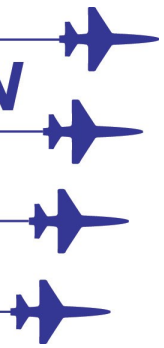




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THE 301st FIGHTER WING'S MISSION AND FUTURE



The 301st Fighter Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas provides a combat ready force comprised of approximately 2,280 Reserve, regular and civilian airmen, and resources to support national objectives. It is the only Air Force Reserve (AFRC) fighter unit in the state of Texas. The mission of the wing is to provide Commanders in Chief and Major Commands with the combat ready warriors they need to operate our Expeditionary Air Force, fight and win America's wars, and protect our worldwide interests. They are focused on training, mobilization, deployment, and employment. The wing leverages both Classic and Active associations at two locations to employ the F-16C, F-22, and T-38 aircraft.

Colonel Jeffery S. Barnett is the Commander, 301st Mission Support Group, 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Ft Worth, Texas. Colonel Barnett is responsible for more than 650 Air Force Reservists, Air Reserve Technicians, Active Guard and Reserve and civilian personnel assigned to civil engineer, force support, security forces, DoD police, communications, logistics readiness, contracting, civilian personnel and aerial port units. Colonel Barnett will provide an overview on the 301st Fighter Wing and a projection of future activities and deployments for the Fighter Wing.

THIS QUARTER'S PROGRAM

"301st Fighter Wing's Mission and Future"

When:
 Tuesday, February 9, 2016
 6:00 pm — Gathering and Social Hour
 7:15 pm — Dinner and Presentation

Menu:
 Mediterranean Salad
 Sliced Roast Beef with Mushroom Demi-Glaze
 Oven Roasted Yukon Potatoes
 Broccoli and Carrot Medley
 Raspberry Mousse Cake

Where:
 Crowne Plaza Hotel North Dallas / Addison
 Chinaberry Room
 14315 Midway
 Addison, TX 75001

Directions: Go north on Midway from I-635 about one mile.
 Hotel is on the west side of Midway.

RESERVATION COUPON

Please reserve the following number of tickets for the February 9th AFA Quarterly Meeting

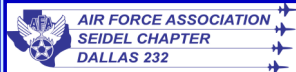
_____ Individuals @ \$30.00 each.
 _____ Military and Cadets in Uniform @ \$20 each.
 _____ 18 years of age and under @ \$15 each.

When: Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel North Dallas / Addison
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The Evolving Role of Special Operations Forces Symposium



The mission of AFA and the Seidel Chapter has always been to *EDUCATE* the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation, to *ADVOCATE* aerospace power and a strong national defense, and to *SUPPORT* the United States Air Force and the Air Force family. To further these goals, the Seidel Chapter and the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies are co-sponsoring a symposium entitled “The Evolving Role of Special Operations Forces (SOF) As An Instrument of Military Power.” The symposium will be held on April 16, 2016 the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Deptula, Dean of the Mitchell Institute, will be the symposium’s moderator.

The concept for the symposium is to provide our chapter members, local defense industry senior executives, and civic officials of the Dallas / Fort Worth area access to senior military officers from all branches and civilian leaders in a venue that will provide an opportunity for discussion. The symposium will start at 9:30 am, following a breakfast at the hotel, during which Air Force Chief of Staff Mark A. Welsh III is expected to be the guest speaker. The symposium has the potential to be an exciting opportunity for our membership, local defense industries, the citizens of Dallas / Fort Worth and the military services. **YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THE BREAKFAST AND THE SYMPOSIUM!**

More details will be provided in our next quarterly newsletter. If have any questions, feel free to contact Col. Bob Gehbauer (Ret.) at 972-306-2270 or afatxpres@gmail.com. We also look forward to having you join us at the Greater Dallas Military Foundation (GDMF) Gala on the evening of April 16th.



Members of the Veterans Center of North Texas volunteering at the 2015 Carry the Load Memorial Day event.

Veterans Center of North Texas Open for Business

The mission of the Veterans Center of North Texas (VCONT) is to provide information and referral services to Veterans and their families to enable them to transition into the civilian environment and maintain productive lifestyles. The Veterans Center is a Texas non-profit corporation and a 501 (c) 3 community charity corporation as designated by the IRS. Our operating location is at 900 E Park Blvd, Suite 155, Plano, Texas 75074.

The Veterans Center of North Texas provides services to North Texas Veterans in Collin, Grayson, Cooke, Hunt, Fannin and Rockwall counties. There are over 160,000 Veterans in this region, many needing daily services to maintain normal lifestyles. With the ongoing downsizing of the active military force and the rapid population growth within North Texas, the Veteran community is projected to continue to grow within the service region. The VCONT is ready to connect Veterans and their families with information and services to address their needs.

When Veterans and their families visit the Veterans Center their needs will be assessed by our trained staff, benefit information will be provided and appropriate service organizations will be identified to support their needs. As part of the support process, volunteers will assist Veterans to gather the required paperwork and complete the necessary applications required to obtain service. Finally, after completing an appointment, we solicit feedback from the service organizations and the Veteran to ensure continuous improvement in our processes.

During the last quarter of 2015 the Veterans Center of North Texas served over 80 Veterans and their families. We were able to assist in providing employment, shelter, medical, financial, legal and general support through information and referral. We would enjoy the opportunity to provide more information about the Veterans Center of North Texas and solicit your support as a volunteer, if possible. Also, if there are services we can provide for you or friend, neighbor or associate, please contact us. We are located at 900 E Park Blvd, Suite 155, Plano, Texas. Contact Paul Hendricks: 214-600-2966 (office) or 469-667-7750 (mobile).

Texas Legislative Update - January 2016

Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations (TCVO) consists of over 30 groups including VFW, American Legion, AUSA, MOWW and AFA. The Texas 85th legislative session begins 10 January 2017 in Austin. TCVO is preparing position papers, draft bills and developing relationships with our legislators. This month TCVO met with district managers from Texas Senate District 8 (Senator Van Taylor), and Texas House Districts 67 (Representative Jeff Leach), 70 (Representative Scott Sanford) and 89 (Representative Jodi Laubenberg). Although research, assessment and examination are required for potential bills by the 85th Legislature, TCVO has identified four topics for consideration.

Although extensive research, assessment and examination are required for potential bills or study by the 85th Legislator, TVCO has identified four major topics for initial consideration.

Support for Homeless or Near Homeless Texas Veterans and their families. We have identified a need or an expanded need for immediate and long term housing support for Veterans and their families in Dallas, Collin, Grayson and Rockwall counties.

Transportation for Veterans. With the demise of the Texoma Area Paratransit System (TAPS), many Veterans in Collin County and north to the Red River are left without ready transportation to work, medical and general appointments.

Near-term assistance funding. Sources for short term funding to support Veterans in need are very limited. There is a need for statewide funding.

Support for the Hazlewood Education Act. The Hazlewood Act can provide funding to selected Veterans and family members for higher education. Prior Legislative Sessions have debated eligibility requirements and budget impacts. Statewide Veteran Organization support is required.

TCVO will continue to support and provide information. If you would like to contribute to these or other legislative initiatives contact Paul Hendricks at 469-667-7750.

Earle North Parker Essay Contest Winner

The Seidel Chapter—Dallas wishes to congratulate Christopher Ruiz of Rowlett High School as the 1st place winner of the 2016 Seidel Chapter Earle North Parker Essay Contest. The subject for this year's contest is: "Cyber Warfare – How to deal with it? His analysis concluded, "The US' struggle to be able to achieve 'cyberspace zen' in a turbulent world of battling political agendas will provide a challenge, but it is one that must be addressed early before it is too late to deal with the elephant in the room. The truth is the US will never be able to successfully contain cyberspace threats one hundred percent, but it is important to make an effort to contain most of the threats to US citizens and national security posed by cyber warfare. This will help ensure our safety as we enter a brave new world that's dominated by technology."

In addition to the \$500 prize Christopher will receive for winning our chapter contest, his outstanding essay has been submitted to the Texas state committee to compete in the state contest. The AFA-Texas Earle North Parker Essay state winners will be awarded scholarships for \$2,000 for 1st place and \$1,000 for 2nd place. Please, wish Christopher good luck! with his outstanding essay!



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Coming Events

- Seidel Chapter Quarterly Membership Meeting
February 9, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
February 11, 2016
- AFA TX Executive Committee Mtg - San Angelo
February 26-28, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
March 10, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
April 14, 2016
- Seidel Chapter Quarterly Membership Meeting
April 16, 2016

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