The first quarter of 2012 has been filled with action as your Board gets ready for the coming year. Read on to see what the Schriever Chapter is up to:

**Chapter Governance – 2012 Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs**

AFA Chapter 147 completed the election of Officers for one-year terms, ending December 31, 2012; and election of a third of the Board of Directors for three-year terms, ending December 31, 2014. In addition, the Board of Directors re-elected a Chairman of the Board.

**The results are:**
- **Chairman of the Board:** Thomas D. Taverney, Maj Gen USAF (ret) – SAIC
- **Officers**
  - President: Dr. Stephen L Quilici – SLQ Consulting
  - Senior Vice President: Edwin W. A. Peura – Peura Enterprises
  - Vice President Finance and Treasurer: Richard L. Reaser, Jr. – Raytheon
  - Secretary: Open (Barbara D. Kollenda, previous Secretary, is serving pending election of a replacement)
- **Directors**
  - William J. Harding – United Launch Alliance
  - Jerry A. Saunders – Continental Development
  - Gregory J. Schiller – United Launch Alliance
  - Christopher N. Harlambakis – Aerojet
  - William R. Maikisch – Booz Allen Hamilton
  - Patrick J. Devine – Lockheed Martin (ret)
  - David J. Murphy – Boeing
  - John F. Wagner III – USAF Space & Missile Systems Center (SMC)
  - Steven A. Scott – Lockheed Martin
  - Donald K. Tomajan –
  - CMSgt Carol A. M. Dockery, SMC’s new Command Chief, was elected to the Board, replacing CMSgt Mark Repp, who has retired. She will chair the Military Affairs Committee.

All the Committee Chairs on the Board have agreed to serve another year, but Marv Vander Weg of Space-X has volunteered to relinquish the Public Relations Chair. Dr. Stephen C. Pluntze of SPARTA, Inc., (a Parsons Company) has volunteered to assume that Chair. Steve and his wife Brenda are the new Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of this Chapter Newsletter. Thanks very much to Marv for his years of dedicated service, and welcome to the Pluntzes in this new assignment. You may have noticed the 2011 4th Quarter newsletter was much more aesthetic than in the past — Brenda Pluntze did that one, too.
AFA Chapter 147 held their Spring Mixer at the Space and Missile Systems Center’s Orbiter Lounge on 22 Mar 2012.

Brig Gen Roger Teague, Vice Commander, served as the host and discussed many of the local chapter’s accomplishments over the past six months. There was free food and free drinks; several door prizes were also awarded. This was a great opportunity for chapter members and prospective new members to meet in a social environment, get acquainted (or reacquainted) and discuss many mutually beneficial issues.

Special thanks to John Wagner, Nancy Insprucker, Barby Kollenda, and Erharts Catering for making this event such a success!

A great time was had by all! For those that missed it, we typically have a second mixer later in the fall – we’d love to see each of you there and bring some prospective members with you. BG Teague is a Life Member, as he discussed during his talk, and you could be, too. This Chapter does many wonderful things for the great Air Force mission in the LAAFB Area.
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SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2012 Aerospace Studies Program agreements between the Schriever Education Foundation (SEF) and the local ROTC units; USC, LMU, and UCLA have been signed and await concurrence by the SEF Board of Directors as to the amount of financial support to be provided this year.

The goal of the program is to help further aerospace educational opportunities for students enrolled in the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) by providing funding for scholarships and education related costs. A further goal is to expand the public’s awareness of civilian and military accomplishments in aerospace, to encourage new accomplishments in aerospace, and to publicize opportunities in the field of military aerospace endeavors through the activities associated with the AFROTC programs. In the past the SEF has provided approximately $10,000 annually to each of the three ROTC units mentioned.

Your Contributions Make a Difference

CyberPatriot IV Champions Crowned:

Winners of the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot IV competition are: "Team Unknown" of San Antonio's Alamo Academies in the Open Division, and "Wolfpack" of the Civil Air Patrol's Colorado Springs, Colo., Cadet Squadron in the All Service Division. Team Unknown took home the President's Trophy, while Wolfpack received the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. The awards ceremony took place on March 23 at a banquet held in conjunction with AFA's Cyber-Futures Conference in National Harbor, Md. The top three teams of each division collectively received more than $50,000 in college scholarships from the Northrop Grumman Foundation, CyberPatriot's presenting sponsor. CyberPatriot is the nation's largest and fastest growing high school cyber defense competition. CyberPatriot IV kicked off last October with more than 1,000 teams vying from all 50 states and Department of Defense dependent schools in Europe and the Pacific. CyberPatriot IV finalists were invited to National Harbor for an in-person challenge, competing face-to-face and defending virtual networks from a professional aggressor team. Chapter 147 makes donations to several LA area high schools to help them attend and compete in these competitions. Check out their website at http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/default.aspx - maybe you can get involved yourself. BTW, Mr. Hassan Twiet, chosen by the Chapter as Teacher of the Year in 2011, coached one of two PV high school teams to third(!) in the Open Div.

Your Contributions Allow National AFA to Honor Airmen

Airmen in the Airborne Operations career field are the Air Force's 2012 Team of the Year. These airmen "operate systems essential to fulfill Air Force missions, they teach and train students with a high level of competency, and they represent exceptional professionalism, expertise, and leadership," said Sandy Schlitt, Air Force Association Chairman of the Board, in the association's release. He added, "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to honor them." Each year, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force leads a group of command chief master sergeants that chooses a specific Air Force career field for this honor and then selects individual members within that career field for special recognition. This year, those members are: MSgt. Michael Sailer, AC-130H instructor sensor operator for the 551st Special Operations Squadron at Cannon AFB, N.M.; TSgt. Scott C. May, evaluator airborne operations technician for the 129th Combat Training Squadron at Robins AFB, Ga.; SrA. Kathleen L. Eliseo, sensor operator for the 4th SOS at Hurlburt Field, Fla.; SrA. Jared S. Kordos, E-3 AWACS airborne surveillance technician at Tinker AFB, Okla.; and SrA. David M. Pederson, instructor sensor operator at the 489th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.

AFA will host a reception on April 30 in Arlington, Va., to pay tribute to these airmen.
Mark Your Calendars!
AFA Salute to SMC – June 8, 2012

AFA Chapter 147 will recognize the ‘Best of the Best’ in SMC at the 38th Annual AFA Salute to SMC with a formal banquet at the LAX Marriott Hotel on Friday evening, June 8. Chapter awards named after former SMC commanders and other distinguished Air Force and AFA Chapter 147 leaders will be presented in more than a dozen categories, including Field Grade Officers, Senior and Junior Company Grade Officers, NCOs, Civilians, Reservists, Support Staff and Volunteers. The SMC Commander will select the SPO Director of the Year to receive the Lt Gen John W. O’Neill Award.

Since 1975, the Chapter has presented its highest and most distinguished award -- the General Bernard A. Schriever Space Leadership Award – for outstanding achievement in support of U. S. military space programs. This year we are pleased to present the Schriever Award to Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. In addition, the Chapter will present a Schriever Fellowship Award. AFA National Headquarters, in cooperation with our Chapter’s Schriever Education Foundation, annually sponsors a scholarship for a deserving student. The scholarship is named in honor of an individual in our community who has made outstanding contributions to U. S. Military Space Programs.

Watch the Chapter website, http://www.afa147.org, for registration information on the AFA Salute: full tables, individual seats, and Honors Table seats will go on sale shortly.

The morning of June 8, the Chapter will host an Executive Forum, bringing together senior leaders from SMC and industry to discuss critical topics of interest to the SMC Commander. Industry invitations will be distributed by the Chapter soon.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Chapter 147 started this year with $91,241.08 in the checking account. The Board of Directors approved the Calendar Year 2012 Chapter Budget at the January board meeting.

This year's budget projects net proceeds from our largest fund raiser, the Salute to Space and Missile Systems Center at $35,000.00. Sports Day and the Air Force Ball Executive Reception are planned to be a wash.

- Community Relations was provided a budget of $10,000 as was the Military Affairs Committee.
- The Membership Committee was allocated $4,000
- Education Committee was given $11,000.
  
  Unlike prior years, Committees appear to be doing a much better job of spending their budgets.
- Community Relations has already disbursed $6,000 to the Spouses Club
- $1,500 for Veteran's Whale Watching
- The Education Committee has spent $2000 so far on Cyber Patriot.

We've had our first membership mixer event as well. Now that we have a new Military Affairs Committee Chair, CMSgt Carol Dockery, we are expecting some adjustments to that committee’s provisional allotment. Chapter finances are in good shape. If all goes as planned, we should complete the year with approximately $80,000 in the Treasury.