

The Vector

Newsletter of AF309: Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Air Force Association



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From The Chapter President-Dwyer Dennis

Since elections on September 25 things are starting to roll! Our EVP, Jerry May has worked with our new State/Regional President, Mark Chapman, to establish a Chapter website. You'll be able to access current chapter information and view The Vector (as well as past issues) there in addition to receiving chapter-wide emails. Currently the website content is a bit light. In time this will be a great tool to enhance communication across the Chapter and help us better fulfill our mission to educate, advocate, and support. We will need a "webmaster" to help manage content, etc so if someone is interested let us know. Also since the last issue of The Vector we supported the Patrick Air Force Base Military Retiree Appreciation Day by manning a table, distributing information and handing out some swag AFA National provided. The Chapter also helped support the Patrick AFB AF Ball rescheduled due to Dorian.

In recognition and in support of the incredible mission and work they do, we were able to deliver to the 920th RW a framed movie billing which was autographed by the Director, the PJ Advisor, and the former SECAF and AFA Chairman Whit Peters, for the "soon-to-be-released" film *Last Full Measure*. This movie presents the story of how, fifty-three years after his death, Airman [William H. Pitsenbarger, Jr.](#) ("Pits") was awarded the nation's [highest military honor](#) for his actions on the battlefield. The movie is schedule to be released in theaters on 17 Jan 2020. I encourage all to show our support by attending. It is a great vehicle to get the word out about another, perhaps less known aspect of our great Air Force; the valor, dedication and excellence of our rescue forces.

Finally, in line with getting the word out, the Executive Committee has established an appointed position of VP for Aerospace Education to be filled by Mr. Russ Lewey.

Russ, thanks for stepping up and helping us work towards a vibrant launch of our education efforts.

For this second newsletter covering AFA happenings in the Space Coast area, a few quick reminders:

- The Chapter mailing address is:
Cape Canaveral Chapter AFA
PO Box 4657
Patrick AFB, FL 32925
- We support 6 JrROTC units and 2 CAP Squadrons in the Melbourne area. We need your help – please let us know if you are interested
- Please advise us of candidate Community Partners whom we should recruit.

Community Partners VP-Randy Turner

We are actively recruiting merchants. We are devising at least three award levels the merchants can invest in for the Chapter. One is a \$90 membership; a second is \$250; and a third is \$500. All Exec. Council members are recruited to be advocates with the business community in finding new members. A recruitment plan is about to be released.

Chapter Treasurer-Jim Carroll

As of November 11, 2019 our chapter bank balance was \$3055.77. We are solvent, but we should be seeking new initiatives that move us toward financial gain.

Chapter Secretary-Mark Lindsley

We're working to ensure we have an accurate roster of everyone in our Chapter. If you are getting this email and are no longer in our Cape Canaveral Chapter please e-mail our Secretary, lindsleycm@gmail.com, so we can remove you from our distribution. Thanks very much.

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Membership

An *Every-Member Recruitment Campaign* is a new initiative we will energize in November as inspired by Veteran's Day. We want to excite all who read this to recruit ONE new member and interest only ONE old member to re-unite with current Chapter members.

Monthly Activities

November 11 : Veteran's Day

November 12: EC Meeting at PAFB Marina, 5:30. Meetings will be held there for now. All members are welcome to join us there each month.

November 28: Thanksgiving. Give thanks for our airmen and air women; warriors' one in all.

Executive Council Decisions

The Exec Council had a pre-EC meeting on November 6, 2019. The EC decided as follows:

1. Members can go to Chapter Web site www.canaveral.afaflorida.org. to get updated.
2. AFA Air Warfare Symposium 2020 is scheduled for 26-28 February in Orlando. It will be held at the Shingle Creek Resort. The displays are open to all without charge.
3. Members are encouraged to E-Mail us their concerns and inquiries.
4. We are contacting area JrROTC and CAP units to offer support.

Chapter Member Comments

Send us your views, comments and questions. We want to hear from you. If you have a query, an observation or an idea, let us know. If you need information, some ideas or an answer to a nagging question, let us know. If you want to volunteer for one of our many activities, tell us and we'll be in touch. If you have a special need or a personal item of interest you would like to discuss with one of us, let us know.

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