



Chapter 101 Newsletter

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Next Chapter Meeting

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

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

Quarterly Report

Chapter Meeting

Now that the crops are going in the ground and plans are coming together for Easter and summer vacations, try to take a little time to look back at the great things that the winter months brought to us. The first year for AeroFest may be a template for a future regional air show aimed at showcasing our local aerospace and STEM resources. With the first Airbus just over a year

from rollout, new aviation maintenance and support training programs firing up in the area, and the prospect of renewed national emphasis on defense-related programs, South Alabama stands in a great position to take advantage of our geographic and economic assets.

Although it's still several months away, be sure to put a placeholder in your planner for this year's

Veteran's Day celebrations. There will certainly be a parade, a couple of luncheons to honor our vets and active service folks – all great opportunities to keep up on current affairs and to reminisce about those past. If you've got a favorite event or activity that you think others might enjoy, please pass them along to the Chapter staff and we'll put up a notice on the web site and in the next newsletter.

Membership

Currently our membership stands at 199 members, an increase of 9 members since the end of our last quarterly report in December 2014. Our current goal for additional new members for reporting year 2014-2015 is 3. This should be a very attainable goal, in fact, with a chapter wide effort; we can surpass that goal quite easily. Many of our new members have joined as a result of attaining our chapter meetings. The message is: INVITE!

During the many holidays that recognize the

contributions and sacrifices of our soldiers, sailors and airmen, wear your AFA pin, wear a ball cap or some other identifying device. Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day are all such national celebrations that can be an opportunity to tell people about what the AFA does to support the USAF and to support our communities. A great example of community support is our Teacher of the Year recognition program. Read more

about this in the next section. The CyberPatriot program is also a very important program the AFA and the aerospace industry back that is building a national resource in the domain of cyberspace. Do your best! Help us grow.



Education

Let's congratulate our Teacher of the Year award winners. Each awardee will receive a \$250 check to help them further enhance their classroom and learning environments. Each year the AFA recognizes outstanding teachers at the state and national levels and one of these educators will be selected to compete on these higher levels.

Baldwin County
Spanish Fort HS Megan
F. O'Neill

Rockwell Elementary
Kim Riley

Mobile County
BC Rain HS
Don Jones

Shepard Elementary
Laniese Howard

President's Corner



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

See you there.

We all love our country and our Air Force. We all believe in our AF mission. So too, did those young airman, soldiers and marines who sadly lost their lives in a training accident in Santa Rosa sound. That tragedy hit us all. We must remember that these young men gave their lives training and preparing for their nation's call. Too often, the routine of our daily schedules consumes us. The sobering reality of that accident should not be lost in a few months. We must be the voice and a constant reminder for our local community about what it takes to

build and sustain a professional military. From the Eastern Shore to west Mobile, we MUST remind our friends, family and local businesses of what it takes to be ready. Our Air Force Association is focused on making sure that the issues and concerns of our veterans (active and retired) are heard. Please do more than just listening and agreeing with me. Get involved in our Chapter this year and help us become a shaping force in the area. You have some great opportunities to be part of our team. From the upcoming Military Appreciation Luncheon

in April to supporting our local South Alabama AF ROTC detachment to partnering with Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society and speaking to local business groups or working with other Veteran Service Organizations to develop a more consistent message, these are just a few of the things we are doing for our community. This is your Chapter! Get out of your comfort zone and be our wingman!

The Alabama Air Force Association consists of four chapters:

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

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

Alabama Statewide News

CyberPatriot

(See more at: <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/home>)
 Congratulations to all Alabama chapters for fielding 51 Teams, which is more than double last year's 23 teams! That includes: 21 Open, 22 All-Services, and eight Middle School teams. a) In regional competition, teams are classified by their first round scores into three levels of technical ability. Platinum is the most technically competent category, then gold, followed by silver. Only Platinum teams compete in the national competition. All category teams compete in State and Regional competitions.

Two Alabama teams are going to National:
 Huntsville's Grissom High 'Team CyberSloths' in the Open Division and Huntsville's New Century Technology High School (NCTS) 'Team Alpha' in the All Service Division-Army JROTC. In the Open High School Division:

Southeast Region
 Platinum: 1st (Grissom) and 2nd (NCTS)
 Gold: 1st (NCTS)
 Silver: 2nd (Wetumpka)

All Service Division:
 Southeast Region
 Platinum: 2nd (NCTS Army JROTC)
 Gold: 1st (NTCS Army JROTC)

CyberPatriot staff

executed a pilot AFA CyberCamp Program in the summer of 2014. The camps emphasize fun, hands-on learning of cybersecurity principles that are relevant and applicable to everyday life. At CyberCamp, students will learn the importance of cyber safety and how to protect their personal devices and information from outside threats. The full nationwide rollout of the weeklong CyberCamp will cost participating teams \$950 each and include all needed materials. CyberCamp is a do-it-yourself activity.

Our Community Partners

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Veterans and Retirees

Wounded Airman Program Update

The Wounded Airman Program is booming as the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program (AFW2) is in full swing with the 2015 Air Force Trials leading up to the annual Warrior Games. The Warrior Games will be taking place in our back yard this year at Quantico Marine Corps Base from June 19th - June 30th. We encourage you to come out and cheer on our Airmen as they compete against the other military branches in a number of different sports. In March, AFA staff members traveled to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV to support the Air Force Trials while athletes competed against each other and other individuals from the Army and the Great Britain and Australian teams. It was a great opportunity for AFA to be a part of such a wonderful experience for these men and women. Consider supporting one of the upcoming Adaptive Sports Camps organized by AFW2:



- * April 17th - 25th: Introductory Adaptive Sports Camp; Eglin AFB
- * June 19th - 30th: 2015 Warrior Games; Quantico MCB

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