

## AFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

14 Jan 2026

### Attendees

Mark Chapman    Dann Mattiza    Joe Kinego    Eddie Arroyo

### Presidential Report

- Hurlburt Chapter Activity Report and Financial Report for 1 Jul-31 Dec 2025 have been submitted for State Approval.
- Hurlburt Chapter Activity and Financial Plans for 2026 have been submitted for State Approval.
- We received two emails from our State/Region VP (Mac MacAloon) which included a message from Chris Canada (VCFO) talking about a new Field Operations Guide (available on National Website), new Award categories, opportunities for attending podcasts (Mitchell institute and Doolittle) and several other items. Please contact Dann if you want a copy.
- We also received a text from CEO/Pres Bert Field discussing AFA Highlighted events for the past year.
- The 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the AFA will be on 4 Feb 2026. National will be celebrating the event on 9 Feb. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AFA!!!
- Received \$1200 from LM RMS for Wreaths Across America.

### Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's report was presented. Chapter remains financially solvent.
- Will file IRS Fm 990-N postcard (online) when site opens (after Jan 26)

### Communications Update

- Newsletter for this quarter being finalized. Should be out by end of month.

### Aerospace Education

- Local Science Fair is set for 11 Feb and Awards are set for the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year letters should be out ASAP. Nomination Packages are due to the Chapter by 1 April. State deadline for nominations is 15 April.

### Community Partners

- We are looking at a potential New CP—Anderson Subaru. Still in work.

### Unsung Heroes Luncheon

- Luncheon scheduled for First or Second week of March at Hurlburt's Soundside. Final date still being worked by 1 SOW.
- Boeing normally sponsors our Unsung Heroes and Eddie will contact them with the planned date and info.

### Annual Award Packages

- Discussion centered on Chapter desires for award nominations for the year.
- Chapter members interested in proposing an award for the Unit or an individual should contact Dann ASAP. Packages are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- As per recent info published in the Field Operations Guide and (hopefully) the FL Awards Procedures guide, there are new categories of National Awards. These include ESAs for: **Advocacy** (both Unit and individual), **Advocates to Inspire Military Service (AIMS)** (Unit and Individual), **Heritage, Best Single Event, and Unit Integration and Communication with Arnold Air Society/Silver Wings**. Some of these may be duplicated at the State Level.

### Miscellaneous

- Approved \$500 donation to the 479<sup>th</sup> FTG Booster Club
- Approved Wreaths Across America donations of \$600 each to Beal Cemetery and Barrancas.
- We will earmark up to \$200 donation to Mary Esther for the Jesse Rogers Cemetery if they establish an organization via WAA.

### Next Meeting

- Feb 11 @ 1130 at the Clubhouse Grill (Same day as Science Fair!)