

Right, Brig. Gen. James E. Miller Jr., AIA commander, congratulates Larry Merritt, AFIWC technical director, after presenting him with the Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award. Looking on is Merritt's wife, Marcia.

Merritt receives Air Force's top civilian award

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The highest recognition the Air Force can bestow on a civilian employee was presented to Larry Merritt, technical director of the Air Force Information Warfare Center during ceremonies at Air Intelligence Agency headquarters Sept 18.

Air Force officials said the Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award is presented for "exceptionally meritorious service of a major significance to the Air Force in the performance of duty clearly exceptional to others."

Merritt is only the fourth AIA civilian ever to receive the award in the Agency's 50-year history. He was recognized for "...leading the Air Force Computer Security Assessment Program from July 1987 to March 1997. During this period," the citation reads, "Merritt's comprehensive technical ability, skilled management and strong, visionary leadership brought the Air Force to its present posture as the leading Defensive Information Warfare activity in the Department of Defense and the nation."

Merritt was cited for developing and fielding the software tools which are at the heart of the Air Force's computer security program. Recognizing the Air Force's need for a proactive capability to respond to attacks on the Air Force's unclassified com-

puter systems, he built the Air Force Computer Emergency Response Team at Kelly Air Force Base. The AFCERT partners with DoD and national computer emergency response teams.

"Under Merritt's personal leadership," AIA officials said, "the capability, not only to detect attacks against Air Force systems, but to document and improve the Air Force's security posture was enhanced."

"Merritt's work over the past 10 years has profoundly improved the security of Air Force and DoD (computer) systems and networks," said Dennis Richburg, AIA technical director. "Only rarely can we attribute the success of such a large program to a single individual. However, this is such a case and Mr. Merritt is that rare individual who has achieved such a result. His work led directly to Air Force funding and successful implementation of the leading Defensive Information Warfare program in the DoD, if not the world," he added.

In presenting the award, Brigadier Gen. James E. Miller Jr., AIA commander, said, "this award is presented to Merritt based on his work in leading the Air Force Computer Security Assessment Program. But, in truth, it is a recognition of his outstanding service, skill and leadership throughout his entire career.

"It is his direct leadership," the general added, "that has gained the Air Force the reputation for having the capability and the will to detect attacks and refer attackers to law enforcement agencies."

Col. James Massaro, AFIWC commander, added that because information protect "has become critical to national defense, it is visionaries like Larry Merritt who make the difference. He is a selfless and dedicated professional and is truly deserving of this prestigious honor."

A native of Sioux Falls, S.D., Merritt holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from South Dakota State University and a master of arts in business administration and management from Webster University. He is a graduate of several senior level DoD courses.

Merritt began government service in 1972 as an active duty Air Force officer. He separated from the Air Force in 1976 and began his civil service career as an electronics engineer at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo. He came to Kelly in 1977 and assumed his present position in September 1993.

Merritt is married to the former Marcia Himley of Brookings, S.D. They have three children, Jason, Gena and Jonathan. ■



**Chief Master Sergeant
Joseph L. Dean (Deceased)**



Roy W. Lynn (Deceased)



**Chief Master Sergeant
James R. Mayer (Retired)**



**Chief Master Sergeant
Richard J. Wadle (Retired)**

Four inducted into AIA "Hall of Honor"

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Four former members of Air Intelligence Agency's predecessor and supported organizations were inducted into the Agency's "Hall of Honor" during special ceremonies Sept. 23 on Kelly Air Force Base's "Security Hill."

The ceremony highlighted the 1997 reunion of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association as it marked the 49th anniversary of the Agency and its predecessor organizations.

This year's inductees include:

Chief Master Sergeant Joseph L. Dean (Deceased)

Chief Dean was recognized for being one of the pioneers of the Airborne Communications Reconnaissance Program.

As a young airman, he was placed in charge of a project that would later become a vast and sophisticated airborne reconnaissance program.

He wrote a "Special History of the Pueblo Incident" for which he drew praise from the senior Air Force leadership and which is still regarded as one of the most complete histories of the capture of the USS Pueblo from

an airborne reconnaissance prospective.

Roy W. Lynn (Deceased)

Lynn was credited with developing methods for acquisition, management and operation of high-tech resources and articulately defended these resources at the highest levels of government.

Lynn was the "prime mover" in the development of the U.S. Air Force Security Service (AIA's predecessor) Master Program which expanded to become the nationally recognized format and document for all cryptologic activities.

Chief Master Sergeant James R. Mayer (Retired)

Chief Mayer was the recognized subject matter expert in all aspects of airborne Signals Intelligence activities.

The chief was a veteran of more than 900 reconnaissance missions and nearly 10,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft and, for 12 years, was the standardization and evaluation program director for these assets.

He was credited with re-engineering the manning and mission of orga-

nizations to support Operation Provide Promise, which supported Air Force operations following hostilities in the former Yugoslavia. As a direct result of his efforts, the units involved were awarded numerous accolades including the O'Malley Award for the top reconnaissance crew in the U.S. Air Force for two consecutive years.

Chief Master Sergeant Richard J. Wadle (Retired)

Chief Wadle was recognized for his "outstanding leadership." His ability to motivate people, especially young people, was virtually unequaled, his nomination reads.

Because of his leadership ability, he was the first signals analyst to be selected as Operations NCOIC of the 6990th Electronic Security Squadron. Because of mission requirements, operations tempo was extremely high. He readily accepted the challenge and excelled in keeping some 500 extremely bright, tired and over-tasked young men and women motivated and "willing to give more productivity that the 110 percent they were already giving." ■

MEDALS



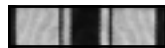
Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Ross, William
Maj. Ells, James
Maj. George, Donald
Maj. Vuillemot, Kathryn
Capt. Issler, Paul
Capt. Johnson, Robinn
Capt. Thomson, Eric
Senior Master Sgt. Pogue, Carter
Senior Master Sgt. Simeon, Gregory
Senior Master Sgt. Wright, Clifton
Master Sgt. Broyles, William
Master Sgt. Edwards, Aloyisus
Master Sgt. Jackman, Kenneth
Master Sgt. Lewis, Janice
Tech. Sgt. Hoffman, Mark
Tech. Sgt. Walljasper, Michael
Staff Sgt. Prosek, Glenn
Staff Sgt. Shook, Shane



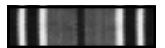
Aerial Achievement Medal

Master Sgt. Lach, Michael
Master Sgt. Wilhelmens, Stephen
Tech. Sgt. Buck, Kevin
Tech. Sgt. Gradski, Jack Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Stalford, Scott
Tech. Sgt. Stegman, Stephen
Staff Sgt. Barrios, Rene Jr.
Staff Sgt. Chang, Leo
Staff Sgt. Chaon, Jeffrey
Staff Sgt. Lewis, Jerry
Staff Sgt. Licari, Ronald
Staff Sgt. Loomis, James
Staff Sgt. Ofstedal, Nathan
Staff Sgt. Purnell, Lester II
Staff Sgt. Ransom, Edward
Staff Sgt. Santos, Jose Jr.
Staff Sgt. Schmokel, Daniel
Staff Sgt. Toulouse, Bartley



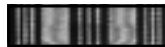
Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Farley, Richard
Capt. Summerhays, Lars
1st Lt. Stewart, Jay
Master Sgt. Foster, Brett
Tech. Sgt. Sabo, Steven
Tech. Sgt. Silva, Justo
Staff Sgt. Allen, Scott
Staff Sgt. Carl, Allen
Staff Sgt. Gordon, Edward
Staff Sgt. King, Mark
Staff Sgt. Koller, John
Staff Sgt. Scheirer, Dennis
Staff Sgt. Steinman, John
Staff Sgt. Zook, John
Senior Airman Norman, Tammy



Joint Service Achievement Medal

Senior Airman Black, Matthew
Senior Airman Standifer, Stacie



Air Force Achievement Medal

Lt. Col. Ross, William
Maj. Simpson, Eric
Senior Master Sgt. Aldaz, Marc
Master Sgt. Campbell, Edward
Master Sgt. Howell, Anthony
Master Sgt. Osuna, Robert
Tech. Sgt. Beaty, David
Tech. Sgt. Chapman, Robert
Tech. Sgt. Spina, John

Tech. Sgt. Wolfe, Christopher
Staff Sgt. Baker, Brian
Staff Sgt. Barnes, Donald
Staff Sgt. Dueser, Marvin Jr.
Staff Sgt. McCulloch, James



Air Force Good Conduct Medal

Senior Airman Beard, Michael
Senior Airman Hill, David
Senior Airman Ochs, Steven
Senior Airman Parker, Melinda
Senior Airman Walter, Judith
Senior Airman Yost, Kevin
Airman First Class Brown, Donald III

AWARDS

Yearly

1997 Outstanding AIA Supply Personnel of the Year AIA

Senior Master Sgt. Balcarcel, Victor
Staff Supply NCO

Bufalino, Charles
Staff Junior Manager

Kasper, Roy
James Bowie Jr. Staff Senior Manager

301st IS

Tech. Sgt. Zabel, Thomas
Senior Supply Technician

488th IS

Senior Airman Christie, Lisa
Junior Supply Technician

Master Sgt. Barrow, Rena
Chief Master Sergeant Eddie Speight Supply Superintendent

1997 Lance Sijan Award

390th IS
Capt. Jenkins, Marilyn
Junior Officer Category

AFIWC

Senior Master Sgt. Denbrock, Alfred
Senior Enlisted Category

544th IG

Tech. Sgt. Holt, James
Junior Enlisted Category

67th IW

Capt. Richardson, Linda
Thomas & Marion Krauska Award

Quarterly

381st IS
Airman 1st Class Bobba, Bharat
Airman

497th IG

Capt. Kell, Matthew
Company Grade Officer

Master Sgt. Freeman, Kirk
Senior NCO

Staff Sgt. Sanders, Sheri
NCO

Senior Airman Morris, Raffael
Airman

Brock, Roy
Civilian Manager

RESERVES

To Senior Master Sergeant

Berks, William
Dasovich, Michael
Geiger, Anthony
McDaneld, Douglas



To Master Sergeant

Best, Susan
Campos, Russell
Cattelan, Evelyn
Foods, Mark
Haahr, Jacquelyn
Isibue, Eary
Kappert, Rodney
Mullins, Tammy
Robert, Wayne



To Technical Sergeant

Kling, Charles
McCaulesin, David
Pugh, Anthony
Sanchez, Anthony
Saunders, Rebecca
Schumacher, Mark
Wyatt, Angela



To Staff Sergeant

Green, Christopher
Mayer, Jason
Shary, John



ARRIVALS

Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Tech. Sgt. Lamoreau, Lowell Jr.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Sgt. Fuhrer, Sean

Denver City, Colo.

Staff Sgt. McKellar, Samuel

Fort George Meade, Md.

Capt. Charecky, Michael
Master Sgt. Garrahan, John
Master Sgt. Gerstlauer, Janmari
Tech. Sgt. Russo, Richard
Staff Sgt. Koller, John
Staff Sgt. McCammon, Julie
Staff Sgt. Price, Shannon
Staff Sgt. Ritz, Danny Jr.
Sgt. Bronnee, Sharon
Sgt. Delp, Martina
Sgt. Fleegal, Ronald
Sgt. Hogan, Thomas
Sgt. Kalbaugh, David
Sgt. Lyons, Erik
Sgt. Megela, Kurt
Sgt. Megela, Linda
Sgt. Price, Shane Franklin
Airman 1st Class Bronnee, Clayton
Airman 1st Class Elbrecht, Christopher
Airman 1st Class Fuller, Eric
Airman 1st Class Gift, Dane
Airman 1st Class Hawkins, Iris
Airman 1st Class Krueger, Tracy
Airman 1st Class Stapleton, Corilynn
Airman Musiet, Jennifer

Fort Gordon, Ga.

Capt. Rooke, Jennifer
Staff Sgt. Meier, Derrick
Airman 1st Class Delacruz, Debbie
Airman 1st Class Trosien, Mark
Airman Loring, Kenya

Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Staff Sgt. Oakes, John

Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Lt. Col. McCormack, John
Lt. Col. Miller, Alma
Lt. Col. Moe, Thomas
Capt. Birchenough, Helen
Capt. Muessig, Scott
Capt. Pearce, Brandon
Senior Master Sgt. Jones, Robert
Master Sgt. Ferguson, Gail
Master Sgt. Mossing, Brian
Tech. Sgt. Bender, Michael
Tech. Sgt. Chism, Steven
Tech. Sgt. Harvey, John
Tech. Sgt. King, Zebedee
Tech. Sgt. Long, Sonya
Staff Sgt. Allen, David
Staff Sgt. Mequi, Lemuel
Staff Sgt. Neville, Paris
Staff Sgt. Seamans, Bruce
Staff Sgt. Talbert, Daniel
Sgt. Brisse, Kellie
Sgt. Brisse, Wade
Sgt. Davis, Damon
Sgt. Robinson, David
Airman 1st Class Moore, Christie
Airman 1st Class Prester, Jason
Airman 1st Class Westbrook, David
Airman Hernandez, Jason
Airman Perry, Nathaniel
Airman Rohring, Matthew

Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Maj. Wallace, Michael

McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

Master Sgt. Doll, Julie
Sgt. Perez, James

Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Master Sgt. Perkins, Dennis

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Lt. Col. McCusker, Daniel
Airman Richardson, Melani

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

Capt. Steele, Kevin
Sgt. Corbin, David
Airman 1st Class Bannister, John

Pentagon, Va.

Senior Master Sgt. Strawn, Peter

Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Staff Sgt. Chang, Leo

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Tech. Sgt. Caruso, Michael

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Capt. Lester, Mark
2nd Lt. Bodwell, Robert
2nd Lt. Formwalt, Byron

2nd Lt. Lawrence, Andrew

Sgt. Cannon, Chynethia
Sgt. Gleason, Mark
Sgt. King, William

RETIREMENTS

Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Senior Master Sgt. Simeon, Gregory
Master Sgt. Edwards, Aloyisus
Tech. Sgt. Percy, John

Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Senior Master Sgt. Pogue, Carter

Fort George Meade, Md.

Lt. Col. Mason, Robert
Senior Master Sgt. Zorn, Winn
Senior Master Sgt. Liberati, Ernest
Master Sgt. Kane, Robert Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Mezas, Roy
Tech. Sgt. Delmege, David
Tech. Sgt. Francis, Jeffrey
Staff Sgt. Isler, William
Staff Sgt. Bailey, Andre

Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Col. Hoening, Donald
Senior Master Sgt. Nelson, Garth
Master Sgt. Smith, Michael
Master Sgt. Strawn, Steven
Master Sgt. Fischer, Steven
Master Sgt. Francis, William
Master Sgt. Conners, Susan
Master Sgt. Henderson, Larry
Master Sgt. Smith, Kenneth
Master Sgt. Purvis, David
Master Sgt. Carson, Shirley
Master Sgt. Christopherson, Bruce II
Tech. Sgt. Lomba, John
Tech. Sgt. Vitek, Michael
Staff Sgt. Shields, Monville

McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

Senior Master Sgt. Freeman, Jerry
Tech. Sgt. Weatherington, Kenneth
Tech. Sgt. Brewer, Edgar Jr.

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Master Sgt. Nobles, Richard

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

Master Sgt. Swearingin, Larry
Master Sgt. Cantrell, Rodney

Pentagon, Va.

Master Sgt. Horn, Gale

Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Col. Sutton, Stephen

Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Senior Master Sgt. Shirley, Mark

BIRTHS

July

Brock Alan Mayer, July 5, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Staff Sgt. Frank and Senior Airman Ann Mayer, 301st IS

Aiyana Jayne Bussey, July 5, 6 pounds, 4.2 ounces, Senior Airman Taniesha Bussey, AFIWC

Jacob Aaron Zabawczuk, July 15, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Staff Sgt Darren and Lillian Zabawczuk, 497th IS

August

Patrick Carter Hailey, Aug. 20, 10 pounds, 13.6 ounces, Staff Sgt. Kimberly and Jesse Hailey, 324th IS

