



Chapter 101 Newsletter

Quarterly Report

Chapter Meeting

At our December Quarterly Chapter Meeting we were honored to have five members of Silver Wings attend and speak about the 2015 Conclave here in Mobile. We presented them with a check from the State AFA organization for \$250. All twenty of their members will link their memberships to our chapter. Lt Col Eric Wittendorfer and his Vice Commander, Cadet Charlton (Arnold Air Society) also attended. As the new PAS, he is joining AFA and really wants to partner with

us. He's also active with the Civil Air Patrol and will help us connect with them. American Legion Post 199 Jim Jeffries (Past President) and Commander Stacey, Alabama American Legion State President, joined and spoke about the American Legion. They will also become AFA members. Mr. Stacey brought two Legion USAF veterans who will join the AFA.

Finally, we announced our new Community Partner of the Year (thanks Scott Hunter). AFA State

President Russ Lewey spoke about national initiatives. Colonel Lewey complimented us on having an excellent meeting with over 25 members attending – tremendous energy and great opportunities for continued growth!

Vets Day Parade

Check the Veterans Section for memories of our participation in the Veterans' Day Parade. Note Mayor Stimson and WWII vet Nathan Gulley – just returned from an Honor Flight.

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Next Chapter Meeting

- Dinner Meeting at John Word's Captain's Table in March
- Look for a flyer in your e-mail in mid-February

Membership Facts:

- We have a base of over 250 active AFA members in South Alabama
- Our community is a great place to share your aerospace and cyberspace experience and skills

Membership

You should all be aware that the AFA recently unveiled a new one-year eMember category of AFA membership. It's another tool for you to use in finding new members and renewing your membership. The only difference between an eMember and a traditional AFA member is that the eMember will not receive the printed magazine; they will instead get an online version of *Air Force Magazine*. A one year eMembership is \$30. In the first week of the program, AFA recruited 70 new eMembers. Some frequently asked questions about the new

eMemberships include:

1. Will traditional members who get the print magazine also have access to the online magazine?
Ans: Yes, as well as access to all online content on the *Air Force Magazine* website.
2. Is the AFA concerned about this impacting production of the printed magazine, making it more expensive to produce?
Ans: Yes, and AFA will be monitoring that closely. But, more advertisers accept the fact that online advertising and print advertising are both valuable to them. The online magazine will contain the same ads as the printed version.
3. Will there be a reduced

cost eMembership category for Community Partners and Cadets?
Ans: No, not at this time. Later this summer, some of the free content currently available on the *Air Force Magazine* website will be restricted to AFA members only and no longer available to the general public unless they join. At each milestone in this process we will keep you informed about the coming changes so members will know how the program is working. Chapter recruitment is, and will remain, vital to the health of our association.

Education

Teachers of the Year Presented Checks at Quarterly Chapter Meeting

Chapter President Steve Carey presented Mrs. Vivian Tarwater, Science Teacher for Grades 2-4 at Bayside Academy and

Julia P, Thomas, Science Teacher for Grades 9-12 at Spanish Fort High School with \$250 checks and a certificate from the AFA for their superior work in teaching and promoting STEM goals at their schools. Thanks to all of our great regional educators!

Facebook now a Cyber Gold Sponsor for AFA's CyberPatriot Program

Facebook, the world's leading social media website, has partnered with AFA's CyberPatriot – The National Youth Cyber Education Program. The 2014-2015 CyberPatriot competition registered more than 2,175 teams from all 50 states, Canada and DoD Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific. CyberPatriot is beginning its seventh competition season with a 40 percent increase in total registrations from last year, reaching thousands of

students in the US and beyond. AFA looks forward to working with Facebook to extend CyberPatriot's reach, to inspire many more students across the world to explore STEM opportunities, and to educate youth on cybersecurity and online safety.

President's Corner



Next South Alabama Chapter Meeting is in March at John Word's Captain's Table on the Causeway.

See you there.

It is time for all of us to do our part. We're seeing AFA move into the 21st Century and it is a fast paced world. Your AFA is changing and we trying to adopt new ways of being relevant. The "Air Force Magazine" is now available in a mobile format, which was critical to getting the eMembership program off the ground. Today many new members are taking advantage of the savings and availability of having the magazine that everyone loves, right at their fingertips. Today (and tomorrow) our biggest threat is in the realm of cyber. AFA recognized that to attack tomorrow's threat you must educate today's youth. In just seven years, we've seen CyberPatriot expand into the National Youth Cyber Education Program, growing to over 2200 teams around the world this this year. In addition to serving our future leaders, AFA is also taking care of those who have gone before. The

Wounded Airman Program is doing just what, then Vice Chief of Staff, Gen Phillip Breedlove, asked AFA to do – "Airmen helping Airmen." From sponsoring adaptive sports programs to helping a young Airman "make ends meet," this program is working to fulfill a mantra – "care beyond duty."

AFA's membership has dropped to approximately 95,000 – down from almost 230,000 in the late 1980s. **If we wish to continue to be relevant in South Alabama and in Washington DC, we all need to step out to recruit new members and work to retain the ones we have.** When you consider the difference that our local South Alabama AFA Chapter is making with our youth in its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Teacher of the Year awards, CyberPatriot competition, and Military Appreciation Day, it is

clear that we are having an impact in Mobile and Baldwin counties.

2015 will be our growth year but I NEED YOUR HELP. We have spent the last 3 years on a plateau and our active membership has simply held steady. We can do what we need to do unless we see our ranks grow. **IT IS YOUR TIME AND I AM COUNTING ON YOU EACH OF YOU.** That neighbor, teacher, business colleague, and even student, if they understand all that AFA's doing, I have no doubt that many would gladly join our ranks and help our local community as well as the U.S. Air Force. Believe it or not, it is your opportunity to keep our skies blue and safe both here and abroad. **SO, SET A GOAL FOR 2015 TO BRING 2 NEW MEMBERS TO OUR QUATERLY MEETINGS...IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A STEWARD OF OUR AIR FORCE TRADITIONS! Be a good wingman!**

The Alabama Air Force Association consists of four chapters:

- 100 – Birmingham
- 101 – South Alabama
- 102 – Montgomery
- 335 – Tennessee Valley

Alabama Statewide News

Area/Region V Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Aim High

AL, TN and MS make up Area/Region V of Arnold Air Society (AAS) and Silver Wings (SW) – one of 11 regions in the United States. Area/Region V is comprised of 10 AAS Squadrons and five SW chapters, all of which aim to reach new heights of dedication, involvement and service. While they are separate organizations, they have a strong partnership centered on a similar set of missions. Arnold Air Society aims to build strong USAF officers, advocate support of aerospace power, and actively contribute community service. Similarly, Silver Wings strives to create proactive and knowledgeable civic leaders through professional development, community service, and education about national defense. The two go hand in hand, with passionate members dedicated to serving both the community and The World's Greatest Air Force.

Every fall semester, each region hosts an Area Conclave (ARCON), where AAS and SW members gather in the hosting university's city to attend business sessions, a social, and a banquet over one weekend. The entire conclave is planned and organized by the ARCON Staff, consisting of all college students, from the budget, hotel costs, banquet meal, social, event website, meeting rooms, and all of the major and minor details. The staff members also take on the role of maintaining communication between the Area/Region, the National Staffs, the guest speakers and attendees, and all other affiliates.

This year, the Area/Region V ARCON was hosted by Auburn University and Tuskegee University. Friday consisted of traveling and the social, which was held at Moton Field in Tuskegee, home of the honorable Tuskegee Airmen. Saturday consisted of business sessions led by the AAS and

SW Area/Region Staffs and the AAS and SW National Staffs, where they discussed their separate and joint national projects, ways to work with their local AFA Chapters, recruitment and retention, the National Conclave in Chicago in April 2015, and voted for next year's ARCON location and Area/Region Staffs.

With another successful ARCON V in the books, Area/Region V is already looking forward to next year's ARCON in Mobile, Alabama, hosted by the University of South Alabama. The staff already has hopes of holding the social at the USS Alabama Battleship on the bay.

Our Community Partners



AF101, your South Alabama Chapter, is new and growing. You can affiliate on-line easily. Do it now.

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Veterans and Retirees



This year's Veterans' Day Parade and Veterans' Luncheon was a great celebration of our veterans and their families. Thanks to all who participated and contributed.

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Mobile Mayor Sandy Simson, Chapter President Steve Carey and Scout Charles Carey at the Veterans' Day Parade

WWII vet Nathan Gulley – just returned from an Honor Flight – and Steve.



Release Schedule Set for Retiree, Annuitant Tax Forms
The IRS Forms 1099-R for the 2014 tax year will become available online in mid-December when retirees and annuitants will be able to access their forms on myPay, according to Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) officials. Retirees and annuitants who have not created a myPay account, or rely on hard-copy versions of the 1099-R, may not receive their forms until mid-January. DFAS officials remind people that 1099-Rs are not automatically issued for deceased retirees and annuitants. Anyone needing a 1099-R on the behalf of someone who has passed away must request that a 1099-R be issued. To make this request, or for more information regarding a 1099-R for a deceased retiree or annuitant, contact DFAS using one of the methods described on the website at <http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary/about/aboutus/customer-service.html>, or call 800-321-1080.


The Honor of your presence is Requested by the:
Gulf Coast Chapter #0001 of the Korean War Veterans
For the dedication of the Korean War Memorial Monument at Bicentennial Park
In remembrance of the brave Americans who served and for those who gave their lives for the freedom of our country
Tuesday, January 06, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Baldwin County Bicentennial Park
51233 State Highway 225
Stockton, Alabama



Photo Album



Region V Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society Executive Council at the National Conclave. Chapter 101 supported their participation.

Silver Wings and Arnold Air attendees at the National Conclave

