

## AFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

11 Feb 2026

### Attendees

Mark Chapman, Dann Mattiza, Max Friedauer, Fred Gross, Eddie Arroyo and special guest MSgt Kate Vojtko, 8 SOS, 1 SOW POC for Unsung Heroes.

### Presidential Report

- Post Office Box was renewed for a year. Good until 28 Feb 2027.
- Provided Beal Cemetery with \$600 for Wreaths Across America for 2026.
- We will wait until later in the year to send \$600 to Barrancas and \$200 to Jesse Rogers. (No advantage to sending early; awaiting application for JR from City of Mary Esther.
- Reminder: Dann gone from 12 Mar – 7 May. Eddie is primary cover, Max is POC for Unsung Heroes, Mark can handle meeting if Eddie is out.

### Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's report was presented. Chapter remains financially solvent.
- Filed IRS Form 990-N postcard (online).
- Filed 501(c)(3) Solicitation Registration with FL Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. We are good until 28 Apr 2027.
- In 2027 we will also have to refile for our State Sales Tax exemption.

### Communications Update

- Newsletter was published in Jan. Next one due in April. Please provide inputs to Mark. (TOPICS: Unsung Heroes, Science Fair results, Possible TOY selectees)
- Chapter web site (old one) still in place and avail. New one is also up but still learning operational techniques.

### Aerospace Education

- Panhandle Regional Science Fair is tonight. Max, Mark, Eddie and Susan will judge projects. Chapter will select 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners in Junior and Senior divisions.

- Science Fair awards will be presented on 20<sup>th</sup>. Dann will attend and present \$150 and \$75 checks to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners, respectively.
- Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year letters are out. We have received a few packages. Packages are due to the Chapter by 1 April but would like them sooner if possible so we have time to select winners and notify them at their schools.
- State deadline for nominations is 15 April.

### Community Partners

- Received renewals from Kinego and Reisberg Institute. Awaiting renewal from FNBT.

### Unsung Heroes Luncheon

- Luncheon scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> at Soundside Club. MSgt Vojtko briefed plans thus far. Planning on 20 winners. We fund winners plus significant others, Guest Speaker, Boeing Reps (2), and possibly Chaplain. Max Friedauer will represent Chapter 398 (Dann and Eddie out of town).
- We will provide coins for winners, 1 SOW POC and assistants, Color Guard, Guest Speaker, Singer, and others. Dann to pass 35 coins to Max.
- Max has 398 Debit/Credit card to pay Soundside.
- Chapter will obtain Brick (AFEV) for guest speaker. (\$100 donation)
- Boeing normally sponsors our Unsung Heroes and Eddie will contact them with the planned date and info and request they bring their banner.

### Annual Award Packages

- Decision made to nominate LtGen Conley for Waterman Award. Max to contact Chief of Staff and handle nomination.
- Dann will draft some awards prior to his departure. Packages are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Miscellaneous

- Approved \$750 donation to CCAF winner if National does not have funding. Fred to contact National for info on that and the \$3000 grant.
- Fred will meet with Hurlburt Education Office to select winner.

- Approved early payment of \$\$ to Junior ROTC Summer Camp.
- Reminder that JROTC and ROTC awards are coming up soon. PHS unit is scheduled for 6 May (Kinego attend)

#### Next Meeting

- Mar 11 @ 1130 at the Clubhouse Grill