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Teachers and Mentors...

by Sharon Branch
VP, Aerospace Education

Our annual CFC teachers of the year are superb! Our panel selected four finalists including **April Blaze**, Polk County; **Amy Demins**, Seminole County; **Ann Holt**, Lake County; and **Jennifer Kane**, Orange County. These teachers represented the “best of the best” of our many talented and creative teachers who deserve our thanks for taking our students to new heights in their education.

Out of the finalists, **Jennifer Kane** was selected as the Central Florida Chapter’s teacher of the year! Jennifer is a member of the faculty at Timber Creek High School where she teaches students in grades 10-12. Her classes include Principles of Engineering,

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POW shares AFA story...

by Lee Barnby
President, CA State

Tonight I found myself reflecting on why I am involved in AFA. First and foremost, I care deeply about the Air Force, its Airmen, and the future of our country. They each face extraordinary challenges. While I may not have the reach to address many of the challenges, I can do something. Second, I believe in service before self...that’s not just an Air Force core value, but a human one.

Today, I found another reason to serve through AFA. Today I had the pleasure of meeting **Neil Black**, a former POW, a national hero AND an AFA member. When I asked **Neil** why he participated in AFA he simply

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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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From the President

Many of the older members of the Air Force Association (myself included) tend to sit back and recall the “good old days” when were young and in the ranks of our United States Air Force. Just think about how often you have told that same story about your in-flight emergency or maybe how you solved that unsolvable personnel problem or maybe just fondly reminiscing about your favorite assignment location overseas.

Things have not changed...

How easy it is to look at the present day problems (e.g., budget cuts, sequestration, force reduction, high ops tempo, and even the recent cheating scandals) and wonder what has happened to our “good old Air Force?” Well, I am here to tell you that today’s Air Force is not really all that different from the past. Yes, we do have all the problems described above—but, I’m sure you can recall numerous similar examples from those “good old days” if you just put your mind to it. Didn’t we too have budget problems? Weren’t there force reductions following the Vietnam War? Didn’t you hear about a cheating scandal back in “the day?” And I recall that ops tempo was pretty high right after 9/11...and that was almost 14 years ago...pretty much ancient history to today’s young Airmen!

Please consider...

My goal here is to let you in on a secret...that today’s Air Force has problems similar to those you faced and overcame during your honorable service to your nation but, more importantly, today’s Air Force also has a core of dedicated, intelligent, ambitious officers, enlisted, civilian and contractor members who are just as willing and able as you were to help overcome these problems. Since these problems are really not that much different than what you successfully faced and overcame years ago, why don’t you get involved and provide some timely advice to those entrusted with those same responsibilities today?

You can help...

There are so many ways you can help...here are just a few:

- **Support a local military organization** (e.g., Civil Air Patrol, Senior AFROTC, Junior AFROTC) with your time or maybe some of your old memorabilia. These cadets love hearing our stories.
- **Get to know a young AF officer or enlisted member**, stay in touch and leave the door open to provide advice. A different perspective can never hurt.
- **Become an active member in our chapter.** In my humble opinion, the Central Florida AFA Chapter does more to fulfill the AFA mission than any other chapter in the nation. But we can do more...make a bigger difference...with your help.

Start today...

As you have always heard, the toughest step is the first one. If you are ready to make a difference, simply contact one of the chapter officers and we can point you in the right direction.

Yes, our Air Force faces some serious challenges today...but so did we. Maybe there was someone in your past—a mentor maybe—who provided that needed piece of advice at just the right time and helped you solve a problem or earn a promotion.

During these trying times, isn’t it our obligation now to give back some of what was given to us. Take the time to get personally involved in the future of our Air Force...even if it is something as simple as joining or renewing an Air Force Association membership. Let’s do our part to ensure that today’s Airmen have the same opportunity to ‘give back’ to the Air Force after they retired in the distant future.

Thanks,
Bill Palmby



Teacher of the Year

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Digital Electronics, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Pre-Calculus, and Physics.

But the classroom is just the beginning for **Jennifer**. Her enthusiasm for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) is contagious. She uses her knowledge to teach students with active learning techniques and hands-on projects. Her students solve real-world problems through project-based learning in an Engineering Academy that has an enrollment of 245 students. The program garnered grants from Lockheed Martin

(\$35,000 over a 3 year period) and \$3,000 from Duke Energy.

The robotics club is an offshoot of the Engineering Academy.

The club competed in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition. They designed and built a robot with specific design constraints and an end result of the ability to perform a certain task. The team had time constraints and a limited budget. Along the way the students learn about creativity, hard work, and deadlines. These are all important lessons for our future leaders.

Students who participated in the robotics club last year have stepped up not only in the robotics club but in the Engineering Academy and are role models and mentors to the other students.

The active participants in the robotics club have more than doubled. Others took notice and the club received

over \$6,300 in grants from Disney, Leidos, and FIRST Robotics. Today, they have two successful teams involved in multiple competitions and garnering elite status by winning several awards. Even as a new team, they were recently invited to participate in the 2014 VEX Robotics world championship after placing 4th out of 41 teams competing in the state competition.

Jennifer encourages her students to foster their enthusiasm for STEM in other events outside the school as well. Her students attended a robotics event at the Orlando Science Museum where they demonstrated their ro-

bot and talked with visitors to the event about FIRST Robotics and their excitement for STEM through what they learn in the classroom and on

the robotics team.

As a young woman, **Jennifer** is a role model to the young women in her classroom. The plan is to have an all-girl robotics team next year. The success her students are garnering generates interest in the STEM field in other students at the school.

The Central Florida Chapter is proud to recognize **Ms. Jennifer Kane** and her contributions to our youth and our community through her love of teaching and her mentorship of her students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

We congratulate all of our award winning teachers!

Congratulations to All Our Teachers

The County Teachers of the Year were Jennifer Kane (Orange County), Ann Holt (Lake County), Amy Demins (Seminole County), and April Blaze (Polk County).

YOUR Chapter Council Meetings

The Chapter Council holds an informative meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Showalter Flying Service building at the Orlando Executive Airport.

All members are welcome.

Please check the calendar (to the right) for any date changes!

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 August 14, 2014

Events Calendar

May 2014

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

June

- 12 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 14 Flag Day

July

- 3 * CFC Independence Day Celebration (Election of Officers)
- 4 Independence Day
- 10 [No Chapter Council Meeting]
- 25-26 AFA (Florida) State Meeting West Palm Beach, FL

August

- 14 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 17 National Aviation Day

September

- 1 Labor Day
- 11 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 13-14 AFA National Convention in DC
- 15-17 Air & Space Conference Technology Expo in DC
- 17 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 27 Chapter Awards Luncheon Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs

October

- 9 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 13 Columbus Day

** See details in this newsletter*

Connecting Scholarships

by Bill Yucuis, Past President

The Central Florida Chapter recently hosted the 18th consecutive Scholarship Opportunity Program (SOP) where students, parents and friends learn of the great opportunities available in preparation for an AF career.

Nineteen students and over 60 people from across Central Florida area attended the event at a new venue - the new UCF ROTC Building on the campus of UCF (right).

Our own **Bill Yucuis** began by telling the attendees about the AFA and Central Florida Chapter mission. Also, filling in as the Academy Liaison Officer, **Bill** gave a great overview of the AF Academy admission procedures and what students could do to become better candidates. **Bill** shared that more details can be found at AcademyAdmissions.com

A guest speaker, **Mr. Rick Miller**, is a parent of two Academy cadets. He shared about his children's

journey to the Academy. Both were initially not accepted, which led them, as a family, to pursue other routes.

Both of his children attended Prep Schools, one at the Academy Prep School and the other at a different Prep School under the Falcon Scholarship Program.

If you want more information or have questions, you can email **Rick** at rdmillercap@bellsouth.net

Col. Todd Freece, Commander of Detachment 159 AFROTC unit at UCF, gave a great overview of the AF-ROTC admission procedures, scholarship opportunities, and AFROTC academic and military requirements.



New UCF ROTC facility used for our recent Chapter Scholarship Opportunity Program

Col. Freece shared that more details can be found at AirForce.UCF.edu

As usual, the highlight of the event is when cadets from both Academy cadets and UCF AFROTC and cadets talk briefly about their experiences. A great opportunity for questions and answers followed.

Thanks to all who helped!

CFC Helps Aspiring AF Officers

by Col. Todd Freece, AF ROTC Liaison

Scholarship funds from your Central Florida Chapter help offset the cost of college for aspiring Air Force officers. This last month included an important Spring Awards Ceremony with \$16,500 in scholarships presented.

CFC President Bill Palmby, representing our chapter, presented scholarships to deserving cadets of AFROTC Detachment 159 at the University of Central Florida.

Several scholarships were awarded, along with two key honorary scholarships.

The first is in honor of **General Bruce Holloway**, a WWII fighter ace, Commander of Strategic Air Command,



and a previous member of the Air Force Association.

This year's **General Holloway Scholarship** was presented to **Cadet Kayleigh Barrows** (above left).

The second is in honor of **First Lieutenant Carlos Arriaga**, a graduate of UCF and Detachment 159. He was killed while serving on active duty when the E-3A AWACS he was aboard crashed on take-off in 1995.



This year's **First Lieutenant Carlos Arriaga Scholarship** was awarded to **Cadet David Brown** (right).

In addition, **President Palmby** also presented nearly 50 other cadets with smaller individual scholarship awards to help defer college and AFROTC expenses.

30th Air Warfare Symposium & Gala

Gary Lehmann, Executive VP

With a three day action-packed agenda, the Central Florida Chapter (CFC) again received numerous accolades from all who attended some great annual AFA events! "It was a memorable and enjoyable time..." with a golf outing, Air Warfare Symposium, and the 30th annual Air Force Gala.

The three days of events kicked off with the annual golf outing at Shingle Creek Course. Over 100 players represented the DoD, aerospace companies, foreign countries Air Attaches, and, of course, the AFA. The fabulous weather and a great course was enjoyed by all and many took home some great prizes.

The next two days were filled with informative industry exhibits demonstrating their ability to support the Air Force and DoD. The Air Warfare Symposium was conducted "next door" with participants including the **Secretary of the Air Force**, the **Air Force Chief of Staff**, the **Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force**, and many more. Five other USAF four star generals and numerous other flag officers attended along with members of the foreign attaché and industry leaders. Many senior AFA leaders also attended.

The focus on this year's Gala including our **Citizen Airmen**. We saluted the **Air Force Reserves** and **Air National Guard** along with our **Industry Partners** who share in their success. The contribution of

all three elements ensures that the United States remains the world's premier air power!

During the Gala, the chapter recognized four military wings. In addition, we recognized two of the many industry partners that significantly contribute to the Air Force Reserves and Air National Guard.

AFA Jimmy Doolittle Educational Fellowships were presented to the following organizations for

Recognizing our industry partners, Fellowships were awarded for providing "Superior Corporate and Company Support to the United States Military" to **Southwest Airlines**, representing large corporations, and **Servco Appliance**, representing smaller business owners.

In addition, for providing "Superior Support to Citizen Airmen and America's Industry Partners," the Central Florida Chapter designated a Fellowship in the AFA to **ESGR – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**.

A special presentation, the AFA H.H. Arnold Fellow Award was presented to, **General Craig R. McKinley**, USAF, Retired, for his exemplary leadership in establishing the National Guard as an equal component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The Central Florida Chapter was pleased to recognize **General McKinley** as a true citizen airman and legend of airpower.

Special thanks to Gala Chairman, **Tim Brock**; Golf Chairman, **Bob Ceruti**; and all the members of Central Florida Chapter and Headquarters AFA staff. They planned and executed a memorable event. Thanks again, as usual, to the **Det 159 AFROTC cadets** for their dedicated assistance at all the events.



Secretary of the AF, Honorable Deborah Lee James, Chief of Staff General Mark A. Welsh III, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Cody present a General H.H. Arnold Fellowship to General Craig R. McKinley, USAF, Ret. Assisting were CFC President Bill Palmby and Gala Chairman Tim Brock.

their significant contributions to the Guard and Reserves. Receiving awards for their efforts "Protecting the Homeland" were the **403rd Wing**, Reserve unit from Kessler AFB, and the **146th Airlift Wing**, Guard unit from Channel Islands, California. Receiving awards for their work "Projecting America's Aerospace Power" were the **131st Bomb Wing**, Guard unit from Whiteman AFB, and the **310th Space Wing Reserve** unit from Schriever AFB.

The Air Force Gala
The premier event sponsored by an AFA chapter each year and is recognized as such by both the Air Force and industry.



CYBERPATRIOT

National Youth Cyber Education

by Ken Kelly, Editor



What is CyberPatriot?

The **CyberPatriot National Youth Education** program is the premiere national high school cyber defense competition. It was created in 2009 by the **Air Force Association** to inspire high school students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future.

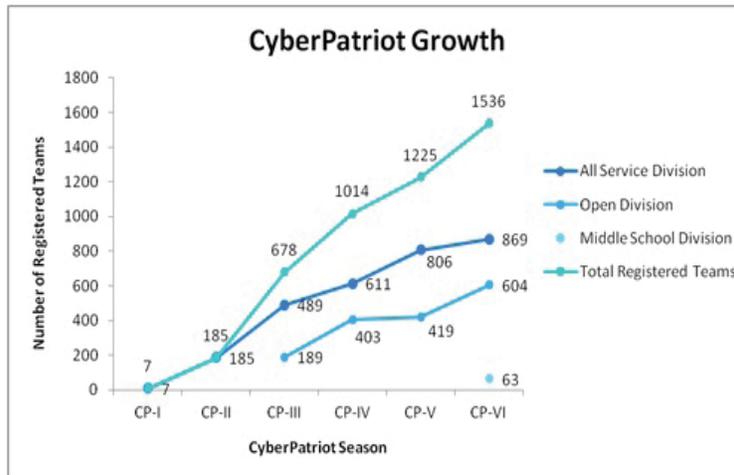
By participating in CyberPatriot (CP), students are introduced to an exciting and lucrative career path. In addition to learning teamwork and organizational skills that set them apart in the STEM job market, competitors benefit from direct tutelage by industry professionals that volunteer through the CyberPatriot Mentor Program.

CP has grown! Now in its sixth season (CP VI), the **CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition** is a national multi-tiered competition for teams of two to six students, that defend their computers against cyber attack. This is now open to public, private, and charter high schools, home schools, JROTC units, CAP Squadrons, NSCC Units, scouting troops, and Boys & Girls Clubs.

CyberPatriot needs you as a coach!

Additionally, CyberPatriot VI marked the introduction of a Middle School Division, which welcomes public and private schools, as well as the other organizations listed above to field teams of students pursuing middle school or junior high education.

After numerous requests from educators for post-season programming, CyberPatriot is recently announced the rollout of a CyberCamp program this summer. The pilot camps will be conducted in CyberPatriot Centers of Excellence, with a full nationwide rollout anticipated in 2015.



Whether you have technical skills in cyber security or not, CyberPatriot Teams need YOU as a mentor!

Mentors / Coaches need not be a part of the school faculty or staff, and are often just willing community members who are administrators and/or technically proficient and enjoy helping youth. Mentors can work with a team as much or as little as they wish.

Get involved with one of the teams in our area!

For more info, please see: www.uscyberpatriot.org/

POW shares AFA story...

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stated that "He feels an allegiance to the Air Force." I was struck by Neil's humility and sense of service to others. Despite the extraordinary sacrifice he made for his country, he supports a strong, continuing commitment to our AF.

Although this is as it should be, I believe Neil's service is an uncommon and honorable character trait. I learned a lot from Neil about honor, service, and commitment...it was an

inspiring and energizing day and I was proud to have shared time with a national hero.

You Can Help too!

What we do in AFA is tough; we're challenged with membership engagement, private organization rules interpretations, and other issues. But your efforts through AFA are still needed.

There's no doubt that our Air-

men will continue to be placed in harm's way. AFA, especially through the grass roots efforts of its chapters (i.e., you), will continue to play a pivotal role in taking care of our current and future Airmen and their families.

We in AFA make a difference!

In the words of the influential Jewish scholar Rabbi Hillel,

"If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, then what am I?"

Membership News

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

*Visit our web site to get
more Chapter information...
<http://centralflorida.afaflorida.org>*

For Our Members
"Our best recruiter is you!"

**You can help
share the AFA story ...**

Your local Chapter and AFA offer many great benefits that many patriotic and civic minded people just don't know about.

**Talk with your friends and neighbors
and give them an opportunity to join us.**

It is easy! A membership application is on this page.

Chapter Officers Nominated Election at July 3rd Meeting

The Nominating Committee announced the following recommended slate of officers for the year 2014/2015. Nominations from the membership are still available. If you would like to run for an office, please notify **Mike Liquori** 407-249-5294 or mliquori@cfl.rr.com.

*Election of the chapter officers will be held at the
Independence Day Celebration (July 3rd) at the Altamonte Hilton. Please come out and vote!*

2014/2015 Recommended Slate of Officers

President – Bill Palmby
Executive Vice President – Gary Lehmann
Secretary - James L. DeRose
Treasurer - Bryan B. Paul

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- Aerospace Industry
- U.S. Government
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Danger of Military Cuts...

Gordon Sullivan, General (Ret)

The biggest danger facing today's military is not terrorism, global instability or the proliferation of weapons. It's the danger of our ignorance if we let history repeat itself. In our zeal to quickly cut federal spending we have accepted an increased level of risk to our national security because of unwillingness by our political leaders to think twice before dropping the ax.

We've been in this situation before, and we didn't like the outcome. In 1898, then-Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing wrote about the state of post-Civil War defense policies, noting that many people believed there would never be another war. "Pacifism was predominant," he wrote. "As the national debt had grown, partly as a result of pensions, retrenchment had been the political cry of both parties, and appropriations for defense had been constantly reduced. The people throughout the country were almost exclusively occupied with their own personal affairs to the neglect of such considerations. Nobody listened to those who realized the wisdom of maintaining an adequate army and advocated it."

More than 100 years ago, the siren song of reductions in defense manpower was luring the unsuspecting onto the shoals of unpreparedness for future conflict. Pershing's reflection on post-Civil War defense spending highlights a trend that began just after the American Revolution, and seems to continue driving contemporary decisions. This cycle of readiness followed by unpreparedness has repeated itself all too often throughout our history. Cuts are made with little relationship to reality or logical predictions about future defense requirements. In today's lexicon, those cuts and reductions are called "sequestration."

Many national political leaders have been remiss in explaining to the American people why sequestration is so devastating to our national security. Mandating that federal spending cuts come equally from defense and non-defense programs sequestration sounds

equitable, except for the fact that the U.S. defense budget represents only 17 percent of all annual federal spending. This disruptive legislation is indicative of a government seemingly unable to function as a responsible democracy. It is patently unresponsive to the needs of a nation that is part of a rapidly changing world in which predicting the future is virtually impossible. It locks the nation into a creaky, slow moving, lockstep budget process that is irresponsible and unaccountable, and ignores the world around it. This phenomenon is well understood in Washington, yet when I ask elected and appointed officials what they are doing to turn this situation around I just get a lot of shoulder shrugging. It is disappointing and worrisome, to say the least.

Sequestration?

"I am alarmed that there is a gross lack of awareness among national leaders how dire this situation is becoming."

I shake my head at the drastic cuts in military manpower being contemplated. While that might save money in the short term, what will be the future cost in blood? Sadly, after almost every conflict the "peace dividend" left our armed forces unbalanced and unready—the ultimate consequence of which was an enormous loss of life in the inevitable next conflict. After World War I, where Pershing headed the American Expeditionary Force, manpower plummeted because there were to be "no more wars." So when World War II inconveniently disrupted that thinking, it took four years to build a well-trained fighting force and another year for it to prevail. After that war, troop levels plummeted again. Then came the Korean War and, predictably, an inadequate force paid heavily. The cycle has continued to repeat: atrophied fighting forces announcing to potential enemies that America's land forces are too small, so now is the time to challenge U.S. national interests.

Those who refuse to acknowledge that the United States will ever again become involved in a large land operation have set us on a path to a too-small active military force. Urbanization and globalization indicate that future military operations likely will be more manpower intensive, not less. Some believe our land forces can be easily reinforced by just mobilizing our reserves or by simply recruiting more soldiers when needed. Recent history has shown us, however, that it takes the U.S. Army as much as two years to recruit, organize, train and equip a newly formed brigade combat team—that's not rapid enough in today's security environment where crises like the Crimea can emerge literally in days (again, think Korea in June 1950) and can fester for years, as in Syria. So, we

must rely entirely on the force we have—active, Guard, and reserve. But with the effects of sequestration steadily decreasing the size and readiness of our military, the depth of the force and its ability to mobilize is being severely degraded. The United States must have a military force that is large enough to deter potential enemies, and it must be manned with the best people—people who are properly compensated for the rigors of a profession that is unlike any other and brings with it enormous stressors on both themselves and their families.

Sequestration is also having a devastating effect on the defense industrial base. In both the Defense Department's own industrial facilities and in commercial industry, sequestration cuts are putting our ability to equip a mobilized force at growing risk. I am alarmed that there is a gross lack of awareness among national leaders how dire this situation is becoming.

And sequestration has also led to growing international doubt about America's credibility as an ally and partner. I am convinced we must be seen as a reliable ally - if not, we are on a very

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Danger...

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slippery slope to disaster. Credibility can only be found in the perception of strength and national resolve to meet our treaty commitments with balanced, trained and ready forces.

Similarly, adversaries are most certainly watching the steady decline of American military power and will be tempted to take more and more risk to challenge U.S. leadership. We are already seeing this. Moreover, with the shrinking of America's military strength comes the increased chance of strategic

miscalculation by potential enemies. A credible force – not just a reasonably sized force – provides a deterrent effect.

All of this explains the dire warnings we hear from uniformed and civilian defense officials about our military's decreasing ability to carry out its mission. Why don't elected and appointed officials own up to this misguided management of our national defense and fix it? This time let's not repeat history. Let's maintain our best weapon – our fighting men and women – in the numbers and quality that will keep us ready when inevitability brings us the next war.

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July 3rd Independence Day Celebration - A fun event!

By Bill Palmby, Chapter President

In Altamonte Springs off 436 (just East of I-4)

Our Central Florida Chapter tradition, the **Independence Day family celebration**, is back again with a big "bang." It is planned for **July 3rd** at the **Hilton in Altamonte Springs**, so we can see "**Red, Hot & Boom.**"

Come join us! Social hour is at **6pm** with a "backyard barbecue" dinner served at **7pm**. **Dinner** includes all the fixin's you would expect in your favorite backyard BBQ.

A superb fireworks show starts

at 9pm so bring your family and friends to enjoy the celebration.

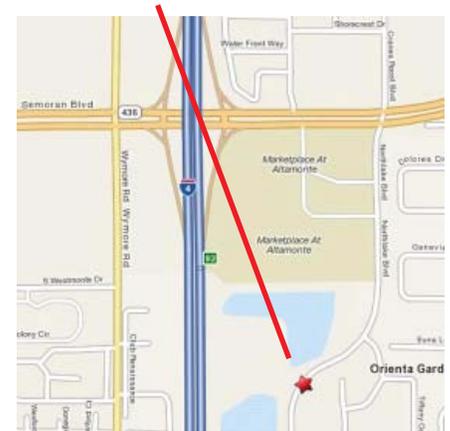
Of course, we will all be there in a patriotic mood, so proudly wear your red, white, and blue.

So, please bring your family and friends *and* kids!

Seating is limited!

Please send in your reservation form (below) today and get ready for a great time!

take North Lake Blvd south...



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To be Received by June 27, 2014



**Reservations for Independence Day Celebration
Dinner and Fireworks - Friday, July 3rd at 6pm
ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET!**

(Members and Guests, including kids - Are Welcome!)

Seating is limited! Please make your reservations today!

Location: Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs

Adults: _____ x \$ 20.00 = \$ _____

Children (age 3-11): _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made out to: **AFA-CFC**

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