

# A SOLID FOUNDATION

## Hall of Fame hails comm, info legends

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Every profession has its innovators and pioneers.

During the Communications and Information Hall of Fame induction ceremony April 15, at Andrews AFB, Md., successive generations of the communications and information community celebrated the lives and achievements of its pioneers.

Honored for their contributions were retired **Lt. Gen. John S. Fairfield**, and the late **Maj. Gen. John Paul Hyde**. The event had even more significance as General Fairfield was joined by six of the eight living Hall of Fame inductees. Each of these comm pioneers took time to find old friends and to make new friends.

"I've never been to one of these before," said a second lieutenant from Andrews' 89th Communications Squadron. "It's amazing to see all of these individuals in one place."

Since 1999, the Comm and Info Hall of Fame has recognized the achievements of past military leaders and civil servants who have laid the foundation that supports today's dominant, modern Air Force.

Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins, Air Force deputy chief of staff for Warfighting Integration, hosted this year's ceremony, and Lt. Gen. (retired) James Cassity, Jr., a 2001 Hall of Fame inductee, was the guest speaker.

In his tribute to General Hyde, Lt.

Gen. Harry Raduege, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency, chronicled his memories of a great comm and info leader, whose smile was described by General Cassity as "big as a barn." Often addressing Mrs. Hyde and her children personally, General Raduege remembered his time working as General Hyde's executive officer. It was an emotional moment as Mrs. Hyde accepted the award and thanked everyone for honoring her husband who died in 1996. "On behalf of the happy warrior, we thank you," she said.

Following the Hyde presentation, retired Maj. Gen. George Lampe entertained the group with sincerity and humor describing his experiences working for and with General Fairfield.

"Not a day goes by when I don't miss wearing the uniform," said General Fairfield as his wife and an audience of 150 looked on. "Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is unbelievable. I will continue to tout your (communications) skills, because you stand among giants in caring and commitment."



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The Communications and Information Hall of Fame honors the achievements of military leaders and civil servants who have laid the foundation for today's modern, dominant Air Force.

▶▶ Each Comm and Info general officer, senior executive service, and Hall of Fame member is eligible to nominate candidates. The AF C4 Association, AACS Alumni Association and AFCA/HO (as Veterans Committee) are also authorized to submit one candidate each. Nominations are integrated into a standing list of candidates, who are considered annually for 10 years.

▶▶ Following an annual call for candidates in December, AFCA, as the secretariat, sends a candidate list to the nominating panel.

▶▶ AF/XI solicits three active duty generals or SES members and two Hall of Fame members to serve as the nominating panel.

▶▶ Officer, enlisted or civilian candidates must have served in a branch of the government and have made major contributions to the Army Air Forces or Air Force command and control, communications, computer, information or air traffic services disciplines. They must have ended federal service at least five years before nomination.

▶▶ The panel reviews lifetime contributions, focusing on extraordinary careers, strategic thinking and continued service to the Air Force community after active duty.

▶▶ AF/XI approves the nominees and presents the awards to the inductees at the annual Comm and Info Retired General Officer conference.

(Left to right) Retired Maj. Gen. Robert Edge, Maj. Gen. Jack Robbins, Lt. Gen. John Fairfield, Chief Master Sgt. Hank Sauer, Lt. Gen. Lee Paschall, Lt. Gen. James Cassity and Col. Glenn Giddings gather to represent five of the six classes of inductees.

Staff Sgt. Dennis Henry Jr.