

# Tennessee Valley Flyer 4th Qtr 2013 (Oct-Dec)



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## AL ANG's Eagle Vision 6 Site Re-dedicated at Redstone Arsenal

The 226<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Group welcomed Lt Gen Stanley Clarke (ANG Director), Major General Perry Smith (Alabama Adjutant General), Brigadier General Steven Berryhill (AL ANG Commander), Mr James "Snake" Clark (Director, U.S. Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Interoperability Office), and several other dignitaries to a re-dedication ceremony for the Alabama Air National Guard's Eagle Vision (EV) 6 site on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, on 19 November 2013. The unit was recently fielded the Next Generation Data Acquisition Segment consisting of a new ground station and antenna, storage arrays and network devices. The system is the world's most advanced deployable ground station capable of downlinking unclassified imagery directly from commercial satellites.

2008 to process imagery and deliver it in new and innovative ways. One method of dissemination is the Eagle Vision to Remote Operations Video Enhanced Receiver Exploitation of Space Products for Tactical Use (EVR2EST) system which web-enables the satellite imagery making it available to disadvantaged users via a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) minutes after collection.

SMSgt Eric Calvert, NCOIC of EV6, said, "We have benefited from a close working relationship with SMDC's Battle Lab Innovations Office. EVR2EST is just one example of the great synergy that has been created in our collaborative partnership."

The EV program has supported a wide range of disasters over the past several years to include the Haiti Earthquake, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and wildfires throughout the United States and around the world. Mr. Jerry Brooks, Director of the Eagle Vision Program Office, said "these new capa-



**Next Generation Eagle Vision Antennae**

bilities give Eagle Vision 6 the capability to access the next generation of satellite imagery with greater resolution and speed. The end result will be that the warfighter or emergency responder will have quicker and better access to information to accomplish their mission."

The events at the site included a ribbon cutting ceremony and mission overview brief to numerous military visitors and city and state officials. Eagle Vision 6 has worked closely with the U.S. Army's Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) at Redstone Arsenal since



## USAF \$15K Flag at Veterans Memorial "Paid in Full!"



**The Chapter recently made the final \$5,000 installment payment to the Huntsville – Madison County Veteran's Memorial Foundation for the USAF flag. Ours was the only flag predominantly sponsored by private individuals. More than 70 members and friends of the Air Force contributed.**



### CyberPatriot VI Update

Registration closed 10 Oct  
Total of 1,562 Teams Registered  
26 Teams from Alabama (18 from North Alabama)  
Round 1 Complete (15-17 Nov)



#### 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.

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	

#### North Alabama Teams

CAP— Bessemer  
Springville 1  
(+1 Middle School)  
Redstone  
Muscle Shoals  
AFJROTC – Bob Jones  
Huntsville x2  
Army JROTC –  
New Century/Lee  
Naval Sea – Gardendale  
Public High Schools –  
Bob Jones  
Grissom x2  
Lee  
New Century x3  
Other - Huntsville  
(Freelance)

## Members Participate in Several Educational Opportunities

Chapter members recently participated in several educational opportunities in the surrounding area. They included:

- Air University and Doctrine Center Tour
  - Arranged by Mobile Chapter (101) and facilitated by Montgomery Chapter (102)
  - Russ Lewey and Tom Armstrong from Chapter 335 attended
  - Hosted by Maj Gen Walter Givhan, Commander, LeMay Doctrine Center
  - Tour include AU and Doctrine Center briefings, Theater History of Operation Reports (THOR), and a demonstration of the war-gaming institute simulator
- Aviation Challenge Open House (see photo at right)
- First Event of the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Lecture Series
  - Chapter member Medal of Honor Recipient Col (Ret) Leo Thorsness was guest speaker
  - Lee Alford from chapter coordinated volunteers to help with seating and Q&A microphones
  - Chapter manned AFA Information Table
  - Other chapter volunteers included Russ Lewey, Skeet Vaughn, Dave Hall, Rick Driesbach, Daryl Carpenter, Ted Henrich, and Mark Prill
  - Zig Jastrebski provided an Air War in Vietnam display

**DON'T MISS THE  
NEXT EVENT ON 29 MAY 2014!!**



**Russ Lewey (former B-52 pilot) speaks about flying the BUFF. More than 200 attended the recent Aviation Challenge Open House. Other chapter aircrew members who spoke included Lee Alford (F-16), Zig Jastrebski (F-4), and Jim Petek (F-101, 0-2).**

### Aerospace Education: Jay Carlson, VP

- Butler High School AFJROTC
  - Is looking for USAF speakers to talk to classes about USAF experiences
- Working to get Butler HS AFJROTC ceremonial flags
- Conducting 2014 Teacher of the Year

# Spotlight — Community Partners



## Northington Consulting Provides Specialized Support

Northington Consulting, LLC focuses in the Federal Aerospace and technical sectors.

The firm specializes in three major areas:

**Senior Management Advisory Services.** Working with clients ranging from some of the largest names in Federal services to mid-sized and smaller niche technical organizations, Northington provides assistance in organizational issues, management of human resources, company/customer alignment, Federal sector market effectiveness, the federal financial system and congressional affairs.

**Technical Services:** Providing highly qualified and experienced staff augmentation and project management services in engineering, IT, and federal contract support. The firm has over 150 prescreened and qualified candidates with deep experience in these three areas within the federal sector, particularly in weapon system requirements, development, research, testing, and support. The firm is on multiple contracts to provide subject matter experts, engineers, analysts, and other specialist for the Missile-Defense Agency, the Army Space and Missile Defense Command, and the Aviation and Missile Research and Development Engineering Center. The firm is also pursuing opportunities with NASA / Marshall.

**Healthcare:** Recently awarded a staff augmentation contract to provide

support in federal healthcare claims processing, the company is increasingly entering activities associated with federal healthcare support. We are also bidding IT services within the healthcare sector.

The company has offices in Huntsville and Birmingham Alabama, and Hampton Roads, Virginia ,supporting the DOD, NASA, and healthcare industries in these areas.

Operating successfully since 2002, Northington Consulting is a *“verified”* Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business and a registered Dun Bradstreet Company. More information can be found at [www.NorthConLLC.com](http://www.NorthConLLC.com).

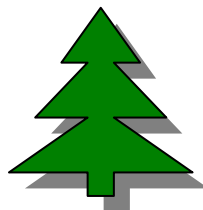


Chapter Secretary Ken Philippart (L) presents Mr. Larry Northington of Northington Consulting his Community Partner plaque .

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You shop. Amazon gives. On October 30th Amazon launched AmazonSmile, a new program that makes it easy for customers to support their favorite charitable organizations every time they shop. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same Amazon Prime benefits. But now you can choose the Air Force Association or the Air Force Memorial Foundation to receive 0.5% of all of your eligible purchases. There is no cap on the total donation amount. This is an easy and convenient way to support the Air Force Association mission to advocate for airpower and the Air Force community. To get started, visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) for full details.

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Happy Holidays!

Chapter 335 Special Vice Presidents
<b>Aerospace Education:</b> Jay Carlson
<b>Community Partners:</b> Jim Porter
<b>CyberPatriot:</b> Bob Hovde
<b>Membership:</b> John Pennell
<b>Programs:</b> Brenda Armstrong
<b>Public Relations/Newsletter:</b> Cathy Scott
<b>Veterans Affairs:</b> Daryl Carpenter

## Alabama STATEment From Your Alabama State AFA President



Coming off of Thanksgiving and heading into the holidays, I feel it important to give you my thanks. First of all, as your new State President, I want to thank the outgoing State Officers:

Skip Dotherow – President  
Andy Potter – Vice President  
Bill Voigt – Treasurer

As evident in the bevy of ribbons and awards that Alabama and our chapters received, Skip and the entire team did a great job and set the bar pretty high for my tenure. On that note, let me give thanks to those who stepped up to help us grow upon our strong history of success.

Those rounding out your State Officer roster include:

Leif Dunn – Vice President  
Skip Dotherow – Treasurer  
Larry Carter – Secretary  
Susan Mallett – Vice President for Aerospace Education

I would be remiss not to also thank our outgoing South-Central Regional President, Tom Gwaltney, and the new President, Jim Mungenast. Since 2010, Tom served as Regional President, and State President prior to that – we all owe Tom a big thanks for his continued service to the Air Force and Air Force Association.

Earlier this quarter I attended a Regional and State Presidents Conference in Arlington, Virginia. It was very enlightening to see, in person all of those at National who work so hard to make our Association – *the premier professional military and aerospace education association in the nation – dedicated to dominant air, space and cyber-space power, a strong national defense, supporting the men and women of the United States Air Force, and world-class aerospace education.* I would encourage you if you or ever in the National Capital Region that you stop by and see your building and staff at 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington. I guarantee you will be welcomed and impressed.

This year AFA has undertaken some new exciting programs.

Family and Support Program – Under the leadership of Mrs. Paula Roy, AFA has implemented a plan to further its “Support” mission, filling gaps that the Air Force can’t in supporting our Airmen and their families.

Wounded Airmen Program – At the request of Headquarters USAF, AFA has estab-

lished the Wounded Airmen Program, “Airmen helping Airmen”. Earlier this quarter, the Air Force and AFA signed a memorandum formalizing this effort. This program is providing personalized support to wounded, ill, and injured total force service members and

their families. The goal of this program is to anticipate the needs of our wounded Airmen (and their families) and to assist with a large range of benefits. AFA has agreed to provide all the administration and management of the Wounded Airmen Program at no charge – thus every dollar donated to the Wounded Airmen Program will go to helping wounded airmen.

Transition Program – Another example of Airmen helping Airmen is AFA’s Transition Program. This program was developed to assist airmen and their families when they make their transition from the Air Force to a second career and help spouses of airmen with job assistance when their sponsor relocates to a new assignment. It is meant to complement and grow upon the DoD Transition Assistance Program. The National Capital Region, nine other areas have established pilot programs, which in addition to a “mentoring effort,” AFA is looking to create a resume database and a job-posting site.

With the expansion of these new initiatives, isn’t to say that tried and true programs such as Aerospace Education, CyberPatriot, and the Air Force Memorial aren’t still going strong. In fact, this year CyberPatriot saw more than 1500 teams around the world, to include 23 teams from Alabama. A pilot program, expanding the competition to include Middle Schools promises to offer even more excitement in the coming years.

I look forward to an exciting year. Bottom-line – AFA is truly working to meet its mantra to “Educate – Advocate – Support”. I guarantee that there is something that interests you – consider contacting your Chapter, State, or National representatives to see what you can do to help further these and other efforts.

**Russ Lewey**

**Give the gift of AFA membership this Christmas!**

# Chapter Members Celebrated AF's 66th Birthday



At Redstone Arsenal (above) . . .



. . . and, at 1892 East restaurant (at right)



# And Supported Huntsville's Veterans' Day Parade



*and Proudly Shook Spectators' Hands!*

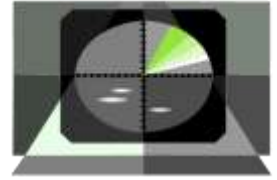
*Passed Out AF Flags ...*





## “ON THE RADAR”

### Future Events



- 29 Dec 2013: Support to Huntsville’s Botanical Garden’s “Galaxy of Lights”
- 1st Qtr 2014: Joint Luncheon with guest speaker Col (Ret) Rebecca (Becky) Weiric, new SES Executive Director of Army Contracting Command at Redstone; more details to come by e-mail.
- Mar 2014: Huntsville St. Patrick’s Day Parade



Russ Lewey, AFA State President (L) presented John Pennell, VP for Membership (photo on left), a certificate on behalf of the Chapter reaching its goal in AFA member growth. Russ also presented Jim Porter, VP for Community Partners (photo on right), a certificate in recognition of the Chapter reaching its new Community Partner goal for the “Year of the Community Partner.”



Jay Kurowsky of Community Partner Aleta Technologies graciously joined us in the Veteran’s Day Parade!

**Jim Porter: VP for Community Partners ([jporter@knology.net](mailto:jporter@knology.net))**

## Community Partners List Keeps Growing!

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Aerotek  
[www.aerotek.com](http://www.aerotek.com)

Aleta Technologies  
[www.aletatechnologies.com](http://www.aletatechnologies.com)

Bevilacqua Research Corp  
[www.brc2.com](http://www.brc2.com)

Bill Penney Toyota  
[www.billpenneytoyota.com](http://www.billpenneytoyota.com)

Dr. Rebecca Howell (Dentist)  
[www.rebeccahowelldmd.com](http://www.rebeccahowelldmd.com)

Davis Strategic  
Innovations, Inc.  
[www.davisdsi.com](http://www.davisdsi.com)

GATR Technologies  
[www.gatr.com](http://www.gatr.com)

H-STAC  
[www.h-stac.com](http://www.h-stac.com)

Irrigation Maintenance  
Services, Inc.

Lamar Advertising  
[www.lamar.com](http://www.lamar.com)

Landers McLarty Automotive  
[www.rljmclartylanders.com/](http://www.rljmclartylanders.com/)

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[www.l-sinc.com](http://www.l-sinc.com)

ManTech International  
[www.mantech.com](http://www.mantech.com)

Miltec Ducommun  
[www.ducommun.com/miltec/](http://www.ducommun.com/miltec/)

Northington Consulting  
[www.northconllc.com](http://www.northconllc.com)

Parsons—SPARTA  
[www.parsons.com/markets/pages/sparta.aspx](http://www.parsons.com/markets/pages/sparta.aspx)

PeopleTec  
[www.people-tec.com](http://www.people-tec.com)

Qualis  
[www.qualis-corp.com](http://www.qualis-corp.com)

Quantech Services  
[www.quantechserv.com](http://www.quantechserv.com)

Redstone Federal Credit  
Union  
[www.redfcu.org](http://www.redfcu.org)

U.S. Space & Rocket Center  
[www.spacecamp.com/museum](http://www.spacecamp.com/museum)

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[www.woodyanderson.com](http://www.woodyanderson.com)

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donation toward the  
USAF Flag at the  
Huntsville—Madison  
**County Veteran’s**  
Memorial!