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MARTIN H. HARRIS CHAPTER  
**FLIGHTLINER**  
AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION



## CHAPTER WELCOMES AFA EVENTS TO ORLANDO

Mike Liquori, Gala Chairman &  
Bob Ceruti, Golf Chairman

### Chapter Salutes Air Force Innovations...

For the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Martin H. Harris Chapter will recognize significant contributions of Air Force members and/or industry during the AFA Air Warfare Symposium. In concert with the 2018 Air Warfare Symposium's theme, "Innovation: The Warfighter's Edge", the chapter will recognize outstanding innovation efforts by Air Force members and/or industry.

From Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon (Feb 21-23), the AFA will host its Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. 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.

### Golf Outing...

Don't miss it! Events will kick off with the highly successful chapter golf outing on Wednesday (Feb 21). Check-in begins at 10:30am with shotgun start for the golf outing at the Shingle Creek Golf Course.

Members of the Aerospace Industry will be participating, along with AFA members, government, and DOD  
See Golf Tourney, p. 3

### Get more information today at

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

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

## MSGT GULLEKSON, 2017 USAF RECRUITER OF THE YEAR

Sharon Branch, Chapter Executive Vice President

**MSgt Darryl Gullekson** received the 2017 Recruiter of the Year award from **Chapter President Todd Freece** (right) aided by **Ellen Paul** (left), the wife of the late **Lieutenant Colonel Bryan Paul**, for whom the award was named.

**Sergeant Gullekson** is the Flight Chief, Enlisted Accessions, for the 333<sup>rd</sup> Recruiting Squadron, Brandon, Florida. His leadership, professionalism, and expertise were essential in leading six recruiters to achieve 138 percent of goal, maneuvering his

See Recruiter p. 8



## CYBERPATRIOT PROVIDES TOP RESULTS

Bonnie Callahan, AFA Board Member Emeritus

CyberPatriot X is off and running. Registration is now closed, resulting in 5,584 registered teams as we begin the tenth season of the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. This is a 26 percent increase from the 2016-2017 competition year.

Teams registered represent all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) schools in Europe and the Pacific, Canada, Australia

See CyberPatriot, p. 6

### Martin H. Harris 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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## A Year of Transition

Happy New Year! **Susan** and I extend our sincere wish for a happy, prosperous and safe 2018 for all of our members. We ask the Lord for his wisdom this year and protection of our Airmen (Active, Reserve, National Guard and Civilian) as they serve this great nation at home and abroad. We also ask for healing and understanding for those still experiencing the physical and mental wounds of service.

As I look back upon 2017, I am amazed by what this Chapter has accomplished. We began the year with our Chapter's Golf Tournament, raising five thousand dollars for Airmen and Family Programs. We hosted the Gala at the 2017 Air Warfare Symposium where we presented five AFA Fellowship awards to some truly outstanding airmen – including a former Chief of Staff, General Jumper. We hosted the 2017 Winter Meeting for AFA Florida State. In March we conducted the Air Force Scholarship Opportunity Program to introduce young men and women of character to opportunities to pay for their college tuition en route to becoming Air Force officers. We worked with our school districts to identify and select a Teacher of the Year for outstanding contributions to STEM programs and contributed hundreds of hours toward STEM program support in the form of hours in support of STEM presentations in the classroom, CyberPatriot, and StellarXplorers. We represented our local Air Force Veterans at the Orlando Veterans Day Parade and honored the top local Air Force Recruiter of the Year at our Holiday Party. Funds raised from Chapter events provided support to veterans who need transportation to the VA hospital in Orlando, funding for JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, and AF-ROTC cadet programs and scholarships for individual cadets participating in the University of Central Florida AFROTC program. Your contributions of time, talent and treasure make a difference. **Because of YOU the AFA mission is alive in Central Florida!**

As we step forward into 2018, ... "things are a changin'!" The most significant change is the absence of the Gala in 2018. AFA National leaders asked us to suspend the Gala for the 2018 Air Warfare Symposium (AWS) in response to pressure from Industry for a less formal (and perhaps a less costly) event. The Chapter will not host a Gala at the 2018 AWS. We are still pursuing an Awards Event so that we may continue honoring the contributions of our Airmen and Industry supporting a powerful national defense. We will continue with the Golf Tourney to raise funds for the Chapter and various AFA national missions. Our objective is to continue the legacy of our namesake, **Martin H. Harris**, to honor our Airmen and contribute to the AFA mission at large while raising funds to support the AFA mission here in Central Florida. We are working with AFA National leaders to continue profit sharing from the AWS to support the local mission. The Chapter initiated the AWS in 1985 and expects to continue sharing in the profits from the program after over 33 years of success.

Change is opportunity. It is an opportunity to further define the role of the field within the Air Force Association, and an impetus for the Chapter to explore new avenues for fulfilling our local mission. There are challenges ahead. I am certain that our membership has the ideas and energy to succeed. 2018 is a year of transition. You are the people I want on my team. Please contact me directly and tell me how you would like to offer your time, talent, and/or treasure. Share your ideas. I look forward to working with all of you!



For additional contact info, go to:  
[www.martinharris.afaflorida.org](http://www.martinharris.afaflorida.org)

*Todd Freece*

## Golf Tourney...

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personnel, in a scramble format.

The Chapter has been fortunate to gain generous sponsorship for the event from Top Aces, Lockheed Martin, UTC Aerospace, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, GE and others.

Through the generosity of the sponsors and participants, the Chapter is able to provide scholarships and operating support for AFROTC cadets from the University of Central Florida; operating support for the AF-JROTC and CAP units in Central Florida; support for area high school STEM Programs; and support to veterans at our local VA Hospital.

In addition to meeting the growing needs of local area students and veterans, the Chapter also provides funds for young men and women of the Wounded Airman Program, a program that provides much needed support to our wounded Airmen including prosthetics, financial aid, caregiver support, on-site support at adaptive sports camps and much more.



I encourage all of our members and other community partners to help us meet our goals by participating in this year's golf tournament or making a donation to the Chapter on behalf of the Wounded Airman Program.

Many of you know or have read about the extraordinary efforts of **Marty Harris** on behalf of our Chapter and the Air Force Association.

In addition to naming the Chapter in the memory of this dedicated airman, we are committed to honoring his legacy by continuing the development and support of the men and women in our community and the many who have already sacrificed on our nation's behalf.

*See our web site to sign up today!*

### **Golf Tourney - Feb 21**

#### **Shingle Creek Golf Club**

9939 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819

Check-in begins: 10:30AM

Shotgun Start: 12:15PM

#### **Registration**

<http://www.martinharris.afaflorida.org/Golf.htm>

#### **Tourney Questions**

Contact Gary Lehmann

407-312-6893

### **Sponsors**

**If you'd like to help sponsor the event and donate to many important causes it helps...**

Contact Robert Ceruti at 407-365-1519

or email: [receruti@bellsouth.net](mailto:receruti@bellsouth.net)

### **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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## **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 12, 2018**

## **Events Calendar**

### **January 2018**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 11 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 15 Martin Luther King Holiday

### **February**

- 8 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 19 President's Day
- 21 \*MHC Golf Tourney
- 21-23 \*AFA Air Warfare Symposium (Shingle Creek)
- 23-24 \*AFA FL State Meeting in Orlando

### **March**

- 8 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 18 JROTC Drill Meet
- 25 Scholarship Opportunity Program (1pm UCF Main Campus)

### **April**

- 1 Easter
- 12 \*Chapter Council Meeting (Deadline for FlightLiner articles)

### **May**

- 10 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 19 Armed Forces Day
- 28 Memorial Day

### **June**

- 7 \*Chapter Council Meeting
- 14 Flag Day

### **July**

- 3 Independence Day Celebration (Officer Election at Altamonte Hilton)
- 4 Independence Day
- 14-15 AFA FL State Convention at Altamonte Hilton

\* See details in this newsletter

# Det 159 Officer Candidate AND Dad!

by Russ King and James Smith, University of Central Florida

**Cadet Roger Sifrit** tells his experience of becoming a father while working toward his future career in the Air Force.

**Mission first, people always.** That is something we are all taught to live by. Having an 8-month-old son, being in ROTC, **and** an engineering major has its challenges. My wife and I have learned a lot about man-

aging time and responsibilities over the past year. Balancing all of it can get tough but it's worth it. My family is what keeps me going, they are my inspiration.

Taking care of my family helps me get into the mindset of a military

Right: Roger Sifrit and son, William, getting ready for the fall Arnold Air Society Candidate Class

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# AFROTC Changes MY Life!

By Cadet Carole Martino, Det 159, AFROTC

When I graduated high school, I never saw myself joining any branch of the military. It was never something I had even considered until my dad, who was prior enlisted in the Air Force in the early 70's, mentioned a scholarship for college he found out was available through Air Force ROTC. It sounded like



Above: C/ Carole Martino Arnold Air Society Flight at Maxwell, AFB.  
Right: C/ ORI inspection prep.

lifetime. It has given me countless opportunities to showcase my strengths and simultaneously strengthen my weaknesses as a leader and

wing size of about 250 cadets. I knew that training a group this large was going to be challenging, especially since I wanted the workouts for Physical Training to be effective. My assistants and I tackled numerous

problems ranging from locations for training, variety of exercises, time constraints, and the overall enjoyment for everyone during training. Overall, it was a unique learning experience that I would have never been able to have anywhere else. It taught me countless things about adapting and improvising with a large group and maintaining a level of organization that proved to be successful despite the circumstance. I can honestly say that joining Air Force ROTC at

as a person in general. This past Fall semester, I was privileged with the

position of Physical Fitness Officer for our detachment. Little did I know, that semester our detachment was going to be doubling in size reaching a cadet

Detachment 159 has been the best decision I have made for myself and I will always encourage others to try it out.



Above: C/ Martino (center) with her two mentees, C/ Martinez and C/ Worrell.  
Right: With friends, C/ Orren and C/ Marchand



# Orlando Veterans Day Parade

by Mike Liquori, Chapter Member

The Martin H. Harris chapter once again participated in the City of Orlando Veterans Day Parade. This year's parade was held on Saturday, November 11, 2017, and the parade route traveled through downtown Orlando on Orange Ave, Central Blvd



Toni & Bob Ceruti support Veterans Day Parade

and Rosalind Ave. Chapter members Todd Freece, Sharon Branch, Bob Ceruti, Barbara Walters-Phillips

and Mike Liquori took to the streets in a Model T, two Corvettes and some good old walking shoes. The chapter was honored to have two WWII heroes riding with us this year: Maj Jack Hallett (P-38 Pilot from 9th Army Air Force Europe) and CMSgt Mel Jenner (B-17 airman with 31 missions from 8th Army Air Force Europe). While the group dodged some light sprinkles in the lead up to the parade (which resulted in car roofs being removed and replaced multiple times), it did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd. Judging from the cheers and applause along the route, Orlando is home to a large contingent of patriotic Americans.

**Thanks to all the chapter**



Chapter members Barbara Walters-Phillips, Todd Freece, Toni & Bob Ceruti, Mike Liquori and Sharon Branch

members who participated this year, and we look forward to seeing you next year



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

## ROTC Dad (Continued from previous page)

officer who is responsible for the people in their unit. I have been a father for less than a year and I have already learned so much about what it means to take care of your people. Someday, I hope to apply everything I have learned from being a father to my Air Force career. I hope to become the leader that my unit looks to for guidance and direction on and off the battlefield.

There are definitely a lot of ups

and downs with having a family in college, but there are many moments that make it all worth it.

This past semester I helped instruct our Arnold Air Society's candidate class. This was a great experience and I learned what it means to be a leader that teaches, motivates and shapes cadets to be effective leaders in the cadet corps. One week, I had the opportunity to bring my son to class, I absolutely cherish the moments when different parts of my life intersect. We had so much fun that class with my son there, it was a change of pace for the candidates and something new for the instructors to talk about.



*Life holds many challenges for each of us. It is important to remember that making the most of these challenges and learning from every experience will help us become the best leaders we can be.*

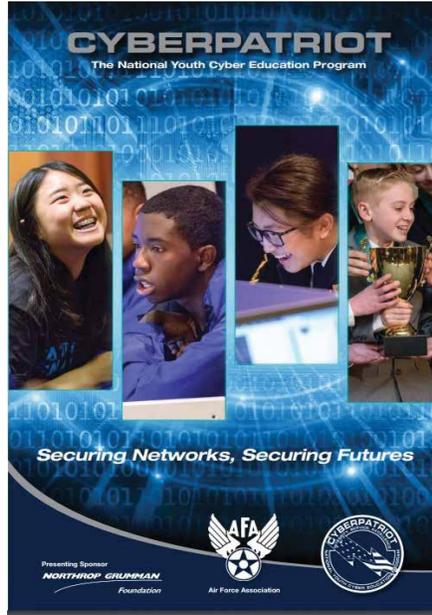
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# CyberPatriot...

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lia, Singapore, Hungary, Spain, Guam and the United Arab Emirates.

CyberPatriot programs are designed to excite all-aged students about STEM education & careers by teaching them about cybersecurity. The Internet has become a vital part of our everyday lives, and through the CyberPatriot programs, we strive to equip students with the skills to help protect them on the Internet. For more information about CyberPatriot, go to [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org)  
CyberPatriotElementarySchool



Cyber Education Initiative (ESCEI) version 2.0 kit is available to elementary school teachers. This program includes a set of three fun, interactive learning modules aimed at increasing grade K-6 students' awareness of online safety and cybersecurity principles. To order a FREE kit for a classroom you are associated with, go to our website, [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org), find the "Special Initiatives" tab on the top task bar, where you'll get a drop down, then click on ESCEI, and follow the directions to order.

## CyberSentinel

CyberPatriot's monthly newsletter, the CyberSentinel, has become a key way for all CyberPatriot participants, supporters, and fans to connect and get important updates.

Check it out for information on everything CyberPatriot:

- New changes for the new season
- CP-X Participant Kit Information
- Spotlight: CP-X Advancement Structure
- Fun facts
- Learn how to contribute.

For the November 2017 edition (and previous monthly issues) see: [www.uscyberpatriot.org/media/cybersentinel](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/media/cybersentinel)

To contribute to The CyberSentinel, email your suggestions to [info@uscyberpatriot.org](mailto:info@uscyberpatriot.org)

Contacts for the CyberPatriot Program Office include:

[info@uscyberpatriot.org](mailto:info@uscyberpatriot.org)  
[www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org)  
or call (877) 885-5716



## What you can do...

**Become a Coach:** Technical knowledge is less important than a desire to offer an exciting opportunity for your students. The CyberPatriot mentor program can bring an industry expert into your classroom to help teach cyber skills.

### Mentor/Team Assistant:

Are you a cyber-skilled expert? Or do you just want to help? Register TODAY to be a Technical Mentor or Team Assistant for a team in your area or online.

**Administrators/Educators:** Bring CyberPatriot to your school—and watch interest in STEM soar!

**Students:** Recruit a Coach and organize a team.

**Parents:** Encourage your student to participate and your school to support.

**Civic Groups/Businesses:** Sponsor teams in your area with entry fees, equipment, or expertise.

## Sarah the Cyber Hero

The CyberPatriot Program adds its latest addition to the program, a book, "Sarah the Cyber Hero," that is targeted for preschoolers. The book is intended to teach preschoolers safety when using their electronic devices. With electronics being an integral part of today's world, it's imperative that cybersecurity skills be initiated at an early age.

The book sold out its first printing and is currently being reprinted. It is expected to be offered for purchase at major online book providers and on our CyberPatriot website, soon.

Please consider buying one of these books to extend cyber safety principles to our youngest children, and to support this valuable program.



### Other Air Force Association CyberPatriot programs include:



- AFA CyberCamps
- Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative
- Children's Reader (available soon)
- Senior Citizen Cyber Awareness Program (coming soon)

*We welcome YOU  
to join and participate in the  
Martin H. Harris 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.martinharris.afaflorida.org](http://www.martinharris.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



Check here if renewal.

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Martin H. Harris Chapter #303

AFA CHAPTER CHOICE DATE OF BIRTH

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### CURRENT MILITARY STATUS

- Active Duty U.S. Armed Forces     Previous U.S. Military Service  
 U.S. National Guard                 Spouse/Widow(er)/Lineal  
 U.S. Reserve                                 Ancestor/Descendent of Veteran  
 Retired U.S. Armed Forces     Civilian (No service w/ U.S. Military)

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

### CURRENT PROFESSION    CURRENT JOB FUNCTION

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|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Management  | <input type="checkbox"/> R&D     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Government    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other              | <input type="checkbox"/> Procurement |                                  |

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- \$20 Introductory                         \$35 e-Member 1 year  
 \$50 Regular Member 1 year         \$85 e-Member 3 years  
 \$125 Regular Member 3 years       \$400 e-Life Member

### DONATION

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

- \$10     \$25     \$50     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check enclosed (not cash)     American Express  
 MasterCard                         VISA

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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Membership Info:

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or call 407-886-1922

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Arlington, VA 22209-9963

## 2017 Recruiter of the Year (continued from page 1)

flight through a challenging recruiting environment and filling the vast manpower demands of the Air Force. During this period, his flight earned four Air Force Recruiting Service Silver Badge awards, the Flight Standard of Excellence award, and squadron Top Enlisted Accessions Flight of the Quarter award. **Sergeant Gullekson** earned both the Production Superintendent Achievement and Top Flight Chief of the Quarter awards.

**Sergeant Gullekson** began his USAF career in the service as a Se-



Mt Dora Color Guard with CMSgt (Ret) Hall



Mt Dora Color Guard: Cadet Devyn Brown, Cadet Marissa Spitz, Cadet Aubrey Negron, & Cadet Meghan Imm

curity Forces airman and has been a recruiter for nine years. He has been in service for 19 years. He is married and has a son and daughter. **Sergeant Gullekson** embodies the core values of the Air Force, is an outstanding performer as an Air Force recruiter, and an exemplary representative of the Air Force within his community.

### An honor...

Our honored Chapter guest was CMSgt (Ret) Richard Hall a Tuskegee Airman who received the Congressional Gold Medal. The Chief was a P-51 maintainer, a B-25 gunner in the Korean War then later trained South American countries to maintain US aircraft they purchased. The Chief retired in 1973 and lives in Winter Park.



Chief Hall with Chapter Members: Christina English, Richard English, Bob Ceruti, Toni Ceruti, Chief Hall (seated front), Ed Jezisek, Mike Liquori, Karen Jezisek, & Dimitrius Wilson

## A Conundrum To Be Sure...

by Sharon Branch, Executive Vice President

Our President just completed a tour of the Asian continent where he talked largely about trade. The economic instrument of national power was the topic of the day. Rather than multi-national agreements, the President favors one-to-one trade agreements stating he "won't allow the U.S. to be taken advantage of anymore." See: [www.wsj.com/articles/trump-declares-new-world-trade-order-1510300438](http://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-declares-new-world-trade-order-1510300438)

The President's view is that trade deficits are bad and the U.S. needs to be treated more fairly. Some politicians believe that Mr. Trump's stance on trade will inhibit the broader relationships that were enjoyed in multi-lateral trade agreements basically shutting out the U.S. as these agreements are made among the countries that we no longer want to deal with as a group but with

whom we would rather have bilateral trade agreements. See: [www.money.cnn.com/2017/11/06/news/economy/trump-asia-visit-trade-economy/index.html](http://www.money.cnn.com/2017/11/06/news/economy/trump-asia-visit-trade-economy/index.html)

This reminds me of the national election in 1992 when the phrase was coined, "it's the economy, stupid." NOW, we are looking at a national debt of over 20 trillion and our Congress

*A conundrum to be sure...*

*A "real" national defense must support long term objectives.*

cannot agree on a budget, it's probably still the economy, stupid. Obviously, Mr. Trump thinks he's doing the right thing and many agreed with his stance as they voted for him knowing he intended to put America first.

I'm not an economist, but, it gives me pause that we seem to be attempt-

ing to turn back time and ignore the idea that we have a global economy.

At the same time this is going on, Mr. Trump is courting China asking them to engage North Korea using the diplomatic instrument of power. China suggested the U.S. stop conducting exercises in the region and North Korea freeze its nuclear program. Nothing less than a non-nuclear North Korea is acceptable U.S. policy.

The President also authorized deployment of the 3 aircraft carriers to patrol adjacent to Korean waters and joint Navy and Air Force training off Okinawa in a show of force using the military instrument of power. F-15Cs and B-1Bs practiced joint maneuvers with the USS Ronald Reagan Strike Group. See: [www.pacaf.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1373593/us-air-force-us-navy-](http://www.pacaf.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1373593/us-air-force-us-navy-)

# CAP 75th Cadet Celebration

By Capt. Chuck Vaughn, SER FL 383 PAO



Under a brilliant blue North Florida sky on November 18, 2017 the Jacksonville Composite Squadron Seniors, Cadets, parents and invited guests commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol's Cadet program. Honored guests included Florida Commander Lt. Colonel Louis Garcia, as well as Group 2 Commander Maj. Gary Stalneker and Capt. Theresa Stalneker.

Lieutenant Colonel John Morrison, Squadron Commander called for the presentation of the colors by the 383's Flag Corps to kick off the festivities.

After welcoming remarks and introductions, Col. Morrison turned the event over to our master of ceremonies Lt. Col. Vince Murray for the day's events.

Col. Murray led off the cer-

emony with presentation of the Senior member awards followed by the Cadet



Lt. Col. Louis Garcia awarding the CAP Congressional Gold Medal to the family of Lt. Alice M. Zack, a member of the Berryhill, N.C. Squadron from 1944-1947  
Photo by: Capt Chuck Vaughn, ATP

awards aptly performed by Cadet Captain Caleb Gauthier.

The highlight of the day was

the awarding of Civil Air Patrol's Congressional Gold Medal by Col. Louis Garcia, Florida Wing Commander to the family of Alice M. Zack. Mr. John B. Alwran of Orange Park, Florida- A Navy veteran of World War II accepted the Civil Air Patrol's Congressional Gold Medal in honor of his late wife. She was a member during World War II from 1944 through 1947, attached to the Berryhill Squadron in Charlotte, North Carolina. Zack was awarded several pins for service while flying Piper Cubs and Aeronca Champs flying coastal surveillance patrols looking for enemy submarines and ships.

When the outside activities concluded the squadron and guests retired of the squadron building for refreshments and fellowship.

## Conundrum (Continued from previous page)

[conduct-joint-training-near-okinawa/](#)  
In addition, B-1s joined in mock missile launches off both coasts of South Korea in a joint exercise with Japanese Defense Forces and South Korean forces, the first nighttime joint B1 bomber exercise between the 3 allies. See: [www.cnn.com/2017/10/11/politics/us-b-1-bombers-korea/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/11/politics/us-b-1-bombers-korea/index.html)

A recent Mitchell Institute article addresses the connection between the economy and our ability to exercise the military instrument of power. "The military power of the United States and its partners is substantial. Even so, significant defense reform is needed to address the current security environment. Increased funding for readiness and capacity, without sacrificing critical modernization programs, would do the most to expand overall US and co-

alition military power. Specifically, the US European Command (EUCOM) and US Pacific Command (PACOM) regions require an increased allocation of global intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) assets to meet these requirements. The US and its partners must prepare for theater access challenges, and policymakers must also give greater attention to nuclear deterrence and planning." See: <http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/a2dd918b654eeae2fa4980a648d92c3f62d796.pdf>

A conundrum to be sure....

Consequently, we should recognize that we must continue our efforts to educate our communities and legislators about the need for a strong national defense that can only be realized by funding that not only pays for what is needed today but that will ensure our future strength into the out years.

## Soaring to Glory..

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