

## Langley AFA Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 Nov 17

Location: Crowne Plaza, Marina, 700 Settlers Landing Rd., Hampton VA

The meeting began at 1200 noon with President Mark “Buster” Douglas

Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer led by Linda McMahan

Introduction of Head Table guests

President’s Remarks – Mark Douglas

- Moment of silence for recently passed USAF Retired Lt Gen Michael Charles Short.
- Introduction of new Executive Committee Members
- Recognition to Nikki Barry, recipient of AFA Award for above and beyond service to the local Langley Chapter
- Recent AFA Air Space Cyber Conference highlights
- Recap of recent 1FW Centennial Celebrations
- Announced Airman Essay Writing Contest to win a free trip to attend the 2018 AFA Air Warfare Symposium, Orlando FL
- Open invitation to become members
- Salute to special guests from VA Hospital attending luncheon in honor of recent Veteran’s Day

Col (USAF, Ret) Jay Pearsall made a special presentation by introducing the Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program (WASP). The purpose of WASP is to create career opportunities in aviation, help build and sustain local aviation, and support national programs designed to mitigate projected pilot shortages.

Keynote Speaker: Major General John K. McMullen. Deputy Commander, Air Combat Command. During his opening remarks, General McMullen mentioned that his Dad had previously served as the Vice Commander of (then) Tactical Air Command and that he now lives in his old house. He gave a brief breakdown of ACC’s structure and mission:

- ACC provides forces and Combined Air Components Commanders (CFACCs) to U.S. Central (USAFCENT), Northern (USAFNORTH) and Southern Commands (USAFSOUTH)
- ACC is also a force provider to other Combatant Commanders

- including U.S. European, Pacific and Strategic Commands
- ACC accomplishes its "Organize, Train and Equip" mission through the USAF Warfare Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force, 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 25<sup>th</sup> Air Force

General McMullen conveyed that the Commander, Air Combat Command (COMACC) has established ACC's Mission: "Control and Exploit the Air." To accomplish that mission, General Holmes is focused on three priorities:

- Improve Squadron Readiness
- Build better Joint Leaders
- Bring the Future Faster

General McMullen portrayed three types of leaders: toxic; status quo keepers who take no risk and change nothing; and change agents who take risk and question policy to try and make thing better.

Other topics covered included:

- Current USAF Pilot shortage
- Enlisted opportunities to become RQ-4 pilots
- Warrant Officer hurdle
- Potential RPA expansion at Shaw AFB
- Mechanics shortage on the horizon
- UAV base location expansions to improve morale of operators and provide more relocation opportunities
- Consolidation of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in an effort to better integrate the service's cyber and ISR capabilities and reduce redundancies in staffing
- Future F-35 beddown locations at non-CONUS bases that currently operate similar fighter aircraft
- Light Attack Aircraft experiment underway
- BRAC possibilities in the future