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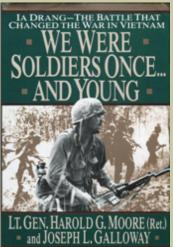
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AFA Chapter 335





Wednesday, 31 October 2018 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



Guest Speaker Joseph Galloway, Journalist, Consultant, and Co-Author of "We Were Soldiers Once and Young" Redstone Federal Credit Union / 220 Wynn Dr.

"The Atrium – Patriot Room"

RSVP NLT 24 October --- Cost is \$17.50 Sign-up:

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Preparing for National Convention

For those who have never been to an Air Force Association National Convention, I would encourage you to consider to do so at some point. Just to clarify, National Convention takes place mid-day Saturday through (late afternoon) Sunday (15 - 16 Sept 2018), not to be confused with the opening of AFA's Air, Space, and Cyber Conference, which runs from Monday through Wednesday (17 – 19 Sept 2018). Unfortunately, the Convention lacks the corporate booths and demonstrations, not to mention the muchcoveted coffee mug, key ring, and other corporate trinkets. The Convention is where we set the flight plan for AFA for the coming year and years to come. This will be my sixth year attending the Convention, and though the agenda is pretty much the same, no two have been alike. It is always great to put a face to a voice on the phone or email and to meet old friends from my days in the Air Force. One also gains a real appreciation for the different ways that AFA is working around the globe to educate, advocate, and support our Air Force and Airmen and families.



I say that the Convention starts on Saturday but, in reality, it starts months in advance. The staff at AFA National develops and circulates multiple drafts of "AFA's Top Issues." AFA's Nominating Committee reviews the nominees for upcoming elected positions this year. Nominees have, in many cases, reached out to states and chapters seeking support well before the floor opens for speeches and the final election. In addition, the Board of Directors, Field Council, and Aerospace Education Council discuss and plan (with contingencies) various presentations and proposals.

With preparations complete, the Convention actually begins on Friday with the Board of Directors meeting. If you check into the Gaylord Resort, you will undoubtedly see a host of AFA

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staff working to ensure all is ready for the official start. Speaking of the Gaylord, AFA does a great service in negotiating a special rate for those of us attending the Convention which is well below any other available rate. Friday evening frequently has a number of official and unofficial groups getting together for the first time at one of the many restaurants in the National Harbor area.

Early Saturday morning the Aerospace Education Council's meeting and a Region Presidents' (closed) meeting takes place before the open Delegate Information Session. This session is relatively new and provides delegates a chance to hear about a number of programs/ initiatives underway. It is also a chance to openly discuss issues without formality and parliamentary procedures.

On that note, what do I see as the most pressing issues that will be discussed (and hopefully decided) at this year's Convention? Probably at the top of the list will be a change to the terms of our top tier AFA leadership (Chairman, Vice Chairman for Aerospace

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Education (VCAE), and Vice Chairman for Field Operations (VCFO). As currently designed, the Chairman, VCAE, and VCFO must end their service in their current capacity; this is an event that occurs approximately every 12 years. There is a proposal designed to prevent AFA from losing its top three in any given year; if approved, we will elect a new VCAE this year, the Chairman in 2019, and the VCOF in 2020. If not approved, we will need to have an election for each. Interestingly, to my knowledge, there are no candidates currently nominated for the Chair or VCFO. Please note, this initiative was discussed at length by various AFA groups to include region presidents (with inputs from their respective state presidents). Additionally, with the on-going discussions of a separate "Space Force", the Top Issues Paper could take an interesting turn. What is the impact to AFA if/when a separate Space Force is created as directed by the President? As always, there will undoubtedly be some issue(s) that none of us could foresee.

Bottom-line, I've never felt like a Convention was boring or a waste to attend. If not already scheduled, please consider planning to represent your state in 2019. In any case, look for my report on what took place later this year. As always, let me know if there is an issue or question you have on our AFA. I can't always say that I have an answer, but I will work to get you one. Thanks again for all you do to help the South Central Region to be at the forefront of AFA and in our support of our Nation and Air Force.

National Correspondent and Vietnam War Consultant to Speak at AFA Luncheon

by Russ Lewey

In concert with the activities with The Wall that Heals program and the area's Veterans' Week, the Tennessee Valley AFA Chapter is proud to announce that Joe Galloway will be the Guest Speaker at its

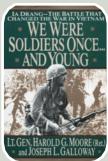


October 31 Luncheon. Mr. Galloway is an American newspaper correspondent and columnist. Since 2013, he has worked as a special consultant for the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration project run out of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and also served as a consultant to Ken Burns' production of a documentary history of the Vietnam War broadcast in the fall of 2017 by PBS. During the Vietnam War, he often worked alongside the American troops he covered and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal in 1998, for carrying a badly wounded man to safety while he was under very heavy enemy

fire in 1965. In addition to his consultancy, Mr. Galloway coauthored, the best-selling 1992 book, We Were Soldiers Once...

And Young and the sequel, released in 2008: We Are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam.

The luncheon will take place 31 October at The Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit Union (220 Wynn Dr.) The doors open at 11:00 am with lunch being served at 11:15. Mr. Galloway's presentation will begin at noon and is projected to wrap up around 12:30. Tickets for the luncheon are just \$17.50, and the Chapter will make a donation to the Wounded Airman Program. You must RSVP no later than **24 October,** and you can register/pay on-line at https://afa-huntsville.regfox.com/tvafaoct2018luncheon. Questions? Contact Russ Lewey at 256-425-8791 or by email: SouthCentral.President@AFA.org.



It is Time to Kick the Tires and Light the Fires; Our Aircraft Restoration Effort needs to get Airborne

Our chapter has been discussing aircraft restoration at Aviation Challenge for the past three years. Initially, we intended to use volunteer manpower to make repairs, prepare all surfaces, and eventually paint the aircraft. As the reality of this substantial manpower effort became fully evident and we gained an understanding that the aircraft would require significant restoration, the chapter's approach shifted to creating a typical program management effort where a contractor would be hired to professionally perform all restoration tasks. Additionally, this revised strategy is considering a funding plan that would be jointly provided by our AFA chapter and the US Space and Rocket

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Center (USSRC) in a yet to be determined costsharing formula. Finally, the AFA funds would be provided from grants that would focus on the heritage or educational value of the aircraft displayed on the Aviation Challenge campus.

Our chapter leadership has had recent discussions with the leadership of the USSRC on implementing a joint effort for restoring two



by John Phillip

Aviation Challenge aircraft, specifically the F-4 and F-111. The USSRC welcomes the AFA support on aircraft restoration; however, the procedural, policy, and financial responsibilities of each party have not been formalized in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) yet.



Our chapter has formed an Aircraft Restoration Committee, and it has met a number of times to begin formulating a thoughtful approach to the restoration. Currently, the committee has plans to have multiple restoration vendors assess the condition of the aircraft and provide a basic cost assessment for the restoration. To support this assessment, a series of work tasks for the vendors has been identified for evaluating each aircraft. Some tasks are straight-forward. Some are more complex, and the vendors will be asked to cost those tasks separately. This initial cost assessment is necessary for the next step where our chapter and the USSRC will then meet and formulate a restoration plan that will not only be technically and financially achievable but will also meet the needs of Aviation Challenge.

This next step has not been approved; however, I recommend it as an effective step where our chapter has a serious and rather imminent organizational challenge. We need experienced members and any other supporters in a management program made up of willing

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workers on three teams as part of the Aircraft Restoration Committee:

• The first team will develop, with the concurrence of the USSRC, a Request for Proposal and a Statement of Work based on our initial cost information from vendors. This team will also work to identify the chosen contractor and then follow the restoration work as it progresses.

• The second team will first interface with the USSRC in developing a MOA. They will also work closely with the USSRC on the various financial and administrative tasks during the life of the restoration program.

• The third team will develop, submit and manage a number of grants that will fund our chapter's portion of the restoration. Tim Davis and I have volunteered for this team and are becoming familiar with "Grant Station", which is an extensive mentoring service that connects non-profits who are seeking financial support with grantors who make funds available for



and aggressive lawn maintenance

worthy causes. Access to the powerful Grant Station resource has been provided to our chapter by the AFA national office.

The basic restoration structure and process have already been resolved by our chapter and the USSRC. It is now a matter of working out the details and implementing a program that will be a



wonderful contribution to the USSRC and our community by our Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association. We are at the stage where we must build a team of volunteers who can make this management challenge a reality.

I encourage chapter members and any other willing supporters to please step forward to offer their professional management experience, their technical skill, and/or their administrative knowhow so our chapter can capture the full opportunity of this legacy aircraft restoration project. We have done a lot of talking about restoring these aircraft; it is now time to "kick the tires and light the fires." *Your help is critical.*

A Cool Way to Support Wounded Airmen

AFA Chapter 335 would like to thank everyone who participated in the July raffle to support the Wounded Airmen Program. Eric Jackson won the refrigerator and is putting it to good use.



Tennessee Valley Air Force Association "Eat and Meet" Spouse Luncheon Thursday, 11 October 2018 11:15 am - 12:45 pm



Spouses and friends of AFA are invited to lunch, followed by the opportunity to present a 2 minute "teaser talk," sharing your business, hobby, or volunteer activity.



Cost is \$10 per person and reservations can be made by clicking this link:

https://afa-huntsville.regfox.com/spouse-luncheon

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Chapter Members at AirVenture 2018

by Ken Philippart Images by Susan Mallett & Lisa Philippart

Members of the Air Force Association and Tennessee Valley Chapter 335 attended the world's largest aviation gathering, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin from July 22 - 29. Members met during the week for pictures and socializing while enjoying all that AirVenture offered.

Over 600,000 people attended AirVenture 2018 and the record-breaking crowd enjoyed sunny weather with temperatures in the upper 70s for most of the week.

Over 10,000 aircraft ranging from operational military aircraft, home-builts, vintage warbirds, antique general aviation (GA) aircraft, ultralights, unmanned aerial vehicles, and powered parachutes converged on Whitman Field for the annual celebration of all things



aviation. Daily airshows included military flybys, aerobatics, vintage warbird formations, World War II reenactments, wing walking, drone shows, parachuting teams, and commemoration of events such as the



80th anniversary of the legendary T-6 trainer, the Year of the Tanker, and the 100th anniversary of the Royal Air Force. Two evening airshows capped the performances with aircraft equipped with LEDs and fireworks dispensers and a drone show followed by a traditional fireworks show culminating in AirVenture's unique Wall of Fire display.

Historical talks were held by aviation legends like renowned designer Dick Rutan, triple Ace Col Bud Anderson, and aerobatics legend Patty Wagstaff.

Chapter members tried their hands at homebuilding skills during hands-on build sessions by pulling rivets and practicing traditional welding as well as using advanced skills such as Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welding, sheet metal forming, and fabric covering of aircraft.

There is no shortage of things to do at AirVenture but AFA members made time for a group photo and dining together at Oshkosh's historic Roxy Supper Club. Alabama State Vice President for Aerospace Education, Susan Mallett arranged for AFA members to dine with a diverse group of aviation

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enthusiasts including a retired Army helicopter pilot, an aerospace engineer, an EAA chapter president, GA pilots and certified flight instructors, the Air Force Association Teacher of the Year, the founder of the CAVU Flight Academy Civil Air Patrol officers, and Gary Powers, son

of U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, who was shot down over the Soviet Union during the Cold War. The stories and passion for flight from this eclectic group of aviation



experts made for an enjoyable evening befitting AirVenture's moniker as an "aviation family reunion."

AFA members enjoyed their AirVenture adventure, and many are already making plans to return in 2019. See you in Oshkosh!



Huntsville HS Student-Int'l Cyber Program Select

Courtesy, The CyberSentinel

Tiffany Dinh, an upcoming senior at Huntsville High School (AL), was selected as one of eight US students to be a participant in the US Embassy-London funded, PH International-implemented, Future Cybersecurity Leaders Exchange (CSP) Program, which took place, Friday, July 20 – Thursday, August 2, 2018. The US students, joined by 8 UK students, attended an 8-day cybersecurity camp at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. Students learned new skills and tools for application and implementation of cross-border projects in their home community.

Tiffany has been a driving force in the creation and growth of Huntsville High School's open division CyberPatriot Program.

https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/media/cybersentinel



Space And Missile Defense Symposium 2018

This year, the Space and Missile Defense Symposium was held August 7-9, 2018 in the South Hall of the Von Braun Center in Downtown Huntsville. This year, as we have over the past several years, the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association participated as an exhibitor for this event. Because this symposium is attended by Space and Missile Defense organizations and experts from all over the country, it provided a unique opportunity to spread the word about how your AFA supports a major part of Space and Missile community in the local area.

The Symposium allowed us the opportunity to promote our membership and to highlight our advocacy of the US Air Force's vital role in the Space and Missile Defense mission. We also had a great opportunity to see new products from a diverse group of industry partners, to network with people who support our great nation in a number of different ways, and even a chance to renew past friendships or make new ones.

The booth, expertly set up by Rick Driesbach and Russ Lewey, was manned all three days by a group of enthusiastic volunteers. The displays highlighted our involvement in local events and saluted our valued Community Partners. Because we had a large pool of AFA members and friends working the booth, everyone had an opportunity to visit the other booths in the exhibit hall. Special thanks go to Mike Johannes who put together the new Chapter tri-fold handouts, which clearly explained the AFA and Chapter mission and tell the story of all the great events we are involved in around the Huntsville-Madison area.

The SMD Symposium afforded the Chapter another superb opportunity to get our message of Education, Advocacy, and Support of Air Force issues spread throughout the Space and Missile Defense community. We look forward to next year's event!





Lisa Philippart, LPC

Lisa Philippart, LPC is a mental health counseling private practice, located in Downtown Huntsville. Lisa's office is part of the Healing Arts Center, which offers services to heal the mind, body, and spirit. Her office is at 523 Fountain Row SW, and her phone number is 256.326.0909. Lisa's areas of specialization include anxiety, depression, eating disorders, grief and loss, personal growth, and geriatrics. She is the only HSP (Highly Sensitive Person) Therapist in Alabama! Her office hours are Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 8:00am to 5:00pm, with evening and Saturday appointments available.

Lisa Philippart is married to Lt Col (Ret.) Ken Philippart, and both are members of the Air Force Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter. Lisa is active in several non- profit organizations, providing pro bono counseling services and mental health expertise. She is a board member for NAMI Huntsville (National Alliance on Mental Illness), mentors the residents at 305 8th Street, and works with veterans and their families through the *Give an Hour* program. Lisa also works part-time through the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama at Athens State University, assisting staff, students, and faculty in addressing personal issues.

Lisa enjoys writing and shares mental health tips and strategies through her bi-monthly column, Mental Health Minute in the Athens Now newspaper. She also writes articles for the NAMI Huntsville newsletter and an Athens State University monthly publication and ASU Career Development Facebook page. Lisa has her own business Facebook page, Lisa Philippart LPC, where she regularly writes words of encouragement. For more information and to schedule an appointment, go to Lisa's webpage at <u>https://urlifematters.net</u> or email her at <u>urlifematters@hotmail.com</u>.









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Community Partner Renewals

Radiance President Bill Bailey (c) received the Ace renewal medallion from South Central Region President, Russ Lewey (l) and AFA 335 Chapter President, Rick Driesbach (r).





Steve Golpayegani (I) of Mary's Wine and Spirits accepts the Ace Community Partner renewal Plaque from Rick Driesbach (r).

Community Partner Renewals



Chapter member Al Kemmet (I) presents the 2018 Community Partner renewal certificate to DSI President, Dr. Jim Davis (c), and Director of Operations, Andrew Davis (r)



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Upcoming Events

3rd Quarter

22 Sep: USAF 71st Birthday Chapter Social

4th Quarter

- II Oct: Spouse & AFA Friends Luncheon
- 18 Oct: Executive Council Meeting
- 26-28 Oct: Area V Arnold Air/Silver Wings ARCON (Knoxville)
- 31 Oct 4 Nov: The Wall That Heals in Huntsville
- 31 Oct: Chapter-sponsored luncheon Joe Galloway
- 03 Nov: Vietnam War Commemorative Event #4
- 11 Nov: 100th Anniversary of End of WW I
- 12 Nov: Huntsville Veterans Day Parade
- 19 Dec: Support to Botanical Garden "Galaxy of Lights"

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