

By Frances McKenney, Assistant Managing Editor



Emerging Leaders

The Air Force Association's Emerging Leaders Program began in 2013 as a way to prepare volunteers for future AFA leadership roles. Emerging Leaders serve for a year. They participate on a national-level council, attend national leader orientations, and serve as National Convention delegates.

Emerging Leaders for 2015 are: Emilie S. Boschert, Shannon M. Farrell, Deborah A. Landry, Michael J. Liquori, Emily C. Shay, Christopher M. Talbot, James A. Thurber, Jeremy Trotter, and Daniel Whalen.

Here's the fourth profile in AFA's second group of Emerging Leaders.

Michael J. Liquori

Home State: Massachusetts.

Chapter: Central Florida.

Joined AFA: 2000.

AFA Offices: Chapter Executive Committee member. Formerly Florida Central East Area VP, chapter president, and chapter VP.

AFA Awards: National-level Medal of Merit, Exceptional Service Award, and Chairman's Citation.

Military Service: 12 years Active Duty. Now an active Reserve lieutenant colonel (IMA).

Education: B.A., Boston University; M.A., University of Oklahoma.



Q&A

You have two teenagers. How can AFA increase its appeal to young people? From my perspective, the key thing I try to focus on when I talk to my kids is the value of service and doing something that's bigger than worrying about yourself.

Have you seen this actually work? I had that experience when I talked to ROTC cadets at the University of Central Florida, when I brought them to the Air Warfare Symposium and AFA Gala [in Orlando, Fla.].

What's kept you involved in AFA? It's a cause I believe in—not only the impact that AFA has on the Air Force itself, but the chapter's scholarships and other events. ... To see the impact—that's got me involved in this group of people.



Liquori's a big fan of water sports. In this 2012 photo, he's flowboarding on an artificial wave aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean. He's surfed in the real ocean, too.



Photo by Doris Goetz

In Arizona, Frank Luke Chapter members volunteered at a Phoenix homeless shelter recently. Treasurer TSgt. Adria Baker (third from right) was among nearly a dozen chapter members helping with dinner. President Matthew Pulsipher plans to make this project a monthly event.

No Strong-Arm Tactics Necessary

To hear the **Frank Luke Chapter's** new president tell it, it's easy to sign up new members for the Air Force Association.

SMSgt. Matthew Pulsipher, superintendent at the 56th Comptroller Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz., said, "All I did was spread the word. I didn't have to force them." He billed AFA as offering "the opportunity to be involved and excel," he said, "And bam! They were out at the next meeting."

Pulsipher continued: "What interested them was the potential and opportunities that existed out there."

He said chapter activities, such as the chance to work with Air Force JROTC cadets, to talk to first-term airmen, and to support dinners, awards, and other events that benefit Luke airmen all appealed to those contemplating joining AFA.

The chapter's newly elected leaders, headed by Pulsipher, are: A1C Adriana Van Wyk, inspection technician with the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, who joined AFA in June and is now chapter VP; Treasurer TSgt. Adria Baker, chief of the Financial Services Flight, 56th Comptroller Squadron, an AFA member since April; and SSgt. LaKindra Favors, a budget analyst with the 56th, now serving as chapter secretary. She joined AFA in May.

Photo by Luisa Bailey



Frank Luke Chapter's all-enlisted leadership (l-r): SMSgt. Matthew Pulsipher, A1C Adriana Van Wyk, TSgt. Adria Baker, and SSgt. LaKindra Favors.

How To Take Better Photos

The **Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter** in Georgia created a guide 10 years ago—and the advice still stands.

Good photos, says the chapter, “increase the chances of your news release being published.”

The chapter’s counsel appears on AFA’s Website: Go to the Field Leaders section, then the Library’s Guidebooks/ Handbooks, and click on “Public Relations 101.” Here are the chapter’s best photo tips:

- Take an action photo—an unposed, candid photo where the subject isn’t looking at the photographer.
- Avoid group pictures. When a group picture is expected, take one, but also take the candid photo. Give the group shot to the group. Submit the candid for publication.
- Take more than one photo. It’s better to have too many pictures than to miss a photo opportunity.



Photo by Cadet Daniel M. Iwata

These two photos—both taken by amateur photographers—illustrate candid, unposed action.

Below: Long Island Chapter Treasurer Bill Stratemeier stands at the podium as a Navy detail presents roses to Pearl Harbor-attack survivors. Read about this Dropping of the Roses ceremony on the following page.



Photo by Anthony di Fabio

At left: Arnold Air Society cadets Anthony Coronato, Joshua Hensrud, and Scott Wolff (l-r), from University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, take in information from airmen at Minot AFB, N.D. The Gen. David C. Jones Chapter arranged this all-day orientation for the cadets in December and a luncheon for them at the all-ranks club, with North Central Region President Jim Simons as host.

AFA Members, Stay Active and Independent By Managing Risk For Chronic Disease



Prevention of chronic disease is the key to staying well and living a long, active, and healthy life. Vascular ultrasound screening is painless and simple, and can often discover problems before symptoms are present.

Get **4 SCREENINGS** for just **\$135!** Because you are a valued member of the AFA, add the Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for only **\$10 more.**

Tests include:

- Carotid Artery (Plaque)
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- Peripheral Arterial Disease

Call or visit us on the web to schedule your appointment!

AFA, Air Force Association (800) 908-9121,
Priority Code: BAFA215
<http://www.lifelinescreening.com/afa>



Dropping of the Roses

The **Long Island Chapter** in New York conducted their 19th annual Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony on Dec. 7. (See photo, p. 87.)

The remembrance took place at the American Airpower Museum in Farmingdale, N.Y., with local media coverage.

Called the Dropping of the Roses, the event included blessing 73 American Beauty roses, symbolizing the years since the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor that killed more than 2,000 US military personnel.

Taps and a ship's bell rung nine times reminded the audience that nine survivors of the attack had died since last year's ceremony.

Spectators then watched as Navy sailors handed the roses to pilots of a World War II-vintage SNJ Texan trainer. The warbird took off from Republic Airport—where the museum is located—and flew to the waters surrounding the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. The roses are always dropped from the SNJ at the exact East Coast time of the 1941 attack.

The Dropping of the Roses ritual began with Joe Hydrusko. He was aboard the hospital ship *USS Solace* when the Japanese airplanes began dropping bombs on the battleships, cruisers, and destroyers at Pearl Harbor on that Sunday morning. Hydrusko took a motor launch from ship to ship, picking up the wounded. In 1970 he decided to do a Statue of Liberty fly-by in a vintage aircraft to remember those who died.

At this 2014 ceremony, the more than 600 guests included several state political leaders and US Rep. Steve Israel (D-N.Y.). He presented US flags that had flown over the US Capitol to three special-guest Pearl Harbor survivors of the attack.

Gold Coast Chapter member Virginia Knudsen coaches this all-girls, first-time CyberPatriot team from Parkway Middle School of the Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Making a fashion statement with just some of the swag—including the sunglasses—provided to all competitors are (l-r): Valerie Deris, Codi Mason, Tashadeen Thomas, Samantha Singh, and Anquinette Scarlett.



Photo by Virginia Knudsen

Writing for Publication

The **Lance P. Sijan Chapter (Colo.)** in October awarded winners of the Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest.

The contest's purpose: to stimulate discussion on how USAF and Air Force Space Command provide space and cyberspace capabilities.

The prize? Publication in *Air and Space Power Journal* and \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 for the top three essays.

Lt. Col. Joseph lungerman of AFSPC headquarters' A8 won first place with his essay, "What Happens If They Say 'No'?: Preserving Access to Critical Commercial Space Capabilities During Future Crises."

"Space Sustainment: A New Approach for America in Space," by Lt. Col. Kris Barcomb of 24th Air Force's A5X, earned second place.

Capt. Bryan Bell and 2nd Lt. Even Rogers coauthored the third-place winning essay.

You can read the essays at: <http://www.airpower.au.af.mil/>.

Retired Gen. Lance W. Lord, who headed AFSPC until 2006, led the committee of judges: six people from AFSPC, Air University, industry, and AFA. They evaluated 20 submissions.

George Bradley, AFSPC director of history, served as contest project officer. The Sijan Chapter's Roy Griggs was contest project manager.

Michael H. Emig (1946-2014)

Michael H. Emig, president of the **Red Tail Memorial Chapter** in Florida and a former Florida Region president, died suddenly on Thanksgiving Day. He was 68 years old.

Born in York, Pa., he joined the Air Force in 1965 and served for three years, followed by three more in the reserve, according to information he provided for an AFA Membership Directory.

An Ocala (Fla.) newspaper reported that Mr. Emig's civilian career was in the dental and financial services fields.

He worked tirelessly on promoting AFA. In *Air Force Magazine*, his work—and tactics as a field leader—were most recently spotlighted in the December 2014 issue, p. 78.

Richard F. Ball (1959-2014)

New Jersey's **Highpoint Chapter** president, Richard F. Ball, died in Newton, N.J. on Sept. 6, 2014.

He had served in the Army as a chaplain. Mr. Ball was also known for boundless energy. In 2011, for example, he worked an armed forces relief fundraiser all day and stayed till 1:30 a.m.

He had joined AFA in 2006 and became chapter president in 2010. When the chapter newsletter announced his taking on the top job, it also mentioned, "He has personally recruited seven new members and three new Community Partners." ❄



USAF photo by Duncan Wood

Lance P. Sijan essay contest winners and principals (l-r): George Bradley, Roy Griggs, AFSPC Vice Commander Maj. Gen. David Buck, Chapter President Dave Shiller, Lt. Col. Joseph lungerman, Capt. Bryan Bell, and 2nd Lt. Even Rogers. Lt. Col. Kris Barcomb (not pictured) received his award from Buck at a separate ceremony.

Reunions

reunions@afa.org

F-86 Sabre Pilots Assn. April 26-28 at the Gold Coast Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas. **Contact:** J. R. Alley, P.O. Box 34423, Las Vegas, NV 89133 (702-363-9880) (alleyoop3@cox.net).

Nagoya/Komaki AB, Japan. May 19-22 in Des Moines, Iowa. **Contact:** Hugh

Greenwood, 7700 NW 16th St., Ankeny, IA 50023 (515-289-1951) (hl_re_greenwood@mchsi.com).

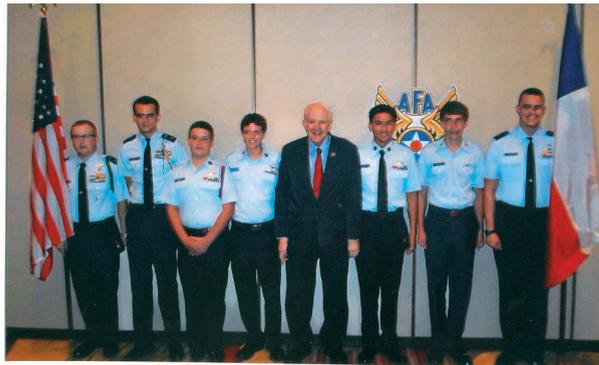
Three-War Veterans (all services). May 18-20 in Las Vegas. **Contact:** Lee Yagle (888-452-3434) (All3Wars@aol.com). ■



Above: In New Jersey, Sal Capriglione Chapter officers attended a ceremony for Civil Air Patrol cadet Matthew Rojas. He received CAP's General Billy Mitchell Award. Lined up l-r are: CAP officials Jose Rojas, Frank Tino, and Michael Castania; Chapter President Joseph Capriglione; Matthew Rojas; Chapter VP Anthony Devino; and CAP officials Steven Tracy and David Isom.



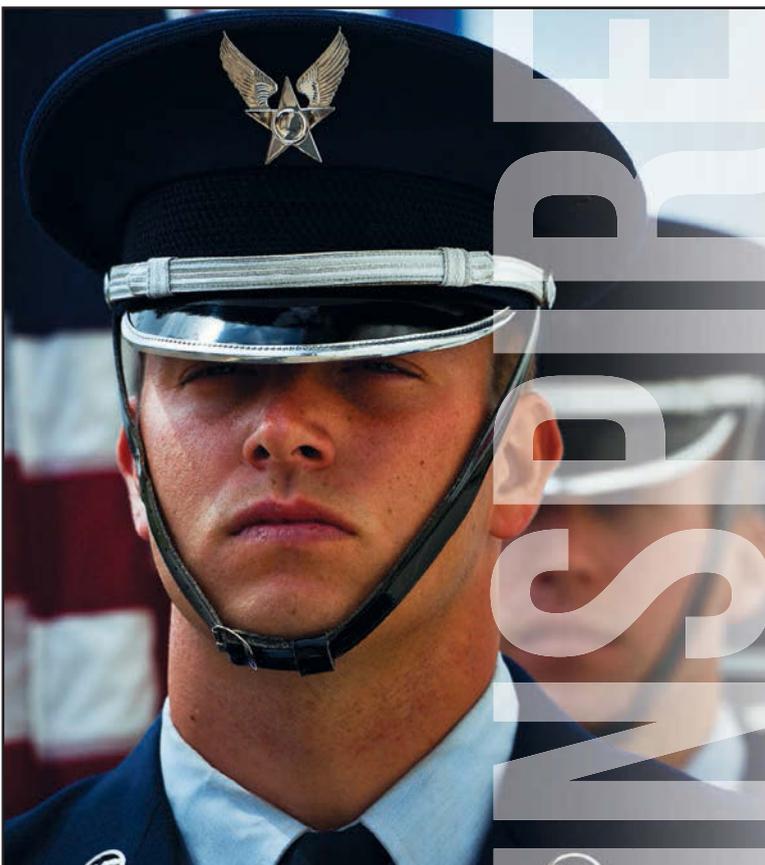
MSgt. Carolyn Russell (left in each photo) represented the David C. Jones Chapter at November's Community College of the Air Force graduation at Minot AFB, N.D. She presented AFA Pitsenbarger Awards to SSgt. John Williams (left), SrA. Morgan Shepherd, and SSgt. Antonio Tanksley (below). The \$400 awards help CCAF grads go on to earn bachelor's degrees. The chapter also hosted a reception at the ceremony.



US Rep. Sam Johnson (fifth from left) attended a Seidel-AFA Dallas Chapter meeting and congratulated these Civil Air Patrol cadets. They had just completed their summer solo encampment, sponsored by the chapter. A Texas Republican, Johnson served in USAF 1950-79 and was a Vietnam War POW.

Have AFA Chapter News?

Email "AFA National Report" at: natrep@afa.org. Email digital images at highest resolution, as separate jpg attachments, not embedded in other documents.



"WRITING THE WORDS TOOK MINUTES. . . NOW I'LL KEEP AMERICA STRONG FOREVER."

You've dedicated your life to fighting for freedom and an Air Force that's second to none.

By becoming a member of the Thunderbird Society, you can protect what you've fought so hard for, and at the same time inspire future generations to take up the cause of freedom.

Members of the Thunderbird Society come from all walks of life and include AFA in a bequest or other planned gift.

In doing so, they are making a tremendous difference in ensuring a strong and free America for generations to come.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Dilworth, VP of Development & Marketing
1.800.727.3337 • 703.247.5812
ldilworth@afa.org

OR VISIT US ONLINE AT:

afa.plannedgiving.org

Promoting Air Force Airpower

