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September 2015



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Awards and Installation Luncheon - **Make it a Date!** **Saturday, September 26th**

11:30 Social, 12:00 Lunch

AFA Members and Guests Welcome!

Reserve Your Spot Now!

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Support Our Wounded Airmen!

by Sharon Branch

When I was an Air Force JROTC instructor, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars were part of the curriculum. One area of emphasis was the advances in medical care over the years and the impact on our service members. Long gone (thank goodness!) are the days of amputation because medics couldn't stop the bleeding or keep a wound sanitary to prevent infection.

However, with those advances has come another realm of reality that

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Chapter Officers Ready to Lead!

Congratulations to our 2015/2016 chapter officers. We all wish them the best as we join them in a new year. They all have exemplary experience and abilities to continue the success of our chapter.

President

Gary Lehmann

Executive Vice President

Todd Freece

Secretary

Jim DeRose

Treasurer

Tim Brock

Central Florida Chapter Mission

Our mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense and to honor Airmen and our Air Force heritage. To accomplish this, we:

- **EDUCATE** the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security
- **ADVOCATE** for aerospace power and STEM education
- **SUPPORT** the total Air Force family and promote aerospace education

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To All!

Wow! What a year. I can not believe it is already September. Somewhere up north, the season of change is beginning as leaves start to turn color. This September also brings about change in our great Central Florida AFA Chapter. My two-year tour as Chapter President will come to a close with the Awards and Installation Luncheon on Saturday, September 26th.

When I look back over the past two years, it is absolutely amazing what this dedicated chapter has accomplished. The incredible strides we made in Aerospace Education, CyberPatriot, the new StellarXplorers, and the ever-important AFA Gala, Air Warfare Symposium and Golf Outing. These two years have been pivotal in all four of these areas with great improvements made across the board due to the tireless efforts of our chapter members. Well done!

As any leader will tell you, the unit is only as good as its members. As Chapter President, I was very lucky to have the superb support, advice and efforts of our three other elected officers. **Gary Lehmann, Tim Brock and Jim DeRose.**

Gary Lehmann served flawlessly as Chapter Vice President for the past two years. This was not a surprise to me as Gary and I previously worked together in the USAF. **Gary** has never been afraid of hard work and prides himself in not leaving until the job is done. He excelled both behind the scenes and in the limelight, ensuring formal chapter functions went without a hitch and filling in as President when I was not able to attend various events. I could not have asked for a better Vice and am proud to say that **Gary** will be taking over as your Chapter's new President—we are all lucky to have him.

Tim Brock has been a key player in this chapter for longer than he probably wants anyone to know. **Tim** selflessly stepped up to take over the Chapter Treasurer duties when **Bryan Paul** passed. **Tim** not only kept the chapter on track, but guided it through some tough budgeting decisions in order to retain our critical programs in the face of a shrinking budget. **Tim's** efforts to become a first class treasurer overnight are absolutely remarkable.

What can I say about **Jim DeRose**? This extraordinary man has served as Chapter Secretary for 22 years and is still going. **Jim** labored to record the details of chapter council meetings in exacting detail...not only essential to the smooth operation of any organization, but also critical in providing the raw information needed to garner the many State and National awards our chapter and chapter members have earned. **Jim's** precise efforts keep the chapter on track...we absolutely could not do it without him.

Finally, I need to thank the various chapter vice presidents and especially the EXCOM for their ceaseless efforts to make this the best AFA chapter in the nation. Without the sage advice of our "more experienced" members, I could not have been effective as your President. Thank you to all who have been there for us.

Thank you,
Bill Palmby



CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER HALL OF FAME

Many Central Florida Chapter members have accomplished exemplary service for our Chapter, our State and our Nation throughout this and past years.

We want to recognize them for their service to AFA!

Chapter Awards

Thanks again for the many members who helped!

AFA Florida State/Region

Exceptional Service Award - Overall Programming

Exceptional Service Award - Veterans Affairs

Individual Awards

Congratulations to each of you!

AFA National

Todd Freece - Exceptional Service Award

Gary Lehmann - Exceptional Service Award

AFA Florida State/Region

Mike Liquori - Florida Member of the Year

Sharon Branch - Presidential Citation

Jim DeRose - Presidential Citation

Robert Hicks - Presidential Citation

Christina English - Exceptional Service Citation

Sharon Branch - Chapter Member of the Year

AFA Central Florida Chapter

Mary Timmerman - Chapter Teacher of the Year

YOUR Chapter Council Meetings

The Chapter Council holds an informative meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at **Atlantic Aviation** (old Showalter) building at the Orlando Executive Airport.

All members are welcome.

Please check the calendar (to the right)
for any date / location changes.

FlightLiner Note

Thanks to all who have contributed to make this the best Chapter newsletter!

Please send your comments and suggestions to Ken at:
KennethKelly@earthlink.net

Deadline for articles for the next edition is November 12, 2015

Events Calendar

September

- 7 Labor Day
- 10 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 12-13 AFA National Convention in DC
- 14-16 Air & Space Conference Technology Expo in DC
- 18 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 18 USAF Birthday
- 26 *Chapter Awards Luncheon Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs

October

- 8 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 12 Columbus Day

November

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 14 Veteran's Day Parade (Downtown Orlando)
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 4 Chapter Holiday Dinner Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs
- 10 *No Chapter Council Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2016

- 1 *New Years Day
- 14 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 18 Martin Luther King Holiday

February

- 11 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 15 President's Day
- 24-26 AFA Air Warfare Symposium
- 24 CFC Golf supporting AWS
- 25 CFC Gala (Shingle Creek)

** See details in this newsletter*

Wounded Airmen Need You!

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must be faced - **our wounded airmen.**

"For every US soldier killed in World Wars I and II, there were 1.7 soldiers wounded. In Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, for every US soldier killed, seven are wounded. Combined, over 48,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in the recent military conflicts. In addition to the physical wounds, it is estimated as many as 400,000 service members live with the invisible wounds of war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Another 320,000 are believed to have experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment." (www.WoundedWarriorProject.org)

AFA's Wounded Airman Program (WAP) began in 2013. We are partners with the US Air Force and the "...Wounded Warrior (AFW2) program to provide much needed support to our wounded Airmen. Examples of support include prosthetics, financial aid, caregiver support, on-site support at adaptive sports camps and the

Department of Defense Warrior Games and much more. In 2014 alone, AFA's Wounded Airman Program provided over \$133,000 in direct support to our Airmen!

In fact, 100% of your donations to AFA's Wounded Airman Program are used in direct support of wounded airmen. The WAP is operated and administered by AFA with staff time and overhead fees covered by AFA's general fund. In other words, if you

For more information search for "wounded warrior" at...

www.afa.org

www.woundedwarrior.af.mil

give \$100 to the WAP, that \$100 will go toward the support we give our wounded Airmen."

The AFW2 web site states, "The Air Force will take care of its Wounded Warriors. We will fully support the



Office of the Secretary of Defense programs to keep highly skilled men and women on active duty. If this is not feasible, the Air Force will ensure Airmen receive personalized support through the AFW2 program."

The goals of the AFW2 program are to "Provide well-coordinated and personalized support to Recovering Service Members (RSMs), caregivers and their families. Advocate to ensure accessibility and minimize delays in gaps of medical and non-medical support and services. Provide a refined, simplified transition back to duty or civilian life, ensuring RSMs are well-equipped to manage challenges as a result of their injury or illness."

AFA's Wounded Airman Program is rooted in Airmen taking care of Airmen. **Be a part of their support system by donating today!**

Surge Assists Homeless Vets

Heather Frebe, Public Affairs Officer, Orlando VA Medical Center

A surge to identify and renew efforts to assist homeless Veterans in Osceola, Orange and Seminole Counties was conducted in July. A weeklong effort included many volunteers and community members who took time to find homeless Veterans and to gather their information to create a homeless registry including specific needs.

We are committed to help! Along with community assistance, the Orlando VA Medical Center has several ways to help Veterans and their families out of homelessness and into permanent housing. Under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program VA focuses on moving homeless Veterans into permanent housing through a Rapid Rehousing approach.

Another avenue used is the Grant and Per Diem program which provides funds to community agencies that offer transitional housing to homeless Veterans. Along with these programs is the 60 bed domiciliary at the Lake Nona campus for at-risk Veterans to help them return to independent living in the community.

While these VA programs help many of our homeless Veterans, the VA still employs stop-gap measures, such as providing temporary shelter while a Veterans awaits permanent housing, but there are better temporary solutions within the local



"Surge" officials meet with VA to help homeless Vets

community that have much greater flexibility and timeliness.

The Surge provided an opportunity for all those concerned about homeless Veterans to help identify and work to help Veterans get off the streets. The results identified approximately 418 homeless Veterans and we are working to address the needs of those identified during the Surge.

AFJROTC Leadership Program

Jim Fake, Lt Col, USAF (RET), Wekiva HS AFJROTC SASI

Every year Air Force Junior ROTC cadets from over 20 schools bring approximately 250 cadets to The Citadel, the Military Academy of South Carolina.



For the past three years, Wekiva High School has brought ten of their top cadets

to benefit from this outstanding summer leadership program.

Last June, Wekiva cadets engaged this highly beneficial development program for both cadre and rookie cadets.



Central Florida Cadets attend Leadership Training at Citadel

The course emphasizes the hands-on team building activities so time is spent on obstacle courses,



All of our cadets successfully completed the program!

*We welcome YOU
to join and participate in the
Central Florida Chapter
of the
Air Force Association*

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☐ Check here if renewal.

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Central Florida Chapter #303

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. National Guard | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Widow(er)/Lineal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Reserve | <input type="checkbox"/> Ancestor/Descendent of Veteran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired U.S. Armed Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian (No service w/ U.S. Military) |

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Special \$22.50 rate

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 for 1 year | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Service Enlisted E1-E4 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$630 extended payments |
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DONATION

I wish to include a charitable donation to support AFA and its mission to promote Air Force Airpower.

- ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ _____

Contributions to AFA are fully tax-deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

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CFC Chaplain in Ukraine

Ken Kelly, Editor

In June, **Chaplain Bob Hicks**, our Chapter Chaplain, was part of a team that traveled to Kiev for a conference focused on the Ukrainian military chaplains.



Chaplain Hicks speaking with interpreter

Ukraine is in a shooting standoff with both Ukrainian and Russian "separatists." The Ukrainian Ministry of Defense has no government

authorized chaplaincy so local volunteer pastors have become chaplains for their military. With no pay, benefits, or medical care, these local pastors are serving without much training or experience in combat related ministry.



Ukrainian and Russian tank standoff at Kiev's War Memorial

The American team of retired chaplains and PTSD specialists addressed these issues.

Chaplain Hicks did lectures on "Combat Moral Injury, Critical Incident Response, and Battle Mind versus Home Mind." He also met with



Ukrainian Air Force Officers

Ministry of Defense officers on how a professional military chaplaincy works in the U.S. Other attendees were spouses, Ukrainian officers and other government officials.

CAP International Exchange

Christina English, Captain, CAP

Upon landing at Orlando International Airport, six excited international cadets and their escorts (see picture) met their Civil Air Patrol escorts for 10 days of education and fun. Three were from **New Zealand** and three were from **South Korea**. They were received with anticipation by Cadet Ambassador **1Lt Cole Frank** and other Florida Wing members.

They soon met their host families to begin their week of exciting events and opportunities to experience the rich aerospace education in Florida.

After a weekend at King's Bowl and the Orlando Eye, the group traveled to Kennedy Space Center. Accompanied by **Lt Col Andrew Feldman** (Spectrum Manager, CAP National HQ). Their "space history tour" began as they walked the Kennedy Space Center Rocket Garden.

Major Gary Dahlke (FLWG Director of Aerospace Education) shared his personal experience and

work on these programs as he gave a detailed tour of the Atlantis Space Shuttle and the Shuttle Program. All were amazed and excited to see space history close up.

Between shopping and taking in the Florida culture, the guests visited Epcot to enjoy and learn how Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) is used in our CAP cadet programs. Test Track and Mission Space were their two favorite rides.

Universal Studios, including Hulk and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, was another high point. The cadets were familiar with the books and the movies, but seeing the authentic storybook stores and rides was their most exciting adventure.

The next day they visited with FLWG Commander, **Col Henry Irizarry** at the Animal Kingdom Lodge, shared experiences and gifts. Our international visitors were most



International cadets hosted by CAP in Orlando

pleased with their trip as they exchanged their favorite stories with **Lt Col Skip Pfeiffer** at their farewell dinner.

Departure to the airport left many faces wiping tears and exchanging emails with each other, promising to be best friends always. The entire experience was a great cultural opportunity opening our understanding and appreciation for each other.

We continued to learn that people are genuinely kind, compassionate and loving and we should learn to live together.

CyberPatriot Team Wilson

by Richard Ortega, Team Wilson Coach

CyberPatriot continues to grow as we create new opportunities for success across the U.S. One of our local CyberPatriot Civil Air Patrol teams, Team Wilson, is growing and winning too.

In a recent six hour exhibition round, Team Wilson scored a notable 190 out of possible 200 points.

Contratulations to CAP Cadets

David Lyon, Alexander Rodriguez, Izaiah Fedrik, Johnathon Fernandez and Dante Dewberry

Also, a big thanks to our mentors **Alexis Brignoni, Allek Pastrana, Thomas Lyon, Bonnie Callahan and William Rodriguez** who donate their time to guide our youth, the leaders of tomorrow.

We welcome you to join us!



Mentors are important and there are many ways you can help those who are already volunteering.

Awards and Installation Luncheon -- Make it a date!

by Bill Palmby, Chapter President

Come join us!

Make your reservation today to join us for the Chapter Awards and Installation Luncheon on **Saturday, September 26th, at the Altamonte Hilton.**

In addition to honoring the chapter and several individuals for their well deserved awards, you will have the opportunity to meet your AFA

friends and incoming chapter officers.

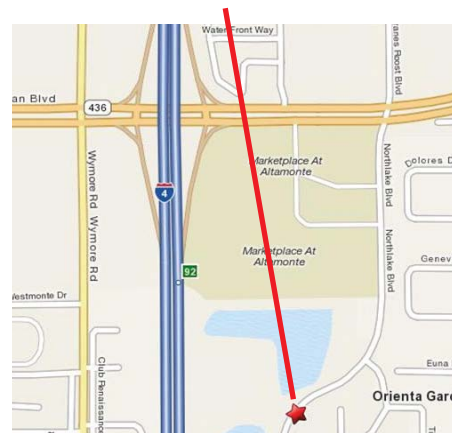
Social time is at 11:30am with a great lunch served at 12 noon. The Awards program will follow.

Please send in your reservation form (below) today and get ready for a great time!

NOTE

Reservations are due no later than September 20th

The Hilton is in Altamonte Springs off 436 (just East of I-4) take North Lake Blvd south...



Altamonte Hilton

350 North Lake Blvd.

Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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Reservations for Awards and Installation Luncheon

Saturday, September 26th at 11:30 social, 12:00 lunch

A great lunch is planned!

(Members and Guests are Welcome)

Please make your reservations today!

Reservations for the Awards & Installation at the Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs

Adults: _____ x \$ 15.00 = \$ _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made out to: **AFA-CFC**

Mail to: Tim Brock, Treasurer, 622 West Palm Valley Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765
For more information call: Gary Lehmann (701) 340-9655

Name _____ Ph: _____

To Be Received No Later Than September 20, 2015



See you
there!!

Awards and Installation Luncheon September 26th at the Hilton Make Your Reservations Today!

See you
there!!

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more Chapter information...
<http://centralflorida.afaflorida.org>

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