



The Red Tail Report



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President's Message



Finally we can say goodbye to 2020. It has been a difficult year for our chapter and for the country. The virus has made us cancel just about all our scheduled activities. When the schools shut down, we cancelled the activities with the Air Force JROTC units at the local high schools. We also had to cancel some of our meetings due to the virus at the Ocala Airport. We were able to renew a few of our Community Partner memberships for another year. I also want to congratulate Arnaldo Rodrigues for being chosen our Chapter

Member of the Year for his support of our chapter.

I hope everyone has been able to stay safe and clear of the virus. Now that a vaccine is available, I hope 2021 will be a better year. We will have a meeting on January 21st at new Ocala Airport Conference room. The new time will be 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be a change in leadership for 2021. A new chapter president and vice-president will be chosen at that meeting. If you get the vaccine before the meeting and plan to come, wear a mask.

Happy New Year
Howard Burke

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21 – Quarterly Memorial Ceremony, Marion County Veterans Park, 1000

January 21 – Chapter 136 monthly meeting, Ocala Airport Terminal, 1730

January 22-23 – CyberPatriot Round 3 competition (online)

March 18-22 – CyberPatriot National Finals, Bethesda, MD

LOCAL NEWS



Update: This is the construction site of the new Ocala VA Health Clinic on December 11, about 35% complete. It will include Primary Care, Mental Health, Optometry, Audiology, Podiatry, Clinical Pharmacist, Social Work, and Telehealth along with 350 parking spaces. The location is behind the RaceTrac gas station on SW Hwy 200, 1.4 miles from I-75.



Arnaldo Rodriguez received the Member of the Year award from Howard Burke at the October meeting.

CYBERPATRIOT XIII

CyberPatriot is an AFA STEM education program that manages the nation's largest cyber defense competition. There are 4801 teams entered in CyberPatriot this year. This includes two Ocala Civil Air Patrol teams (one middle school), one open team from Ocala's First Assembly Christian School, two Navy JROTC teams from Vanguard High School, two Navy JROTC teams from Crystal River High School, and one Gainesville Civil Air Patrol team. All competition rounds are online until the national finals in Bethesda, MD. Look for results in the next newsletter.

VETERANS DAY 2020

A reduced length program, with a much smaller crowd, was held at the Marion County Veterans Park for Veterans Day on November 11. The Belleview High School Jazz Band provided music. A video of the event can be seen at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=827173868037375>



GO AIR FORCE!

The Air Force Academy completed the 2020 football season honoring the Tuskegee Airmen Red Tails. It also announced 2021 games against Navy (September 11) and Army (November 6).

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- 1. Educate the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation.*
- 1. Advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense.*
- 2. Support the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education.*

It's a Fact: Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 draws members from eight counties: Citrus, Alachua, Marion, Sumter, Dixie, Levy and parts of Lake and Putnam. It is not necessary to be an Air Force veteran. Tell your friends to contact Howard Burke, 352-861-0886 for information about joining.

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Power Points

- **Next Membership Meeting**
January 21, Ocala Airport Terminal conference room. Members are urged to attend. Guests are always welcome.
- **Membership**
As of June 18, the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 had 399 members. Howard Burke, 352-861-0886, is the chapter's membership director.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 salutes its Community Partners. The Air Force Association enjoys a warm relationship with the following businesses through its Community Partners program. Please support these Community Partner businesses.

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