

'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:



Guests 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

Colonel Joseph D. Wall USAF
Commander, 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas - one of the U.S. Air Force's three core tanker wings

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

GOLD SPONSOR **\$30,000**

- Two seats at Top Table
- Two prime-sited tables for 10
- Full-page advertisement in Commemorative Book
- Website promotion
- Branding/Logo promotion/Dinner recognition
- Opportunity to host military attendees

SILVER SPONSOR **\$20,000**

- One seat at Top Table
- One prime-sited table for 10
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BRONZE SPONSOR **\$10,000**

- One table for 10
- Branding/Logo promotion/Dinner recognition
- Opportunity to host military attendees

SWORD OF HONOR **\$10,000**

- One table for 10
- Logo on Sword of Honor Citation in Commemorative Book
- Logo on Sword Citation presented to winner
- Opportunity to host Sword winner

Alternative seating arrangements for groups smaller than a full table may be available upon request. For further information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact:

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About RAFMAF

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 the RoAF and the USAF and the Guardians of the USSF. Its mission is to ensure that this shared aerospace heritage is kept alive and to provide funds, and other efforts, to support the RAF Museum's educational initiatives to encourage future generations' understanding of aerospace technological disciplines. The programs include drone skills, coding, rotary and rocket propulsion, and materials science, providing opportunities for young people to develop STEM, digital, and work-related skills through coaching and mentoring.



About AFMAF

The Air Force Museum Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Since 1960, it has worked to support the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force financially for expansions, special exhibits, restorations, enhancements, educational programs and acquisitions. The Foundation also provides necessary resources for volunteer support, special events and funds for marketing this world-class museum throughout the region and beyond. Awe-inspiring aircraft, moving stories of heroic airmen and an unparalleled collection reflecting USAF/industry aerospace achievements create education programs that inspire young minds.

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