



CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanks to the Central Florida Chapter the Air Warfare Symposium and Annual Gala in Orlando was once again a fantastic experience.

Following these marvelous events, our State Winter Meeting was held at Shades of Green (a great military recreation center) in Orlando. Packed into one day was a Teacher Workshop; speakers from AFA National Headquarters and discussion between chapters regarding the various programs our chapters engage in to support our members and our Air Force.

As I mentioned in our December Newsletter, our chapter has been chosen to host the 2007 Florida State Convention, July 13th & 14th. Out of towners will be staying at the Homewood Suites by Hilton on Bill France Blvd near the Volusia Mall. Meetings will be held at Embry-Riddle. On Friday, golf will be available at the Spruce Creek County Club—this is not a tournament, individuals may put their own team together. Friday night will be an informal Hangar party at Spruce Creek Fly In to be held at the Cummock's home. Saturday will be meeting day and Saturday evening dinner will be held at the Spruce Creek Country Club.

Hopefully we will see some new faces from the chapter at one or all of these events.

Please send your e-mail address to MHCummock@cfl.rr.com to receive our Chapter Newsletter and notices of meetings and events electronically and in color. This request is being made to help save the chapter funds for AFROTC & AFJROTC awards and scholarships.

THE FORCE BEHIND THE FORCE

FACT SHEET: The Air Force Association is an independent 501 c(3), nonprofit, civilian organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation. AFA publishes Air Force Magazine, sponsors national symposia and disseminates information through educational outreach programs. Additionally, AFA publishes a wide range of materials on www.afa.org.

MISSION: The Air Force Association educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power and a strong national defense; and supports the United States Air Force and the Air Force Family.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP: Members receive the award winning Air Force Magazine monthly and have the opportunity to participate in many activities with their local chapter. Our local chapter runs a program in local schools—**Wright Flight**—to motivate students to be successful. Wright Flight is an 11 week program of aviation history. Lesson include the Wright Brothers, the Golden Age of Aviation, the exploits of General Jimmy Doolittle, World War II air battles, The Tuskegee Airmen, The Space Program and Women in Aviation. Our chapter also supports Air Force ROTC and JR ROTC within our area.

'We are the Force Behind the Force—be an active member of your Air Force Association. Attend chapter meetings, become an officer, spread the Air Force Association message.

A CELEBRATION EVENT

LCDR Charles D. Melvin, CHC, USN (Ret)

A few days ago I went to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida. It was my privilege to serve as the administer officer, and to lead my son in his oath, and to give him his first salute. His commissioning is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

I have given a lot of thought to the oath of office. It has a lot of similarities to our challenge as people of faith, whether Christian, Jewish, Muslim or any other faith community. The higher callings of sacrifice, in all faith groups, demand a willingness to be submissive to higher authority and insure accountability to that same authority.

Throughout the history of our nation, examples of selflessness and heroic sacrifice by those who wear the uniform of the various services have shown that we are a national men and women willing to accept the challenge of such a high calling. Some of those who gave themselves were people of profound religious faith, others were avowed unbelievers. All were adherents to the community of the committed. They took the oath, they gave their all, and they demonstrated a profound truth: sacrifice wears the clothing of deliberateness.

It is no wonder when I was administering the oath of office that I was chocked up by it. Tears streamed down my face, and my son also wept. Should we have been steely and unmoved?? Thank God, we were not unmoved.

It will remain one of the treasured moments of our lives.

Where this oath will take him, indeed, only God knows. As he came to know in our home, we never knew for sure what the next day or year would bring, or where we would be living and serving. In a sense, this was living by faith.

So those words were said that day, "I take this oath without any mental reservation of purpose of evasion". He has thought about it for a long time. It was his choice and desire to go this way. A nation such as ours can only survive when this kind of "faith" continues to be expressed. I thank God that my son is one of those now.

He joins a long line of those who have gone before him. Others will follow, for again and again, the meaning of bearing "true faith and allegiance," still challenges and calls for the best in our country.

**THANK GOD THAT IT DOES!!
FREEDOM DEMANDS NO LESS**

I would like to thank Chaplain Melvin for allowing me to reprint his message taken from the MOAA Newsletter.

Marguerite Cummock

GIVING TO AFA

*By Dave Cummock
AFA Development Committee*

As a result of the afa21 reorganization effort, AFA became a 501 c (3) charitable foundation on April 1, 2006. So what does that mean? Well, it means that AFA can now raise funds to support the mission by receiving tax deductible gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations. It also means that we have the opportunity to greatly expand the effectiveness of AFA to **EDUCATE** the public on the importance aerospace power, **ADVOCATE** a strong national defense and **SUPPORT** the Air Force Family. It means that we can influence the future and help build a stronger, safer America for our children and grandchildren. While all the AFA mission is important, it is the Educate part that has captured our imagination, interest and the majority of our AFA efforts for the 20 plus years my wife Marguerite and I have been involved in AFA leadership.

So what does that mean for you? It means that there are a number of ways in which you can help the AFA mission and help yourself at the same time. I like to call this "enlightened self interest". Any gift, large or small; property or cash, is tax deductible. In 2007, if you are 70-1/2 years old or older, you can roll over IRA funds to AFA without paying any income tax on the withdrawal. One of the easiest and yet most generous ways to give is through a bequest in you will. A bequest will also qualify you for membership in the Thunderbird Society (AFA's Legacy Society). A bequest passes tax free to a 501c(3) otherwise, estate taxes often take more than half the principle.

For answers to gifting or estate planning possibilities, contact Lois O'Connor, AFA Director of Development at 1 800 727 3337 extension 5832.

SEPTEMBER

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Photo—Top Left—Embry-Riddle AFROTC Cadets Nathaniel Drenckhahn and Diana Kane after their orientation flights with Dave Cummock and Dick Axelrod.

Middle Left—Wright Flight Graduate Cooper Norris with pilot Bill Merkin.

Bottom Left—Pilot Dick Axelrod with Wright Flight Graduate Joey LaGreca

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