



**YOUR  
CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER  
FLIGHTLINER  
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January 2017

## CHAPTER SALUTES

### ARMED UAVS

by Mike Liquori, Gala Chairman



The Central Florida Chapter will host its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Gala on Thursday, March 2, 2017, where it will recognize the distinguished history of "Armed Unmanned

Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in combat." The Air Force Gala dinner will be held at the beautiful Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Gala and Air Warfare Symposium kicks off with a golf outing on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rosen Shingle Creek Golf Club.

From Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon, the AFA will host its Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition. Key speakers have been invited including the Secretary of the Air Force, Air Force Chief of Staff, and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, as well as other top Air Force leaders. Exhibitors will also display the latest in military technology over a twenty-three thousand square foot area of exhibit space.

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**Get more information today at**

[www.AFA.org/AirWarfare](http://www.AFA.org/AirWarfare)

[www.CentralFlorida.afaFlorida.org/Golf.htm](http://www.CentralFlorida.afaFlorida.org/Golf.htm)

## AFA LOSES

### A GREAT LEADER

by Tommy Harrison, past AFA National Director

The Air Force Association has lost a great leader and friend. Former AFA President and Chairman of the Board, **Martin H. "Marty" Harris**, passed away on December 9, 2016 at the age of 84. He was born in Brooklyn NY on March 14, 1932. After graduating from NYU with a degree in engineering he joined the Air Force. He fulfilled his career in the Air Force Reserve retiring with the rank of Colonel.



**Marty** worked over forty years for Martin Marietta/ Lockheed Martin retiring in 1997. He was named president of numerous companies that dealt with international sales. As a result, he traveled all over the world meeting people and making new friends.

**Marty** has often been referred to as "Mr. AFA," and rightly so. The Central Florida Chapter was chartered on August 8, 1963 with **Wilfred Hardy** as president and **Marty** as vice president. Within two months of taking office **Wilfred** died and **Marty** became president. Air Force Association (Florida) was chartered November 21, 1964 with **Marty** as its first president. He went on to serve on the Board of AFA becoming National Secretary, National President, and Chairman of the Board. Upon leaving that

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### Central Florida Chapter Mission

Our mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense and to honor Airmen and our Air Force heritage. To accomplish this, we:

- **EDUCATE** the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security
- **ADVOCATE** for aerospace power and STEM education
- **SUPPORT** the total Air Force family and promote aerospace education

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*AFA Needs Everyone...  
to Get Involved*



Happy New Year! Here's hope that 2017 has many blessings and prosperity for all. We ask the Lord to continue to look over our troops at home and abroad for their safety and well-being.

As we closed out 2016, I want to say thanks to the numerous chapter members who devoted their time and hard-work to the dedication of the AFA mission! AFA National and the Central Florida Chapter (CFC) kicked off 2016 with a very successful Airfare Warfare Symposium (AWS). These fantastic programs continue to support the AFA mission both locally and nationally!

We expect an even bigger and better symposium/gala this year, so come share in the excitement and witness first-hand the 2017 AWS (March 1-3 at Rosen Shingle Creek). The 2017 AWS kicks off with the **CFC Golf Tournament** on the **March 1st**, with part of the proceeds going to support AFA Airmen and Family Programs, scholarships and operating funds for AFROTC at University of Central Florida, operating funds for both our local AFJROTC and Civil Air Patrol units, as well as, the Orlando VA Medical Center. Also, don't miss the AFA (Florida) meeting in Orlando on March 3-4. **For more info about ALL these upcoming March events see pages 1, 3 and/or 9.**

This *FlightLiner* continues to be a great source of information on the many different ways CFC is involved in the local community. For example, over the next several pages, enjoy reading how the Chapter participates in the annual Orlando Veterans Day Parade, honors Veteran POW-MIAs, participates in local Aerospace Education STEM programs, presents the Chapter's Lt Col Bryan Paul Recruiter of the Year Award to **TSgt Jason Gartland**, and presents scholarships to cadets of Det 159, UCF.

The Central Florida Chapter and AFA lost a great leader and patriot in the passing of **Marty Harris**. Marty stood tall in AFA and for the AFA mission wherever he went. The Chapter asks that everyone keep Marty's family in your prayers. He will be missed!

**We can always use extra support with our programs so join us to learn of the great things we are doing.** You are invited to our local Chapter monthly council meeting (see below) or call me to find out more!

**See you at our next meeting!**

*Gary Lehmann*

### **Chapter Council Meeting**

The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the **Atlantic Aviation Terminal** building at the Orlando Executive Airport.

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## Great Leader

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position, in October 1988, the Secretary of the Air Force presented **Marty** the Exceptional Service Award for his service as Chairman. He continued to serve on the Board as a Director Emeritus.

**Marty** led AFA at its peak of membership and at a time the Air Force needed AFA support. His leadership style included guiding and motivating up and coming AFA leaders.

Typical of the thoughts and comments from those who knew him are: "THE model of AFA Chairmanship. He was gracious, focused on building AFA in its finest hours, tough when he had to be, always generous and supporting, and a REAL leader with a super sense of humor. He made working hard in AFA "fun." "Truly a leader whose qualities we all need to emulate." "Great statesman, mentor and friend." "One of the best men I have ever known." "Totally aviation focused, a leader, teacher, mentor, friend and icon."

**Marty** received virtually every award in AFA including Member of the Year for 1972. He was also proud of receiving the Gen. Lewis H. Brereton Award from AFA (Florida). A couple of his most cherished accomplishments were being a major player in the building of the Air Force Memorial in Washington, DC and the establishment of the Air Warfare Symposium and Air Force Gala in Orlando.

In 1972, the Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command, **General Bruce Holloway**, held a seminar at McCoy AFB. **Marty** was the civilian project officer for that visit. That later gave him the idea to bring industry to Orlando in the winter time to discuss the needs of Tactical Air Command, a primary customer of Martin Marietta. As AFA's President and Chairman of the Board, **Marty**



was in a prime position to make that happen. In January 1985 AFA held its first Tactical Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando. In support of this, the Central Florida Chapter held its first Air Force Gala. Thirty-three years later they are still going.

As an engineer in the Air Force, **Marty** had some interesting jobs. One of the stories he liked to tell about his days on active duty was his opportunity to get a flight in the experimental YB-52. That was the version that had the copilot sitting directly behind the pilot as in the B-47 and two seat fighters. A one of a kind! That made the flight in this aircraft even more memorable. Before production, **Gen. LeMay** had the cockpit seating changed to side by side as was normal for bombers.

A widower (**Patricia** deceased 2008), **Marty** is survived by daughters **Lori Harris** of St. Petersburg, FL; **Barbara (Jeffery) Mathews** of Maitland, FL; grandchildren, **Brittany Johnson**, **Gwendolyn Nicholas**, **Erin Nicholas**, **Joanna Mathews**; great grandchildren, **Cameron** and **Jaxson**.

**Martin H. Harris** was a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, airman, engineer, corporate executive, organizational leader, mentor, counselor, adviser, friend, neighbor and sometimes just "**Marty**."

Life presents us with ups and downs. Most of us handle the ups pretty well. It's the downs that tell our true character. **Marty Harris** showed us how to live both with ease.

*God bless you, Marty.*

## FlightLiner Note

Thanks to all who have contributed to make this the best Chapter newsletter!

Please send your comments and suggestions to Ken at:

[kennethkelly@earthlink.net](mailto:kennethkelly@earthlink.net)

*Deadline for articles for the next edition is April 13, 2017*

## Events Calendar

### January 2017

- 1 \*New Years Day
- 12 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 16 Martin Luther King Holiday

### February

- 9 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 20 President's Day

### March

- 1-3 \*AFA Air Warfare Symposium
- 1 \*CFC Golf supporting AWS
- 2 \*CFC Gala (Shingle Creek)
- 3-4 \*AFA FL State Meeting in Orlando (register now)
- 9 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 18 JROTC Drill Meet
- 26 Scholarship Opportunity Program (1-4p UCF Main Campus)

### April

- 13 \*Chapter Council Meeting (Deadline for FlightLiner articles)
- 16 Easter

### May

- 11 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 29 Memorial Day

### June

- 8 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 14 Flag Day

### July

- 3 Independence Day Celebration (Officer Election at Altamonte Hilton)
- 4 Independence Day
- 15-16 AFA FL State Convention at MacDill AFB

\* See details in this newsletter

# STEM Research Energizes Students!

by Sharon Branch, Vice President Aerospace Education

Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs continue to make news in Florida education. Two examples are right here in central Florida! One from UCF (including our own **Todd Freece**, Central Florida Chapter Executive Vice President) and one from Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School (where **Dr. Suzanne Halverson** is our Teacher of the Year).

## FIRST Robotics Competition...

**Todd Freece**, an AFA volunteer, recently helped judge the Orlando Regional FIRST Robotics Competition. The event is the oldest in Florida, one of the most veteran in the nation, and is an international favorite. This spirited competition started in 1999 at Kennedy Space Center. With its rapid growth to 72 teams, this competition has now moved to the University of Central Florida Arena. Competition is keen with teams from Canada, Germany, Australia, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Great Britain, Netherlands, China and across the U.S.

Interested in helping STEM robotics in Orlando? You can get more info at:

[www.orlandofrc.org](http://www.orlandofrc.org)

You can also go and see the action at both "off season" and "season" events. Regional competition is coming up in March.

## Polk STEM Enhancement...

**Dr. Suzanne Halverson**, our CFC Teacher of the Year, continues to sponsor and mentor students from Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate

High School STEM Enhancement Program. They recently hosted an annual STEM Research Project Display.



CFC-AFA members judge FIRST robotics meet

STEM scholars in Dr. Halverson's STEM Research High School course presented and displayed projects to faculty, staff, students, college admin-



Above and Right: STEM student's presentations at Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School



istrators, STEM professors, and community members. STEM scholars have



The foundation: Dr. Suzanne Halverson (right) and other key STEM professors / mentors worked diligently on multiple research topics. Recently, they focused on the

Verizon App Challenge with a focus on some key medical science areas: conservation of energy, athletic injuries, and awareness of mental illnesses. Additionally, on a second track, STEM scholars at Polk are constructing two remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROVs), with the final competition slated for early in 2017. STEM scholars are also investigating the integration of the GoPro technology to increase the quality of medical education.

## Polk Education Grant...

The STEM Enhancement Program was awarded a 2017 Polk Education Foundation Grant. The funds will be used to continue and support STEM scholars (mentors), elementary school students, and middle school students with life skills needed to be successful in a future STEM career. The STEM scholars are blazing new paths as they organize a collaborative effort. A key goal is to both complete the robotic technology construction rapidly while also mentoring young STEM participants.

Funding from the Polk grant will supply six Lego Education "WeDo" Core Sets and six LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 kits, which the STEM Scholars will use to help younger children learn to use critical thinking skills to engineer various types of robots. The knowledge gained from the STEM Enhancement workshops will encourage all STEM participants to choose a STEM discipline and a STEM related lifetime occupation. Lastly,

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# Orlando Veteran's Day Parade

by Gary Lehmann, Chapter President

Last November, the city of Orlando hosted their 17<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Parade. Chapter members proudly marched in the parade, well march and rode, as they represented the Air Force Association.

Each year the Veterans day pa-



Local AF Recruiters, A1C Cartagena and TSgt Mercado support Veteran's Day Parade

rade honors the courageous men and women of the United States Armed Forces who fought for the country's freedoms. This year's Orlando parade theme focused on the Central Florida Post 9/11 Veterans. The parade consisted of marching bands, JROTC and AFROTC units from around the



Chapter members Todd Freece, Gary Lehmann and Mike Liquori on parade day

area, active military, decorative floats and veteran's groups from all military branches that represent a wide variety of conflicts.

It was a perfect Fall day and the downtown streets were lined with



Local AF Recruiters and new recruits support Veteran's Day Parade

thousands of cheering spectators of all ages who were showing their appreciation & support for all the participates. Many were proudly wearing their "red, white and blue" and waving U.S. flags.

A special thanks goes out to



Pat & Barbara Walter-Phillips support Veteran's Day Parade

**Pat & Barbara Walter-Phillips** for driving their antique classic 1927 Model T Ford, **Mike Liquori** for driving his Corvette, **Sharon Branch and Todd Freece, TSgt Mercado & A1C Cartagena** and their future enlistees for proudly representing the CFC-AFA and the Air Force past, present, and future.

## STEM (Continued from previous page)

it will allow the STEM scholars to learn more about the developing legal cases regarding robotics technology and how robotics can still contribute as a solution to real-world issues.

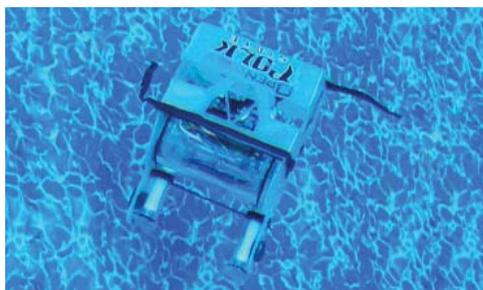
### Polk State College news...

A Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School documentary will be screened at the BLUE Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit this week in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg-based BLUE is an organization that aims to educate the public about the world's oceans, and inspire positive actions to protect them, through films.

This year's festival featured a screening of "The Open ROV Experience," a film students at Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate

High School created to document a semester-long, interdisciplinary project to build an underwater robot and



STEM students create underwater robot and film documentary "The Open ROV Experience"

learn about its potential uses in ocean exploration.

The six-pound robot is complete with a high-definition webcam and streams video to a surface laptop via a two-wire tether. It can collect video

and water samples from as deep as 300 feet.

As the robot was taking shape, students in **Dr. Halverson's** STEM Research class, students continued studying anatomy and physiology, biology, oceanography, and physics, attended many guest lectures presented by visiting professors. Students also took field trips to locations related to the project, including a submarine manufacturer in Vero Beach.

For news regarding Collegiate High School see [www.polk.edu](http://www.polk.edu)

Visit our web site to get more Chapter information...  
<http://centralflorida.afaflorida.org>

## AFROTC Det 159 Dining Out.

by Bill Palmby, Past President

The cadets and cadre of AF ROTC Detachment 159 recently held a highly successful formal Dining Out in Orlando. This annual event provides the Detachment's cadets the opportunity to be recognized for their academic and military performance, as well as their service to the community.

During the Dining Out, the Central Florida Chapter



*AFROTC Det 159 Cadets receive AFA Central Florida Chapter Scholarships*

Both cadets' names will be permanently engraved on the memorial plaques, which are displayed prominently in the UCF AFROTC offices. In addition, the following named cadets received scholarship monetary awards (left).

- Jonathan Schmidt**, AS 200
- Patrick Corners**, AS 400
- Angela Harshman**, AS 400
- Juan Villa**, AS 400
- Edward Sanetti**, AS400



Cadet Brandon Hanner was awarded \$1,000 as part of the 1st Lt Carlos Arriaga Scholarship

was pleased to present \$4,250 in scholarship funds to seven very deserving cadets. This included \$1,000 checks to each of two cadets as part of the two "named" scholarships funded by our AFA chapter.

Two outstanding cadets received the top coveted awards: **Cadet Brandon Hanner** was awarded \$1,000 as part of the 1st Lt Carlos Arriaga Scholarship. **Cadet Yangson** was awarded \$1,000 as part of the General Bruce K. Holloway Scholarship.



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## Wekiva AF JROTC

by Jim Fake, Lt Col, USAF (RET) Wekiva HS AFJROTC SASI

AFA funds help defray expenses to allow our students to enjoy and learn from special events.

Recently, fifty Wekiva High Air Force JROTC cadets traveled to Kennedy Space Center for an educational and entertaining field trip.



Wekiva High Air Force JROTC cadets in front of Space Shuttle at Kennedy Space Center

This was the first of three field trips scheduled this year.

Future trips are planned to attend the AFA Warfare

Technical Exhibits and the MacDill AFB JROTC Day.

In continued service to our Nation, AFJROTC proudly show the Colors!



Wekiva High Air Force JROTC cadets present the Colors at recent ceremony

Invited back again, Wekiva cadets continue to present the Colors for the U.S. citizenship naturalization ceremonies that are held at the District Federal

Symposium Courthouse in Orlando.

**Thanks to AFA, we can continue building a strong AF JROTC!**

*We welcome YOU  
to join and participate in the  
Central Florida Chapter  
of the  
Air Force Association!*

## Membership News

To help keep our organization strong, each and every one of us should always be on the lookout for new members. The prospect list is rich: newly retired Air Force members, recently separated veterans, families of Air Force members, and just about any citizen concerned with a strong national defense.

**"Our best recruiter is you!"**

### *Tell our AFA story...*

Telling "our" AFA story is easy when you consider the many things that our chapter and other chapters around the nation are doing!

From Aerospace Education to educating Congress. From Veterans support to our support of teacher workshops. AFA is a key in motivating young men and women to become "our" Air Force of the future.

Let others know and they will want to join our AFA team.

### *How YOU can do it too...*

When you find a candidate, there are some easy ways to help them join our great organization. Besides sharing what great things we do -- give them an application and ask them to complete it. Copies of the AFA application are available:

**Printed** — There is one in every FlightLiner. Cut it out and give it to a friend.

**Online** — Go to [www.centralflorida.afaflorida.org](http://www.centralflorida.afaflorida.org) and click the "Join Now" link down the left side.

**Phone / Email** — Contact the membership chairman (Tommy Harrison) to complete an application. Call 407-886-1922 or Email: [tgharrison@aol.com](mailto:tgharrison@aol.com).

### *Follow up...*

You really want them to join, so follow up, welcome them, and again, share the AFA story.

## AFA APPLICATION



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Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Aerospace Industry
- U.S. Government
- Retired
- Other

### CURRENT JOB FUNCTION

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- Engineering
- Operations  R&D
- Procurement  Retired
- Other  Other

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- \$630 extended payments
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  - Initial payment of \$90 and 8 quarterly payment of \$67.50 each

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I wish to include a charitable donation to support AFA and its mission to promote Air Force Airpower.

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- Contributions to AFA are fully tax-deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

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or call 407-886-1922

### Please mail application to:

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Arlington, VA 22209-9963

# 2016 Recruiter of the Year

by Todd Freece, Chapter Executive Vice President

**Technical Sergeant Gartland** was recently presented with the Central Florida Chapter's Lt Col Bryan Paul, Recruiter of the Year Award at the Chapter Holiday event.

**TSgt Jason Gartland** of the 333rd Recruiting Squadron is our "Recruiter of the Year." The 333rd directs and operates USAF recruit-



10-week public speaking/leadership seminar. He is also an outstanding Air Force ambassador in his community. **TSgt Gartland** organized and directed a youth soccer league. His leadership instilled confidence and team-building skills among the youth participants.



Chapter President Gary Lehmann and Ellen Paul, wife of the late Lt Col Bryan Paul, were on hand to present the award to TSgt Gartland.

ing activities throughout Central and South Florida and the Caribbean covering over 36,000 square miles. **TSgt Gartland** distinguished himself as the Top Recruiter for the Central

Florida area. He serves as the military liaison supervisor at the Tampa Military Entrance Processing Station where he supports entrance processing for the active duty, reserve, and the Air National Guard.

An amazing record, **TSgt Gartland** coordinated 975 enlistments, associated security clearance products, and over \$83,000 in meals & lodging support. He implemented a process improvement program that reduced in-week cancellations cutting avoidable losses 10%, saving \$3,000 and maintaining a perfect record of ZERO erroneous enlistments and ZERO losses before entry on active duty.

**TSgt Gartland** has a passion for self-improvement and sharpened his supervisor talent by participating in a



Chapter Executive Vice President Todd Freece presents CFC cap and shirt to TSgt Gartland.

### Job Well Done!

**Technical Sergeant Gartland** embodies the core values of the Air Force, is an outstanding performer and an exemplary representative of the Air Force within his civic community.



Central Florida Chapter presents quarterly support checks to CAP.

(Left) Gary Lehmann presents check to CAP Capt Tom Lyon.

(Right) Todd Freece presents check to CAP cadet color guard at CFC holiday event.



# POW-MIA

by Sharon Branch, Vice President Aerospace Education

In a recent edition of the Air Force Association (AFA) Daily Report, the AFA highlighted the recovery of **Major Troy Gilbert's** remains from Iraq where he died in action in November 2006. He was flying an F-16, strafing the enemy to protect U.S. Special Forces troops who were under fire. He was unable to gain altitude in sufficient time to save his own life. In the meantime, he had saved the lives of the fighters on the ground.

His body was taken by enemy fighters. However, skull fragments were found in the aircraft and the authorities concluded he died on impact. After almost 10 years, his body, flight suit, flight jacket, and parachute harness were recovered and brought home. These were turned over by an Iraqi tribal leader.

A memorial service for **Major Troy L. Gilbert** was held at Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 19, 2016, at 1 p.m. (see the November edition of Air Force Magazine)

### How are such remains recovered?

Formerly the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting of U.S. personnel who lost their lives during

past conflicts and bring closure to their families. Their site ([www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil)) details on-going work to find and return remains from our nation's conflicts. They are still recovering remains from World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. They can accomplish this because of cooperation of the government in the country (or other leaders in country such as in **Major Gilbert's** case) in which the remains are located. They receive eye witness accounts, excavate sites, and match DNA to determine from whom the remains came. Then the remains are recovered and brought home to the families of the Missing in Action.

The National Park Service, Andersonville, web site ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)) provides statistics on Prisoners of War. There are currently no American Prisoners of War, but clearly, over time, this has affected family and friends throughout our country.

- Revolutionary War - Over 20,000
- War of 1812 - Over 5,000
- Civil War - Union, 194,000
- Civil War - Confederacy, 214,000
- Spanish- American - Less than 12
- WWI - 4120
- WWII- 124,000
- Korean War - 7,100
- Vietnam - 766
- Persian Gulf - 23

Today, our country has many re-



U.S. Air Force honor guard drill team presents arms during the playing of Taps during the National Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii

patriated POWs who are now home and continue as living witnesses of the ravages of war. They carry the wounds (visible and invisible) of the time they spent in prison. Many past POWs are still fighting our wars in lands far away from home and may one day be asked to sacrifice their lives in order to uphold our values as a nation and keep us free. Let us continue to pray they return home safely to their homes and families.

**"You are NOT forgotten!"**

## Register for AFA Florida State Meeting in Orlando (More details available on the web)

- DATE:** March 3-4, 2017
- LOCATION:** Hampton Inn and Suites, 5460 Gateway Village Circle, Orlando FL 32812
- HOTEL reservations by Feb 8, 2017:** Call 407-857-2830 for "Air Force Association Rate"
- EVENT registration by Feb 24, 2017:** Please download form at:  
<http://afaflorida.org/meetings/2017Winter/2017%20Winter%20Meeting%20Registration%20Form.pdf>
- CONTACT** Contact Sharon Branch 407-299-2772 or email: [BranchAFA@gmail.com](mailto:BranchAFA@gmail.com)

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# Annual AFA and CFC Gala Events Coming to Orlando!

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