

CHAPTER PRESENTATION: Forrest Spencer, right, newly inducted Indiana president of the Air Force Association, presented the Lawrence D. Bell Museum Chapter's charter in a November 7 ceremony at Grissom Air Force Base. From the left, Mentone AFA officers inducted are: Dick Webb, treasurer; Robert Hill, secretary; Gerald Rome, vice-president, and Robert Whetstone, p. esident.

Air Force Association chartered at Grissom

Ceremonies at Grissom Air Force Base on Nov. 9 officially welcomed the Lawrence D. Bell Museum Chapter of the Air Force Association into the state organization, which, at the same time, was welcomed into the national organization. Also chartered was the Lester W. Johnston Chapter from Marion.

It was the first time in AFA's history that a state chapter and two local chapters were chartered at the same time.

Inducted as state officers were three Logansport men, Forrest Spencer, president; William Pfarrer, vice-president, and Gerald Tocco, secretary-treasurer.

Local officers inducted were Robert Whetstone, president; Gerald Romine, vice-president; Robert Hill, secretary, and Dick Webb, treasurer. Members of the local board of directors are Dale Wallace, Dr. Wymond Wilson, Ned Igo,

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Dr. Lloyd Harrell, Frank Hardesty, James Miller, Robert Tucker, David Cooper and Harold Meiser.

Making the presentation was Jack Withers, national AFA vice-president from Washington, D.C., where AFA maintains its headquarters so it can present, at top level of government and defense, aerospace policy that is orginated and formulated through the aid of highly qualified men.

AFA is an independent, non-profit national association for both civilian and Air Force personnel that was organized in 1946 to "support armed strength adequate to maintain the security and peace of the United States and the free world."

AFA has three other goals: striving to support proper employment of air power, developing programs and seeking support for policies that will benefit all Air Force people and promoting public and community understanding of the Air Force through its local chapters. It publishes a monthly magazine, "Air Force Magazine."

The immediate goal of the Indiana AFA will be to restore two currently inactive chapters, the Gus Grissom Chapter at Lafayette and the Indianapolis 500 Chapter, to active status.

Seventy members of the Mentone chapter attended a dinner-dance in conjunction with the charter presentations.