

Dr. C.E. Hassel, President

Howe Military Academy Wins First Place in Indiana CyberPatriot Competition, December 5-7



Front Row Paul Sienkiewicz, Jared Slabaugh, Jacob Rudecki, Justin Rudecki Back Row VP Membership William Cook, Coach Mike Reed, Chapter President Dr. C. E. Hassel Photo by: VP Communications Larry Michael

Coach Mike Reed and the Howe CyberPatriot Cadets with teamwork, critical thinking and technical knowledge earned them first place in the State of Indiana!

The CyberPatriot National Program STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) was created by AFA to motivate students towards careers in cyber security. The CyberPatriot field is divided into three divisions. The open division is for public, private and home school teams. The all service divisions are for JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Naval Sea Cadets and the Middle School Division. Teams are challenged through competition with each other to find and solve cyber security vulnerabilities in simulated environments.



Howe Teachers and Students observe CyberPatriot competition

Marine Master Sergeant John Peyton Receives the Air Force Association Medal of Merit



AFA State President Paul Lyons, Chapter 411 VP of Education John Peyton

from the look on President Lyon's face, he had reservations about presenting an Air Force Medal, to a Marine!

Peyton was awarded one of only three medals for the entire state of Indiana. The Air Force Association's mission is to educate the public about the role of aerospace in the defense of our nation. All American Citizens are welcomed and encouraged to join the AFA as prior military service is not a requisite.

For the selection of 2015 Teacher of the year two Warsaw Schools are on the top of our list! The officers of Chapter 411 met Ben Barkey at the Robotics Competition held at Manahan Orthopedic Capital Center, Grace College, and Winona Lake. Ben is the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) teacher of teachers. He was very personable, easy to visit with and we plan to ask Ben to introduce us to Principal Tom Ray. John Peyton has two Grandchildren in Washington that will certainly be of help in our selection of Teacher of the Year.

Warsaw High is also our choice of 2015 TOY. Two years ago they started a Jr. Army ROTC , Major Friedrich Josellis is the Commander and Sergeant Mason Metzinger is assistant.

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**Welcome Our Very First Community Partner
Roger Coldren**



Roger Coldren operates a hidden treasure and he welcomes all Chapter 411 members! He calls it Roger's Auto Center but, it's far more than that! He will even let you help him repair or service your car or truck! The hourly service fee increases to \$70, when you help him. It's refreshing to compare Roger's Home Auto Care to the big fellows down town as the benefits at Rogers are tremendous. 411's new Secretary and Treasurer, Michael Williams will attest to that! Call Roger for instructions to get to the Auto Center 574-834-2774. From North Webster it's easy; just get on Armstrong Road at the Rt. 13 and Armstrong Road traffic Signal. Turn West on Armstrong go one mile and you will see the sign on the passenger's side to come on in! If you go too far you will come to the Grassy Creek Bridge so turn around and go back. You will be glad you did!



A Mentor Renews and A New Member



In June of 2013, Rebecca Kubacki, while still Indiana State Representative and Congresswoman **Jackie Walorski** held a meeting at Post 253, in North Webster, IN. The meeting was to hear complaints concerning the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. This meeting was instrumental in bringing recognition to a very serious problem of veterans neglect by the VA.

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Michael Williams, new member that joined AFA 411 and assumed the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Chapter. Williams has spent over 22 years in the computer field and now with his wife Carol run a technology consulting company, doing everything from computer repair and building, web design and social media, to wireless telemetry, wired and wireless security and POS systems.

Remember!

JAFROTC awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Merrillville High School. Possibly fly from the Goshen Airport, VIA helicopter.