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The official newsletter of Chapter 398 of the Air and Space Forces Association (AFA).

AFA Mission

Our mission is to promote dominant U.S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their families; and to honor and respect our enduring Heritage

To accomplish this, we:

Educate the public on the critical need for unrivaled aerospace power and promote aerospace and STEM education for a technically superior and professional workforce to ensure national security.

Advocate and promote aerospace power to favorably shape policy and resourcing decisions to guarantee the strongest aerospace forces in the world.

Support Airmen, Guardians, and the families of the Total Air Force and Space Force, including Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, civilians, families, and members of the Civil Air Patrol.

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Chapter Teacher of the Year Program

The purpose of the Chapter 398 (Hurlburt) Teacher of the Year Program annual program is to recognize classroom teachers at the chapter, state, and national level for their accomplishments and achievements in engaging K-12 students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow’s technologies. This is a unique opportunity for us to reward special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure. These are the teachers who are really making aerospace education or STEM an emphasis in their daily classroom instruction.

Mrs. Broaddus is an 8th grade teacher at Ruckel Middle School in Niceville FL. She teaches Geometry Honors and Pre-Algebra to 8th graders. Mrs. Broaddus is also a department chair, a monthly presenter for Pre-Algebra and Geometry school district Professional development, a recipient of the TEAMS Award of \$5,000 for highest teaching excellence and a Florida Department of Education curriculum writer. Mrs. Broaddus has a passion for helping students maximize their brain power on their educational journey.

Nominations are requested and accepted annually from the four school districts in the Florida Panhandle. The chapter executive board reviews each nomination and rank orders the submissions to make their selection.

As the chapter Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Broaddus received a Chapter Teacher of the Year pin, a Certificate of Accomplishment, a check for \$250, a scholarship to attend Educator Space Camp at the Space and Rocket Center (Huntsville, AL), and will be



Pictured are left to right, Mr. Joe Jannazo, Principal Ruckel Middle School, Mrs. Karmen Broaddus, AFA Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year for 2023, and Chapter 398 VP for Aerospace Education Rick Soria. Rick is presenting Mrs. Broaddus her certificate and check. Congratulations Karmen.

honored at the annual chapter awards dinner later in 2023. Mrs. Broaddus was also nominated by the chapter as our nominee for AFA state Teacher of the Year.

The AFA appreciates what all teachers do. Every teacher is making a difference in the lives of their students every day. Our chapter strives to recognize the teachers who are making a difference in STEM education.

Chapter Participates in Hometown Heroes Military Appreciation Day

Chapter members Dann Mattiza and Mark Chapman attended in the Navarre Chamber of Commerce's annual Military Appreciation Day spreading the word on the association and chapter's goals of education, advocacy and support. This year's Military Appreciation Picnic was presented by Forever Warriors and was dedicated to honor, remember, recognize and appreciate those who have served, along with those now serving. All service members and their families were invited to enjoy a free day of food, fun, games, fellowship and live music.



In the Navarre area, these everyday heroes surround us. They are our neighbors, little league coaches, co-workers and friends. We make it a point to express our gratitude during the month of May (and beyond) to those currently serving in the armed forces, our veterans and their families," said Kristen Rhodes, Chair of the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

The Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Committee Military Affairs Committee (MAC) is a group of Navarre Chamber Members who volunteer service to the military through support of the military mission and enhancement of the relationship between the community and the military.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Hurlburt Air Force Base have the largest economic impact on Santa Rosa County and the Navarre area.

"More than anything, the Picnic is a 'thank you' to military personnel and their families for being a very special part of our community," said Navarre Chamber President/CEO, Chanda Ryan. "We'll have our chamber members, board of directors and a number of other business and organizations throughout the Navarre area coming out to celebrate the military in our community.

Joint AFA/ACA Luncheon



Chapter members attended the annual Joint Air Commando Association/Air & Space Forces Association (ACA/AFA) Luncheon on 20 June at the Soundside Club on Hurlburt Field. Maj Gen (Ret) Norm Brozenick introduced the guest speaker, Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Commander Lt Gen Tony Bauernfeind who covered the gambit of AFSOC's Way Ahead. There is a lot of stuff going on in AFSOC with the possibility of a new wing in Tuscon, AZ (Davis-Montham AFB); medical issues at Cannon AFB, NM; CV-22 low in-commission rates; new squadrons of the AT-802U Sky Warden "Armed Overwatch Aircraft;" facing our global threats from China, to Russia, to Iran, to North Korea; and figure out how to meet all the needs with a decrease in real dollars for the next POM cycle. Lt Gen Bauernfeind also took many questions from the floor.

General John P Jumper Award presented to Hurlburt Airman

On Wednesday, 24 May 2023, Past Chapter and State President, Emil "Max" Friedauer on behalf of the of the Air & Space Forces Association (AFA), presented the Gen John P. Jumper Award for Outstanding Mission Coordination of Remotely Piloted Vehicles to Capt Ryan T. McDermont, Intelligence Officer, 2nd Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL. The General Jumper award recognizes individuals for sustained superior performance and outstanding contributions to the integration of Air Force or DoD warfighting and/or operations support capabilities that shorten the kill chain and/or enhance the decision cycle.



Chapter 398 Presents JrROTC Scholarships

On 3 May Past State President and Chapter 398 member Mark Chapman attended the Navarre High School Navy JROTC Awards Night where he presented a \$500 scholarship to Navy JrROTC Cadet Jacob Herrera.

Chapter member Col Joe Kinego, USAF (Ret), attended the Gulf Breeze High School AFJROTC Awards Night Ceremony and presented the AFA Certificate and Medal to Cadet Paige Lorance. Cadet Lorance also received a \$500 scholarship check from the Hurlburt AFA Chapter. Additionally, Cadet Lorance was awarded the AFJROTC J-100 scholarship and will be attending Florida State University in the fall.



Col Kinego, also attended the Pensacola High School AFJROTC Awards Night Ceremony and presented the AFA Certificate and Medal to Cadet Robert Minter. Cadet Minter, who is a rising senior, also received a \$500 scholarship check from the Hurlburt AFA Chapter.





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Currently, SA Tech has personnel located at Hurlburt Field, FL; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; Shaw AFB, SC; Cannon AFB, NM; and Broken Arrow, OK..

Thank you SA Technical Services!!

2023 COMING EVENTS

July

15 – AFA Florida State Convention, Ocala, FL

19 - Executive Board Meeting

August

8 Feb – Science Teachers Workshop, Beachside Church, Ft Walton Beach, 0800-1500

9 - Executive Board Meeting, 1130

September

9-10 – AFA National Convention, National Harbor, MD

11-13 – Air, Space, and Cyber Conference, National Harbor, MD

18 – United States Air Force’s 76th Birthday

October

11 – Executive Board Meeting, 1130, TBA

18 – Chapter Fall Awards Banquet, FWB Golf Course

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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