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## E.E. Smith and Terry Sanford high school Air Force JROTC programs earn highest honors

### Contributed Story

**E**.E. Smith High School and Terry Sanford High School AFJROTC units were selected as two of 79 units across the globe and two of seven in North Carolina to receive the 2019-20 Air Force JROTC Distinguished Unit with Merit Award.

This award recognizes Air Force Junior ROTC units that have performed well above and beyond normal expectations, and that have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community while meeting the Air Force JROTC citizen development mission for America.

The Cape Fear Chapter is proud to extend its heartiest congratulations to both units, their leaders/instructors, and their entire corps of cadets for a significant achievement.

The E.E. Smith High School AFJROTC program's leaders and Aerospace Science Instructors are: Retired USAF Lt. Col. Tom Glockzin, and Retired USAF CMSgt James Mitchell, Jr.

The Terry Sanford High School AFJROTC program is led by Aerospace Science Instructors: Retired USAF Capt. Timothy K. Peedin, and Retired USAF SMSgt Thomas Albanese.

### E.E. Smith HS AFJROTC Leadership Team:



Lt.Col. Glockzin (left),  
CMSgt Mitchell (right)

### Terry Sanford HS AFJROTC Leadership Team



Capt. Peedin (left),  
SMSgt Albanese (right)



## President's Report



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### Spring into Summer

The official start of summer begins on June 20, and despite restrictions and uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, we must persevere. We must spring into the summer months with energy and creativity designed to result in the fullest enjoyment. To help stimulate your thinking, check out some of the suggestions in the next paragraph.

Ideas to help get your summer started, and still maintain emphasis on keeping you and your family healthy, include but are not limited to:

☖ Make your own ice cream

☖ Camp out in the backyard

☖ Go for a socially distant hike

☖ Try new grilling or smoking recipes

☖ Download the *Pinterest* app, it's a gold mine for generating new ideas

☖ Use *YouTube* to master a new dance, a new hobby, or learn how to do a repair you have been putting off

☖ If you have young ones around, conduct a cool science project with them or organize a water balloon fight

☖ Go for a scenic drive

☖ Run a virtual 5K

☖ Go fishing

This list is not all inclusive. As previously mentioned, it is intended to stimulate ideas for a great summer.

June not only has the day that officially starts summer, but it is also the month for the birthday of legendary military officers. A very happy birthday to all

our members with a birthday in June. I sincerely hope your special day in June will be a memorable one filled with great joy.

Building upon being a great birth month, June is also the birth month of the nation's oldest military branch, the Army. It will celebrate 245 years of service to the nation on June 14<sup>th</sup>. This is also the same day that the nation commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States. Happy birthday in advance to all veterans of the Army, and may all Americans enjoy a happy Flag Day.

The first great day to celebrate after the official start of summer is Father's Day. Reflect on this quote about dads:

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

May all of you wonderful dads in this chapter enjoy a happy Father's Day.

While the relaxing days of summer are beckoning under the constraints of the pandemic,

the board of directors remains focus on being positioned to support students who earned scholarships from the chapter for the upcoming school year. As we spring into summer, we have also been making coordination to donate Commissary Gift Cards to family Assistance Program, Warrior Transition Battalion, monetary donations to Fort Bragg Red Cross and the USO Center Fort Bragg in support of their efforts to

Finally, if you feel like, pour yourself a glass of iced tea and enjoy it. After all, June is National Iced Tea Month. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and visit our web page [cfmoaa.org](http://cfmoaa.org). Stay Healthy, Stay Connected and Never Stop Serving.

*Ira*



Chapter Treasurer Ralph Heinrichs (left) presents a \$1,000 check to, Brian Knight, Area Operations Director, Sandhills USO  
(Contributed photo)

support the military community during COVID-19.

On a note of sadness for this June Report, I want to convey deepest condolences to the families of Lt. Col. Arlie Smith and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Fleming Asbury. Both passed away during May. We are appreciative of the many years of membership, loyalty, and service they provided to the chapter.

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## Editorial



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## New computer, er, Chromebook

Thanks to QVC and my wife, I have a Chromebook to play with. It's made by Hewlett Packard and it came loaded with Microsoft applications and a host more of "things" that I'm not sure what they do.

Eventually, I hope to master many of the programs and the Chromebook itself.

For those who are not familiar with it, the operating system is OS. That has limited me from downloading some of my favorite applications.

I already learned how to get around that little problem for some programs.

However, I could not load the Art Explosion Publisher Pro desktop publishing app.

I called the company and spoke to a tech support person. He told me my program is meant for a computer and I could not use it on my Chromebook.

My wife bought it and we both assumed I could. The "Gersh Curse" struck again.

So, I have been trying to find a free desktop publishing program for my "book."

I've tried a few but most of them are templates and I would be quite limited.

But knowing I need to use my new Chromebook and not rely on my old hand-me-down laptop computer; I've been practicing preparing the June issue of the *Infogram*.

I made a vow to myself to use one of them for the July issue.

Stay tuned.

A gym buddy of mine died recently. Dr. Jack Poglinco. Jack was a graduate of Harvard Medical School and served during the Korean War.

He moved to Fayetteville several years ago to be with a friend.

We participated in the Silver Sneakers cardio and chair yoga programs at the Omni gym off of Owen Drive.

Jack was one of the few who didn't bother with smart phones or pads, and when

he moved down from Massachusetts [Editor's note: I spelled that correctly the first time! ...sorry...] Jack left his computer there.

I used to give him the fliers at the gym and if he could attend a chapter's luncheon, he did.

Monthly I printed the *Infogram* and mailed it to him.

Shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the owner of the gym closed it, and that was the last time I saw Jack.

Rest in peace Jack.

*Don*

## CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS



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### Perspective

*And we know that God causes all things to work together for our good, for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purposes. Romans 8:28*

I met with some warriors in Southern Pines yesterday. We had a prayer meeting and many of the prayers were for our nation and for revival in America. It gives me great hope to be around men like that who are so full of faith and such patriots. Faith in God and in His promises help our perspective. Roy Rogers said, "If there were no valley, or sadness, or death, we could never appreciate the sunshine of happiness on the mountain top." Also, I listened to one of my mentors share about the crisis America is going through with the protests in various cities. He shared how God's love is the key and how prejudice is a "heart issue," and how God can change the heart and make us people of love. This too helped my perspective.

My prayer for America and for us is even the rough times will make us better. My prayer is that God would help us to be purer and refined with each and every trial we endure. As basic training helps the individual get stronger and ready for combat, so the trials of life, if faced with the faith perspective, can and will make us stronger. The power of faith in God helps us to do a "reframe." It helps us to look at situations in life with a new set of glasses, so to speak. David Vanacker said, "I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that our ability to see and properly interpret reality (our perspective) is almost everything." I learned as a chaplain that I could not always change my circumstances. However, I could always let God help me on the inside change my perspective, and thereby develop a new faith-filled view of life. The Bible says that only through faith that we can please God. I have prayed for our country and asked God to deliver us from COVID-19, and from any remaining prejudices that plague us. Now it is my job to have a faith-filled perspective that trusts that God not only hears my prayers and is answering them, but is also helping me to see the world in the way that he would have me see it. This includes my personal circumstances.

In Peter's writings, he says:

The end of all things is at hand. The end of all things is near. Therefore, be clear-minded and sober, so you can pray. Prove all, love one another deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:7-8).

It was this perspective that kept Peter from living in the broken perspective of his sinful world. We too need to know that this world is passing away, and that the eternal things are the things that truly matter and help us to find true meaning. With His help and grace, we will. Amen. God richly bless you, and looking forward to seeing you and hearing from you in the near future as God wills.

*Tim*

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Chief Warrant Officer 2 (Ret) Fleming L. Asbury, Jr., US Army**

March 8, 1929 – May 12, 2020



It is with deep regret that we announce that Chief Warrant Officer 2 Fleming L. Asbury, Jr., one of our regular members, died on May 12, 2020 from COVID-19.

Fleming was a Vietnam War veteran and served over 25 years on active duty. He was a loyal and supportive member of the chapter for several years and a regular at chapter meetings. His loss will be keenly felt by all of us.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his wife of 47 years, Young, and the extended Asbury family during their bereavement.

## **Dr. John Poglinco**

It is with deep regret that we announce that Capt. John Poglinco, one of our regular members, died on May 15, 2020, at the age of 86. Jack served during the Korean War and joined the chapter soon after moving to Fayetteville.

He was loved and cherished by many, including his parents, John Joseph Poglinco and Carmela Martignetti; his brother Anthony (Bill); and his former wife Louise Poglinco. He was also cherished by four children and five grandchildren and four nephews.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his family during their bereavement.



## LTC (Ret) Arlie R. Smith, US Army

Nov 6, 1930 – May 26, 2020



It is with deep regret that we announce that LTC (Ret) Arlie R. Smith, a former member and president of our chapter, died from COVID-19 on May 26, 2020 at the age of 89.

Arlie was a loyal and active member of our chapter for many years, having served as Chapter President for four consecutive years (2009-2012). He instituted the USO volunteer program within the chapter and leading by example, personally served as a USO Volunteer at the Fayetteville Regional Airport USO Lounge himself. He was also an ardent patron of the chapter's ROTC Scholarship Awards Program and donated generously to it.

In recognition of his vast contributions to the chapter Arlie was selected as the 2012 recipient of the coveted Robert F. DeMeter Chapter Service Award, the most prestigious award the chapter bestows on one of its members.

Arlie served on active duty with the US Army for 20 years to include combat service in Vietnam. His many years of dedicated service to our country during and after his active military service will never be forgotten. Arlie will be interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Ingrid, his wife of 60 years, and the extended Smith family during their bereavement.

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Provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors

Fund and administer a college ROTC scholarship program, support all junior and senior ROTC programs within our region

Serve the local military community through support of charitable and other service programs

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JUNE**

**4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIDEOCONFERENCE, 10 A.M.**

**14 FLAG DAY**

**14 US ARMY'S 245<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

### **JULY**

**4 INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIDEOCONFERENCE, 10 A.M.**

### **AUGUST**

**4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LOCATION/METHOD TO BE DETERMINED, 10 A.M.**