



Scott Berkeley Chapter #131 of the Air Force Association

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STARBASE



Students and volunteers commemorate the first day of their Science and Technology Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration experience here June 21, 2010. The STARBASE program is a week-long immersion course in science and math studies for fifth graders. The students visit the base for a week to learn about topics ranging from compass reading to tools used for weather prediction and will witness the laws of motion in action.

Scholarship Winners



Taylor Allen, Gabrielle Davis and Dr. George Silver



Cody Walker and Dr. George Silver

Teacher of the Year – Emily Probst



Upcoming Events



July 4 – Independence Day

July 21 – Executive Committee Meeting at Noon

August 18 - Executive Committee Meeting at Noon

September 6 – Labor Day

September 15 - Executive Committee Meeting at Noon

October 11 – Columbus Day

October 20 – General Membership Meeting at Noon at Wilber's BBQ

2010 General Membership Meetings:

**Wed, October 20
At Wilber's BBQ at
Noon**

Chapter News

If anyone is interested in being on the Nominating Committee please contact Mike Hartsfield at 919.394.3909. We will be voting on new officers at the October General Membership Meeting.

National AFA News

NEED TO CONTACT AFA MEMBER SERVICES? Contact them via e-mail at service@afa.org or call 1-800-727-3337 and select "3" for service. 703-247-5853 (fax)

Museums Offer Free Admission to Military Families

Active duty servicemembers and their families will gain free access to hundreds of museums throughout the nation this summer, thanks to a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families. More than 600 museums in 50 states and the District of Columbia have signed up so far to participate in Operation Appreciation: Blue Star Museums. The program offers active duty servicemembers -- including activated Guard and Reserve -- and up to five of their immediate family members free admission to participating museums from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Visit <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php> for a complete list of participating museums.

New Scholarship for Children of Fallen Service Members

The children of military personnel who died in the line of duty since Sept. 11, 2001 can apply for an educational scholarship similar to the new Post-9/11 GI Bill. Benefits are retroactive to Aug. 1, 2009. The scholarship, which is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, is named after Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry, 28, a Texas native who died in Iraq in 2006 while disarming an explosive. He was survived by three young children. The VA began accepting applications for the Fry scholarship on May 1, 2010



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AFA Benefits

New AFA Member Benefit - Microsoft Discount

AFA members SAVE BIG (up to 85%) on Select Microsoft Software! Savings on MS Office Professional Plus 2010, MS Office 2008 for Mac, MS Windows 7 Pro and Ultimate Upgrades and more. Visit www.journeyed.com/usaf to order.



New AFA Member Benefit - Carperks™ - Car Purchase Program

AFA Members save up to \$500.00 in ADDITION to Manufacturer Incentives and Cash Back! Buy at a Platinum Dealer and get a free \$250 gift card to Best Buy, Home Depot or Sears! Visit www.carperks.net/AFA or call 1-866-619-1191 to register today!

Officials Still Seeking Those Impacted by Stop Loss

More than 2,600 current and former Airmen have been approved for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay since Air Force Personnel Center officials began accepting claims in September. Officials continue to seek Airmen who were involuntarily held on active duty between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, to determine if they may be eligible for the special pay compensation of \$500 for each month they were affected. Eligibility includes active, retired and former servicemembers as well as members of the Reserve component who served on active duty while their enlistment or period of obligated service was involuntarily extended, or whose eligibility for separation or retirement was suspended as a result of stop loss. For more information: <http://www.retirees.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123203855>

Message from the President

What a hot summer its been!! They say its even hotter when your busy....if that's the case than your executive council is really hot. Its been a busy couple of months. We just finished with STARBASE and got rave reviews from all that attended. We followed up with reviewing applications and packages for our 3 scholarship winners and a fantastic teacher of the year package. We took all those and invited them to the NCAFA State Convention that we hosted. Big thanks to AFA CEO Lt Gen (ret) Mike Dunn for being our guest speaker. Another big thanks to Mr. Dave Klinkicht our state president for all the work in setting the whole thing up. He was also the recipient of a Medal of Merit. Great Job Dave!!

Gotta thank some folks for the work involved in all this. Mrs. Janie Best for her unending work with STARBASE and the scholarships. Dr Opie Jeans for his work with the scholarships and teacher of the year. Dr George Silver for his work with funding for the scholarships and always coming to my rescue when I need money for something, Mrs. Ginger Huff for the newsletters, financial reports and putting up with my nonsense. Mrs. Margaret Slade for getting sucked into all this and not running away. Mrs. Kathy Holmes for her work with the teacher of the year packages.

Congrats to all the award winners.....your work is just beginning and I'm glad that we can be part of it.





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If you are interested in being a Community Partner or know of someone who would like to be one please contact Ginger Huff at 919.722.5571 (Work) or 919.288.1527 (Home). Applications on also available on our website: www.esn.net/sbafa

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