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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

How the year has flown! The chapter has been busy working on our core areas, most notably recognition and education. To that end, let me alert you to two upcoming events that are integral parts of these core areas.

First is our semi-annual Eglin All Stars Luncheon where we honor the tireless efforts of Team Eglin's best from units around the base. These "unsung heroes" make the mission happen every day. To show our appreciation, your Eglin chapter provides them with a certificate of recognition, lunch, and a complimentary one-year membership to AFA.

Additionally, in partnership with the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council, those recognized will also receive a \$25 cash award. Our next All Stars luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the Eglin Enlisted Club, starting at 11:15 a.m. Guest speaker will be Col. Bruce McClintock, 96th Air Base Wing commander. Members wishing to attend can call Herlene Frazier at 850-885-4120 to RSVP.

Our next event is one of the most significant we hold all year, our Annual Education Recognition Event. Scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009, this gathering honors our scholarship recipients as well as our Teacher of the Year, where we will award

\$18,000 in scholarships. We are honored to have S. Sanford Schlitt, Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education, AFA National Headquarters as our featured speaker. Sandy has been involved in this vital focus area at the national level since 2002, and recently was a principal architect of the Aerospace Education and Field Councils as part of AFA's new combined governance structure.

The formal invitation will be out soon. Mark your calendars now to attend. We'll start at 6 p.m. at the Armament Museum.

Lastly, I want to encourage each of you to consider becoming more involved in the workings of your chapter. We have a solid portfolio of activities we routinely support, and have other ideas for new programs that want for people to help carry them out. Plus, we are always looking for ways to become even more active in our community. Whether it's helping raise funds for our scholarship activities, or spearheading a new initiative, the only thing missing is YOU. As a membership-based organization, I'm not asking for any more of your money. Rather, I need something more valuable, your time and talents.

If you're ready to invest a little "sweat equity" in your Chapter, let me know by calling 850-678-4864 or by e-mail at [jeff.fanto@cox.net](mailto:jeff.fanto@cox.net).

*Jeff Fanto*  
*President*

# Chapter members receive awards for service

## State and National recognitions handed out at Scholarship Foundation meeting

Several members of the Eglin Chapter recently received various 2008 State and National awards, signifying their substantial contributions to our mission, at the annual meeting of the Scholarship Foundation, held in February. Chapter President Jeff Fanto presented the awards.



Treasurer Steve Czonstka receives both the National Medal of Merit and the Chapter Member of the Year Awards.



Past Chapter President and current State Area Vice President Grady Jordan receives the State Presidential Citation.



Foundation Chairman Gen Bill Kirk receives the State Presidential Citation.



Foundation Board Member Jerry Nabors receives the State Presidential Citation. Nabors also received the National Medal of Merit.



Mary Ellen Nabors receives the State Special Citation.

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

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## Eglin Chapter dollars support science and engineering education

The Eglin Chapter recently joined with two other professional organizations to provide funding for trophies awarded at two recent academic events. On February 14 our Chapter teamed with the Eglin Chapter of the Association of Old Crows (AOC) and the Emerald Coast Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association (ITEA) donating one third of the \$1,800 needed for awards at the Mu Alpha Theta Region 1 Math Competition held at Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC). The AOC represents government and industry in the Electronics and Information Warfare areas.

The following week on February 17 the Eglin AFA again combined with the AOC and ITEA to provide trophies for the 32nd Annual East Panhandle Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The awards ceremony took place at the NWFSC Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville.

Additionally, the Chapter donated \$1,000 to the Engineers for America program of the Air Force Armament Museum to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). In appreciation of that annual donation, the Museum has provided space for a trophy case to display awards recognizing the NWFSC Doolittle Teaching Chair and trophies associated with the annual Doolittle Scholarship Open Golf Tournament. This year's tournament is the fundraiser that provides funds for the Chapter's Scholarship Program and is scheduled for October 15, 2009 at the Eglin Golf Course.

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### 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](mailto: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.

### Apr—Jun

9 Apr	All Stars Luncheon	E Club
21 Apr	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
19 May	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
21 May	Annual Education Recognition	Armament Museum
16 Jun	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
TBD	Professional Consortium Speaker	TBD

### Jul—Sep

10-11 Jul	State AFA Convention	Jacksonville
21 Jul	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
18 Aug	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
15 Sep	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village

### Oct—Dec

13-14 Oct	Air Armament Symposium	TBD
15 Oct	Doolittle Open Golf Tourney	Eglin Golf Course
20 Oct	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
17 Nov	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village
15 Dec	Chapter Executive Board	Bob Hope Village

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