



The Red Tail Report



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President's Message



Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 really came to life at the March 17 meeting, and it had nothing to do with shamrocks. Ten members were present and all seemed intent on making things happen.

Terry Dickensheet suggested that we precede a future meeting with dinner together, especially since Elevation 89 is a restaurant across the lobby from our meeting room. Members took up the suggestion and we set a date: April 21 with dinner at 6 p.m. and our monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Please come and join us. Good show, Terry.

Speaking of which, we are grateful to the City of Ocala for the use of a conference room in the new Ocala International Airport terminal building. The conference room is ultra-modern. It has a glass wall. The conference table is glass, supported by the skeleton of an aircraft wing. If you haven't seen the new place, please consider coming to the next meeting.

More fascinating than the facility was the exchange among members. For example, we were faced with the challenge of naming a Teacher of the Year. We thus far had no nominees. In one of the mysteries of our times, it should be noted that letters and other contact with education leaders seeking nominees in the chapter area typically receive little or no response. This is in spite of \$250 cash with no strings attached as part of the award.

Treasurer Jerry Deese and Secretary Christy Katz agreed to collaborate in identifying and soliciting a nomination from a school principal. It's now a week later and we have a nominee! All that remains is to complete the paperwork. Thank you, Jerry and Christy.

As we mentioned in notes from that meeting, Bruce Gillett and I attended the AFA Florida winter meeting, held virtually on March 12. It was an opportunity for Bruce to advocate about **Advocacy**, one of the three main principles of the Air Force Association. (The other two are **Educate** about the role of

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 –NF/SG Veterans Health System Hiring Fair, VA Medical Center, Gainesville, 0800-1200

April 21 – Chapter 136 monthly meeting, Ocala Airport Terminal, 1900

May 30 – Memorial Day Ceremony, Marion County Veterans Park, 1000

May 30 – Memorial Day Ceremony, Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, 1100

June 12 – Flag Day Ceremony, Marion County Veterans Park, 1500

aerospace power and **Support** the total Air Force and Space Force.) His goal is to match Florida chapters to their respective Members of Congress. His matrix will enable each chapter to know their U.S. legislators; it'll be up to them to contact their legislators about important Air Force and Space Force issues. This is a major undertaking on our behalf with great potential. Bruce, by the way, is in touch with U.S. Representatives Daniel Webster and Kat Cammack from our area. Thank you, Bruce.

Finally, our chapter picked up a challenge that we need to begin talking about. We will host the 2023 AFA Florida state convention in person in Ocala. We've done this before as recently as 2015 and 2019. It involves contracting with a venue for lodging, meeting rooms, food, etc. It also involves hard work, teamwork, generous gifts of time, and good judgment. Our goal will be to create a good meeting ground, comfortable environment, and socially warm atmosphere for our guests from around the state and AFA national headquarters. We also will need to at least break even financially! We welcome your input and participation. Once the dates for the 2023 convention are determined, we'll move swiftly to make the necessary reservations.

Once again, a heartfelt "Thank You!" to our vice president, Steve Spires, for producing this newsletter and getting it to all of you.

Aim High!

Ben Langer

LOCAL NEWS



This is the completed new Ocala VA Health Clinic as of March 4. The VA had the grand opening on January 25, 2022. It includes Primary Care, Mental Health, Audiology, Podiatry, Laboratory Collection, and Telehealth Specialty Services. Optometry will relocate later. It is just off SW Hwy 200, 1.4 miles from I-75.

CYBERPATRIOT XIV

CyberPatriot XIV concluded on March 20 in Bethesda, MD with three different teams from San Diego, CA taking the top honors in the Open, All Service, and Middle School Divisions. Florida had one NJROTC team from Jacksonville in the All Service Division final. AFA CyberCamps are now registering until May 1, 2022. In addition, AFA has ongoing initiatives through the CyberGenerations, CyberPatriot Literature, and Elementary School Cyber Education programs. The newest initiatives are the Tech Caregiver certification and the Elementary School program. The CyberSentinel is a monthly newsletter with important updates, stories, and news.

CyberPatriot XV will be starting soon.



Cyber Security Question

Web browsers are the primary route for viruses to enter a computer. They can be the first line of defense also. Which item is not a web browser?

- a. Dumpster Diving
- b. Google Chrome
- c. Microsoft Edge
- d. Mozilla Firefox
- e. Opera
- f. Safari (MacOS)

Answer on page 7.

2022 AFA WARFARE SYMPOSIUM

The AFA Warfare Symposium was held on March 2 – 4 in Orlando with over 5,100 attendees. There were 22 sessions scheduled and those recorded videos can be seen at [AWS22 Videos | Air Force Association \(afa.org\)](https://www.afa.org/AWS22-Videos) .

(Photos by Mike Tsukamoto, AFA)



Spark Tank was held again with Project Arcwater winning.



OTHER NEWS

Vietnam Veterans Day was recognized on March 29 in 2022 for the 50th anniversary of the war. National Vietnam Veterans Day was officially designated in 2017. See Gary Sinise recognize this day with the Department of Defense and the Vietnam War Commission at [Gary Sinise On National Vietnam War Veterans Day on Vimeo](#) .



The 2022 version of the Florida Veterans Benefits Guide is now available at <https://floridavets.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/FDVA-Benefits-Guide.pdf?v=2022> .



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1. *Educate the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation.*
2. *Advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense.*
3. *Support the Total Air Force and Space Force, including Active Duty, National Guard, civilians, families, and members of the Civil Air Patrol.*

It's a Fact: Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 draws members from eight counties: Citrus, Alachua, Marion, Sumter, Dixie, Levy and parts of Lake and Putnam. It is not necessary to be an Air Force veteran. Tell your friends to contact Howard Burke, 352-861-0886 for information about joining.

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Power Points

- **Next Membership Meeting**
April 21 in the Ocala Airport Terminal conference room. Members are urged to attend. Guests are always welcome.
- **Membership**
As of March 17, the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 had 403 members. Howard Burke, 352-861-0886, is the chapter's membership director.

Cyber Security Answer

a. Dumpster Diving

Dumpster diving is a physical security threat to obtain emails, user IDs, PINs, and passwords.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 salutes its Community Partners. The Air Force Association enjoys a warm relationship with the following businesses through its Community Partners program. Please support these local businesses.

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