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President's Message: A new year is upon us and with it comes an urgency to do all we, the officers of the Gold Coast Chapter, can do to impress upon the rest of the membership the importance of retaining current membership in the Air Force Association.

There is strength in numbers. And we need that strength, yes numbers, to remind *the powers that be* of the need to support the AFA mission of advocating for air power and a strong national aerospace defense. Truly, your membership is important in sending the AFA message to all concerned. Thank you. VSM

Sorely missed will be three of our long time council members who have stepped down from key positions on the council. Ran Meriam has moved to Jacksonville but will retain his membership with the area chapter. Fran Shaw with countless responsibilities has decided to reduce her volunteer work and coach only a HS CyberPatriot team. Milt Markowitz of the "Memoirs" fame lives quite a distance from where we meet and at this time prefers to cut down on his traveling and so has reduced his active involvement but of course, not his membership.

Please welcome aboard- Leo R Gray as Vice President and Joseph Roberts as Treasurer.
Other working members are Ed Weber, Adele Kirkpatrick, Fred Richards

SAVE THESE DATES:

Jan 14 - Gold Coast Chapter Mtg Banyan Bldg at Ft L Executive Airport; 1PM – *all members invited*

Jan 21 to Feb 1- Wings of Freedom B17 & B24 at Boca, Pompano and Executive Airports. For more details- see FLYER emailed by chapter, also on website

Feb 8- 4 Chaplain Service Coast Guard Station at Dania Beach, 2pm

Feb 13-14 AFA Fla State Winter Meeting Orlando for information, EWESB13@hotmail.com

Feb - Gold Coast Chapter Mtg cancelled

Mar 7- Rocketry demonstrations by CAP cadets. Vista Park in Davie33330; 4001SW 142 Av.

10am; Bring your family/your own rocket. April rain date

Mar 11-- Gold Coast Chapter Mtg Banyan Bldg at Ft L Executive Airport; 1PM – *all members invited*

March 28- quarterly luncheon meeting

Place, time and speaker TBA

Gold Coast 351 Officers for 2015

Virginia Montalvo-President vsm.cap@gmail.com

Leo R Gray - Vice President

Joseph Roberts-Treasurer

Loretta Young-Veteran Affairs

Robert Marks-Government Affairs

Congratulations to Scott P. Van Cleef, the new AFA Chairman of the Board. In the January issue of the Wingman Magazine, Mr. Van Cleef wishes all a safe, rewarding and fulfilling 2015. ***

Educator's Column



Virginia Knudsen- AFA National Award Winning Teacher

Ms Knudsen, STEM teacher at Parkway Middle School is bringing to her students the opportunity to participate in an unusual project in collaboration with FAU called

the ARCTIC OWL EXPEDITION. The purpose of the project is to study climate change in the poles and small islands in the Pacific.

Nine teams consisting of 27 students will virtually fly the mission evaluating global climate change data which suggests carbon/methane levels and sea level rise is displacing coastal inhabitants and endangered species. Ms Knudsen's students have already covered half of the expedition's route and have done extensive research on changes in climate and on the endangered species in the areas they have virtually flown to in preparation for their power point presentations. ***

"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.



This past summer we lost a dedicated member of the Gold Coast Chapter. Jules Horowitz, Major, USAF Ret was a US Army Air Corp Veteran pilot of the B 17 Bomber. After learning to fly in 1941, Jules said "I knew that flying was for me".

Jules joined the Army Air Corp and received his wings on December 1942. After B17 School he was sent to North Africa as a first pilot. He flew 50 missions as a pilot in the Flying Fortress with the 99th Bomb Group and saw action in North Africa and Italy... and then NORMANDY! Jules was profoundly deaf by his 90th birthday and had to curtail most of his speaking activities which included two decades of recounting his flying exploits to visitors when the B17 comes into town. He took a lot pleasure in sitting under the wing of the B17 Flying Fortress. We shall miss Jules and his passion for flying. VSM

From the Memoirs of Milt Markowitz:

It was the early 1970s. We had been flying the C-97G, Boeing Strato cruiser world-wide in support of Military Airlift Command with primary emphasis on cargo and personnel to Viet Nam.

The Strato cruiser was a luxury airliner, the last propeller driven plane before converting to jets. Sometime about now, the Air Force had come up with enough jet transports, the C-141 to get the slower C-97s and even slower C-124s off those long Pacific trips.

We were the New York Air Guard, moving from Floyd Bennett Naval Air Station, to Suffolk County Air Force Base as a tenant unit. We would convert to KC-97s, air refueling tankers. I was the Group Operations Officer. The tanker model the Guard flew was superior to the model flown by the Air Force in that we had the model with 2 jet engines mounted under the wing to supplement the 4 reciprocating engines. I took a crew down to the Texas Air Guard unit in Dallas who was already flying the tanker. We went through an intensified checkout program and returned to New York with a qualified airplane and crew.

The first training mission we did was with four F-100s from the Syracuse, New York, Air Guard. As the fighters pulled up behind us, I called for "Refueling power". We no sooner started speeding up n the Flight Engineer called out, "We're losing engine number 3". "Feather #3 and keep going", I replied. With the additional jet power, we were able to give the jet fighters the necessary 210 knots in airspeed they needed.

This first training mission gave our aircrews the self assurance and confidence they needed when going into a new mission with a different airplane from that which they had been accustomed to. We successfully did the tanker program including all of NATO European tanker work while the Air Force supported Viet Nam with all-jet KC-135s.



Pictured: Milt Markowitz Lt Col (Ret) and his lovely wife Natalie. Milt has flown over 40 different kinds of planes from WWI, Korea & Vietnam.

There is strength in numbers. Please renew your membership. Thank you. Gold Coast Council



AFAGC Chapter President Ms Montalvo arranged for the Gold Coast Women Veterans to meet at the Naval Air Station Museum in Broward County for a formal presentation to the museum collection of several albums of their chapter's history and member information. Most of the ladies who served in WWII, and Korea were most anxious to hear Col Jacqueline Stennett, graduate of West Point, speak about the advancements of women in the military. Ms. Minerva Bloom, seen in right hand photo accepted the albums for the NAS historic collection. VSM

Happy 375th Birthday, National Guard Originally known as the militia, the National Guard was established in December 1636 before all of our other military branches. The National Guard was established in the Massachusetts Colony. All able-bodied men were ordered to join the militia. The goal was to have the militia accountable to the colonial government and respond to homeland conflicts. Today the role of the National Guard has changed with a significant numbers of guardsmen seeing combat abroad in both Iraq and Afghanistan. After 375 years, the Guard's contribution to the nation's defense has remained paramount. On behalf of the Air Force Association Gold Coast Chapter, we would like to commend the men and women of the National Guard for centuries of dedication. ***



Thank you Gold Coast members for once again supporting the Wreaths Across America Event in December. Among the many veteran groups, family and friends were many young people attending to **Remember the Fallen and Honor those who served.**



CyberPatriot All Girl Middle School Team from Parkway MS is enjoying the time spent in the Air Force Association premier CyberPatriot competition program. Ms Knudsen, their coach was pleased with the knowledge they gained about cyber security and they all look forward to competing again next year.

If you have a photo of your CyberPatriot team, please send it to vsm.cap@gmail.com so we can put it in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all competitors and their coaches and mentors.

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