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AFA Mission

To promote a dominant USAF 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, and support the total Air Force family and promote aerospace education.

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**AFA 398 HURLBURT FIELD
TENANT UNITS UNSUNG HEROES**

by Max Friedauer, VP for Unsung Hero programs

The Hurlburt Chapter 398 of the AFA has been honoring the "Unsung Heroes" for the past 19 years, and in the spring of every year we honor the Unsung Heroes of the Hurlburt Field Tenant Units with a luncheon. This year the chapter recognized 18 "Unsung Heroes" (airmen who contribute to the mission by always going above and beyond what is expected of them) and honored them at the Soundside Club for lunch on the 14th of April 2016.

Hurlburt's Honor Guard presented the colors, SrA Alexandria West from the 24th Special Tactics Wing sang the National Anthem, and Chaplain (Maj) David Suh from the 823rd Red Horse Squadron gave the invocation. The Master of Ceremonies for the Luncheon was MSgt Adrian Douglas, from HQ AFSOC.



The guest speaker for the lunch was AFSOC Command Chief CMSgt Matt Caruso, and he spoke about Hurlburt fields amazing Airmen including the many from our large number of tenant units. He said this may well be his last speech as he is headed to USTRANSCOM at Scott AFB. He had nothing but accolades for our Airmen and was so proud and impressed with this group of young Airmen from our tenant units. He re-iterated how these Airmen who show up every day to contribute to their team's goals and objectives, "...they don't seek

recognition but their performance has not gone unrecognized. But we are here today to call them out and salute this silent majority, the best among us... without them we would not succeed." He also thanked AFA and it's Community Partners for the great support to Hurlburt Field.

Each "Unsung Hero" was presented with a framed certificate by Command Chief Caruso and Mr. Max Friedauer. MSgt Douglas read a few of each Airman's accomplishments as they came forward. The luncheon was sponsored with a large grant from Lockheed Martin Mission Systems and Training represented by Mr. Mo Alsid and Bud Sauvageau. Lockheed Martin Corporation is one of 39 Community Partners in the chapter that support the many programs the chapter is involved in. Other AFA Community Partners present were Todd & Kelly Ackerman, WinTec Arrowmaker; Doyle & Marsha Babe, Booz Allen Hamilton; Dominic Damiano, Clemenza's Uptown; Tony Hughes, Beach Community Bank; Pam Ridlehoover, ERAU; and Jerry Williams,

Eglin Federal Credit Union. This event continues to be very popular and everyone is looking forward to the Hurlburt 1st Special Operations Wing event in the fall this year. Also present were our AFA Chapter President, Jim Connors; VP for Community Relations, Thom Guthrie, and Secretary Susan Ault-Davis and her husband Mo.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, Chapter President Jim Connors presented Command Chief Caruso with a "brick" that was purchased in his name and placed at the Air Force Enlisted Widows Village. He also thanked the team from HQ AFSOC, MSgt Christopher Morrelli, SMSgt Jason Blehm, and SMSgt Elizabeth Staub. They worked behind the scenes to put this all together, taking reservations; creating the e-Invitations; organizing and printing the program brochures; award certificates; and coordinating the event with the Soundside Club. Each was presented with an AFA 398 RMO.



Our honorees and Unsung Hero Award Recipients were: A1C Zachary M. Allen, 823rd Red Horse Sq; A1C Nikita A. Dawson, 823rd Red Horse Sq; A1C Caleb J. Stevens, AFSOC Headquarters; A1C Kenneth C. Viray, 823rd Red Horse Sq; SrA Ashley T. Cooke, 823rd Red Horse Sq; SrA Cody M. Duncan, 25th Intelligence Sq; SrA James D. Harris, AFSOC Headquarters; SrA Sarah I. Harris, 19th SOS/DOID; SrA Brian P. Havinga, 23rd Special Tactics Sq; SrA Quinton D. Powell, 505th Communication Sq; SrA, Zachary T. Roach, 823rd Red Horse Sq; SrA Thomas S. Winders, 505 Combat Control Wing; SSgt Richard J. Anderson, 413th Flight Test Sq; SSgt Joslyn C. Castro, 19th SOS; SSgt Robert L. Consoletti, 505th Combat Training Sq; SSgt Steven S. Jensen, Special Tactics Training Sq; SSgt, Esayiyas A. Mulat, 823rd Red Horse Sq; SSgt Kenneth W. Slaven Jr, 39th Information Operations Sq.

Chapter Community Partner of the Quarter

Jeff Cherry is the founder and President of Cherry Wealth Advisors. He focuses in the areas of: lifetime income planning, investment planning, tax planning, legacy and estate planning. As an independent fee based advisory firm, Cherry



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Wealth Advisors work closely with each individual family to understand their needs and goals in retirement. One size does not fit all. In fact, the defining characteristic that separates his process from other firms is a custom tailored plan for each family according to their specific situation.

Jeff has been in the industry for over 30 years and has helped many retirees and pre-retirees get to and through retirement. His main concentration is working with families who are in the retirement “red zone”, meaning, individuals who are 5-10 years away from retirement and those already retired. He specializes in the preservation and distribution phases of retirement, making sure families don’t run out of money before running out of life. Cherry Wealth Advisors believes in going through the “what if’s” in retirement and addressing those that are most important to you.

Radio is another resource Cherry Wealth Advisors uses to inform and educate families. Jeff is the local host for the Financial Symphony, where he discusses financial strategies, he offers guidance in industry related topics, and covers many current financial updates. The show airs every weekend at 8:00 am on WFTW 1260AM and WYOO 101.1FM. If you would like to learn more about Cherry Wealth Advisors we encourage you to tune in or call us at (850) 243-7799.

Jeff has been a strong and consistent supported of the AFA Hurlburt Chapter. Please help us congratulate Jeff on his selection as the AFA Community partner of the Quarter for Apr-Jun 2016.

Coming Events

4-Jul	Happy Birthday America
16-17 Jul	AFA Florida Convention, Lexington Hotel Riverwalk, Jacksonville FL
19 Jul	Hurlburt Executive Council meeting, Bella Donna’s (1130)
16 Aug	Hurlburt Executive Council meeting, Bella Donna’s (1130)
5 Sep	Labor Day
13 Sep	Annual Hurlburt Executive Council meeting, Bella Donna’s (1130)
17 Sep	Air Force Ball, Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola NAS, FL
17-18 Sep	AFA National Convention, National Harbor, MD
18 Sep	Happy 69 th United States Air Force

Chapter 398 Community Partners

The Hurlburt Chapter of the Air Force Association is proud to introduce our Community Partners. This program links our local businesses who share the same aims with the Air Force Association. Our Community Partners are special members. Their membership provides scholarship funds, grants, AFJROTC support, teacher awards, Space Camp for kids, and AFSOC/Hurlburt quarterly and annual recognition. They support Freedom's Team and support Airpower and a strong national defense.



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The Boeing Company

FLIR Systems Incorporated

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Lockheed Martin Mission Systems & Training (MST)
The Raytheon Company

Gold

Air Commando Association
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU)
Lt Col Gerry & Kay Chapman Memorial

Eglin Federal Credit Union
Lockheed Martin Corporation
MacAulay Brown Inc.

Silver

Beach Community Bank
Clemenza's at Uptown Station
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