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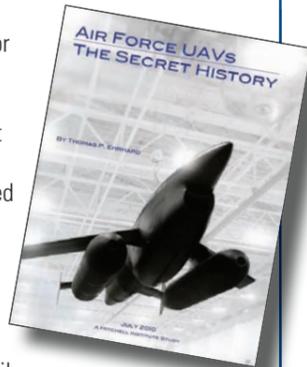
The Mitchell Institute Study presents a valuable new resource for research on airpower with *Air Force UAVs: The Secret History*.

No other airplane over the past decade has captured the public imagination more than the unmanned aerial vehicle named Predator. Americans have been fascinated by the very idea of pilots, back in the United States, tracking targets for hours, watching the doorways of insurgent safe-houses, all the while poised to launch a Hellfire missile. This image will always be associated with the complex operations of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Yet, Predator did not come out of nowhere. What many Americans do not realize is that the idea for unmanned flying craft is almost as old as Wilbur and Orville Wright's pre-1903 kites.

Air Force UAVs: The Secret History not only reveals how this technology developed over the years, but how it is revolutionizing aerial warfare today.

To download a free copy of this important research, visit <http://www.AFA.org/Mitchell/Reports/> or e-mail us at development@afa.org and we'll send you the book.



AFA and Major League Baseball's Brian Wilson Establish Landmark Scholarship Program

The Air Force Association is proud to announce the Michael Wilson Scholarship, a new fund that awards scholarships to Air Force ROTC cadets throughout the country.

This remarkable scholarship was established through Brian Wilson, pitcher for Major League Baseball's San Francisco Giants, reflecting the honor, commitment to service, and legacy of Brian's father, Michael Wilson. Brian's father was a 22-year Air Force veteran and passed away from cancer when Brian was only 17.

Wilson's contribution is the largest scholarship given by an individual to be administered by AFA in its 65 year history. Two scholarships will be awarded each year for the next five years (2011 to 2015) and is open to any Air Force ROTC cadet in the United States.

"This scholarship is not a donation in my mind, but rather a reward to those who put their country before themselves – a reward that dictates diligence,

leadership, perseverance and patriotism. It is an honor for me to contribute to the men and women who represent America. Most of my family served and our flag is etched in my heart. From an early age I learned punctuality, order and reliance. These are the traits that have molded me into the man I am today," stated Brian Wilson.

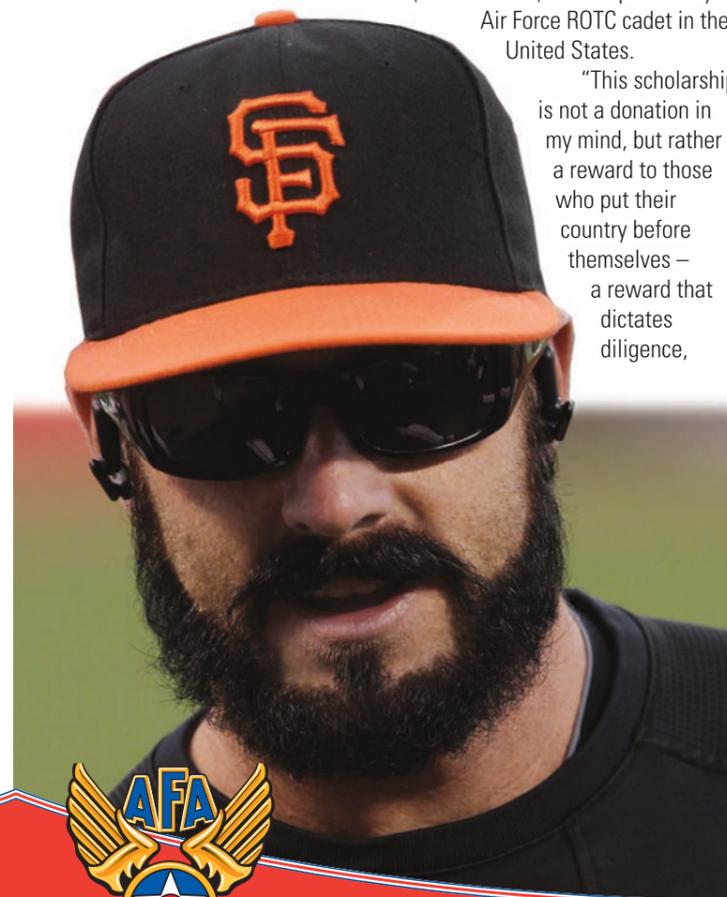
"The men and women who voluntarily sign-up to protect and defend our country is this nation's greatest asset," said Mike Dunn, President and CEO of AFA. "AFA strives to encourage and assist

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the academic endeavors and goals of our future Airmen. We thank Brian Wilson for making this significant gift from his newly created foundation and are pleased that he is part of our Air Force family."

AFA encourages the pursuit of education by offering numerous scholarships and grants to Air Force active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and their dependents; and awards various educator grants to promote science and math education at the elementary and secondary school levels.

More information on the Michael Wilson Scholarship can be found at www.afa.org/MichaelWilson.



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The Air Force Association educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense; and supports the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education.

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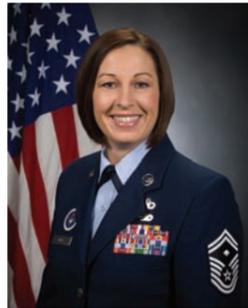




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SMSgt David R. Henry



SMSgt Melanie K. Noel



SMSgt Manny Piñeiro



SMSgt Ernest T. Williams



MSgt Todd K. Meaney

AFA paid tribute to these Airmen and their important contribution to the Air Force at the Team of the Year Awards Ceremony and Reception at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, on May 2, 2011. The awards ceremony was part of an exclusive four-day program that also included visits with Air Force Leaders at the Pentagon, a visit with individual team members and their congressmen on Capitol Hill and other special events throughout the nation's capital.

"The Air Force Association always finds this award a great opportunity to highlight a very essential career field and recognize individuals who have shown great dedication and sacrifice," said Sandy Schlitt, AFA Chairman of the Board. "These men and women have shown exceptional professionalism, technical expertise, and leadership skills that have truly warranted this recognition. We commend them for their great commitment and courage."

2011 Air & Space Conference and Technology Expo to Unite Military Leaders, Industry Experts and Others

U.S. Air Force leaders, military strategists, aerospace professionals and the nation's leading academics specializing in national defense issues will gather at AFA's 2011 Air & Space Conference and Technology Expo from September 19 – 21 to discuss the strategic issues and challenges facing America and the aerospace community today.

This year's Conference will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center on the Potomac, in National Harbor, just across the river from Alexandria and minutes from downtown Washington.

Invited speakers include the Secretary of the Air Force, the USAF Chief of Staff, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and other top Air Force, government, and aerospace industry leaders. Also invited are military dignitaries from air forces worldwide.

"The Air & Space Conference and Technology Expo is a great opportunity for the Air Force community to get together, to network and to professionally grow," said Mike Dunn, President of AFA. "We welcome the opportunity to provide an environment to bring important topics and experts together."

The Technology Expo will feature aerospace exhibitors from

around the world that will display and demonstrate the latest breakthroughs in air and space technology. The exhibits at AFA's

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Technology Expo highlight the most current developments in aerospace technology and education.

For detailed event information and online reservations, please visit www.afa.org.



AFA Chapter in the News Alabama Chapter Aims High with STEM

Through the Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Connections in Education Program, the AFA Montgomery Chapter helped sponsor an essay contest that aims to expand students' knowledge of Alabama history.

Fourth-grade students participated in the annual Alabama Aerospace Heritage essay contest, competing to win flights in CAP's Cessna airplanes with CAP Alabama Wing pilot, Lt. Col. Sam Snead.

These flights were especially relevant as both schools' students had just returned from the May 20th AFA/CAP annual Aerospace Exploration Day at Maxwell Air Force Base where they experienced career exploration tours of the control tower and airplanes managed by the U.S. Air Force. Students also learned about the historic aspects of Maxwell (including the fact that it was the first flight school in the country opened by the Wright brothers).



Still Going Strong

The B-52H fleet has surpassed 50 years of continuous service with the Air Force in conventional and nuclear strike roles. "Half a century ago, no one would think this aircraft would be where it is today," said Maj. Chris Otis, 20th Bomb Squadron assistant operations director at Barksdale AFB, La. "It is a true testament to this airframe."

On May 9, 1961, Boeing delivered the first B-52H model to Strategic Air Command's 379th Bombardment Wing based at Wurtsmith AFB, Mich. Dubbed "State of Michigan," it was the first of 102 B-52Hs that the company delivered, more than 70 of which remain in service. The B-52H boasted improved range and performance, incorporating new Pratt and Whitney TF-33 engines.

The Air Force continues to upgrade the B-52H today and intends to keep the aircraft in service out to around 2040.

N.J. Governor Congratulates CyberPatriot Champions

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie congratulated "Team Mantrap" of Red Bank Regional High School for being crowned the CyberPatriot III Open Division National Champions.

AFA's CyberPatriot education initiative is the nation's largest and fastest growing high school cyber defense competition. The competition held its national finals April 1, 2011, in conjunction with AFA's inaugural CyberFutures Conference and Technology Exposition.

Seventeen teams from all over the nation congregated at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center to complete one last challenge for CyberPatriot III, culminating in an awards banquet that



"Team Mantrap"

named the top winners of the competition's two divisions.

Out of an original 186 Open Division registrants, "Team Mantrap" (Mantrap is an industrial term in cyber security parlance) was the top scorer in their division, which was comprised of students from public, private, parochial and home schools not associated with any military organization (i.e., Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol).

"Congrats to team Mantrap at Red Bank Regional High for becoming CyberPatriot III national champions," the Governor said via Twitter, April 14, 2011. "Keep up the good work."

Have you got what it takes? Registration for CyberPatriot IV is now open! For more information, visit www.uscyberpatriot.org.

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