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## 50th Anniversary of the American Moon Landing

In the Earth year 1969, July 20, the spacecraft Apollo 11, carrying 3 Americans, stood on the largest rocket engines ever used, the Saturn's first stage's "F-1s", 5 of them, each one of them worth 3 of the later Space Shuttle main engines, and climbed up out of our planet's gravity well to travel some 240,000 miles, to arrive 76 hours later, to orbit our only natural satellite the Moon. Then, 2 of the 3 humans and their lander "Eagle", after 6 hours, went down to the surface of this "other" world, exquisitely balanced on the miracle of a single, throttled rocket engine, landing with only some 20 seconds of lift left, at 20 hours, 17 minutes, 40 seconds Universal Time Coordinated. Thus, after some 5 billion years of Earth developing, and much human yearning, moved with "one small step" as Neil said, out, as Buzz called it with his verbal double opposition, on to a "Magnificent Desolation".

The launch mass was some 6.1+ million lbs., but by shedding propellant and parts like confetti, the Earth-return Apollo-capsule's landing mass became around 10,000 lbs., including those 47.5 lbs. of Moon "rocks", only 17 ten-thousandths of mass left from that original heave. The Lunar ascent mini-ship tucked inside the lander was thrust back up to the main ship module "Columbia", again balanced on another small, cold-soaked rocket engine, all out of sight of Earth since much of this ascent had to be conducted while rising across the far side. The whole dangerous flight is thought to have been watched via TV by some third of all Earth's people being then some 2.5 billions, and heard by radio by another 2 billions, almost all of whom wished us Americans well.

Those numbers become history, with only 5 more successful human Moon returns since 17 December 1972, all American, all Apollo, with but one failure, the 13th (!!!; Go Figure!), it being both a catastrophe and a triumph. The Russians, with a head start and being first to orbit the Earth and the Moon, tried mightily to put their people on the Moon, first or at all, but failed, although they soon sent numerous robots into space and to metal-melting Venus. The Chinese have recently sent robot explorers on to the Moon, having on 03 January 2019 landed their fourth probe, "Chang-e 4", their "Moon Goddess" with their second rover, her pet rabbit "Yutu 2", down on the far side (itself a first). And of course, the European Space Agency has even landed their Huygens on Titan, a Moon of Saturn, after a trip of 8 years, more recently on 13 January 2005, happening to come down on to a beach next to a liquid methane ocean.

Yet, it is we Americans who have sent our robots all over the solar system, especially, repeatedly, to Mars, and even 6.4 billion kilometers to the distant (a fraction of the way to our other nearest star, Proxima Centauri C) Kuiper Belt, rocky object, which we named "Ultima Thule" after the Roman name for the End of the World.

But, in all of Earth's History, 50 years ago this coming Saturday, the yearly count using 1969, the 07th month, the 20th day, the 20th hour, the 17th minute, the 40th second, UTC, when the Eagle Landed, was our Magnificent Triumph, openly shared by TV, with out adjustments and in real time, with all the world's People. It was one of our America's finest hours; We should not forget it.

Dr. Bruce Rippeteau  
CFF President Emeritus



## Chairman's Corner

The past academic semester was very successful in terms of STEM Education Outreach Program visits by the CFF team. The program manager, Lori Wicker, has fine tuned the presentations and is attracting additional sponsors for the STEM visits to K-12 schools. Sponsors are a critical part of a successful STEM visit. Formal STEM subjects include math, science and technology courses all essential knowledge needed to succeed in the 21st century.

In this regard, CFF is developing a relationship with the twenty electric co-ops in the state to visit K-12 schools in their service areas. The lead co-op for this program is Fairfield Electric. The Fairfield CEO, Bruce Bacon, has taken the lead for the co-ops in delivering to many underserved and poorly performing academically school districts. The STEM program brings a realization to students of the importance of the formal courses taught in schools. This creates an awakening to the importance of STEM subjects for their future work environment .

CFF is proud to report the results of our work last year in preparing twelve young men and women to become productive members of their communities. All have either permanent jobs, enjoying successful college experiences or have started careers in the military. As a matter of note, one of these college student, Dante Richards, is employed in a summer job with CFF. He has mastered the highly intricate "WASP "inventory system currently the gold standard for organizations like Amazon and federal agencies. We are justly proud of his success and those of his colleagues.



Dante Richards—our summer WASP Inventory Specialist

### **Workforce Development Graduates.**



Te'Quez Mitchell—graduated from Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning on 3 July 2019 as a 19D Cavalry Scout.

SCOUTS OUT !!!!!!!!!!!

## Presidents Press

This year, 2019, CFF celebrates it's 20th Anniversary. Our Board has requested that we highlight the ten most significant accomplishments during this period. Here we go;

- 1.** 1999, our founding with a stated mission to educate the public, promote lasting patriotism, and to honor the military, past , present, and future.
- 2.** 2002, production of the 60th Doolittle Raider Reunion, in Columbia, Sc where it all began for these heroes in 1941. CFF assembled 13 WWII B-25 Mitchell bombers, the type flown by the Raiders when they struck Japan, for our Celebrate Freedom Festival that year and we set the state's (SC) attendance record with 102,000 participants. All of the major national news networks covered our event along with those across Europe.
- 3.** National Reunion of the Tuskegee Airmen. We brought together these American Heroes with school children who has traveled to Columbia from as far away as WV, in school buses, to learn of their first hand accounts. The USAF Thunderbirds flew at this Freedom Festival in honor of the Tuskegee Airman.
- 4.** History was made again for CFF when the Department of Defense authorized the transfer of five operational AH-1F Cobra helicopters to supports the Foundations STEM Education Program, led by Senator Lindsey Graham and Congressman Joe Wilson to enact legislation which permitted this transfer. The Cobra's have made appearances at over 140 schools across the entire Southeastern U.S. and at many major airshows since there arrival to CFF.
- 5.** CFF donated a home to a Combat Wounded Marine Corps veteran in Houston, TX who required frequent treatment at Fort Sam Houston Military Hospital for his injuries. USMC Jimmy McCain, son of the late Senator John McCain, was present at the ceremony along with our beloved Kathi Free, who presented the keys to the house.
- 6.** "Maggie's" first air show (our AH-1F) at the Shaw AFB in front of 100,00 spectators. She dramatically opened the show with simulated rocket and cannon fire pyrotechnics to protect a downed airman. This was the opening act for the Air Force Thunderbirds, WOW!!
- 7.** Our first Aerospace Science Summer Camp for 50 top students went international in it's first year and we partnered with the USC School of Engineering.
- 8.** Implementation of the CFF national JROTC Award for Excellence Program, approved by the Department of Defense for all branches of the U.S. Military. Over 1,500 schools located in all 50 states and U.S. Territories have participated.

## Presidents Press cont.

**9.** New CFF National Headquarters and Educational Center opened at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Columbia, SC.

**10.** Achievement and success of our 20th Anniversary, made possible by our sponsors, members, volunteers, staff, and Board who all believe in and support the Foundation's mission and vision.

The foundation has been laid for the next 20 years of success. **GO CFF!!!!**

**Capital Campaign Initiated** - CFF has contracted with the Development International Systems & PAX Global firm to implement a three year, multi-million dollar fundraising initiative which will build the capacity necessary for the Foundation to support more end users of our services, the military veterans and students. Our many customers who sponsor the youth education and workforce development programs are strongly committed to this effort and are lending their support and ideas.



Allen Johnson and Jeffrey Vandenberg of PPG Aerospace Coatings Present a grant check to members of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, SC on Tuesday, June 11 2019.

PPG has been a long term supporter of the Foundation's education and workforce development programs.

**\*\* Celebrate Freedom Foundation’s exciting STEM Outreach Program visited 25 schools across the Southeastern US this last school year with more than 10,000 students participating. \*\***

How can you help the CFF STEM Outreach Program? We are always looking for volunteers to assist in these visits and if you have a school that you want us to visit, let us know. You can reach out to **Lori Wicker** our Director of STEM Education by email at [stemed@cff-soar.org](mailto:stemed@cff-soar.org) or a phone call at (803) 882-8812

On September 1st, 2018, Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF) officially announced its national 2018/19 school year JROTC Award for Excellence in Academics Program. This awards program recognizes ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students (including home-schooled students) enrolled in U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps JROTC programs across the United States and overseas. Back by popular demand, this year’s program again included an optional component — an essay contest.

More than 390 cadets nominated this year, received awards. Three cadets received additional recognition for submitting essays.

For this year’s essay program, the Blue Star Mothers of South Carolina evaluated the 450-word essays entered, on a specific topic written and submitted by the cadets on **“Explain the importance of being STEM literate (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in both the Private Sector and the Military”**.

The Judges selected the cadet who wrote the top essay - the best of all essays – to receive the CFF award with **“Highest Distinction”**, 1 cadet who wrote the best essay to receive the JROTC Award for Excellence in Academics with **“Distinction”**, 1 cadet who wrote an essay to receive the Award with **“Merit”**.

**The Cadet that won with the Highest Distinction is**

Cadet Senior Airman Elle White, Air Academy HS, CO.

**The Cadet that won with the Distinction is**

Cadet 1st Lt Yoselin Onofre, Aviation HS, NY.

**The Cadet that won with Merit is**

Cadet Ssg Santana Nelvin, Aviation HS, NY.

# JROTC Award Winners

Nominee	School	State
C/SGT Ashton Rushing	White Hall HS	AK
C/SM Nathan A Nelson	Carroll HS	AL
SFC Alexander Bunker	Central HS	AL
C/CPL James Wallace	Central-Haynesville HS	AL
C/PFC Aaliyah Casey	Central-Haynesville HS	AL
Cadet SSgt Daniela Flores	Daphne HS	AL
PFC Rebekah Riddle	Fort Payne HS	AL
C/Captain Savannah Baxter	Hoover HS	AL
C/MSgt Ryan Kees	Bryant HS	AR
PFC Caiden Ruyle	Flowing Wells HS	AZ
SFC Narci DeLa Rosa-Avila	Flowing Wells HS	AZ
C/SSgt Mia S. Sanchez	Gilbert HS	AZ
C/PFC Caitlyn Eberle	Red Mountain HS	AZ
C/PFC Connor Bentley	Red Mountain HS	AZ
C/SFC Zachariah Street	Red Mountain HS	AZ
C/Ensign Evelin Gomez	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/MCPO Fleurette Perez	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/SCPO Joshua Washburn	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/Ensign Benjamin Jackson	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/Ensign Daniel Hill	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/Ensign Hayden Sipman	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/PO2 Sierra Hubbard	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/SR Do Quang	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/CDR Sara Al-Haidar	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/Ensign Tiana Malone	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/LCDR Kealie Faulkinbury	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/LTJG Julian Muniz	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/P03 Carley Heer	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/P03 Nathalia Islava	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/P03 Shams Al-Hamedany	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/SA Joseph Gutierrez	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/SA Leah Andersen	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/SA Robert Banxarath	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/SN Grace Morgan	Moon Valley HS	AZ
C/SR Victoria Celso	Moon Valley HS	AZ
1SG Abigail Espinoza	Rio Rico HS	AZ
C/TSgt Abby Roth	Casa Roble HS	CA
C/2Lt Thomas Cherry	Casa Roble HS	CA
C/2nd LT Jon Alonzo	Clovis East HS	CA
C/ Amanda Duncan	Poly Technical HS	CA
C/ YangKong Vang	Duncan Poly Technical HS	CA
C/Joshua Byrd	Heritage HS	CA
C/Sr Airman Olivia Dixon	Palm Springs HS	CA
C/Amn Joslyn L Arreola	Rosamond HS	Ca
C/2Lt Fey Ramirez	San Bernardino HS	CA
C/MSgt Brianna Ly	Scripps Ranch HS	CA
C/CMSgt Kryst'n Hall	Scripps Ranch HS	CA
C/Capt Shane Donahue	Scripps Ranch HS	CA
C/SrA Neel Kumar	Scripps Ranch HS	CA
C/SrA Elle White	Air Academy HS	CO
C/SA Lindsay Juhl	Glenwood Springs HS	CO
C/Airman Kiana Gutierrez	Mapleton Public Schools	CO
C/Staff Sgt Karah Harris	Vista Ridge HS	CO
C/Staff Sg Lucas Cronin	Vista Ridge HS	CO
SrA Nicolli Simao	Naugatuck HS	CT
SrA Yianni Blanco	Naugatuck HS	CT
C/CPT Natalie Jameson	Middletown HS	DE
SrA/ Samuel D. Morgan	Avon Park HS	FL
1LT/ Judith Mendoza-Nery	Avon Park HS	FL
Airman Layla G. Santana	Avon Park HS	FL
Destiny M Padgett	Baker County HS	FL
C/2nd Lt Samantha Dominguez	Bay HS	FL
C/Airman 1st Class Bryonna Brickhouse	Bay HS	FL
C/Airman 1st Class Carmen Perez	Bay HS	FL
C/PO3 Jake Chaput	Bishop Kenny HS	FL
C/SMSgt Maria Tamayo	Celebration HS	FL
C/Captain Ethan Arroyo	Celebration HS	FL
C/SMSgt Rahne Teal	Celebration HS	FL
C/SSgt Duna Claude	Celebration HS	FL
C/ Marisol Rosa	DeLand HS	FL
C/Luis Vega	DeLand HS	FL
C/SGT Gabriela Potrero-Luna	Dixie M. Hollins HS	FL
C/Matthew Abbasi	Dr. Phillips HS	FL
C/Tiarra Hayes	Edward H. White HS	FL
C/SGT Danielle Miller	Entrepreneur & Leadership	FL
C/2LT Ashely O. Baccus	Flagler Palm Coast HS	FL
C/ LT Jett Johnson	Green Cove Springs	FL
C/Jane Johnson	Green Cove Springs	FL
C/MSgt Veronica Reyes-Sanchez	Hardee Senior HS	FL
C/P03 Leonore Ditinno	King HS	FL
C/P03 Marley Kight	King HS	FL
C/ Joanna St. Preux	Lake Worth Community HS	FL
C/ Antonia Raymond	Lake Worth Community HS	FL

# JROTC Award Winners

Nominee	School	State	Nominee	School	State
C/Amn Javia Wade	Sebring HS	FL	C/ Major Jared Hendrickson	Bell Co. HS	KY
C/Amn Alexander Plant	Seminole HS	FL	C/ Sebastian Jacobs	Kenton County HS	KY
C/2LT Jagger Lowery	Spruce Creek HS	FL	C/1st Lt Krysta Frye	Mason Cnty HS	KY
C/SSG Isabella Ramnath	Spruce Creek HS	FL	Cody Brown	N. Bullitt HS	KY
C/Captain Josef Stooks	Steinbrenner HS	FL	Angel Locke	N. Bullitt HS	KY
C/SrA Bianca Velasco	Timber Creek HS	FL	Hope Sparks	N. Bullitt HS	Ky
C/MSG Alexander Antonakos	Treasure Coast HS	FL	Madison Whiting	N. Bullitt HS	KY
C/Airman 1st Class Jakob Ayers	Treasure Coast HS	FL	Sianne Rivas	N. Bullitt HS	KY
C/2nd LT Christopher Swindle	Treasure Coast HS	FL	1LT Austin Vento	North Bullitt HS	KY
C/ Kayle B Hicks	West Nassau HS	FL	C/SGT 1st Madison Byrant	Rockcastle County HS	KY
C/ Dallas McKelvy	West Nassau HS	FL	C/Airman 1st Class Jacob Salyers	Russell Independent HS	KY
C/ Robert Moody	West Nassau HS	FL	C/2LT Haley M. Caldwell	South Laurel HS	KY
C/MSgt Edward Spiezio	West Nassau HS	FL	C/Airman First Class Rachel D. Hicks	South Laurel HS	KY
C/SSgt Guadalupe Martinez	Charles Drew HS	GA	C/2Lt Hoshua Hebert	Acadiana HS	LA
C/Airman Johanna Espinosa Chavarro	Etowah HS	GA	C/Staff Sgt Tyrieana Williams	Bossier HS	LA
C/PO2 Emma Simmons	Hillgrove HS	GA	C/Audrey Dupont	Riverdale HS	LA
C/PO3 Kiera-Grace Belanger	Hillgrove HS	GA	C/Airman Natalia Flores	Lowell HS	MA
C/SN Toai Dong	Hillgrove HS	GA	SSgt Sara Liang	North Quincy HS	MA
C/ Keshawn Davis	Houston County HS	GA	C/2nd LT Aaron Bouchard	Peabody Veterans Memorial	MA
C/ Audreyanna Enriquez-McMahon	Houston County HS	GA	C/ Ezra S Kaye	Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	MD
C/MSgt Jessica Garica	Jefferson HS	GA	C/ John Anthony Pitogo	Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	MD
C/SSG Antwan Rosario-Maldonado	Lowndes HS	GA	C/ Lelyzaveta Molotska	Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	MD
C/Airman Maria Alhatemi	New Hampstead HS	GA	C/SA Emily Kerns	Chopticon HS	MD
Lt Col Sabasian Cowart	Ola HS	GA	C/TSgt Leslie Lemus-Osorio	Eleanor Rossevelt HS	MD
Lt Col Sabasian Cowart	Ola HS	GA	C/1LT Doris Aviles	Eleanor Rossevelt HS	MD
C/ Logan Hodges	Richmond Hill HS	GA	C/ Esmirna Gutierrez	John F Kennedy HS	MD
C/ Airman 1C Ashley Kanga	Sequoyah HS	GA	PO 3Class Jenneifer Jaime-Mestichelli	LaPlata HS	MD
C/Airman Bryson Partin	Sequoyah HS	GA	C/PFC Nevaehym Williams	Maurice J. McDonough HS	MD
C/1LT Mary Basso	The King's Academy	GA	C/Sr Airman Pearl Nyambi	North Point HS	MD
C/CPT Peter Gabriel Layon	Southern HS	Guam	Ensign Deana Wright	Seneca Valley HS	MD
CMDR Joshua Moser	Manchester West	HH	Seaman Izabele Silva	Seneca Valley HS	MD
C/Airman First Class Jamsine Stark	Henry J. Kaiser HS	HI	C/LTJG Keara M. Galbraith	Massabesic HS	ME
C/A1C Bu Reh	Waterloo West HS	IA	C/ A1C Ashleigh Benedix	Lewiston HS	MN
C/Sr Airman Draven Lawrence	Terre Haute North Vigo HS	IN	C/ Airman Emma O'Donovan	Lewiston HS	MN
C/Sr Airman Paul Humphries	Terre Haute North Vigo HS	IN	C/Mark Davis	Blue Springs HS	MO
C/SSG Wyatt G. McMullen	Terre Haute North Vigo HSI	IN	C/Nicholas Asmussen	Blue Springs HS	MO
C/A1C Jesse Custer	Wayne HS	IN	C/SSgt Jack Maxton	Cape Central HS	MO
C/Private Omer C. Aksu	Junction City HS	KS	C/Sr Airman Michael Hart	Knob Noster HS	MO
PFC Ethan Adams	Topeka West HS	KS	C/Adriana S Brown	Nathez HS	MS
CPT Myca Duncan	Allen County Scottsville HS	KY	C/Asia L Edney	Nathez HS	MS
			Sgt Jamaría Willis	Raymond HS	MS

# JROTC Award Winners

Nominee	School	State	Nominee	School	State
C/BN SMG Jimmy Bateman	WPHS	MS	C/MSG Jessica Harney	Jackson Memorial HS	NJ
C/Captain Aliyah Randle	WPHS	MS	C/Capt Joshua Weber	Oakcrest HS	NJ
2LT Timothy Banks	Charles B. Aycock HS	NC	C/SMSGt Yarixa Perez	Old Bridge HS	NJ
C/SRAMn Omar Angeles	East Henderson HS	NC	PV2 John Olmeda	Pemberton Township HS	NJ
C/A1C Alex Pedersen	Eastern Wayne HS	NC	PV2 Julia Zavala	Pemberton Township HS	NJ
C/A1C Kiara Best	Eastern Wayne HS	NC	C/2LT Urja Patel	Piscataway HS	NJ
C/A1C ShaJaylah Smalls	Eastern Wayne HS	NC	C/Maj Emily Wright	Sayreville War Memorial HS	NJ
C/SrA Cadet James Kostem	Northside HS	NC	C/MSGt Derek Yowell	Washington Township HS	NJ
C/SrA Zachary Parker	Northside HS	NC	C/A1C Allison Siravo	Washington Township HS	NJ
C/Sr Airman Kaian Ramirez	Riverside HS	NC	C/ Seaman Beberlly Lopez	Santa Fe HS	NM
C/MSGt Katie Fellah	Sanderson HS	NC	C/Lt Col Damon Cruz	Rancho HS	NV
C/ Tech Sgt Andrew Moreshead	Terry Sandord HS	NC	C/1st Lt Yoselin Onofre	Aviaiton HS	NY
C/Tech Sgt Alexander Cogbill	Terry Sandord HS	NC	C/Ssg Santana Nelvin	Aviaiton HS	NY
CPO 1 Haley Stokes	Manchester West	NH	C/SFC Eric Jiang	Carthage Central HS	NY
C/CDR Joshua Moser	Manchester West	US Navy NH	C/LT Christopher Essuman	Graphics Campus Navy	NY
C/AB Conner Leuci	Nahsua HS	NH	C/SCPO Emily Kupiec	Notre Dame Jr/Sr HS	NY
C/AB Tyler Emerson	Nahsua HS	NH	C/MSGt Ismael Chamorro	NY 932 Aviation HS	NY
C/AB Samantha Byrne	Nahsua HS	NH	C/Capt Torianna Parsons	Patchogue Medford HS	NY
C/A1C Emily Ray	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Lt Col Julia Tarling	Patchogue Medford HS	NY
C/A1C Aiden Weaver	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/CPO Justin M. Meliunas	Riverhead HS	NY
C/A1C Billy Ankney	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/P03 Landon Bennett	Southold HS	NY
C/A1C Brandon Erlenmeyer	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/P03 Lillyann Fogarty	Southold HS	NY
C/A1C Damian Maldony	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/P03 Osa Iglesias	Southold HS	NY
C/A1C Joseph Kaczmarek	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/ Wanasia Mulkey	Western NY Maritime Charter HS	NY
C/A1C Keith Collins	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/SN Stephanie Trent	Greenville HS	OH
C/A1C Ryleigh Finelli	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/SrA Raychel Buettner	Midview HS	OH
C/A1C Taniyah Watson	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Seaman Kelvin Nguyen	Princeton HS	OH
C/A1C Timothy Bremmer	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	PO2C Emmanuel Vazquez	Scarlet Oaks Career Campus	OH
C/Airman Clay Coutinho	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	PO2C Logan Dawson	Scarlet Oaks Career Campus	OH
C/Airman Gage Licciardo	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	PO2C Walter Bolser	Scarlet Oaks Career Campus	OH
C/Airman Kristian Twaddle	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Major Nicholas Lanni	Strongsville HS	OH
C/SA Austin Haskell	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Major Presten G. Filcek	Carl Albert HS	OK
C/SA Brandon Salvatore	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Capt Jaci Cook	Choctaw HS	OK
C/SA Kurt Castro	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Clint Parker	Putnam City HS	OK
C/SA Michaela Clark	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Alex Welles	Henley HS	OR
C/SA Paul Silva	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Jacob Conner	Henley HS	OR
C/SA Randall Bonhomme	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Airman Amelia Quinones-Rolon	Coatesville Area HS	PA
C/SA Sebastian Morales	Brick Memorial HS	NJ	C/Amelia Quinones-Rolon	Coatesville Area HS	PA
C/Matthew Fox	Cherry Hill HS	NJ	C/SSG Tyrcek A. White	Frankford HS Army	PA
C/SN Cole Clifford	Deptford Township HS	NJ	C/1LT Brandon X. Moore	Frankford HS Army	PA
			C/1LT Luis D. Reyes	Frankford HS Army	PA
			C/CPL Jacob Deputy	Frankford HS Army	PA



# JROTC Award Winners

Nominee	School	State	Nominee	School	State
C/Airman 1st Class Eva Shearer	Ligonier Valley HS	PA	C/PO 1st Class Air Reyes	Oak Ridge HS	TN
C/TSgt Daniel S. Arredondo	North Allegheny HS	PA	C/LT CDR Alex Coones	Oak Ridge HS	TN
C/Msgt E-7 Cole O'Neill	Phoenixville Area HS	PA	C/PO 2nd Class Joanna Peeler	Oak Ridge HS	TN
C/CSM Aries Gutierrez	Marianas HS	Saipan	C/SSG Kaleb Ciaramitaro	Page High School	TN
C/Shah'Niah Williams	AC Flora HS	SC	Master Sergeant Mayher Bedi	Ravenwood HS	TN
C/TSgt Richard Williamson	Ashley Ridge HS	SC	MSgt Mayherpreet Bedi	Ravenwood HS	TN
C/Cpt Raza Mitchell	Berkeley HS	SC	C/Major Savannah Griffis	Springfield HS	TN
C/SMSgt Autumn Daniel	Broome HS	SC	C/15G William Hutchison	Warren County HS	TN
C/ Destiny Seabrook	CA Johnson HS	SC	C/1LT Ariel Walker	Warren County HS	TN
C/Rijus Livingston	Columbia HS	SC	C/1LT Olivia Chmielewski	Warren County HS	TN
C/Sgt Deonte J. Godfray	Dillion HS	SC	C/ P03 Mason Escamilla	Bastrop HS	TX
C/David McAdory	Dreher HS	SC	C/PO1 AmberSwanton	Bastrop HS	TX
C/Dasia Mayers	Eau Claire	SC	C/PO1 Dylan Kaatz	Bastrop HS	TX
C/A1C Dixie Short	Gaffney HS	SC	C/PO1 Jeremy Schmidt	Bastrop HS	TX
C/A1C Ethan Williams	Gaffney HS	SC	C/PO2 Dusty Willis	Bastrop HS	TX
C/Amn James Powell	Gaffney HS	SC	C/PO2 Isaac Wise	Bastrop HS	TX
C/SA Jacob T. Shinsky	Lexington HS	SC	C/PO2 Kaelynn Lesch	Bastrop HS	TX
C/TSgt Taylor W. Pennington	Lexington HS	SC	C/PO3 Mariah Greenlaw	Bastrop HS	TX
C/Lt.Col. Collin Davis	Lexington HS	SC	C/SN Damion Driscoll	Bastrop HS	TX
C/Airman Luisa L. Lemos	Lexington HS	SC	C/SN Manuel Sanchez	Bastrop HS	TX
C/Joel Gilmore	Lower Richland HS	SC	C/SN Robert McBeth	Bastrop HS	TX
C/SN Grace Lewis	N. Augusta HS	SC	C/SN Robert Vasquez	Bastrop HS	TX
C/SN Lalia Garrett	N. Augusta HS	SC	C/SN Tyler Swain	Bastrop HS	TX
C/SN Michael Ludwikowski	N. Augusta HS	SC	C/SR Jose Torres	Bastrop HS	TX
C/1LT Hannah A Leitner	Palmetto HS	SC	C/SFC Michael Tillis	Berkner HS	TX
C/Major Julie A Buckner	Palmetto HS	SC	C/A1C Shiann McCanless	Burleson HS	TX
C/Lt Col Jon C McGill	Palmetto HS	SC	C/1SG Azalea Benjamin	Canyon Lake HS	TX
C/SrA Jason W. Simmons	Palmetto HS	SC	C/Kily Jasso	Central Catholic HS	TX
C/SA Daniel Mason	Strom Thurmond HS	SC	C/Corporal Anaya Byers	Clear Brook HS	TX
C/PO2 Daniel Hupp	Summerville HS	SC	C/SA Joshua Crawford	Cooper HS	TX
C/ENS China Henderson	Summerville HS	SC	CPT/ Tianna Rock	East Central HS	TX
C/ENS China Henderson	Summerville HS	SC	SSG Juliette Mendoza	Economedes HS	TX
C/ENS Vince Bacon	Summerville HS	SC	SSG Juliette Mendoza	Economeds HS	TX
C/DemArcus Hammond	W.j. Keenan HS	SC	C/Staff Sergeant Damilola JolayemiElsik	HS	TX
Dawson Tomes	Wando HS	SC	C/ Major Morgan Clark	Forney HS	TX
MCPO Destiny Green	West Ashley HS	SC	C/AMN Sarah Bass	Guyer HS	TX
C/PO1st Class Malachi Nye	Central HS	TN	C/Anthony R. Arcuri	Guyer HS	TX
C/Tsgt Grayson H. Swaney	Hixon HS	TN	1st LT Isaiah Gallego	Holmes HS	TX
C/TSgt Ethan Robinson	Hixon HS	TN	1st LT Louie Velasco	Holmes HS	TX
C/A1C Dante B. Keoke	Hixon HS	TN	2nd LT Jenifer Hernandez	Holmes HS	TX
			SSgt Ashley Ramirez	Holmes HS	TX
			1st LT Chrisitan Salinas	Holmes HS	TX

# JROTC Award Winners

Nominee	School	State	Nominee	School	State
TSgt Adelaida Gutierrez	Holmes HS	TX	C/CPO Marcela Torres-Guerrero	Vista Ridge HS	TX
C/SGT Aiden Mattson	Jasper HS	TX	C/CPO Cole Nelson	Vista Ridge HS	TX
C/PFC Solomon Chang	Jasper HS	TX	C/PO nd Class Eileen Yoo	Vista Ridge HS	TX
C/A1C Emily Reyes	Judson HS	TX	C/2Lt Armando Almodovar	Clearfield HS	UT
C/ Eric Serrano	Langham Creek HS	TX	C/Lt. Col. Adam Wright	Clearfield HS	UT
C/Katie Humphreys	Langham Creek HS	TX	C/Capt Brad Pitkin	Clearfield HS	UT
C/2Lt Arely Fernandez	Lockhart HS	TX	C/1st LT Rosa Martinez	Granger HS	UT
C/SA Kelly Garcia	Lubbock HS	TX	C/Sr MSG Kiara Nielson	Pine View HS	UT
C/SGT Alliyah Rico	McCollum HS	TX	SSG Macy Brooks	Pine View HS	UT
C/SGT Lloyd Bagley	McCollum HS	TX	C/Sr Airman Natalie Rand	Franklin County HS	VA
C/Capt Victoria Casias	Medina Valley HS	TX	C/Airman 1st Class Shelby Rose	Lancaster HS	VA
CPT Shanteon Williams	North Crowley HSTX		C/Sgt Christian Concepcion	Manchester HS	VA
Maj Angelique Rodriquez	North Crowley HSTX		C/A1C Emily J. Lower	N. Stafford HS	VA
1LT Cydney B. Ford	North Crowley HSTX		C/ CPO Aeryn Potocnak	Osborn Park Senior HS	VA
CPT Dakota C. Kay	North Crowley HSTX		C/ Devin DePriest	Varina Hs	VA
L/Col Michaela Session	North Crowley HSTX		Edward Sweaney	Marysville	WA
Major Lauricwe Atole	North Crowley HSTX		PO3 Class Cheyanne Shannon	Marysville	WA
TSGT Sydney Tabor	Oak Ridge HS	TX			
C/ Sylvia Robinson	Randolph HS	TX			
C/2Lt Catalina Galvan	Roma HS	TX			
C/SSGT Jessica Asher	Splendora HS	TX			
Cadet Jacob Hesita	Tom C. Clark HS	TX			
C/CPL Marisol Palacios	University HS	TX			
PO 2Class Joseph Ecolango	Marysville	WA			
PO 3Class Abby Bojador	Marysville	WA			
C/A1C Aleksandr Wellner	Greenfield HS	WI			
AIC Devin Johns	Martinsburg HS	WV			
C/Airman 1C Chloe J. Duke	Parkersburg South HS	WV			
C/Sairman Meghan L. Winkler	Parkersburg South HS	WV			

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS NOTES

I would like to thank all of CFF's hard working volunteers. As we head into the slow summer months for us we still have plenty of projects going on. Here are some examples of the things we are working on;

**AH-1F "Maggie"** - The final stages of preparation to paint Maggie's main rotor blades is in the process. Once her blades are painted they will be installed and balanced and then she will be ready to fly.

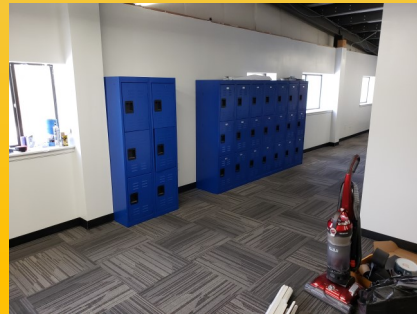
**UH-1H "Kathi"**- is in her later stages of completion for her test flights for CFF. We are completing her electrical, avionics, and flight control rigging.

**M93A2 5 Ton Tractor Trailer**— Tom Robbins and Mark Inabinet are taking care of some surface rust and some other minor mechanical issues to get this truck ready for sale.

**CFF Facility Classroom**— we are still slowly getting the classroom completed. As extra money comes in, we allocate some for each stage of this project.



CFF Facility  
Classroom



CFF President Jack Lovelady  
working on the final prepping  
stages for "Maggie's" blades.



Mark Inabinet  
working on the  
surface rust



Working on the internal parts  
of our Huey "Kathi"

Roger Lone, Boyd Davis and  
Woody Heming, Reggie Hall,  
Chris Anderson, and Larry  
Quinn and Steve Seymour.

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Thank you!




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