

## AFA Chapter 398, Executive Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

### Attendees:

Mark Chapman	Eddie Arroyo
Dann Mattiza	Fred Gross
Budd Sauvageau	Joe Kinego
Max Friedauer	Susan Ault-Davis

### State Meeting

- Was Held February 25<sup>th</sup> using ZOOM. Mark Chapman and Dann Mattiza participated.
- Looking for fund-raising ideas to generate funds
- Tyndall is looking at options to start a new Chapter
- State awards are due April 15<sup>th</sup> and the Chapter plans to submit several candidates for awards, i.e. revised Unsung Heroes, Community Partners, Aerospace Education, and Community Relations
- National level awards are due NLT 30 April. (route through State) State needs someone to fill the Exec VP position
- State Drill meet was March 4<sup>th</sup> and Dann Mattiza presented 5 awards to JROTC members
- State convention will be held in the Ocala, FL at the Courtyard Marriott, on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July

### National AFA

- During the State meeting, someone asked about changing the current Constitution (and possibly the Chapter's Constitutions) to reflect the new AFA name change. Jim Simmons – VC Field Ops—suggested we wait until we receive further guidance from National. In the past, we also had a “Template” that Chapters followed to incorporate such changes.
- Training is available on-line modules for any AFA officers interested. AFA.org
- TOY Award nominations due to National by May 30<sup>th</sup>
- National convention will be held at The Gaylord Hotel on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and AFA conference will also be held there September 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
- United Forces and Families (F2) Field Grants of \$1,000 and \$500 are available to help initiate or grow existing programs designed to improve the Quality of Life of DAF families.

- Other Chapter grants may soon be available as part of a effort to Restore National AFA funding to Chapters to the 2016 level.

### Teacher's Workshop

- Postponed, but hoping to reschedule soon - Rick Soria
- Training was going to focus on making hovercrafts. We discussed possible options and considered using the hovercrafts as part of an attraction for children and families.
- Hurlburt Field is having an Open House on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We plan to investigate the possibility of setting up a recruitment booth.

### Teacher of the Year (ToY)

- Nominations are due March 17<sup>th</sup> - Rick Soria

### Unsung Heroes

- Will be held March 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Soundside from 1100 - 1300
- Max Friedauer has sent information and instructions for signing up NLT Mar 17<sup>th</sup>
- The Soundside now charges \$600 for room rental and \$35 for meals
- This is a Boeing sponsored event and their flag will be displayed near the podium
- The 1SOW will print out awards to be signed by Colonel Black and Dann Mattiza
- Dann will provide 20 AFA coins to the awardees

### Miscellaneous

- Gulf Breeze High School JROTC will recognize Cadet Paige Lawrence at the school's annual awards ceremony on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Cadet Lawrence has earned a JROTC Character-n-Leadership scholarship that includes 4-year paid tuition to any university offering AFJROTC programs, \$10,000 each year for housing, and an annual book stipend and monthly cadet stipend. She will also receive a check from the Chapter to assist with academic needs. Pensacola High School has not responded to discuss possible JROTC scholarship awardees. Joe Kinego
- Chappie James Memorial planning committee is hoping to present on September 18, 2023.
- We discussed the possibility of having two separate award dinners for teachers and community partners/Chapter
- Community Partner, ELBIT has closed their local office. Eddie Arroyo will contact their national office
- Newsletter will be posted semi-annually. Articles for next publication are due to Mark Chapman by April 7<sup>th</sup>

### Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Clubhouse Grill located at the FWB Golf Course.