

Maintenance Officer Association

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1991 CONVENTION  
BANQUET



Sheraton Premier Hotel

2 November 1991

# PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES -- LT COL MARK RODDY  
OPENING REMARKS -- LT COL DON WETEKAM  
INVOCATION -- COL (SEL) LOREN RENO  
DINNER\*  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER -- LT GEN VICCELLIO  
CLOSING COMMENTS -- LT COL DON WETEKAM  
DANCING\*

## Dinner Menu

Mushroom soup with Sherry  
Spinach, orange & pecan salad  
Roast Baron of Beef with  
Sauce Cabernet Sauvignon  
OR  
Boneless Cornish Game Hens with  
Champagne Cream Sauce  
NY Cheese Cake with Strawberries

\* -- Music provided by THE ADMIRALS

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## LIEUTENANT GENERAL HENRY VICCELLIO JR.

Lieutenant General Henry Viccellio Jr. is Director, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Gen Viccellio earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the US Air Force Academy in 1962. The general then entered pilot training at Webb AFB, TX, in July 1962, and later flew the F-100 at Homestead AFB, FL.

In October 1965 General Viccellio was assigned to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, flying A-1 Skyraiders. When he returned from Southeast Asia, he attended the National Autonomous University of Mexico as an Olmsted scholar from November 1966 to November 1968. The general then was assigned to the Directorate of Concepts and Doctrine, Headquarters USAF, Wash D.C.

From July 1970 to December 1971 he served as squadron maintenance officer with the 7th TFS, Holloman AFB, N.M. He then joined the 36th TFS at Osan Air Base, South Korea, as an F-4 commander. Upon his return to the United States, General Viccellio entered the Armed Forces Staff College, graduating in June 1973. He served as liaison officer with the U.S. Senate from July 1973 to July 1975.

The general transferred to Eglin AFB, FL, where he was the commander of the 58th TFS and later the assistant deputy commander for operations with the 33rd TFW. From Dec 1977 to March 1981 General Viccellio served as chief of the Rated Officer Career Management Branch at the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX. He then transferred to Shaw AFB, S.C., and served as vice commander of the 507th Tactical Air Control Wing. In Aug 1981 the general was assigned as vice commander of the 56th TFW, MacDill AFB, FL, and took command of the wing in Jan 1982. In March 1983 he became commander of the 1st TFW, Langley AFB, VA.

General Viccellio transferred to Kelly AFB, TX, in July 1985 and served as vice commander of the San Antonio Air Logistics Center. In Sept 1986 he was assigned to Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, as deputy chief of staff for logistics. He became vice commander in April 1989. In Oct 1989 the general became deputy chief of staff for logistics and engineering, Air Force headquarters. He assumed his present position in May 1991.

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours, primarily in fighter aircraft, and flew 235 combat missions in Southeast Asia. His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, and Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters.

He was promoted to lieutenant general May 1, 1989, with same date of rank.

General Viccellio is married to the former Deborah Jane Wood of Mexico City. They have two children.

# REMEMBERING THE FORGOTTEN MECHANIC

Through the history of world aviation many names have come to the fore  
Great deeds of the past on our memory will last as they're joined by more and more---  
When man first started to labor in his quest to conquer the sky,  
He was designer, mechanic and pilot and he built a machine that would fly---  
The pilot was everyone's hero, he was brave, he was bold, he was grand.  
As he stood by his battered biplane with his goggles and helmet in hand---  
But for each of these flying heroes there were thousands little renowned  
And these were the folks who worked on the planes but kept their feet on the ground---  
We all know the name of Lindbergh and we've read of his flight to fame  
But think, if you can, of his mechanics; can you remember their names?  
And think of our wartime heroes and all the acclaim that they got  
Can you tell me the names of their crew chiefs? A thousand to one you cannot---  
So when you see mighty jet aircraft as they mark their way through the air,  
Remember the crew with the wrench in their hands, they're the ones who put them there---