



**GUEST SPEAKER:
CHIEF MASTER SGT DAVID M. LORENZ**



Chief Master Sergeant David M. Lorenz is the group superintendent, 45th Launch Group, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. The launch group consists of 2 diverse squadrons and serves as the space wing focal

point for Department of Defense, civil and commercial space launch-related activities. The group provides vital operations, engineering and maintenance support for launch vehicles and government satellites prepared and launched on the Eastern Range.

Chief Lorenz is the primary advisor to the group commander on all matters concerning morale, welfare, readiness capability, training and mission effectiveness, while maintaining communication between squadron commanders and enlisted personnel. Chief Lorenz ensures proper utilization of all enlisted personnel assigned to the group and assesses factors directly impacting training, morale and the well being of the enlisted force. The chief works directly with 45th Space Wing leadership on base/mission partner endeavors, Quality of Life improvements, awards/recognition, and enlisted issues while ensuring 45th LCG members are aware of wing's mission, policies, and standards.

Chief Lorenz entered the Air Force in February 1981, completed technical training as a Missile Systems Analyst Specialist at Chanute AFB, IL. then assigned to Ellsworth AFB, SD. Following a Presidential order to deactivate all Minuteman II ICBMs, he was transferred to Minot AFB, ND. From there, he was assigned to Vandenberg AFB, CA as 381st Training Group Superintendent where he oversaw our nation's premier space and missile operations training—to include missile warning, space control, satellite operations, air defense as well as spacelift, ICBM, and cruise missile maintenance technical training. Chief Lorenz voluntarily deployed to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM as 506 Air

Expeditionary Group Chief Enlisted Manager, Kirkuk Regional Air Base, as the senior enlisted Airman, he oversaw all matters concerning morale, health, welfare, combat readiness, and ensured proper utilization and support for a joint force consisting of over 6,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and civilian contractors forward deployed at Kirkuk Regional Air Base and 5 remotely located Forward Operating Bases in Northern Iraq.

Chief Lorenz is married to the former Kristi Nelson, of Rapid City, SD. They have 3 daughters. The Chief served as President—VAFB Chief's Group, Member at Large—MAFB Chief's Group, established an AF/ARMY Chief/Sergeant Major's Group while deployed and is actively involved in base/community and Top 3 functions.

**CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S
UPDATE**

By Marguerite Cummock



As the AFA operating year comes to an end, we can look back over what we have accomplished and be proud!

Our Celebration of our Armed Forces—Past—Present—Future was certainly a highlight. I don't know about you, but being around the young folks of the ROTC units makes me feel young (or at least somewhat young when I am not feeling old).

Our Wright Flight classes—now in three schools—continues to be a great hit with the teachers, parents and students. Being able to fly an airplane is certainly a motivator for the middle school students involved. You do not have to be a pilot to be involved in "fly day" (the graduation day for Wright Flight) you can join us in cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, helping pass out the T-shirts, photos or just join us and watch these youngsters light up at the end of their special day. I might add also, the parents that come out light up with pride that their son/daughter has completed this great program.

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ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARDS LUNCHEON TO HONOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MEMBER OF THE YEAR AND THREE NEW DOOLITTLE FELLOWS

Three outstanding citizens and one outstanding program will be honored at the awards luncheon September 12th. See Reservation Form on Page 5 for details.

John D. Champlain is a double winner this year. John was selected as our 2006 Chapter Member of the Year and Dave and Marguerite Cummock have chosen to sponsor him as a General James H. Doolittle Fellow. John is a career aviator. He has been an Air Force fighter pilot, an Airline Pilot and a general aviation pilot, instructor and aircraft owner. He has generously participated in the EAA's Young Eagle Program as well as the McCarthy Chapter's Wright Flight Experience. Over the past two years he has become an outstanding Wright Flight classroom instructor and role model. His vast aviation experience and his excellent speaking skills have made a real contribution to our Chapters primary outreach program.

Dave and Marguerite Cummock are also sponsoring two additional General James H. Doolittle Fellows:

Robert (Bob) Perry, last years member of the year, will also be invested as a Doolittle Fellow. Bob has been a leader and prolific chapter worker since 1994. He has been a Wright Flight classroom instructor for all that time and has served as Chapter Executive Vice President, President and Secretary. Bob is also a consummate volunteer homebuilder for Habitat for Humanity. He served eleven years on active duty as an Air Force Pilot and he is currently a Captain at Delta Airlines.

Dave and Marguerite Cummock are delighted to honor the **Aeronautical Engineering Department at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach** with an AFA Doolittle Fellowship. Engineers with cutting edge skills and innovative ideas are vital to our aerospace industry, our U.S. economy and our National Defense capability. Aerospace Engineering at ERAU Daytona Beach has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as the Nations best for six years in a row. This is truly demonstrated excellence in education.

Our 2006 Chapter Teacher of the year is **Rocco Sorice** who teaches at New Smyrna Beach Middle School. Rocky has sponsored the schools Aviation Club for the past three years. He is also a planner and organizer of the annual Aviation Day at New Smyrna Beach Middle School. Rocky is making a real contribution to our collective future by showing the teenagers in his charge the excitement and the possibilities available to them in the world of aerospace.



John D. Champlain



Bob Perry



Rocco Sorice



**UPDATE ON DET 157 ERAU
AIR FORCE ROTC**

BY: Col Thomas Shrader

Folks, Just an update on where we are with the Embry-Riddle Air Force ROTC detachment. We finished last year by commissioning 78 new 2nd Lts in May. That commissioning number was almost double that of the next university. Amazing quality was delivered with that quantity too. The class pulled down 10 of the 47 highly coveted Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot training slots...21% of the nations' slots to our unit alone.

Our quality will not diminish but the total numbers will. The unit had a total of around 600 cadets just 3 years ago. Last year we started with 400 cadets and this year we expect fewer. As is many times the case, dollars is the issue. ERAU is not an inexpensive school and Air Force scholarship monies have not kept pace with tuition. Our performance and reputation does more than enough recruiting for us but the tuition/scholarship gap is such that our size will suffer a bit.

That will not slow us down though. If anything, we'll be more agile and flexible. Our schedule is already full for next year with Leadership Labs, physical training, Dining In and Dining Out, Pass In Reviews, Field Training prep, base visits, Commander's Cup events and so forth. The good news is that these students are type "A" and self-motivated...they provide the thrust and we provide the vector. They are incredible people. We push them hard and they respond.

Last note: I want to personally thank the local military organizations for generously supporting our ERAU ROTC units and helping us 'grow officers.' Through your camaraderie you pass down a legacy to the young ones and help shape our future Service leaders.

Check six.

Tex Schrader

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**CHANGING THE WATCH
AT ERAU'S NROTC**

Six McCarthy Chapter members attended the retirement ceremony for Captain Theodore J. Wasylikiw held July 19th at the ERAU Aviation Building with the pomp and dignity we have observed in all the NROTC events. Captain Ted, Embry-Riddle's first NROTC Commander ended his 27 year career as a Naval Officer and Aviator. We are going to miss him. Captain Wasylikiw has been a highly respected member of the ERAU faculty, demonstrated extraordinary leadership in building a great NROTC unit and he has been an outstanding representative for military service to the Daytona Beach community.

As one door closes, another opens., Captain Ted's active duty career is over, but a new opportunity awaits as he will be leading a NJROTC unit in a Tampa Area High School.

Thanks Ted for a great job.

The leadership opportunity for the ERAU NROTC has been passed to Captain Alan R. Moore. Captain Moore is a highly experienced Surface Warfare and Engineering Officer with the active duty service beginning in 1979. We are delighted to welcome Captain Moore and his family to Daytona Beach and Embry-Riddle.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**



Dr Thomas Connolly
Cadet Michael Ang
Michael Evans
Cadet Taj Preciado
Wendell Adams
Pat Dipersia
Lewis Spotts

Dr Nancee Bailey
Craig Benson
Samuel McMurray
Lamar Thomas
James Cooper
John Loudermilk



Memorial to the Crew of the Golden Heart

BY: Don Gaby

Readers of our AFA Flight Plan for last November may remember my article telling of a visit to the new Air & Space Museum and the Air Force Memorial site in company with a lady whose father was lost on a mysterious mission in Alaska 50 years ago when she was just a 7-year old child. She and a friend who lost his father on the same flight had been working for decades to learn about the nature of the mysterious mission that took their fathers' lives — and to honor that crew — without success. As a former AWS meteorologist who had flying experience from that period, I wanted to help. The paragraphs below continue that story with some success.

Andrea Stowers (MsAStowers@aol.com) recently reported that a memorial has been placed on the wreckage of the Golden Heart, the WB-50 piloted by her father, Maj. Dale Richardson, flying from Eielson AFB, Alaska. It was done by Doug Wolters, infant son of Lt. William Wolters back then. The nature of that mission even after 50 years remains a mystery.

The Golden Heart with its 11-man crew crashed just an hour or so after takeoff at night. Maj. Richardson had written about his premonition of death, and being sent on a fatal mission. The WB-50 normally carried a crew of 10. With armament removed, the bomb bay held a huge fabric fuel tank and two large tanks were slung under the wings, in addition to the regular wing tanks. The aircraft disappeared from the radar and the accident report said it spiraled down at full speed to strike the ground wing first. No doubt most of the wreckage and crew were consumed in the fire. Nearby residents said they recalled two huge explosions and the fire ball that burned for three days. But a large piece of the crumpled tail remained intact — probably broken off upon impact.

Using precise coordinates from the accident report, Doug located this piece of wreckage in the sandy river bottom soil of the Susitna River well off the standard Loon track. It was no easy task. He affixed a beautiful plaque commemorating the 11 crew members to the wreckage, together with laminated photographs of Andrea's father at the controls and Doug's father holding him as an infant. Airman Melvin Lindsey, the radio operator, was a young Black man who dropped out of high school to enlist against his mother's wishes, and must have been unusually capable to have joined that crew. Andrea wrote a eulogy, provided copies of her father's letters telling of his premonition of death, and copies of the photos. These were sealed in a box and buried at the site.

This tale is one of many incidents that occurred during the so-called "Cold War". The mystery of this particular mission remains unsolved. Maj. Richardson, Lt. Wolters, and Airman Lindsey — their caskets at least — lie in Arlington Cemetery below our new Air Force Memorial.



COMING SOON TO WASHINGTON D.C.

By: Dave Cummock

The Air Force Memorial will be dedicated on October 14, 2006. I have been in Washington twice in August and have seen the three spires nearing completion. The Air Force Memorial will dominate the Capital's Skyline. It will be at least as visible as the Washington Monument from all over the D.C. area. It is set on a hill above the Pentagon and the highest spire soars 270 feet from there. It will be lighted 24 hours a day after October 14th.

IT IS SPECTACULAR

Chapter President's Message

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Chapter members attended ROTC Pass-in-Review and awards ceremonies, JROTC awards ceremonies, Arnold Air Society Initiation Dinner, ROTC Gala, Graduation and witnessing 78 AFROTC Cadets be sworn in as 2nd Lieutenants. Members attended the NROTC graduation and swearing in the Midshipmen and Marines as 2nd Lieutenants. Attending these events and talking to these young men and women will make you proud and you will believe that our Armed Forces are in good hands.

Now we will end our year with another fun event. Our Annual Awards Luncheon to be held at Spruce Creek Fly In Country Club on September 12th (see the reservation form on Page 5). This luncheon is held to honor our hard working members, come on out and congratulate this year's honorees.

In an effort to keep chapter costs at a minimum we have started sending the newsletter by e-mail. It is also posted on our chapter website (see back page for information). If you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please send me your current address.

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CHAPTER AWARDS LUNCHEON

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Meal Choice: Tilapia, w/Rice & Vegetables & Dessert Total # _____ \$15.00 per person**

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad & Dessert Total# _____ \$15.00 per person**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____ **ROTC Cadet Price \$10.00

Make checks payable to: AFA Chapter #397

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Reservation Deadline September 8th

Port Orange, FL 32127

QUESTIONS? Call Marguerite Cummock 386 760 7142 or Rita Leignadier 386 756 5531

EVERYONE WELCOME—DO NOT NEED TO BE AN AFA MEMBER

EDITORIAL NOTE REGARDING

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

By: Dave Cummock

If the names look familiar to you, they should. The existing leadership is continuing to serve—that is the good news and the bad news. The good news is that effective, experienced, dedicated people are willing and able to shoulder the responsibility of successfully leading our chapter. The bad news is they will not remain enthusiastic forever and we need new good people to step up to the plate. We will help you, train you, assist you in any way possible. You do not have to wait until next year. There are important jobs available right now that provide an opportunity to serve, meet new friends and have a good time doing so. Take a look at the Chapter Officers list on the back cover. Some jobs are vacant and some have been done by the same person for years. The incumbents would welcome some help and/or would step aside to put you in the lineup. Do something important, be an AFA volunteer.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

President	Marguerite Cummock
Vice President	Ray Gage
Secretary	Bob Perry
Treasurer	Rita Leignadier

The nominating committee proposed the above slate. These officers will be elected on 12 September unless another qualified chapter member presents a challenge for one of the four elected offices. If any chapter member wishes to run for office he/she must send a letter of intent to me David Cummock, 2890 Borman Ct, Port Orange, FL 32128; signed by 5 members in good standing who support that candidate. Letter must be received NLT 11 September 2006. An election by mail will be conducted for contested offices only.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**CHAPTER AWARDS LUNCHEON
SPRUCE CREEK FLY IN
COUNTY CLUB
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 11:30 AM**

**AFA CONVENTION
Air & Space Conference and
Technology Exposition 2006
September 23—27
Washington, D.C.**

**AIR FORCE MEMORIAL
DEDICATION
October 14, 2006**

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