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MISSION The Air Force Association educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense; and supports the United States Air Force and the Air Force Family and aerospace education.

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President's Message

Greetings: Congratulations to the newly elected Region/State Officers: President Michael H. Emig and our very own Ran Meriam, who is the new Executive Vice President. It is encouraging to know that our leadership is and has always been passionate about The Air Force Association's mission: to EDUCATE the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; to ADVOCATE aerospace power and a strong national defense; and to SUPPORT the United States Air Force, the Air Force family and aerospace education.

One way we can support the AFA's mission is maintain a large membership. *Large numbers have a better chance of being heard by all the right people in all the right place for the right results.*

As in 2011, the Gold Coast Chapter Council members with the new VP, Harvey Bennett's help and I, will endeavor in 2012 to focus on those events and activities and latest news that will interest the members and encourage them to retain their membership in the association.

We encourage you to join us at the council meetings and bring your ideas on how to increase the membership.

Excelsior!

Virginia Montalvo

*SAVE THESE DATES:

November 2, 1300 hrs; Gold Coast Council meeting at Banyan Bldg at Ft Lauderdale Executive Airport

November 11, Veterans' Day: Services in your city

November 16, 1300 hrs; Gold Coast Council meeting at Banyan Bldg at Ft L Executive Airport

December 3, AFA chapter holiday covered plate get-together at VP Harvey's home in Boynton Bch; 1pm

Dec. 5, Flt 19 Memorial- www.NASFLMUSUEM.com

December 10, Wreaths Across America Event at Lake Worth US National VA cemetery; 10am

*****WAA Flyer attached to newsletter and on Gold Coast website**

Note from AFA National President:

AFA Members, Congressional staff members, Civic Leaders, DOCA members, as the Pentagon focuses on defense cuts AFA has stated that these need to be strategy driven – not just another budget drill. For example, East Asia is a prime example of an area about which we should be concerned. According to recent reports, Japan and others are worried about the new North Korean development of a mid-range ballistic missile capable of reaching Guam and about China's development of a blue-water Navy. within 600 miles from its shores. Various claims to island chains There is a growing dispute between China and its neighbors on the Spratly islands and

surrounding waters. China claims jurisdiction over most of the South China Sea, including all of the oil and gas deposits and shipping lanes have been message these cuts will send if done without a strategy in place.

Secondly, I will continue made by the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei and Singapore. Vietnamese and Chinese boats have clashed twice in the South China Sea since late May.

As a result, Japan is strengthening its submarine fleet and coastal defenses. China also recently announced plans to increase its defense budget by 12.7% this year. [Yes ... while we pare our defense budget in a time of war, the People's Republic of China is expanding hers.] China also announced it will build three aircraft carriers. So far the result of China's growing military and assertiveness in the area is closer ties between countries like Vietnam and the United States. Our allies have come to expect and rely on America's presence and support with our Air Force and Navy. Any sign that that support could be reduced due to budget cuts will send the wrong message to our allies and ultimately result in an escalation of confrontations on the sea or in the air. This amplifies what should be a centerpiece in our strategy – the need for our military to deter conflict in key regions of the world. Perhaps we can make prudent defense cuts in these tough economic times. However, we should be aware of the highlighting those heroes in the Air Force who continue to fight for our security. The person I want to highlight today is Airman First Class Benjamin Hutchins, 82nd Airborne Division, 4th Brigade Combat Team, Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist. You can find his story at: http://www.afa.org/Portraits/2010/Portrait_Hutchins.asp.

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Membership- As many start back to school, consider a gift of membership to your children or grandchildren. Memberships make a perfect holiday present. We offer half priced memberships for all full time students, cadets and Active Duty E1-E4 airmen. Remember to write or give the name of the Gold Coast Chapter 351to national. Sponsor a Holiday wreath for the Wreaths Across America event on Dec 10; 10am; SF VA National Cemetery at Lake Worth

WHO'S WHO – Each quarter we will endeavor to spotlight one of our members. This quarter please meet pilot Art Randall



I was born in The Bronx, New York on December 26, 1945 where I attended DeWitt Clinton High school and Hunter College. I am married 44 years to my best friend and co-pilot. We have two children and one grandson. At age 18 I was advised by the Draft Board that I was physically unable to join the Military so I entered the business world.

In 1970 my passion was to learn to fly and since Teterboro Airport was fairly close to home, I trained there. I was licensed in 1970 and found out several years later that John Travolta, who was just starting his acting career with “Welcome Back Kotter”, was also a student at the same time I was there. Unfortunately our paths never crossed.

Flying out of Teterboro, most of my flying was at night and we generally flew around New York City and around the World Trade Center. Things changed after 9/11. Those were incredible flights.

Some of my memorable flights were as follows: Late one night after LaGuardia was supposed to be closed we were given permission to fly across Manhattan, over the Empire State Building (that was the one and only time we were granted this). On my way I was advised by ATC to “speed it up” as or become a hood ornament on a 727! I was in a Skyhawk with four on board.

Another flight – Shortly after I was licensed, I took my wife and two friends to Asbury Park, N.J. The trip there was uneventful and we enjoyed the day at the beach. On the return trip, after calling FSS, I got the OK to return to Teterboro. At 700 AGL I was solid “in the soup (I was not instrument rated at that time)”. I pulled out at 1,300 AGL and headed north "On top". My friends in the back had cameras

rolling and my only thought was that the FAA will love the evidence when our bodies are recovered! As turned out, here I am to write about it and heading north I found a hole and got back down under! My wife took that opportunity to "take a nap" so as not to alarm our friends.

Another great flight we took many times was a regular to Newburgh's Stewart Air Force Base for what we called the "\$50.00 hamburger" (probably the \$250.00 hamburger today).

In 1976 I joined the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) as a search and rescue pilot.

Children came along in 1979 and 1981 which cut into my flying. I currently have a flight simulator in my home which keeps me "current". I manage to fly two to three times a year - the rest of the time I "fly at home".

In 1987 I became a "Government Contractor" and fulfilled my obligation to my Country, several times over and I retired in 2008.

By Art Randall, Pilot and AFA Gold Coast Chapter Member

Would you like to be featured on the next Marauder?
Send your pic & bio to cap.vsm@juno.com

Wreaths Across America-Sponsor & Attend

CYBERPATRIOT National High School Cyber Defense Competition

CyberPatriot is the premiere national high school cyber defense competition created to inspire high school students toward careers in cyber security or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) discipline critical to our nation's future. The competition: In each competition round students are provided one to three virtual machines. The machines contain several vulnerabilities and the students must clean the images on them. The virtual machines may have Windows or GNU/Linux Operating systems. Teams are given a set amount of time and the team that finds the most vulnerabilities will pass on to the next round.

The winners of all three rounds compete in the National Championship in Washington DC.

All Service Divisions(open to JROTC & CAP)

Round 1-October 28-29

Round 2 –December 2-3

Round 3-January 13-14

Open Division(Public,Private&Home Schools)

Round 1-November 4-5

Round 2-December 16-17

Round 3-January 27-28

The National Finals Competition will take place on March 22-23 in National Harbor, Maryland.

As of this date Florida has 60 teams registered and of those registered eleven teams are from the Gold Coast Chapter area.

Data from Fran Shaw, South Florida VP and South Florida CyberPatriot Representative

“Education continues to be a vital part of AFA’s mission and we urge continued attention to the future need for STEM professionals by government, industry, and AFA’s peer organizations. AFA remains vigilant and active in advocating for education programs that focus on the promotion of STEM studies, such as DOD STARBASE, grants and scholarships, Visions of Exploration, CyberPatriot, and others.”

Quote from AFA National President’s, Message

NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

By Loretta Young, AFAGCC VP for Veteran Affairs and participant in 2011 Golden Age games
The 25th National Veterans’ Golden Age Games were held in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 26-31, 2011. The Games offer sports and recreational competitive events for veterans 55 years of age and older. It is the largest sports and recreation competition for this age group of military veterans in the world. The Games continue to serve as a showcase for the rehabilitation value that wellness and fitness provide in the lives of older Americans.
The National Veterans Golden Age Games are an outgrowth of the historic involvement in geriatric programs by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). For many years, VA has put major emphasis on health and fitness with the goal of veterans living healthier, longer lives. Many of the events began as recreational activities at VA hospitals and nursing home care units across the country. Inspired by the health and fitness movement for America’s senior

citizens, the Games extend that concept to our nations' aging veterans. In 1985, the first National Veterans Golden Age Games took place in Albany, Georgia, with 115 competitors representing VA medical facilities across the United States.

A "fountain of youth" for the rapidly aging veteran population, the Games provide a multi-event sports and therapeutic recreation program for eligible veterans receiving care at any VA medical facility. It is the premier senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the United States, and the only national seniors' program designed to improve the quality of life for all older veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities. This event truly reflects VA's mission – to provide quality programs and health care for America's aging veteran population. It has become one of the most progressive and adaptive rehabilitative senior sports programs in the United States and the world.

Over the years, competitive events at the National Veteran Golden Age Games have been adapted to meet specific needs of the participants. The Games have separate age groups and gender divisions. Additionally, because many veterans also face medical challenges, events were added for those who use wheelchairs and those who have visual impairments. To accommodate the varying degrees of physical conditioning, motor and cognitive skills of the participants, basic competition rules were adapted. The modification of rules and use of adaptive equipment in many events allow non-ambulatory and visually impaired veterans to participate, in separate divisions where needed and with ambulatory and sighted veterans when possible. This has made the National Veteran Golden Age Games a truly adaptive therapeutic sports competition that has become a model for other local, state and national senior sports events. Since 2004, the Games have been a qualifier for the National Senior Games, a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Through this partnership, gold, silver and bronze medalists in certain events have the opportunity to compete further. ***

Model Aircraft-The chapter has a wholesale account with an aircraft model distributor. We can get you a model of a plane that might have special memories for you or a loved one at less than normal retail cost. Milt Markowitz 561-499-0583 or markf84@att.net

Wreaths Across America-sponsor & attend; Dec 10; 10am

TOUR of Ft Lauderdale Naval Air Museum

Last month, a score of AFA Gold Coast Chapter members and guests visited the Naval Air Station Museum in Fort Lauderdale. It is the only military museum in Broward County with an array of vintage model airplanes, photos and WWII memorabilia & exhibits.



Pictures: VP Harvey Bennett contemplating mannequin with familiar flying equipment- AFA member Harry Lattman holding B24 model-Other members, Dr Meyers and Mr Archibald sharing some exciting experiences.

Shortly after the tour we went to lunch at the nearby RUSTIC INN, a seafood and crab specialty restaurant. *Keep tuned in for our next tour/trip*

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Wreaths Across America invites you to participate in honoring and cherishing those veterans who gave so much to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. On Saturday, December 10, 2011 along with the annual laying of the wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery and over 300 other Remembrance Ceremonies we will remember our veterans by laying Holiday Wreaths at the South Florida VA National Cemetery.

Please join us for the Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony sponsored by the Gold Coast Chapter of the Air Force Association

****Please Sponsor a Wreath to Honor all Veterans**

Wreaths \$15.00 ea.

Please make checks payable to: OR If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, visit Wreaths Across America our secured online transaction website PO Box 256 www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org Harrington, ME 04643

Important Notice: Please provide the following information for WAA records and proper delivery:
Sponsoring Group#: **FLAFA351**
Cemetery Designation: **FLSFNL**

****Wreath Laying and Ceremony takes place on:**

Date: **Saturday, December 10, 2011**

Time: **1000 hrs Wreath Laying**

Ceremony begins

Location: **South Florida VA National Cemetery**

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<http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/southfproda.asp>

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