



# AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

## SEIDEL CHAPTER

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## Roles and Missions of the Texas Air National Guard



The key note speaker for the August 23rd Membership Meeting is Brigadier General Dawn Ferrell, Deputy Adjutant General Air, Texas Military Department. She will provide a very enlightening presentation on the roles the Texas Air National Guard supporting, both for state initiatives as well as active participation in the War on Terror. You will be surprised about the load the Texas Air National Guard is carrying!

General Ferrell serves as the Deputy Adjutant General for Air for the Texas Military Department. She serves as the principle advisor to the Adjutant General of Texas for all Air National Guard issues and is responsible for assisting in the planning, direction and administration of over 3,200 Air National Guard personnel within the state of Texas. General Ferrell received her commission through the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science in 1994. She served as the Forward Aerial Port Commander during Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Relief Efforts at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Louisiana, and Ellington Field, Texas, where her team set up a fully functioning aerial port to handle the influx of aircraft delivering troops and supplies to the hurricane devastated areas. General Ferrell was then appointed Acting Commander of the 136th Aerial Port Squadron and took full command until the squadron was deactivated in 2007. She served as the Commander for the 136th Mission Support Group. General Ferrell deployed to ISAF HQ, Kabul, Afghanistan in a joint NATO billet as the Director of Plans and Logistics Operations, where she was responsible for strategic level oversight for logistics planning, sustainment, and redeployment of US and NATO forces. As Commander for the 136th Mission Support Group, she provided leadership to the Civil Engineer Squadron, Security Forces Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Force Support Squadron, Communications Flight.

Also, each of the CAP Flight Academy cadets and Youth Leadership Conference attendees will be attending the membership meeting on August 23rd to detail their experiences and tell their "war stories." Please come listen to our future leadership. They will make you proud.

You do not need to be an AFA member to attend. Invite your friends. For reservations go to and click on [www.afadallas.org](http://www.afadallas.org) Events tab or see reservation coupon below. This is an event you do not want to miss.

### THIS QUARTER'S PROGRAM

#### "Texas Air National Guard"

#### "CAP and YLC War Stories"

**When:**  
 Wednesday, August 23 2017  
 6:00 pm — Gathering and Social Hour  
 7:00 pm — Dinner and Presentation

**Menu:**  
 Caesar Salad, Three Cheese Beef Lasagna or Cheese Tortellini, Italian Herb Chicken with Asiago Cream Sauce  
 Green Bean Amandine, Garlic Bread

**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 August 23rd AFA Quarterly Meeting

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals @ \$30.00 each.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Military in Uniform @ \$20 each.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18 years of age and under @ \$20 each.

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 Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make your check payable to: Seidel Chapter—AFA 232  
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**FOR LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS CALL:**  
 Paul Hendricks (469) 667-7750 or [pmh1004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmh1004@sbcglobal.net)



## Message from Seidel Chapter President



Howdy Seidel Chapter Members and Friends! I hope you are finding some relief from our Texas Summer heat! I am not surprised by the heat, just not excited about it!

I hope you enjoyed our 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. guest speaker, Afghan war veteran SFC John Wayne Walding. What a great speaker and an exciting story about his combat experiences! His message was truly inspirational and moving!

As I have mentioned in earlier newsletters, my goal is to find a way for many of our 700+ members to become active participants in our AFA Chapter. Of course, one way to participate is to attend our quarterly membership meetings – **highly recommended!** We have many other opportunities, however, to be actively involved. Our primary fund raiser is providing flags in the Plano area. We are actively involved with the Civil Air Patrol, Youth Leadership Conferences, and AF JROTC programs. In our leadership structure we also have positions available to lead the Cyber Patriot and Youth Leadership Conference programs. We also need volunteers to support our members with personal affairs, visitation and, as well, as our historian. All of our positions and programs are focused on reaching out to our community and our members. I you would like to discuss these and other opportunities with you. Please call me at your convenience: 469-667-7750.

Our next Chapter Membership meeting is planned for **August 23rd at the Canyon Creek Country Club, Richardson**. The focus for this meeting is to honor our future leaders that we have supported in the CAP and the YLC. This will be a great time to applaud the summer accomplishments of our students!

Additionally, **Brig Gen Dawn Ferrell, Texas Air National Guard** will be our key note speaker. General Ferrell is the first woman in the Texas ANG to achieve Flag Officer rank. I had the opportunity to hear Gen Ferrell speak earlier this year. She is extremely impressive! I was very surprised to learn about the major workload and combat operations tempo the ANG is supporting. I know you will also be surprised and pleased with the significant activities being accomplished and supported by our Texas Air National Guard!

I highly recommend you plan to attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Membership meeting. As noted earlier, we will meet at the Canyon Creek Country Club for an early dinner and a spectacular meeting with our youth and Brig Gen Dawn Ferrell. What a great evening it will be. We will keep the meeting short, however, to allow you to return home in the light of day. Please see below for reservation information. If you need a ride, please call me (469-667-7750).

We are working on a potential special showing of the newly released moving "Dunkirk". We hope to be able to show the movie as an effort to support our Wounded Airman Program as well as solicit support for our Chapter Membership. I will provide the event details as soon as they become available – this will be an exceptional opportunity!

Finally, we are always looking for ways to improve our Chapter activities. As noted above, I am a zealot for active member participation. I would like to hear from you on your ideas on how we can improve our services and support for you and our Air Force Community. We are only as strong as our membership, 700+ in our case. Call or email me with your recommendations ([pmh1004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmh1004@sbcglobal.net)).

*Paul Hendricks*



## CAP Flight Academies & Youth Leadership Conference Attendees Tell Their "War Stories"

The Seidel Chapter provides scholarships to Civil Air Patrol cadets to attend Powered Flight and Glider Flight Academies. At the Power Flight Academy, their flight training included all FAA requirements up to achieving solo flight. Using this initial training, many CAP cadets will go on to obtain a private pilot license.



At the Glider Flight Academy, all the basic to advanced skills and ground instruction leading toward their private glider rating are included. Cadets Nathaniel Mars and Devyn Knigge attended the Texas CAP Glider Flight Academy. Cadet Sam Goldfarb attended the Vermont Glider Flight Academy and Cadet Madison Applewhite attended the Southwest Region Powered Flight Academy.

The Seidel Chapter also supports the Youth Leadership Conferences. YLC attendees receive patriotic education, including elements of leadership needed to maintain a free society, concepts of a free enterprise system, and the founding principles upon which the US was built. Attendees develop an appreciation for the Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc., and an awareness of the civic responsibilities associated with preserving rights and freedoms. Students also develop leadership and public speaking skills that help them be better citizens and future leaders. 2017 YLC attendees are Nadia Alem, John Basham, Sumanth Billanuka, Quinten Ford, Kelly Gillette, William Harbin, Audrey Lambreth, Peter Townsend, Joshua Williams, and Carter Yates.

The Seidel Chapter's monetary assistance demonstrates a high civic consciousness, and goes a long way towards helping young people achieve a life-changing personal dream. Each of the CAP cadets and Youth Leadership Conference attendees will be attending the Seidel AFA Chapter membership meeting on August 23rd to detail their experiences and tell their "war stories." Please come listen to our future leadership. They will make you proud.

## AFA Members Meet with Senator Ted Cruz



On July 5th Seidel Chapter President Paul Hendricks, AFA Texas President Bob Gehbauer, and former AFA Vice Chairman for Field Operations Dave Dietsch had the opportunity to meet with Senator Ted Cruz as part of a luncheon to discuss benefits and programs for our Veterans. President Paul Hendricks was the organizer and moderator for the meeting. Among the topics discussed were sequestration and military budget increases, veteran employment, veteran mental health issues, increasing TRICARE fees and deductibles and funding for the VA in support of Veterans Choice. It was clear Senator Cruz is very interested in the health and welfare of our Veterans and their families.

On July 6th President Hendricks had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Pete Sessions at the Dallas VA Hospital. He is also solid on improving support and care for our Veterans.

Organizations with representatives at the luncheon included the Air Force Association, Veterans Center of North Texas, Veterans Resource Center, Dallas, Veteran Service Officers from Dallas, Greenville, Rockwall, Denton and Wise County, Blue Star Mothers, Association of the United States Army, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Military Veteran Peer Network, Disabled American Veterans, Plano VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic and the Plano City Council.

## Garland High School Teacher WINS AFA Texas Teacher of the Year



Nicole Story is a Garland High School teacher who has demonstrated exceptional ability to motivate students in the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines. As a result of her efforts and accomplishments, Ms. Story was named the Seidel Chapter Teacher of the Year. For winning first place in the Seidel Chapter contest, she received \$500 at the Seidel Chapter Quarterly Memberships Meeting in May. She was then submitted to the AFA Texas state committee to compete for 2017 AFA Texas State Teacher of the Year. And guess what, SHE WON!!! Nicole Story was honored for her achievements and presented a \$1,000 award at the AFA Texas State Convention in Greenville, Texas on August 5th.



## Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union of Plano and Allen Join as Community Partners



The Seidel Chapter is seeking businesses in the Dallas area to partner with the Chapter and AFA. The Randolph Brooks Federal Credit (RBFCU) Union of Plano and Allen are our most recent Community Partners. RBFCU serves more than 500,000 members from a network of full-service branch locations in Texas, and has more than \$6 billion in assets as of July 2014. It is one of the largest credit unions in the United States; as of the end of 2013, it was the second largest credit union in Texas, and the 14th largest federally chartered "natural person" credit union based on total assets. Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU) is the second-largest credit union in Texas has expanded its reach into the Dallas area with the opening of new credit union locations in the Allen, Frisco and Plano communities and has plans to open more branches in the Dallas area. RBFCU offers a competitive suite of products and services, including low-rate loans, free cash back checking and innovative mobile services. These offerings have been successful in their other markets, and we believe they will be equally attractive to our Dallas members.

With high-value products and services, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU) is a trusted financial partner for thousands of members in Texas, as well as around the world. RBFCU offers all the banking services you would expect from a leading credit union, and we've also made it our mission to help improve our members' economic well-being and quality of life. Their commitment to personalized service makes RBFCU membership the smarter banking choice.

Please support our newest Community Partner—Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union ([www.rbfcu.org](http://www.rbfcu.org)). Do not hesitate to contact Rafael Rodriguez, A.V.P. Business Development / Dallas at 469-571-4637 or [rafaelrodriguez@rbfcu.org](mailto:rafaelrodriguez@rbfcu.org).

## Military History Book Club

The objective of the Military History Book Club is to encourage attendees to support Military Organizations. The Military History Book Club meets about every two months. The breakfasts are complimentary, but you need to RSVP (see below). Do not hesitate to bring friends.

The book to reviewed at the September 25th meeting is about the Iraq War called the "New Dawn - The Battles for Fallujah" by Richard Lowry. This book won the 2010 Military Writer's Society award for non-fiction. It is not a book about high level operations and strategy but focuses on the two separate battles for Fallujah, the bloodiest battles of the war fought mostly by the Marines. Amazon and Barnes and Noble carry the book in hard cover and paper back. It also comes in e-book format for Kindle.

- ◆ Next meeting: Monday, September 25, 2017
- ◆ Time: 7:30AM – 8:30AM
- ◆ Where: Canyon Creek Club, 625 W. Lookout Dr, Richardson, TX 75080
- ◆ RSVP: to Robert Epstein at [Macabee1948@aol.com](mailto:Macabee1948@aol.com)
- ◆ Moderator: Brig Gen Steve Roser, USAF (Ret) combat pilot, five commands, 29 year AF career. Defense Industry Vice President for 17 years.



Seidel Chapter Secretary, Fletcher Sharp is not only a member of our AFA but he is the Commander of the American Legion Color Guard. In the photo, Fletch (holding the Flag) and his team members are conducting a 13 Fold Ceremony at the Warm Springs Post-Acute Medical Hospital in Allen on Flag Day. This was a very special occasion and an outstanding ceremony. *Note:* We would like to participate in your events and write about them in our newsletters. Please contact Paul at 469-667-7750 or [pmh1004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmh1004@sbcglobal.net) and be sure to send him your photos!





# CyberPatriot

## One of our Nation's Leading STEM Education Programs

CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program. There are three main programs within CyberPatriot: the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, AFA CyberCamps and the Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative. CyberPatriot was conceived by the Air Force Association (AFA) to inspire students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. The competition is comprised of three divisions: Open Division (high school-aged students from any high school, approved high-school home schooling program, and civic or youth organization), All Service Division (JROTC units of all Services, CAP squadrons, and Naval Sea Cadet units), and Middle School Division (all middle schools and junior high schools and groups of youth in those ages). It challenges teams of students to resolve realistic cybersecurity situations presented in a virtual environment. Registration for CyberPatriot X will continue through October 4, 2017. Teams can register on [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org). The Seidel Chapter has funds to help the teams that are required to pay an entry fee.

CyberPatriot's Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative (ESCEI - pronounced "Ess-Key") has distributed over 5,400 kits since its launch in 2015. ESCEI is a set of three fun, interactive learning modules aimed at increasing grade K-6 students' awareness of online safety and cybersecurity principles. The program kit comes with curriculum on these topics to supplement the material presented in the learning modules. Both the digital and hard-copy ESCEI kits are provided at no cost, and can be [requested here](#). This fall two exciting new initiatives will be launched : CyberGenerations, the Senior Citizen's Guide to Cybersecurity, and Sarah the Cyber Hero, the first children's book in the new Cyber Education Literature Series will be published. Additional information on these initiatives will be forthcoming.

CyberPatriot has joined the ranks of our nation's leading STEM education programs. Please help us recruit teams and get the word out. More information about the CyberPatriot program may be obtained at [www.uscyberpatriot.org/](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/)

### Coming Events

- AFA Texas State Convention – Greenville  
August 3-6, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting  
August 10, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Membership Meeting  
August 20, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting  
September 14, 2017
- Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting  
October 12, 2017



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### SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We wish to thank our Community Partners.

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- Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union...469-571-4637
- Stanford L. Sewell.....stan@stansewell.com
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary.....214-349-6584

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