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### President's Notes

For the Eglin Chapter of the AFA, late winter and early spring was dominated by the third annual Eglin AFA Fisher House 5K. The financials take a bit of time to pull together, so we don't have precise numbers yet, but we believe we neatly cleared our goal of raising \$10,000 this year with 254 registered participants when we held the run on March 2nd in downtown Fort Walton Beach.

Planning continues for the 2013 Doolittle Scholarship Open on 10 October at the Eglin Golf Course.

We're getting ready for the spring scholarship event coming up in May (details to be determined as we navigate the challenges of government furloughs and diminished budgets that affect our base and community) where we'll give out over \$20,000 in scholarships with funds we raise each year through the DSO. If you'd like to help plan the 2013 tournament or just come out and play, drop us an email at [EglinAFA@gmail.com](mailto:EglinAFA@gmail.com) and we'll help you get involved.

We continue to seek out volunteers to help plan and execute chapter events. Many of our volunteers have had to move on to other activities so we're a bit short on new programs to help support the base or provide to our membership. If you would like to help out, please email us, especially if you have a particular activity you'd like to try to pull together.

We keep pursuing ways to get our message out about what Eglin AFA is doing. We are using Facebook ([www.facebook.com/pages/Eglin-AFA/182346628469773](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Eglin-AFA/182346628469773)) as part of that effort along with the newsletter. Of course we also have our monthly board meetings that are open to everyone to attend. Those meetings are the third Tuesday of the month, and typically held at the Bob

Hope Enlisted Village at 1130. If you're interested in attending, please email our Secretary, Shirley Pigott ([shirleypigott@cox.net](mailto:shirleypigott@cox.net)) just in case we have a change of venue or time. She'll keep you up to date on the details.

We'd love for everyone of our chapter members to get more involved and if you have a desire to, we'll work with you to find a task you'd like to do. Just contact us or post on our Facebook page to let us know. With your help, our chapter will better support the AFA mission, "Advocate, Educate, Support".

*Shannon Farrell*  
*President, Eglin AFA*

## Eglin AFA Fisher House 5k

We had a great time at our 3rd Annual Eglin AFA Fisher House 5K. Thanks to the Eglin AFB Top 3 Association and to all of our generous sponsors for making this a great success!

Photos are coming as are the final stats from the race. Initial indications are that over 250 participants braved the unusually cold morning (it was about 40°F) for Northwest Florida to participate in the 5K run/walk as well as the 1-mile fun run for kids held at The Landing in Fort Walton Beach. While the final donations are still being counted, it appears that we raised more than our \$10,000 goal for the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast!

We had a great time at the Magnolia Grill for the after party. Thanks to everyone who came out and participated and we hope to see you out there with us again next year!



## Doolittle Raiders Reunion

From April 17th through the 21st Fort Walton Beach will be hosting the 71st Doolittle Raiders reunion. There is an entire schedule of events to honor these American heroes.

Your Eglin AFA chapter has purchased a table at the “Raider Family Day” luncheon specifically for Airmen from Eglin AFB to be able to witness this historical event. This will give the current generation of our Air Force the opportunity to witness these amazing individuals.

Tickets are very limited for the events but there will be a parade that is open to the public that begins at 11:00AM and will travel down Eglin Parkway. That gives all of us an opportunity to see these icons of history for the last time because this is their last reunion.



## 2013 Upcoming Events

Your participation in Eglin AFA Chapter activities is always highly encouraged. Your attendance at the chapter activities only increases your ability to educate, advocate and support the Air Force mission. Listed below is the tentative schedule of activities for the start of 2013. This list will be continuously updated throughout the year via the *Guardian* newsletter as more accurate information is developed.

17-21 April

71st Doolittle Reunion

Ft Walton Beach, FL

### Community Partner Focus—ResortQuest

The Eglin Chapter Air Force Association wants to say thanks to Apex Broadcasting and the Marketing and Public Relations Team at Legendary, Inc. Apex handles the media center for Harbor Walk Village and Legendary, Inc is instrumental in helping us put together golf events at Regatta Bay. Apex and Legendary are dedicated supporters of your Eglin AFA Chapter.



Pictured are Ms. Judy Hoepfl, Mr. Ron Raybourne from Apex Broadcasting, Ms. Jamie Marie Hall of Legnedary, Inc. and Ms. Beth Mangum also of Apex Broadcasting

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