

'The Spirit of the Battle of Britain' Banquet

Honoring the 2026 Outstanding USAF and RAF Exchange Officers with the Presentation of the RAFMAF Swords of Honor and

Recognizing Aerial Refueling - the Critical Cornerstone of Modern Air Power



Thursday 1st October 2026
Grand Ballroom, The Mayflower Hotel,
Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C.



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The Board of the RAF Museum American Foundation looks forward to welcoming its guests to the annual 'The Spirit of the Battle of Britain' Banquet



This year's banquet recognizes aerial refueling - the critical cornerstone of modern air power. The evening also features the annual presentation of the RAFMAF Exchange Officers' Swords of Honor, sponsored by:



Guest of Honor:

Sqn Ldr Bob Tuxford AFC RAF (Ret)

Pilot of Victor K.2 on many of the acclaimed long-range refueling missions from Ascension Island during the South Atlantic conflict of 1982

In the presence of

Air Chief Marshal Sir Harv Smyth
KCB OBE DFC ADC MA,
Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force

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1127 Connecticut Avenue North West,
Washington DC 20036

To join us for this special event, please contact:
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Event details

MILITARY

Mess dress with decorations

CIVILIAN

Black tie

6.00pm Champagne reception

7.00pm Dinner

10.30pm Carriages

Post-dinner refreshments available until **11.15pm**

Sponsorship opportunities



About RAFMAF

In war and in peace, the Royal Air Force and the air forces of the United States of America have stood together to defeat the enemies of freedom.

Founded in July 2002, the Royal Air Force Museum American Foundation is based upon the celebration of the shared values held by the fighting airmen and airwomen of our two great nations. This spirit of close cooperation and understanding is reflected not only in the past, but also in our present and future.

The Foundation's mission is to ensure that the shared aviation heritage of the US and the UK is kept alive in the memories of our two nations. It works to provide funds, and other efforts, to support the RAF Museum's programs of acquisition, conservation, interpretation, education and training.

By building Anglo-American bridges of opportunity through youth and education initiatives, and within exhibitions, research, publications, professional training, media ventures and museum partnering, it looks to encourage future generations' understanding of aerospace disciplines and appreciation of science and social history expressed through technology.



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- Logo on Sword Citation presented to winner
- Opportunity to host Sword winner

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