



## Community Partners Appreciation Luncheon

On Sep 10, 2024 our Air & Space Forces Association Chapter held its quarterly luncheon at the Maxwell Club led by our Chapter President, Scott Key and our Vice President for Special Events, Betty McCoy. Major General Parker Wright, Commander, Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Deputy Commander, Air University was our guest speaker.

This is our annual event where we recognize our Community Partners and announced the Community Partner of the Year. The 2024 Community Partner of the Year is Seay, Seay and Litchfield P.C. Congratulations! Without our Community Partners, we would not be nearly as successful as a Chapter. This team of business people throughout our community give of their time and money to help us in our mission to Advocate for our military, Educate our youth and Support our military communities.

We also formally recognized our Chapter, and the Alabama State Teacher of the Year (TOY), Catherine Kenny, who is from the Pike Road School System. She is heavily involved in the STEM curriculum in their school and has done marvelous things preparing our youth for their futures.

Our guest speaker, Major General Wright, gave a great presentation about military children. Many of us have raised children while in the military as well as being military children ourselves, so his message resonated with many in the crowd. He mentioned that military children are resilient. They are required to move often and leave their friends behind causing stress each time they move. He encouraged the local community leaders to welcome our kids to their new environment. Instead of asking, "how long will you be here?", allow them to compete on the same level as the children who have been here their whole lives. It was a great speech and we thank him for taking the time to spend it with us.



Scott Key, Chapter President,  
and Major General Parker



2024 Community Partner  
Seay, Seay, and Litchfield, LLC  
Wes Osmer, Jimmy Seay, Major General Parker and Scott Key



2024 Chapter Teacher of the Year  
Scott Key, Catherine Kinney,  
and Major General Parker  
Photo by Grea Sharpe

### 2024 Chapter 102 Officers

President: Scott Key — Vice President: Bruce Barton

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

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# 2024 AFA NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Annual Air & Space Forces Association (AFA) Convention was held at the beautiful Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland on 14 and 15 September 2024. Our state was one of the best represented states in attendance with eight voting members, of the eight members, six were from our Chapter, well done to our chapter members who attended. During the convention our very own Susan Mallet was voted in to be the South-Central Regional President. Congratulations to the very dedicated Susan Mallet. Several new AFA elected positions were voted upon and those selected can be viewed on the [afa.org](https://afa.org) website under the 'ABOUT' tab. We also welcomed our new President and CEO on the professional side of the house, Lt Gen (Ret) Burt Field.

While at the AFA Convention, we also met with the staff members of several of our Congressional representatives. We discussed the AFA vision and current issues that are of interest to military members both active duty and retired. It was a very informative meeting for us as well as them.

It was a great conference and it's always fun to run into old friends with whom you have served in the past. Mark your calendars, next year's conference is being held on Sep 20-21 2025 followed by the Air, Space & Cyber Conference 22-24 September 2025.



Congressional staff luncheon attendees



Bruce Barton presents  
Scott Key with the AFA  
Medal of Merit



Chapter 102 delegates. (left to right) Susan Mallet, Pat McCoy, Scott Key, Betty McCoy, Bruce Barton and Maura Barton





## COMMUNITY PARTNERS



- 1st Place Trophies (Ms. Barbara Truelove)
- Air University Foundation (Mr. Joe Panza)
- Alabama Information Technology Consulting (Mr. Bob Frye)
- Alabama Power Company (Ms. Leslie Sanders)
- Dr. Allen Peck
- Apropos (Ms. Terri Owen)
- Associated Insurance Administrators, Inc. (Mr. Patrick Albrecht)
- Ballard Companies (Maj. Gen. A. Ballard)
- Baptist Health (Mr. W. Tyner)
- Baptist Health (Mr. Peter Selman)
- Mr. Brent Krause
- Brown Studio Architecture (Mr. Sommerville Hill)
- City of Montgomery (Mayor Steven Reed)
- Civil Air Patrol (Mr. John Desmarais)
- Mr. David Grimes
- Mr. David Harwood
- Dixie Electric Corporation (Mr. Ernie Faulkner)
- Mr. Doug "Cinco" DeMaio
- Dr. David Thrasher
- Ms. Eileen L. Harris
- Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation (Mr. Steve Kermish)
- First Command Financial Planning (Mr. Mark Dierlam)
- Founder, The Montgomery Biscuits (Ms. Sherrie Myers)
- Friend of AFA102 (Mr. Patrick McCoy)
- Friend of AFA102 (Mr. Chuck Nath)
- GEICO Insurance (Mr. Perry Hudson)
- Golden Animal Hospital (Dr. Mickey Golden)
- Goodwill Industries of Central Alabama, Inc. (Mr. Andy Potter)
- Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood (Mr. David Reed)
- Hair Odyssey (Mr. David Dandridge)
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- Integrated Computer Solutions (Mr. Steve Goldsby)
- J&K Materials and Trucking, Inc. (Ms. Karen Montz)
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- Larry Puckett Chevrolet Inc. (Mr. Larry Puckett)
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- Montgomery Aviation Corp (Mr. William Hudgens)
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- Navy Federal Credit Union (Ms. LaSherrie Shuford)
- New York Life (Mr. Scott Key, CLTC)
- New York Life/NYLTFE Securities (Ms. Julie Lindsey)
- New York Life (Ms. Lisa Ann Williams)
- New York Life (Mr. Joe Donaldson)
- Ms. Patricia Smith
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- Raymond J. "Corky" Hawthorne, Attorney (Mr. Raymond Hawthorne)
- Rushton Stakely (Mr. Alan Hargrove)
- Sanctuary Cigars (Mr. Miller Clemmons)
- Sandra Nickel Hat Team Realtors (Mrs. Sandra Nickel)
- Seay, Seay, and Litchfield, P.C. (Mr. Jim Seay)
- Seay, Seay, and Litchfield, P.C. (Mr. Wes Osmer)
- ServisFirst (Vicki Belcher)
- Southeast Cherokee Construction (Lynn Carter)
- Southern Preparatory Academy (Ms. Beverly Callaway)
- State Superintendent of Education (Dr. Eric Mackey)
- Taylor Insurance Agency (Mr. Donald Taylor)
- TCU Consulting Services, LLC
- The Alabama Military Support Foundation (Mr. Jack Galassini)
- The Feed Lot, Inc. (Mr. Casey Forbus)
- Mr. Todd Strange
- Mr. Tom Albrecht
- Troy University, (Mr. Ray White)
- Whitfield Consulting (Ms. Virginia Whitfield)
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### President's Corner

The only disappointment for our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was the status of my golfing. I did my part to keep the fairways pristine by missing 15 out of 18 of them. Our foursome did play slightly above our handicap and walked away with low net. I don't know how to compute that, but we won gift certificates from the Arrowhead CC Pro Shop. I now know what Jeanie is getting for Christmas.

All kidding aside, Irish McCoy and his Chapter 102 EXCOM Team put on another incredible show. The weather was perfect, the course was in great shape, the registration was flawless, the BBQ was delicious, and a good time was had by all. Can't wait for next year.

If seems that even before the Arrowhead CC was fading in our rear-view mirror, we were shifting our attention to the Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon. We have joined the City of Montgomery to help organize the first Veterans Day Parade in 5 years. There is still a lot of planning to be done, but we look forward to celebrating the event on Monday, November 11. Then, we'll have a second serving of celebration as we host our annual Veterans Day Luncheon at the 908<sup>th</sup> Hanger on Thursday, November 14. Colonel Chris Lacouture, Commander, 908<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Wing, will be our host and guest speaker for the luncheon. You will also be able to get familiar with the MH-139 Grey Wolf helicopter including photo opportunities. Bring a guest and help us expand our footprint in the River Region.

*Scott Key*



### Alabama 5th Veterans Home is now open

Command Sgt. Maj. Benny G. Adkins State Veterans Home in Enterprise, AL officially opened on September 13, 2024

For more information go to

<https://va.alabama.gov/command-sgt-maj-bennie-g-adkins-state-veterans-home/>

or

<https://va.alabama.gov/vets-home-program/>

### SAVE THE DATES

14 Nov 2024 Veterans Day Luncheon 908th Airlift Wing  
Dec 2024 EXCOM Christmas Dinner (date and time TBD)  
Feb 2025 AF Issues Luncheon (date and time TBD)

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