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January 2014



GALA EVENT SALUTES THE CITIZEN AIRMEN THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND THE AIR FORCE RESERVE

by Gary Lehman, Executive Vice President

On Thursday February 20th, 2014, the Chapter will celebrate "The Citizen Airmen: A Salute to the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve" at its Air Force Gala dinner at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. Units, companies and organizations associated with the ongoing world-wide missions of our Citizen Airmen will be honored.

A golf outing will also be held on Wednesday the 19th at the Rosen Shingle Creek Golf Club. On Thursday and Friday, the AFA will host its thirtieth Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition. Key speakers

have been invited to speak at the event including **Secretary of the Air Force Deborah James, Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Cody**, and other top Air Force leaders. Exhibitors will display the very latest in military technology in over twenty-three thousand square feet of exhibit space.

For more information on these events see www.AFA.org and select the link to the Air Warfare Symposium at the top of the page.

Today, the United States military's operation tempo remains at an

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

CFC Golf Supporting AWS - Feb 19th

CFC Gala - Feb 20th

AFA Air Warfare Symposium - Feb 20th - Feb 21st

(More Info and Reservation Form, pages 6-7)

Central Florida Chapter Mission

Our mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense and to honor Airmen and our Air Force heritage. To accomplish this, we:

- **EDUCATE** the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security
- **ADVOCATE** for aerospace power and STEM education
- **SUPPORT** the total Air Force family and promote aerospace education

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The Year for Making a Difference

Happy New Year to all Central Florida Chapter members. I am honored to begin my tour as Chapter President and look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead.

It is essential that I begin by thanking our outgoing president, **Mike Liquori** for an outstanding two terms as chapter president. An equally hearty thanks goes to Mike's family for their patience and understanding while Mike performed his duties—well done to the whole Liquori family. It is also important that we never take for granted the stalwart efforts of the small group of chapter members that, year-after-year, carry a tremendous portion of the chapter's workload. My hat is off to you all...and you know who you are.

My lead off line is "**The Year of Making a Difference.**" This statement is nothing new to the Central Florida Chapter, which makes a difference every year through its vast Aerospace Education programs, financial support to CAP, JROTC, AFROTC, veteran's programs and least we forget, the chapter's contributions to the annual Gala, Golf and Symposium/Exhibit each February. What I am referring to is the need for more chapter members to actively join us as we support the AFA mission. We are always in need of willing members to assist in the execution of our many programs. Recently, a few members have stood up to take over key chapter positions—for example, **Gary Lehmann** volunteered to serve as the Chapter Executive Vice President, **Sharon Branch** now leads Aerospace Education, and **Ray Sands** is our AF Junior ROTC Liaison. This is great, but we need more members to stand up and make a difference. Its is easy...you just need to take the first step of either calling one of our officers or, better yet, attend one of our monthly meetings...you are always welcome. The meetings are at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month and are held at Showalter Flying Services at the Orlando Executive Airport. Just give me a call for directions.

I was lucky enough to end my 27-year USAF career as the commander of the AFROTC Detachment at UCF. I know firsthand what a difference this chapter's contributions (both financial and educational) made to my cadets. The members of the Central Florida Chapter can hold their heads high knowing they have played such a significant role in molding these young officers who are now leaders in our Air Force. For those of you who are on the fence of becoming more active in our chapter, make a New Year resolution right now to join us in making a difference.

Thanks,

Bill Palmby

Chapter Council Meeting

The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Showalter Flying Service building at the Orlando Executive Airport.

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Sequestration's Impact

What is Readiness and Why It Matters...

Bill Yucuis, AFA Florida V.P., Aerospace Education

Readiness Reduces Risks

The United States military prides itself on always being ready to respond to the orders of the President. The requirements of what goes into "being ready" are determined by the senior leaders to ensure soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines receive necessary training and well-maintained equipment that enables them to succeed no matter the mission. **When readiness suffers, the risks to forces increase.**

To manage readiness, the department must balance the supply and demand of deployable forces around the world. The readiness of an individual unit is the result of a series of time-intensive programs that train qualified people and prepare working equipment to be deployed, operated, and ultimately recovered.

Our Current

Challenges

For nearly 12 years, the bulk of U.S. forces have been organized, manned, trained, and equipped to respond to the very specific requirements of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The focus on these wars left limited residual capacity and capability to respond to different kinds of threats, particularly those in other parts of the world. As the United States ended the war in Iraq and draws down in Afghanistan, the Department has planned, based on the 2012 Defense Strategic Guidance, to re-train the force for full spectrum military operations to meet challenges in the coming decades.

Sequestration Hurts

The automatic defense cuts, known as sequestration, went into

effect in March, 2013 after Congress was unable to reach a balanced approach to reducing the national deficit. In sequestration, Operation and Maintenance (O&M) accounts received disproportionate reductions. As a result, readiness activities suffered immediate and compounding impacts.

These cuts have damaged the Department of Defense's ability to maintain an acceptable level of force readiness, which directly impacts the morale of the force and threatens the military's ability to respond to emergency contingency operations.

What We Must Do

While the Services remain committed to protecting today's readiness for current operations, providing forces for unexpected conflicts is growing more difficult due to sequestration.

From DOD Fact Sheet

"Today, after 12 years of constant combat operations, the Services are facing serious shortages."

Should an emergent large-scale event occur during the current fiscal climate, the United States may not have enough ready forces to respond.

The U.S. military is building forces to fulfill two primary demands:

- Rotational presence: forces that can routinely operate away from the United States.

- Contingency availability: forces that are prepared to surge in crisis or counter an adversary that is escalating their activities.

Today, after 12 years of constant combat operations, the Services are facing serious shortages. Under sequestration-level funding the military cannot continue to operate at current levels and provide a fully-ready, globally responsive force in the manner that the American people have grown to expect from their military.

FlightLiner Note

Thanks to all who have contributed to make this the best Chapter newsletter!

Please send your comments and suggestions to Ken at: kennethkelly@earthlink.net

Deadline for articles for the next edition is April 10, 2014

Events Calendar

January 2014

- 1 New Years Day
- 9 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 20 Martin Luther King Holiday

February

- 13 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 17 President's Day
- 19 *CFC Golf supporting AWS (Shingle Creek)
- 20 *CFC Gala (Shingle Creek)
- 20-21 *AFA Air Warfare Symposium

March

- 13 * Chapter Council Meeting

April

- 5 AFA FL State Meeting
- 5 JROTC Drill Meet
- 10 *Chapter Council Meeting (Deadline for FlightLiner articles)
- 20 Easter

May

- 8 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 26 Memorial Day

June

- 12 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 14 Flag Day

* See details in this newsletter



**AFROTC Det 159
Flying Knights
University of Central Florida**



New ROTC Home Dedicated at UCF

by Colonel Todd Freece, Commander, AFROTC Det 159, UCF

At a patriotic-themed dedication on 8 November 2013, the University of Central Florida unveiled its newest building. Officially called "Classroom Building II," the building was constructed to provide large lecture hall style classrooms and a permanent home for the University's ROTC programs. Designed by Schenkel Shultz Architecture and constructed by Clancy & Theys Construction Company, the modern facility will be submitted for LEED silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The three-story 80,000 square facility is adjacent to Memory Mall in view of the Veteran's Commemorative Site and within walking distance of the Veteran's Academic Resource Center.

The building also features a 40-by-40-foot "Virtual Battlelab," built to support a wide array variety of task trainers and simulators and a "Heritage Hall" to showcase ROTC and military history and where students can find a quiet place to study.

A permanent home for the ROTC programs has been the vision of university leadership for a very long time. We are excited to leave our 'temporary' facilities after over a decade and are committed to sustaining a professional officer-training program that reflects the values of UCF and the Armed Forces.

The project also shows a commitment by the university to play a prominent role in develop-



ing leaders for the nation's armed forces. When interested students visit the ROTC programs at UCF, they will see a beautiful and modern facility centrally located on the main campus. Prospects will see that UCF not only develops new military leaders, but also actively honors their service and supports veterans transitioning to student life.

CFC Scholarships Create New Opportunities...

by Colonel Todd Freece, Commander, AFROTC Det 159, UCF

Members of the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Association joined the cadets of AFROTC Detachment 159 at their annual Dining-Out to present \$22,000 in scholarships to cadets enrolled in the AFROTC program at the University of Central Florida.

The Central Florida Chapter and Det 159 are partners. Together we help assure the best training for future US Air Force Officers.



Cadet Third Class Sara Casler is awarded the Central Florida Chapter's "1Lt Carlos A. Arriaga Memorial Scholarship."



Cadet Colonel Paige Rochford is awarded the Central Florida Chapter's "General Bruce A. Holloway Scholarship."

*We welcome YOU
to join and participate in the
Central Florida Chapter
of the
Air Force Association!*

Membership News

To help keep our organization strong, each and every one of us should always be on the lookout for new members. The prospect list is rich: newly retired Air Force members, recently separated veterans, families of Air Force members, and just about any citizen concerned with a strong national defense.

"Our best recruiter is you!"

Tell our AFA story...

Telling "our" AFA story is easy when you consider the many things that our chapter and other chapters around the nation are doing!

From Aerospace Education to educating Congress. From Veterans support to our support of teacher workshops. AFA is a key in motivating young men and women to become "our" Air Force of the future.

Let others know and they will want to join our AFA team.

How YOU can do it too...

When you find a candidate, there are some easy ways to help them join our great organization. Besides sharing what great things we do -- give them an application and ask them to complete it. Copies of the AFA application are available:

Printed — There is one in every FlightLiner. Cut it out and give it to a friend.

Online — Go to www.centralflorida.afaflorida.org and click the "Join Now" link down the left side.

Phone / Email — Contact the membership chairman (Tommy Harrison) to complete an application. Call 407-886-1922 or Email: tgharrison@aol.com.

Follow up...

You really want them to join, so follow up, welcome them, and again, share the AFA story.

AFA APPLICATION



Check here if renewal.

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CURRENT MILITARY STATUS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Reserve | <input type="checkbox"/> Ancestor/Descendent of Veteran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired U.S. Armed Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian (No service w/ U.S. Military) |

Branch of Service: _____

CURRENT PROFESSION

- Aerospace Industry
- U.S. Government
- Retired
- Other

CURRENT JOB FUNCTION

- Management
- Engineering
- Operations R&D
- Procurement Retired
- Other Other

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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Life Membership

- \$600 single payment
- \$630 extended payments
 - Initial payment of \$90 and 4 quarterly payment of \$135 each
 - Initial payment of \$90 and 8 quarterly payment of \$67.50 each

DONATION

I wish to include a charitable donation to support AFA and its mission to promote Air Force Airpower.

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- Contributions to AFA are fully tax-deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

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Account Number Expiration Date

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Gala Salute!

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extremely high level. A vital asset to the USAF missions is the accomplishments of our Citizen Airmen, the **Air National Guard** and **Air Force Reserve**. The integrated capabilities of the Total Force are essential for the US defense strategy to succeed. Since the Cold War, the **National Guard and Reserve** have become a larger percentage of the Total Force and are essential partners in the wide range of military operations, from smaller-scale contingencies to major theater wars.

Air National Guard

When **Air National Guard** (ANG) units are not mobilized or under federal control, they report to the governor of their respective states, territory (Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands) or the commanding general of the District of Columbia National Guard.

Each of the 54 National Guard organizations is supervised by the adjutant general of the state or territory. Under state law, the ANG provides protection of life, property and Reserve peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and forest fires; search and rescue operations; support to civil defense authorities; maintenance of vital public services and counterdrug operations. There are more 108,000 Guard members and civilians in more than 88 flying wings and 175 geographically separated units.



Air Force Reserve

The Air Force Reserve (AFR)

provides the U.S. Air Force about 20 percent

only about four percent of the total Air Force budget. Reservists support nuclear deterrence operations, air, space and cy-

berespace superior-ity, com-m a n d and control, global integrated intelligence surveillance reconnaissance, global precision attack, special operations, rapid global mobility and personnel recovery. The

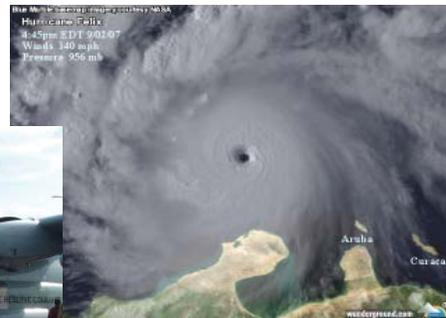
AFR also performs space operations, aircraft flight testing, special operations, aerial port operations, civil engineer, security forces, intelligence, military training, communications,

mobility support, transportation and services missions. In addition, the



of its capability with

the Reserve performs two missions no one else does in the Department of Defense – fixed-wing aerial spray missions to kill mosquitoes in the aftermath of natural disasters and the Hurricane Hunters who monitor hurricanes for the National Weather Service.



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The AFR Mission is to provide combat ready forces to Fly, Fight & Win with a vision to remain an integrated, flexible and combat ready force providing accessible and sustainable capabilities as an Air Force Component supporting our National Security.

Industry Partners

A critical third element in the success of our ANG and AFR forces are our industry partners. Almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of the Guard and Reserve and the Department of Defense shares



these citizen warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. Many of these companies, large and small, provide the most outstanding support for their

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USAF and AFA Show at Orlando Veteran's Day Parade

by Dennis Moran, Veteran's Affairs



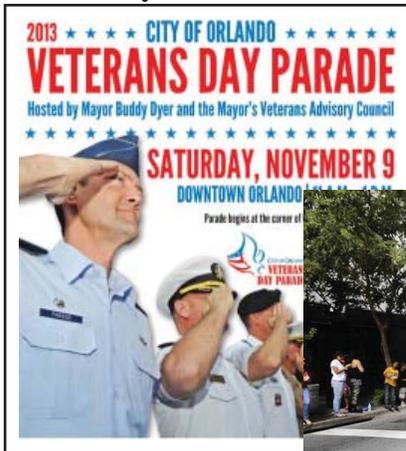
Over 100 Central Florida veteran's organizations and active military groups participated in the 13th annual Orlando Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 9th.

The city of Orlando believes it is the largest Veteran's Day parade in the country.

The streets along the two mile parade route were lined with thousands of local citizens who were dressed in patriotic wear

and shouting "Thanks" to the many veterans participating in the parade.

This year, **Colonel Freece**, the Det 159 Commander (pictured above) was honored in the parade



event posters.

Our chapter and many of our Junior ROTC units joined over 100

High School Air Force JROTC and Colonial High School Air Force JROTC.

This year's parade featured the famous "Red Tail" Tuskegee Airmen (picture in cars below). With over 1500 missions and credited with over 260 kills, these airmen were among the first black military aviators of World War II. They were also called into the Korean and Vietnam wars. One, a 93-year-

old Air Force Col. Charles McGee, a 30 year veteran, shared his story and encouraged our youth by telling them, "You can do it! Just be prepared...."

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Come join us next year!

Gala Salute!

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Guard and Reserve employees. The support of these companies is critical to maintaining the readiness and strength of the nation's Guard and Reserve units and allow Guardsmen and Reservists the opportunity to serve our country more effectively and with greater peace of mind. Ad-

ditionally, the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) maintains employer support for Guard and Reserve service by advocating relevant initiatives, recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and resolving conflict between employers

and service members.

Our Citizen Airmen perform daily duties to ensure that the integrated capabilities of a Total Force are pivotal to successfully achieving the goals of shaping, preparing, and responding to the challenges and opportunities confronting our nation.

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To be Received by February 11, 2014

Air Force Gala - Thursday, Feb 20, 2014

Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel 9939 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL

Special AFA member (non-business) rate has been established for this prestigious dinner saluting

The Air Force Reserve and The Air National Guard



Please reserve _____ CFC Member tickets @ \$150.00 each = \$ _____

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