



The Tallahassee AFA Flyer

Colonel H. M. "Bud" West AFA Chapter 419

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

By Cliff Palmer

It's been another busy period with ROTC graduation and the JROTC annual awards banquets. I'd like to thank the chapter members who contributed towards the scholarship account, and in particular John Schmidt and Richard Gordey for presenting a few of the awards. John is a tremendous supporter of these programs, and is very generous with his time and finances. For those of you who may not know, Godby H.S. and FSU ROTC Det. 145 have established awards in John's name for leadership and community service. The young men and women who are selected each year to receive the Chief John E. Schmidt Jr. Award are at the top of their respective classes and are recognized by their instructors as worthy recipients. I am proud to have served with Chief Schmidt on the Chapter's Executive Council these past several years. Speaking of service to the Chapter, at the August meeting we will nominate and elect the members of the Executive Council for next year. Over the past few years, we have only had a couple of Chapter members serve in leadership roles. And as I have stated in the past, without new volunteers to serve in these elected positions, we face uncertain times in terms of our maintaining a viable chapter. This upcoming election is critical and will determine if the chapter can continue. All four members serving in the position of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer have served this chapter for many years and desire to pass the torch. Kevin Vislocky has served the chapter in a variety of positions continuously for the past 13 years. He has advised me that he would like to step down as Treasurer. I have served the chapter in appointed and elected positions for the past 10 years, with the past 5 years as the President. I, too, am in need of stepping down at the end of the year. Richard Gordey and David Wilson have served for the past few years, and have expressed a desire to continue to support the chapter, but not in one of the elected offices. So, where does that leave us? I ask you to strongly consider standing for election for one of the four offices when we take up this matter at the August dinner meeting. I'd be happy to discuss the duties and responsibilities with you prior to the meeting. You can reach me at 212-4069. In addition, please remember that we must recruit new members and Community Partners in our area in order for the chapter to grow. One way is to invite a neighbor or friend to one of our quarterly dinner meetings. We are planning an excellent dinner meeting for August 15, so please make your reservation immediately, and bring a friend! Please RSVP to Kevin as soon as possible so that all the necessary arrangements with the hotel can be made. May God continue to bless you, your family, and the Col H.M. "Bud" West Chapter.

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Mrs. Jan Carey is the Division Director, Veterans Services for Leon County. Veterans Services counsels and assists veterans and their dependents with processing benefit claims and obtaining other benefits entitled to them through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal government agencies. The division also serves as the Veteran Liaison for the local and outlying communities. Jan will discuss these services in greater detail at the dinner meeting. Jan retired from the Marine Corps after 21 years as a Master Sergeant. Her tour of duties included; Camp Lejeune, NC, Okinawa Japan, HQ Marine Corps, Washington DC, and Recruiting Station in Cleveland, OH. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/2 stars. She and her husband, Ben, have three children and have lived in Tallahassee for the last five years. Of special note, Jan recently served as a Guardian to a WWII Veteran as part of the Honor Flight Tallahassee trip to Washington, D.C. Jan can be reached via email: careyj@leoncountyfl.gov, or (850) 606-1940. Her office is located at 918 Railroad Ave.

LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS VETERANS MEMORIAL

Several members of the "Bud" West AFA Chapter attended the dedication ceremony of the LCS Wall of Remembrance Veterans Memorial to deliver the first set of U.S. and State of Florida flags for this beautiful memorial. Lt General (Ret.) Lawrence Snowden, USMC delivered a memorable keynote speech, and Superintendent Jackie Pons lead the family members in attendance to lay a rose at the memorial. The four HS JROTC units served as the combined "Honor Guard and performed superbly. To view the program in its entirety, go to the following link: http://youtu.be/GN2hqPnG_eo



RESERVATION FORM

Holiday Inn, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee
North of Interstate 10, Exit 199

Social @ 6:30 Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.
Multiple Entree Buffet



Please clip and mail to: Kevin M. Vislocky, AFA Treasurer
1451 Beaver Creek Drive
Havana, FL 32333
Phone (850) 539-9856

AFA Dinner Meeting on August 15, 2013:
(\$22.00 per person)

I desire _____ reservations

\$ _____

Name: _____

My Guests: _____

I am enclosing a donation in support of AFA Bud West Chapter activities:

\$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

If paying at the door, please prepare checks in advance of arrival and make payable to: **AFA Chapter 419**

CHAPTER INVESTMENT FORM

Name: _____

Yes, I would like to help the Colonel H. M. "Bud" West Chapter 419 of the Air Force Association meet its goals for 2013. Please accept my donation of \$ _____ and direct these funds in support of the purpose(s) as checked below:



- () Aerospace Education Initiatives Fund
- () Cadets Scholarship Fund
- () Chapter General Operating Fund

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Membership and Community Partners

I want to continue to challenge each of us to become more involved in 2013. This chapter's life's blood is found in our membership. Each individual member is important. As a chapter, we are not growing. It is essential for all of us to support the chapter with our own membership renewals and to encourage others to join. Please support those businesses listed in the Community Partners listing inserted in this flyer. AFA Membership applications (both individual and Community Partners) are available at our dinner meetings and also can be obtained by contacting Richard Gordey drq06513@gmail.com.

AFROTC NEWS

The big news over the summer of 2013 has been turnover! Since we commissioned 11 new 2Lts on 4 May 13, we have lost three of our very experienced cadre: Maj JJ Golemboski retired at the end of May and has remained in the local area, TSgt Sharon Coleman PCSed on 1 Jul and headed to Peterson AFB in Colorado, and SSgt Charon Taylor PCSed on 1 Jul to Scott AFB IL. Thankfully with this kind of simultaneous personnel change, it's a blessing that the summer at FSU finds us at a slow pace! As for our new cadre, Det 145 welcomes our three new NCOs! Our new Detachment NCOIC is TSgt Sara Deginnaro. Sara arrived in June from Randolph AFB TX where she was the NCOIC of Relocation Policy. She is accompanied by her 12 year old daughter Zoe. SSgt Bryant Barr is arriving from Langley AFB this week and will take over as the NCOIC of Personnel. Finally, SSgt Greg Collins and his wife will arrive in mid-August from Offutt AFB and will be the new NCOIC of Knowledge

Operations. On the officer front, we will be running short handed until Maj Golemboski's replacement is found; TBD.

Upcoming events for Det 145 include:

23 Aug 2013: New cadet orientation at the Student Union

26 Aug 2013: First day of classes

21 Sep 2013: Military Appreciation Day (FSU vs Bethune-Cookman)

Oct 2013: Field Day

In addition to all of the events / activities listed above, fall semester is a very busy time brining in the new class of freshman and getting each of the older classes into their new leadership roles. Especially the 18 cadets who successfully completed field training over the summer and will be contracting into the Professional Officer Course (POC) in Aug. In addition, we have seven full High School Scholarship recipients joining the Det this year -- congratulations to all of them!

As always, we would like to thanks the "Bud West" chapter for their continued interest in supporting our AFROTC program and students.

TERRANCE J. McCAFFREY III, Col, USAF
Commander, AFROTC Detachment 145, FSU

CIVIL AIR PATROL UPDATE (BY: LT COL LYNN DAMRON)

Along with the normal squadron activities, there are opportunities for CAP cadets to enjoy some unique experiences. This quarter, cadets from the Tallahassee Civil Air Patrol Squadron participated in a plane wash for a Tuskegee Airmen P-51 which was on display at the airport. The Challenger Learning Center used Tallahassee and Marianna cadets to validate their new mission software which focuses on the Moon and Mars, replacing the Space Shuttle mission of the past. The cadets had a great time and helped the Learning Center get their new software ready for the public. Also, there was a rock climbing event for cadets at the FSU reservation followed by a cookout. Summertime is a time for many training activities for cadets in areas such as: Advanced Air Force Para-rescue Orientation, Aircraft Maintenance and Manufacturing at Cessna, Blue Beret activities at the EAA Airventure Fly In and opportunities to receive flight training in Cessna 172s.



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Leon County Schools announced the beginning of the "Sit Down for Kids" campaign aimed at recruiting 500 new mentors to assist students of all grades and ages. Superintendent Jackie Pons is inviting all community-focused organizations in Tallahassee to consider getting involved in this important initiative to mentor the youth of our county, stating "We are asking for community volunteers to commit to sitting down with a student once a week to help that child achieve his full potential. Our community has been our strongest resource and has consistently supported our students -- I am confident that together we will find 500 individuals to sign up to be a mentor." LCS Mentors spend up to one hour with a child every week. To become an LCS mentor, volunteers attend a training session, submit fingerprints for LCS background clearance (free of charge) and are then matched with a student. The Bud West Chapter has supported the students in our schools in the past by serving as judges at science fairs and conducting flag etiquette classes. For more information, please call Betsy McCauley or Rocky Hanna at (850) 487-7800, visit www.SitDownforKids.com, or email Mentor@LeonSchools.com.

AFA Florida State Convention Report: On July 13, the state convention was held in Jacksonville, FL with AFA National President Craig McKinley, AFA Vice President of Member and Field Relations, Kari Hahn, and Nation's Capital Chapter President, Kevin Jackson, providing updates from the national HQ. In addition to covering the State's general business, winners of the Cyber Patriot competition were recognized, AFA President McKinley discussed the impacts of our declining membership and the importance of supporting the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program, the following individuals were elected to the state board:

Region and State President: Dann Mattiza (2-yr term)

Executive Vice President: Bill Yucuis

Secretary: Ray Turczynski

Treasurer: Ernie Webster

The Bud West Chapter extends our heartfelt appreciation to these men for their willingness to serve in these offices, and offer a special expression of gratitude to Mike Emig for his service as State President. We're prayerful for a full and quick recovery.

NOTE: If you haven't already seen, the AFA launched a new updated website at www.afa.org. The website has undergone a total redesign to better provide a more user-friendly and interactive experience for AFA members, field leaders, educators, corporate partners, and the media.

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