## THE MARAUDER

**Gold Coast Chapter 351 Quarterly Newsletter** 







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MISSION The Air Force Association educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense; and supports the United States Air Force and the Air Force Family and aerospace education.

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# Air Force Association

AFA Florida celebrates 50 years of support for National Defense, USAF and Veterans

Join us at the

AFA Florida State Annual Summer Convention To Celebrate 50 Years of the AFA in Florida Hosted by AFA GOLD COAST Chapter Friday, July 25-27, 2014

At the Embassy Suites Hotel in West Palm Beach
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Can't join us for the entire weekend? We would be delighted if
you would join us in at least one of the activities listed below.
To purchase a Program Ad in our Convention Booklet, Call 954-257-6763

- 1. Friday evening: Meet & Greet and DIVA DUCK Tour
- 2. Saturday: Convention Business meeting AM & PM
- 3. Saturday Luncheon: USAF Speaker
- 4. Saturday Afternoon: Hospitality Room Opens
- Saturday Evening: Special Dinner Presentation
   Remembering 50 years in Florida & A Salute to Veterans
- 6. Sunday Morning: "Departure

For information on hotel and/or convention reservations See attached registration Flyer or Contact Fran 954-772-3080 fcs2121@comcast.net

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#### **\*SAVE THESE DATES:**

April 28-May 6; Fleet Week Ship tours at Ft Lauderdale Port Everglades and other activity on website: Broward Nay Days

**May 14** Gold Coast Council Meeting at Banyan Bldg at Ft Lauderdale Executive Airport; 1PM

**June 11** Gold Coast Council meeting at Banyan Bldg Ft Lauderdale Executive Airport; 1PM

July 25-27 AFA FL. State Convention

**Information-** See FLYER on left. To register see Registration FLYER on last page.

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Congratulations to Ms Randa Flynn, AFA Florida State Teacher of the Year 2014

It is with great pleasure and honor that the Gold Coast Chapter's announces that this year's chapter Teacher of the Year, MS. Randa Flynn has been selected as the Florida State Teacher of the Year 2014.

Once again for two consecutive years, our chapter has had its chapter ToY receive the title of Fl State ToY. In the last eight years we have had four State Teacher of the Year and two of them have been selected as the first runner- up to the national winning ToY.

Ms Flynn 's accomplishments will be detailed in the next Marauder newsletter and on the chapter website.

### AFA CADET AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The past month has been extremely rewarding for those of us who had the good fortune to present the annual AFA Award medal to the most deserving cadets in the JROTC and Civil Air Patrol.







These are just a few of the cadets and their schools from among the many units that requested AFA presenters for the annual Award

AFA members presented the AFA medals and certificates to outstanding student cadets from JROTC and Civil Air Patrol. The young people were from (1 to r) Coral Springs HS; Crystal Lakes Middle School CAP Squadron and Dillard HS.

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KUDOS to our Gold Coast Chapter 351 **CYBERPATRIOT** \*\*\*\*\*

The Air Force Association has announced the winners of CyberPatriot VI, the nation's largest and fastest growing high school cyber defense competition.

And the honors in the Gold Coast Chapter's area go to the FT Pierce Central High School for two of their teams. In the All Service Division, The AJROTC took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place State Award with Mr. Darin Randall as Coach and in the Open Division, Coach Ms. Margaret Roberts led the Ft Pierce Central HS Cobra Battalion to receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place State Award.

The members of the Gold Coast Chapter would like to also congratulate and thank all those teams. coaches and mentors who participated.

Already CyberPatriot VII's registration is underway and we look forward for more teams to bring home those trophies

#### **Roll Call: Core Values are Airmen's** Common Bond

The Air Force's core values—Integrity First. Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do are the fabric bonding airmen's commitment and dedication to principles like duty and honor, writes CMSAF James Cody in the February issue of Roll Call. "We know the words by heart, and on any given moment 99 percent of our airmen live up to these high standards," states Cody in the Feb. 18 document. "But we must continue to guard against complacency. When one percent of airmen fail to live according to our values, it reflects poorly on our Air Force as a whole," he writes. Ignoring the core values is "not an option, and there is simply no room in our Air Force for those who do," Cody tells airmen. "There's no question we will right the course of the few and stay the course of the many," he states. Cody's words come on the heels of the Air Force dealing with misconduct among some missileers at Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

### From Milt Markowitiz memoirs:

Some time in the early 70s, I was flying C-97s, large. 4-engined Boeing Stratocruisers, for the New York Air National Guard. We picked up a load of cargo on the west coast, destination, Tainan, Taiwan. Upon arrival at our destination, the ground controller asked if we would take a (GCA) Ground Controlled Approach from a student controller. The weather was clear and the student controller, a Taiwanese by the accent, proceeded to give us directional and altitude corrections as he led us to the airfield. As we approached for landing, we were missing the runway by about a half a mile. I announced at this time that I was now taking over for the landing.

About 2 months later, Frank and I (Frank was the same fellow Instructor Pilot as I) were flying the same route

to Taiwan, however, upon arrival, the weather was really down. The ground controller announced that the conditions at Tainan were a ceiling of 300 feet and 1/2 mile of visibility. I believe I recognized the same voice of the Taiwanese controller as two months previously. I announced to Frank,"No Way". I called to the controller, "That is beyond my personal minimums. I am proceeding to my alternate airfield. Taichung".

Old pilots stay alive by instinct and maintaining a modicum of caution no matter how good they think they are.

## The Gold Coast Chapter 351 Proudly Hosts the AFA FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

## JULY 25-27, 2014 in WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our State Organization

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