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**The official newsletter of
Chapter 398 of the Air and
Space Forces Association
(AFA).**

AFA Mission

Our mission is to promote dominant U.S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their families; and to honor and respect our enduring Heritage

To accomplish this, we:

Educate the public on the critical need for unrivaled aerospace power and promote aerospace and STEM education for a technically superior and professional workforce to ensure national security

Advocate the public on the critical need for unrivaled aerospace power and promote aerospace and STEM education for a technically superior and professional workforce to ensure national security

Support Airmen, Guardians and the families of the Total Air Force and Space Force, including Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, civilians, families, and members of the Civil Air Patrol

Chapter Officers

President – Jim Connors
Vice President - Fred Gross
Secretary – Susan Ault-Davis
Treasurer – Dan Mattiza

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A New Title for a New Era

Tobias Naegle

Air & Space Forces Magazine Editor in Chief

The birth of the Space Force in 2019, like that of the Air Force in 1947, reset the stage in national security affairs and the reverberations will continue for years to come. In April, after more than 76 years as the Air Force Association, AFA became the Air & Space Forces Association, elevating space in our title in recognition of our equal support for and commitment to the advancement of space power along with air power, and our belief that the two, while distinct, have clear and indelible links. First published as “Air Force Magazine” in December 1942 as an official military publication at the behest of the Chief of Army Air Forces Gen. Henry H. “Hap” Arnold, the magazine predates AFA by three years. Arnold wanted a magazine that could tell the story of the Army Air Forces not to itself, but ultimately to the American people. That remains our mission today. Changing the title of a storied publication and association is not something to be taken lightly. A title must define who we are and what we’re about. Air & Space Forces Magazine does the job.

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Hurlburt Chapter 398 Selects Officers for 2022-23 Chapter Leadership

The following AFA members will lead Chapter 398 during the FY 2022-2023 year.

President: Jim Connors (USAF Ret)

Vice President: Fred Gross (USAF Ret)

Secretary: Susan Ault-Davis (USAF Ret)

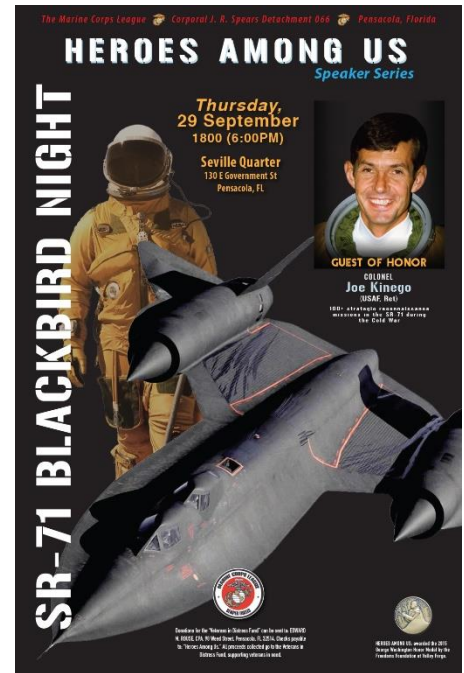
Treasurer: Dann Mattiza (USAF Ret)

Info to contact them can be found in each newsletter. The Chapter executive committee will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the restaurant in the Ft Walton Beach Golf Course on Lewis Turner Blvd in Ft Walton Beach, Florida.

Marine Corps League Heroes Among Us Features USAF SR-71 Pilot

Colonel Joe Kinego, USAF (Ret), Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398, was the featured speaker at the Marine Corps League Pensacola Heroes Among Us speaker series on Thursday, September 29, held at Seville Quarter in Pensacola, Florida. The Pensacola Corporal J.R. Spears Detachment of the Marine Corps League *Heroes Among Us* series is presented on the last Thursday of the month May through October. The series features speakers from the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and the Air Force.

Col Kinego's talk, entitled "Fighting the Cold War from 85,000 Feet" focused on the SR-71 Blackbird and his time flying the aircraft. He accumulated over 900 hours in the Blackbird and flew over 100 high altitude, high speed operational Cold War reconnaissance missions in the jet. The SR-71 flew at Mach 3+ and 85,000 feet. Its reconnaissance capabilities included optical cameras, radar, and electronic reconnaissance (ELINT) sensors. His talk before a crowd of about 150 people discussed the development and capabilities of the SR-71, as well as a discussion on some of the types of reconnaissance missions the Blackbird flew. All in attendance were thrilled with the presentation and he received a standing ovation at the conclusion



Chapter 398 Recognizes Teachers of the Year

Each year our chapter recognizes classroom teachers at the chapter, state, and national level for their accomplishments and achievements teaching K-12 students about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), preparing them for success in tomorrow's world.

We are also proud to recognize our Community Partners who make all of our chapter activities possible, supporting our Airmen, Guardians, Air and Space Forces families, teachers, students, cadets and community. We will formally recognize our Community Partner of the Year for their exceptional contributions throughout the year.



Please join us at the Fort Walton Beach Golf Course, 1959 Lewis Turner Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL, 19 Oct 2022, cocktails at 1800 with dinner at 1845. Dress for gentlemen is sport coat open collar, ladies always seem to know how to dress appropriately for these events. Cost is \$40 payable with cash or check at the door. Please indicate your entree preference of fish or chicken with your RSVP NLT 12 Oct 2022 to arroyomn@yahoo.com.

Chapter Awards Pitsenbarger Scholarships

Air & Space Forces Association Pitsenbarger Awards provide a one-time grant of \$750 and a one-year complimentary AFA eMembership to selected top USAF enlisted personnel graduating from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree. The grants coincide with the CCAF graduation ceremonies held each Spring and Fall. This year two Pitsenbarger Scholarships were awarded by the AFA Chapter 398 for the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) November graduation. Awardees were Senior Airman Reese Gillespie and SSgt Vicki Jones. Will be presented at November graduation. Congratulations.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE QUARTER

3rd Quarter 2022



BeachBank

17 SE Eglin Parkway
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Congratulations to Beach Bank for being selected our Community Partner of the Third Quarter 2022. A long standing AFA Chapter 398 Hurlburt Field Community Partner since 2015 supporting our Airmen, Air Force families, cadets, teachers, students and our entire community.



Beach Bank provides best-in-class relationship banking to individuals, business owners and professionals throughout Northwest Florida. Beach Bank is uniquely positioned to assist our local businesses and communities with branch locations in Northwest Florida and a recently opened Tampa Bay banking office.

Relationship Driven. Business Centric. Community Focused

Thank you!

2022 COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR



Lockheed Martin SOF GLSS

91 Hill Ave Ste 203
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Congratulations to Lockheed Martin SOF GLSS for being selected as our Community Partner of the Year 2022. A long standing AFA Chapter 398 Hurlburt Field Community Partner since 2013 supporting our Airmen, Air Force families, cadets, teachers, and students.



Lockheed Martin SOF GLSS provides sustainment and life cycle management of Global supply chain of parts, warehouses and depots, aircraft, vehicle, equipment repair, maintenance and modifications; and critical infrastructure support and business process transformation. Lockheed Martin provides one-stop service for agile, innovative, on-demand depot-like services to special operations forces supporting missions worldwide.

Thank you!

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 Heroes 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 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.

Platinum	
Alion Science and Technology	The Boeing Company – Ft Walton Beach
Elbit Systems of America (2021 CP of the Year)	Lockheed Martin – Ft Walton Beach
Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems	Lockheed Martin MFC SOS CLSS
Gold	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Worldwide	Eglin Federal Credit Union
Lt Col Gerry & Kay Chapman Memorial	
Silver	
Cherry Wealth Advisors	Clemenza's at Uptown Station
Emerald Coast Endodontics	Nathan Hall DMD, "Family & Cosmetic Dentistry"
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Associates	Preston Hood Chevrolet
Sacred Heart Medical Group – Rheumatology	
Bronze	
Aqua Pool and Patio Company (CP of the Quarter)	Awards Plus Frames by Sharon
Beach Bank	Booz • Allen • Hamilton
Dennis and Company	Edward Jones
FNBT Bank	On-Point Defense Technologies, LLC
SA Technical Services Inc	Serigraphia Inc
Basic	
Emerald Coast Funeral Home	Freedom Self Storage
Jimmy's Men's Store and Pawn	McNeil Hotel Group

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 one of our chapter officers.

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2022 COMING EVENTS

October

12 – Executive Board Meeting, 1130, TBA

19 – 2022 Chapter Recognition Dinner, Club House Grill (formerly Two Trees Restaurant, Ft Walton Beach, FL

November

9 – Executive Board Meeting, 1130, TBA