

'Spirit of the Battle of Britain' Banquet

Honoring the 2025 Outstanding USAF and RAF Exchange Officers with the Presentation of the RAFMAF Swords of Honor

and

"One Called, Many Came" - the 85th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain: saluting the support of international pilots who flew with the RAF during the Battle



Wednesday 22nd October 2025
Grand Ballroom, The Mayflower Hotel,
Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C.



U.S. AIR FORCE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

About RAFMAF

In 1917, Lieutenant J. R. Payden crossed the Atlantic with the American Aviation Department to fly with the Royal Flying Corps and, later, the RAF. In 1940, volunteer American pilots followed his trail, flying with the RAF in the Battle of Britain. This established a level of cooperation between our two air forces that still exists today, where the Royal Air Force and the United States air forces seamlessly fly together to defeat the enemies of freedom.

Founded in 2002, the Royal Air Force Museum American Foundation honors this tradition of mutual support with the annual presentation of two ceremonial Swords of Honor to the outstanding RAF and USAF Exchange Officers each year, as recognition of the shared values held by our fighting airmen and airwomen.

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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Sponsorship opportunities

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



In the presence of
Air Chief Marshal
Sir Richard Knighton KCB CBE FREng,
Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force

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**To join us for this special event,
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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**

GOLD SPONSOR **\$30,000**

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- Two prime-sited tables for 10
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- 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

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This year's banquet will celebrate the legacy of international co-operation established by the overseas pilots that flew alongside the Royal Air Force in the Battle.

We remember the three Eagle Squadrons formed in 1940 entirely of American volunteers that fought over Europe. They later became the U.S. Army Air Force's 4th Fighter Group – the ancestor of today's 4th Fighter Wing, flying F-15E Strike Eagles at Seymour Johnson AFB.