

AFA Chapter 398, Executive Council Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023

Attendees:

Meredith Coleman Philip Boyd
Mark Chapman Dann Mattiza
Max Friedauer Eddie Arroyo
Tony Hughes Bud Sauvageau
Susan Ault-Davis

Aerospace Education

- The Science Fair is scheduled for February 13th, at FWB Fairgrounds, check-in – 1530, Judging starts at 1700. The award ceremony will be held February 20, 1800, at Beach Community Church, 200 Racetrack Road, FWB.
- Teacher Workshops are currently focused on teacher needs and their availability. Meredith is also looking at possible locations. More to come when assessment is completed.
- Teacher of the Year nominations will be due within the next couple of months. Meredith Coleman will use her resources to make a wide distribution of nominating criteria.

Wreaths Across America

- Need volunteers to place wreaths at veteran sites at the Beal Memorial Cemetery on December 16th, (Bud, Max, and Erik) and remove wreaths on December 28th (Mark and Max – bring gloves).
- Chapter 398 has pledged \$1,000 towards next year's WAA.

Unsung Heroes

- The 1SOW has sent an email to recruit a volunteer to organize Unsung Heroes nominations and award ceremony.
- The awards will be presented to 20 individuals from the 1SOW on March 15, 1100, at the Soundside.
- Max will oversee the event programs, certificates, and AFA coins.

Newsletter

- Provide an update on Chappie James activities and funding opportunities – Mark Chapman.
- Will add a biography on incoming 1SOW commander – Mark Chapman

- Update of activities scheduled for January – March 2024.

Items of Interest

- Discussed some interesting events at the FWBYC and possible co-partner opportunities. Will discuss with Manager of the FWBYC.
- Chapter 398 is interested in submitting Colonel Allison Black, Commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, for the Waterman award. Timing of the submission of the award, and approval, is being considered due to the opportunity for presentation.
- Chapter is interested in fundraising. We are considering offering a golf tournament once again.

Community Partners

- Several CP members have renewed their support and few more are known to be in the process of doing so. Eddie Arroyo reminded Chapter members that recruiting letters are on the Chapter website and asked members to help recruit business owners.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be January 10th, 11:30 am, at TBD.