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VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON



Lt Gen Tullos



Lt Gen Tullos and Scott Key

On November 9th 2023, Scott Key, President Air and Space Forces Association (AFA) Chpt 102 welcomed Community Partners and leaders, Air University (AU) leadership, staff, and faculty, and Maxwell leadership to the Maxwell Event Center for the AFA Veterans Day Luncheon. Staff Sgt. Gabrielle Miller, from AiU Eaker Center, dazzled all with the National Anthem and BGen (ret) Chaplain David Cyr followed with prayer and reminded all of the high purpose behind the concept of service to others as we seek an enduring peace in a world caught up in turmoil.

Lt Gen Andrea Tullos, AU Commander and President, presented the key remarks. Her focus on developing leaders as warfighters was clear. She discussed how AU enhances overall service readiness by developing air-minded leaders in a creative and flexible learning environment. She highlighted the importance of our international partners throughout all AU programs. They help build the long-term networks and relationships critical for advancing mutual national security priorities. Overall, she emphasized accelerating force development opportunities, modernizing the learning environment, and elevating the university experience.

Lt Gen Tullos acknowledged the significant contributions that veterans make, as well as the support from the River Region community to the military community and Maxwell AFB. After all, Veterans Day is all about honoring those who have served. She provided an instructive perspective as she asked an important question – how do we, the Maxwell AFB and River Region communities, develop and inspire the next generation of veterans? How do you connect the next generation with the Air and Space Forces? Simply put, bring someone with you to an Air and Space Forces event. Several near-term opportunities are; the next AFA lunch at the 187th Fighter Wing ANGB at Dannelly Field in February, or the Maxwell AFB Air Show “Beyond the Horizon” on 6 and 7 April where the Blue Angels and others will demonstrate their skills.

Thank you Lt Gen Tullos for taking the time from your busy schedule to be our guest speaker!



Lively and informative conversations between AFA members, Community Partners, Military and Montgomery leaders.

2023 Chapter 102 Officers

President: Scott Key — Vice President: Bruce Barton

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

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34TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The AFA Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser was held on 4 Oct 2023 at the Arrowhead Golf Course and it was a huge success due to the efforts of Pat McCoy. He has been the organizer of this fund raiser for us for many years now and many people said this year was the best. Pat must be psychic he picked the best weather day possible, it was a warm and bright beautiful fall day and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

A special thanks has to go out to our sponsors, without them there would be no reason to have a tournament. Each year great businesses and people sponsor our tournament which makes it the best fundraiser we have. These funds enable us to do great things around our military community. Like last year we were able to sponsor the traveling Vietnam Wall at Maxwell.

Also, thanks to all the golfers. They are such a great group of people who every year come out to support not only this golf tournament but our chapter. We also have to thank Arrowhead Golf Course; it was in beautiful condition for our tournament and the buffet dinner they served was delicious. Finally, thanks again to Pat McCoy and all the volunteers who helped with setting up this tournament, we could not have done it without all of you.



1st Place team

Bob Frye, Buster Helms, Jim Taylor, and Steve Wright



2nd Place team

Joe Barton, Ron Olienyk, Ervin Canada, and George Vogt



From registration to teeing off, assessing shots, putting and finally announcing the winners, a good time was had by all.



2023 AFA CHAPTER 102 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Annual Chapter Christmas party was held at the Arrowhead Country Club on December 13th and it was as always spectacular. Betty McCoy has been setting this up for us for many years now and her attention to details is one of the many reasons this event is special every year, thanks Betty for all you do to make this Air and Space Forces Association Chapter a great one.

The theme for this year's Christmas Party was wear your ugly Christmas sweater and we saw some pretty ugly sweaters as well as some really pretty ones. Mary Kay Eisen took the award for the ugliest sweater and if you look closely at the pictures you'll see why, congrats to Mary Kay she actually made that sweater herself. Maura Barton won the prettiest sweater and she was bewildered as to why as she thought it was ugly. Betty McCoy purchased some nice table decorations and those ladies took those away for winning the contest.

As 2023 comes to an end, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



SAVE THE DATE

29 Feb 2024: Air Force Issues Luncheon, 187 FW

Apr 6-7 2024: "Beyond the Horizon" Air Show, Maxwell AFB

9 May 2024: Gathering of Eagles, Wynlakes CC

See www.AFA102.net for event information and registration



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President's Corner

Hope you each had a great Holiday Season and have laid plans for an incredible 2024!! Chapter 102 had a good year, but we're ready to transition to GREAT year. To achieve that, we need each of you to find a place to help us have a greater presence in The River Region. The Air Force is facing unprecedented accessions challenges, and one factor is the lack of military presence in the families. In 1995, 40% of young adults ages 16-24 had a member of their family who served in the military. Today, that number is only 13%. We need both presence and roll models to help get the message out about military careers. Here are some the near-term targets.

Luncheon at 187th Fighter Wing on Friday, 29 Feb 24.

- Come help us celebrate the F-35 bed down and interact with today's warriors and our Community Partners. Sign up online and bring a young adult to see one aspect of Air and Space Power.

Maxwell AFB Air Show/Open House.

- The Open House starts on Friday, April 5. 0800-1700. Susan Mallett is helping the wing organize a STEM display in the Honor Guard and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Hangers. They anticipate over 5000 students from The River Region to attend. We need volunteers to talk up STEM and career opportunities. Contact Susan Mallett for more information.

- Air Crew/Volunteer Party, Friday, April 5, 1700-2100. All volunteers are invited to the 908th Hanger for a chance to meet the Blue Angel crews and other demo teams. This is kid friendly and includes some special night-time events.

- Air Show, April 6-7. Need volunteers for the STEM hangers to be a presence for all walk-through traffic.

STEM Teams for local schools. More information is coming soon about building volunteer teams to help local schools maximize use of AFA and CAP STEM resources.

Please contact me (334-717-6476) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Scott Key

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