



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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AFA HURLBURT CHAPTER 398 RECOGNIZES OUR TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

The Hurlburt Chapter selected four outstanding teachers for recognition this year and they were each recognized at their individual schools and presented with a check for their efforts. Hurlburt Chapter VP for Aerospace Education, Mr. Rick Soria, made the presentation to each teacher. The teachers and their administrators thanked us for our support to Aerospace Education and commended the Chapter for our support in recognizing STEM teachers. As we all know, the COVID pandemic presented many challenges to everyone and the teachers and their students had to adapt learning styles, lesson plans, and presentation techniques to provide and receive instruction. Our selectees for TOY met these challenges and continued to reach out to their students to bring STEM related topics to their students. Here again are our winners.

Ms. Shannon Kirby, *Crestview High School, High School and Overall TOY.*



In photo, left to right, Crestview HS Principal Dexter Day, Shannon Kirby, Rick Soria.

Mr. Alan Anderson, *C.W. Ruckel Middle School*, Middle School Teacher of the Year.



In photo, left to right, Ruckel Principal Paul Whiddon, Alan Anderson, Rick Soria.

Ms. Gail Smith, *Riverside Elementary School*, Elementary School Teacher of the Year.



In the photo, left to right are Riverside principal Melissa Kearley, Soria, Gail Smith, and Riverside Asst Principal Lori Wagner.

Ms. Marian Gilmore, *Silver Sands School*, PreK-Post Graduate, Exceptional Performance.



In the photo are left to right, Silver Sands Asst. Principal Suzy Bourgeois, Marion Gilmore, Soria

Congratulations to all our winners.

AFA JUNIOR ROTC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Hurlburt Chapter recognized cadets from three local High Schools with the cash awards to be used toward their further education. Due to continuing COVID restrictions, the presentation to the Pensacola High School Air Force Junior ROTC winner was done by the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at that school. However, Chapter members were available to make presentations at the Gulf Breeze High School AFJROTC Award Ceremony and the Navarre High School Naval JROTC Award Ceremony. Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck in your future endeavors. Photos of the events follow. Hurlburt Chapter member Joe Kinego made the presentation to Cadet Adam Jones (left) and Cadet William Tucker (right).



Meanwhile, over at the Navarre High School, Chapter Member Eddie Arroyo made the presentation to Cadet Senior Chief Vincent Solomon of the Navy JROTC unit.



AFA FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

AFA Florida State Convention is set for 23 - 25 July at the Omni Hotel in Jacksonville. The Falcon Chapter is hosting and final agendas are being developed and published.

For Friday arrivals: Look forward to an optional Wine Tasting Social or a relaxing evening at one of the local restaurants. The Hospitality Room will also be available on Friday and Saturday.

The Business Meeting will be on Saturday, 24 July, and will include a Business Lunch. speaker to discuss the Space Force. An Optional Fashion Design Show by Petunia Patch is planned for those not attending the meeting on Saturday.

Reservation applications and instructions are on the State Web Site. Get your reservations in soon. Max and Lily are going, so it is guaranteed to be a Great Time!

HURLBURT CHAPTER PITSENBERGER WINNERS

Hurlburt Chapter Executive Vice President Fred Gross led the selection team including representatives from the local Base Education Office to select two Pitsenberger Scholarship winners for the Spring Semester. At the last moment, National AFA was unable to fund these awards, but the Hurlburt Chapter stepped up to cover the cost of \$500 to each individual. Congratulations go to SSGT Kestrel Glascoe and SSGT Aaron McCauslin for their outstanding achievements. Best of Luck toward your future educational goals. COVID Protocols again prevented a formal ceremony for the presentation but checks and Certificates from the Hurlburt Chapter were presented to both. Hopefully, the next event will return to normal conditions.



AFA Chapter 398
Community Partner of the Quarter
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On Point Defense Technologies

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Congratulations to On Point Defense Technologies for being selected as our Community Partner of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter 2021. A long standing AFA Chapter 398 Hurlburt Field Community Partner, On Point Defense Technologies has supported our Air Force family, Airmen, cadets, teachers, students and Wounded Airmen since 2016.

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Thank you!

Coming Events

Jul

14 Executive Council Meeting, 1130 somewhere

23-25 State Convention in Jacksonville

Aug

11 Executive Council Meeting, 1130

Sep

8 Executive Council Meeting, 1130

18-19 AFA National Convention, National Harbor, MD

20-22 Air, Space, and Cyber Conference, National Harbor, MD

Oct

13 Annual Awards Ceremony, Two Trees, 1800???

TBD Possible Unsung Heroes Luncheon, Soundside

Really Long Term Planning

September 18, **2022** Chappie James Park Dedication in Pensacola

Random shots from the Navarre HS NJROTC EVENT

Just because.



Chapter 398 Community Partners

AFA Chapter 398 is 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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