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In The Coming Year!
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Executive Committee



Chapter Sponsors “STEMtoSpace” Event

The Chapter 102 AE team joined hands with Civil Air Patrol to sponsor a special STEMtoSpace engagement program for Montgomery Public Schools (MPS) Bear Exploration Center for Math, Science, and Technology School's 5th grade students.

The program, coordinated nationwide by the Air Force K12 STEM Office, allowed Guardians from the U.S. Space Force to introduce 4th-6th grade students to the new U.S. Space Force (USSAF) in celebration of the December 20th second birthday of the USSF.

Lt. Col. Joan Thompson, Commander of the 13th Delta Operations Squadron, who spoke at the USSF Space Delta 13, Space Training and Readiness Command welcome at Maxwell AFB in September, was invited to speak at the school. Lt. Col Thompson inspired the students to engage in STEM subjects and do well in school so a future space career could be in their horizons.

Joining the in-person event was the MPS Board president, Clare Weil, and photo journalists from WSFA TV and AL News Network (WAKA). To see more photos and hear some videos of the presentation on the AFA Chapter 102 Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/106252162765140.

Principal of Bear, Liz Hill, shared the STEMtoSpace Engagement opportunity with her 4th and 5th grade teachers. The 4th grade students were introduced to USSF Guardians from the Pentagon via virtual platforms. Both 4th and 5th grade students received special space items from Chapter 102 and CAP.

Montgomery Chapter 102 and CAP has sponsored Bear Exploration Center with free STEM student programs and teacher flights since 2007. If other educators or schools desire chapter support for special STEM programs, contact afa@capnhq.gov.



Bare Principal Liz Hill (left), Lt Col Thompson and Susan Mallett (center rear) and Clare Weil (right)



GATHERING OF EAGLES 23-25 May 2022

The Chapter's annual luncheon honoring the 2022 "Eagles" will be held at the Capital City Club in May 2022, the exact date will be announced on our web site at www.afa102.net. Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets will be available.



2021 Chapter 102 Officers

President: Jim Harris — Vice President: Bruce Barton

Secretary: Pat "Irish" McCoy — Treasurer: Troy Eastman

To contact any of the Chapter officers e-mail afa.chapter.102@afa102.net

Vet's Day Luncheon/CAP 80th/Chapter Member of the Year



AFA Chapter 102 held its Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon on 16 November 2021 at the Arrowhead country Club in Montgomery, Alabama. The theme of the luncheon was a "Salute to our Veterans" with Col Eries Mentzer, 42nd Air Base Wing Commander, serving as our guest speaker. In addition to the Veterans Day program, the Chapter presented an award to CAP's Dothan Composite Squadron as the top CAP Cadet Squadron in CAP.

Maj Gerald May, Sq Commander, and C/Capt Mason Pridgen, Sq Cadet Commander were on hand to accept the award from the Chapter. Finally, President James Harris, recognized the Chapter's Executive Committee Member of the year who is Mrs. Maura Barton. Maura has been a very active member of the team supporting all Chapter events, but she

has done a spectacular job supporting the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament.

CIVIL AIR PATROL 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Air University and the 42nd Air Base Wing joined together to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol.

Lt Gen James Hecker, Air University's President and Commandant, Maj Gen Edward Phelka, CAP's National Commander and CEO, and Colonel James Harris, CAP's Alabama Wing Commander all spoke of the myriad achievements of CAP's achievements. The Alabama Wing and CAP's Headquarters Team joined forces to provide information booths pertaining to all of CAP's Mission Areas.

The event was highlighted by aircraft on static display, aerospace education and Cadet Activities, Communication Equipment, and Unmanned Aircraft displays.

Finally, the base provided specialty cookies with the CAP Patch on them for all who attended the event. All of those in attendance celebrated the achievements of the CAP to mark



Mrs. Maura Barton - Executive Committee Member of the year!



Mrs. Maura Barton was recently recognized as our Chapter Member of the Year. She is one of the newest members of the Executive Council, but has jumped in to help wherever she is needed. Her work with the golf tournament led to one of the more successful tournaments to date. She

aggressively worked our local businesses and was able to obtain numerous gifts for our golfers. In fact, one of our golfers mentioned that this year we almost had too many gifts.

She has attended all meeting and offers up her services to help with our luncheons by sitting at the registration desk and taking payments. Her efforts ensured all of our attendees are expeditiously registered which maximizes their ability to enjoy the fellowship.

For these and other events she was selected as our Chapter Member of the Year. Congratulations Maura and thanks for all you do for our Chapter.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 3 - AF Issues Luncheon - Maxwell Club - 11:30 - 1:00 Speaker Col. Lance Rosa-Miranda

May ? - AFA Gathering of Eagles Luncheon - Capital City Club 11:15 - 12:45

See www.AFA102.net for specific event information and registration



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Christmas and another busy quarter are behind us. I hope Santa satisfied all of your wishes!

Our Veterans Day luncheon in November was well attended in spite of having to deal with the Covid situation.

On November 16, we hosted our Veterans Day luncheon at the Arrowhead Country Club. Our special guest speaker was 42ABW Commander Eries Mentzer, Col. Mentzer provided inspirational remarks highlighting the achievements of our veterans.

It was my pleasure to present the Executive Council Member of the Year award to Mrs. Maura Barton. Maura is one of our newest Executive Council members and has served the chapter in a number of significant ways. Congratulations Maura.

In December, I had the opportunity to participate in the ceremonies held to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). For over eight decades CAP has Supported America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space and cyber power. The event was supported by Lt Gen James Hecker, Commander and President of Air University, Maj Gen Edward Phelka, CAP's National Commander and CEO, and other dignitaries. Congratulations to the the Civil Air Patrol for years of superb service.

Thanks to all of our members and Community Partners, and Betty McCoy who spearheaded the Vets day luncheon, who made it such an outstanding success. It was especially gratifying that we were able gather in person, connecting with each other after a tough year of separation. I'll look forward to seeing all of your at our Air Force Issues luncheon on February the third. In the mean time, stay healthy. All the best in the new year!

Jim Harris

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