

**Combat Control Association
September 5, 2024 1800CST**

Call to order:

Members in attendance: President Mike Lamonica (LA), Vice President Mike West (MW), Secretary Mark Nevatt (NT), Treasurer Spencer Cocanour (SC) Kyle Stanbro (KS), Chris Grove (CG), Geoffery Hitchcock (HK)

Guests: Jeff Guilimen, Woody Woodworth, Sean Gleffe

Approval of Minutes: LA motioned to approve the June minutes and HK seconded the motion. August meeting minutes approved.

Marty Bettelyoun – MW

- MW shared the CCA/CCF community put out the word that we are looking for a first vehicle for TSgt Marty Bettelyoun's son, Ben, as he just turned 16 years old. Christina and Jim have reached out to both the CCA and CCF for help in finding a vehicle, and their goal is to ensure Ben will learn how to maintain, care and keep the vehicle road-worthy himself.
- MW shared that there are other means besides financial they need such as folks willing to assist in teaching Ben to drive.
- MW asked the group if they knew of anyone with an extra vehicle sitting around that they would like to donate to the Combat Control Foundation. Also, if we had any donation items that could be sold to purchase a vehicle for Ben.
- NT said he would pass on emails received into the CCA on to MW.

2024 Mark Forester Scholarship – LA/NT

- LA briefed the group regarding the 2024 Mark Forester Scholarship. We had a total of 108 applicants. Of those 108 applicants, NT had Chris Grove and Mike Marino compare the names of the applicants father's to the CCA main master list. After scouring through the applicants, they concluded that 21 of the 108 applicants were in fact CCT fathers.
- NT briefed of those 21 applicants that turned in their paperwork, 15 completed the application in full to be forwarded on to judging. Of the 15 that were judged, 10 were selected as the winners. One applicant that was considered for the scholarship was found to be a granddaughter of a Combat Controller. NT make the call to the applicant to explain the by-laws for applying and the applicant apologized for not reading the qualifications. All good!

AFSPECWAR Coalition – LA

- LA updated the CCA group about the annual AFSPECWAR Coalition meeting for January 2025. The conference will transpire the week of January 13, 2025; Day 1 will be

the CCA annual board meeting, Day 2 will be the CCF board meeting, and the 3rd day will be the AFSPECWAR Coalition meeting with all AFSPECWAR parties.

- The annual meeting will take place at Hurlburt Field in the wing conference room. Updates regarding the wing stand down etc.... will be discussed. It was suggested the First Sergeants conference happen during this time so we can discuss how we can assist and how the First Shirts can assist as well.

2024 CCA Board Elections - LA

- LA and NT will convene to discuss the timeline for distributing the first election email to the CCA community.

- Mike Lamonica, Mike West and Spencer Cocanour voiced they will be running in the election for 2024.