



AIR & SPACE FORCES ASSOCIATION

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Scott Key and Anna Buckalew

Our chapter held its annual Community Partners Appreciation Luncheon on Sep 7, 2023 at Arrowhead Country Club and what a great turnout we had. Our guest speaker was the Chief Executive Officer for the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Anna Buckalew. She gave a great rundown of events affecting Montgomery and the River Region. This was a great opportunity to hear what is happening in our area and how we all can help to make our city a better place for all of us.

Several awards were also presented. President Scott Key and VP Aerospace Education Susan Mallet recognized Chapter 102s Teacher of the Year, Mr. William Brock for his outstanding work at Floyd Middle Magnet school. Thank you Mr. Brock for working with the children of your school to ensure a bright future for all of us in Montgomery and the River Region. Also, recognized were the Community Partner of the Year, 1st Place Trophies and the Chapter EXCOM Member of the Year, Pat McCoy. Thank you all for what you do for our chapter. As always the club staff did a marvelous job with the lunch set up and buffet lunch. A special thanks to Mrs. Betty McCoy for setting up this lunch and to those who continue to support our chapter.



Community Partners



1st Place Trophies
Community Partner of the Year



Pat "Irish" McCoy
AFA EXCOM Member of the Year



AFA Chapter 102 Teacher Of the Year (TOY)
Scott Key - Chapter President, Dr. Courtney Giles - Principal Floyd Middle Magnet School,
William Brock - TOY, Liz Hill - STEM Coordinator and Susan Mellett

2023 Chapter 102 Officers

President: Scott Key — Vice President: Bruce Barton

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

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2023 AFA NATIONAL CONFERENCE



The Air and Space Forces Association National Convention was held from September 9 -13, 2023 in National Harbor, Maryland. The state of Alabama had a total of 7 delegates at the conference with Chapter 102 having 6 voting delegates at the 2023 Business Session, President Scott Key, Patrick and Betty McCoy, Bruce and Maura Barton and Susan Mallett. The only other Alabama voting delegate was Ken Phillpart, State President.

One highlight of the conference was the AFA Board of Directors unanimously voted to rename the AFA National Teacher of the Year award after two AFA Education Council leaders who have led the Teacher of the Year program for many years, Mary Anne Thompson and Susan Mallett. Both Thompson and Mallett are the recipients of several other significant AFA national recognitions to include Member of the Year, Board of Directors members, and Distinguished Sustained AE award. Susan has been and still is a valuable member of the AFA Montgomery Chapter 102.

Introducing New, "Re-Branded" Name 

"Mary Anne Thompson – Susan Mallett"




"National Teacher of the Year"



The agenda and slides for the conference are available for all to see on the afa.org website.

Instead of office calls with the Alabama Congressional Delegation, we elected to host a lunch at The Capitol Hill Club. The meal, location and conversations were great. We had 13 of the 20 staffers who RSVP'd attend. Col Richardson, 42ABW/CC, gave a short update on his vision for the future of the Maxwell/Gunter complexes. His presentation was well received.



Congressional Delegation staffers and Chapter 102 members



Col Richardson discussing his vision for Maxwell/Gunter.



Bruce Barton, Susan Mallett, Maura Barton, and Scott, Key (left to right)



Scott Key addressing Congressional Delegation staffers and Chapter 102 members



Chapter members at US Capital



NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERS / AEROSPACE EDUCATION (AE)



Kevin Mims
Mims Insurance Company



Perry Hooper Jr., Pres. Perry Hooper
and Associates



Julie Lindsey, New York Life



Michael Jenkins, SVP, Regional President



Clay Edwards, New York Life



Welcome to our new Community Partners. Thank you for your support of Chapter 102

Alabama Air & Space Forces Association (AFA) members gathered at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture Oshkosh for the annual photo with state president Ken Philippart. A variety of US Air Force aircraft were on display for the hundreds of thousands of attendees and inspiring tens of thousands of young people at KidVenture. Several Maxwell Air Force Base personnel and AFA members were in attendance.



Pictured from left to right are Maj Matt Feltmann, Lt Col Chay "Mulligan" Derbigny, Don Ralston, Earle Thompson, chapter member and state VP/AE Susan Mellett, Lisa Philippart and AL AFA President Ken Philippart.

Debbie Dahl, a member of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) national HQ AE team, retired from CAP after 16 years. After retiring from the Alabama State Teachers Retirement System in 2006, she joined CAP's AE team and quickly became a treasured member of the AFA chapter's AE team, as well. Debbie's friendly smile greeted guests at any chapter event and added that special touch as a golf tournament 'mulligan seller' and beverage cart driver; an annual Maxwell Aerospace Day student instructor; the chapter luncheon 'check-in gal'; and valued Alabama delegate in DC at AFA conventions. While Debbie will still be working with our chapter as her retirement schedule allows, it is only fitting that her many years of stellar work in aerospace education, both within CAP and the AFA, is honored. We congratulate Debbie on this well-deserved retirement and wish her the best.



SAVE THE DATE

Nov 9, 2023: Veterans Day Luncheon, Rep Barry Moore, Maxwell Club

TDB Mar 2024: Air Force Issues Luncheon, 187 FW

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

See www.AFA102.net for event information and registration



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Greetings fellow AFA (Air and Space Forces Association) members. Yes, I realize the acronym doesn't match the words, but HQ chose to leave it that way due to some IRS Non-profit "legal stuff." That's fine with me as I am programmed to use "AFA" and am not accepting "upgrades" at this time.

As you can tell by the wonderful and picture-filled newsletter that Maura Barton has put together, it has been a busy third quarter. From Anna Buckalew's vision as how to make the community and military partnership even stronger; to recognizing 1st Place Trophies as our Community Partner of the Year, Pat "Irish" McCoy as our Executive Committee Member of the Year and William Brock, Chapter 102 Teacher of the year, the sense of great possibilities was palpable.

Susan Mallet, Irish and Betty McCoy, Bruce and Maura Barton and myself were your delegates at the 2023 AFA National Conference and Technology Expo held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland from Sep 9-13. We spent Saturday and Sunday in the Business Session handling the affairs of the AFA. One of those affairs was the surprise announcement that the AFA Board of Directors had voted unanimously to name the Teacher of the Year Award after 2 pioneers in the aerospace education, Mary Anne Thompson and our own Susan Mallett. We spent most of Monday at the Expo searching for golf baggy trinkets and "trebluing". Tuesday, we hosted 13 Staff Members from the Alabama Congressional Delegation for lunch at The Capitol Hill Club. Colonel Richardson, 42ABW/CC, joined us and updated the group on his vision for strengthening base/community relationships. And, finally, we added 12 new community partners which exceeded our monthly goal of 10. Whew.

We roll into 4Q/23 with the same enthusiasm. We host our annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 4, at Arrowhead CC. Representative Barry Moore AL D-2, will be our guest speaker for the Veterans Day Luncheon on Thursday, November 9, 11:30-1:00, at The Maxwell Club. Watch your emails and sign up early to make sure you have seat.

We are in the initial planning phases of holding our 1Q/24 Air Force Issues Luncheon at the 187FW with a chance to see an F-35. AND, we are working with the 42ABW to see how Chapter 102 can supplement the April 6-7 Open House/Air Show with the Blue Angels as the headliner. We also will be introducing some family support opportunities—stay tuned.

We are in great position to increase our relevance in the River Region and supporting AF families, but our existing EXCOM members cannot continue to carry the load as we explore a myriad of opportunities that support the AFA three-pronged strategic pillars of Educate, Advocate and Support. Please decide where you might contribute and let me know if you need more information. Text or call my cell 334-717-6476.

Scott Key

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 Alabama Information Technology Consulting
 Alabama Power Company
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 Apopos
 Associated Insurance Administrators, Inc.
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 Baptist Health (Cat 2)
 Brent Krause
 Brown Studio Architecture
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 Civil Air Patrol
 David Harwood
 Dixie Electric Corporation
 Dr. David Thrasher
 Eileen L. Harris
 Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation
 First Command Financial Planning
 Founder, The Montgomery Biscuits
 GEICO Insurance
 Golden Animal Hospital
 Goodwill Industries of Central Alabama, Inc.
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