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Dinner Tour on the Houston Ship Channel

19 August 2011

An exciting and special informational trip hosted by the Port of Houston Authority

Aboard the good ship M/V Sam Houston

From 1700 to 2000 hours

An exciting and educational evening. The Port Authority is sponsoring the dinner, soft beverages, wine, beer and mixed drinks.

There is no charge for this educational tour. However, it has been our custom to ask for a \$10.00 or more donation from each attendee, from which the chapter will donate to the Houston Seafarers Center.

Reservations Required: This is a very popular event and you need to make reservations early. The boat will accommodate a maximum of 65 people. We must have your reservations by no later than 12 August 2011. For security and homeland defense we must provide the Port Authority with all names no later than 15 August. This is an adults (18 or older) event. RSVP giving full name of all attendees in your party to Cal Perry, 281-280-1001, or Email:

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Assembly at the Dock at the Visitors Pavilion: 1700 hrs. Board time: 1730 hrs. Departure: 1800 hours sharp. Return: 2000 hours

Directions: 7300 Clinton Drive, Gate 8, Houston. Route: Exit East Loop 610 at Clinton. Go west on Clinton past McCarty Street to Gate 8. Enter Gate 8 and follow the signs. NOTE: All occupants of the car must have a photo ID to get through the gate.



San Jacinto Chapter 233 Elections

Where your vote really counts

Nominations are now being accepted for officers of the chapter in accordance with AFA bylaws. The positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Chapter members may submit their nominations to Sam Morthland at 281-480-9308, Email smorthla@aol.com until 15 August 2011. The election will be held at the September monthly meeting to be held at the Stags Head Pub on 7 September 2011 at 5:00 PM You are invited to attend and register your vote.

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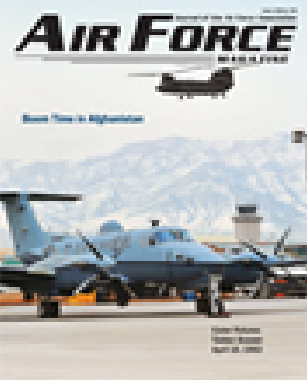
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Chapter President's Corner



Sam Morthland
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The Second quarter stayed busy for us. Our members attended several graduations. Many were for the AFJROTC units in our high schools. We even had one where I had to tap a Marine Colonel (air not mud) when all of us in the Tomball area were already committed. We were surprised to read in the Houston Chronicle that the USAF Band with Singing Sergeants had a concert scheduled at Rice University in April. Even without prior notice, several of us attended the very excellent evening performance. Bob Kjar and I attended the Corps of Cadets Spring Award and Parade ceremony at Rice University. It was a beautiful day with flags flying, and three sharp groups of Cadets- USAF, Navy/Marine, and Army marching! We presented AFA memberships to the eight graduating Seniors at U of H. and a AFJROTC Cadet award to Cadet Colonel Rachel Sanchez from Foster High School who is headed to the AF Academy in July. We had 2 tables at the Houston Military Affairs committee's Annual Ball on May 21st providing complimentary tickets to 2 ROTC , 2 TXANG, and 2 Jr ROTC people. All should try to attend this very prestigious event once in a while!! During this quarter we provided a \$600 Powered flight scholarship to CAP Cadet Clayton Yoder, and a \$100 Earl North Parker Award to AFJROTC Cadet Colonel Rachel Sanchez. We also assisted the AFA State cover costs of Silver Wings Officers attending the summer convention. Our committee changed when Treasurer Bill Humphries asked to be replaced due to his personal workload. Mike Bradshaw has agreed to replace him. On this, it is very important to nominate a new slate of officers to replace us whose term is about to end. We seek people –new or incumbent- to fill the vice president, secretary, and treasurer positions, as well as the several committee volunteers you see listed on the right column of the newsletter. Please contact me, Don Keltner, or Homer Black to volunteer to be considered. Our Ship Channel cruise is still under discussion by Cal Perry for the August time period and of course the OktoberFest is slated for early October.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

CYBER PATRIOT IV

The Air Force Association has received nationwide acclaim, from the President on down, for Cyber Patriot. Cyber Patriot is a nationwide High School, JROTC and CAP competition sponsored by the AFA, Microsoft and General Dynamics. Its purpose is to involve our young computer and Internet savvy people in protecting our country from cyber intrusion . A goal is also to generate interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and produce citizens for our nation skilled in these disciplines. The competition has been immensely successful and Cyber Patriot IV will involve more schools and units than ever before. To date no High School, JROTC or CAP unit in the Houston area has registered for the competition. We need your help in bringing this competition to the attention of these activities. Contact you local High School, JROTC or Civil Air Patrol unit and appraise them of the program. You can find all you need about the program at www.uscyberpatriot.org Contact Bob Kjar at 713-443-9207 or bob@kjar.org if you wish to volunteer to help out.



AFA Houston In Pictures

San Jacinto Chapter AF233

April, May & June 2011

April and May were very busy months for the chapter. The USAF Concert Band came to town. A parade and Pass in Review for the University of Houston and Rice University Corps of Cadets. Numerous award ceremonies and two dining Outs at the University and High School levels. May was no different with our quarterly event supporting, staging and attending the Houston Armed Forces Military Ball and the Commissioning of eight new Second Lieutenants at the University of Houston.

Upper left, the USAF Concert Band. Below chapter president Sam Morthland with T/Sgt Julia Brundgage, concert soloist and Don Keltner, chapter vice president. Upper right, Sam Morthland presents the Earl North Parker award to Cadet Colonel Rachel Sanchez, Foster High School. Right, Sam also presents eight honorary AFA memberships to AFROTC Wing Commander Cadet Colonel Justin Sager and the commissioning class of 2011. We also participated in the annual Houston Corps of Cadets parade held at UofH. Left the honor guard, down one the AFROTC contingent and finally : Colonel Sam Morthland presenting an award at the parade to Cadet 3rd class Heather Mckeand. Right, Sam presents an AFA award to Cadet M/Sgt Kaitlyn Po, Foster High School.

Dining Outs were the vogue in April with the Foster High School Dining Out and the U of H Det 003 AFROTC Dining out. At left, Sam addresses the AFROTC Dining Out and at right our vice president Don Keltner, SASI at Foster who sponsored the event and his granddaughter, Samantha Miller.

During May, we received announcements from HQ Air Force AFROTC of the award of over eight Distinguished Unit Awards (DUA) to Houston area High School. We also received word of the award of over eight Senior & Aerospace Science Instructors in the Houston area being awarded outstanding recognition for their teaching skills. At right, Kingwood Park High School AFJROTC unit which received the award after being in existence only one year. Below right, LTC Porfirio Munoz, Cypress- Ridge High School SASI and on left M/Sgt Merel R. Mills ASI also at Cypress-Ridge High School received recognition as outstanding instructors along with six others in the Houston area. We are fortunate to have such gifted instructors working with our high school youth.



Current Events And Happenings Around The Houston Area

AFA HOUSTON SUMMER/FALL SCHEDULE 2011

- JULY 4:** INDEPENDENCE DAY AND A TIME TO REFLECT AND FLY THE FLAG
- JULY 7:** MONTHLY MEETING AT THE STAGS HEAD PUB
- JULY 22 –24:** AFA STATE CONVENTION IN FREDERICKSBURG
- AUGUST 19:** HARBOR LITES SHIP CHANNEL CRUISE
- SEPTEMBER 1:** MONTHLY MEETING AND ELECTIONS AT THE STAGS HEAD PUB
- October 6:** MONTHLY MEETING AT THE STAGS HEAD PUB.
- October 1 :** VINTAGE UNIFORM NIGHT AT RUDY LIGHTNER'S
- OCTOBER 15:** WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIR SHOW

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OUR NATION AND AIR FORCE IN CRISIS

With burgeoning debt and little job growth, our nation is in a crisis. Our Air Force is also in a crisis with cutbacks to manpower, strategic and tactical weapons upgrades. One thing our nation cannot afford to do is to cut back on the strategic and tactical aerospace power that makes our nation safe. In addition, our Air Force has become the prime deterrent to cyber attacks against our electronic infrastructure. We can little afford to lose the brain power that we have in this area to cutbacks. We urge you to contact your senator and representative and tell them that there should not be cutbacks in aerospace power. Unfortunately our citizens may only recognize the importance of airpower after an attack.



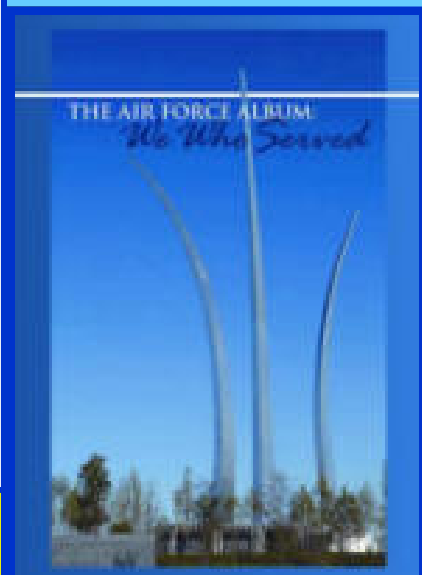
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