



The *Red Tail* Report



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President's Message



The third quarter has ended. We had a chance to relax some while school was out for the summer. In July the Air Force Association held the state convention in Orlando. I want to congratulate our Vice-President Ben Langer for being selected as our AFA Chapter Member of the Year. Now it's time to get to work again.

The Veterans Day ceremony this year will be on Friday, November 9 at the Marion County Veterans Park in Ocala. The Kingdom of the Sun Band will perform on Sunday, November 11 at the park at 6:00 pm with good music and fireworks.

Congressman Daniel Webster and Congressman Ted Yoho are excellent people who 100% support our veterans. Please register and remember to vote on November 6. Finally, Happy Birthday to the U.S. Air Force which turned 71 this month. Our next chapter meeting is October 18 at the Ocala Airport at 7:00 pm. All members and guests are welcome.

Howard Burke

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6 – Quarterly Memorial Ceremony, Marion County Veterans Park, 1000

October 18 – Chapter 136 monthly meeting, Ocala Airport (Sheltair Bldg), 1900

November 9 – Veterans Day Program, Marion County Veterans Park, 1100

November 11 – WW1 Commemoration, Marion County Veterans Park, 1100

November 11 – Light Up the Stars, Marion County Veterans Park, 1800

December 8 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance, Marion County Veterans Park, 1000

December 15 – Wreaths Across America, Highlands Memorial Park, 1200

AFA STATE CONVENTION - CYBERPATRIOT

The 2018 AFA State Convention was held in Altamonte Springs, FL on July 13. Chapter members Ben Langer, Dale Katz, and Christy Katz attended along with the Civil Air Patrol's CyberPatriot Team 1. CyberPatriot XI has just started with 4,958 teams registered so far. Registration deadline is October 3. CAP Squadron 361 has a middle school team entered for the first time this year.



Sharon Branch presents Ben Langer with Chapter Member of the Year award

Sharon Branch stands with CAP Team 1, the state All Service Division champions.



Dale Katz talks about CyberPatriot to the convention attendees.

5 TOP REASONS VETERANS MOVE TO FLORIDA



1. An extraordinary community of veterans offering great support
 - The third largest veteran population in the country
 - Ranked the #1 veteran-friendly state
2. Abundant educational opportunities with dedicated on-campus support for veterans
 - Home to 12 public universities and 28 public colleges
 - In-state tuition rate for all veterans using the GI Bill
3. A strong economy with many job opportunities and employers who appreciate and hire veterans
 - 4th largest economy in the U.S.
 - Headquarters of over 300 international companies are based in Florida
4. Extraordinary support for entrepreneurship
 - Florida's business tax climate ranks #1 in the southeast
 - Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program – a free two-phase program
5. A warm and beautiful climate, natural beauty, unlimited recreation and low taxes
 - Average temperature: high of 81 degrees, low of 60 degrees
 - The Tax Foundation ranks Florida among states with the lowest taxes
 - \$25,000 homestead property tax exemption for every resident



OTHER NEWS



UF AFROTC cadets attended the September chapter meeting. Sitting with chapter members Edwin Barbosa, Howard Burke, and Jerry Deese are Jasmine Snodgrass (l) and Glenn Camillo (r).

Air Force to replace the UH-1N Huey Helicopter

The USAF announced the contract award of the UH-1N replacement to Boeing Corp. on September 24. It is a Boeing-Leonardo partnership that will produce the MH-139 as the Huey's replacement. USAF has plans to buy 84 of these helicopters, with the first one arriving in 2021. The Huey was made by Bell Helicopter and the USAF has 59 that are active in missile installation support, nuclear convoy escort, and VIP support.



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The Air Force Association Mission

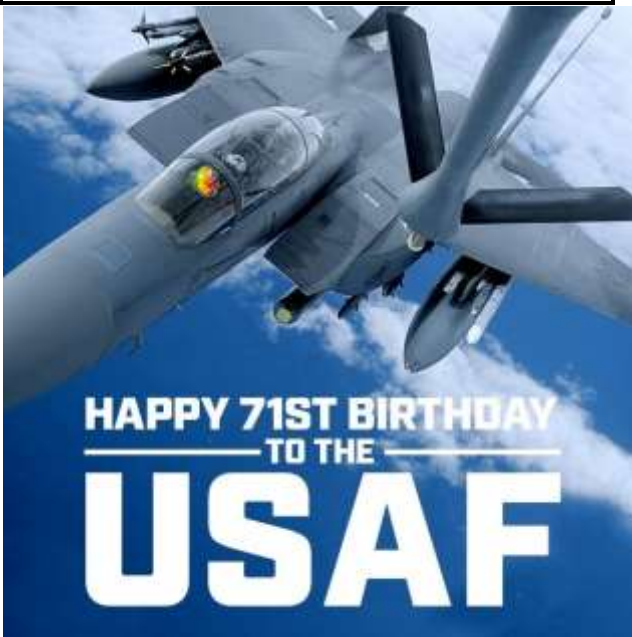
- 1. Educate the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation.*
- 1. Advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense.*
- 2. Support the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education.*

It's a Fact: Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 draws members from eight counties: Citrus, Alachua, Marion, Sumter, Dixie, Levy and parts of Lake and Putnam. It is not necessary to be an Air Force veteran. Tell your friends to contact Howard Burke, 352-861-0886 for information about joining.

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Power Points

- **Next Membership Meeting.** 7 p.m. Thursday, October 18; Ocala/Sheltair Airport Building conference room. Members are urged to attend. Guests are always welcome.
- **Membership.** As of April 30, the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 had 450 members. Howard Burke, 352-861-0886, is the chapter's membership director.



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Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 salutes its Community Partners. The Air Force Association enjoys a warm relationship with the following businesses through its Community Partners program. Please support these community partner businesses.

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Would you like to become an Air Force Association member or community partner? You will be supporting an association that supports airpower, the U.S. Air Force, its mission and personnel worldwide. If you or your business would like to become a member of the AFA or community partner, contact Howard Burke, 352-861-0886.

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