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MISSION The Air Force Association educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense; and supports the United States Air Force and the Air Force Family and aerospace education.

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Greetings: I always look forward to bringing an awareness of some new information or experience to the membership.

If you have not read the Vets Courts article from the AFA Magazine March 2013 - this is an excerpt from the article. "Because so many combat experienced vets have a difficult re-entry into civilian society and get into trouble with the law in predictable ways, dozens of special courts are popping up around the country to deal with this unique problem. These (veterans) courts help steer them back toward productive lives... Though supported by the VA, veterans courts tend to be highly local enterprises, driven by individual judges and former military service members who see a need within their communities."

Although this outreach program has been around the country for about a decade, it is fairly new in Broward County, most likely in other parts of the state and new to me. Recently at a NAS Luncheon I heard a Broward Judge speak about the Broward Veterans Court he presides over. A question at my table was- Why are there more PTSD today than after WWII? The Judge, almost as if he had heard my friend, said that we had fought linear wars in the past. Soldiers engaged in battle and after a time were moved to the rear to rest from combat. He went on to say that since the Vietnam War, our battle fields had become circular. Hence, the battle is all around the soldier. And months and months of constant alert causes traumatic effects on all too many soldiers' mental well-being. I found the information interesting but it really hit me when an acquaintance told me about her son who had come home from several tours in Iraq with PTSD. She was concerned for him because his temper outbursts had led to an altercation which landed him in jail. The young man had never been in trouble before. I mentioned to her that I had heard that there was help available. I called the chapter's Veteran Liaison VP and to my amazement she said that she was mentor. Additionally, at the State Winter conference the AFA State President mentioned the article and told us that he was a mentor at the Veterans Court in his area.

PTSD is real and Veterans Court is addressing that need. Please support this program in your area which is helping our young men and women who have given so much of themselves in these conflicts. Gentlemen, ladies: Pass the word on! Laus Deo, VSM

[Air Force releases new 'Vision' document](#)

by Master Sgt. Jess Harvey-Air Force Public Affairs Agency

1/10/13 Washington: The Air Force released a new Vision document today outlining the force's vision and way forward. Continue page 2

***SAVE THESE DATES:**

April 9-14 SUN & FUN Polk County

April 17 Gold Coast Council Meeting at Banyan Bldg at Ft Lauderdale Executive Airport; 1PM

April 20&21 Lauderdale Air Show

April 29-May 7 Fleet Week Ship tours cancelled
Military Salute to Veterans events will still take place

May 15, Gold Coast Council Meeting at Banyan Bldg at Ft Lauderdale Executive Airport; 1PM

June 12 Gold Coast Council meeting at Banyan Bldg Ft Lauderdale Executive Airport; 1PM

June TBA- Chapter's Quarterly Activity

July 11-13 FL. State Convention-Jacksonville
Families welcome; information on website *events link*.



Celebrating 50 years of

Women in Space: Women pilots and aerospace enthusiasts gathered at NASA for a very special tour of Kennedy Space Center marking the 50 years of women in space. The three day event culminated with dinner & Keynote Speaker, Janet Petro, Deputy Director of Kennedy Space Center. Participants were from the 99's; International Women of Aviation, Women in Aviation and the AFA's 2012 Teacher of the Year for Florida, Virginia Knudsen among several other members of the Gold Coast Chapter. FAU Professor Dr. Barbara Ganson, and the International Women's Air & Space Museum sponsored the event. ***

SAF VISION Cont. "Focused on 'Airmen, Mission, and Innovation,' I believe this short document captures what today's Air Force is all about and where I think we ought to focus on for tomorrow," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III in an email to all Airmen.

"We are the greatest air force in the world because of our Airmen-- Active, Reserve, Guard, and Civilian--to remain the greatest, we must make our team even stronger," the Vision states.

The Vision discusses the Air Force's enduring contributions of air and space superiority; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; rapid global mobility; global strike; and command and control and the need to strengthen them.

"We already combine our air, space, and cyber forces to maximize these enduring contributions, but the way we execute these five calling cards must continually evolve as we strive to increase our asymmetric advantage," the Vision says. "Our Airmen's ability to rethink the battle while incorporating new technologies will improve the varied ways our Air Force accomplishes its missions.

"Every Airman should constantly look for smarter ways to do business. The person closest to the problem is often the one with the best solution. Leaders should empower Airmen to think creatively, find new solutions, and make decisions," according to the Vision.

The Vision concludes with a call to action for all Airmen to tell their story, being proud of who they are, what they do, and how well they accomplish the mission. Chet Curtis, Dir of Education & Communication



Randy Williams, FAA Safety Team Manager- Guest Speaker at GCC

April Luncheon: A more informative and engrossing talk could not have been possible. With 35 years of aviation safety experience behind him, Randy's role as Safety Team Program Manager for the FAA allows him to dedicate much of his professional time providing aviation safety and motivational lectures to a variety of professional organizations such as ours.

Randy gave a power point presentation of the latest accidents trend analysis and interspersed his presentation with his highly informed view of safety and accident prevention awareness programs for general aviation.

The photo shows Randy on the left reading an award which he presented to Fred Richards. The award, Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is awarded to pilots who have fifty years of safe flying. Fred's (triple rated) flying career includes flying missions in Vietnam for which he received the DFC. Fred is an AFA member and as a newly retired FAA Air Carrier Operation Inspector he is devoting more time to his volunteer mentoring of young men within the organization of "100 Black Men".

CyberPatriot 2013 National Championship Winners



The Air Force Association has announced the winners of CyberPatriot V, the nation's largest and fastest growing high school cyber defense competition.

On March 16, 2013, CyberPatriot V concluded its National Finals Competition at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Out of the 419 Open Division teams that originally registered, team "VOID" of Chantilly Academy of Chantilly, Virginia, was the first place winner, taking home the President's Trophy. In the All Service Division, out of 806 original registrants, the "Devil Dogs" of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps' Marine Military Academy from Harlingen, Texas, took home first place and the Commander-in-Chief's Cup. The following are all of the top winners for CyberPatriot V:

[Photo above: Members of the Marine Military Academy Devil Dogs, winners of the All Service Division (left), and the Chantilly Academy team VOID, winners of the Open Division (right), pose on stage after the awards banquet with Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley (center) and Kathy Warden, corporate vice president and President, Northrop Grumman Information Systems (center).]

Congratulations to the twelve Gold Coast CyberPatriot teams registered for 2012. Atlantic Community High School, Delray; JROTC Boca Raton Community, Boca; CAP Composite Squadron, Boca; AFJROTC Coral Springs High, Coral Springs; Public School- Coral Springs High, Coral Springs; Civil Air Patrol Lantana Cadet Squadron, Lantana; AFJROTC Martin County High, Stuart; CAP Miramar High Cadet Squadron, Miramar; CAP N Palm Bch Cadet Sq, Palm Beach Gardens; Crystal Lakes School SQ, Civil Air Patrol; AFJROTC Northeast High, Ft Lauderdale; Public School-Northeast High, Ft Lauderdale.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for the Atlantic Community High School Cyber Patriot team for placing second in the Florida State Open Division. Kudos to Coach Vladimir Safin for his fine leadership.

We look forward to meeting some of these young people at our next dinner meeting. We hope many of

them will join us to personally congratulate them for their efforts in taking the cyber challenge. VSM



Crystal Lakes CAP

School Squadron's CyberPatriot team

Coach Major Knudsen (L) four CAP cadets and Ms Badio, the IT Mentor (R) were the speakers at a recent Chapter luncheon. After an informative power point presentation giving the basic idea of how the CP competition is conducted, the young people answered questions on their impressions of the CP program and its challenges. VSM

AFA Programs for Airmen & Families: Over the past year, the Air Force Association has been working to support the Total Air Force family, especially as the reality of sequestration occurs. One of our major initiatives within our Airmen & Family Programs area is our Wounded Airman Program. This works in step with the Air Force to help fulfill the needs of our Airmen who are now dealing with physical and emotional injuries acquired while serving our nation. This expanded definition of "wounded," to include the present and very serious issue of PTSD, will help us provide better care for those who have sacrificed in defense of our nation.

We've been honored to be able to grant requests for specially equipped cars, specially-outfitted wheelchairs, and other quality-of-life opportunities for wounded Airmen. Most recently, we were able to help Christopher Wolff, a paralyzed veteran competing in the upcoming Warrior Games, with the shipment of his sports wheelchair that will enable him to participate. We are proud to give back and support these incredible, resilient men and women, and we look forward to cheering on many of them in the upcoming 2013 Warrior Games in Colorado Springs, Colo. May 11-16. Attendance is free to the public, and we encourage those in the area to come out and support this inspiring event.

<http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Military/Warrior-Games-presented-by-Deloitte.aspx>.

We are also proud to announce a partnership with Arlington Sports, Inc. to host the 2013 Air Force Association Cycling Classic on June 8-9 in Arlington, Va. The AFA Wounded Airman Program will be the sole official beneficiary and will receive a portion of the funds raised through Team Sabre riders, The Corporate Challenge, and The Breakaway Club. This annual race brings together top cyclists from around the country for two days of rides and races with an awards ceremony at the Air Force Memorial. To learn more, register, or donate, please visit <http://cyclingclassic.org/>.

"The Air Force Association is very pleased to serve as the event partner for this year's Cycling Classic," said Craig McKinley, AFA President. "This is a great opportunity to support our wounded Airmen who have served and sacrificed on behalf of our country. AFA strives to honor their service and to provide both emotional and financial support as they continue on the road to recovery." official press release from AFA please visit http://www.afa.org/media/press/2013/2013_Cycling_Classic.asp.

For your consideration, Chet Curtis,
Director of Education & Communication. April 11 2013

From Milt Markowitz memoirs: It's that time of the year again when the Collings Foundation comes down with their airplanes. It looks like they'll have their standard group, the B-17 Fortress, the B-24 Liberator and the P-51 Mustang. These are planes that I've flown and I will spend at least a full day with them, during the weekend, answering any questions that visitors might have about them. I used to get into the bomb bay section talking to folks about the bombs that are hanging in there as they walked through. This year, I stood outside at the nose of the B-24 looking in at the bombardier's location through the plexi-glass, and at the one time top secret Norden bombsight. Then I tell them that the bombardier was issued his .45 caliber pistol so that if the plane was damaged and might not make it home, he had to pump a few rounds of bullets into it to make sure that it was destroyed so as not to allow it to fall into enemy hands. They are surprised when I tell them that when the plane reaches the I.P. (Initial Point), the bombardier locates the target, flips a switch, and takes control as the bombsight is now hooked into the aircraft autopilot and actually flies the plane to the target, all the while computing in the factors of speed, altitude and winds to insure devastating destruction of the enemy facility.



THREE OF ABOUT 40 MILITARY AIRCRAFT PLANES I'VE LOGGED TIME IN -LIBERATOR BOEING CONSOLIDATED B-24 B-17 FLYING FORTRESS & NORTH AMERICAN P-51 MUSTANG

Once the bombs are dropped, the pilot gets on the intercom and utters his famous words, "I've got it, let's get the hell out of here". He then manually takes the controls and makes a sharp turn away from the target. That is my shtick this year and my audience loved it. I almost wanted to take a bow and wait for a round of applause, but I didn't. I just stated, "And that's where I sat through it all", pointing to the copilot's seat. I suspect I'll be doing the same pitch again next year.

Model Aircraft-The chapter has a wholesale account with an aircraft model distributor. We can get you a model of a plane that might have special memories for you or a loved one at less than normal retail cost. Milt Markowitz 561-499-0583 or markf84@att.net

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Talking Points on Sequestration Effects

- Sequestration will have devastating effects on the Air Force's readiness, modernization, and the workforce
- The Air Force has been directed by the Deputy Secretary of Defense to begin intensifying its planning for longer-term

“Education continues to be a vital part of AFA’s mission and we urge continued attention to the future need for STEM professionals by government, industry, and AA’s peer organizations. AFA remains vigilant and active in advocating for education programs that focus on the promotion of STEM studies, such as DOD STARBASE, grants and scholarships, Visions of Exploration, CyberPatriot, and others.” Quote from AFA National President’s, Message

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