

# AFA Chapter 355 – Loren D Evenson Chapter

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009 News Letter

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## **President's Message**

After a 2-year hiatus, it's a great feeling to get our chapter news letter resurrected. We still have some work ahead of us to get Chapter 355 back on its feet, but we're definitely making some progress. Our last elections were held in October 2008 and the current office holders are listed in this newsletter (and will appear in each newsletter here after). We especially welcome 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants Erin Fredricks and Jaime Samson (both from the 325 ACS at Tyndall), who've graciously stepped up to the plate to be V/Ps of Community Partnership and Aerospace Education, respectively. I recently attended the annual Air Warfare Symposium/Gala and state winter meeting in Orlando back on 26-28 February and found it very informative. I hope to take some of the lessons learned from interaction with other chapters' leadership and put them to productive use during my tenure as president. Membership recruitment and fundraising continue to remain among our top priorities as we progress forward in 2009; thus, we're always looking for new ideas and new ways in which we can accomplish this. We currently meet on a monthly basis at the Tyndall base Community Activity Center (CAC) – usually at 1130 sometime during the third week of the month. A meeting notice is sent out usually a week before the meeting along with a meeting agenda. I thank everyone for your support and for your continued support throughout the remainder of this year.

Tom Carney – Chapter President

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 22 April 2009 @ 1130 at Tyndall CAC Pizza Pub

## **Recent Activities**

- As mentioned in the above message, I attended the annual Air Warfare Symposium/Gala and winter state meeting in Orlando in February. It was my first time in attendance at either of these events, and really learned quite a bit about our current Air Force state of affairs while enjoying myself.

- We've held monthly meetings on 17 December 2008, 21 January, 19 February, and 17 March 2009; during that time, we've welcomed 4 new members to the chapter and another life member who's currently settling in Marianna has expressed interest in joining our chapter. We're also getting the base newspaper involved in publicizing our meetings. We believe there are other chapter members on base who may not be aware of our existence – and thus want to engage them.
- On 5 March, I contacted the Bay County Chamber of Commerce to engage their services in helping advertise quarterly meetings for the chapter membership community at large. We hope to have such a meeting during the upcoming quarter.

### **Upcoming Activities**

- Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) annual graduation to be held Monday, 20 April at 1400 at the 325 Air Control Squadron (ACS) auditorium. Eight applicants have applied for the Pitsenbarger Scholarship Award – for which we'll be presenting six (each worth \$500). We also hope to use this occasion as a recruitment opportunity.
- Annual Jr ROTC Award Presentations – Both Bay and Rutherford High Schools will be holding their annual Jr ROTC award programs on Tuesday, 28 April. Bay will hold theirs at the Heritage Club at Tyndall while Rutherford will have theirs at their school auditorium. Due to a shortage of funds in our chapter's checking account, each award recipient will receive a slightly reduced amount of monetary award compared with previous years. Each school's ROTC program's superintendents and commanders fully understand this. Hence, our need to have fundraising as one of our top priorities.

### **Community Partners**

- ARINC
- Century 21 Commander Realty
- Tyndall Federal Credit Union
- Zel Technologies