



Your Central Florida Chapter
Air
Force
Association

FlightLiner

September 2008

DR. NEAL GALLAGHER
SPEAKING AT
AWARDS PRESENTATION
AND
INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 27TH

DON'T MISS IT!

Make it a date!

Make your reservation today to join us for the Chapter Awards and Installation Luncheon on Saturday, **September 27**, at the Marriott Orlando – Downtown (across from Bob Carr Performing Arts Center).

Dr. Neal Gallagher, Dean of Engineering and Computer Science at UCF, will be speaking on the engineering crises in the United States. 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.

Send in your reservation slip by September 21.

See Map and Reservation Form, page 7



**Chapter Officers...
... Ready to Lead!**



Congratulation to our 2008/2009 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.

2008/2009 OFFICERS

President - James E. Callahan
Exec. Vice President - William A. Yucuis
Secretary - James L. DeRose
Treasurer - Bryan B. Paul



Central Florida Chapter Mission
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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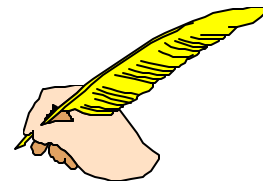
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Chapter Council Meeting

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

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

From the President



The AFA Chapter Operating year is about to come to an end. This has been another productive year for the Central Florida Chapter. Although our total chapter membership has slightly declined, our recruitment of new members remains strong. Our programming, according to AFA Headquarters, is among the BEST throughout AFA. Our chapter has been selected for the National Exceptional Service Award for Overall Programming and Aerospace Education Achievement Award

We will formally receive the award at this year's National Convention in mid September. A special thank you to all the chapter members that made it happen. There were many more awards bestowed on the chapter and individual members that exemplify what a great chapter to which we all belong.

In June, **Dale Bennett**, President and CEO of Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training and Support of Orlando, gave us an interesting overview of capabilities and the contributions his company is making to our defense, not only of the U.S., but with our allies throughout the world. Hopefully, we can arrange more of these dinner programs in the future. Thanks **Dale** for an interesting evening.

On July 4th, we had our annual family celebration of Independence Day at the Shades of Green. Many members that attended the celebration made it a mini-vacation by staying at the Walt Disney Resort Shades of Green MWRC hotel. Fun, games and fireworks, what a way to celebrate! Thanks to **Ken Kelly** for getting the information out to our members and to **Bryan Paul** for putting it all together. Also, thanks to **Tim Brock** and **Bill Yucuis** for the entertainment—the very challenging games. Over 150 members and guests had a great evening. Hope to see more of you there next year.

Please make it a point to join us at the Chapter Awards Program and Installation Ceremony for our 2008/2009 officers on September 27th at the Marriott Downtown Orlando. Further details on the event are on page 1 and 7 of this newsletter. The program should be enjoyable and give us all a chance to meet old and new friends. Also, you will receive a first hand overview of what happened at the **National Convention and Air and Space Conference** that will occur between 13-17 September in Washington, DC.

Take care!
Jim Callahan

**Central
Florida
Chapter ...
... truly a "Special
Chapter in History"**



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 year(s). We want to recognize them for their service to AFA!

Chapter Awards

Thanks again for the many members who helped!

AFA National
Aerospace Education Achievement Award
Exceptional Service Award - Overall Programming

AFA Florida State/Region
Outstanding Extra Large Chapter Award

Individual Awards

Congratulations to each of you!

AFA National
Richard Ortega - Lifetime Achievement Award
(Aerospace Education)
Col. William Palmby - Medal of Merit
William Yucuis - Exceptional Service Award

AFA Florida State/Region
Col. William Palmby - Chapter Member of the Year Award
Col. William Palmby - Exceptional Service Award
Lt. Col. Sharon Branch - Exceptional Service Award
Bob Hicks - Exceptional Service Award

AFA Central Florida Chapter
Seth Reichelson - Carol Denicole Award
for Chapter Teacher of the Year
Dorthea Fox - Citation
Capt. Wadarias Little - Citation
Showalter Flying Service - Citation
Capt (CAP) Corey Halaychik - Certificate of Achievement
Michael Liquori - Certificate of Achievement
Mary McNatt - Certificate of Achievement
Stan McNatt - Certificate of Achievement
Trey Strawn - Certificate of Achievement
Lt. Col. (CAP) John Lynn - Certificate of Appreciation
Leo "Lucky" Kowatch - Certificate of Appreciation
CMSgt James Williams - Certificate of Appreciation

FlightLiner Note

Again, thanks to all who have contributed to make the FlightLiner the best! It is teamwork that makes a great newsletter. Some still need to join us by sending in articles!

Please meet or beat our deadlines to ensure we get your good ideas into the newsletter.

Call 407-260-8139 or send suggestions to:

kennethkelly@earthlink.net

Deadline for articles for the next edition is

November 13, 2008

*Thanks,
Ken*

CALENDAR

September 2008

- 1 Labor Day**
- 11 * Chapter Council Meeting**
- 13-14 * AFA National Convention**
in Washington D.C.
- 15-17 * AFA Air & Space Conf. & Tech.Expo,** in Washington D.C.
- 27 Awards & Installation Luncheon**
at the Orlando Marriott Downtown

October

- 9 * Chapter Council Meeting**
- 13 Columbus Day**

November

- 11 Veterans Day**
- 13 * Chapter Council Meeting**
(FlightLiner Articles Due)
- 27 Thanksgiving Day**

December

- 6 Holiday Party (Marriott)**
- 25 Christmas Day**

February 2009

- 25 AFA golf supporting AWS**
- 26-27 AFA Air Warfare Symposium**
- 27 Gala (Rosen Shingle Creek)**
- 28 AFA (Florida) State Meeting**
at the Shades of Green

* See details in this newsletter

'Troops to Teachers' Translates Military Experience to Classroom

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

FORT MEADE, Md. (AFRNS) -- About 60 service members preparing to retire or separate from the military got the word loud and clear during a recent Transition Assistance Program workshop here: If Uncle Sam can't have you anymore, the public school system would love to have you.

School districts around the country are desperate for the maturity and experience troops have gained through military service, said retired Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Henry, who coordinates the Troops to Teachers Program for Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The Defense Department launched the Troops to Teachers program in 1994 to attract departing military members into teaching positions in low-income and underprivileged school districts. Fourteen years later, the program has placed more than 11,000 former troops into public schools nationwide; Petty Officer Henry told the group. Almost half the program's teachers work in high schools, 30 percent in middle schools and about 20 percent in elementary schools. More than 80 percent of them are men, compared to about 25 percent of traditional teachers.

To qualify for the program, a candidate needs a bachelor's degree and teacher certification that the Troops to Teachers program can help finance, Petty Officer Henry said.

He called the Troops to Teachers program a great opportunity for former service members who enjoy working with young people and want to continue serving their communities. Former troops are prime candidates for teaching jobs -- particularly in math, the sciences and special

education because they bring a unique quality to their classrooms.

"They have real-world experience, and they bring a level of maturity, along with good communications skills," he said. "Most have a sense of service and want to continue to give back to the community."

"But beyond that," he continued, "troops bring a sense of commitment to mission accomplishment. For them, failure is not an option. There's a kind of mentality they bring to the job that means they will do whatever they need to do to get something done and to do it right."

Participants in the program say military service gave them the skills they needed for the job: discipline, patience and a readiness to face challenges. They also report a personal satisfaction that comes with working with young people, Petty Officer Henry said.

Seventy-five percent of TTT teachers were still teaching five years after going through the program, Petty Officer Henry said. After 10 years, 60 percent were still involved in education, as teachers or administrators.

Retired Lt. Col. Ernie Jackson is among them. He returned to his hometown of Port Jervis, N.Y., in 2000 to teach fifth grade and special education. The retired Army infantry officer said he found the Troops to Teachers program to be a good way to transition into the education field.

Colonel Jackson said he drew on his 20 years of military experience along with the ability to work under pressure and deal with people. He said he applied the Army's way of training troops, emphasizing group

dynamics and team building -- "skills you need in life, but that you can't get on the Internet or on a cell phone."

"You change kids' lives," he said. "It's a great opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life. And there's a tremendous amount of gratification that comes with that."

Now a principal who hires teachers, Colonel Jackson said he seeks out former service members through the Troops to Teachers program.

"Having time in the military gives them a definite edge in my book," he said. "I find there are a lot of parallels between teaching and the military. We need servicemen and women to become teachers."

Colonel Jackson is not alone in praising the Troops to Teachers program. School districts rave about the teachers they recruited through the program, Petty Officer Henry told the Fort Meade troops. Ninety percent of principals report that TTT teachers are more effective than traditional teachers, particularly in classroom management and student discipline. Eighty-nine percent of principals said TTT teachers have a greater impact than other teachers with equal teaching experience on student achievement.

"The school districts that have us all want more of us," Petty Officer Henry told students at the Fort Meade transition workshop. "It's a great opportunity to build on the military skills and experience you have built, and to use them in a meaningful way as you begin a new career."

For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program, visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/troops/index.html>.

Affairs of the State

by Tim Brock, AFA (Florida) President



AFA Florida held a highly successful State Convention on July 12th in Cocoa Beach. Over 30 delegates from around the state attended and were joined by AFA Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operation, **Joe Sutter**, and AFA Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education, **Sandy Schlitt**. Among the highlights from the convention was the election of state officers for next year. **Tim Brock** will complete his second year as State and Region President. **Dick Schaller** was re-elected Executive Vice President as was **Ran Merriam** as Secretary and **Marge Cummock** as Treasurer.

Many awards were presented during the event including the AFA Florida Member of the Year, **Stan Bodner of Miami**; the General Lewis H. Brereton Award to **Mr. William**

S. Rone, Director of Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command; and the AFA Florida Teacher of the Year Award to **Mr. Leo F. Murphy** of Choctawhatchee High School. **Mr. Murphy** is also the 2008 AFA National Teacher of the Year. A special guest during lunch was one of the recently announced 12 Outstanding Airman; **MSgt George Price Jr.** of Patrick AFB and his wife.

Operations around the state are going well. It appears as if the DeMilly Chapter at Homestead has turned the corner. An individual has volunteered to take over the presidency and they are holding a membership meeting on August 13th. DeMilly may be getting back on its feet. And there is discussion of

starting a new AFA Chapter in the Sarasota area.

AFA Florida State President Tim Brock spoke at the 2008 Civil Air Patrol National Board and Annual Conference held on August 8 at the Gaylord Palms Resort. **Tim** talked about the close relationship between AFA and the CAP and discussed the many AFA programs available for CAP members.

Plans are underway for the AFA National Convention in Washington, DC.

If you are interested in becoming a delegate please call Tim Brock as soon as possible at 407-877-6480.

Central Florida Chapter Leaders Participate In National TSA

By Richard A. Ortega, VP for Aerospace Education

Three members of our chapter volunteered to act as judges for the competition at the Annual National Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference. They were: **Jim Callahan**, **Bill Yucuis**, and **Richard Ortega**. **Bill Yucuis** was an active daily participant in various leadership and supervisory capacities, while **Jim Callahan** and **Richard Ortega** served as judges during the Flight Endurance Competitions.

Junior High and High School students from several states were involved in the competition. They were accompanied by a large number of math, science, technology and engineering educators who functioned as leaders and judges. Parents, relatives and friends of the com-



petitors attended the event bringing the total to approximately 1000 people.

Two new AFA members, **Bill**

Smith and **Noel Miner**, National TSA Judging Managers (pictured above) accepted Richard Ortega's invitation to join AFA.

Community Partner Spans Globe

By Richard A. Ortega, VP for Aerospace Education

Our Community Partner, **Bob Showalter**, President and CEO of Showalter Flying Services at the Orlando Executive Airport, just completed a "round the world" journey.

Bob, along with pilots **Chris Hall** and **Jim Pugh** flew for over 59 flight hours. They flew a Citation CJ3, a 10 passenger business jet which has a range of 2150 statute miles and cruises at 480 mph at altitudes up to 45,000 feet.

Their itinerary took over six

weeks and included stops in Bangor, St. John's, Reykjavik, Helsinki, Budapest, Athens, Istanbul, Cairo, Dubai, New Delhi, Calcutta, Hanoi, Shanghai, Beijing, Seoul, Sapporo, Petropavlovsk, Nome, Anchorage, Portland, Little Rock and finally home to Orlando.

As these "World Travelers" returned to Orlando, **Bob** said, "Our flight reconfirmed what we have never doubted - we live in the greatest country on God's Green Earth."

Welcome back **Bob!**



Mr. Bob Showalter, President and CEO of Showalter Flying Services, with CFC's Richard Ortega



Awards and Installation Luncheon



A Great Meal and Great Presentation are Planned!

Saturday, Sept. 27th, 2008

11:30 get acquainted, 12:00 lunch

FREE Valet Parking Available

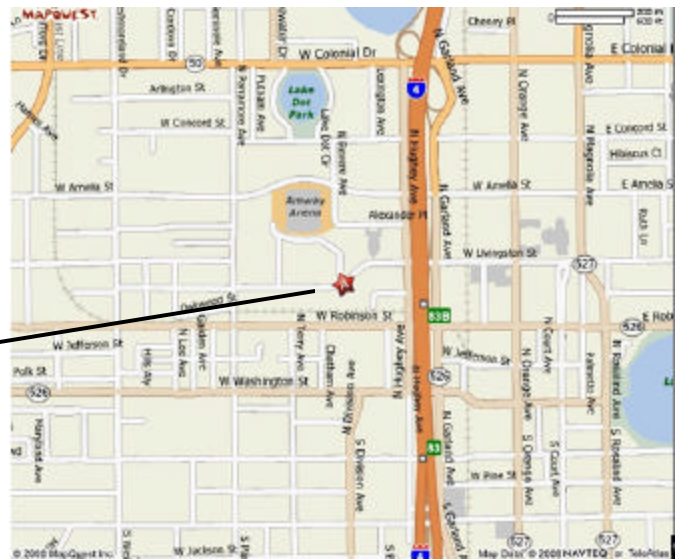
Speaker: **Dr. Neal Gallagher**

Dean of Engineering and Computer Science at UCF

"The Engineering Crisis in the United States"

Orlando Marriott Downtown
across from Bob Carr Auditorium
(See map to right)

For additional information, call
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To Be Received No Later Than Sept. 21, 2008

Please reserve _____ seat(s) for **Awards and Installation Luncheon on September 27th**

Make check payable to "AFA-CFC" for \$ _____ (\$12.00 per person)
Mail to: Bryan Paul, Treasurer, 1214 Swan St, Winter Springs, FL 32708-4108

Name _____ Ph: _____

Our Community Partners Are Special!

The AFA Community Partner Program links local business who share the same aims with the Air Force Association. **The Central Florida Chapter proudly associates with our community through the Community Partner Program. We encourage all our members to support these businesses that support us.**

Accu-rite Painting Sanford, Florida	Citizens Bank of Florida Oviedo, FL
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See Inside! **Awards and Installation Luncheon!** *See Inside!*
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