

**Air Force Association
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SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Pensacola 26 Aug 2009

1. **Administrative:** The Hurlburt Chapter, #398 Executive Council meeting was called to order by President Dann Mattiza at the Pensacola Yacht Club at 1830. The meeting adjourned at 1940. The purpose of this additional meeting of the Executive Council was to establish contact with the former Pensacola AFA Chapter members, welcome them to the Hurlburt Chapter, and solicit ideas and support for a Pensacola Satellite operation. The next Hurlburt Executive Council meeting is scheduled for 10 Sept 2009 at the Warehouse Bistro on Hurlburt Field. The next Pensacola area Executive Council meeting will be in November. Date and location are TBD. Submit your corrections to Dann Mattiza at Hurlburtafa@cox.net or Sue Nelson at pupnsue@valp.net.

2. Roll Call:

X	Dann Mattiza	President
X	Tommy Hull	Vice President
	Sue Nelson	Secretary
	Danny Webb	Treasurer
X	John Jogerst	VP Aerospace Education
	Megan Tucker	Aviation Ambassador Chairperson
	Mark Chapman	VP Communications – Web Site
	Don Tyler	VP Communications – Newsletter
	Mike Brennen	VP Community Partners
	Matt Marier	Asst VP Community Partners
	Darryl Thornton	VP Government & Military Relations
X	Max Friedauer	VP Leadership Development; Past President FL AFA
	Lt Col Mike Moore	Chaplain
	Fred Gross	Golf Tournament Chairperson
	SMSgt Brian Clark	VP Military Recognition Programs
	MSgt Kenneth Patterson	Asst VP Military Recognition – Unsung Heroes
	SMSgt Frank Dailey	VP Veteran’s Affairs
	Gary Cornell	Civil Patrol Liaison
	SSgt Jamison Ross	Honor Guard/JROTC Drill Competition Liaison
X	Jim Connors	President’s Advisory Council – State Exec VP
X	Ray Turczynski	President’s Advisory Council – Past President FL AFA
X	Fritz Forrer	Chapter Member
X	Kim Moore	Chapter Member
X	Tom Pyle	Chapter Member, former Pensacola Chap Pres
X	Bob Suhrheinrich	Chapter Member, former Pensacola Chap Exec Council
X	Art Cole	Chapter Member
X	Mike Swinehart	Chapter Member
X	Joseph Teodoro	Chapter Member, AD USAF 1 Lt
X	John Walen	Chapter Member
X	Holly ?	Guest, 2 Lt USAF

3. Reports: No formal reports were made during this meeting.

4. Meeting Overview:

Following introductions of all persons present, Mr Mattiza discussed the reason for the meeting and gave a brief overview of the Hurlburt Chapter. He pointed out that the main emphasis of the Hurlburt Chapter was Aerospace Education and support to Military personnel. Mr Mattiza briefed the group on the Chapters current involvement with three area JROTC units, the UWF AFROTC unit, and the local CAP squadrons. This included providing AFA medals to Gulf Breeze and Pensacola High School (and in the past three Alabama units); scholarships to Gulf Breeze, Pensacola and Navarre High Schools, and scholarships to the UWF ROTC unit. He also discussed the support to the area teachers and schools through the Visions of Exploration Program, AFA Grants , Teacher Workshops, Space Camp scholarships, and other items. Mr Jogerst, Turczynski, and Friedauer also provided information on our AE efforts.

The next area of discussion was Military Recognition Programs. Mr. Mattiza explained the chapter's efforts at Hurlburt to support the Quarterly and Annual Awards Programs. Mr. Pyle provided information on the Activation and Stand up of the 479 Flying Training Group and associated squadrons in Pensacola on 2 Oct 2009. Mr. Mattiza opined that as these units become active, they would become another aspect of our Military Recognition program. We will need to contact the units and determine their needs, provide briefings to the commanders on our Chapter and potential areas of support, and formalize our support to their units. Initial actions will require establishing Points of Contact with the units (Lt Teodoro is part of the group and provide some access), contacting the Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to secure an invitation to the Activation Ceremony, and determining the proper way to introduce our support to the new Group. Mr Tommy Hull has taken the action on acquiring the invitation/tickets to the ceremony and he will coord with Lt Teodoro as required. Mr Pyle or other Pensacola area members may also be positioned to assist with the efforts or interface with the Chamber/military affairs committee. **(NOTE: On 27 Aug, I was contacted by Mike Swinehart who told me he had contacted the XO of the unit and secured three invitations for AFA to the event. I need to notify Mike of the persons attending. Mike has asked to attend and I agreed.)**

Mr. Mattiza generally discussed the establishment and operation of a Pensacola area satellite operation of the Hurlburt Chapter. Given the geographic separation of the membership, attending a Chapter function can entail quite a trek. While that might be okay for Special Events, it puts a damper on participation in day-to-day activities. The creation of a pool of volunteers from the Pensacola area to service the Pensacola area by participating in Aerospace education events with local schools, interfacing with the military community in Pensacola, recruiting members and Community Partners, and interfacing with the Pensacola community via the Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee, or other veterans groups would help the Chapter grow while also furthering the goals of the AFA. Mr. Mattiza asked the Pensacola folks present to consider areas where they might be able to contribute talents on a part time basis. He emphasized that no one person was going to be asked to do it all. He would like for each person to pick one area of interest and work that area only. While some tasks may require more work than others, it is still the individual's choice. (And they can always find other members to help them out!) Several other members also joined in this discussion and addressed possible areas of involvement, etc.

Specific discussion items included comments from John Walen that he is a current Library volunteer and has previously volunteered in other areas including at the Naval Air Museum where he helped with Modeling. He offered his talents were applicable. Other items included establishing links to the local AF units to get involved with some of their events and the AF Military Ball, the potential for using the Naval Base and Naval Air Museum as a potential alternate site for the Teachers Workshop, and linking up with the Navy League or other military or

veteran's organizations for combined events and meetings. Finally, Kim Moore briefed us on her efforts supporting Foster Children in the Milton area. She and John Jogerst recently participated in the August Birthday Party for the Children and provided some Aerospace Education events for the day. She also spoke of an upcoming Christmas event that will involve a large number of children. The Hurlburt Chapter will try to assist with this as well.

5. Overall, the meeting went well and all concerned left with positive outlooks for the future. After adjourning, several of the attendees stayed for an excellent dinner at the dining room of the yacht club. Our thanks go out to Mr Mike Swinehart for arranging the meeting place and to the various attendees for taking the time to be a part of the event. These meetings in the Pensacola area are currently planned for each quarter and will probably rotate to different locations.

DANN MATTIZA, President

TOMMY HULL, VP

DANNY WEBB, Treasurer

SUE NELSON, Secretary