

AFA Chapter 398, Executive Council Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023

Attendees:

Meredith Coleman Erik Thompson
Mark Chapman Dann Mattiza
Philip Boyd Max Friedauer
Eddie Arroyo Joe Kinego
Susan Ault-Davis

Aerospace Education

- Meredith Coleman has assumed the role of VP Aerospace Education. There was considerable discussion about publicizing Teacher of the Year information to ensure that those who would be most interested in the opportunity are notified of nomination dates and requirements.
- Also discussed developing Teacher Workshops focused on teacher need and their availability.
- Chapter 398 will support the East Panhandle Science Fair as Special Category judges on February 13, at the FWB Fairgrounds. Dinner/Training at 1600, Judging starts at 1645. Max, Eddie, Mark, Susan and Meredith volunteered to be there.

Wreaths Across America

- Need volunteers to pre-stage wreaths at Beale Cemetery on December 15th, place wreaths at veteran sites at the Beal Memorial Cemetery on December 16th and remove wreaths on December 28th

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 and the tenant units at the next event (planned for Feb timeframe.)
- Eddie will contact Boeing to determine their interest in continuing to sponsor this event.
- Max will oversee the event programs, certificates, and AFA coins.

Items of Interest

- Adaptive Sports training for Wounded Warrior competition will be held at Hurlburt Field in 2024 and Chapter 398 will support. (Eddie got feedback after the meeting that we are NOT involved this year.)

- Chapter 398 is interested in submitting Colonel Allison Black, Commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, for the Waterman award. She will be retiring in Feb 2024.
- Mark Chapman worked with recent graduates from the Combat Systems Officer training course at the 479th Flying Training Group. They provided support to the Pensacola Air Show.
- Mark Chapman is now also a member of the Board of the Chappie James Foundation.
- Joe Kinego will be briefing JROTC students at Pensacola HS on November 16th.
- Eddie Arroyo will provide updated information on Community Partners of the Quarter/Year for the Chapter website.

Updated: Chapter Officers

- President – Dann Mattiza, VP - Eddie Arroyo, Secretary- Susan Ault-Davis, Treasurer – Dann Mattiza, VP Pensacola Rep – Joe Kinego, VP CP - Eddie Arroyo, VP Aerospace Education – Meredith Coleman, VP Communications/Webmaster/Newsletter – Mark Chapman, VP Chapter Membership and Unsung Heroes Representative - Max Friedauer, and VP Veterans/Government Affairs – Erik Thompson

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be December 13th, 11:30 am, at Clubhouse Grill at the FWB golf course.