

## AFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

14 May 2025

### Attendees

Mark Chapman

Max Friedauer

Fred Gross

Dann Mattiza

Les Matheson

Eddie Arroyo

Joe Kinego

### Announcements

- Received a Thank you letter from AFEW for \$100 donation for Brick for CMS Holmes (speaker at Unsung Heroes.
- Received a Thank you letter from PHS for \$1000 donation to the JROTC Summer Camp event (Run by Col Rodriguez, funding passes through PHS JROTC.
- Annual FL 501(c)(3) letter for Chapter has been updated. Good until 28 Apr 26.
- Air Commando Association will be hosting a Golf Tournament at Hurlburt on 5 Jun. Contact them if interested. (Fred has a team!)
- The SOF Warrior Foundation Harley drawing and dinner is set for 4 October. Contact Jim Connors or others for tickets (\$100 ea. includes 2 meals.) DO IT FOR THE KIDS!

### Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's report was presented. The Chapter remains financially solvent.

### Communications Update

- Newsletter inputs are needed. We have articles covering the UWF, PHS, and GBHS ROTC/JROTC award ceremonies (Thanks for all your efforts, Joe!) and the Navarre HS JROTC award ceremony (Thanks, Mark and Eddie!).
- Mark is planning an article on the Chappie James Foundation and will also attend the JROTC Summer Camp Grad for photos for that article.

- There was some discussion on the nomenclature used in the newsletter to refer to CP of the Quarter and Spotlighted CP. Clarified the difference between the two labels.
- Recommend that we submit selected articles to the AF in Action program at the National level to help highlight our work.
- Mark is still working on the website transition and exploring ways to improve our outreach and highlight what we do. The current website is funded until 2026.

### Aerospace Education

- Chapter 398 Teachers of the Year were selected and Ms. Maria Erdberg was submitted as our State TOY nominee. All winners will be recognized in their respective schools as TOY selectees. Mark and Eddie will handle Mr. Simon at Navarre HS and Ms. Anna Prindle at Holly Navarre Elem. Max will contact Ms. Maria Erdberg at the Ballet Academy. Each will receive a check for \$500. Additional recognition will occur at the October Award dinner.

### JROTC Summer Camp

- Graduation set for 27 Jun at 1500 at Navarre HS. Fred will attend and make the presentation of coins (30 coins were provided to him). Mark will also attend. All are invited.

### Pitsenbarger Awards

- The education office is slow about the selection process, and we have not been able to contact the National office to ensure an award. Our Chapter will fund one award (\$750) even if National does not. Fred is working.

### Community Partners

- Will be notifying all CPs about the upcoming AFA/ACA luncheon. Each CP receives one (1) free meal ticket.
- Lockheed Martin will sponsor the Chapter Awards banquet currently set for October 15<sup>th</sup>. Funds received.

### Unsung Heroes Luncheon

- Set for 2026. Max is monitoring.

#### Annual Award Packages

- All State and National award packages submitted. No word from the State as to the winners.

#### Miscellaneous

- Approved funding for a chapter representative to attend the State and National AFA Conventions. Dann will attend both. No others were interested at this time.
- Reviewed plaques currently displayed in the Soundside Club and recommended modifications to keep or make them applicable. Dann working.
- Discussed the potential design of a new Chapter Coin (only about 75 left) reflecting the new AFA logo and our Chapter. Still working on the design.

#### Next Meeting

- June 11, 2025, 1130, at the Clubhouse Grill