



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

SEIDEL CHAPTER

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"Afghanistan – Up Close and Personal"



SFC John Wayne Walding

SFC (Ret.) John Wayne Walding spent 12 years in the U. S. Army with seven of those years being in 3rd Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg. He has a beautiful wife, Amy, and four children. He has combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. During his career at 3rd SFG he worked on ODA 396/3336 as a Special Forces Communications Sergeant and at the Sniper Detachment as a Sniper instructor. On April 6th 2008 during the battle of Shok Valley he was shot in his right leg resulting in becoming a below the knee amputee.

After his injury, Walding knew he wasn't going to give up and leave the Army and he didn't want to spend the rest of his career behind a desk. "You don't become a Green Beret because you 'kind of like it,'

you become a Green Beret because you love it, and can't imagine being anything else," He refused to lower his personal standards following his injury, and pushed himself to excel as an instructor because he knew teams and soldiers were relying on him. Due to his past experiences, Walding said he had a lot to offer as a member of a Special Forces team, and wouldn't bother trying to get back to a team if he hadn't felt he could be an asset. So, he attended Special Forces Sniper School and upon graduation became the first amputee to ever become a Green Beret sniper.

His military school experience includes: Special Operations Target Interdiction Course, Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat, 3rd SFG Advance Sniper, Special Forces Qualification course, Airborne and Air assault. John's awards and badges include: Silver Star, Bronze star, Purple Heart, Combat infantry badge, Airborne air assault and the special forces tab. John participated in numerous battles during his deployments; most famous was the Battle of Shok Valley, which you can read about in the book *"No Way Out: A Story of Valor in the Mountains of Afghanistan"* by Mitch Weiss and Kevin Maurer.

THIS QUARTER'S PROGRAM

"Afghanistan – Up Close and Personal"

When:
 Wednesday, May 24, 2017
 11 :30 am – Gathering and Social Hour
 12:00 pm – Luncheon and Presentation

Menu:
 Roasted Garlic Cream Chicken
 with Green Bean Amandine and Mashed Potatoes
 Tossed Green Salad and Khaloua Bundt Cake

Where:
 Canyon Creek Country Club
 625 West Lookout Drive
 Richardson, TX 75080



Directions: From George Bush Turnpike go South on Custer Parkway to West Lookout Drive. Turn right (West). Drive two blocks and Canyon Creek Country Club is on the left.

RESERVATION COUPON

Please reserve the following number of tickets for the
 May 24th AFA Quarterly Meeting

- _____ Individuals @ \$25.00 each.
- _____ Military in Uniform @ \$20 each.
- _____ 18 years of age and under @ \$20 each.

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Message from Seidel Chapter President



Seidel Chapter Air Force Association members and friends. We are on the way to a solid 2017. We received excellent member and visitor participation in our first 2017 quarter membership meeting. If you were able to attend the meeting with Congressman Sessions I am sure you can appreciate his dedication and passion for a strong military and solid benefits for our active duty and retirees.

As you may know, I am keen on membership active participation in our AFA Chapter. The first step in participation is awareness of our Chapter activities. This last month we participated in the Texas State AFA conference in Austin. The meeting was hosted and well planned by the Austin Chapter. The key note speaker was Brig Gen Dawn Ferrell, Deputy Adjutant General Air, Texas Military Department. She provided a very enlightening presentation on the roles the Texas Air National Guard is supporting, both for state initiatives as well as active participation in the War of Terror.

We will hope to invite General Ferrell to a future Membership Meeting – you will be surprised about the load the Guard is carrying!

This quarter we also were able to announce the winner of the Earle North Parker Essay Contest scholastic award to CAP Cadet Lt Col Leo Cheshire. Leo was selected as the Chapter and State winner of the 2017 essay competition. He is headed to the Air Force Academy this summer; very glad we could honor him!

Finally, we are also active at the State and National levels for legislative issues. In this newsletter there is information to support our efforts. I will be glad to discuss these topics and solicit your support to contact your National and State elected officials to let them know your positions and opinions.

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for May 24th at the Canyon Creek Country Club. Our speaker is Afghan war veteran SFC John Wayne Walding. He is indeed a combat hero, awarded the Silver Star for his courageous efforts! Be sure to attend this meeting and join in on AFA fellowship! Please call me if you need a ride: 469-667-7750.



Seidel Chapter Announces Civil Air Patrol Powered Flight Academy Scholarships



Through the Dallas Aerospace Foundation for Education the Seidel AFA Chapter provides scholarships for CAP cadets to attend the Texas Wing Powered Flight and Glider Academies. The Executive Council of Seidel Chapter - Air Force Association (AFA) Dallas 232 is pleased to announce the scholarship awardees for 2017. The Texas Wing Powered Flight Academy scholarship awardees are: Nathaniel Mars of Plano and Devyn Knigge of Midlothian.

CAP Cadets are required to learn the physics of flight, how aircraft systems work, how to read aeronautical charts, airpower history, etc. in order to be promoted. This is a great way to learn everything needed for the FAA Private Pilot's Written Exam. The academies are available for CAP Cadets to receive flight instruction in either gliders (usually SGS 2-33s) or powered aircraft (usually C-172s). This is an intense encampment where they attend ground school half the day and fly the other half with Certified Flight Instructors. Although the encampment is conducted by very experienced volunteer pilots, the tuition is not cheap.

The Seidel Chapter provides scholarships (50% of tuition) to all the attendees in our area of responsibility. This year, the Austin, Alamo (San Antonio) and Fort Worth Chapters of the Air Force Association and AFA Texas affiliate Texas Aerospace Education Foundation (AFA Texas specialty license plate supports this foundation) joined the Seidel Chapter to provide scholarships to any cadets that did not have a scholarship from another source. This year, ALL Texas CAP cadet Flight Academies' attendees received a scholarship!

Each of the Seidel Chapter awardees will be invited to attend a membership meeting in the fall of 2017. At that meeting the awardees will be encouraged to detail their encampment experience by sharing their "War Stories."

Seidel Chapter Teacher of the Year

The purpose of the Teacher of the Year program is to recognize classroom teachers for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting students about science and math (STEM) and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies. Nicole Story of Garland High School is that special teacher who is furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure.

As stated by the Principal of Garland High School, "In my line of work, I write a tremendous amount of letters of recommendation. This particular letter is a special one as it will be a challenge for me to accurately capture the impact that Nicole Story has had on the students of Garland High School. In a very short time, Mrs. Story has been able to move a group of engineering students from ritualistic compliance to authentic commitment in the scope and sincerity of their coursework. Many of these students have been dismissed by other teachers because they did not have the "academic background" or "scholastic fortitude" to succeed in the most rigorous coursework. Mrs. Story embraces these students in a way that few teachers are able to do. She understands that rigor must always be accompanied by commensurate academic support and that student achievement is always built upon healthy relationships. It has been nothing short of amazing to witness the sort of high level scientific work being done by teenagers who do not fit the traditional profile of "high school engineering student". In one of the most innovative and "line-blurring" programs I have ever seen built from the ground up (the GHS partnership with the SMU Lyle School of Engineering), Mrs. Story has distinguished herself as the sort of teacher that empowers students and builds authentic partnerships. Her work in the Garland Innovation Gym and her visionary relationship with Southern Methodist University functions as a microcosm of what is needed to reinvent and improve public education. She is more than a teacher of the year, she is a teacher for our times, and she has my utmost respect and admiration as an educator. There is not a more commendable and life-affirming instructor than Nicole."

Simply Supported Beam Reaction
Randy Arias
Mrs. Story, Jane and William

Background / Theory

- Equilibrium Equations

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_y = 0 \quad \sum M = 0$$
- Free Body Diagram
- Why?

Understanding and calculating the forces helps us understand how bridges work in the real world.
- Project Goals

Our primary goal is to prove Newton's Laws by doing a hands on experiment and compare results to calculations we acquired from our equations.
- Experiment
- DAQ
- Results
- Summary

Working with our class on this experiment has widened my knowledge on how bridges function, and I hope to use that information in the future.

For winning first place in the Seidel Chapter contest, Nicole will receive \$500. Ms. Story has been submitted to the Texas state committee to compete for AFA Texas State Teacher of the Year. The Seidel Chapter is extremely proud of Nicole Story and wish her well in the AFA Texas Teacher of the Year Contest. Please join us at the May 24th meeting to learn more how Ms. Story's "struggling students" are learning STEM skills that will serve them for a lifetime.



Cadet Cheshire and His Parents

Seidel Chapter Earle North Parker Essay Contest Winner

WINS

AFA Texas Contest

The Seidel Chapter is extremely proud of Leo Cheshire of Wakeland High School in Frisco as he is not only as the winner 2017 Seidel Chapter Earle North Parker Essay Contest., but also the winner of the AFA-Texas Earle North Parker Essay Contest. So in addition to the \$500 prize he received for winning our chapter contest he will be presented a scholastic award for \$2,000 for winning AFA-Texas Earle North Parker Essay Contest.

The subject for this year's contest was: "New Long Range Strike Bomber – Is it needed? His analysis concluded, "A new long range strike bomber is indeed necessary in order to serve as peacemaker but also be able to take the fight to the enemy if necessary. Continual advancement in military technology is what will keep us safe as a nation and allow us to sleep at night knowing our country has done its very best to protect us."

Cadet Cheshire is a former recipient of the Seidel Chapters' Brigadier General James H. McPartlin CAP Scholarship for the Texas Wing Powered Flight Academy where he soloed for the first time. Leo has demonstrated a strong personal drive to achieve and leadership potential. As a result, he has been selected to attend a world-class university — and one of the most selective colleges in the nation, the United States Air Force Academy. Congratulations Cadet Leo Cheshire.



Navy Federal Credit Union Joins as a Community Partner



The Seidel Chapter is seeking businesses in the Dallas area to partner with the Chapter and AFA. Gerald Whipple of Navy Federal Credit Union believes partnering with the AFA through the Community Partner Program has many benefits. He states: "Navy Federal is highly invested in our community, serving those who are active duty, retired, veterans, or their family members. Becoming a Community Partner with the Air Force Association has been a natural fit for Navy Federal Credit Union, allowing us to reach thousands more through events, meetings, and other outreach opportunities. The goal of our mutually beneficial relationship is to continue to grow the membership of AFA and spread their message while serving those who have bravely served our country, financially and in the community.

Since 1933, Navy Federal has grown from seven members to over 7 million members. And since that time, our vision statement has remained focused on serving our unique field of membership: "Be the most preferred and trusted financial institution serving the military and their families." You can leave the military, change employers, move, retire, get married—and never have to leave Navy Federal. Once a member, always a member."

Please support our newest Community Partner—Navy Federal Credit Union. Contact Gerald at 866-661-7650 x20543 or Gerald_Whipple@navyfederal.org.

85TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE TOPICS

HAZLEWOOD ACT

HB 3837 Blanco

Provides funding through the economic stabilization fund up to \$500,000,000 over the bi-inium.

Support passage of a combination of HB 4089 AND HB 3837 with the recommendation to change the time of service to 4 years for the Legacy (dependent) portion.

PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT FOR LESS THAN 100% DISABLED VETERANS

HB 1696 Blanco

EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS

SB 472 Lucio and HB 1801 Blanco

EFFORT FOR VETERANS TO GET ALL BENEFITS THEY ARE ENTITLED

SB 591 Lucio and HB 1802 Blanco

PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO VETERANS

HB 616 Leach

OTHER

HB 322 Canales - Automatic expunction of arrest records and files

SB 1862 Lucio - Develop initiatives to reduce veteran suicides

HB 2356 Cospers - Provides fair treatment to communities in Local Government Code 140.011



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION'S LEGISLATIVE ISSUES — 2017



"We [the Air Force] are too small, too old, less ready, and out of balance

for what the nation needs of us." - General David L. Goldfein, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Aug. 24, 2016

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution reminds us that it is vital for our nation to "provide for the common defense," however, defense budgets continue to be budget-driven versus strategy-driven. The U.S. Air Force (USAF) in particular has a growing strategy-resource mismatch--it is too small for what our nation demands and too big for its budget. Without immediate action to remove the detrimental effects of sequestration arising from the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA), that defense budget mismatch will only get worse.

The Air Force (AF) is the first responder around the globe, yet it now has the oldest, smallest, and least ready force in its history. It operates an aging and increasingly costly force of refueling tankers over 50 years old; bombers, trainers and helicopters over 40; and fighters over 30 years old. America's potential adversaries are rapidly closing the technological superiority gap. Air and Space superiority are not American birthrights and need to be fought for and won. To keep the U.S. Air Force as the world's predominant Air Force, the Air Force Association (AFA) supports the following actions:

1.FORCE STRUCTURE

- a. Increase active duty end strength to at least 350,000--the AF is the smallest in its history.
- b. Increase pilot retention bonuses to \$48,000--AF pilot retention is dwindling due to factors such as airline hiring and the strategy-resource mismatch. It is 'cheaper to retain than retrain.'

2.RECAPITALIZATION / MODERNIZATION

- a. Recapitalize the AF's aging force structure to ensure continued core mission capabilities.
- b. AFA supports the USAF's Top 3 acquisition programs--they must stay on schedule and on budget.
 - 1)F-35A Joint Strike Fighter – A Fifth generation fighter is survivable against today's defenses.
 - 2)KC-46A Pegasus Tanker – Replaces costly 50 year-old aircraft at the end of their service lives.
 - 3)B-21 Raider Bomber – The current long-range strike force averages 40 years in age and 87% of today's bomber fleet predates stealth technology--we need Stealth against today's threats.
- c. Support necessary Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) assets to meet the threat.
- d. Maintain AF close air support (CAS) and Combat Search & Rescue (CSAR) capabilities.
- e. Recapitalize the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) fleet; aging T-38 trainerfleet; CSAR fleet; and the Long Range Standoff Weapon (LRSO) with nuclear capability.
- f. Support full funding for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) to replace the increasinglyexpensive Minute-man III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile System (ICBM) approaching 40 years old.

3.REBUILD COMBAT READINESS FOR AIR, SPACE, AND CYBER FORCES

- a. End Sequestration--Readiness eroded under the Budget Control Act's (BCA's) restrictions.
- b. Right Size Force Structure--Increase end strength to meet global requirements. The AF is too small and less capable than necessary to meet the needs of the national security strategy.
- c. Grow to 60 Fighter Squadrons--Tomorrow's threats mean we have to grow to respond.
- d. Divest Aging Platforms and Excess infrastructure--Free up needed fiscal resources.

4.INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY — Preserve our technological edge by investing in new technologies.

5.SUPPORT AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES; CARE FOR VETERANS & RETIREES

- a. **HEALTHCARE** — Healthcare is a benefit and a readiness issue.
 - 1)Protect TRICARE for Life (TFL): It is a national obligation to retirees, long ago earned. TFL is costing less, not more. Negative changes are perceived as a breach of faith.
 - 2)Tie Tricare fees to the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) vice the DoD proposed Health Index.
- b.**MILITARY PAY** — Military pay raises have fallen below private sector rates for the past three years.

Coming Events

- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
May 11, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Quarterly Membership Meeting
May 24, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
June 8, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
July 13, 2017
- AFA Texas State Convention – Greenville
August 3-6, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
August 10, 2017

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We wish to thank our Community Partners.

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The process is as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.txdmv.gov>
2. Click on "Specialty License Plates" on Most Visited menu
3. Click on Air Force Association plate
4. Follow prompts
5. TxDMV will send the license plates to your County Tax Office for you to pick up.

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