



**Air & Space Forces Association
Wright Memorial Chapter (212)
February 2024 Newsletter**



Hello, AFA Wright Memorial Chapter Members!

WOW – there’s a lot going on in our Air Force, AFA, our AFA Wright Memorial Chapter, and in our community.

AFA WMC Networking Luncheon - Our next networking luncheon event is on March 21st so **Save the Date** and/or **Register Now**, as our Chapter is proud to host Major General Scott Cain, Commander, Air Force Research Laboratories (AFRL) as our guest speaker. General Cain will discuss both current and upcoming activities and events within his organization. We hope you take the time to network with like-minded professionals as well as hear about the upcoming changes at AFRL. To make that happen, please register via our [AFA WMC Events site](#).

Major Air & Space Force Changes - If you followed last week’s AFA’s Air Warfare symposium, then you’re up-to-speed on the 24 major changes to the Air & Space Forces as part of SECAF Kendall’s “[Reoptimizing for Great Power Competition \(GPC\)](#)” – to include a realignment of the MAJCOMs and some of their supporting organizations, bringing back Warrant Officers, etc. If not, we highly recommend you check out the Air Force’s [GPC webpage](#) for more details.

Air Force Funding Challenges and a Call to Action - We mentioned this on our AFA WMC webpage earlier this month, but Congress hasn’t passed the FY24 Appropriations Bill, meaning we’re still operating under a CR. This hinders the Air Force in multiple ways – to include critical readiness, modernization, and people programs. So, please take a look at [SAF/FM’s recently released paper](#) on this subject – then contact your contact your Senators, Congressman, their staffers, and local leaders today. Let them know that our national security depends on it *Remember: Your voice matters!* (Note: If it helps, access this [AFA WMC webpage document](#) for points to share – thus better advocating for our brave men and women in uniform.)

Black History Month and Our Air & Space Forces - In honor of Black History Month, please watch the inspiring AFA Doolittle Leadership Center-produced biopic on one of our Air Force heroes, General Fig Newton (posted on a [YouTube Channel](#)). Also check out AFA’s Black History Month one-page salute on our [AFA WMC Web page!](#)

AFA’s Teacher of the Year (ToY) Program - We believe recognizing those who educate America’s youth is an important aspect of what AFA is all about. Our ToY program pays tribute to the commitment and achievements of these extraordinary teachers. Our program recognizes K-12 teachers who spark excitement in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields, celebrating teachers who not only deliver excellent instruction but also inspire students and contribute to their communities. Awards are given at our local level, as well as State and National levels as well. For more great information, contact Carl “Shof” Shofner by email (carltheshof@gmail.com) or phone (334.354.8418). Info is also available on our [AFA WMC Programs \(ToY\) website](#).

AFA WMC ‘s LinkedIn and Web Page - As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, please take the conscious step of following us on our [AFA WMC LinkedIn page](#) and receive the updates we post along the way regarding the Air Force, our Chapter, and other issues related to our advocacy, education, and/or support role and mission! Also, please check our [AFA WMC website](#) for more about events, news, and your AFA Chapter In Action!

AFA WMC Sponsors and Partners - Sponsors and Community Partners are the lifeblood of AFA WMC, playing a critical role in our ability to fulfill their missions and make a positive impact on the world. If



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you know of a company or organization whose business is defense related, and/or wants to apply their Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives to support STEM schools, scholarships, veterans, the local community – as well as maintain a dominant Air & Space Force, then please have them check out our [AFA Sponsor-focused web page](#) or contact the Chapter at president@afadaytonwright.org or 937.478.6138.

AFA WMC's Feb 2024 Networking Luncheon Highlights - Our 14 February networking luncheon event included an exciting and interactive discussion with Mr. David Tillotson III, Director, National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) ... *and what an impressive presentation it was!* To learn more about the event and the key points Mr. Tillotson spoke about, go to [this link!](#)

Open AFA WMC Positions - Do you have a passion for making a difference in the Air Force community? Are you a leader with the skills and dedication to drive positive change? If so, we urge you to consider volunteering for one of the exciting leadership positions on the AFA WMC Governing Board! We're seeking talented individuals to fill four key roles:

VP - Communications & Social Media: Lead our communications strategy, crafting compelling messages that resonate with our members and amplify AFA's impact.

VP - CyberPatriot & StellarExplorer: Champion STEM education and inspire the next generation of Air Force cyber warriors through these vital programs.

VP - Government Relations & Advocacy: Be the voice of our community, advocating for policies that support our airmen and families on Capitol Hill.

VP - Sponsorships & AFA Community Partners: Forge strategic partnerships that fuel our mission and connect us with vital resources.

In Closing - We trust this information has been of value, offering '*news you can use*' and insights that empower you to advocate, educate, and support our Air Force. Remember, your engagement is *crucial*. So, please share these findings, spark conversations, and become a champion for the men and women who keep our skies and space safe and our nation strong. Together, let's ensure our Air & Space Forces continues to soar ever higher.

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