

Three New AOG Honorary Members Named

The AOG Board of Directors named three new honorary members at its meeting on Aug 22. Maj. Gen. (USAF, Ret) William Lyon, Brig. Gen. (USAF, Ret) Robert F. McDermott, and Mr. Harold U. Littrell were each selected by a unanimous vote of the board and take their places among the five living honorary members of the association.

General Lyon was honored for his long and continuing service to the Air Force and the Air Force Academy. A former commander of the Air Force Reserves, he has contributed significantly to the Academy through his membership in many of the foundations which support the institution. He is chairman of the board of the Academic Research and Development Institute and of the Falcon Foundation. He also serves on the Advisory Committee for the AOG building fund campaign and was the largest single contributor (a \$650,000 challenge gift) to the Doolittle Hall effort. He also sponsored in 1991 the Endowed Chair in Professional Ethics for the Department of Philosophy and Fine Arts. A life member of the Air Force Association and a board member of the Air Force Historical Society, General Lyon is also one of the largest home builders in Southern California and the nation. He is a member of the board of American Airlines and has been the recipient of numerous civic and business awards.

General McDermott, well-known to early graduates of the Academy, was the Dean of Faculty from Aug. 1, 1956 through July 31, 1968. McDermott, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy Class of January 1943, is credited with major improvements in the USAFA curriculum, including electives; majors for all; validation of courses; cooperative master's degree programs with universities such as Purdue and UCLA; and prestigious graduate scholarship programs for outstanding graduates of the Academy. He revolutionized service academy education and made the young Air Force Academy an academic model for its sister service academies. Following retirement from the Air Force, General McDermott became president and later chairman of USAA, now the nation's fifth largest private insurer. It was through his efforts that the Association of Graduates was granted the use of virtually free office space in the Colorado Springs USAA facility for some two and a half years during fund-raising for and construction of Doolittle Hall. He was also instrumental in line-of-credit financing from USAA Federal Savings Bank to meet construction costs; in providing a project manager, Project Control of Texas, to oversee construction; and in a significant USAA grant to the building fund campaign.

Harold U. Littrell, President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Air Academy National Bank (AANB), was recognized for his long and continuing contributions to the Colorado Springs military community, in general, and the U.S. Air Force Academy, in particular. A member of the boards of the Friends of the Library, the Falcon Foundation and the Air Force Academy Foundation, Mr. Littrell has been extremely supportive of the AOG as a member of the Building Fund Advisory Committee. It was primarily through his efforts that the association received a \$1.5 million pledge from the Anna Keesling Ackerman Trust. This grant was directed to the creation of the Building Endowment Fund, with earnings to provide for the perpetual maintenance, preservation and certain operations of Doolittle Hall. AANB, upon Mr. Littrell's recommendation, provided an

additional \$25,000 to sponsor the donor wall in the new alumni house. A veteran of the Air Force (1950-54), he has received numerous awards from community and national organizations. Both the Colorado and national Air Force Association (AFA) honored him in 1987 with the Medal of Merit Award, and the AFA in the same year named him "Colorado State AFAer of the Year." Fort Carson honored him as "1987 Good Neighbor of the Year," and Mr. Littrell received the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce "1989 Business Citizen of the Year" award.

Honorary memberships are restricted to 20 living individuals. All three of the newest honorary members are extremely deserving, and the Association of Graduates is indeed proud to add each to the role of honorary members, past and present:

James I. Conboy
Gen. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle
Senator Barry Goldwater
Gail McComas (Deceased)
Col. Joseph A. Moller
Joseph Reich, Sr. (Deceased)
Maj. Gen. Robert J. Smith (Deceased)
Russell T. Tutt (Deceased)
William Thayer Tutt (Deceased)
Freida Weber

Warr, 1980 Grad, Awarded White House Fellowship

Dartanian "Doc" Warr, Class of 1980, has been awarded a 1992-1993 White House Fellowship. Warr, of Cleveland, Ohio, is a major in the United States Air Force and was a student at the Defense Systems Management College at Fort Belvoir, Va. He was selected as one of 15 White House Fellows in recognition of his leadership, professional and intellectual achievements, and dedication to his community.

As a White House Fellow, Warr will serve a one-year assignment as a special assistant at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He will also participate in an education program which will include meetings with government officials, diplomats, journalists, and leaders of business and industry.

Major Warr started his career in 1973, with "A Better Chance" Scholarship to Culver Military Academy in Indiana, and later received his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980. He was awarded a master's degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in 1986 and a master's in business administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif. in 1988.

Since entering the Air Force, he has served as a division chief, as a director at Air Force Systems Command and as lead human factors engineer on the Small Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. He is the founder of support groups for the Special Olympics of Prince Georges County and the District of Columbia Veteran's Administration Hospital. He is married to the former Denise Dorsey from Pittsburgh and they have two daughters, Alexandra and Ariana.

The White House Fellowships were established in 1964 to provide outstanding Americans with firsthand experience in the process of governing the nation and with a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society. The President's Commission on White House Fellowships is now accepting applications for 1993-1994 Fellowships. Any U.S. citizen, with the exception of civilian federal government employees, may apply. Applications are available from the the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, 712 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. The application deadline is December 15, 1992.

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