



The Tallahassee AFA Flyer

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

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

By Cliff Palmer

As we close in on yet another year, I'd like to offer my appreciation to each chapter member who participated and/or volunteered in one of our many events this year. I would especially like to thank Kevin, David and Richard for serving on the chapter's Executive Council, and John, Col McCaffrey, Lynn and Ken for assisting in guiding the chapter's ROTC and CAP activities. Next year, we will once again look to our membership to provide leadership and assistance to each of our chapter initiatives. Please recommit yourself to the chapter by volunteering to lead/organize one of the quarterly dinners, cadet awards ceremonies, veterans remembrance programs, or just recruit new members and Community Partners. Compared to other military service or veteran organizations in Tallahassee, we are still very viable with much to offer the Air Force community. For example, two of our prominent members, Brig Gen Bill Webb and Lt Colonel Bob Dunlop served on U.S. Representative Steve Southerland's Congressional Nomination panel for the U.S. Air Force Academy where they interviewed several high school seniors applying to the Academy's Class of 2018. Also, our chapter secretary, David Wilson, will again be responsible for the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Capitol next month (see more details below), and I am serving on the Big Bend Hospice Veterans Memorial Committee to help design a special memorial in the new Family Center currently under construction. John Schmidt continues to serve on the Veterans Committee at Westminster Oaks, and Jamie Meeks and Manny Joanos continue to advise Leon County Schools Superintendent Jackie Pons on a variety of veterans issues. Kevin is working with the Cub Scouts, Lynn with the CAP cadets, and Richard continues to meet with business leaders in the community about how they can support the chapter. We've planned an excellent dinner meeting for 21 November, with U.S. Attorney Pamela Marsh as our featured speaker. We will also have the annual POW-MIA ceremony performed by FSU AFROTC Cadets, and expect other special guests from the Detachment including newly assigned members of the cadre/staff. We are honored to welcome our AFA Florida President **Dann Mattiza** and his wife, **Jean**, at the upcoming dinner meeting, so be sure to make your reservation immediately...and bring a friend! Please RSVP to Loreen Kollar (volunteered to assist in Kevin's absence; contact details on enclosed reservation form) 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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Guest Speaker - 21 November Dinner Meeting

U.S. Attorney Pamela C. Marsh is our guest speaker and will make a presentation entitled, "International and Domestic Terrorism and Threats to National Security." Pamela Marsh became the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida on June 25, 2010. Pam attended and graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, magna cum laude, and earned her law degree at the Georgetown Law Center. After graduating from law school with honors, Pam clerked for the Honorable Jane R. Roth, an appellate judge sitting on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She spent her first few years out of law school in private practice in Tampa, Florida, before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Middle District of Florida, where she served for approximately 7 years. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Pam worked in the Asset Forfeiture, Major Crimes, Narcotics, and Economic Crimes Sections, where she assisted in investigating and prosecuting a variety of cases including OCDETF, complex healthcare and insurance fraud, child exploitation and pornography, tax and money laundering cases. In 2006, Pam joined Akerman Senterfitt in Tallahassee, where she practiced in the Appellate and White Collar Criminal practice groups, prior to rejoining the Department of Justice as a U.S. Attorney. She currently serves on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, as well as on the Terrorism and National Security and the White Collar Crime Subcommittees to the AGAC.

FLORIDA VETERANS HALL OF FAME

The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council announces the inaugural class of inductees into the newly established Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame in late October with an anticipated formal recognition by Governor Scott on Veterans Day. The inductees are:

John R. D. Cleland, Major General (Ret.), U.S. Army (Melbourne)
 The late Rep. Sam M. Gibbons, former U.S. Army Major (Tampa)
 John L. Haynes, Major (Ret.), U.S. Marine Corps (Monticello)
 Robert F. Milligan, Lt. General (Ret.), U.S. Marine Corps (Tallahassee)
 Jeanne E. G. Rubin, Captain (Ret.), U.S. Navy (Sunrise)
 Robert J. Silah, Captain (Ret.), U.S. Navy (Tampa)

We congratulate these well deserved service members and their families on this prestigious honor. For more information on how to submit a nomination package, please visit: www.floridaveteranshalloffame.org

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 contact: **Loreen Kollar**
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(850) 566-2092

AFA Dinner Meeting on 21 November, 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

Please make checks payable to **AFA Chapter 419**

Please note the Air Force Association is a 501c(3) nonprofit educational foundation.

Membership and Community Partners

THANK YOU **Joan Fregly** for your very generous contribution to the chapter's Community Partners program!!

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 drg06513@gmail.com.

AFROTC NEWS


After kicking off the fall semester on 26 Aug 13, Det 145 is in full swing! The Det recruited big this fall and has more than 130 cadets now working toward a commission. Some of the key events we have already completed include support for the 9-11 Remembrance program that included putting together packages for deployed military members in Afghanistan. We also took part in a great military appreciation program at Doak-Campbell stadium and watched the Seminoles win big toward their current #2 ranking...it's a great year to watch the NOLES!! Another big event we completed back in late September was our annual Warrior Training Exercise (WTX). This year we held the event at Blackwater Paintball range in Pavo Georgia. It was an awesome day of training, shooting each other with paintballs and included our "Combat Dinning Out" with guest speaker Col (Ret) Jeff Spraggins.

Upcoming events for Det 145 include:

7 Nov 2013: Color guard and care package support for Deer Lake Middle School's All American Heroes Rally
 8 Nov 2013: Joint Reveille w/ US Army ROTC
 11 Nov 2013: Cadet support for Veteran's Day Film Festival
 15 – 17 Nov 2013: FSU Homecoming weekend
 21 Nov 2013: Cadet support for POW/MIA table at AFA dinner
 5 Dec 2013: Cadet Wing Change of Command
 14 Dec – 5 Jan: Christmas Break

As you can see by all the activities listed above, fall semester is a very busy time! You should note that the Wing Change of Command ceremony and parade will be at 0930 on 5 Dec at Marching Chief's Field. All AFA members are cordially invited to attend. Finally, we are proud to announce that **Cadet Heath Williams** was the annual winner of the **9th AFA Memorial Scholarship** for the South East Region, beating out the best from 34 Dets -- CONGRATS!

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 AND 2LT WAYNE HOOKS)

Two members attend the largest P.A. Academy in history! C/TSgt Preston "Sphinx" Hooks and 2LT Wayne "Sarge" Hooks attended the FLWG Public Affairs Academy. The academy was held at the Emergency Operations Center in Orland Florida. The local Public Broadcasting Station, WFSU-TV visited the home of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron recently. Representatives from the television show, "Dimensions", attended the monthly Emergency Services Training meeting. After the monthly plane wash and orientation rides were complete, Cadets and Senior members returned to the squadron building for training in Ground Search and Urban Direction Finding exercises. In other news, five cadets and two senior members attended the Florida Wing, Color Guard Academy. This year the Academy was held at Patrick Air Force Base, in Coco Beach, Florida. As usual, the Air Force was a great host, from the S.P.'s at the gate, to the Mess Hall staff, to the classroom facilities, everything was top notch. The academy was planned and put on by members of the Florida Wing Staff, and the members of the Florida Wing and South East Region champion team. Members in attendance were C/TSgt Thomas Kovacs, C/TSgt Daniel Kovacs, C/TSgt Preston Hooks, C/A1C Trevor Bryant, and C/A1C Max Kelly.

* Representatives from the Tallahassee Composite Squadron will be selling wreaths at our upcoming dinner meeting as both a fundraiser, and to show support for our veterans. As in the past, these wreaths will be laid on veteran's graves at the Veterans Memorial Park located at Oakland Cemetery on Bronough Street.

AF JROTC UPDATE (BY: LT COL KEN DAVID, GODBY H.S.)

The program at Godby has more cadets this year than normal -- a total of 185. A unique element to our program this year involves **aquaponics**. A small fish pond has been constructed behind the JROTC building where they are raising tilapia fish, and have raised growing beds in which they grow plants in gravel. The nutrients in the water will be pumped to the growing beds to feed the plants. We also continue to seek opportunities in the community to get the cadets involved, like the Veterans Day Parade. Unfortunately, our funding has been cut to zero, so we're not able to visit Moody AFB or allow our orienteering team to compete for lack of funds.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the late delivery of this newsletter (please accept my sincere apology), RSVP for the quarterly dinner meeting by **calling or emailing Loreen Kollar** (contact information included inside). Thank you.

Wreaths Across America, Monday 9 December, 1200. Several of our chapter members will participate and attend the annual wreath laying ceremony in the Capitol Courtyard Plaza. This year's honorees are veterans of the Korean War, and the key note speaker will be retired Marine Corps Major John Haynes, a Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Major Haynes was inducted this week into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame. Please place this important event on your calendar and plan to attend. Let David, John, or Cliff know if you need more details.

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.

Tallahassee Veterans Day Parade Congratulations to Joe West and all of the wonderful volunteers who delivered yet another memorable Veterans Day parade. Joe and his team of talented and very dedicated organizers from Vet Events Tally produced one of the very best parades Tallahassee has ever seen. From the 24-hour vigil at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to inflatable Statue of Liberty, to the beautiful fall weather, everyone seemed to find a way to honor our service men and women with lots of American flags and heartfelt salutes. We are grateful to live in a community that appreciates our veterans.

NOTE: Thanks to our Treasurer, Kevin Vislocky, we now have a new chapter website. Please go to the following link to view it, and feel free to offer to suggestions in the future on how we can improve it. Visit: www.afafloridabudwest.org