

2017 Florida State Convention



- 0800: Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Intros, Roll Call
- 0815: 2017 State Winter Meeting Minutes
- 0825: Treasurers Report and Proposed Budget
 - Report on 2017 NATCOM support
 - Continue \$400 stipend for 1st time attendees at National Convention?
 - Cyber Patriot/StellarXplorers Award at State Convention?
- 0845: State Convention Plans
 - 2018 Winter Meeting: Feb 23-24 in Orlando (Harris Chapter)
 - 2018 State Convention: Orlando (Harris Chapter)
 - 2019 Winter Meeting: After AWS in Orlando (Chapter volunteer?)
 - 2019 State Convention: TBD

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0900: State President's Remarks

- Florida named AFA's Outstanding State Organization
 - Due to outstanding Chapter and member support throughout the state
 - Communications across State and National
 - State Newsletter, the Spirit, with Chapter contributions
 - Frequent email communications with Chapters and other State leaders
 - Winter Meeting and State Convention; National AFA Leader Attendance
 - Led to National initiatives like Fresh Look
 - Chapter Cross Talk at State meetings
 - Large contingent at AFA National Convention
 - Support of AFA Education Programs
 - Cyber Patriot
 - StellarXplorers
 - AFROTC (ARCON and NATCOM)
 - AFJROTC (Drill Meet), CAP



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0900: State President's Remarks (cont)



- Revitalized Bud West and Tyndall Chapters
- Chapter Contributions to AFA Mission (examples)
 - Martin H. Harris: Gala at AWS, scholarships at UCF, grants to AFJROTC, CAP, and VA Clinic
 - Air Warfare Symposium: Cape Canaveral and Waterman-Twining Chapters coordinate to get airmen and USF ROTC cadets to attend
 - Hurlburt: Teacher's Workshops, scholarships for AFJROTC and ROTC units
 - Adaptive Sports Camp: Eglin and Hurlburt provided outstanding support to wounded airmen and their caregivers
 - ARCON/NATCOM: Waterman-Twining and Red Tail Chapters sponsor ROTC cadets to attend

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0900: State President's Remarks (cont)



- Chapter Contributions to AFA Mission (examples)
 - Miami-Homestead Chapter: Co-sponsor Miami's 4th of July Extravaganza
 - Pitsenbarger Awards: When AFA budget cancelled grants, Chapters stepped forward to assist: Cape Canaveral, Waterman-Twining, Eglin, and Hurlburt
 - STEM Program support
 - Waterman-Twining and West Florida Chapters judge Science and Engineering Fairs
 - Chapter, State, and National Teacher of the Year nominees

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➤ 0930: National Convention

➤ National Officers up for election

- CoB: F. Whitt Peters (2nd Year)
- VCFO: Mac MacAloon (2nd Year)
- VCAE: Dick Bundy (3rd Year)
- National Secretary: Ross Lambert
- National Treasurer: Steve Lundgren (2nd Year)
- National Director (East Area): Tyler Johnson
- National Director (At Large): Elect two candidates
 - Buster Douglas (VA)
 - Rick Hartle (UT)
 - Blaine Holt (NY)
 - Mark Tarpley (OK)

➤ More discussion later but this year's convention will have a number of contentious issues, such as Organization, Membership, and Budget

➤ If you plan to attend, please annotate Sign In sheet

➤ We will have a Hospitality Room again this year, manned by the Belges

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- 0945-1100: Drive to Wing Communications Squadron
- 1115: Mark Tarpley: National Director – At Large candidate
- 1130: Election of Florida State Officers (slate of candidates)
 - President: Sharon Branch (Martin H. Harris Chapter)
 - Executive Vice President: Mark Chapman (Hurlburt Chapter)
 - Secretary: Ben Langer (Red Tail Chapter)
 - Treasurer: Gary Lehmann (Martin H. Harris Chapter)
- 1145-1300: Break for Lunch

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- 1330: AFA Florida State of Chapters (Yucuis perspective)
 - Chapters getting Chapter support payments in July 2017 and January 2018
 - Requires Annual Activity and Financial Reports and Chapter Roster
 - Chapters receive \$0.50 per member
 - Same requirements for January payment but MUST be completed by December 15
 - Florida Chapters are similar to other states
 - Some are very active, some active in selective areas, and some hanging on
 - Biggest issue is leadership development (i.e. Chapter President for Life)
 - McCarthy and Highlands Chapters inactive for 3+ years with no signs of changing; should we just carry as inactive or close and reassign members
 - Bud West has “restarted” and Evenson reopened as Tyndall Chapter
 - Please continue to submit Quarterly Reports and Newsletters

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- 1400: Field Operations Update by Mac MacAloon, VCFO
 - Membership Initiatives
 - Budget Issues
 - Fresh Look Initiatives

- 1430: Education Programs
 - 2018 Drill Meet: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on March 31, 2018
 - StellarXplorers IV Summary (separate PowerPoint)
 - Cyber Patriot IX (2016-2017) Summary
 - 4,404 registered teams (High and Middle Schools); 50 states plus overseas
 - Cyber Camps: 161 during Summer 2016
 - Elementary Initiative delivered to 5000 sites
 - New Children's Reader program available in Fall 2017
 - AFROTC, AFJROTC, CAP: Most Chapters support these activities
 - Chapter, State, and National AFA Teacher of the Year
 - Continue to support, advertise and recruit all AFA Education Programs

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- 1515: Government Relations
 - Bruce Fouracker provided contact information for all Florida Congressmen
 - Chapters should reach out to Congressmen's local staff
 - AFA provide monthly Legislative Update
 - AFA provides Top Issue information
 - Do we want to select a Legislator/Staffer of the Year?

- 1530 Chapter Cross Talk: Opportunity for each Chapter to either talk about one success OR one concern which they would like others to offer input
 - We have 10 Chapters present and we would like to finish in time to clean up for dinner so lets try to keep on point

- 1630: Approval of 2018 State Budget

- 1645: Final Remarks

- 1700: Adjourn; Dinner at 1800