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MARTIN H. HARRIS CHAPTER
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CHAPTER RENAMED "MARTIN H. HARRIS"

by Tommy Harrison, Past AFA National Director

The Chapter Executive Committee voted to change the name of the Central Florida Chapter to the **Martin H. Harris Chapter**. This move was announced at the 33rd Air Force Gala held on March 2nd after a very well presented tribute to Marty. Attending as chapter guests were Marty's two daughters **Lori Harris** and **Barbara Matthews** as well as son-in-law, **Jeff Matthews**, and granddaughters **Gwen** and **Erin Nicholas**.

On March 9th the Chapter Council approved a motion for the chapter to "do business as" the "Martin H. Harris Chapter" until the Constitution can be changed to confirm the name change. The Constitution "may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at a chapter meeting, providing that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to all members at least 30 days prior to the meeting". The sections to be revised: Title, Article I, Article III (three places), and Article IV (four places).

The Chapter Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 8th will be designated a General Membership Meeting for the purposes of changing the Constitution and the Election of Officers (See page 3).

General Membership Meeting

ALL members are invited and urged to attend this important meeting! It is June 8th at 7pm at the Atlantic Aviation building at the Orlando Executive Airport.

KEY EVENTS COMING SOON...

(SEE INSIDE)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(JUNE 8th)

**ALL
CHAPTER
MEMBERS**

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

(JULY 3rd)



AFA FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

(JULY 15-16th)



Martin H. Harris 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



Our chapter has been busy since the beginning of the New Year and *congratulations to you all!*

In March, the Chapter, along with AFA National and our industry partners, held the annual Air Warfare Symposium and AF Gala at the beautiful Rosen Shingle Creek Resort. The events were again very successful and continue to be premier events each year. Special thanks go out to the Gala and Golf committees that devoted countless hours ensuring their success. A big “pat on the back” to **Mike Liquori**, Gala Chairman, and **Bob Ceruti**, Golf Chairman. (See page 4)

The Chapter’s Annual Golf Outing was a great kickoff with a nice turnout with proceeds going into funding our many chapter programs. A hearty “thank you” to all our golf sponsors! A special thanks to **Top Aces**, who sponsored numerous prizes AND through their generous donations enabled our Chapter to donate \$5000 in support AFA’s Wounded Airman and Families Program. Wow! (See page 10)

In March, **Todd Freece** held another successful Scholarship Opportunities Program. The event allows local high school students and their parents to learn about scholarship opportunities at the USAFA and AFROTC programs. A big “thank you” to **Todd** and the many cadets who shared their experiences with our future aerospace leaders. (See page 8)

Currently, our chapter members are in the midst of crisscrossing the five-county area supporting AFJROTC awards programs by recognizing their Cadet of the Year recipients. In addition, we are also visiting our five Teachers of the Year recognizing them for their hard work and dedication to their students' STEM development. Congratulations to all recipients!

Congratulations to CAP Cadets and Cadet alumni as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the CAP Cadet program. You continue to serve our Nation, the USAF and AFA with distinction. We salute our own CAP cadets alumni: **Ken Kelly**, **Todd Freece**, **Skip Pfeiffer**, and others. Today's cadet program can not be done without great CAP Senior Officer leadership like **Major Christina English**. Thanks to you all! (See pages 6-7)

Chapter business to attend to...

YOU are invited! On June 8th, the chapter will hold an important General Membership Meeting. This will include YOUR Chapter business of voting on changing the chapter name (See page 1). You will also vote on YOUR selection of chapter officers for 2017/2018 (See page 3). All chapter members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

On July 3rd, the chapter will hold its Independence Day “backyard barbecue” at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs. Come on out and join other members as they celebrate our nation’s birthday, eat some good food, and sit in a crowd-free location to enjoy the fireworks at Red Hot and Boom! (See page 11)

With **Memorial Day** upon us, let us remember and honor our fellow service members who gave the ultimate for this great country!

Gary Lehmann

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Wall of Faces

by Bonnie Callahan
AFA National Director Emeritus



Please help “find a face” (a picture) for every Florida name listed on the Vietnam Wall. Veterans’ organizations, including AFA, are continuing an effort to further preserve the legacy of those who sacrificed all in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), a non-profit, is working with our local Orlando WUCF to make this appeal. They are committed to finding a photo to go with each of the more than 58,000 names on Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall).

The Wall of Faces exhibit will be a part of the Education Center at “The Wall” on the National Mall. The Center will be an interactive learning facility including multimedia exhibits giving first-person accounts of those who lived through the Vietnam War and era. The exhibits will also include the significance of the Vietnam era and the events that took



place, changing our world forever.

The Vietnam Memorial, dedicated November 11, 1982, has seen over 400,000 items of tribute left at the Wall. The National Park Service collects and catalogs each item, and many will be displayed at the new Center.

You can help complete the Wall of Faces by going to

www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces

When the home page opens, follow the directions to find those Floridians that do not have a photo. You can

also search for individuals from other states that you may know whose names are already engraved on the Wall.

Thank you for your assistance to help make all names on the Vietnam Wall visible. Let’s put a face to every Floridian that sacrificed their life for our great nation.

FlightLiner Note

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

Please send your comments and suggestions to help us improve!

Deadline for articles for the next edition is August 10, 2017

Events Calendar

May 2017

- 11 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 29 Memorial Day

June

- 8 * **Chapter General Membership Meeting**
- 14 Flag Day

July

- 3 *Independence Day Celebration
- 4 Independence Day
- 15-16 AFA FL State Convention at MacDill AFB

August

- 10 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 19 National Aviation Day

September

- 4 Labor Day
- 14 *Chapter Council Meeting
- 15 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 16-17 AFA National Convention in DC
- 18-20 Air, Space & Cyber Conference in DC
- 30 Chapter Awards Luncheon Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs

October

- 9 Columbus Day
- 12 *Chapter Council Meeting

* See details in this newsletter

Chapter Officers Nominated

Election at the June 8th

General Membership Meeting

The Nominating Committee announced the following recommended slate of officers for the year 2017/2018. Nominations from the membership are still available. If you would like to run for an office, please notify Gary Lehmann at 407-312-6893 or glehmann5@hotmail.com.

Election of the chapter officers will be held at the General Membership Meeting (June 8th) at Atlantic Aviation, Orlando Executive Airport (400 Herndon Ave, Orlando, FL 32803)

Please come out and vote!

2017/2018 Recommended Slate of Officers

President – Todd Freece
Executive Vice President – Sharon Branch
Secretary - Gary Lehmann
Treasurer - Tim Brock

33rd Air Force Gala and AFA Air Warfare Symposium

by Mike Liquori, Gala Chairman

Once again this year, the Martin H. Harris Chapter golf outing, the Air Force Association (AFA) Air Warfare Symposium and the Air Force Gala were a resounding success. This year's

Gala theme celebrated the history of Armed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and the chapter recognized military personnel, units and our industry partners

who have contributed to this rich legacy. In addition, a special

tribute posthumously honored **Marty Harris** for his outstanding AFA local, state and national activities.

The three-day Symposium and Gala events kicked off on a beautiful Wednesday morning for the annual golf outing at Shingle Creek Golf Club. Over 80 players representing DoD, aerospace companies, AFA, and Air Attachés from foreign countries hit the links. A special thanks goes out to the UCF AFROTC cadets from Detachment 159 and our dedicated sponsors for providing outstanding support to the Chapter. While no one was lucky enough to win the Chevrolet Corvette that Top Aces sponsored for a hole-in-one, the golf outing's success set the stage for the events that followed.

The next two days were filled with informative exhibits displayed by our innovative industry partners who continue to support the Air Force we know and love. Additionally, the Air Warfare



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Symposium was fortunate to have the attendance and participation from numerous dignitaries including the Acting Secretary of the Air Force,

The Honorable Lisa Disbrow; the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, **General David Goldfein**; and **Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth Wright**. Also attending were several

USAF 4-star generals and numerous other flag officers, members of the foreign attaché contingent and industry

leaders.

AFA senior leaders included Chairman of the Board, **Whitten Peters**; Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations, **Mac MacAloon**; Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education, **Dick Bundy**; National Secretary,

Tim Brock; National Treasurer, **Steve Lundgren**; AFA President, **Larry Spencer**, AFA Executive Vice President, **Denise Hollywood**; and AFA Florida State and Region President, **Bill Yucuis**.

During the Gala, on Thursday evening, various military units and industry partners were recipients of well-deserved AFA recognition. The **432nd Operations Support Squadron** at Creech AFB, Nevada was honored

for their work supporting armed UAV operations. The unit provides reachback support to 20 squadrons stationed at Creech and locations around the world. For their Outstanding Support to Armed UAVs, they were recognized as a Jimmy Doolittle Educational Fellow in the AFA. The squadron commander accepted the award on behalf of the unit.

The chapter also recognized the herculean efforts of Armed UAV squadrons. We selected the **33rd Special Operations Squadron** from Cannon AFB, New Mexico for this award. The 33rd SOS operates the MQ-9 Reaper, and in 2016 they maintained three aircraft constantly in the air, providing 23,000 combat hours



Mike Liquori, Acting SECAF Lisa Disbrow, 33rd SOS Commander, 33rd SOS Superintendent, Gen David Goldfein, CMSAF Kaleth Wright, Gary Lehmann

supporting 1,215 combat missions for 29 joint task force operations. The chapter was pleased to present a Jimmy Doolittle Educational Fellowship for Outstanding Armed UAV Operations to the 33rd SOS. The squadron commander and squadron superintendent were able to accept the award.

No event honoring Armed UAVs could be complete without mentioning the historical significance of the first MQ-1 Predator. General Atomic's Aeronautical Systems served as the major catalyst for this Air Force journey when they took the RQ-1 Predator, a formerly reconnaissance only platform, and modified it to carry Hellfire missiles. This singular achievement ensured AF units could hold fleeting targets at risk. For this Groundbreaking Technology in Armed UAVs, the Chapter awarded a Jimmy Doolittle Educational Fellow-

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Wolf Pack Drill Competition

by Cadet Jailene Ruiz and Cadet Hans Empeynado

This year, Timber Creek cadets and parents hosted eleven Central Florida schools that participated in the annual "Wolf Pack" Drill Team Competition. As host, over 40 cadets from the Timber Creek High School AFJROTC program participated.

Senior AFROTC Cadets from both UCF and Embry Riddle were impressed as they judged both the



Drill Teams and Individual Drill Regulation (IDR) rounds.

A rewarding day for all, the competition came to a close with the Awards Ceremony. Belleview High School AFJROTC Drill Team claiming the top prize. Congratulations! Belleview is a repeat winner of the Wolf Pack Drill Competition. Great job Timber Creek!

AF Gala and AWS

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ship in the AFA to the MQ-1 Predator. The Predator team was represented by **Mr. Dave Alexander**, President of General Atomics Aircraft Systems.

The next award of the evening was presented for Outstanding Current or Future Technology supporting Armed UAVs. The Chapter designated the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Operations Center from Leidos as a Jimmy Doolittle Educational Fellow in the Air Force Association. The RPA Ops Center is the first fully virtualized RPA operations center that allows for future growth with multi-level security and cross domain capabilities. Accepting the award was **Mr. Jay Gardner**, Leidos RPA Operations Center Project Manager.

The final award of the evening was presented to a true legend of airpower, **General John Jumper, USAF, Ret.** The Chapter honored his tremendous efforts in making the MQ-1 Predator an operational

weapon system by recognizing him as an H.H. Arnold Fellow in the Air Force Association. Gen Jumper's role in integrating Hellfire missiles onto the Predator in a relatively short time span made the concept of an armed

UAV an operational reality. None of the previous awards would have been possible without his visionary leadership.

After the awards were concluded, we were able to properly recognize our dearly departed friend, **Marty Harris**, for all his contributions to the chapter and the Air Force Association as a whole. After a brief slide tribute to **Marty** over the years, we were fortunate to recognize several members of

Marty's family who were in attendance at the gala. It was a very emotional time for all of us, and announcing the renaming of the chapter in Marty's honor was a perfect way to end this portion of the event.

The evening closed with musical entertainment provided by **Andy**

Childs, who we have known over the years. He has performed at several of our galas, and this year's show proved why we keep asking him back. After a medley of songs from his musical heroes, he concluded his set by honor-

ing our AF heroes with the traditional Air Force Song.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to everyone who helped put on this year's events. Despite a few challenges, the chapter gala planning team once again put on a world class event. Past Gala Chairmen **Tommy Harrison** and **Tim Brock** kept me straight (and sane, at times).

Our chapter's proven leadership team of **Gary Lehmann** and **Todd Freece**; the dynamic golf duo of **Bob Ceruti** and **Jim DeRose**; the unparalleled publication/program support from **Ken Kelly**; **Sharon Branch** and her team of chapter escorts and other contributing members of the Martin H. Harris Chapter and AFA National staff all ensured the event went off as planned.

I couldn't end this without a big thank you to **Col Heather McGee** and her AFROTC cadets from Det 159 for their dedicated assistance at all the events. Thank you!

We look forward to next year, and I hope you do as well. We'll see you on February 22nd, 2018 for 34th AF Gala, which will be hosted for the first time by the Martin H. Harris Chapter!



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CIVIL AIR PATROL'S CADET PROGRAM 75TH ANNIVERSARY

by Ken Kelly, FlightLiner Editor



Before WWII, even before the Civil Air Patrol completed its first year of service to the nation, CAP leaders chose to "...extend the opportunities for service . . . to the young people of the United States." And so on **October 1, 1942, CAP created the nationwide CAP Cadet Program** which has grown and matured into what we know today. **Today's cadets number nearly 24,000.**

Over the years, the Civil Air Patrol cadet program has proven itself to be a powerful force for imparting practical skills and preparing teenagers for the military—notably military aviation—and other wartime service agencies.

Then, and now, Cadets learned preflight skills, military law, drill and ceremonies, first aid, Morse code and

much more. Over the years, cadets have participated alongside adult members on missing aircraft searches and other emergency service missions.

In 1964 CAP National Headquarters redesigned and introduced a cadet program designed around four phases: Aerospace Education, Moral Leadership, Physical Fitness, and the Leadership Laboratory. These key elements remain today and as cadets advance through the cadet program, they are promoted to higher levels of rank and responsibility.

Those select cadets who complete the highest level of achievement received the **Spatz Award**. To date, just more than 2,000 cadets have received this prestigious honor.

Maj. Gen. Joe Vazquez, Civil Air Patrol's national commander,

recently shared, "CAP's leadership, recognizing that the cadets are our future, has remained forward-thinking in regard to the needs and interests of our youngest members, and has responded by emphasizing flight training, leadership development, aerospace education, character education, physical fitness and more than 30 specialized training activities, which even include international air cadet exchanges."

Congratulations to CAP Cadets whose heritage continues to inspire our youth to higher goals. We in AFA are proud to be a part of your heritage! We continue to support our local CAP cadets and the CAP Seniors members (volunteers) whose leadership inspires cadets every day. Thank you!



CAP Cadets at FL Wing Service Academy!

by Judy Schiff, Major, CAP

Frequently, CAP is often asked to support search and rescue operations for local, state, or other inter-agency organizations when time is of the essence to save a life.

Training such as **Florida Emergency Services Academy (FLESA)** is essential and was recently held at Avon Park Air Force Range. Seventy CAP members (45 cadets and 25 seniors), from across Florida Wing instructed and trained in several search and rescue specialties.

Highly motivated instructors trained four ground teams in search theory and field craft from basic to

advanced skill levels using classroom "hands on" and field training techniques.



Expert and accomplished flight instructors trained seven aircrews

in downed aircraft spotting, missing person searches, aerial photography, and damage assessment.

Aircrews consist of the Mission Pilot, Mission Observer, and back seat Mission Scanner/Photographer.

Mission Pilots ensure they are flying safely and comply with air traffic control and staying within all the FAA guidelines.

Mission Observers assist the pilot by navigating, communicating and recording critical information.

Scanners train for target acquisition, photographing targets, and accurately reporting critical information.



Aerospace Education... Fun and Exciting

by Brian Collins, 1st Lt, CAP

How does a squadron keep CAP Cadets engaged and interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Aerospace education? **By taking them on some incredibly fascinating field trips and off-site experiences!**

That's exactly what the senior members of Olympia Cadet Squadron FL-465 in Orlando, Florida are doing—and it's working!

These trips, arranged and organized by the local Squadron Senior members have proved memorable and educational in their own way.

According to Capt Greg Underwood, Squadron Commander, "We always seek to make aerospace education exciting and relevant to our

cadets by exposing them to real-world experiences which they would not be able to engage in if not a member of our squadron and Civil Air Patrol."

These excursions have included such things as taking a group of cadets



to the Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC). This is the world's largest modeling, simulation, and

training conference for the military.

Other trips included visiting JetBlue University (pictured left) where cadets received a tour of the flight crew simulation training facility. The highlight of this visit was not only seeing multiple Airbus A320, Embraer E190, and cabin simulators, but the chance for cadets to actually take the controls and experience what is like to take off, fly, and land a commercial airliner within a fully immersive and realistic environment.

The above trips showcase what you can do with a solid STEM background and education and are a great way to inspire the students to go on to bigger and better things, whether in civilian life or the military.



New Home... New Promises!

by Christina English, Major, CAP

Central Florida Composite Squadron has sixty-seven members who consistently train and educate with the community to accomplish the Civil Air Patrol mission. **The Squadron now has a new "home" at the Goldenrod Historical Society.**

A great opportunity, Goldenrod Station is a meeting point providing facilities for both Cadet and Senior CAP activities. A real bonus, the Goldenrod Historical Society is constructing a new communications room to support CAP missions and operations. This will allow for the CAP Emergency Services communications program to continue training more radio operators for our search and rescue mission.

Having a long history, Golden-



Col Freece presents Mitchell Award to CAP Cadet Charles Wall

rod Station includes a local museum including a vintage piece of Civil Air Patrol history, originally owned by Lt. Col. Walter Phillips, the son of

philanthropist **Dr. Phillips**, orange magnate of Orange County. His service dress coat reflects a submarine bomber patch as well as original ribbons and a flight insignia from 1943, WWII era.

Along with their new support location, C/2d Lt. **Charles Walls** (pictured left) was presented his Mitchell Award by **Col. Todd Freece**, USAF Ret.

Col. Freece is a Civil Air Patrol cadet alumni, so the occasion was fitting for all who had attended.

With our support from the AFA, Goldenrod Historical Society and squadron parents, Central Florida has a promising future to provide Operations Mission Support and Cadet Program training.

Attracting the Next Generation of AF Leaders

by Todd Freece, Executive Vice President

The Martin H. Harris Chapter of the AFA hosted its 21st annual Scholarship Opportunity Program on March 26, 2017. This annual event allows high school students and parents to meet admissions represen-



Chapter President, Gary Lehmann welcomes students, parents and cadets

dent, welcomed students, parents and cadets to the event held each year on the first Sunday of the Air Force Academy Spring Break.

This timing allows current USAFA cadets from the Central Florida area to join-up with AFROTC cadets from the University of Central Florida to provide a rare venue to interview cadets from both commissioning programs in the same room.

Todd Freece, Executive Vice President of the Martin H. Harris Chapter of the AFA, provided the audience an understanding of the Air Force Academy admissions requirements and what they could expect over their four years as a cadet.

tatives and cadets from the Air Force Academy and the local AFROTC detachment at the University of Central Florida. Attendees were also introduced to the Preparatory School

Captain Austin Bracey, Recruiting Officer for AFROTC Detachment 159, described the application process for the AFROTC High School Scholarship Program.



Captain Bracey & Cadet Ridge Miller (AFROTC Det 159) discuss AFROTC program with students and parents

Finally, **Rick Miller** provided a rare look into the Service Academy Preparatory School and the Falcon Foundation Scholarship program. **Rick** has mentored over a dozen Central Florida high school students through the preparatory school process to eventually become cadets at the Air Force Academy – including his own children!

and Falcon Scholarship opportunities for those motivated to attend the Air Force Academy but needing extra time to make their application more competitive. Eighteen local area students and 15 parents attended this year's event.

The highlight of the event was the one-on-one time with current cadets. Students and parents could explore the programs beyond the glossy brochures and motivational videos. Not far from their days in high school themselves, the credibility of their experience meeting the challenges and demands of their respective commissioning programs was unequivocal. Time with parents and old friends at home

Gary Lehmann, Chapter Presi-

is precious for Air Force Academy cadets. Their dedication to support this event is evidence of their commitment to attract others who share the same desire and values of excellence and service. The passion and enthusiasm of the cadets to be leaders in the Air Force inspired the group. Cadets from both programs stayed well beyond the

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Cadet First Class Natsuko Worrell, USAFA, discusses the program with students and parents.



Mr. Rick Miller discusses Prep School and Falcon Scholarship options with a student.

scheduled event time to be certain all guests had their questions answered. A positive example, **Cadet Natsuko Worrell** returned for a record fourth year in a row supporting the AFA SOP!

The Martin H. Harris Chapter is proud to sponsor this annual event in concert with support to local AF-JROTC and Civil Air Patrol units to ensure high school students are aware of opportunities and inspired to become airpower leaders in the USAF.

*We welcome YOU
to join and participate in the
Martin H. Harris 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.

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Top Aces Sponsorship Helps Support Wounded Airmen



by Bob Ceruti, Golf Chairman

Top Aces has joined the Chapter Golf Event as the major sponsor for the second consecutive year. In addition to the main focus of revenue going to support of educational opportunities and operating support for AFROTC, AFJROTC, and CAP, as well as assistance to veterans, this year our Chapter has also pledged to support AFA's Airman and Family Programs, who run the Wounded Airman Program, with a \$5000 donation.

Our Golf Chairman, **Bob Ceruti**, reached out to all previous corporate sponsors, as well as new ones, in an attempt to gain enough support to receive sufficient revenue to meet all of our obligations. We lost one sponsor and gained **L3 Technologies**, a previous supporter, but it was **Top Aces** willingness to step up as our major sponsor which allowed us to meet our obligations.

The other corporate sponsors who joined us again were: **Lockheed**

Martin, UTC Aerospace, and The Boeing Company.

The chapter also needs to recognize the generous contribution of **The Shingle Creek Hotel** and its owner, **Mr. Harris Rosen**, who donated the lunches and beverages for the golfers.

The Golf Warehouse, who



Bob Ceruti, Golf Chairman; David "Deke" Philman, RADM, USN, Ret., Vice President Top Aces; Larry Spencer, President, AFA; and Gary Lehmann, President, Martin H. Harris Chapter

supplies our gift cards and VIP shirts, donated a Titleist golf bag and wedge which were raffled in support of our Wounded Airman Program commitment.

Top Aces goes to the Top...

Top Aces again provided a Hole-in-One prize for all four of the par three's, with a \$70,000 Corvette prize. They also contributed a shoe bag, towel, and a few extras to each registered golfer.

The Martin H. Harris Chapter admires and respects the dedication of **Top Aces** to support AFA's Airman and Family Programs and Wounded Airmen programs with its \$5000 sponsorship of the Chapter Golf Event (pictured left).

Representing **Top Aces** at our golf event were: **Garry Venman**, Executive Vice President Business Development, Discovery Air Defense Services; **David Philman**, Vice President Top Aces Corporation; **Tom Schadegg**, Program Manager, Top Aces Corporation; and **Thad Woods**, Product Development Manager, Top Aces Corporation.

We give a SALUTE to Top Aces!

North Korea and Nukes!

by Sharon Branch, VP, Aerospace Education

Are we looking at World War III? North Korea is launching missiles they say will have the capability to reach the US. While history shows North Korea has launched missiles in the past, the current leader Kim Jong-Un seems intent on showing the world he is mighty and has no fear of the consequences of his actions. Our new Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, has said "the policy of strategic patience has ended" and "all options are on the table."

Sometimes I long for the days of the Cold War and mutually assured destruction when "two" superpowers would each have inflicted so much damage on one another that neither was ready to make the first move. Then Mr. Gorbachev tore down the wall and the United Soviet Socialist

Republic was no more. After a short time of being the world's only super power, our idyllic spring time was disrupted by an assault on our nation when the twin towers were destroyed, the Pentagon was attacked, and another airplane fell out of the sky in Pennsylvania. That was almost 16 years ago.

Fast forward to current day when we're continuing in our war on terror and some would say we've lost many lives and left others with life-long injuries and trauma to no avail.

Adding to the uncertainty of the region is South Korea's ouster of their president in disgrace and further doubts about the new leader's allegiance to the US and now the US deployment of a missile defense system in South Korea. China re-

quested the US discontinue military exercises to appease North Korea and disapproves of the employment of the missile defense system. The Trump administration signaled a shift in previous policy by stating flatly that appeasement offers had not been successful in the past and there was no reason to believe that they would be helpful in the future.

In fact, some sources believe that during the Obama administration (which practiced patience hoping for a collapse of North Korea), the North acquired enough plutonium to build 20 to 25 nuclear tipped weapons. Despite this, China does not believe they have more to offer than recommendations of conciliatory measures toward North Korea's leadership with direct negotiations. Mr. Tillerson's meeting

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with Chinese leadership struck a positive tone despite this turn of events. Both sides stated they would work toward resolving the conflict.

It is likely the first option for resolution will be tightening of economic sanctions imposed by the UN. China has not enforced the sanctions believing that this may lead to a collapse in the North and a refugee crisis. According to the Council on Foreign Relations background paper, China provides North Korea with most of

its food and energy supplies and accounts for more than 70 percent of North Korea's total trade volume.

Both the US and China are undergoing a review of their policies toward North Korea. There is a planned meeting of the US and Chinese presidents in April. Certainly, the denuclearization of North Korea will be on the table for discussion.

Nations have been at this discussion since at least 1992 when the joint declaration of the two Koreas was signed. "Under the Joint Declaration,

the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) agree not to test, manufacture, produce, receive, possess, store, deploy, or use nuclear weapons; to use nuclear energy solely for peaceful purposes; and not to possess facilities for nuclear reprocessing and uranium enrichment." www.nti.org

There are different actors these days; will that make a difference in the final result? Only time will tell.

Additional Sources: New York Times & Christian Science Monitor



July 3rd Independence Day Celebration - A fun event!

by Gary Lehmann, Chapter President

*In Altamonte Springs off 436 (just East of I-4)
take North Lake Blvd south...*

Our Martin H. Harris 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.**"

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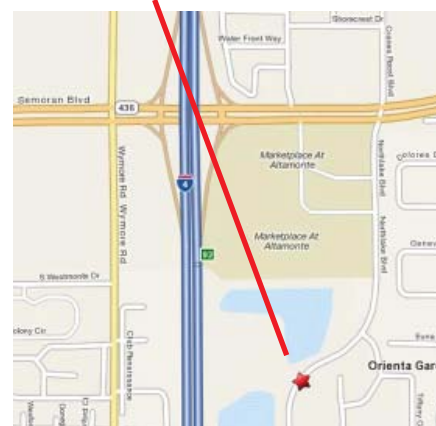
at 9pm so bring your family and friends to enjoy the celebration.

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!

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