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AFA Mission

To promote a dominant USAF and a strong national defense, and to honor Airmen and our Air Force Heritage.

To accomplish this we:

Educate the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security. Advocate for aerospace power and STEM education, and support the total Air Force family and promote aerospace education.

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Notes from the Florida State Convention

Mark Chapman
Executive VP, Florida

With the Martin H. Harris Chapter #303 hosting the Florida State Convention was held in Altamonte Springs on 14 July. The meeting was called to order by State President Sharon Branch, and began with an invocation by Chaplain Bob Hicks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Falar Fatmi, AFA Chief Information Officer discussed the evolution of the AFA’s Information Technology strategy and what the field has already started to see and what we should see in the future. Structural changes were necessary because there were different sets of data bases in the old system, there were threats of being hacked and we needed to improve management of data and our ability to decentralize the data. The new system has one data base and for security stores it on the cloud. The new system (Sales Force) enables much more manipulation of information at the local level. Chapters can edit selected data, complete reports, manage and store documents, and email directly from the new portal. One log-in provides access to all systems. Mr. Fatmi stressed that this is a work in progress but his staff stands ready to assist chapters and make necessary changes as inevitable issues arise.



State President Branch announced and presented state level awards. The General Lewis H. Brereton Award for the outstanding civilian contribution to airpower went the Hurlburt Chapter Anthony Hughes. MajGen Clay McCutheon was selected as the Chapter Member of the Year. Chapter members Nelson Arroyo and Thomas Guthrie received Exceptional Service awards and the Hurlburt Chapter was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter of the Year (Extra Large Chapter) within the state of Florida.



Elections for State officers were held and with no nominations from the floor, incumbents were unanimously reelected for a second term. They are President Sharon Branch, Executive Vice President Mark Chapman, Secretary Ben Langer, and Treasurer Gary Lehmann.

Tim Brock briefed on StellarXplorers. The goal is 250 teams this year. Nineteen Florida teams competed in last year’s StellarXplorers IV although none made it to the national finals. Thirty-six teams have registered thus far but none yet is from



Florida. Tim sought help from chapters in registering more teams and reaching the 250-team goal. More information about the program is on the website: www.StellarXplorers.org.

For the first time, there was a StellarXplorers camp for educators who want to serve as coaches. This one-day camp, was held on August 25 at the UCF Continuing Education Center, Orlando.

Bonnie Callahan reported on CyberPatriot. She said that we have reached more teams and students than ever before with 5,584 teams last year. Total registrations to date this year are 2,167 teams, 121 of which are from Florida.

Sarah the Cyber Hero is being introduced this year. "Sarah" is a young woman protagonist who lives in a town of super heroes. She can earn a superhero cape using cyber skills she learned in school to protect her town from a malware virus. The book is available via Amazon, Bookbaby, and Barnes & Noble at \$9.95 for a printed copy and \$2.95 as an e-book. On the drawing board is a "Sarah" coloring book that should be available by the end of this year.



2018 was the fourth full season for CyberPatriot camps. There were 260 camp locations in 2018, a 60 percent increase from 2017. Hope is alive for an international world championship, perhaps by 2020.

CyberPatriot also is producing CyberGenerations, a senior citizen's guide to cyber security. It will address password hygiene, malware and ransomware, marketing and fraud scams, social media awareness, and self-help resources for victim assistance. This program piloted at Falcon's Landing just this last spring; release is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

CyberPatriot continues to publish CyberSentinel, a newsletter sent monthly to more than 55,000 coaches, mentors, participants, etc. It is free by email from info@uscyberpatriot.org.

Finally the 2019 Winter Convention is scheduled to be held Orlando 1-2 March and the next State Convention will be in Ocala July 12-13th.

Aqua Pool & Pation – Featured CP for Jul-Sep

We are so excited to be named community partner of the quarter and to be partnered with Hurlburt Chapter AFA #398. Aqua Pool & Patio has two locations Ft Walton Beach and Pensacola. The original location was founded in 1949 and The Ft Walton location in 1970. We have been the industry leader for all these years and provide unmatched service for repairs, renovations, liners, pool cleaning and re-plaster. We are also going into our 3rd year of building Gunite pools and spas. We service hundreds of commercial and residential accounts at each location. Our warehouses are stocked with over 3,500 parts and in most cases we have what you need. Our staff is second to none with many employees having over 25 years experience. Stop in or call and let the # 1 pool company in the panhandle take care of your in ground swimming pool and spa needs.



SA Technical Services Inc - CP of the Year -2018

SA Technical Services, Inc. (SA Tech) is a Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned, Small Business (SDVOSB) headquartered in Niceville, FL. The company was founded in 2005 to provide government acquisition agencies a SDVOSB, high-end engineering and program management, systems engineering and technical assistance (SETA) alternative to their current providers. SA Tech has proven to be an excellent choice for the government. We have personnel and subcontractors working at Hurlburt Field, FL; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; Kirtland AFB, NM; Cannon AFB, NM; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Layton, UT; McConnell AFB, KS; and RAF Mildenhall, UK.



As one of three Prime Contractors for AFSOC SETA V, SA Technical currently services eight tasks with approximately 60 contract employees. SETA V tasks include CV-22 FCF support at Hurlburt, Cannon and Mildenhall; Administrative support for the Commando Ready Resilience Center, USAFSOS, and the Chapel at Hurlburt; Operational support for the 720th Special Tactics Group at Cannon and JBLM, and Mission Rehearsal Training for the 492 SOW at Hurlburt; Course Development, Instruction and Educational support for USAFSOS and AFSOC/A6; and Simulator Support for AFSOC at Wright Patterson AFB, Kirtland, Cannon and Hurlburt. We recently teamed with two other companies and are also providing support to the 22nd ARW at McConnell AFB, KS and the 551st SOS at Cannon AFB, NM under different contract vehicles.

SA Tech has been a supporter of the Hurlburt AFA Chapter for over 10 years and has participated in several Unsung Heroes, Community Partner, Golf Tournament, and Annual Award events. We recognize the value of supporting our local community, our educators, and our Air Force family and are proud to play a part in that role as members of the Air Force Association and Hurlburt Chapter 398. We look forward to a long association with the Hurlburt Chapter.

We thank the Hurlburt Chapter for selecting SA Technical Services, Inc. as Community Partner of the Year for 2018.

Coming Events

October

16 – Chapter Awards Banquet, Two Tress Restaurant

17 - Executive Board Meeting

25-27 – [MSgt John Chapman Medal of Honor Celebration, Hurlburt Field FL](#)

November

6 – General Election

11 - Veterans Day

14 Executive Board Meeting

15 - [SOF Warrior Foundation “Gold Star Family” Recognition](#)

22 – Thanksgiving

29 - 1st SOW Unsung Heroes Award Luncheon

December

7-9 – Air Commando Reunion

19- Executive Board Meeting

25 - Christmas

Note: Chapter Executive Board Meetings will now be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

Chapter 398 Community Partners

The Hurlburt Chapter of the Air Force Association is proud to introduce our Community Partners. This program links our local businesses who share the same aims with the Air Force Association. Our Community Partners are special members. Their membership provides scholarship funds, grants, AFJROTC support, teacher awards, Space Camp for kids, and AFSOC/Hurlburt quarterly and annual recognition. They support Freedom's Team and support Airpower and a strong national defense.



Community Sponsorship levels are: Commando - \$5000, Diamond - \$2500, Platinum - \$1000, Gold - \$500, Silver - \$300, Bronze - \$150, and Basic - \$100. If you know of any business interested in becoming a Community Partner please contact and of our chapter officers.

Diamond

FLIR Systems Incorporated

Platinum

The Boeing Company – Ft Walton Beach
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Lockheed Martin – Ft Walton Beach
Lockheed Martin MFC SOS CLSS

Gold

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Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU)

Silver

Beach Community Bank
Clemenza's at Uptown Station
Emerald Coast Endodontics
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SA Technical Services Inc (*CP of the Quarter*)
The Island Hotel by Ramada

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Basic

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