

Hurlburt Chapter 398 Minutes Executive Committee Meeting 10 May 2023

Present: Dann M.; Fred G; Mark Chapman; Rick Soria; Jim Connors; Joe Kinego; Max Friedauer; Jean Mattiza

Location: Clubhouse Grill (1130-1230)

Dann reviewed status of several items.

1. Final JROTC awards ceremonies will be tonight at Pensacola HS. Joe Kinego will cover this event and also represented the Chapter at the Gulf Breeze event earlier in the month. Mark Chapman made the presentation at the Navarre HS NJROTC ceremony. Scholarship checks were presented at each event and the AFA Medal was presented at the GBHS and PHS AFJROTC events. Mark and Joe will provide summaries and photos to the Newsletter.
2. Our Chapter donated \$1000 to the JROTC Summer Leadership program being held at Hurlburt from 26 – 30 June. Chapter representatives will be on hand at the graduation ceremony on 30 June, 1500, at the Navarre HS to address the cadets and help make presentations.
3. State and National Award packages were submitted on time. Awaiting results.
4. National Level Awards for the 2nd and 8th SOS have been forwarded to the individual squadrons for presentations. Chapter will provide rep to present the award at place and time of Squadrons' choice.

Discussion of upcoming events:

5. Navarre is hosting a Military Appreciation Day on 13 May. Chapter 398 will have a table at the event to provide AFA info. Mark Chapman will set up table and tent around 930 and event will begin around 1100. Dann and Mark attending—others welcome.
6. Air Commando Assoc and Air Force Association are hosting a Joint Luncheon on 20 June at the Soundside at 1100. Lt Gen Bauernfeind, AFSOC/CC, will be the speaker. Sign up via the ACA web site, if a member, or through Fred Gross. \$25 per person. Chapter voted to pay for lunches for our CP folks. Eddie Arroyo will contact them
7. State Convention will be held in Ocala on 14-15 Jul at the Courtyard Marriott. Waiting for more details. Nominees for new State/Region Leadership: Dwyer Dennis – Pres, Tom Carney – Treasurer. And Sharon Branch – Sec. Still need a nominee for Executive VP. (will become State Pres in 2 yrs).
8. National AFA Convention will be at the Gaylord in National Harbor on 9-10 Sept. Symposium will follow.
9. Chapter Activity and Financial Reports due 31 Jul. Dann and Jim will work.
10. Financial Status: ROM \$11K in Checking; \$8K in Money Market; and \$11K in Raymond James.
11. Joe Kinego briefed on the status of the Chappie James project. Money is still needed before the ground breaking can begin. Currently there is \$700K programmed from the State (if Gov does not veto); \$250K from the City of Pensacola. Escambia County Tourist Development Board has been asked for

\$700K as well and several Business/Aviation sponsored have donated funds. If state funds are approved, Ground Breaking will start in 2 months. Statue will be completed in about two months and the Flagpole for the project is in work. Aircraft is finished, but will require disassembly to transfer to the site when the stand is complete. Suggestion was made by Joe that AFA contribute to the project by donating funds to provide 50 stars around the base or wall of the memorial (one for each state) to symbolize statement by Pres Reagan about Gen James. To paraphrase; "He wore four stars on his shoulders, but had 50 stars in his heart (for the 50 states)." Discussion by the committee consisted of ideas of how to get various State AFA or State organizations to contribute the estimated \$2000 per star necessary for the project. Discussions shall continue.

12. Ms. Karmen Broaddus of Ruckel Middle was named our Overall TOY for 2023. We received her award package and Check from National and Mr. Soria will present that to her at the earliest opportunity.

13. Our Teacher Workshop has now been changed to become a part of an Okaloosa County teacher Conference event on 8 Aug. We have been granted permission to conduct 3- 100 minute sessions (where teachers can work on the hovercraft and perhaps leave with one). We also have permission to man a table in the area to help recruit or interest teachers in Hurlburt Chapter 398 and our STEM programs. Rick Soria and a TOY will help with instruction part, but we will need volunteers to man the table and assist with other items.

14. Next meeting will be at Clubhouse Grill on 14 Jun at 1130.

Submitted by,

Dann Mattiza, Treasurer