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President's Message:

The AFA Florida State Summer Convention hosted by our Gold Coast Chapter and touted as one of the best conventions ever is now behind us. This convention was special in that we were celebrating the 50th year of the Air Force Association in Florida. Among the many attendees we were extremely pleased to have had with us a number of the past presidents who by their leadership have kept the AFA in Florida, a strong and viable organization.

During the convention weekend we were fortunate to have many interesting and informative speakers from the state and national levels that attested to the "grass roots" contributions to the continued success of the AFA.

In the modern vernacular "grass roots" can be interpreted as "boots on the ground"...the little known people who sacrificially accomplish an objective for the good of others.

Allow me to mention those members and supporters who are the boots on the ground for the Gold Coast Chapter. They are the ones who carry out the Air Force Association's mission and objectives. Heading the list are Ms. Fran Shaw and Mr. Ran Meriam known around the state for their dedication and commitment to the AFA. They headed our chapter's current working nucleus in making all the arrangements for the successful convention weekend. What haven't they done and done well throughout the years. A very special thanks to both of you from all of us.

The super busy chapter members Loretta Young and Bob Marks; Loretta busy with American Legion and Bob with the Navy League volunteered to contact well wishers for our chapter pamphlet and Virginia Knudsen, last year's National first runner-up Teacher of the Year, and a community partner, took time out of her busy schedule to put the Gold Coast chapter pamphlet together. Thank you.

The next three people Milt Markowitz, Leo Gray and Ed Weber are the veterans on our council. Like all veterans, their boots were on the ground when our nation needed them. And we salute

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sept 17, Gold Coast Chapter Mtg Banyan Bldg at Ft L Executive Airport; 1PM – all invited

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National Conference and the Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition, Sept 15 to 17 Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD
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and pay honor, first to all our veterans and then to these very special men. Milt, a long, long time working chapter member, is an USAF retired Colonel. He has flown over 40 different kinds of planes from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. His favorite plane is the P51 Mustang. Leo Gray, consistent in his advice and support of aerospace advocacy is a life time AFA member. Lt Col Gray, USAF Ret. was a Tuskegee Red tail Pilot in the European theater. Need we say more! And then there is Edward Weber, a recent member who has already participated in various activities. This once a marine always a marine gentleman was in the United States Marine Corp serving in the pacific during WWII. Thank you.

At the night's Award Dinner, Major Sam Love, AFJROTC Commander received the SUSTAINED Service Award for his boots on the ground.

Major Love is a retired USAF Command Pilot.

Since 1993, he has touched the lives of 4400 young people as the CO of a J ROTC HS unit. Thank you.

I could not go on without mentioning
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Major Love and admirers

the Teacher of the Year boots. I ask you, does anyone work harder than our teachers? In the last eight years the chapter has had four State ToYs: two of those went on to receive the National first runner up Teacher of the Year Award. This year's State winner is our very own Ms Rhanda Flynn. Thank you.

Do you still have questions about the AFA's CyberPatriot premiere program? Last year the Gold Coast chapter had 13 registered teams with one team placing second in the state's open division. Our kudos to the coaches and mentors whose tough boots are so hard to fill. But fill them we must for the future cyber security defense of our nation. Thank you.

I have not said anything so exceptional. Certainly, all Florida Chapters and most AFA Chapter's across the nation have extraordinary members and supporters like those of the Gold Coast Chapter. The difference is I get an opportunity to name these extraordinary members...these members with their boots on the ground. *** VSM



Chapter members join man of the hour Ran Meriam at registration table at 2014 AFA Florida State Convention

*** Model planes on display from WPB RC Club**

92 year old former marine Mr Weber celebrates his birthday dancing with Ms Young



Gold Coast council members enjoying the evening- VSMontalvo, Natalie and Milt Markowitz & Bob Marks



AFA FLA Teacher of the Year 2014



Rhanda & Fran

The AFA Gold Coast Chapter Members Congratulate Ms Rhanda Flynn (I) on receiving the Florida State Teacher of the Year Award 2014
Information on Ms Flynn's Award on Gold Coast website

“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 AFA’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.



Virginia Knudsen- 2013 First Runner Up, AFA National Teacher of the Year

Ms Knudsen continued her outer space studies this summer by attending the University of Colorado’s MAVEN program, a two week workshop for selected teachers from around the country. Maven is a NASA Mars Scout mission designed to orbit Mars and explore its upper atmosphere. It is believed that atmospheric loss might be a key to explaining long term changes in the Martian climate. Ms Knudsen’s STEAM students at Parkway Middle School are monitoring the arrival of MAVEN while studying the possibility of a long-term Mars mission with future astronauts. ***

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Air Force Loadmasters Add Candy to

Humanitarian Air Drops in Iraq: Online AF Magazine

Air Force loadmasters have been adding a sweet touch to the humanitarian airdrop bundles they prepare to help Iraqi families isolated by ISIS extremists in northern Iraq. In actions reminiscent of retired [Col. Gail Halvorsen](#), the "Candy Bomber" who dropped packs of candy to German children while flying relief supplies during the Berlin Airlift in 1948-49, the loadmasters of the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron have been taping bags of candy atop the airlift bundles to be loaded on C-17s and C-130s, according to an Air Forces Central Command [release](#). The idea started with MSgt. Stephen Brown, who attached a pack of Skittles to an airdrop bundle to provide something special for the Iraqi children uprooted by the violence. "After that, everyone started making the drops a little personal with more candy, and I even think I saw a teddy bear," Brown said. MSgt. Emily Edmunds, the 816th loadmaster supervisor, said: "We've been really impressed with the turn out and dedication of our wingmen. We are definitely not at the level of the Candy Bomber, but I'd give us an almost for our modern version of it." Candy from care packages the airmen have received were added to the latest airdrop for the isolated town of Amirli.



MILT'S Memoirs

From our base in Southern England, RAF Manston, we were ordered north to Prestwick, Scotland for a mission to find the British navy and simulate an attack. Our four F-84s flew up, readied the planes for the next day sortie and bunked down for the night. We had none of our own support but for a small USAF detachment there to handle USAF transient traffic. The next day, we departed seaward toward an area where the navy ships might be found. The ceilings over the ocean were low, maybe 1200'. We then spread out into a loose fingertip formation for search. From my side, on the left of the formation, I spotted a Navy S2-F, I believe with a large radome on the top. This plane would be the eyes and ears of the fleet, so they must be close. Called out to the flight leader who immediately started the chase. We soon came upon the ships, a carrier with its escort ships in a single line.

The name of the carrier was the Ark Royal. The four of us got in line to simulate strafing the ships. As we did, the carrier started launching its Sea Venoms, the carrier version of the De-Haviland Vampire. As they lifted off, each of our thunderjets tacked onto each pair of Brits. Whether they feared the low ceiling or low operating altitude, I don't know, but we would have gotten all 8 of them, despite the fact that the F-84 was no great shakes in air-to-air combat. We returned to Preswick, partied for two days in Ayr, then flew back as victorious warriors. Such is the life of a fighter.



The CyberPatriot Volunteer Program

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What is CyberPatriot?

CyberPatriot is the premier national youth cyber education program designed to recruit, educate, and motivate the next generation of cyber defenders critical to our nation's future security. The program features the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, a four-month dual competition in which high school and middle school students compete to defend a computer network against attacks in a series of web-based competition rounds. The competition culminates at the National Finals in Washington, D.C. each spring.

What is a technical mentor?

A mentor is a cyber knowledge expert individual who helps CyberPatriot coaches and teams prepare for the competition. Mentors:

- Serve as technical advisors and role models to CyberPatriot teams.
- Work with as many — or as few — teams as they choose.
- Work with teams in their area, or serve as "virtual mentors" working with teams online.
- Work with teams as much as possible as they can. The mentor-teams relationship is left to mentors and teams to determine.

What skills do mentors need?

Mentors should enjoy working with high school and/or middle school students and should have a working knowledge of computers. A familiarity with operating systems and computer networks is needed, but mentors need not be cyber experts.

What is a team assistant?

A team assistant is any individual who wishes to help a CyberPatriot coach and team prepare for the competition, but who may not have the technical knowledge required to be a mentor.

How does this differ from a coach?

A coach is responsible for all aspects of a team's CyberPatriot activities and preparation, and must be part of the school or organization the team represents (e.g., a teacher). A technical mentor is someone who helps a coach with technical aspects of CyberPatriot. Mentors need not be part of the school faculty or staff, and are often willing to mentor members who are technically proficient and enjoy helping youth explore an exciting new technical field. A team assistant is someone who assists a coach with a team's CyberPatriot activities and preparation. Team assistants need not be part of the school or faculty staff, nor do they need to be technically proficient.

How can I become a CyberPatriot Volunteer?

- Visit www.cyberpatriot.com, click "Register" and select "Mentor or Volunteer Registration"
- Submit to a voluntary background check.
- When your registration is complete, with a coach in your area will contact you.



Our CyberPatriot program needs volunteers. If you would like to help, see information above or go to Gold Coast website

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