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State Teacher of the Year: Kimberly Chafin, Orlando

Kimberly Chafin is the Rolls-Royce Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Teacher of the Year for the State of Florida Air Force Association.

Kimberly teaches 10th to 12th grade Advanced Placement Calculus at Lake Nona High School in Orlando, Florida. She has been in her current position for six years and has been in the teaching profession for 15 years.

Kimberly believes that making real-world connections is important in order for her students to value math as a subject for learning and future career application. She and another teacher invited members of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(NASA) and the 45th Weather Squadron to visit the school and describe how they use math in their day-to-day work.

The connections made three years ago are still intact and the students have been working with the organizations to study complex weather rules that delineate the probability of, and avoid the chance of, an in-flight rocket being struck by lightning. The acronym for these rules is LLCC, Lightening Launch Commit Criteria.

The students used statistics and calculus in their analysis and met every week for a year to determine how these rules work together and where the most frequent violations occurred. *(TOY Continued on page 5)*

State Convention set for July 13-14



Martin H. Harris Chapter 303 will host the 2018 AFA Florida State convention July 13-14 at the Altamonte Hilton, 350 S. Northlake Blvd., Orlando, Fla. See State President Sharon Branch's overview on page 2 and pages 10-11 for more information and a registration form to attend the convention.

It has been a busy year for the Air Force Association (AFA) and all the state chapters have been keeping pace, continuing to do some of the best work the association has to offer and of which each of you can be proud!

Soon we will be having the state convention and our annual AFA National Convention in Washington D.C. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or both of these events. It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the state convention at the Altamonte Hilton in Altamonte Springs, Florida. The dates are 13 and 14 July. The Martin H. Harris Chapter is sponsoring the convention. There are several activities to enjoy one another socially even if you don't want to attend the business portion of the meeting. We will have a no-host dinner on Friday, the awards luncheon on Saturday, and conclude the event with dinner. Additional awards will be presented at dinner and the current plan is to have a World War II veteran speak on his experiences. Falar Fatmi, the Chief Information Officer for AFA will be on the agenda for the business meeting. We will also hold state elections; my term runs until September of 2019 and Mark Chapman, Ben Langer, and Gary Lehmann are willing to serve for one more year in their current positions. Please see the registration form in this newsletter.

The national convention is scheduled for 15-16 September followed by the Air, Space, and Cyber Conference from 17-19 September. You can sign up to attend these events by going to www.afa.org. One of our state's fellow members, Mike Liquori from the Martin H. Harris Chapter, is running for a National Director-At Large position. All positions and candidates are listed here:

Chairman of the Board: **F. Whitten Peters**, incumbent*, Washington, DC

Vice Chairman of the Board, Field Operations: **F. Gavin "Mac" MacAloon**, incumbent*, Florida

Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education: **Jim Hannam**, Virginia. Current vice chairman of the Aerospace Education Council, former National Director, and Region President.

Secretary: **Rick Hartle**, Utah. Appointed incumbent, now running for a full term. Former National Director, Chapter President

Treasurer: **Steve Lundgren**, incumbent, Alaska

National Director, West Area: **Bob George**, Utah. Utah State Secretary, former chapter/state/region president

National Director, At Large (Replacing Rick Hartle): **Gerald Murray**, Utah. Appointed incumbent, former National Director/EXCOM member

National Director, At Large: **Mike Liquori**, Florida. Field Council member, Air Warfare Symposium Awards Chair, former Chapter President, AFA Emerging Leader graduate.

National Director, At Large: **Steve Roser**, Texas. President/CEO Lone Star Consulting, extensive non-profit leadership experience (USO, United Way), industry and marketing experience.

**There is a constitutional amendment pending which must be passed to allow the extension of the incumbents.*

From the President

A look ahead At the convention And the future

By Sharon Branch
President, AFA Florida



At the national level, other than fund raising and membership, the two items that appear to be getting a lot of attention is a rejuvenation of contact with legislators and the new Field Portal. All chapters have a listing of legislators and are encouraged to communicate with the ones in their area so we have a relationship and they are

aware of Air Force initiatives. The Field Portal will take some getting used to; but, it was created to replace an old system that was pieced together from many parts. Working with the portal is not an option; take advantage of the training and give feedback to the national Information Technology contacts. As time goes on, we will get used to it.

What I have observed since I have been state president is what is being experienced throughout AFA in my opinion. As I said from the start, what the chapters are doing, as the articles in this newsletter attest, is great work. There are a lot of good people who are giving of their time, talent, and treasure, to fulfill their chapter charters and the mission of AFA. Unfortunately, the percent participating is painfully small and the same people are stepping up time after time. Some are getting tired and would like to pass along these duties. So, we are grappling with the issue of finding people who share enthusiasm for what we do and are willing to become engaged. I believe this to be an across the board issue and think it deserves some thought and planning to try to turn it around. Hopefully you agree and will put your minds to the issue. If you have ideas, you can send them to me directly, attend our convention, or pass them to your chapter president.

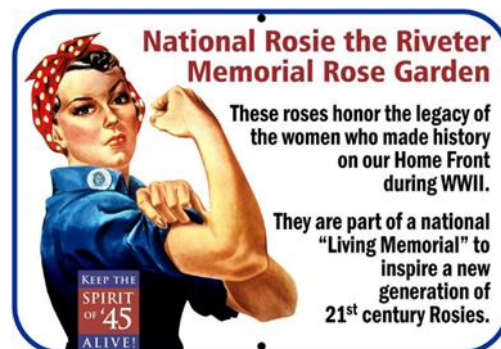
Thank you for your commitment and involvement in the AFA!



Tyndall AFA partners with Girl Scouts To dedicate Rosie the Riveter Memorial

December 7th, 1941. The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and America was drawn into the 2nd World War. During the years that would follow, America would send 16.1 million men to fight on foreign lands. These men would leave behind a sizeable gap in the US work force. That gap was filled by women. They were known collectively as Rosie the Riveter.

The Rosie's stepped up and together with the men who could not fight in the war produced the following: 22 aircraft carriers, 8 battleships, 48 cruisers, 349 destroyers, 420 destroyer escorts, 203 submarines, 34 million tons of merchant ships, 100,000 fighter aircraft, 98,000 bombers, 24,000 transport aircraft, 58,000 training aircraft, 93,000 tanks, 257,000 artillery pieces, 105,000 mortars, 3,000,000 machine guns and 2,500,000 military trucks. In an effort to ensure the contributions of the Rosie's are fully acknowledged, an organization called the "Spirit of 45" is leading a campaign to create a Living Memorial in the form of a national network of rose gardens called the Rosie the Riveter National Living Memorial.



Weeks Roses designed a special rose for the National Living Memorials called the Rosie the Riveter rose. The official description of the rose reads: *Rosie the Riveter Floribunda. Pays tribute to the women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War 2. The old-fashioned flowers of orange-gold suffused*



with pink are surely reminiscent of that era. The exquisite pointy and shapely buds are proudly held on top of very glossy dark foliage as a feminine symbol of charm and strength. The moderate fruity and spice scent is the perfect complement to represent a famous women's cultural icon. Like, the tireless Rosie's, the even rounded plants of Rosie the Riveter are the workhorse of the garden, producing an arsenal of flowers. Maximum flower power? YES, we can do it!

On May 1, 2018, members of the Tyndall Air Force Association partnered with the Girl Scouts to dedicate one such garden at the Veterans Park, in Callaway, FL. The garden is but one of the anticipated 435 total gardens to be dedicated in each Congressional district across America. The ceremony kicked off with a rifle salute by the Tyndall Air Force Base honor guard as well as the presentation of the colors by all 5 branches of the armed forces.

Tyndall AFA President Edward W. Hood said, "I felt it was very important to have all five branches there to honor the Rosie's because the allied forces could not have won the war without their logistical support." Mr. Craig Deatherage, Congressman Dr. Neil Dunn's military and veteran affairs liaison, said "It's one thing to put up a monument and pressure wash it every 10 years, it's an entirely different thing to plant a garden and trim that garden and care for that garden and prune the roses year after year, season after season, and help them grow into a beautiful living example for the women who contributed so much during World War 2. These are women who stepped out of their normal roles and went into factories and took on jobs that were nontraditional for women at that time."

Please visit <http://www.spiritof45.org> if you or your organization would like to support this national campaign.



Hurlburt Chapter hosts Teacher's STEM Workshop

By Rick Soria, Executive VP for Aerospace Education
Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398

Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398 hosted a Teacher STEM workshop on March 10. In collaboration with the Doolittle Institute, Inc., the Air Force Research Lab, the Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Chapter 398 offered a day of hands-on STEM lessons for teachers.

Twenty teachers from schools across the panhandle (Escambia to Leon counties) gathered at the George McCutchan airport, affectionately termed the McCutchan Intergalactic Spaceport) to engage in what many termed the best workshop they had ever attended.

The workshop included lessons on the physics of flight, Bernoulli, and Newton's Laws led by AFRL aeronautical engineer (1Lt.) Michael Dotson. Lt. Dotson's presentation addressed folding paper airplanes, how airplanes fly, numerous paper airplane patterns and activities for the classroom. Lt. Dotson has received several invitations to visit classrooms and make similar presentations.

Lessons in robotics were presented by the folks from the Doolittle Institute, Inc. Robotics lessons including WeDo 2.0 and EV3 robot programming were presented to teachers who were interested in beginning or expanding their classroom robotics offerings.

The Embry-Riddle folks had a 3D printer demonstration and an unmanned aerial vehicle / aerial robotics system (UAV/ARS) presentation. The 3D printer was printing out UAV parts for the UAVs that were being flown. Teachers were offered the opportunity to learn to program and pilot small UAVs that will be available for loan to teachers who complete the course.

A water rocket activity demonstrated how to use hand pumps, plastic fins, and 2-liter plastic bottles to launch water rockets. The rocket flight performance was meas-

ured by altimeters that recorded the rocket performance for data collection and review purposes. World champion RC flyer Steve Rojecki demonstrated a variety of UAV systems including the Chapter 398 Yuneec Typhoon UAV. Grilled burgers and soft drinks prepared and served by the Chapter leadership were provided at lunch. The AIAA

and other partners donated a variety of items that were used to raffle to the teachers who attended. The only issue was the weather. The gusty winds forced us to cancel the teacher orientation flights.

Chapter 398 coordinated with representatives from Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay County School districts to allow for the award of profes-

sional development credit for teachers who attended the course and completed the follow-on activities.

Maj. Gen. McCutchan (USAF, Retired) has already invited the chapter to conduct the spring 2019 STEM workshop at the airport. Mark your calendars. Questions regarding this and other Chapter #398 STEM and aerospace education activities should be directed to the chapter #398 VP for Aerospace Education, Rick Soria at 850 217 2317 or at soriarv@yahoo.com.



Teacher of the Year

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At the culmination of their analysis, they designed a presentation which they made to members of NASA and the 45th Weather Squadron to announce their findings.

The 45th Weather Squadron Commander, Col. Shannon R. Klug, stated, "With the help of your students, we now know the probability for any LLCC violation at our location, the probability for simultaneous violation for various combinations of LLCC, a tool that provides the probability of LLCC violation for any date and time, and a Monte Carlo simulation to simulate large sample sizes. These results will be used to improve the LLCC by guiding future research on the rules that are violated most frequently. The results will also be used in mission planning to schedule space launches. Finally, the results will also be used in launch forecasts."

Not only did the students learn real-world applications for their math skills, they learned how to work as a team and other valuable lessons in leadership, organization, project management, scheduling, and communication.

As Kimberly said in her application for the TOY award, she wants to see her students' progress over time. She has been able to do that with the results of the Advanced Placement Exam. When she began teaching AP Calculus the pass rate was below the national average at less than 20%, and there were fewer than 30 students previously enrolled in the course. At the conclusion of her first year teaching the course, her students' pass rate was 75%, increasing the school's overall pass rate in AP Calculus AB to 40.9%, and since that year, she is the only teacher for the course.

However, that was not enough for Kimberly, so she received a scholarship to attend an Advanced Placement Summer Institute which enabled her to restructure her course after analysis of the previous students' test success. Not only did she see growth and progress throughout the year, but when her students' results came back there was a substantial increase. The enrollment increased to 108 students taking AP Calculus AB with a 63% pass rate in the last four years. Additionally, the number of students scoring a 5 on the exam was higher than the national average. Twenty-eight percent of the students that took the exam last year scored the highest possible score on the AP Exam, a 5!

She has also established a peer tutoring program for struggling students. Math Honor Society students peer tutor students in math three days a week in the media center after school.

Kimberly Chafin, AFA Florida Teacher of the Year

Ms Chafin's vision should she be selected for the National Teacher of the Year.

"The message that I would like to communicate to the teaching profession, and to the public, as the National Teacher of the Year, would be that I would like to see the number of students in STEM courses reflect our country's rapidly evolving demographics. I would like to help promote an increase in the number of female students and minority students in STEM courses at the high school level. This is because students from different backgrounds bring diverse and more effective solutions to problem solving. Increasing diversity in these courses will increase innovation."



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Florida West Coast Chapter selects math teacher for TOY

Florida West Coast Chapter 429 selected Allison Cohen as its 2018 STEM Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Cohen has taught for 21 years and currently teaches 6th grade mathematics at Booker Middle School in Sarasota. She was previously recognized during the 2017–2018 school year by the Sarasota Country School District as its 2018 Middle School Teacher of the Year.

"In my opinion, Ms. Cohen is a model of what all teacher leaders should aspire to be. She understands the importance of promoting student success," Dr. LaShawn Frost, principal at Booker Middle School said when nominating Cohen as for the District Teacher of the Year Award. "She is a dedicated educator, who is loved by all stakeholders, and is admired and respected by her colleagues. I know that I speak with the voice of hundreds of students, colleagues and stakeholders when I say that I cannot think of a person more deserving than Ms. Allison Cohen, to represent the district as Sarasota County 2018 Teacher of the Year. She is a true professional in every sense of the word and we are honored that she recognizes the power of teaching and learning."

As the chapter's winner, Ms. Cohen will receive a check for \$250, an AFA Certificate of Excellence, an AFA padfolio, a Chapter Teacher of the Year Pin and a

complimentary Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Membership sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol.

A big thank you goes to the Education Foundation of Sarasota County for their role in helping Chapter 429 identify and recognize Ms. Cohen.



Sarasota's Booker Middle School teacher Allison Cohen (center) shares the spotlight with students Jakiah Mills (left) and Valeria Hernandez after being honored as Sarasota County School's Middle School Teacher of the Year

Donate an AFA Brick

More than 70 years ago, the founders of AFA laid the foundation for AFA brick by brick. You can continue their heritage by making a tax-deductible donation to AFA for your very own personalized brick.

Honor your service in the Air Force or to AFA with a lasting legacy with a personalized brick at AFA's Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

You may order your customized brick online, by printing an order form and mailing a check, or by calling the AFA at (703) 247-5800.

Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast (left) stopped to chat with Arnaldo Rodriguez, who was staffing the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 information table during a Veterans Fair in Crystal River. Sheriff Prendergast, a retired U.S. Army colonel and former Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, is a strong advocate for veterans.





Gathered for a photo after the Teacher of the Year presentation are Deputy Marion County Schools Superintendent Suzanne McGuire (above, l-r), Renee Jones, Edwin Barbosa, Steve Spires, Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 Teacher of the Year Lora Lindsey, Fort McCoy School Principal Mike Hearn and Marion County Schools Middle School Coordinator Carrie Renfro. The Red Tail Memorial Chapter selected Mrs. Lindsey, a veteran of 26 years teaching at Fort McCoy School, as its nominee for AFA State Teacher of the Year out of five nominees from five different schools in Marion and Citrus Counties. The Red Tails applauded especially Ms. Renfro and Ms. McGuire for working to make the presentation possible with the entire student body watching on the last day school. In the photo at left, Mrs. Lindsey stands in her classroom.

Red Tails Name TOY.....

Steve Spires and Edwin Barbosa represented Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 in presenting the Chapter Teacher of the Year Award to Lora Lindsey at Fort McCoy School in Fort McCoy, Fla. Mrs. Lindsey is an 8th grade physical science teacher and teaches honors and general science with student projects incorporated throughout the curriculum.

Steve and Edwin made the presentation on the last day of the school year. Their presentation was on the

school's "Morning Show" video production and was watched by the entire school.

After the presentation, they visited Mrs. Lindsey's first period classroom where she received loud applause and smiles from all her students when she walked in. And then, as Steve and Edwin were walking out of the school, Fort McCoy's School's front desk administration staff proudly pointed out the AFA decal already posted on the front entry window.



U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster (FL-11) (center) presented a U.S. flag flown over the United States Capitol to Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 President Howard Burke (left) and Government Affairs Director Anthony Arnold after speaking at a chapter meeting. Congressman Webster addressed a multitude of issues facing Congress before one of the largest groups in recent memory to attend a chapter meeting.



HURRICANE MARIA RELIEF

Arnold Air Society Eagle Squadron



The situation was catastrophic during Hurricane Maria, and it affected the entire island. Suddenly everything was dysfunctional, including 100 percent of the power grid, the majority of cell phone towers and most of the banking systems. Many struggled to keep their houses safe: torrential rains, reservoirs burst and filled homes with black water. Homes got destroyed, windows exploded, doors broke, huge palm trees came crashing down, and zinc plates and curtains flew like paper everywhere.

Then on Jan. 7, 2018 more than 30 cadets from Det 755 and 756 united for a Hurricane Relief Mission hosted by the Eagle Squadron from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus.

These cadets got together to offer aid to a community called "Barrio Fronton," in Ciales, P.R.

Driven by a desire to make a difference, the cadets went house by house prioritizing those houses damaged by Hurricane Maria, or with elderly or sick people who are often unable to leave their houses and see help.

The cadets met with a community leader after they contacted the mayor's office. She told the cadets the area that needed help the most. Thanks to more than \$1,500 received through the GoFundMe, the cadets were able to impact more than 85 families and hand out more than 2,120 bottles of water, 130 bags full of groceries and more than 120 MRE-style boxes of food.

With more donations coming in the cadets are looking forward to keep impacting their community and helping those in need. A next hurricane relief mission was planned for the weekend of Jan. 7.



Eagle Squadron Community Service



AFA State Convention Agenda

Friday, July 13

- 1600 Check in and Registration at Altamonte Hilton
 1700 Happy Hour Social in hotel followed by no-host dinner (location TBA)

Saturday, July 15

- Breakfast: On your own
 State Convention: Altamonte Hilton Meeting Room
 (Meeting Dress: Open collar shirt/polo with slacks)
- 0900 Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Introductions, Roll Call (*Sharon Branch*)
 0915 Minutes of 2018 Winter Meeting (*Ben Langer*)
 0925 Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget (*Gary Lehmann*)
 0945 State Winter Meeting/Convention Plans (*Sharon Branch*)
 2019 Winter Meeting: 1-2 Mar 19 (*Waterman Twining in Orlando*)
 2019 State Convention, 12-13 Jul 19 (*Red Tail Memorial in Ocala*)
 2020 Winter Meeting: Friday-Saturday of AWS in Orlando (*TBD*)
 2020 State Convention: 10-11 Jul 20 (*TBD*)
- 1000 National Convention (*Sharon Branch*)
 1015 AFA Portal (*Falar Fatmi, Chief Information Officer, AFA*)
 1130 Break for lunch
 1130 Lunch (*Invocation by Chaplain Hicks*)
 1215 Lunch Honorees:
 CyberPatriot: Top Florida teams
 Open Division: Winter Springs High School
 All Services Division: Marion County Composite Sq (CAP)
- State Individual Awards
 Chapter Members of the Year
 Exceptional Service Awards
 Sustained Service Awards
 Presidential Citations
 State Teacher of Year
 Region President Award
- 1300 Reconvene Meeting
 1310 Election of Officers (*Bill Yucuis*)
 1335 Florida AFA State of Health/Chapter Closures
 1400 Field Operations Update
 1430 Aerospace Education
 2019 Drill Meet
 StellarXplorers
 Cyber Patriot
- 1500 Break
 1515 Government Relations
 Legislator/Staff Member of the Year
- 1530 Chapter Cross Talk
 1630 Approval of State Budget for 2019
 1645 Final Remarks
 1700 Adjourn
 1800 Dinner (Dress: Open collar shirt with sport coat)
 1845 State Unit Awards
 Exceptional Service Awards (Aerospace Education, Best Single Program)
 Exceptional Service Awards (Veterans Affairs)
 Exceptional Service Awards (Community Relations, Communications,
 Overall Programming)
 Outstanding Chapter of the Year (Extra Large Category)
 State Member of the Year
- 1915 Guest speakers: Mel Jenner and Jack Hallett (WWII Veterans)

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**Air Force Association
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Friday & Saturday, July 13-14, 2018**



Meeting Location: Altamonte Hilton, Orlando, Florida

Hotel: Altamonte Hilton

350 S. Northlake Blvd.

Orlando, FL

Hotel Reservations ____ nights x ____ people at \$93 per night = \$____

Notify Gary Lehmann immediately if you plan to stay at the hotel; this is a monetary commitment for the state; it allows you to have tax exempt status. After this date/time, you must deal directly with the hotel; no guarantee on rate or tax exempt status after the 21st.

Registration (includes snacks, coffee, soft drinks): ____ X \$35 = \$____

Cobb salad luncheon: ____ X \$25 = \$____

Country BBQ Buffet; ____ X \$30 = \$____

TOTAL: _____

Check here if you need a vegetarian meal or have other special dietary needs _____

Name _____

AFA Position _____

Organization _____

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Make checks payable to **AFA Florida** and mail form and check to:

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Mail completed form and check by 6 July 2018 (deadline was the 21st of June if you were making hotel reservations). Contact Gary Lehmann at 407-312-6893 for questions about the above information. Please leave a message if no answer.

10 teams join in Drill Meet

Sandalwood marches off with top trophy

The 2018 State of Florida Air Force Association Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Drill Meet was held at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University on 31 Mar 18.

Cadets and instructors from Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 157 hosted the drill meet for the first time in many years. The cadet planning and organization and facilities were outstanding.

This year's effort was led by Captain Derek Rose and

Cadet Colonel Jason Katsar. Once again, SMSgt Jeff Lewis, West Orange High School Aerospace Science Instructor, was the Drill Meet Liaison/Coordinator.

Ten teams participated in color guard and drill team events that required strict adherence to military regulations. Drill teams were allowed to design and exhibit their own drill sequence within certain parameters in the Exhibition Drill competition. Individual students received awards for their command abilities and individual drill prowess.

Thank you to the chapters who were able to support the drill team trophies financially and to the chapter presidents who came to the drill meet to present their trophies, Larry Belge of the Falcon Chapter and Todd Freece of the Martin H. Harris Chapter. They assisted with the presentation of the trophies at the ceremony which culminated the event.

The trophies were presented with certificates that honored the individuals the various chapters wished to recognize. Next year, we plan to have the drill meet at University of Central Florida.

Please encourage your local JROTC units to participate and plan to come to the drill meet to witness for yourself how these students are able to work together as a team in the various competitions.



Cadets Maguire and Brooks with the Overall Excellence and Best of Meet trophies join AFA Florida President Sharon Branch at the conclusion of 2018 state drill meet trophy presentations.

School	Competition	Individual/Commander
West Orange	Individual Drill Regulation	Cadet Baca
West Orange	Color Guard Inspection	Cadet Passarelli
Timber Creek	Drill Team Inspection	Cadet Suarez
Space Coast	Color Guard AFM 36-2203	Cadet Nesby
Sandalwood	Regulation Drill	Cadet Brooks
Celebration	Army TC 3-21.5	Cadet DeNisi
Timber Creek	Exhibition Drill	Cadet Suarez
Space Coast	Color Guard Commander	Cadet Neby
Sandalwood	Drill Team Commander	Cadet Brooks
Space Coast	Overall Color Guard Excellence	Cadet Nesby
Timber Creek	Overall Drill Team Excellence	Cadet Suarez
Sandalwood	Best of Meet	Cadets Maguire/Brooks
Sandalwood	Overall Excellence	Cadets Maguire/Brooks





Joe Tartaglia, Waterman-Twining Chapter 316 secretary, mans the AFA information table during the 2018 MacDill AFB Air Fest. The chapter gave away 15 digital memberships and found it a great opportunity to spread the word about the AFA.



AFA Chapter 316 President Ned Hance (left) and Principal Baretta Wilson (right) of Tampa's Stewart Middle Magnet School present John Wehust with the Chapter Teacher of the Year award.



Principal Baretta Wilson of Stewart Middle Magnet School and Greg Moyle, Waterman-Twining Chapter 316 Vice President for Aerospace Education pose with students in the school's aerospace program. Moyle presented a check in support of the school's space program. These funds helped with the costs of the annual visit to Kennedy Space Center.



SSgt. Joe Tartaglia presents the AFA Pitsenbarger Award to SSgt. Camper from the 927th Air Refueling Wing on May 15. The AFA Pitsenbarger Award provides a one-time grant of \$400 and a one-year complimentary AFA eMembership to selected top enlisted personnel graduating from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree.

Waterman-Twining Chapter 316 donated \$500 to Alan's Honor Flight Bowling Tournament to be used for its sole mission of taking America's veterans to Washington D.C. to visit memorials created to honor their service.



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To be presented at the 2018 Convention....

National Awards*

Individual Eceptional Service Awards	Unit Exceptional Service Awards
Dennis Krebs, Eglin 365	Eglin 365 for Veterans Affairs
Bob Ceruti, Martin H. Harris 303	Eglin 365 , Outstanding Extra Large Chapter
Thomas Guthrie, Hurlburt 398	Eglin 365 and Martin H. Harris 303, Aerospace Achievement
Bob Hicks, Martin H. Harris, 303	*National Awards will be presented at the AFA National Convention September 15-16.
Nelson Arroyo, Hurlburt 398	

State Unit Awards

Outstanding Chapter (FLChoY)	Hurlburt 398	Extra Large (ELg)
Exceptional Service Award (FLESA)	Eglin 365	Aerospace Education (AE)
	Eglin 365	Best Single Program (BSP)
	Martin Harris 303	Overall Programming (OP)
	Martin Harris 303	Community Relations (CR)
	Martin Harris 303	Communications (COM)
	Eglin 365	Veterans Affairs (VA)

State Individual Awards

Brereton (FLLBA)	Hurlburt 398	Anthony Hughes
Waterman (FLJWA)	Martin Harris 303	Brig Gen Wayne Montieth
Florida Member of the Year (FLMoY)	Martin Harris 303	James L. DeRose
Teacher of the Year	Martin Harris 303	Kimberly Chafin
Presidential Citation (FLPC)	Eglin 365	Dennis Krebs
	Martin Harris 303	Dan Higgins
Sustained Service Citation (FLSSC)	Eglin 365	Dennis Krebs
Exceptional Service Citation (FLESC)	Martin Harris 303	Robert Ceruti
	Martin Harris 303	Michael Liquori
	Martin Harris 303	Robert Hicks
	Eglin 365	Marian McBryde
Chapter Member of the Year	Bud West	Loreen Kollar
	Eglin	Marian McBryde
	Falcon	M. Victoria Schmitt
	Gold Coast	Don Campion
	Hurlburt	Clay McCutchan
	Martin Harris	Bonnie Callahan
	Miami Homestead	Lucia Huete-Suarez
	Red Tail Memorial	Ben Langer
	Tyndall	Edwin Averion
	Waterman-Twining	Joseph Tartaglia