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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Let me start by saying "thank you" to everyone who cast their ballots in our recent election. I appreciate your confidence in me, Howard, Shirley, and Steve as your leadership team for 2008-2009. Rest assured we'll devote our fullest energy and attention to continuing the tremendous legacy that is the Eglin Chapter.

To that end, we recently welcomed Riley Shelnut as our Vice President of Community Partners. Riley is re-energizing our program that is an integral part of what we do as a chapter and as an Air Force. Community partners the employees, parents, relatives, family members, teachers, guidance counselors and community members who impact the Air Force and the community in which they live. They have a unique opportunity to make an investment in the future of young men and women who are interested in joining the military and to be involved with defense and congressional issues in their local community.

By joining the Eglin Chapter as a Community Partner, they support an association that supports the United States Air Force, its mission, and its personnel at all bases nationwide. By joining as a Community Partner, you will let the people of the Air Force community with whom you do business know that you support them through the Air

Force Association – the Association that advocates fairness for them through adequate pay, health care, and Quality of Life programs.

In addition to our Community Partners, the chapter is also working on teaming with the local CHOICE (Community High Okaloosa Institutes for Career Education) institutes in the Okaloosa School System. The goal is to tap into the resident expertise of our chapter's members to assist the various programs with people who are willing to share their professional experiences. This professional mentoring opportunity will prove invaluable as we develop the next generation of scientists and engineers.

But mentoring isn't the only opportunity we're exploring. We are looking as ways of teaming with the CHOICE Aviation Institute. After all, the Air Force Association and the CHOICE Aviation Institute seems to be a natural fit.

These are just a couple examples of new ways to get involved in your Eglin Chapter. But, this list is by no means exhaustive. I'm always in the market for good ideas and welcome your suggestions. Together we can continue our legacy of outstanding programs while expanding our portfolio. E-mail your ideas to jeff.fanto@cox.net.

Jeff Fanto
President

All Stars shine at semi-annual recognition event

“AFA Team Eglin All Stars” recognizes superior performers

The Eglin Chapter, Air Force Association, recognized the installation’s “unsung heroes” at a luncheon recently at the Eglin Enlisted Club. The event, the “AFA Team Eglin All-Stars Luncheon”, is a bi-annual celebration of those base military and civilian personnel who provide sustained superior support to their unit’s mission.

“We’re here to recognize those unrecognized heroes who provide behind-the-scenes support on a daily basis; not just the normal quarterly award winners,” said Jeff Fanto, AFA Eglin Chapter president. “This program strives to increase recognition where needed as well as meet a major AFA mission objective, supporting the Air Force family,” he continued.

Award winners include:

Ms. Pong H. Frazier, Acquisition Management Assistant, Air Armament Center.

Technical Sgt. Denise M. Mendiola, Non-Commissioner Officer in Charge, Executive Administrator, 33rd Fighter Wing.

Second Lt. Curtis J. Peterson, Project Engineer, P5 Combat Training System, 308th Armament Systems Wing.

Second Lt. Nathaniel J. Meier, F-15 Test Engineer, 53rd Wing.

Airman First Class Justin M. Labrecque, Network Infrastructure Technician Apprentice, 96th Air Base Wing.

Senior Airman Fernando Aviles, Weapons Load Crew Member, 46th Test Wing.

Master Sgt. William C. Nation, Operations and Logistics Suitability Manager, Detachment 2, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center.

Captain Josef N. Peterson, Acting Branch Chief, Weapon Dynamics and Controls Sciences, Air Force Research Laboratory, Munitions Directorate.

Mr. Barney Bailey, Resource Advisor, 919th Special Operations Wing.

Staff Sgt. Lynette Calleiro, Crew Chief, 20th Space Control Squadron.

In addition to lunch, each winner received a certificate of recognition and appreciation plus a one-year membership to the Air Force Association.

We appreciate our Community Partners and their support of Air Force personnel and the mission of the Air Force Association.

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Chapter to partner with ECMAC to enhance All Stars recognition

The Eglin Chapter, Air Force Association, has partnered with the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council to boost the awards provided winners of the semi-annual Team Eglin All Stars recognition. In addition to the recognition certificate and one-year AFA membership, winners will also now receive a cash reward courtesy of ECMAC. "We wanted to do more to show our appreciation to the people that make the mission happen every day," said Doug Hardin, ECMAC Executive Board member and past president of the Eglin Chapter, AFA. "Teaming with our local AFA chapter was a natural fit," he continued.

The Eglin Chapter Executive Board recently approved the proposal. "We are thrilled to partner with the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council to enhance our program," said Jeff Fanto, Eglin Chapter president. "Team Eglin members work tirelessly supporting the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, plus all the other military commitments around the world, while executing the various missions of the base here locally. Recognizing those All Stars for a job well done is the least we can do. The addition of our ECMAC partner and their cash incentive is another way to say 'thanks,'" Fanto continued.

The next AFA All Stars recognition will be in the April-May 2009 timeframe.

Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor

The Chapter is in need of a volunteer to take over production of *The Emerald Coast Guardian*, plus assist in getting stories in local newspapers based on the activities of the Chapter. If anyone has a penchant for writing and wants to get involved, contact Jeff Fanto, chapter president, at jeff.fanto@cox.net, or by calling 850-678-4864.



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2009 EGLIN CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Your participation in Eglin AFA Chapter activities is always highly encouraged. Your attendance at the chapter activities only increases your ability to educate, advocate and support the Air Force mission. Listed below is the tentative schedule of activities for the 2009 calendar year. This list will be continuously updated throughout the year via the *Guardian* newsletter as more accurate information is developed.

Jan—Mar

20 Jan	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
17 Feb	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
26-27 Feb	25th Annual Air Warfare Symposium	Orlando
28 Feb	State Meeting	Orlando
17 Mar	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
TBD	Professional Consortium Speaker	TBD

Apr—Jun

21 Apr	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
19 May	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
16 Jun	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
TBD	Professional Consortium Speaker	TBD

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