, Edward A. Jr.
1977	Sargeant, Stephen T.
Bedke, Curtis M.	Spears, Glenn F.
	Sviba, John F.