



Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398



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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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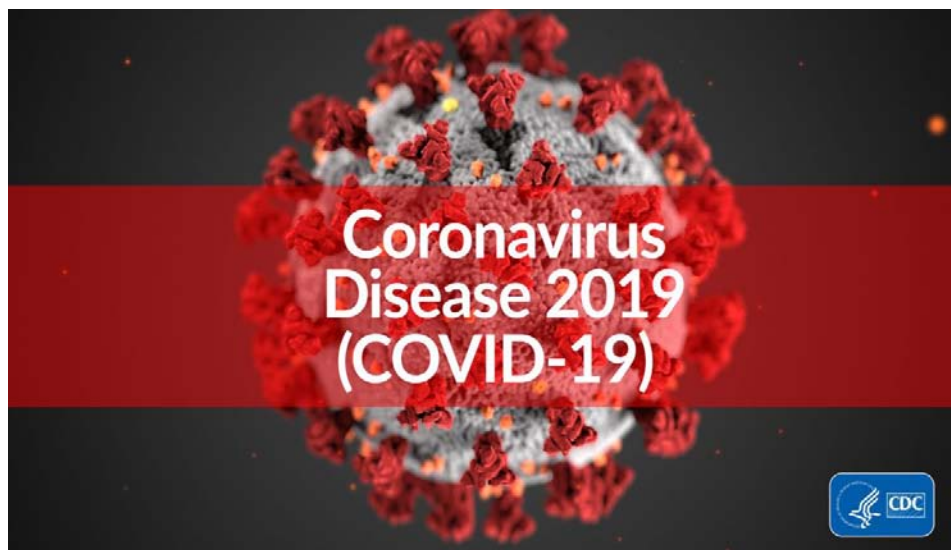
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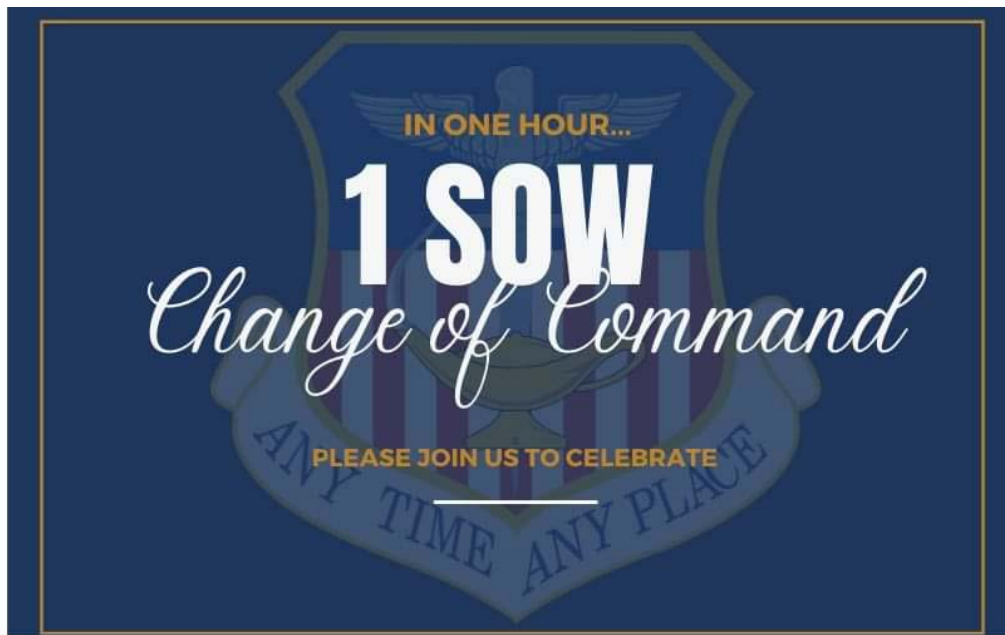
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Like the rest of the nation and world, the Hurlburt Chapter was also impacted by the Coronavirus. We did manage to accomplish several major events prior to the shutdown, and for that we are thankful. Our Teacher Workshop, State Winter Meeting, Science Fair, and Chappie James Birthday celebration were all accomplished in the Jan – Mar timeframe and covered in the last Newsletter. The events for this quarter—and the resulting articles or lack thereof—reflect COVID’s impact. Unfortunately, those impacts will continue for the next few months as the Chapter, State and National AFA organizations continue to deal with the restrictions on travel, gatherings, and planning. Some of those impacts will be discussed in some of the following articles, while others are still unknown. We hope you all are well and stay well as we work through this.



Meanwhile, this unknown Chapter member is doing his part to stimulate the local economy by developing and demonstrating the use of a specially designed Coronavirus mask that allows consumption of liquids while still protecting himself and any surrounding patrons. Well Played!!



Many of you may have watched the live stream on Facebook depicting the Change of Command for the 1st Special Operations Wing. In the photo below, Col Jocelyn Schermerhorn receives the 1 SOW flag from Lt Gen James Slife, AFSOC/CC, to assume command of the unit. Congratulations and Best Wishes!



STATE PRESIDENT'S INPUTS

The Florida AFA State and Region President, Mark Chapman provided the following info about the State Meeting that was planned for July in Jacksonville.

First I want to thank Larry Belge and the Falcon Chapter for all the work they have put into planning for this year's state convention, unfortunately I'm convinced that an in-person convention during the current environment is not in the best interests of the attendees. I have already heard from two chapters that have indicated they will not be in attendance and I strongly suspect a third will be a no-show as well. While, I'm sure we all value an in-person convention where we can interact both on a business as well as social level we will have plenty of opportunity to do so in future meetings.

I suggest that we hold a virtual, business only meeting via Zoom on Saturday the 25th of July. Also that the state organization reimburse the Falcon chapter for any un-refunded expenses (i.e. deposits) associated with this year's convention and should the Falcon Chapter desire/agree, have them host the 2021 convention in Jacksonville moving the Bud West/Eglin/Hurlburt hosted convention in Tallahassee to 2022.

We will still need to find an appropriate means to recognize our state award winners including recognizing our State ToY, and StellarXplorer and CyberPatriot teams.

As we did with our 2020 Winter meeting, I believe that we can accomplish the essential business within a 3-hour video conference window. Below is what I believe we need to address as a minimum. We also have one candidate for VCoB-FO that wishes to call in and introduce himself. I will send out copies of the 2020 Winter Meeting minutes to all this week and I will ask our state treasurer to do the same for our 2021 Proposed Budget.

- 2020 Winter Meeting Minutes and Approval
- Treasurer's Report and vote to approve 2021 Budget
- State Winter Meeting/Convention Plans (selection of hosting chapters and dates)
- 2021 Winter Meeting
- 2021 State Convention
- 2022 Winter Meeting
- 2022 State Convention
- National Convention Update (request for delegates)
- Election of State Officers (Executive VP, Secretary, Treasurer)
- Chapter State Reporting
- Florida AFA Status and Chapter Closures

Thanks to all of you for all you do and especially for your patience.

Mark

In other news

The **National AFA leadership** is now considering options for the National Convention in September that could include the event being hosted virtually. They are continuing to monitor the situation and will pass information as soon as plans are made. Expect any updates via either the AFA Website or email from Mark Chapman or the 398 Chapter.

Chapter 398 Event Updates

1. The JROTC Summer Camp at Hurlburt has been cancelled for 2020. Our donation will be used for the camp in 2021.
2. The Huntsville Space Camp for Summer 2020 has been cancelled. We have reserved slots for our two Teachers of the Year to attend in 2021 and they have been notified.
3. We have selected our Teachers of the Year. Look for article in next issue.
4. The Wounded Warrior Games for 2020 have been cancelled. The Wounded Airmen's Games hosted by Hurlburt and Eglin in anticipation of those games were delayed until August earlier this year. We have not received any updates on those but suspect they have been cancelled as well. STAND BY.
5. We are still awaiting results of the State AFA awards.
6. We will provide further updates as to meetings, events, etc. via email as we know of them.
7. AFA 398/1 SOW Unsung Heroes Luncheon—Still on for Oct-Dec quarter. Will Update later.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter 2020 LOCKHEED MARTIN ROTARY AND MISSION SYSTEMS

Congratulations to Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems for being selected as our Community Partner of the Quarter, 1st Quarter 2020. An outstanding AFA Chapter 398 Hurlburt Field Community Partner since 2011. Actively supports our Air Force family, Airmen, cadets, teachers, students and Wounded Warriors.

Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems (RMS) provides surface, air and undersea applications on more than 460 programs for U.S. military and international customers. The same expertise they provide to military customers is being applied to increase capabilities of U.S. and international civilian agencies.

2nd Quarter 2020 ALION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Congratulations to Alion Science and Technology for being selected as our Community Partner of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter 2020. A long standing (formerly Mac-B) AFA Chapter 398 Hurlburt Field Community Partner since 1998 supporting our Air Force family, Airmen, cadets, teachers, students and Wounded Warriors.

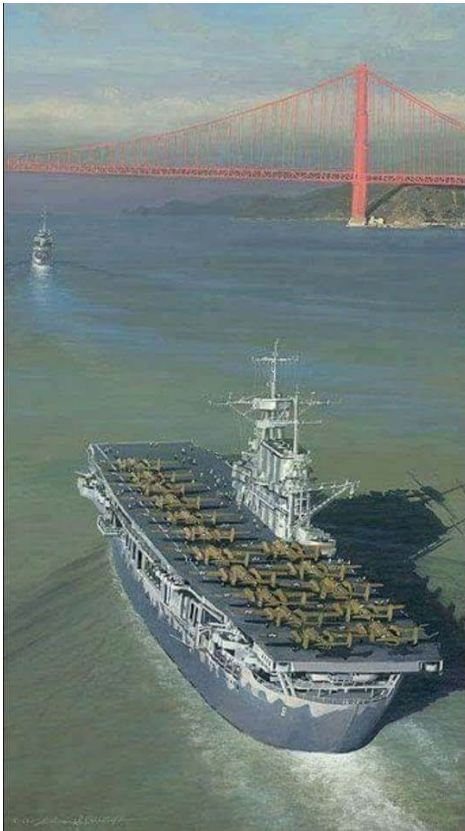
Their first responsibility is to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Their inventive solutions prepare the people who brave battle for whatever comes their way, so they can make their way home. Protecting the people who dedicate their lives to defending us is at the heart of everything they do.

PITSENBARGER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Pitsenbarger Scholarship awards of \$400 were awarded to: **SSgt Billy Van Winkle, 1 SOMXG** and **SSgt Mark Goenett, 823 RHS**. Due to the pandemic, Fred Gross (Chapter VP) and Marie Clemons (Education Office) conducted a virtual selection. The names and units of the winners were forwarded to AFA and certificates and checks were sent to the awardee's squadrons. No formal presentations or pictures were scheduled.

JROTC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Chapter 398 awarded scholarships to graduating seniors of the Pensacola High School AFJROTC, Gulf Breeze HS AFJROTC and the Navarre HS NJROTC units this year. Winners were Brandon Anderson and Caleb Shafer from PHS, Ava Beaugrand from Gulf Breeze HS, and Yuah McMillian from Navarre HS. As the selections were being made as the schools were being shut down for the year for the COVID, checks have been sent to the winners in each unit. Congratulations to our winners.



USS Hornet departing San Francisco in 1941 with Contingent of B-25s aboard-- Doolittle's Raiders. Picture came over internet and I cannot give credit to the photographer.

Coming Events

Jul

8 - Executive Board Meeting. 1130, Mama Nu's, Ft Walton Beach ???

23-24 – Eagle Claw Anniversary (Delayed Until Further Notice from AFSOC)

Aug

12 - Executive Board Meeting. 1130, Mama Nu's, Ft Walton Beach ???

19 - 30th Anniversary of AFSOC (Delayed UFN)

Sep

1 – Inputs due for State Newsletter “Spirit”

9 – Executive Board Meeting, 1130, Mama Nu's, FWB ???

12—National Convention (Status Under Review)

OTHER STUFF

State Convention -- 24 -25 July in Jacksonville – Changed to Virtual Meeting!!

Wounded Warrior Training Camps - Delayed!! More to Follow!!

Chapter 398 Community Partners

AFA Chapter 398 is very fortunate to have very supportive Community Partners. Through their generous funding and involvement, we were able to support our Wounded Warrior training camp, Teacher Workshops, Teacher of the Year recognition, Space Camp, student scholarships, Unsung Heroes Airmen recognition, Cyber Patriot competitions, regional Science Fair and much more.



Thank you to all current partners who renewed their commitment this year and went above and beyond with grants and other financial support.

Again, "Thank you!" to all our Community Partners who supported us throughout the year. We are looking forward to a very busy and successful new year and with your support we will make it better than ever.

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Mama Nu's Kitchen

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