

# The **TWINING TWX**



**November 2008 Message**

*Joint Meeting with AFA Chapters of Central West Florida*

**Special Guest Speaker**

## **Mr. Wayne Chalu**

**Chief of Economic Crime Division  
Florida State Attorney's Office, Tampa**

**Attorney Chalu's talk will be on "Mortgage Fraud"**

**Where:** MacDill AFB, Officers Club "Eagle Nest"

**When:** Thursday, November 20, '08  
Registration at 11:30 AM, Lunch at 12:00 Noon

**Menu:** Commanders' Club Sandwich on Pita, salad, beverages

**Cost:** \$12.00, tax and tip included

Reservations must be made by mail using the form below . Send the form along with your check to: Twining Chapter AFA, P.O. Box 5466, Clearwater, FL 33764

**All reservations must be received by Monday, November 17th**

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Yes, we will attend: My name is (print):

I will bring the following guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my check to "TWINING CHAPTER AFA" for \$12 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## AFA Central West Florida Vice President's Message

Thank you for all your cards and best wishes when I was ill from January to April. I am now back in action to represent AFA and you, its members. Sadly, we lost the John C. Meyers Chapter. However, its members its members have been assigned, by their location, to the Twining, Waterman and Red Tail Memorial chapters. We are now in our new AFA year effective October 1. 2008. I will continue to work with all commands at MacDill, the Coast Guard leadership in the area, and the ROTC units at our schools and universities. Our program for the November 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon at MacDill is apropos with the current mortgage crisis. See you there.

*Bob Cutler*, Central West Florida Vice President

## Twining Chapter President's Message

Many of our AFA members are unaware of a special program conducted by our chapter. Each year the Twining Chapter AFA President is invited to be a judge at the Pinellas Regional Science Fair. It is an all day project and several hundred school children participate. A total of about 40 judges are split up into several categories. I make an announcement to all of the judges asking them to notify me if they see an especially bright student and exhibit. The fair makes its own awards and the top exhibitors go on to the state wide competition then on to national. The student we select receives the AFA "Science Student of the Year Award" and we give this student's teacher the AFA "Science Teacher of the Year Award". The national AFA provides us with the certificates, the teacher receives a tote bag with "AFA SCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR" printed on it and inside the bag there is a check to the teacher for \$250. All provided for by AFA. Our winners have been students at public schools, private schools and home schooled. The following is a note I received from our last Teacher of the Year:

Thank you so much Henry,  
I appreciate your support and a vote of confidence really makes me feel great! The added monetary award is a huge thrill! I have run a Science Fair since my first year of teaching. That was 30 years ago! It is the first time I have actually been honored in such a grand style.  
Thank you so much!

Renee Klee

Notes like this make all of the work in judging this event seem very worth while.  
p.s. Mrs. Klee donated her check towards a science project for her class. I could use some help with this project next February. If you would like to help me, call me at (727) 867-6505

*Hank Marois*, Twining Chapter President

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# **CHANGE OF COMMANDS**

## **MacDill Air Force Base**

U.S. Central Command:

General David Petraeus, USA, assumes command October 31, 2008, replacing Lt.Gen. Martin Dempsey, USA, Acting Commander since Admiral William Fallon's resignation.

6 Air Mobility Wing:

Colonel Lawrence Martin has replaced Colonel Robert Thomas as Commander, 6 Air Mobility Wing.

CMSGT Derrick Crowley has replaced CMSGT James Cody as Command Chief, 6 AMW.

927 Air Refueling Wing:

Due to last BRAC, transferring from Michigan to MacDill. Commander is Colonel Kenneth D. Lewis, Jr.

## **U.S. Coast Guard**

Captain Timothy Close replaced Captain Joseph Servidio as Commander Sector St. Petersburg-West Coast Florida.

### ***The Times They are a Changing***

I returned to my old home town in Massachusetts for my 60<sup>th</sup> High School class reunion in September. On the program was a tour of the recently renovated structure that was our old high school. They spent \$14 million on the building. The building now houses 450 kindergarten and pre kindergarten little guys and gals. The shock came for our group when we went up to the room where our math teacher held classes. This is where we learned algebra, calculus, logarithms and how to use a slide rule. Today this same room is the kindergarten Computer Laboratory!

Had an interesting adventure at the Maine Air Museum where every Saturday I take groups on tours and where, during the week, I build displays. A museum member came in one day with a bundle under his arm. He beckoned me aside and in a low voice told me, "Hey Hank, I've got something real neat here for the museum." I bit and asked him what he had and he replied, "I've got a bomb in this package but don't worry- it's a real old bomb." Which window do you dive out of! Fortunately it had no explosive charge. It was the type they would hang out of the planes in WW I and hand release on the enemy.

***Your comments and suggestions on this newsletter and your chapter operations are cordially invited. Feel free to contact any of the chapter officers listed on page 2 with your ideas.***

**Mark your calendar: Thursday, Nov. 20th, lunch  
with Wayne Chalu, MacDill "O" Club**

**To make donations to aid the families of wounded service people:**

MOAA Operation Helping Hand  
P.O. Box 6383  
MacDill AFB, FL 33608-0383

Haley House Fund  
P.O. Box 701  
Brandon, FL 33509-0701

**Twining Chapter Awards Program:**

Our new AFA year started October 1<sup>st</sup> as does our chapter's Awards Program. Thanks to all of our members who made donations in support of the program years past. With the new year we ask for your donations again to support the program. The military commanders and school officials are very appreciative of our support. The JROTC Cadets, science and math students and their teachers, and active duty military personnel are honored to receive our awards. We will publish our donors' name in this spot in the newsletter in recognition of your donations.

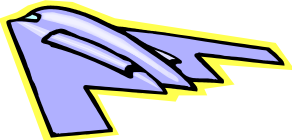


***Keep 'em Flying!***

Here is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_in support of my Air Force Association Chapter

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Please print name:\_\_\_\_\_



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