

AFA Chapter 398, Executive Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022

Attendees:

Mark Chapman Eddie Arroyo
Jim Connors Dann Mattiza
Fred Gross Joe Kinego
Bud Sauvageau Rick Soria
Susan Ault-Davis

Newsletter

- Published and distributed December 2021 – Mark Chapman

National AFA

- This year's National AFA convention will involve voting on some significant changes to the AFA by-laws. FL AFA is interested in filling the 28 delegate slots for representation in these important discussions and the voting outcome
- Mark Chapman has accepted the invitation to be a representative on the AFANational Nominating Committee
- The FL Drill Meet has been canceled this year

Wreath's Across America

- Dennis Krebs was the organizer of the volunteers for the Beal Parkway Cemetery. Over 600 people participated in this event to honor veterans.
- Chapter 398 Community Partner, Lockheed Martin, helped sponsor this event with a considerable donation
- There were many volunteers who showed up to place wreaths on veteran gravesites, however, more volunteers would be appreciated for removal of the wreaths, which usually occurs within 2 weeks after Christmas. Possibly considering asking a school to sponsor this activity

Gulf Breeze/Pensacola

- The Wright-Patterson Museum will be shipping an F-4 to the Pensacola Naval Station. The F-4 will be restored before moving to the future sight of the Chappie James memorial, which will be dedicated on September 18, 2022 – Joe Kinego
- Community Partner, Boeing, has expressed a desire to support the Chappie James Memorial and have inquired about viable options

- L&J Engineering are reviewing the future sight of the Chappie James Memorial to ensure that the ground will support a life-size statue and the restored F-4
- Joe Kinego will attend a fundraising meeting on January 13th for the Chappie James Memorial
- The Chapter voted unanimously to provide financial grants to Gulf Breeze JROTC Drill Team, meeting in Melbourne, FL on January 26 and 27, and 479 Awards Banquet.

Aerospace Education

- The Teacher of the Year for 2020 still wants to attend Space Camp. Jim Connors has ensured that the money is available whenever Ms. Peck is available to attend
- A teacher who has previously been very supportive to Chapter 398's Teacher's Workshops has returned to the local area. We are excited to find out that Glenn Rutland has volunteered to again support this activity

Miscellaneous

- AFA FL will hold the Winter meeting using ZOOM. A date in March has not yet been selected, but the planning indicates it will be an afternoon meeting, probably on a Saturday
- Dann Mattiza has completed the Chapter 398 financial plans and activities for the new year

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be February 9, 2022, location is TBD.