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“Tell the AF Story,” Says AFA Executive Vice Director

Lt Gen (Ret) Richard “Dick” Newton III told attendees at the 27 Jul 2013 Alabama State AFA Conference that the basic tenant of the Air Force will endure forever and that Americans need to understand the Air Force story and what we do...what we bring to the fight. General Newton, now serving as the AFA Executive Vice Director at the Headquarters, went on to remind us how from July to December of 1943 during WW II, we were losing 50% of our bombers. Leaders were faced with the choice of whether to continue to take the bombers to the enemy or pull back. The risk, of course, was losing them all. But if they backed off, the tenant of air-

power would become an after-thought. So they pursued long-range bombers. And the question for today is, “Are we going to be aerospace nation or not?”

According to General Newton, we all need to tell our story and let America know that we do need the aerospace mission. We needed it in 1947, through the Cold War and now post 9-11. We need to maintain our edge to defeat future threats. We also must continue to grow the AFA membership base across the country, focus on the field, and never let America forget that we need to continue to be an aerospace nation.



Outgoing AFA AL State President Dr. Skip Dotherow (far right) presents a certificate to AFA Headquarters representatives, Ms. Kari Hahn (center), VP Member and Field Relations, and Lt Gen (Ret) Dick Newton, AFA Executive Vice Commander. The certificate was for a brick at the Enlisted Heritage Research Institute on Gunter to commemorate their presentations at the Alabama AFA state conference.

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Col (Ret) Russ Lewey Voted New AFA Alabama

Members at the AFA Alabama State Convention unanimously elected Chapter 335’s own Col (Ret) Russ Lewey as the new AFA Alabama State President.

Colonel Lewey has provided outstanding support as the State Secretary and as Secretary and Vice President for Aerospace Education for the Tennessee Valley Chapter.

Other new officers include:
Vice President—Leif Dunn, Mobile;
Secretary—Larry Carter, Montgomery; and
Treasurer—Skip Dotherow, Montgomery.

We look forward to serving with all our new state officers!

CONGRATULATIONS ALL!



Chapter 335 Looking for CP VI Teams

By Bob Hovde

As most of you will recall, five years ago the Air Force Association decided to do something about the STEM education problem in our schools. They decided that a high school cyber defense competition was the best way to attract high school students to STEM. CyberPatriot uses the intrigue of cyber and the excitement of a competition as the best way to attract teenagers. The first year, the proof of concept competition, involved just eight teams, all from Florida. The competition has grown phenomenally to over 1,200 teams in all 50 states, DoD Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific, and in Canada. This year, the goal is to enroll 3,000 teams.

For the past couple of years, the Tennessee Valley Chapter, led by Rob Kuehn, has been assisting coaches and mentors in the northern Alabama area to enter, prepare and compete in this annual competition. Each year, more teams from our area have entered the competition. In the 2012-2013 competition (CyberPatriot V), several of the teams in our area placed in the top ranking in Alabama and the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps from Gardendale, Alabama, received the Best in Service Award.

This year, we need help identifying prospective CAP units, USNSCC units, JROTC units, and schools that have not yet become involved in CyberPatriot. The Chapter will then provide them information about the program and how they can get teams involved. The competition is divided into two divisions: a Service division and an Open division. If you know of any CAP or JROTC units that could enter the Service Division, or of any teachers who might be interested in organizing a school team in the Open Division team, please contact Bob Hovde at bob@hovde.us or 256-532-3923. (Rob Kuehn has moved from the area and Bob is now handling CyberPatriot issues.)

Do You Have Experience with Unix Servers?
If so, please contact Bob Hovde at 256-532-3923 or
bob@hovde.us.



AFA Announces Middle School Cyber Program

The Air Force Association announced in April the expansion of its highly successful National High School Cyber Defense Competition, CyberPatriot, to middle schools beginning in the summer of 2013.

The CyberPatriot Middle School Program, developed in cooperation with the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security at the University of Texas at San Antonio, will allow middle school students to benefit from cyber security training similar to that which high school students have been experiencing since 2009.

“As a high school program, CyberPatriot has drawn enormous attention at the national level since its inception,” CyberPatriot Commissioner Bernie Skoch said. “But a message we have received frequently is ‘Now please do something to excite our middle school students about cyber security!’ On behalf of the Air Force Association, I can only say ‘Message received!’”

The CyberPatriot Middle School program will begin with a lead pilot program in the Los Angeles Unified School District in late summer. The program will be expanded to more pilot areas in October 2013, centering on CyberPatriot’s growing network of Centers of Excellence. It will be made available to school districts everywhere in 2014. Contact www.afa.org for more info.

CyberPatriot VI Important Dates

Competition Schedule

Note that, unlike past competitions, both the Open and All Service Divisions will compete during the same weekends for each round.

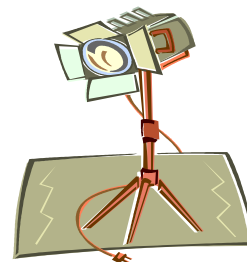
Backup dates will be used only in case of a verified disaster, community emergency, or as directed by the CyberPatriot Commissioner.

Practice Round:	Oct. 10-24, 2013	
Round 1:	Nov. 15-17, 2013	Backup: Nov. 22-24, 2013
Round 2:	Dec. 6-8, 2013	Backup: Dec. 13-15, 2013
Semifinals:	Jan. 17-19, 2014	Backup: Jan. 24-26, 2014
State Recognition Round:	Feb. 21-23, 2014	Backup: Feb. 28 - Mar. 2, 2014
National Finals Competition:	March 26-30, 2014 in National Harbor, Maryland	

Registration for
CyberPatriot VI
is now open!

For more
CyberPatriot
information go
to
www.uscyberpatriot.org

Spotlight — Community Partners



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National Recognizes Lamar Outdoor Advertising



Lamar Outdoor Advertising was recently recognized in the July National AFA Newsletter as an Outstanding Community Partner. The write-up read:

For five years, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, a Community Partner, has been heavily supporting the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association. Nationally, Lamar has 3,300 dedicated employees located in more than 150 offices in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Locally, Ms. Denise Shewmake and her Lamar team have been working with the Tennessee Valley Chapter to get the AFA message out — from recognizing the Air Force's Birthday to promoting the CyberPatriot program. Lamar has provided over \$55,000 worth

of support to include: graphic design and digital billboard advertising; banners supporting the Veteran's Day AFA float; and donation of free hotel rooms for out-of-town visitors attending local AFA functions and activities.

Lamar's support goes beyond providing local electronic billboard advertising across the greater-Huntsville area to include providing that same service for the Air Force and AFA through coordination with other Lamar offices across the South-Central Area of the Air Force Association.

Thank you from Chapter 335!



This year's billboard, which you will be able to see across the Greater-Huntsville area, courtesy of Lamar Outdoor Advertising

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AL State Conference Highlights

Held at the Battle House Renaissance Hotel & Spa, Mobile, AL

- Chapter Updates:
 - AFA 100, Birmingham Chapter: Getting re-energized!
 - AFA 101, South Alabama Chapter, Mobile, www.afa101.org
 - Check their website for an upcoming tour of the LeMay Center Wargaming Institute, hosted by LeMay Doctrine Center Commander Maj Gen Walter Givhan (Sep/Oct timeframe)
 - AFA 102, Montgomery Chapter, www.afa102.net
 - Has won the Jack Gross Award for membership recruitment for the past 8 years in the Extra Large Chapter category
 - AFA 335, Tennessee Valley Chapter, www.hsv-afa.org
 - “Chapter has demonstrated that affiliation to an Air Force Base is not a prerequisite for success!”
- Aerospace Education Briefing, Ms. Susan Mallett
 - Igniting classrooms, museums, and youth programs with exciting inquiry-based programs to inspire youth toward STEM careers!
- South Central Regional Update, Mr. Tom Gwaltney
 - Membership declining near 100,000 mark, is major concern
- National HQ Update, Ms. Kari Hahn
 - Reorganization has been positive, HQ emphasizing family support programs, such as Wounded Airman Program in work by AFA and AF (not to be confused with USMC’s Wounded Warrior Program) and more!
- Election of 2014-2015 Officers
- Cocktails, pizza, and Mardi Gras in July Parade with beads and moon pies!

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Be sure to check out

MEMORIES of WORLD WAR II

at

The Huntsville
Museum of Art.

This moving exhibit features over 100 B&W photographs of all theaters of war and the home front.

“An evocative, patriotic, reverential, and awe inspiring photographic display.”

3 Aug —
29 Sep 13

CURRENT CHAPTER 335 OFFICERS AND VPs

President Rick Driesbach President@hsv-afa.org	Secretary and VP for Aero Education Russ Lewey leweyrv@yahoo.com	VP Community Partners Jim Porter	VP Cyber Patriot Bob Hovde
Vice President Guy Broadhurst Broadhurst.guy@gmail.com	Treasurer Jack Royster jroyster@knology	VP Membership John Pennell	VP Veterans Affairs Daryl Carpenter
		VP Public Affairs Cathy Scott	

Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership to Honor Vietnam Veterans

The 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership program plans to honor local Vietnam Veterans for 11 years, the length of the war. Currently, two events per year are planned for 11 years. The first event, which is open to the public, will be held 4 Nov 2013, at the Jackson Center in Research Park, from 1000-1330. Virtually all local Veterans' organizations will take part in static displays, decorations, etc.

Additionally, the group is looking for local Vietnam Veterans to speak about their experiences.

The event will be publicized as more details are finalized.

Any Vietnam Veteran wishing to tell his story may contact Guy Broadhurst at Broadhurst.guy@gmail.com.



Col (Ret) Rick Driesbach (Right), President, Tennessee Valley Chapter AFA, presented Mr. Jeff Kepley, the Lockheed Martin Chief Engineer for THAAD, after Mr. Kepley's presentation of this critical U.S. missile defense weapon system during the chapter's 20 Jun 13 Quarterly General Membership meeting.



Picture at right: Russ and Diane Lewey, who along with several other members, manned the chapter's booth at the recent SMD Symposium at the Von Braun Center. This gave an opportunity to pursue new members and to promote the Chapter's aerospace education activities. It was a huge success! Thanks to National for providing "goodies" to give away.



Chapter Raising Funds for Last Installment for Air Force Flag

By Rick Driesbach, President, Tennessee Valley Chapter, Air Force Association

As I noted to you in 2011, the Huntsville – Madison County Veteran's Memorial Foundation approached our Chapter to dedicate the United States Air Force flag at the Veteran's Memorial as a lasting tribute to all airmen who sacrificed and served their country. Our Chapter members stepped up to the task, made the commitment, and as a result, our USAF flag waves proudly with the other Service flags at the Memorial.

The total dedication cost for the USAF flag was \$15,000 (payable over multiple years). We asked you for donations in 2011, and were subsequently able to present the Veteran's Memorial Foundation with an initial payment of \$6,000 in September 2011. We asked you again for donations in 2012, and subsequently presented the Foundation with a second payment of \$4,000 in November 2012 during Veteran's Day

during Veteran's Day services.

We are now coming to you one final time (hopefully) to raise the remaining \$5,000 we owe the Foundation toward sponsorship of the USAF flag. If you would like to be a part of this worthy effort, please mail a check to the Chapter Treasurer IAW the instructions below.

Checks should be made out to AFA, Chapter 335.

Jack Royster
1880 Shellbrook Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35806-3415.

Also, please write your e-mail address on your check, so that the Treasurer can send you an electronic receipt for tax purposes, as your contributions are tax deductible. Thanks in advance for your generous support to this most worthy project!!

AL State Conference by Day.....

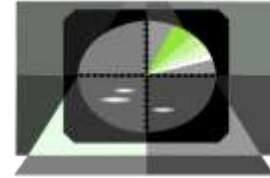
**... and
by
Night**



Informative & fun! Plan to attend next year's!



Future Events “ON THE RADAR”



- 13-15 Sep: AFA National Convention in Washington DC
- 19 Sep: Executive Council Meeting
- 21 Sep: Chapter Celebration of Air Force’s 66th Birthday at 1892 East Restaurant (720 Pratt Ave) in Five Points. \$25 per person for heavy appetizers and cash bar. Contact Rick Driesbach (rick.driesbach@gmail.com; or call 256-651-7052) to RSVP and pay in advance.
- Sep/Oct Timeframe: Chapter Elections. Secretary position open. Jay Carlson will serve as new VP for Aerospace Education assisted by Kim Triesler. Brenda Armstrong will serve as VP for Programs.
- Early Nov: Joint Luncheon with guest speaker Col (Ret) Rebecca (Becky) Weiric, new SES Executive Director of Army Contracting Command at Redstone; more details by email.
- 4 Nov: Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership
- 11 Nov: Veteran’s Day Parade
- 29 Dec: Botanical Garden Holiday Support

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