

## Langley Chapter #323 AFA Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** 12 January 2010, 11:30-13:00

**Location:** Embassy Suites, Coliseum Drive, Hampton

**Attendance:** 47

### Welcome.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: John Murphy
2. Invocation: Monte Correll
3. Program: Guest speaker Col Bradley Butz, Vice Commander 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, Langley AFB
4. Introduction of guests:
  - Our hosts today— The Embassy Suites
  - Jeff Platt, our AFA Central East Region President
  - Col Eric Schnaible, ACC Director of Public Affairs—who will be leaving Langley to become Director of Public Affairs, Air Force Forces, Al Udeid AB, Qatar. Thanks for your outstanding support to the Langley Chapter.

### Executive Council Reports.

1. VP, Aerospace Education – Jerry Levesque:
  - Langley AFA Chapter Teacher of the Year program with the Virginia Air & Space Center is underway and open for applications. Please encourage any outstanding science or math teachers that you know to apply. Packages are available on the Chapter website and are due by the end of February.
  - Anyone interested in taking over the CCAF Award program, please see Jerry or Randy Hobbs (Two people volunteered for consideration).
  - AFA scholarship and grant programs for 2010
    - **Pitsenbarger Awards:** provide a one-time award of \$400 to selected top USAF enlisted personnel graduating from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree. The awards coincide with the CCAF graduation ceremonies held each spring and fall. The number of awards is allocated according to the size of the graduating class. The larger the graduating class, the more awards your office can expect. AFA Pitsenbarger awards are based on **number of students, not the number of degrees.**
    - **Lt Col Romeo and Josephine Bass Ferretti Scholarship:** This scholarship is made possible by a bequest from the estate of Lt Col Romeo and Josephine Bass Ferretti and was established for minor dependents of Air Force active duty, reserve or Air National Guard enlisted airmen pursuing an undergraduate degree in the area of science, technology, engineering or math. Please visit our website at <http://www.afa.org/afef/aid/Ferretti.asp> for more information and for an application.
    - **Spouse Scholarships:** The Air Force Spouse Scholarship program is designed to encourage Air Force Spouses worldwide to pursue an associate/ bachelor or graduate/postgraduate degree. Please view our website at <http://www.afa.org/afef/aid/spouse.asp> for more information and for an application.

- **Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship:** The Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship provides financial assistance and recognition to an active duty Air Force, full time Guard or Reserve person who is pursuing a Master's degree in a non-technical field. Please view our website at <http://www.afa.org/aeef/aid/callahan.asp> for more information and for an application.
  - **Grantham University Scholarship:** The AFA/Grantham University Online Degree Scholarship is designed to encourage active duty dependents to continue their education. Please view our website at <http://www.afa.org/aboutus/memben/grantham.asp> for more information and for an application.
  - **Air Force Excellence Scholarship:** This scholarship program was created by the Air Force Association in partnership with the First Command Educational Foundation to provide five scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to students who have achieved academic excellence and contributed to their community in a significant way. Please visit our website at <http://www.afa.org/aeef/aid/afexcel.asp> for more information and for an application.
2. VP, Awards & Recognition – Harley Hammond: Supporting HQ ACC, 1FW and 480ISRW Amn, NCO, SNCO, and CGO of the quarter (4th quarter 2009). The 1FW awards luncheon is 20 Jan and the HQ ACC awards luncheon is 21 Jan. Annual awards are scheduled for 29 Jan. Ron Kieklak gave the AFA Briefing to the ALS class on 7 Jan.
  3. VP, Community Partners—Teresa Bosch: Asked each Community Partner at the luncheon to fill out a contact information card that she passed out. She is updating our database.
  4. VP, Communications – Jerry King: The Crier has been published.
  5. VP, Government Relations – Tim Howard: Working to schedule Representatives Rob Wittman and Glen Nye to speak to the chapter, dates TBD. He will also explore scheduling Gov Bob McDonald at some future date.
  6. VP, Membership – Ron Kieklak: Latest membership count is 1367. On 27 Jan Transition Careers will hold a job fair at the Langley Officers Club. AFA helps with this event and will have a membership table. If anybody can help man the table between 1000-1400, please shoot Ron and email. If any employers would like information about the fair, let John Murphy or Ron Kieklak know.
  7. VP, Military Relations – Steve Mosier: On 9 Dec, Steve Mosier, Stan Stevens and JR Ruth met with Col Kirkland, the new commander of the 633<sup>rd</sup> Air Base Wing. The 633<sup>rd</sup> has responsibility for Joint Base Langley and Fort Eustis. Provided an overview of the Chapter's engagement with the Langley community, including information on the spring Salute to Team Langley and our financial contribution to the airmen and civilians of the base. Invited Col Kirkland to attend chapter meetings and also to speak at a meeting. He was very amenable to the invitation to speak and appreciated the chapter's initiative in contacting him and willingness to work his new organization.

8. VP, Veterans Affairs –Vince Wisniewski: NTR
9. Treasurer – Bob Allison: We have money!
10. Secretary – JR Ruth: Last month's meeting minutes have been posted on the web. Made a motion to approve the minutes and minutes were approved by members present.
11. Executive Vice President: Stan Stevens: Gen Fraser approved the dates and COA for the 2010 CAF Airpower Symposium and Salute to Team Langley events. Look for a kick off meeting announcement in the near future. The dates are 19-20 May 2010.

**Old Business:**

1. AFA Langley Chapter members met with COMACC in late Dec. AFA Salute and CAF Symposium are scheduled for 19-20 May 2010. Mark your calendars.
2. As a reminder, AFA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Air Warfare Symposium & Technology Exposition will be held in Orlando 18-19 Feb. Information is on the AFA website.

**New Business:**

1. The Langley Chapter will be one of the sponsors of the Langley AFB Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Fair which will be held at the Langley Officers Club Wednesday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Membership VP, Ron Kieklak is our POC for the event. If you are interested in exhibiting during the fair, flyer on the table.
2. We received a request to be a sponsor at this year's USO of Hampton Roads Gala. This is an annual event that the chapter supports. We will be a "Bronze Sponsor."
3. We received a request from the HQ ACC Top 3 to support the annual awards banquet which will be held on 26 Feb. The Chapter has funds budgeted for events like this.
4. Chapter member Tom Wozniak was recently appointed a member of the national AFA Veterans and Retiree Council. In this capacity Woz will be working veteran and retiree issues for AFA in concert with the Military Coalition of service organizations. Woz told the membership that the Council would be meeting during the AFA Warpower Symposium and that he would report back at a future Chapter meeting. If you have any issues in this area, please talk to Tom.

**Program:** Introduced Col Bradley Butz, Vice Commander 480<sup>th</sup> ISR Wing.

- Operational tours in Southwest Asia during operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM.
- Served as an intelligence squadron commander, director of operations, wing chief of intelligence operations, and intelligence and space instructor.
- Staff assignments include Headquarters Air Force, Headquarters, US European Command as the collection manager, and at Headquarters, US Southern Command as the commander of the Joint Intelligence Center South.
- He's been the Vice Commander since June 2008

**Announcements:**

1. Thanks to the Embassy Suites for hosting us this month, and for providing an excellent lunch.
2. Next Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, February 9 at Point Plaza and our program will honor our Community Partners.

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