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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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2019 AFA Florida Convention

By: Mark Chapman, Executive VP, Florida Region

This past July AFA Florida Region held our annual State Convention in Ocala Florida, hosted by the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136. The Hurlburt Chapter was represented by Chapter President James Connors and State Executive Vice President Mark Chapman. Also in attendance was AFA’s Vice Chairman of the Board Gavin (Mac) MacAloon, and Joseph Burke, candidate for National Director.

After approval of the minutes from the 2019 Winter Meeting and the Treasurers report the state executive committee got down to business. Former AFA Chairman of the board had started a grass roots effort to recognize a long time AFA Florida leader Tommy Harrison who had passed away back in December. Sandy recommended that an award recognizing significant and long standing achievement in support of the Air Force Association by a member of the Florida AFA be made in his name. After much discussion it was agreed that the Florida Member of the Year Award be changed to the Tommy Harrison Florida Member of the Year Gold Card award, and that it be presented annually, when appropriate, to an AFA Florida member for outstanding contributions over the past year or several years. Tommy’s motion was approved by the executive committee and will become effective in 2020.

Subsequent discussion centered on the Legislator of the Year Award given in some years to a single elected official. Two had been approved for 2019 although precedent allowed for only one. U.S. Congressman Neal Dunn (FL-2) was voted 2019 Legislator of the Year following a motion at the AFA Florida 2019 Winter Meeting. U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster (FL-11) was selected 2019 Legislator of the Year by the AFA Florida Awards Committee based on nominations from the field. The Awards Committee was composed of Executive Vice President Mark Chapman, Tom Carney; Gary Lehmann; Candace Lovell; and Bill Yucuis. On a motion by Bill Yucuis, the convention approved 2019 Legislator of the Year Awards to both.

Next order of business was the election of AFA Florida Officers. With no nominations from the floor, Mark Chapman was elected State/Region President Todd Freece Executive Vice President, Gary Lehmann Treasurer, and Dennis Foley Secretary. All positions to take effect on 1 October 2019. Many thanks to departing President Sharon



Brereton Award Winner
Jerry Williams

Branch and departing Secretary Ben Langer

During the evening awards dinner, the Hurlburt Chapter distinguished itself receiving the Exceptional Service Award for Best Single Program and for the second year in a row a Hurlburt Chapter Nominee received the General Louis Brereton Award. This year the award went to Jerry Williams, President and CEO of Eglin Federal Credit Union.

2019 AFA National Convention

By: Mark Chapman

The AFA National convention, once again held at the Gaylord Convention Center in National Harbor, MD convened on 14 September. Elections were held for this next years' national officers. Former CMSAF, Gerald Murray was unanimously elected to be the next Chairman of the Board. The only contested election as for two National Directors which had four highly qualified candidates. Joe Burke from Northern Virginia and Molly Potter of Texas were elected. At the Saturday evening awards dinner, Hurlburt Chapter received the Exceptional Service Award for Community Relations and Chapter Member and ELP Class member Maj Gil Perez received the Medal of Merit. Mark Chapman, the Head of the Florida Delegation and Hurlburt chapter member accepted the ESA on behalf of the chapter.



The Boeing Company – Featured CP for Jul Sep

Congratulations to the BOEING Company Fort Walton Beach, FL for being selected our Community Partner of the Quarter. As an AFA Chapter 398 member since 2006, BOEING has been a strong supporter of AFA Chapter 398. This includes our Air Force family, teachers, students, cadets, Wounded Warriors, and particularly our Unsung Heroes, who perform the Air Force mission with pride and excellence day-in and day-out.

Thanks BOEING!!

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We thank the Hurlburt Chapter for selecting Boeing Global Services, FWB as Community Partner of the Year for 2019.

Chapter 398 Community Partners

AFA Chapter 398 is very fortunate to have very supportive Community Partners. Through their generous funding and involvement, we were able to support our Wounded Warrior training camp, Teacher Workshops, Teacher of the Year recognition, Space Camp, student scholarships, Unsung Hero Airmen recognition, Cyber Patriot competitions, regional Science Fair and much more.



Thank you to all current partners who renewed their commitment this year and went above and beyond with grants and other financial support.

Again, thank you to all of our Community Partners who supported us throughout the year. We are looking forward to a very busy and successful new year and with your support we will make it better than ever.

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Coming Events

October

9 - Executive Board Meeting. 1130, Mama Nu's, Ft Walton Beach

November

11- City of Mary Esther Veterans Day Parade

13 - Executive Board Meeting. 1130, Mama Nu's, Ft Walton Beach

December

7 - Region/State Presidents Meeting, Arlington VA

11- Executive Board Meeting. 1130, Mama Nu's, Ft Walton Beach

January

8 - Executive Board Meeting. 1130, Mama Nu's, Ft Walton Beach

February

12 - Executive Board Meeting. 1130, Mama Nu's, Ft Walton Beach

26-18 – AFA Air Warfare Symposium, Orlando, FL