

AWARDS AND INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

MAKE IT A DATE!

Saturday September 25<u>th</u> 11:30 Social, 12:00 Lunch

Hilton, Altamonte Springs 350 North Lake Blvd, Altamonte Springs AFA Members and Guests Welcome! <u>Reserve Your Spot Now!</u> (See the Info and Reservation Form, page 9)

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Chapter Officers Ready to Lead!

Congratulation to our 2010/2011 chapter officers. We all wish them the best as we join them in a new year. They all have exemplary experience and abilities to continue the success of our chapter.

> President William Yucuis

Executive Vice President Mike Liquori

> Secretary James DeRose

Treasurer Bryan Paul

AE Workshops at Sun 'n Fun

by Barbara Walters-Phillips, Workshop Chairman

This is the AFA and your Central Florida Chapter in action!

The 23<u>rd</u> annual Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Educators' Workshop was held on Saturday, April 17 on the Sun 'n Fun campus, located at the Lakeland Airport. About 150 teachers and others who share aviation education with young people attended. The ROTC color guard from Dr. Phillips High School presented the colors and

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<u>Central Florida Chapter Mission</u> AFA advocates a strong national defense through aerospace power.

We support and encourage the study of science and technology, and . . .

We educate the Central Florida community on the importance of technology to national security.



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From the President

As you will see later in the newsletter, the Central Florida Chapter is highly recognized at both the State and National levels with Chapter and Individual awards. Our Chapter Awards are due to the exceptional efforts of many chapter members. Thank you for allowing me to lead this wonderful organization for another year.



As I begin my second term as President of the Central Florida Chapter, I need to reflect on the goals I set last year. First, I set a personal goal to speak to one local civic group each quarter. My plan was to talk a little about the AFA mission and how our chapter supports the mission. This has proven more difficult than anticipated, mainly due to my schedule as a full time teacher. I hope to do more this coming year. Second, I wanted to search for better ways to support our active duty members, and especially their dependents. This past year, I have reached out to the Air Force Modeling and Simulation Agency (AFAMS), who are located near UCF, and include both active duty and contract civilians. We hope to establish an awards program for AFAMS later this year. Third, I would like to encourage more active participation in chapter events. This past year, we had several chapter members volunteer to present awards to AFJROTC and CAP units throughout the region and support membership events, such as done at the Sun 'n Fun Fly In. We are always looking for the assistance of others throughout the Central Florida region.

Please read the articles "**Up in the Air**" (page 4) and "**Need for a New Tanker**" (page 8). The US Air Force needs your strong support! You too can volunteer to be an Air Power Advocate (APA) for the Air Force Association. It can be done completely from home and you will be provided assistance from AFA HQ (and our chapter) on how to do this. Please contact me if you are interested.

Let me end by reminding everyone that November 2<u>nd</u> is the midterm election date and I hope you support the candidate of your choice. I will caution, however, that AFA is a non-profit organization, and therefore, members cannot support any candidate by saying you represent an AFA position. Please support the candidate of your choice, however, as a responsible citizen.

Hope to see you at our upcoming chapter events including both the **Awards and Installation Luncheon** and the December **Holiday Dinner**.

Bill Yucuis

Chapter Council Meeting

The Council meets on the <u>second Thursday</u> of each month at <u>7pm</u> at the Showalter Flying Service building at the Orlando Executive Airport.

- All Officers and Council Members are requested to attend.
- All members are welcome.

Please check the calendar for any changes!

CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER HALL OF FAME

Many Central Florida Chapter members have accomplished exemplary service for our Chapter, our State and our Nation throughout this and past years. We want to recognize them for their service to AFA!

Chapter Awards

Thanks again for the many members who helped!

<u>AFA National</u> Exceptional Service Award - Communications

AFA Florida State/Region

Outstanding Extra Large Chapter Award Exceptional Service Award - Programming Exceptional Service Award - Veterans Affairs

Individual Awards

Congratulations to each of you!

<u>AFA National</u> Richard Ortega – Storz Award Mary McNatt - Medal of Merit Jim Callahan – Exceptional Service Award

AFA Florida State/Region

Bill Yucuis – State Member of the Year Mike Liquori – Chapter Member of the Year Award Todd Le Grand – Exceptional Service Award Barbara Walters-Phillips - Exceptional Service Award

AFA Central Florida Chapter

Dennis Moran – Walter E. Scott Associate Fellow Rhonda G. Brown – Carol Denicole Award for Chapter Teacher of the Year Dan Higgins Photography – Community Partner of the Year Robin Feldman – Certificate of Appreciation Col. Chuck McGuirk – Certificate of Appreciation Bill Palmby – Certificate of Appreciation Tim Wieck – Certificate of Appreciation MSgt Loren Fields - Citation Leo "Lucky" Kowatch - Citation

FlightLiner Note

Thanks to all who have contributed to make this the best Chapter newsletter!

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Please send your comments and suggestions to Ken at: kennethkelly@earthlink.net

Deadline for articles for the next edition is November 11, 2010

Events Calendar

September 2010

- 7 Labor Day
- 9 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 11-12 AFA National Convention Washington, DC
- 25 *Chapter Awards & Installation Luncheon (Altamonte Hilton)

October

12 Columbus Day

14 * Chapter Council Meeting

<u>November</u>

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11 * Chapter Council Meeting
- (FlightLiner Articles Due)
- 25 Thanksgiving

<u>December</u>

- 11 * Chapter Holiday Dinner (Rosen Centre Hotel)
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2011

- 13 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 17 Martin Luther King Holiday

February

- 10 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 16 CFC Golf supporting AWS 17-18 AFA Air Warfare
- Symposium 18 CFC Gala (Shingle Creek)
- 19 AFA (Florida) Region Meeting (Rosen Centre Hotel)
- 21 President's Day

* See details in this newsletter



Up In the Air

Adapted from an article by Michael M. Dunn, President/CEO, Air Force Associationn



It has been a hot summer...

This past month, one of Headquarters AFA's staff members, let's call him **Joe**, was without air conditioning (A/C) in his home and this month has been hot ... very hot! For the entire month, most days were over 90 degrees.

Joe's experience is similar to what our country faces right now ... and the US Air Force may face a similar challenge in the future. Let me describe what happened to **Joe**...

Joe's A/C stopped working. In essence, he had no **Air (power)**. First, he called an A/C expert to his house to see what was wrong. The expert told **Joe** that he needed some parts for the system. The parts would take some time to come in as the system was over 21 years old. And, as it turned out, almost no one was making parts anymore for such an old system.

Joe went to his insurance company to see if they would let him retire the old system and replace it with a newer, more capable one. (Sound familiar?) The insurer (think Congress) decided the system still had some uses, and it would be cheaper and better if they tried to get the parts to fix it.

Meanwhile, the A/C expert went to the web to try to find parts which might do the job. Lots of parts

were found; many from overseas suppliers ... but when the unit was opened and the technical order reviewed, the original manufacturer clearly stated that parts had to be made by either ... the original manufacturer ... or an approved sub-manufacturer. And ... the original manufacturer no longer made parts for the system.

Finally, parts were located ... but, in all it took almost <u>four weeks</u> to get the system operational.

Sadly - Joe's story is true!

Now think about the US Air Force...

We are dealing with planes, some of which are almost 50 years old! The US Air Force manages a fleet that on average is OLDER than Joe's air conditioner! But there's a difference here. Nobody died from the heat. The ground forces were not attacked and harassed from the air. Our troops on the ground were supported. Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) was provided. Space assets provided navigation, communications, and intelligence.

We should worry about what might happen in the future when our **Air (power)**, and the parts needed to fix it, are even older and harder to get.

For an example, see "Need for A New Tanker" on page 9.

New Officers... New Opportunities

by Richard A. Ortega, VP Aerospace Education

UCF's AFROTC commissioning programs continue to open the door for great new opportunities of AF careers. Nineteen new second lieutenants were recently commissioned at UCF.

Your Central Florida Chapter contributes to scholarship and educational opportunities to help "our" ROTC program be the best! In addition, the Central Florida Chapter provided each of the newly commissioned officers a three-year complimentary membership to AFA. We also provided each with a Second Lieutenant starter kit consisting of Gold Bars, the USAF Training Ribbon, and a hat insignia.

We want to send them off in style!



Bill Yucuis, President of the Central Florida Chapter, congratulates Second Lieutenants Jared M. Rutkovitz on his right and Hank G. Goldsmith who were commissioned as Distinguished Graduates



We Salute Our Veterans

by Dennis Moran, VP Veteran Affairs



Retired Activities Office Helps Veterans And Spouses

The Retired Activities Office is normally manned Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm by military retirees familiar with common questions and processing. The office is located in the old DFAS building which is now known as the Lakemont Campus of the Dept of Veterans Affairs near the VA Medical Center. Call for directions or to ask questions over the phone. Phone number for the office is 407-646-4204 or 407-646-4262.

Navy Exchange Store Open to Serve

The Navy Exchange (NEX) facility is located just west of the Orlando Int'l Airport off Tradeport Road and has been servicing eligible veterans from that new location for over 10 years.

The NEX provides a wide variety of both food and retail items and remains open for the shoppers seven days per week. The NEX also offers a barber shop, optical, deli and attraction tickets. Call 407-857-3550 for more details.

Veterans Day Parade in Orlando

Reminder to all that the City of Orlando sponsors an annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Orlando. This year the parade is on **Saturday, Nov 13th, starting at 11AM**. The parade has been a huge success due to the some 80 entries and held at a time when parking is available near some great viewing locations. The Central Florida Chapter has had an entry since the day the parade started over 10 years ago. Plan to attend---seniors and kids love it.

Ms. Terri Finger Honored by AFA

The Air Force Association/Florida has selected **Ms. Terri Finger** as our 2010 Congressional Staffer of the Year. This is an annual selection to recognize the one person in the State who has noticeably and successfully worked to assist area military, veterans and spouses with problems that can be resolved by the Congressional offices. **Terri** has worked for many years in Central Florida and currently works on the staff of **Representative Suzanne Kosmas** of District 24.

OYAC Flying High

by Richard A. Ortega, VP Aerospace Education

The **Orlando Youth Aviation Center** (OYAC) is flying high and introducing many students to aviation. OYAC was initially developed by **Barbara Walters-Phillips** in 1990.

Through the years, many aviation professionals, including AFA Chapter members, have inspired hundreds of students to pursue careers in commercial and military aviation.

AFA's Central Florida Chapter continues to reach out to provide Aerospace Education through many different venues. We hope you will join them!

Our youth of today are tomorrow's leaders!



Don McLendon preps Lukas Rosa for Graduation Flight. Barbara and Lukas' mom are sharing the moment.

AE Workshops

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the group was welcomed by **Bill Eickhoff**, Chairman of the Board for Sun 'n Fun as well as **John Burton**, President of the Fly In. The opening speaker was **Wes Norton**, a missionary pilot who spoke about his flights in a DC-3 carrying supplies to the people of Haiti. Another keynote speaker was **Bob Richards**, retired air traffic controller and author of the book Secrets From the Tower, who entertained us with many stories of his years as a controller at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.



Bill Yucuis, President of the Central Florida Chapter, presents check for AE Workshops



Central Florida Chapter at AFA Information and Membership booth at Sun 'n Fun

CFC is an official sponsor of the Aerospace Education workshops so **President Bill Yucuis** (pictured to left) welcomed participants and presented the Chapter check to help fund these great presentations to the teachers who attended.

The teachers attended a variety of concurrent sessions including "Where Imagination Takes Flight" presented by the Civil Air Patrol and "Building Gyzmos" presented by **Dr. Charley Rodriguez** from Southern Illinois University. The teachers enjoyed hands on sessions and took many ideas back to their classrooms to share with students.

We are looking forward to next year's workshop and hope you will join us!

A Dream Come True

by Richard A. Ortega, VP Aerospace Education

Lt Danny Chung received the spot light as family, friends and the UCF AFROTC Det 159 assembled for Danny's commissioning ceremony.

Lt Chung is among the many graduates from Det 159 who are on their way into the best Air Force in the world.

CMSGT Richard Ortega was on hand to present **Lt Chung** with a three year complimentary membership to AFA and provide **Lt. Chung** with a great start to his professional career in the Air Force.

We wish **Lt Chung**, and other Det 159 graduates, the best in their future career.



2nd Lt Danny Chung receiving complimentary AFA Membership from CMSGT (ret) Richard Ortega.

Membership News

by Bill Palmby, Membership Chairman

Central Florida Chapter's Membership team has been busy during the past several months working to keep the chapter's membership rolls strong. In addition to two all-day membership drives at the 2010 Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In and at the Civil Air Patrol's State Convention, we are planning a membership drive at the Orlando Navy Exchange this coming October.

Please assist our team...

While these are all great venues to get the word out about all that the Central Florida Chapter has to offer, our best membership advocate has been, and always will be, you!

"Our best recruiter is you!"

To help keep our organization strong, each and every one of us should always be on the lookout for new members. The prospect list is rich: newly retired Air Force members, recently separated veterans, families of Air Force members, and just about any citizen concerned with a strong national defense.

Help them join...

When you find a candidate, there are some easy ways to help them join our great organization. **Besides sharing what great things we do -- give them an application and ask them to complete it.** Copies of the AFA application are available:

Printed — There is one in every FlightLiner (see to the right). Cut it out and give it to a friend.

Online—Go to <u>www.centralflorida.afaflorida.org</u> and click on the "**Join Now**" link down the left side.

Phone / Email—Contact the membership chairman (**Bill Palmby**) to complete an application. Call 407-404-2089 or Email: <u>palmbyb@aol.com</u>.

Follow up...

You really want them to join, so follow up, welcome them, and share the message below...

> We welcome YOU to join <u>and</u> participate in the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Association!

AFA APPL Check here if renewal.	CATION
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Central Florida Chapter #	DATE OF BIRTH
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Branch of Service:	
CURRENT PROFESSION Aerospace Industry U.S. Government Retired Other 	CURRENT JOB FUNCTIONManagementR&DEngineeringRetiredOperationsOther
MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS \$45 for 1 year \$110 for 3 years	Special \$22.50 rate for: Current Service Enlisted E1-E4 Current Student
Life Membership \$600 single payment \$630 extended payments Initial payment of \$90 and Initial payment of \$90 and Second Second	nd 4 quarterly payment of \$135 each nd 8 quarterly payment of \$67.50 each
Air Force Airpower. □ \$10 □ \$25 □ \$50	n to support AFA and its mission to promote Other \$
METHOD OF PAYMENT Check enclosed (not cash) MasterCard	American Express
AccountNumber	Expiration Date
SIGNATURE	DATE
Membership Info: Bill Palmby palmbyb@aol.com Phone: 407-568-3750	Please mail application to: Air Force Association 1501 Lee Hwy Arlington, VA 22209-9963

Insights to Consider...

New Tanker Needed!

by Bill Yucuis, Chapter President

During the Eisenhower admin- • assigned to istration, we built a fleet of KC-135 : them. That is tankers. They have proven to be • not a situation among the nation's best investments • the United in history. This capability to go any- : States can afwhere in the world at any time made • ford to let dethis country a world power. We velop. have depended on this capability at • the most critical times responding to • tanker disasters and wars around the world. been the Air

The KC-135 aircraft currently · Force's numflying were built between 1958 and . ber one prior-1964. This is an average age of 49 ity for years years!! It is amazing that after a half- • now. Without rehashing every start • that is if the present program is folwho maintain them, as well as to the *bidding* process.

builders and designers. But they are long past their designed expectation for flight miles, and we're working them harder than ever with the constant demands over the skies of Afghanistan and Iraq.

grounded, even for a short time, • U.S. operations of any distance grind to a halt. The consequences would ' straightforward: replace the oldest, and air dominance.

Congress and the Administrasity of producing a new tanker in : will be in the air for many decades to adequate numbers. All of the older • come, some eventually as many as tenance costs and man-hours are · administration. spiking on the KC-135s. It's just a . useless or dangerous to the Airmen

Α new has

century, at increasing cost, these and stop in this cumbersome pro- lowed. same planes are still flying. That's an • cess, the contract for the next tanker, incredible testament to the Airmen • dubbed KC-X for now, is in the re- • depend on these aircraft to facilitate

> "Built between 1958 and 1964... these same planes are still flying."

Our superior fighter aircraft . What if, during an accident in- : only matter if they can be fueled en : vestigation, the entire fleet of KC- · route to the point of need. Every 135s were grounded while the causes, • aspect of the fleet's ability to project • material failures, etc. are examined. power globally depends on getting This has happened to the aging F-15 • fuel into aircraft. Also, the Navy • fleet more than once in recent years. • and USMC depend on the Air Force If the fleet of tankers is ever tanker fleet for their aircraft refueling.

The Air Force plan is fairly : be immense to both global mobility • least serviceable tankers first, hopefully at a rate of some 12-18 per year. Even in this best case scenario, tion must realize the absolute neces- • many of the newest model KC-135s KC-135 tankers will eventually have • 90 years or more after the first one • to go. That's not an opinion. Main- was rolled out in the Eisenhower

Regardless of administrative or . matter of time before many become : legal decisions, the first new tanker : will not be rolling out until 2015 -



USAFKC-135_aircraft - Originally purchased during the Eisenhower Administration. Many are still flying today!

We need to get moving! We putting the rest of our planes in the

> skies. As a former Chief of Staff of the Air Force put it: "The pilot of the last KC-135 has yet to be born. Heck, the Mother of the pilot of the last KC-135 has yet to be born."

> > We can do better!

Leading to the future...

Mike Dunn, AFA President, provides a wealth of accurate, current information about many Air Force issues, including the tanker issue. Mike's comments in "Up in the Air" (page 4) and this article, about "New Tanker Needed", point to real requirements.

AFA unequivocally advocates the rapid acquisition of a new tanker fleet to replace the ancient birds we're presently asking our pilots to fly.

It will soon be a safety issue for our pilots as these aircraft further age beyond their useful capacity.

AFA CFC Chapter President, Bill Yucuis, welcomes you to join him as an "Air Power Advocate" (APA).

Looking ahead...

by Bill Yucuis, Chapter President

plan to hold the Holiday Dinner • sing at our event. at the Rosen Centre Hotel on In-

"Save the date" for the Chapter Holiday Dinner Saturday night, December 11th

Your Chapter is planning . ternational Drive, which is "near" ahead for our annual Holiday the Convention Center. It is an Dinner! Please "save the date" of • outstanding venue. We already Saturday night, December 11th. have a commitment from the na-Final details are not avail- tionally recognized West Orange able at this time but, we currently • High School Chorale group to

Once details are finalized, we

will put the information on the Chapter website. If you do not have Internet access, you may contact me personally and I will notify you either via Email or by letter.

> Hope to see you on December 11th!

Awards and Installation Luncheon -- Make it a date!

by Mike Liquori, Executive Vice President

Come join us!

Make your reservation today to join us for the Chapter Awards and Installation Luncheon on Saturday, September 25, at the Altamonte Hilton.

In addition to honoring the chapter and several individuals for their well deserved awards, you will have the opportunity to meet your AFA friends and incoming chapter . officers.

(just East of I-4) take North Lake Blvd south ...

The Hilton is in Altamonte Springs off 436

Social time is at 11:30am with a great lunch served at **12 noon**. A program will follow.

Please send in your reservation form (below) today and get ready for a great time!

NOTE Reservations are due no later than September 17th



Altamonte Hilton 350 North Lake Blvd. Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

----- Cut Here **Reservations for Awards and Installation** Saturday Sept 25th at 11:30 social, 12:00 lunch A great lunch is planned! (Members and Guests are Welcome) Please make your reservations today! Reservations for the Awards & Installation at the Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs Adults: x \$ 15.00 = \$Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made out to: AFA-CFC Mail to: Bryan Paul, Treasurer, 1214 Swan St., Winter Springs, FL 32708-4108 For more information call: Mike Liquori (407) 249-5294 or Bill Yucuis at (407) 256-4089 Ph: Name To Be Received No Later Than September 17th, 2010

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