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## Important Dates

April

23-24 SC State Convention  
Charleston, SC

30-May 1 TN State Convention  
Jackson, TN



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*Educate the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation*

*Advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense*

*Support the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education*

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## AFA Endorses USAA for Banking and Investment Products

AFA is now endorsing USAA as its preferred provider for many financial services – including savings and checking accounts, CDs and investment products. (AFA's credit card remains with Chase.) USAA is one of the nation's highest rated financial services providers. As most of you know, USAA has long been a leading financial services provider for the military community, and this is a relationship that has been well-received by the Membership.

USAA provides services to 7.4 million members of the U.S. military and their families. They are known for their commitment to members and are consistently recognized for outstanding service, employee well-being and financial strength. USAA is ranked highest named bank on Forrester's 2010 Customer Advocacy Ranking; Superior rating from IDC Financial Publishing; Office of Thrift Supervision Outstanding Community Reinvestment Act Rating; Highline Banking Data Services Top 25% of peer group. With \$31.8 billion in deposits, as of June 30, 2009, USAA Federal Savings Bank is the 23rd largest bank in the nation.

AFA's contract for its banking center was set to expire this summer and plans were already underway to transition members to USAA. However, the bank behind AFA's banking center (and many other Association banking

centers) was closed on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. This surprising event resulted in USAA and AFA working double time to get things in order for an announcement on Tuesday of the change to USAA.

USAA is not purchasing Waterfield Bank, and it will not be operating an "AFA Banking Center." Members may set up an account with USAA by phone at 1-800-531-USAA (8722) or online at [https://www.usaa.com/inet/ent\\_utils/McLogon?key=bk\\_banking\\_save\\_up\\_to\\_60\\_0\\_1\\_landing](https://www.usaa.com/inet/ent_utils/McLogon?key=bk_banking_save_up_to_60_0_1_landing). By phone, answer the menu prompts; online click "get started" at the bottom. Questions should be directed to Susan Rubel ([srubel@afa.org](mailto:srubel@afa.org)).

### Membership Dues to Increase

On September 13, 2009, the Convention Delegates approved the first Association dues increase since 2001. (Previous increases occurred in 1993 and 1997.) On July 1, 2010, dues will increase from \$36 to \$45 for one-year memberships; \$90 to \$110 for three-year memberships; and \$500 to \$600 for life memberships. The Delegates also directed a review of the dues structure beginning in 2012 and every three years thereafter.

Since dues were last increased nine years ago, the U.S. Consumer Price

Index (CPI) has steadily risen by approximately 25 %. Over that same period of time, the costs of maintaining day-to-day-operations and providing essential membership services have increased at a similar rate. The Delegates agreed that the most prudent course of action was to increase dues proportional to the CPI and adopt a policy of periodic review to smooth future adjustments.

The Field Council was charged with determining how rebates to chapters for new member recruitment would be adjusted considering structure. The revised chapter rebates are \$15 for new one-year members, \$25 for new three-year members, and \$45 for new fully paid life members. The increased three-year rebate will be paid only after a new automated reporting system can be implemented – prior to that innovation, one and three year rebates will remain at the one-year rate (\$15). The Field Council also approved a change to the Community Partner fee from \$75 to \$90, with the chapter retaining \$45 of the new fee. The Council noted that the new chapter support payment formula has yet

to be evaluated for its own, independent and deferred evaluation of revised support payments for at least one year.

### Filing the 990-N “e-postcard”

For the past two years, we’ve had periodic articles in *Newsline* talking about the 990-N e-postcard requirement, but also discussing the problems IRS was having with the system. At the same time, the group exemption issue was undecided, and that issue needed to be resolved first. With the group exemption resolved, ALL States and Chapters whose average annual gross receipts are less than \$25,000 **must file their 990-N now** (whether you filed it in 2007 and 2008 or not).

The good news is that, as long as the system recognizes your Employer Identification Number (EIN), the whole process takes about 10-15 minutes.

There is additional information about 990-N filing (and other 501(c)(3) tax matters) on a new section of the “Field Resources” page of our website at <http://www.afa.org/members/field.asp>.

All Region, State, and Chapter Presidents should review the information posted there and file the 990-N if the State or Chapter has not already done so.

### Applications due May 31 for AFA National Aerospace Teacher of the Year Award

The purpose of the program is to recognize classroom teachers at the national level for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting K-12 students about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow’s technologies. This is a unique opportunity for AFA to reward special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure.

To be eligible, the candidate must be a former AFA State Teacher of the Year selected during the most recent past two years – 2008-2009 or 2010 to

date. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2010.

### EDUCATIONAL HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

This section must be in outline form. List colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance. List teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level, and subject area. Include professional association memberships; offices held; service on committees, commissions, and task forces; and other relevant activities. List leadership activities in staff development and the training of future teachers. List awards and other recognition of your teaching. **Please limit your response to two (2) double-spaced pages.**

### PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY:

What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider your greatest contributions and accomplishments in STEM education. **Please limit your response to two (2) double spaced pages.**

### National Aerospace Teacher of the Year:

As the 2010 National Aerospace Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for the entire teaching profession. What would be your message? What would you communicate to your profession and to the public? **Please limit your response to one (1) page double-spaced.**

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT:** Include four recent letters of support. One letter must be from the AFA Chapter President, one must be from the AFA State President, and one letter must be from the superintendent or equivalent level administrator. The fourth may be from a colleague, student/former student, parent, or community leader. Incorporate the original letters as the last four pages of the portfolio. An effective letter of support contains evidence of personal knowledge of the teacher and an indication of the qualities, which would qualify the candidate to be the Air Force Association’s National Aerospace Teacher of the Year. **Please limit each letter to one (1) single-spaced page.**



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## Award

- A check in the amount of \$3,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and a trip to Washington, D.C. to receive the award at the AFA Air & Space Conference.
- \$2,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Finalist
- \$1,000 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Finalist

## AFA Awards Aerospace Education Grants to Civil Air Patrol Squadrons

Twenty grants were recently announced promoting aerospace education for hundreds of students through Civil Air Patrol squadrons.

These AFA grants, each \$250, are awarded four times each year, twice to units and twice to educators. These AFA grants were distributed to 20 squadrons for use in any Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) activity or materials that promote aerospace education.

The Air Force Association advocates education in these crucial subjects to develop the skills necessary for 21st Century jobs in fields sustaining U.S. air power. Use of the grants includes purchasing textbooks, materials, or activities such as field trips to aerospace museums.

“The next generation of aerospace development will be vital to the future of the nation,” said S. Sanford Schlitt, Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education. “These grants increase the visibility of the aerospace career field for some talented students.”

“We need to generate interest in aerospace early, and begin developing tomorrow’s innovators,” said Mike Dunn, President of AFA.

Squadrons receiving AFA Grants are as follows:

- Marauder Composite Squadron, Kingwood, Texas
- Malmstrom Composite Squadron, Great Falls, Montana
- New Century Composite Squadron, New Century, Kansas
- Mankato Composite Squadron, Mankato, Minnesota
- Osprey composite Squadron, Baldwin, Maryland
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- NCR-ND-119, Georgetown, Minnesota
- Willow Grove Squadron, Horsham, Pennsylvania
- Thames River Composite Squadron, Oakdale, Connecticut
- Milwaukee Composite Squadron 5, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- AL 801, Boaz, Alabama
- Maxwell Composite Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- San Diego Cadet Squadron 144, San Diego, California

## Spring 2010 JROTC Instructor Grants Announced

Ten recipients have been awarded the AFJROTC Instructor Grants for the spring of 2010, an AFA education initiative promoting the development of aerospace professionals.

The grants, each up to \$250, are provided to instructors of Air Force Junior ROTC units. This initiative promotes knowledge of aerospace power through classroom activities or materials that benefit the entire group of students, such as field trips to aerospace museums or Air Force bases, or DVDs that encourage interest in aerospace topics.

“The nation will need skilled aerospace professionals in the decades ahead,” said S. Sanford Schlitt, Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education. “AFA appreciates the dedication of these instructors. These grants give students insight into important career fields.”

To qualify, teachers complete an application and send it directly to ROTC HQ where selection of recipients is made. JROTC units may apply for this grant every other school year.

AFA strongly advocates aerospace education and the development of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics as the foundational skills necessary to sustain U.S. airpower, national security and economic vitality.

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

- Scott Ostrow, Dublin High School, Dublin, Georgia
- Steven Rakel, Pearsall High School, Pearsall, Texas
- Kyle Mantel, Lake View High School, San Angelo, Texas
- Gaylord Winge, Northside High School, Warner Robins, Georgia
- David Mendoza, Daphne High School, Daphne, Alabama
- Brian O’Connell, Surry Central High School, Dobson, North Carolina
- Charles Merriott, McDowell High School, Erie, Pennsylvania
- John Sanders, Citrus High School, Inverness, Florida

- Clifford Moriarty, Wilson High School, Florence, South Carolina
- Roy Taylor, Niceville High School, Niceville, Florida

## National Guard Memberships

For Chapters with a National Guard presence, make contact with your local National Guard Association of the US (NGAUS) and plan joint events to encourage members of the Guard to join AFA. You might also want to carry this relationship to your local Chamber of Commerce, since many of the members may also be Guard employers (as well as Reserves). This can be a good source of non-traditional memberships as well as Community Partners.

## Combat Air Forces Airpower Symposium and AFA Langley Chapter Salute to Air Combat Command and Team Langley

The Langley Chapter of AFA and the Headquarters Air Combat Command will hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Combat Air Force Airpower Symposium at Langley AFB, VA, on May 19, 2010. There will also be an Invitational Golf Tournament and a Gala Salute to ACC and Team Langley on May 20, 2010. For more information, go to <http://meetingspots.net/acc2010.htm> or [www.afalangley.org](http://www.afalangley.org).

## USPS Address Change Service and AFA

Several chapters have inquired about AFA's address verification procedures. AFA subscribes to the USPS Address Change Service (ACS) to verify and update our membership records. Each month, all of the addresses of current members are verified through the ACS service before the monthly magazine is sent out. Any corrections or updates we receive are then updated in our database.

What does this mean for AFA chapters? As long as you are using a current membership list, all addresses are

current and accurate according to the USPS standards within 30 days. However, if you are attempting to recruit expired members to rejoin AFA, then the addresses will only be current as of the expiration month of the membership. To obtain your current chapter roster and updates, please visit the Field Resources section of [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org).

## Region Profile: South Central Region

Welcome to the South Central Region made up of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. There are fifteen chapters in the central region with a total of 6311 members.

Most states and chapters support and nominate a teacher of the year and support and work with the Civil Air Patrol.



Most chapters support and work with AFROTC and AFJROTC units in their areas of responsibility.



Most chapters participate and provide financial support to quarterly and annual award winners if military bases are in their areas.



## ALABAMA

*Montgomery, AL:*

Montgomery Chapter 102 is one of the strongest chapters in the country and has won Best Chapter in AFA as well as Best Chapter in its size category.

The chapter has an exceptional Aerospace Education program that has set the benchmark for other chapters throughout the nation. Local teachers are honored by the chapter and given recognition at chapter luncheons. The 2009 Teacher of the Year was Ms. Rebecca Hill.



Quarterly luncheons are well attended and feature prominent military and civilian speakers. Recent speakers included AFA Chairman of the Board, Joe Sutter, Commandant of the Air Command and Staff College, B/Gen Anthony Rock, and the Director of the CIA's Center for the Study of Intelligence, Dr. Timothy Castle, author of *One Day Too Long: Top Secret Site 85 and the Bombing of North Vietnam* which was on the 2009 Air Force Chief of Staff's reading list.



The capstone event of the chapter's luncheon program is an annual brunch honoring aviation legends participating in the Air Command and Staff Gathering of Eagles program. Each "Eagle" is presented a medallion and recognized in an audio-visual presentation. Among the 2009 "Eagles" were Medal of Honor recipient, Joe Jackson, WASP, Betty Strofuss and Mission Control Director on the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission, Mr. Gene Kranz. The luncheon is held at Montgomery's Wynlakes Golf and Country club and is attended by over 200 military leaders, AFA members, and Community Partners.



The chapter provides a great deal of support to the Enlisted Heritage Research Institute. The Enlisted Heritage Hall within the EHRI is a world-class facility housing museum quality displays and exhibits that chronicle the contributions of enlisted men and women throughout aviation history. In 2009, the EHH was awarded four AETC and Air Force level awards for superior exhibits.



Over 300 area students and teachers participated in the annual AFA and Civil Air Patrol sponsored Aerospace Adventures Day for fourth grade students held at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.



The chapter's annual golf tournament provides the major source of revenue to support many programs that benefit the airman of Maxwell-Gunter. The 2009 tournament was attended by over 160 golfers.

Montgomery chapter representatives annually attend the AFA Symposium in Washington DC. Chapter delegates host a dinner for Alabama Senators and Congressmen and many of their staffers. The delegates also visit each representative in their office to discuss many issues of concern to AFA.

The chapter's quarterly newsletter keeps members informed and is used as a vehicle to recognize superior performers, distinguished guests and community partners.



The chapter provided financial support for a number of other programs in 2009 including packaging and mailing of 1,817 school kits for Operation Back to School at Taji, Baghdad, Iraq and Awards for local and state AFROTC and AFJROTC units and all quarterly and annual award programs at Maxwell-Gunter for active duty, ANG and Reserve members.

*Huntsville, Alabama:*

Chapter 335, Tennessee Valley is also a strong Alabama chapter. It has an active Community Partner program and is involved in many programs in the Huntsville area. In November, chapter delegates met with Congressional staff members to discuss health care and its effect on Air Force veterans. In December, the chapter participated in a canned food drive to benefit the local community and an outing in support of Huntsville Havoc. In December, chapter members participated in a presentation on the future of nuclear arms control in concert with the local American Legion Post. The presentation was by Wilt Burwell, a former nuclear weapons inspector.

*Birmingham, Alabama*

The Birmingham Chapter is in the final stages of reactivation and now has active duty and Air National Guard personnel.

## ARKANSAS

### *Little Rock, Arkansas:*

The David Terry chapter 253 like the other South Central Region chapters has an active awards and recognition program and annually sponsors a Teacher of the Year Award and an award for the Arkansas Air Guardsman of the Year. The chapter presented an AFROTC Cadet of the Year award at the University of Arkansas and medals to all AFJROTC units in the state. Members participated in the Veterans Day activities "Remember Pearl Harbor Day" at the state capital and supported the move of a Vietnam Veteran monument from Camp Robinson to the Jacksonville Museum of Military History. A Republic F-105F SN 63-8261 was also moved to the museum for permanent display. The Chapter supports a quarterly Family dinner and sponsors AFA educational programs for dependents. The chapter also presents Pitsenbarger Grants to worthy students.

### *Hot Springs, Arkansas:*

The Lewis F. Lyle Chapter 270 is not close to an active Air Force base but is active in community relations and joins other military based organizations to celebrate Veterans Day, the USO dinner & dance, and USO talent show. The chapter publishes a quarterly newsletter and is involved in the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science, and Arts.

## LOUISIANA

### *Shreveport, Louisiana:*

The ARK-LA-TX Chapter 159 assists with the base retiree office to honor Louisiana Purple Heart recipients and war veterans. The chapter also supports the Ace of Aces Awards to eighth grade students. The chapter awarded four Pitsenbarger Grants of \$400 each to four aspiring airmen and sponsored the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in the Air Force. The State President Co-chaired the event; the Chief of Staff was guest speaker.

### *Baton Rouge, Louisiana:*

The Oris B. Johnson Chapter 156 works with and sponsors the ROTC unit at Louisiana State University and works closely with the MOAA Chapter in Baton Rouge. It also supports aerospace and STEM programs each year.

## MISSISSIPPI

### *Columbus, Mississippi:*

The Golden Triangle Chapter 163 hosts an annual POW/MIA golf tournament and supports a "Stem" program with five vision classes. The members provide support to Columbus AFB and Mississippi State University and sponsors Civil Air Patrol cadets to summer camp in Meridian, Mississippi.

### *Biloxi, Mississippi:*

Stennis Chapter 332 supports the STEM program with five vision classes. After facing a number of severe challenges, the chapter has recovered from a devastating hurricane several years ago.



### *Meridian, Mississippi:*

The Meridian Chapter provided outstanding leadership during BRAC and continues to support the units in the area with a strong awards program.

## TENNESSEE

### *Knoxville, Tennessee:*

Holloway Chapter 367 is a very active and effective chapter. As sponsor

of the Bud Bacon Memorial Annual Golf Tournament, they raised funds to support the "STEM" program. On June 17, 2009, the chapter gave the AFA presentation at Holston, Tennessee, to the Space Technology Applications Reaching Students Conference (STARS). Chapter 367 hosted the state AFA convention in 2009. An active awards program supported the Civil Air Patrol, AFJROTC, Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Air National Guard unit, and the Outstanding Guardsman of the Year. Guest speaker for the awards banquet was Major General Irving Halter, Joint Staff, Vice Director of Operations. The chapter also supported the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial supporting the B/Gen Bud Bacon Memorial Walkway. Support was also provided for the Knoxville Veterans Day luncheon and the Honor Flight taking WWII Veterans to Washington DC.



### *Nashville, Tennessee:*

The Callahan Chapter 230 initiated a grant program for deserving educators in the middle Tennessee area.

### *Chattanooga, Tennessee:*

Chattanooga Chapter 248 works with and supports local Boy Scout events and presents a number of awards to Scouts who use aviation merit for the Eagle Scout Award. The chapter also participated in the planning and execution of the Chattanooga air show.

Arnold Air Force Station Chapter 301 is working toward activation.

### *Memphis, Tennessee:*

The Cook Chapter 336, and AFA Tennessee past President, Jim Kasperbauer, and family, continued their tradition of visiting the Veteran's Medical Center in Memphis on Veterans

Day to distribute greeting cards and to express gratitude for the service and sacrifice of the patients, volunteers and staff. This was the fourteenth consecutive year that Jim's family has conducted this event. The greeting cards were made by the local school children. This year marked the 26th annual ceremony of the massing of the colors held in Memphis. This event is sponsored each year by the Military Order of the World Wars which features over 20 military color guards from local units including Air National guard, AFROTC and AFJROTC. This year's guest speaker was M/Gen Dexter Tutor, USAF, Retired.



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