

# AFCEA EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## Foundation Marks 30th Anniversary

To commemorate its 30th anniversary, the AFCEA Educational Foundation will honor its supporters who fund the foundation's programs aimed at assisting deserving students and teachers at its annual Appreciation Luncheon on September 11. The foundation also will recognize its three former leaders and will announce two new educational programs.

The foundation's early program supported 24 ROTC scholarships and 5 fellowships for a total of \$29,650 in fiscal year 1981. This contrasts with fiscal year 2009, when approximately \$500,000 in scholarship awards and grants will be awarded. The funding for these efforts comes from the generous donations of individuals, corporations and AFCEA chapters. Every dollar of unrestricted gifts to the AFCEA Educational Foundation is presented to a student or a teacher.

This year, the foundation launched its Leadership Society. The Leadership Society recognizes individual donors who advance the foundation's mission by making generous personal annual contributions. As this column goes to press, 35 individuals had contributed \$1,000 or more for a total of \$139,950 for 2009 programs. Visit the foundation's Web site to learn more about the Leadership Society. All members of the Leadership Society are invited to the Appreciation Luncheon, where they will be recognized and will receive a commemorative gift.

All foundation platinum, gold, silver and bronze donors and sponsors also will be recognized at the September luncheon. The foundation's Web site features a complete listing of these generous corporations and foundations.

AFCEA's individual chapters are the third leg of the foundation's funding triad. In addition to helping fund the foundation's programs, the chapters work with the foundation as a team. This partnership links the chapters and the foundation and gives AFCEA its powerful educational reach around the world.

Four individuals have had the honor to serve as the foundation's executive directors: Vice Adm. Samuel L. Gravely, USN (Ret.); Rear Adm. Jerry Holland, USN (Ret.); Rear Adm. Paul Tobin, USN (Ret.); and Fred H. Rainbow. All of these foundation leaders will attend the Appreciation Luncheon, except for Adm. Gravely, who passed away in 2004. Still, Adm. Gravely's spirit will be present, and he will be forever remembered.

Alma Gravely, the admiral's wife of 58 years, will be at the luncheon. In May, the U.S. Navy christened DDG-107



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***In May, as the U.S. Navy christens the Gravely to honor Vice Adm. Samuel L. Gravely, USN, Alma Gravely celebrates the occasion by hugging Cmdr. Douglas W. Kunzman, USN, commanding officer of the guided missile destroyer. Adm. Gravely served both the Navy and the AFCEA Educational Foundation. At its annual appreciation luncheon this month, the foundation will launch two new programs to honor its first leader.***

the *Gravely*. The foundation is pleased to announce the AFCEA Vice Adm. Samuel L. Gravely Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by American Systems Corporation. Each year, two \$5,000 Gravely scholarships will be awarded to two students who are enrolled in a hard science or technology degree-granting program at a four-year historically black college or university (HBCU) in the United States.

The foundation also is pleased to announce an annual Samuel L. Gravely Scholarship for members of the crew of the USS *Gravely*. This scholarship will be funded by a grant from a family foundation with close ties to AFCEA.

The Appreciation Luncheon will conclude with Alma Gravely; Doreen Jakubcak, an Education Committee member who leads the Science Teaching Tools program effort; and Natalie Givans, vice chair of AFCEA International's board of directors and a vice president at Booz Allen Hamilton, presenting a Science Teaching Tools grant to Michele Salzano, principal of the Samuel L. Gravely Elementary School in Haymarket, Virginia.

Finally, the foundation is delighted to report that widely known and respected naval historian and author Paul Stillwell is writing a book about Adm. Gravely that will be published by the Naval Institute Press in early 2010.