

AFA Chapter 398, Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2016

Comments on National Convention

- Due to budget cuts, AFA programs will be cut, or reduced
  - o Pitsenbarger – AFA will reduce number of awardees
  - o Reduction in Nominating Committee memberships
  - o Cuts in hard copy of AF Magazine
- Focus on retaining members, and recruitment
  - o AFA Memberships increased this year, but many were free e-memberships
- Fresh Look – Focus on Government practices, and Field Operations in AFA
- Wounded Airman Program will stay 100% funded by the donations, and maintained by the AFA staff.
- AFA National support to Chapters will be reduced. Our Chapter is financially strong, and will manage with the reduced amount, whatever it will be.
- Chapter 398 did VERY well competing for AFA National Awards. Some of those awards include Community Affairs, 1<sup>st</sup> Term Retention Awards, Chapter Growth, Aerospace Education, Community Partner, and Regional Growth.

Awards Banquet

- Will be at Hidden Creek, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1800, buffet \$35, RSVP Oct 14th
- Thom will contact Community Partners
- Rick will contact Teachers and Principals, and maintain a list of all attendees
- Jim will invite Chapter members
- Mark will work with Hidden Creek to choose the menu
- Sponsor will be Lockheed/ SOF CLSS
- Rick will add Clay McCutchan biography to the program, and print them off for distribution
- Max will present Community Partner award (Thom out of town)
- Fred and Jackie will collect money at the door (cash or check)

Unsung Heroes

- Hurlburt Soundside, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1100, Business casual/Uniform of the Day
- Guest speaker will be Col. Thomas Palenske, 1SOW/CC

- Possibly 20 awardees
- Chapter members attending MUST sign up on E-invite. No cash will be accepted!
- Contact Max if there are issues with E-invite

#### Golf

- Shalimar Pointe Golf Course, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 0800. Lunch provided
- Cost is \$50 for individuals not included as Community Partners
- Fred will contact Chief Smith to invite members of the Chief's Group and AFSOC airmen.

#### Joint Hurlburt/Eglin Christmas Party

- Chapter members approved the invitation from Eglin's AFA Chapter to combine our Christmas parties. More on this...

#### Newsletter

- Will be distributed the end of September
- Need article on our Community Partner of the Year, Clemenza's
- Jim will update the Chapter calendar

#### Teacher's Workshop

- Rick requested \$450 for a Teacher's Workshop at the STEMM Center, Oct 22
- Chapter members approved

#### Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1130 Bella Donna's restaurant