



# AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION



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As is our custom, our November luncheon focused on, and paid tribute to our veterans. We were honored to have Col (Ret) Raymond “Donk” Strasburger, Executive Director to the Commander and President of Air University, as our guest speaker. Col Strasburger was awarded the Silver Star for heroism as an A-10 pilot in Afghanistan. Col Strasburger commended all veterans for their dedication and service to our country; “those of you who served and fought in Vietnam are my role models,” he said. Our thanks to you Donk, for a great presentation.

The luncheon also provided the opportunity to present richly deserved awards to several Executive Committee members who have provided outstanding service to the chapter for many years.

Exemplary Service awards were presented to Jim Harris, Bruce Barton and Betty McCoy. Susan Mallett and Debbie Dahl were awarded the Aerospace Education Achievement Award. Congratulations to all of the award recipients.

A special thanks to all those who attended, and to the staff of the Arrowhead Country Club!



Guest Speaker: Mr. Raymond “Donk” Strasburger



Bruce Barton receives the Exemplary Service Award



Ms. Betty McCoy receives the Exemplary Service Award



Ms. Susan Mallett and Ms. Debbie Dahl receive the Aerospace Education Achievement Award



Jim Harris receives the Exemplary Service Award



## 2023 Chapter 102 Officers

President: Scott Key — Vice President: Bruce Barton

Secretary: Pat “Irish” McCoy — Treasurer: Troy Eastman

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# Christmas Dinner - Mallett Honored

After another busy but productive year, the Executive Committee gathered to treat themselves to a relaxing and festive Christmas dinner at the beautiful Arrowhead Country Club. The food prepared by the great staff of Arrowhead was delicious and impeccably served.

Outgoing Chapter President Jim Harris commended all of the committee members who had worked so hard to fulfill our mission of providing support to the men and women of Maxwell-Gunter.

Jim, who has served as our President for the past year, will now pass the gavel to incoming president, Scott Key. All of the members present commended Jim for his outstanding leadership and countless hours of work on behalf of the chapter. Scott pledged to continue to build on the foundation built by Jim and the 2022 executive committee. We all look forward to continuing working on behalf of the Maxwell-Gunter community.

A good time was had by all!



## AFA's Mallett Recognized with National Aeronautic Association Trophy

Susan Mallett, Chapter 102's VP for aerospace education, will receive the NAA's 2022 Frank G. Brewer Trophy - established in 1943 to honor significant contributions of enduring value to aerospace education in the U.S. The NAA stated that Mallett is being recognized for "her passionate and sustained aviation education leadership and ambassadorship to create enduring collaborative partnerships, programs, and products, which have impacted and inspired over 2 million American youth since 1986." She has done that in the River Region as a teacher, school principal, and volunteer for special programs, and the chapter's annual Aerospace Day at Maxwell.

In 2004: helped bring a STARBASE Academy to Maxwell, continuing to support STARBASE across the nation.

In 2006: began working at Civil Air Patrol's National Headquarters at Maxwell as the Education Outreach Coordinator, working with teachers nationwide to provide free products, programs, and hundreds of orientation flights for them and their students to build an interest in aviation-related STEM careers.

Significant national CAP programs Mallett has created are:

- - Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) program; impacted over half a million youth since 2007
- - STEM Kit program for over 2 million youth since 2013

- - For full award accomplishments, read the NAA press release at [www.naa.aero/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Brewer-Trophy-2022.pdf](http://www.naa.aero/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Brewer-Trophy-2022.pdf).







# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The AFA Chapter 102 golf tournament on October 4, 2022 was a huge success. Over 90 enthusiastic golfers hit the links at the beautiful Arrowhead golf course on a spectacular sunny afternoon. Our thanks to the staff at Arrowhead for another great job in conducting the tournament. The course was beautifully groomed, with beautiful fairways and perfectly maintained greens.

*The Team That Made It Happen! Many Thanks!*



*First Place Team! Congratulations!*



Our golf committee spent many weeks planning and rounding up sponsors. Special thanks to Jim Harris, McCoy, Andy Potter and others for their all of our sponsors without whom the

The annual chapter golf tournament continue supporting the men and women thanks to all of you who participated this in recent years.



weeks planning and rounding up Bruce & Moira Barton, Pat and Betty tireless efforts! And, a special thanks to tournament would not be possible!

raises funds that allow the chapter to of the Maxwell-Gunter community. Our year in making the event one of the best

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 16, '23 - Air Force issues Luncheon — Maxwell Event Center - 11:30-1:00 — Guest Speaker Col. Ryan Richardson, Commander, 42 ABW

See [www.AFA102.net](http://www.AFA102.net) for event information and registration



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I hope the Holiday Season was filled with good times and good cheer! We were blessed to have the entire Key Clan at our home for Thanksgiving Dinner and the grandkids back for a visit from St. Nick. Not quite as cool as having Santa Clause arrive in a C-141 when we were stationed at Charleston but great memories none the less. AFA Chapter 102 created some great memories in 2022 also.

One of the most visible memories of 2022 was renaming the organization as the Air and Space Force Association. Our vector reflects the Air Force commitment to help others understand the evolving role that Space will play in future conflict. AFA 102 Executive Committee (EXCOM) is a well-oiled machine when it comes to event planning and execution helping our local community leaders understand to this evolving mission. We use the Gathering of Eagles, the golf tournament, and the Veterans Day and Community Partners' Luncheons, to support this primary goal of awareness. We also host many STEM education events to help build the next generation of Air Force leadership including the statewide "Teacher of the Year" program and the National Youth Cyber Education Program.

As the 2023 Chapter President, I am have inherited active and vibrant chapter build on the shoulders of past president Jim Harris and the rest of the EXCOM. We look forward to tremendous 2023 and thank you for the roles you play in keeping us on target moving forward.

*Scott Key*

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