

## AFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

12 March 2025

### Attendees

Mark Chapman

Max Friedauer

Fred Gross

Dann Mattiza

Les Matheson

Eddie Arroyo

Susan Ault-Davis

### Announcements

- Florida State Convention will be July 19<sup>th</sup>, in Tampa. Lodging will be available on MacDill AFB. Events are planned for July 18 – 19<sup>th</sup>. Looking for a volunteer for the State Secretary position.
- Looking for volunteers interested in filling officer positions on the AFA Chapter 398 Executive Board.
- Max Friedauer suggested teaming with the Northwest Florida Military Officers of America to support JROTC drill competitions locally or regionally. Will discuss with MOAA.
- The Chapter will be ordering nametags with the new AFA Logo.
- Crestview will be celebrating VE day on 4/5 April. (We are not involved.)
- The 919 Special Operations Wing at Duke field will be celebrating the assignment of the AC-130J to the 711<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 6 pm, at the Clay McCutchan Airfield in Milton, FL.
- National Convention will be held 19-21 September at the National Harbor, MD.
- Discussed possibility of joining with ACA for another joint meeting. Fred Gross will contact ACA.

### Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's report was presented. The Chapter remains financially solvent.

### Communications Update

- Newsletter inputs are needed from Eddie Arroyo on Community Partners and Max Friedauer on Unsung Heroes. Reports are due to Mark ASAP
- Chapter 398 will be transitioning their website to [hurlburt.afa.org](http://hurlburt.afa.org) next year. The current website is funded until 2026.
- Fred Gross raised the possibility of adding a membership application to our Tri-fold handout. Fred will work. Dann to provide current tri-fold.

### Aerospace Education

- Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year letters have been sent out to various schools and POCs. Nomination Packages are due to the Chapter by 1 April. State deadline for nominations is 15 April.

### Community Partners

- We have 19 Community Partners
- Lockheed Martin has offered to sponsor the awards banquet currently set for October 15<sup>th</sup>. More details will be available later.

### Unsung Heroes Luncheon

- Luncheon scheduled for 21 March at 1100, at Hurlburt's Soundside.
- Sixty people have signed up and there will be 17 awardees and their guests.
- The National Anthem will be played on a guitar as the colors are posted.
- The 1 SOW will provide a volunteer photographer and the Chaplain.
- Sponsorship flags should be displayed by 1030.

### Annual Award Packages

- Discussion centered on Chapter desires for award nominations for the year.
- Chapter members interested in submitting an award for someone deserving should do so by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Miscellaneous

- Chapter 398 currently has 1,104 members. The membership has 395 Lifetime memberships and 584 Complimentary. The Air Force Association is the fraternal organization of those who have served with the United States Air

Force. It is a tradition to support this organization as a way to foster the relationship among those who have proudly served.

Next Meeting

- April 9, 2025 at the Clubhouse Grill