



CELEBRATION SPEAKER

Colonel Victoria A. Leignadier began her military career with an initial assignment as Executive Officer, 1st Staff and

Faculty Company, Fort Eustis, VA. While assigned to Fort Eustis she also served as Battalion S-1 for 2nd Battalion and later as Executive Officer, F Company. In 1982, she became a Personal Property Movement Officer and then Plans Officer, Headquarter, Military Traffic management Command, Falls Church, VA. Next she was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division where she served as the Division Movement Control Officer, and then commanded in the Main Support Battalion.

In 1989, she was assigned to Oberursel, Germany as the Chief, Container Division, 1st Transportation Movement Control Agency. She next served as Executive Officer, 1315th Medium Port Command in Okinawa, Japan from 1993-1995. In July 1995, she assumed duties as the Chief, Transportation and Shipping Division, Defense Distribution Depot, Richmond, Virginia. She assumed command of the 840th Transportation Battalion, Izmir Turkey in June 1998. During this time she served as the Single Port Manager in Albania for Operation Allied Force and Task Force Hawk in support of the Kosovo operation. In 2001 she was the Special Project Officer at Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, Alexandria, Virginia. In 2002 she took command of the 598th Transportation Terminal Group, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, whose Area of Responsibility included all of Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia. During her command she spent most of it deployed to Kuwait and Iraq overseeing the largest movement of military equipment since World War II. She became the Chief of Staff of the Army Chair at the National War College in August, 2004.

Colonel Leignadier graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography. She holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University, PA and a Masters of National Security and Strategic Studies from the Army War

College. She is also a graduate of the Transportation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Colonel Leignadier's awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, six Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, two Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, Iraq Campaign Medal and Kosovo Campaign Medal.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Marguerite Cummock



December was a busy and exciting time for your chapter.

Chapter members attended the Annual MOAA Christmas Ball,

the Pass-In-Review of our Air Force Cadets with the Change of Command Ceremony, and the Commissioning of 7 new 2nd Lieutenants in our Air Force. (see photos inside).

Graduation and Commissioning on May 6th will see another 80 young men and women joining the active duty ranks.

We have a wonderful event planned on April 28th. We will gather at Spruce Creek Fly In for a

CELEBRATION OF OUR ARMED FORCES

PAST—PRESENT—FUTURE

The evening will begin with a tour of Spruce Creek (Optional), a cocktail party, a buffet dinner including wine, beer and soft drinks. Dancing will be to the Quarter Notes. Business dress.

Upon arrival at Spruce Creek the guards will have maps to Cessna Blvd, and the Phillips Hangar. We will also be placing signs to lead the way to the festivities.

Colonel Leignadier's biography on this page will confirm we will have a very interesting speaker.

Look forward to seeing you on April 28th.



PASS IN REVIEW

It is always a pleasure to attend the Air Force ROTC Pass-In-Review and Cadet Change of Command Ceremonies.

Dave Cummock presented our chapter awards (Photo 1) Sherri Surmanek was named the Professional Officer Course winner (Photo 2) Wesley Walsh was named the General Officer Course winner

(Photo 3) left to right Sherri Surmanek outgoing Cadet Wing Commander, Colonel Schrader, incoming Cadet Wing Commander Joey Stenger.



Colonel Thomas Schrader administers the oath of office to the new Air Force Second Lieutenants in December as the proud families and friends look on.

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AN AIR FORCE FAMILY

Karin and Joe Stenger own and operate a transportation company based in Ohio. J W Stenger Trucking, Inc. has a satellite office in Spruce Creek Fly-In, Port Orange, FL. This family business has become our newest Chapter Community Partner with Joe and Karin as AFA members and strong supporters of the men and women of the USAF.

Son Joey is a Senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University majoring in Aerospace Science and Business, and he is the Cadet Wing Commander for AFROTC. He graduated from Flight Safety Academy in 2002. He is scheduled to begin USAF Pilot Training after graduation from ERAU

Joey owns and operates Jett Transport Inc. and resides in the Spruce Creek Fly-in Community, Port Orange, FL.

Brittany is a Sophomore at Stetson University, Deland, where she is majoring in International Business and Marketing. Her plans include classes the UK and Austria. Brittany is a member of the Young Republicans at Stetson.

The Stenger family is a welcome addition to our Chapter.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Richard Collins	John Clary
Lawrence McNary	Beverly M Noirot
Robert Surbrook	Thomas Toor
Frederick Ottinger	Richard Amell
Alan Baltz	James Bjork
Wayne Cusic	Clifton Eisele
Arnold Leibowitz	Steve Marks
John Mayberry	Charles McCrone
Edwin Medina	John Reid
Thomas Sheehan	Patricia Simmons
Joe Stenger	Karin Stenger
George Anderson	Robert W. Howard
George Sherman	Cadet Eric Calvey
Cadet Steven Crittenden	Cadet Eamon Cullen
Cadet Norinaga Limbacher	Cadet Bobby Malesra
Cadet Sandra Mueller	Cadet Tomas Ramas
Cadet Matt Savage	Cadet Eric Steakley
Cadet Michael Vallone	Cadet Simon Zhou
Fred Clark	James Buchanan
Michael Connelly	Col Thomas Schrader

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

Florida's annual convention will be held on 14 and 15 July in Fort Walton Beach. This is an opportunity to meet like minded folks from the various chapters throughout Florida. All Chapters are required to have representatives at all four state meetings in order to receive their rebate from the National AFA.

There will be a Golf Tournament on Friday July 14th for those who wish to play. The State Meeting will be held Saturday, July 15th.

The Host Chapter has negotiated for a block of rooms at Eglin AFB VOQ and the meetings and lunch will be at the Eglin Officers Club, within walking distance from the VOQ.

The Convention dinner will be at Bob Hope Village and it will be catered. The village is about 3 miles from the VOQ, off base.

Rooms will be \$40 or less. Lunch, dinner, and registration costs will be reasonable. Golf will probably be somewhere around \$40 (includes cart). Details will be in the State Newsletter "Spirit" which is mailed to all AFA members in Florida in June. If you wish to attend, please call Marguerite Cummock at 386 760 7142.

CIRCLE OF HEROES...CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Teachers combat ignorance. Warriors combat evil. On the frontiers of freedom they are allies performing freedom's work. On Saturday, January 21, 2006 fifty-five Escambia, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa county Florida teachers stood side-by-side with warriors on the Hurlburt Field flight line to form a circle of heroes. Joined by a common passion for freedom and airpower, they exchanged honors creating an immediate and formidable bond. It was a celebration of the faith we place in one another to do our part in keeping America strong and the American people free. The celebration started at the USAF Special Operations School with a welcome by Col Paul Harmon, the 16th Special Operations Wing Vice Commander. Col John Jogerst, Commandant, hosted the group at his excellent facility. The teachers toured the Hurlburt flight line where aircrew members from the 403rd Wing (Hurricane Hunters), Keesler Air Force Base MI, 16th Special Operations Squadron, and the 15th Special Operations Squadron showcased their capabilities. The teachers toured the WC-130J from Keesler, the AC-130H Spectre Gunship of the 16th SOS, and the MC-130H Combat Talon II of the 15th SOS. After the flight line tour the teachers visited the 19th SOS to receive a capabilities briefing, facilities tour, visual threat simulator demonstration, and to "fly" the MC-130H and new CV-22 simulators. The circle of heroes shared lunch at Raiders Reef dining hall and returned to the Special Operations School for seminars in aerospace education. It was a national event. Guest speakers included Boyd Anderson, Chairman, Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF), Mary Anne Thompson, AEF President, Dave Cummock Secretary/Treasurer AEF and Wright Flight President, Judy Rice, Senior Manager for Aerospace Education, Civil Air Patrol, and Angela Utter, Senior National Account Manager for Education, *USA Today*, all national leaders in aerospace education programs. This unique, inspirational, and successful event was the result of leadership and planning provided by Hurlburt Chapter #398 President, Jim Connors and Hurlburt Chapter Vice President for Aerospace Education (and AEF Trustee) Jeri Martin. They were assisted by Hurlburt Chapter members Rick Soria, Glenn Rutland, David Loar, Les Matheson, Danny Webb, and Dann Mattiza. The AFA Florida state officers also supported this gathering including Max Friedauer, President, Dick Schaller, Secretary, and Fran Shaw, Vice President for the Southeast Florida Area. This circle of heroes...teachers and warriors...are no strangers to significant achievement. They labor in silence and obscurity with unfailing dedication and endurance. The AFA gained fifty-five new members and, before the days end, fifty-five airpower advocates in America's classrooms. They will share their passion for airpower and freedom with our children, because freedom's work never ends. Yet the most amazing dynamic at Hurlburt that day was how the circle of heroes had also become...a circle of friends.

* This article was written by the State Air Force Association Secretary, Dick Schaller. Upon reading it, I asked him for permission to place it in our chapter newsletter. Reaching out to students with our Wright Flight program is an important mission in many ways and Dick stated it very well. Thank you Dick, for allowing me to share this article with our chapter members. Marguerite Cummock, Chapter President

DIRECTIONS TO CELEBRATION OF OUR ARMED FORCES

Take the Port Orange exit #256 off of I-95 and proceed west on Taylor Road for 2.3 miles. The Spruce Creek main gate entrance is on your left (south) side. Stay in the left lane and stop at the guarded entrance.

Tell the guard that you are going to the AFA affair at the Phillips Hangar. We will have a supply of annotated Spruce Creek maps available at the gate and signs posted at key turn points along the way. The last quarter mile of the trip you will cross and proceed east on Cessna Blvd. Cessna is a taxiway in the middle with automobile lanes on the north and south sides. Drive carefully and remember that airplanes have the absolute right of way. Someone will be available to assist with parking. For those wishing to use the back (south) gate, maps will be available there as well.



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PAST—PRESENT—FUTURE

Place: SPRUCE CREEK FLY IN

Phillips Hangar—Cessna Blvd

Date: April 28, 2006

TIME: 6:00 pm cocktails & music/dancing

7:30 dinner and dancing

Name (s) _____

Cost: \$35.00 per person includes Cocktail Hour (appetizers, wine, beer, soft drinks) Buffet dinner (Steam Ship Round Carved, Chicken Tuscan, Roasted Red Potatoes w/rosemary, Fresh Vegetables, Salad, Homemade Bread, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, includes wine served with dinner and dancing to the Quarter Notes. Business Dress.

Unable to attend, will support #_____cadet/midshipman Amount Enclosed _____

Will attend #_____ & will support #_____ cadet/midshipman Total #_____

Amount Enclosed:_____

Would like to participate in the optional tour of Spruce Creek (5:15pm) #_____

Make checks payable to AFA Chapter #397

Mail to: Rita Leignadier, Treasurer

6126 Del Mar Drive

Port Orange, FL 32127

Limited to 150 People. Reservation Deadline: April 24, 2006

Questions Call: Marguerite or Dave Cummock 386 760 7142 or Rita Leignadier 386 756 5531



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**PASS-IN-REVIEW
EMBRY-RIDDLE
AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY
Friday 21 April 2006
TIME: 6:00 PM
Soccer Field**

**CELEBRATION OF OUR
ARMED FORCES
Spruce Creek Fly-In
Date: April 28, 2006
Time: 6:00 PM**

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All Chapter Members Encouraged to bring a
friend to all activities and/or meetings