

AFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

9 April 2025

Attendees

Mark Chapman Max Friedauer Fred Gross

Dann Mattiza Susan Ault-Davis

Announcements

- Florida State Convention will be July 19th in Tampa. Lodging will be available on MacDill AFB. Events are planned for July 18 – 19th. Mark Chapman, Dann Mattiza, and Max Friedauer are planning to attend.
- The National Convention will be held 19-21 September at the National Harbor, MD. Dann Mattiza may be attending.
- Fred Gross is waiting for input from the ACA president, Dennis Barnett, on their interest in a joint AFA/ACA luncheon.

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's report was presented. The Chapter continues to remain financially solvent.

Communications Update

- The newsletter will be released later this month.
- Please note that Chapter 398 will be transitioning its website to **hurlburt.afa.org** in September 2026.

Aerospace Education

- Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year nomination packages are being reviewed by the executive board members, and final selections will be submitted to the Chapter 398 President NLT Sunday, April 13th. Teachers selected for recognition will receive a \$500 check, and the overall selection will be provided the opportunity to receive Space Camp tuition. Tuition will be available for up to two years post-award.

Unsung Heroes Luncheon

- The next luncheon is planned for March 2026. The Chapter 398 executive board is looking at affordable options so all military members and supportive friends and family who want to attend will be able to afford the cost of the meal.

Annual Award Packages

- Dann Mattiza will pick up the AFA Chapter plaques on display at the Soundside and get them updated.
- Chapter members interested in submitting an award for someone deserving should do so by April 15th.

JROTC

- Joe Kinego will represent AFA Chapter 398 at the JROTC graduations at Gulf Breeze High School on May 5th, Pensacola High School on May 7th, and the ROTC at the University of Northwest Florida on April 24th. Eddie Arroyo or Mark Chapman will present to JROTC at Navarre High School on May 7th.
- The JROTC camp graduation will be held on June 27, 2025. Chapter 398 will provide a financial grant to the camp and will pay the cost of the graduation meal for those who might not be able to attend otherwise.

Next Meeting

- May 14, 2025, at the Clubhouse Grill