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Breaking Barriers! Air Force's 70th Birthday Ball

By George Krym

Just over 100 veterans, family members, and friends gathered at the Jackson Center in Huntsville on 22 September for a black-tie gala event of dining, dancing, and socializing to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the United States Air Force becoming a separate armed service. The Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 335 (Tennessee Valley Chapter) sponsored the 70th Birthday Ball, and in attendance were veterans from the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marines.

The Chapter was honored to have several dignitaries from the Tennessee Valley attend including Alabama State Senator Bill Holtzclaw, a retired Marine officer, and his wife, and Mary Scott Hunter, an Air Force veteran and Alabama State Board of Education member and her husband, Lt Col (ret) Jon Schultz. Several members of the Huntsville Hall of Heroes were in attendance and were proudly recognized for their service and heroism. Our Air Force 70th Birthday Ball far exceeded expectations, and feedback was overwhelming positive as many attendees mentioned that they had a wonderful time.

Attendees were entertained with a superb slideshow highlighting personnel, aircraft, and events covering 70 years of Air Force service to our nation and allies. On display were also World War II and Vietnam War memorabilia. Thanks to Lockheed-Martin, we had 1/10 scale models of the Air Force's newest fighters, the F-22 Raptor and F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, available for all to see. The Bob Jones Air Force Junior Reserve



Lt Col Baker Beard and his wife, Christie, pose in front of the F-22 and F-35 1/10 scale models on loan from the Lockheed Martin Corp.



Vietnam War memorabilia table



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Officer Training Corp (JROTC) Honor Guard opened the formal ceremony with the posting of the colors, and the always moving "White Table" ceremony was performed by the First Patriots Support Corp. The Chapter raffled off a Don Stewart artwork titled "Aiming High," enabling the chapter to donate \$500 to AFA's Airmen and Family Support Program in support of the Wounded Airman Program. The event culminated with the ceremonial cutting of the Air Force birthday cake with the oldest and youngest Air Force veterans. Once again, the Jackson Center, a Chapter Community Partner, provided an excellent venue; their staff provided exceptional service throughout the evening, and the food was outstanding.



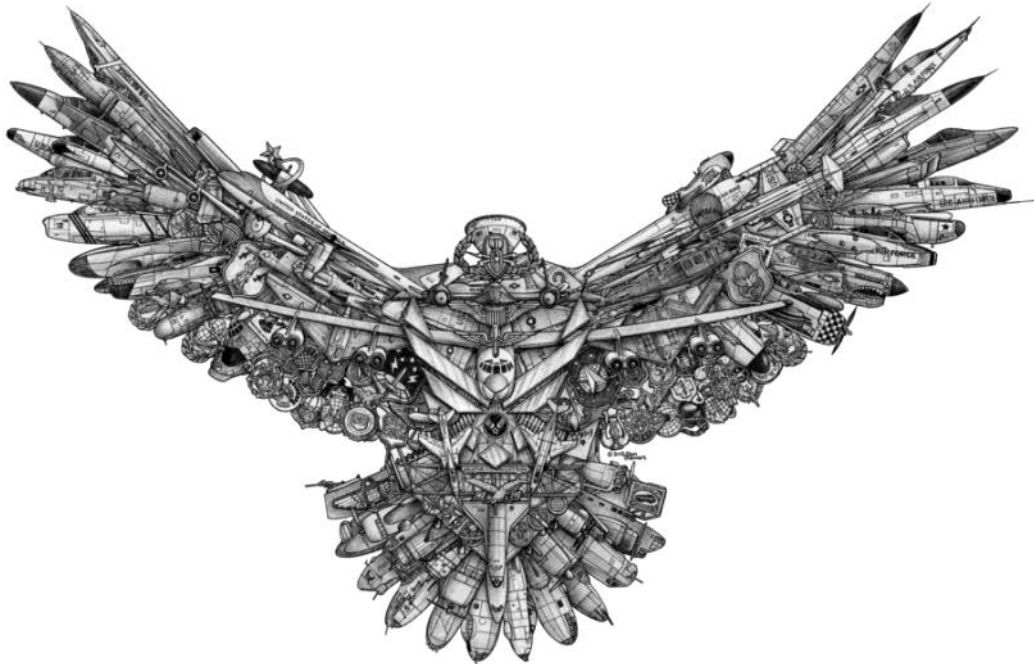
Bob Jones HS AFJROTC Honor Guard presents the colors.



The AF Birthday Cake Cutting performed by Skeet Vaughn (l), Lt Col JC Garcia (c), and Maj Gen (Ret) Mel Bowling (r).



Support to Wounded Airmen



AFA member Don Stewart is the artist of this amazing *Aiming High* falcon print. *Aiming High* is a tribute to the United States Air Force, representing a falcon featuring aircraft from the beginning of military flight to the present day. He donates half of the proceeds from print sales to the Air Force Association's Wounded Airman Program!

AFA Chapter 335 decided to take things one step further. During the AF Birthday Ball, the Chapter raffled a framed version of Mr. Stewart's artwork. After expenses, the Chapter collected over \$450. These proceeds were used to present a donation of \$500, on behalf of the Chapter, to the AFA Airmen and Family Support Program Office, which executes the Wounded Airman Program.

You can learn more about the AFA's Wounded Airman Program here: <https://www.afa.org/informationfor/military/afp/woundedairmanprogram>. If you'd like to purchase a print, you can visit Dr. Stewart's webpage here: <http://www.dsart.com/gallery/item/aiming-high>.

Congratulations to Mr. David Burns, Deputy of Marshall's Space Systems Department and a retired USAF officer, who won the raffle. Thank you to all who participated and made this worthy donation possible!

Huntsville’s Fantastic “Thank You for Your Service” Parade

By John Phillip

On 11 November, the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association provided another wonderful entry and a resounding crowd-pleaser in Huntsville’s “Thank You for Your Service” Veterans Day Parade. This exceptional parade is actually the second largest Veterans Day parade in the United States, only smaller than New York City’s parade. Actually, this year’s parade could have possibly topped New York’s; however, the number of Huntsville entries had to be capped at 175 for lack of additional room in the assembly area. Nearly 100 entries were turned away from this year’s event.



Pausing for a short time in the parade are Zig Jastrebski (l), Rick Driesbach (c), and Russ Lewey (r).

In addition to the exceptional number of entries in the parade, the interaction of the engaging citizens along the streets on the parade route is always a sincere expression of appreciation and gratitude. There are endless calls of “Thank You for Your Service” to any active duty military members or veterans. Many children had made and held posters that depicted their concept of sincere appreciation which was a wonderful symbol of growing patriotism in a younger generation.



AFA members participating in the Veteran’s Day Parade. Front row, kneeling are (l to r) Daryl Carpenter, Russ Lewey, Teresa Le Francois, Diane Lewey, Lee Alford, Karen Webb. Back Row, standing are (l to r) Rob Robertson, Guy Broadhurst, Tim Davis, Laurel Davis, Rick Driesbach, Carl Penaranda, Lisa Philippart, Barb Carpenter, Ken Philippart, Zig Jastrebski, Billy Webb. Not shown in the photo are Bailey Erickson and John Phillip.

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Our Chapter's parade entry required a great deal of planning and coordination. Special recognition must be given to the critical supporters. First, the logistic support for the two, 1/10 scale model aircraft was no small feat. Ed Worley coordinated with the Lockheed Martin Corporation for use and transportation of the models which were also on display at our chapter's 70th Anniversary USAF Birthday Ball. Signature Flight Support provided the storage space at Huntsville International Airport, and Lee Pugh transported them from the airport to the assembly area, Bob Hovde's home where Bob built two special platforms so the models could be safely positioned in the truck beds. Bob's home was also the staging location for readying the trucks for the parade. Pick-up trucks were provided by Al Kemmet, Billy Webb, Daryl Carpenter, and Rob Robertson. The vital support and timely coordination of these members, through the attentive guidance of our President, Rick Driesbach, successfully brought together another superb entry in the Veterans Parade.



Walking behind the truck with the F-22 are (l to r) Ken Philippart, Russ Lewey, and Lee Alford.

The Tennessee Valley's AFA parade entry was made up of four pick-up trucks. The lead truck carried two side-facing USAF / AFA banners. The next two trucks carried the F-35 Lightning II and F-22 Raptor fighter models. The fourth truck carried large United States and Air Force flags. Also, the lead truck was fitted with a sound system that played the Air Force Song on a continuous loop, which generated energetic clapping along the entire parade route. Additionally, nine of our members or spouses wore Air force uniforms or some recognizable Air Force clothing and walked among our trucks waving United States and Air Force flags.



F-22 Raptor aircraft model on loan from Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Many veterans who stand along the parade are not part of any follow-on veteran organization. Still, they have a distinct spark of patriotism that is evidently way beyond the purchase of a ball cap or a shirt which represents their time in some branch of our military. These casual veterans are the focus of our "walkers". Jack Royster started a tradition of shaking the hand of any veteran along the parade who wore a service ball cap of some military clothing. Most important, as he shook their hand, he "thanked them for their service".

Frequently, when one of our walkers moved into the crowd of parade watchers, extended a hand to a veteran, and said "Thank you for your service", the veteran would be caught off guard at this personal

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recognition, but quickly show a clear expression of joy, gratitude, and a big smile. Some would click-in their previous military training, come to attention, and render a sharp salute. In one case, a rather older veteran slowly made his way up from his lawn chair and with a full set of tears in his eyes slowly said, “I really appreciate you taking the time to recognize my service to the Marines. Thank you so much.” This gesture of recognition becomes far more than just a “handshake”.

Overall, the Huntsville Veterans Day Parade is definitely a unique community event. It is very important to consider what might be the motivation for someone to give up their comfortable time at home and stand along a street at the Veterans Parade. Why would a parent bring their children to this event and encourage them to call out to our veterans in the parade, “Thank you for your service”? Why do many of our veterans participate or just observe this parade? The answer is that this parade is about showing appreciation to a special group of fellow citizens who dedicated a portion of their lives to the service of our country. In a very visible and touching manner, this event awakens that very deep and lasting patriotic spirit of duty, honor and country!

Our country needs more patriotic events like the Huntsville Veterans Day Parade!



F-35 Lightning II aircraft model on loan from Lockheed Martin Corporation.

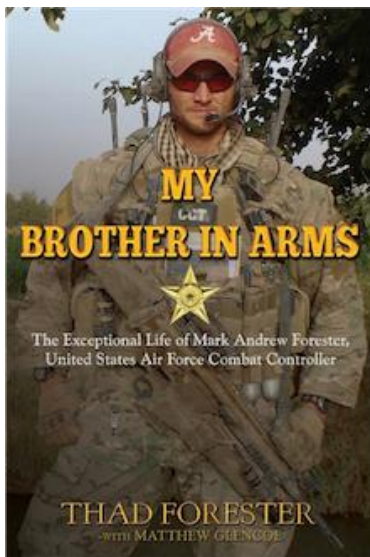


“More Than the Bare Minimum”

By Russ Lewey

This past Halloween, Chapter members and guests experienced nothing but treats at our Quarterly Luncheon. First, our Community Partner, Redstone Federal Credit Union, hosted with an incredible meal. Kelley Middlebrooks, the Events Coordinator, saw that our every need was taken care even before we knew we needed it. After the meal, the Chapter received the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Brewer Award (see [page 13](#)). We recognized our newest Community Partner, Dr. Bo Rivera and the Southeastern Skin Cancer Center (see [page 20](#)).

As good as the lunch and presentations were, folks were there to hear about a patriot and hero, and the family that made the ultimate sacrifice of his loss. Thad Forester, author of “My Brother In Arms”, along with his father, Ray Forester, were there to tell us about their brother and son, SrA Mark Forester. A great young man, who loved the “Crimson Tide” and his country, was killed in Afghanistan while serving his first tour as a USAF Combat Controller. In addition to Thad’s moving words, we watched a video clip recorded from Mark’s helmet during a previous firefight with the Taliban. You’ve heard someone say that they wrapped themselves in the flag; well Mark literally



“My Brother In Arms” is available on the Mark Forester Foundation website.



Thad Forester talks about his brother, SrA Mark Forester, a hero and a patriot.

folded two American Flags around his body armor. Thad showed us the flag and a hole where a bullet penetrated the flag so hot that it melted the material. We then heard how the two teams of Airmen from Mark’s Special Forces unit called on Thad and his parents; ensuring that they heard the sad news at exactly the same time.

A moving talk, there was hardly a dry eye around the room. Thad highlighted, now more than ever, what the country needs is individuals willing to give “more than the bare minimum.” Mark, and other soldiers, sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Airmen, are doing just that around the world. There was no bitterness; both Thad and his father spoke with pride of Mark’s service. From the notification, through the preparation and funeral, Thad said the Air Force and others (e.g., Patriot Guard Riders) were there for him, his family, and the town. Although it has been over seven years since Mark’s death (29 September 2010), to this day “Soldier’s Angels” continue to reach out to the Forester family letting them know that they and the Nation still remember and care.

Following the presentation, Thad signed a number of copies of his book. It was heartwarming to know that all of the profits from the sale of his book go into The Mark Forester Foundation. This foundation was established to honor Mark’s service and provides scholarships to students from Mark’s hometown, Haleyville, Alabama, as well as other veteran and service

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groups. More information on the foundation can be found by going to <http://markaforester.com>. In appreciation for his presentation, Rick Driesbach, AFA Chapter President, presented Thad with a Chapter Challenge Coin, and Jay Carlson presented Thad with a certificate memorializing a \$100 chapter donation in honor of SrA Mark Forester to the AFA Airmen and Family Support Office and the Wounded Airman Program.



Russ Lewey (l), Air Force Association (AFA) South Central Region President, presents two checks in support of the Wounded Airmen Program and AFA's Airmen and Family Support Office. Receiving the checks are Kari Voliva (c), AFA VP for Member and Field Relations, and Gavin "Mac" MacAloon (r), Vice Chairman for Field Operations. The checks consist of \$500 from the raffle held at the AF Birthday Ball and \$100 from the luncheon honoring SrA Mark Forester.

AFA / AFCEA F-35 Symposium

By Gary Connor (Brig Gen, Ret)

This jointly-sponsored AFA / AFCEA event held on 21 September 2017 was a BIG success! Hosted by Aegis Technologies, this classified symposium drew over 100 Government / industry personnel together to: 1) learn about F-35 capabilities, 2) understand the potential implications for future joint / coalition operations, and 3) address the relevant Huntsville capabilities (labs, modeling & simulation, systems integration) that could be leveraged in support of F-35 joint employment / operations. LTG Jon "Dog" Davis, recently retired Marine Corps Aviation boss, was the keynote speaker, and Greg Costabile, JSF Chief Engineer, was the featured presenter from the F-35 Program Office. Plans are in work to sponsor a follow-on event in 2018. Our Chapter received over \$2,800 from this event; funds which will support our Aerospace Education and other chapter initiatives!



Region and State Discover the Fountain of Youth

By Russ Lewey, AFA South Central Region President

It is probably no surprise that the average age of AFA members is above the half century mark. So how can AFA members “stay” young? Last month, the AFA South Central Region and the Alabama State organizations found their “fountain of youth” in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Arnold Air Society / Silver Wings (AAS / SW) Area V Conclave (ARCON). Area V consists of AAS Squadrons and SW Chapters from 12 different universities in Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. (Note: Louisiana and Arkansas, though in the South Central Region for AFA, have their AAS and SW organizations affiliated with Area IX along with schools from Texas and Oklahoma).



Area V: “The Velociraptor Nation”. Their mascot, Vinny, calls the meeting to order.

Working with the Area V ARCON leadership, the South Central Region agreed to co-host the ARCON and the South Central Region Conference at the same time, promoting a commonality of mission and focus of our two organizations. There was an added benefit in that it allowed AFA’s Vice Chairman for Field Operations, Gavin “Mac” MacAloon, to participate in both events. Mac spoke at the Saturday morning opening Joint Session to the AFROTC cadets and Silver Wing members. Then, in the afternoon, he provided his vision and efforts for AFA in the coming year. Even more important, our Vice Chairman for Field Operations heard from the field the challenges and successes across our Region. Not surprisingly, bringing new blood into the chapters and leadership positions was a common concern. To address this concern, the Region has strengthened its aerospace education activities to be clearly among the best in AFA. On that note, Susan Mallett, AFA Aerospace Education Council member and Youth Development Program Coordinator at the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters, provided a refresher and focus on AFA’s aerospace education programs.



Evening ARCON banquet with South Central AFA Region members in attendance.

The two groups came back together for the evening’s formal dinner. There, AFA members were able to observe first-hand the poise and leadership across Area V. Meanwhile, Arnold Air cadets and Silver Wing members had an opportunity to hear “the way it was” back in our day. The evening’s guest speaker was Brigadier General Ronald Wilson, Director of the Joint Staff for the Michigan National Guard. His words inspired both young and old. In the end, we may not have discovered the true fountain of youth, but we came away with confidence that our future is well secure as the “Arnies” and Silver Wings are eager and ready to take the reins.



Von Braun Memorial Dinner

By Ken Philippart

Members of the Tennessee Valley Chapter attended the 29th Annual Dr. Wernher von Braun Memorial Dinner on October 26th at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville as guests of AFA Community Partner Linc Research.

Chapter Secretary Ken Philippart and chapter member Lisa Philippart represented Chapter 335 at the sold-out event that attracted over 800 attendees. General John Hyten, Commander of the US Strategic Command (STRATCOM), was the keynote speaker for the evening.



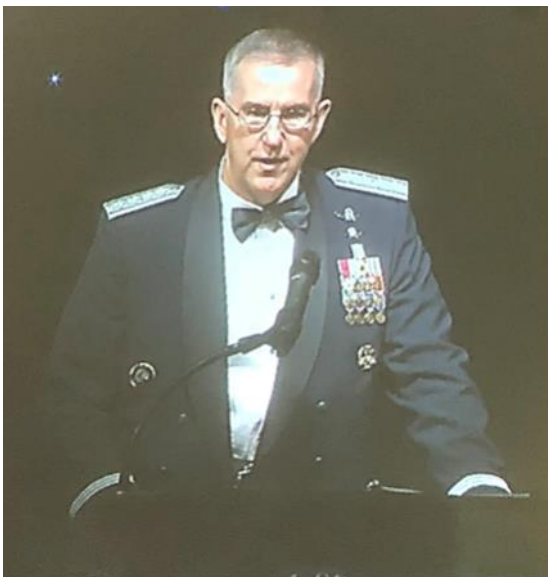
Von Braun Memorial Dinner guests dine under the Saturn V.

The evening began with a social hour for guests to socialize and network. Ken Philippart served under Gen Hyten at Air Force Space Command so he enjoyed the opportunity to chat with the general, his wife, and brother during the evening.

The formal program began with the posting of the colors by the Huntsville High School Air Force JROTC color guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the national anthem.

A delicious dinner was served as guests had to time to socialize with others at their tables. Ken and Lisa enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the Linc Research team and learn about Linc's areas of expertise.

After dinner, the Huntsville Chapter of the National Space Club, the dinner organizers, presented their annual scholarships and awards. Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle accepted the Community Service Award. Acting NASA Administrator Robert Lightfoot received the chapter's premier award, the Dr. Wernher von Braun Space Flight Trophy for great achievement in advancing spaceflight programs and contributing to US leadership in the field of rocketry and astronautics.



General Hyten delivers the keynote address.

Gen Hyten then gave the keynote address. He talked about his childhood growing up in Huntsville during the Apollo program and how that inspired him to join the Air Force and become involved in the space business. The general recalled the national passion, drive, and willingness to take risks that culminated in landing humans on the moon and returning them safely to earth. He passionately called for a return to those qualities as the US faces security and economic challenges in the space arena. The evening concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Lisa Monaco, the chair of the Huntsville Chapter of the National Space Club, who thanked all who made the evening such a success.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter thanks Curtis Taylor and the Linc Research team for inviting the chapter to attend the August occasion and for being a valued Community Partner to Chapter 335.



A Call to Our Better Halves

By Russ Lewey

There is a 17th Century proverb that includes the phrase, “no man is an island.” Nowhere is that more true than in the careers and paths of many. For we who were (are) married during our career, our spouses followed us as we (usually they) packed up household goods and moved to a new assignment or stayed behind to keep the “home front” as we deployed for another TDY or remote assignment. For those of us whose Air Force career is just a memory, these are memories shared with our spouses.

AFA’s focus is first and foremost on what our mission calls us to do: “advocate, educate, and support.” The burden of this mission, rightly so, has been on our AFA members. However, for a number of years, you’ve heard how AFA’s membership numbers are down. In that light, we need to look to others who might help us with some of our tasks. I think we only have to look across the table. Our spouses have been supporting us for years. Not because they had to, but because they wanted to, and they believed in what we were and are doing. I have no doubt that there are opportunities out there where spouses would be great assets and relish again the chance to be a part of our “blue world.” I recognize that some spouses are already members and others, though they would like to participate, just don’t have the time. Many current members are dealing with this same issue, as well. However, there are other spouses who would be great in a role to advocate, educate, and support; we just have to ask, give them the tools, and watch them do their magic.



Barbara Carpenter (l) and Diane Lewey (r) volunteering at a Science Fair



Ed Worley (l) with wife, Betsy (r) celebrating AF Birthday with a Veteran at Tut Fann Veterans Home.

It is with that background, on Monday, January 22nd, the Tennessee Valley Chapter is hosting a spouse luncheon. Spouses and/or friends of AFA are encouraged to come to The Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit Union (220 Wynn Dr.) for a social gathering and a little insight into one area that AFA and our Chapter is heavily involved – aerospace education. No doubt, most of our spouses have children and/or grandchildren, know some friends with kids, and occasionally meet up with a teacher or other educator. They will learn how AFA can provide classrooms with FREE aerospace education materials (e.g., a telescope, weather station, model rocket, or an aircraft simulator), provide teachers with \$500 grants, and a host of other types of educational assistance. There is no pressure to join, no

dues, and yes, the lunch is free. Spouses need only register by contacting Russ Lewey, either by email (LeweyRV@Yahoo.com) or by phone (256-425-8791). This is open to all spouses and friends who would like to know more about some of the great things we can accomplish together.

AFA Brewer Award Presentation

By Joe Viviano

At the 31 October 2017 AFA Chapter 335 quarterly luncheon, representatives of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) presented the CAP Southeast Region Brewer Award for non-CAP organizations or individuals to the Chapter for its Aerospace Education (AE) activities in 2016 and its close relationship to the CAP.

CAP Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Viviano of the Huntsville, Alabama, Redstone Composite Squadron, introduced the CAP Alabama Wing Vice Commander, Lt Col James Harris, who represented the CAP Southeast Region commander in presenting the award to Chapter President Rick Driesbach and Chapter Aerospace Education Vice President, Jay Carlson.

The Frank G. Brewer CAP Memorial Aerospace Awards are presented in commemoration of Frank G. Brewer and his lifelong interest in aviation, youth, and education. AFA Chapter 335 received the Alabama Wing Brewer Award earlier this year.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime, all-volunteer US Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. CAP's 57,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief, and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. CAP also plays a leading role in STEM / aerospace education, and its members serve as mentors to 24,000 young people participating in CAP Cadet Programs. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com for more.



CAP Lt Col James Harris (c) presents the Brewer Award to Jay Carlson (l) and Rick Driesbach (r).

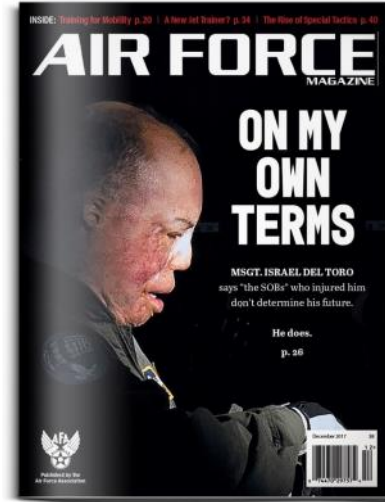
Renew/Join Before It's Too Late

By Russ Lewey

Starting 1 January 2018, AFA is changing membership categories and rates. It has been over 7 years since AFA had a dues increase. For the most part, dues are increasing just \$5. Now is the time to renew, should you desire to secure your old rate or type of membership.

Electronic/Digital Version only of the Air Force Magazine

- **Intro Rate \$20** (available for first year of membership only)
- **1 Year eMember \$35** (after Intro year)
- **3 Year eMember \$85**
- **Lifetime eMember \$400** (No longer offering installment plan for Life membership)



Hard Copy Version of the Air Force Magazine

- **1 Year Regular Member \$50** (up from \$45)
- **3 Year Regular Member \$125** (up from \$110)

AFA will no longer be offering Regular Lifetime Memberships that include a hard copy of Air Force Magazine. Stand-alone subscriptions to Air Force Magazine are available for \$40 for 1 year and \$100 for 3 years. Current (Regular) Life members will continue to receive a printed copy of the magazine. However, in an effort to reduce AFA costs and to help save the environment, AFA is requesting that Life members consider opting out of receiving their printed copy and read the Air Force Magazine on-line (either on computer, tablet, or phone). Those who opt out can still receive (at no cost) a hard copy of the, highly coveted, annual Almanac issue published each May.

NOTE: Are you 70 years old or older? If so, then you can secure a Lifetime Membership for just \$300! This includes a hard copy of the magazine. This category and rate is only good thru 31 January 2018.



Military Night at The Nutcracker

By JP Pennell

Every year, the Huntsville Ballet presents a special Thursday night performance of the classic Nutcracker Ballet and invites the military community to attend free of charge as a salute to their services and to build good will with local military families. This year's event will be on 7 December 2017 at the Mark C. Smith Concert Hall at the Von Braun Center in downtown Huntsville. The event, which kicks off the holiday season, is always full, with nearly 2,000 in attendance.

The evening will kick off with a performance of holiday music provided by the Army Materiel Command Band at 6:00 pm. The Nutcracker, accompanied by the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, starts at 7:00 pm.

Huntsville Ballet is also partnering with Toys for Tots to collect toys and gifts for children who otherwise might not get a Christmas present. The ballet requests that you bring a new, unwrapped gift to the performance and help the US Marine Corps Reserve fill their boxes to meet needs in the local community.



An added piece of magic will unfold just before the performance as the Huntsville Ballet and senior military members host Gold Star families from the Tennessee Valley for a private VIP reception. This special event recognizes the sacrifice of these families and ensures they know they're always part of our military family. Thank you to the generous Air Force Association members who donated to this part of the evening's festivities.

This event is free of charge to all Active Duty, Retired, National Guard, Reserve personnel and their families, but you must have a ticket to attend. Tickets will be available after 13 November 2017 with a valid Military ID Card from MWR on Redstone Arsenal or at the Huntsville Ballet offices at 800 Regal Drive, Huntsville, AL. For additional information, contact MilitaryNight@HuntsvilleBallet.org.

Galaxy of Lights

Come join us as the Chapter helps usher in the Christmas Spirit at the Galaxy of Lights. We will be supporting the Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, 20 December. It is great time for camaraderie as we split shifts between working the entrance and enjoying snacks and drinks. If you would like to volunteer, we'd love to have you. Please contact Rick Driesbach at rick.driesbach@gmail.com.



Community Partner Spotlight

Shear Faith



Are you in need of someone for all of your hair care needs? Well look no further!

Shear Faith hair salon in Huntsville is conveniently located inside of Phenix Salon Suites, 6275 University Drive Northwest, Suite 108, within the Target shopping center near Providence Main and the Cummings Research Park. Shear Faith is a full service Redken hair salon providing popular, trendy cuts, color, styling, and facial waxing for both men and women!

Ms. Emily Krym, daughter of two U.S. Air Force veterans, owns and operates Shear Faith and is a proud AFA Tennessee Valley Chapter Community Partner! Emily graduated at the top of her class from Paul Mitchell The School in Birmingham and has over 3 years of direct Salon experience specializing in women’s and men’s cuts and colors (including bald/skin fade military-style cuts). Emily has been the hair stylist of choice for multiple wedding parties, and you can “Follow” and “Like” her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hairbyEmilyKrym/> to see some of her work over the past few years!

Shear Faith operates by appointment-only so you don’t have to wait to relax and be pampered in the one-chair suite! This allows for more one-on-one time with Emily ensuring that all of your haircare desires are fulfilled! Online appointment booking makes it convenient for you to book your appointment, and confirmation text/emails reminders are sent out at least 24 hours in advance so you never miss out on your time to shine!

Book your appointment today with Emily at Shear Faith by visiting <https://www.vagaro.com/shearfaith1> and let the new you reflect your beauty inside and out!

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Thank You!

The Tennessee Valley AFA chapter would like to thank all of its Community Partners for their generous contributions and support. Through their commitments, Chapter 335 is able to carry out its key mission of promoting youth-focused, aerospace education. Our aerospace education outreach effort includes scholarship programs, school-based cyber security & space system design competitions, and teacher workshops. Our Community Partners are prime enablers in developing and challenging young minds to meet our Country’s defense needs for the future. We thank you!

Community Partner Spotlight



U.S. Space & Rocket Center



Dr. Wernher von Braun and his team of rocket scientists transformed Huntsville, Alabama, known in the 1950s as the “Watercrass Capital of the World,” into a technology center that today is home to the second largest research park in the United States and to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center with its world-class educational program, Space Camp®. The transformation grew from the smoke and fire that birthed America's space program. It is here in Huntsville that:

- Rockets were developed that put the first U.S. satellite into orbit and sent men to the moon;
- Propulsion for the space shuttle was developed
- Modules for the International Space Station (ISS) were designed and built
- America’s next great ship – the Space Launch System – is being designed
- Science on the ISS is monitored 24/7 at the Payload Operations Center at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center



During the final months that von Braun and his team of scientists were refining the giant Saturn V rocket that sent Apollo astronauts to the moon, he was also preparing to launch another important project: a permanent exhibit to showcase the hardware of the space program. Von Braun was director of MSFC when he approached the Alabama Legislature with the idea of creating a museum jointly with the U.S. Army Missile Command and NASA. The U.S. Army donated land, and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center® opened its doors in 1970. Since then, nearly 17 million people have toured the Center. Many of the more than 650,000 annual visitors are school students on field trips to their future. Dozens of interactive

exhibits encourage guest participation, prompting one official to note: "Here, everyone can be an astronaut for the day!"

Home to Space Camp®, Aviation Challenge® Camp, and Robotics Camp, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center is the largest spaceflight museum in the world with a large rocket and space hardware collection containing more than 1,500 items and valued in the tens of millions of dollars. From America’s first satellite, Explorer I, to next generation space vehicles like Sierra Nevada’s Dream Chaser, the museum showcases the past, present and future of human spaceflight.

Notable Artifacts Include:

- Saturn V Moon Rocket (National Historic Landmark)
- Pathfinder – the world’s only full-stack space shuttle display
- Apollo 16 Command Module
- Skylab Orbital Workshop
- Apollo 12 Moon Rock

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center is more than just artifacts! Experience the physics of astronaut training like never before in simulators like Space Shot™ and G-Force. Our Spacedome IMAX® Theater and our National Geographic Theater transport you to different worlds with amazing documentary films that will have you seeing space science in a whole new light.

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center serves as the Official Visitor Center for NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, a Visitor Center for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. There’s always something happening at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center! Visit <https://www.rocketcenter.com/> for more information and pricing. The USSRC has been for over 10 years, and continues to be, a proud Community Partner supporter of the Air Force Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter #335.



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Ms. Bonita Phillips, President and CEO of Willbrook Solutions Inc. accepts her new **Ace** and Community Partner plaques from George Krym, Chapter VP for the Community Partner Program.



Steve Golpayegani (r), owner of Mary's Wine and Spirits, and Russ Lewey (l), AFA South Central Region President, celebrate another year as a *Wingman* Community Partner.

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Ms. Tonya Maurice, Director, Corporate Relations for Intuitive Research and Technology, receives a *Wingman* renewal medallion and certificate from Jay Carlson, Chapter VP for Aerospace Education.

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Andrew Davis (l), Davis Strategic Innovations (DSI) Director of Operations, and Dr. Jim Davis (r), DSI President, proudly display the DSI 2017-2018 *Wingman* renewal certificate and medallion.



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Dr. Albert "Bo" Rivera (r), Southeastern Skin Cancer Dermatologist, receives a Community Partner plaque from Russ Lewey (l) at the recent Chapter Luncheon featuring Thad Forester. A friend of the family, Dr. Rivera was instrumental in getting Thad to speak to the Chapter about the life of SrA Mark Forester (see article on [page 8](#) for more on the luncheon).

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Ms. Mona Gatlin, Senior Executive Assistant, proudly places a Community Partner renewal medallion on the AFA plaque in the Nexolve/ Mantech lobby.

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"Dr Rebecca Howell was busy with patients, but Dentistry Downtown proudly displays its 2017-2018 medallion on their Community Partner plaque."

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Want to become a Community Partner at the Ace, Wingman, or Basic level?

Contact George Krym at george.krym@yahoo.com.

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Upcoming Events

7 Dec—Military Night at The Nutcracker ([page 15](#))

20 Dec— Support to Botanical Garden’s Galaxy of Lights ([page 15](#))

18 Jan —Executive Council Meeting

22 Jan—AFA Spouses Luncheon ([page 12](#))

15 Feb —Executive Council Meeting

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