The AFCEA Chapter in Hampton Roads has been going strong during this fall season. In September Ken Hirlinger, the new AFCEA RVP VA Region, welcomed aboard a full slate of volunteers to serve as Officers on our 2016-2017 Board of Directors (BOD). I want to thank all who dedicated to serve the AFCEA mission and I’m honored to be a part of the Hampton Roads (HR) Team and continue serving as the Chapter President. Additionally, I want to thank our seasoned members and young AFCEANs for planning, participating and supporting our exciting chapter events. I, along with our new BOD, would like to thank our Sustaining & Industry Sponsors, Military Leaders and the Academic community for being so engaged and supportive of AFCEA HR. Educating our membership and building future leaders in our community is goodness and your time is so important to our success and the value is greater than any currency.

The Hampton Roads Chapter is counted upon by our Department of Defense Leaders and the Commander in Chief to serve. Purpose, Passion and Persistence are drivers for success in Washington and also for our military warfighters. Our local leaders provide our Chapter with invaluable insight for us to appreciate and learn from. In October CAPT Sean Heritage, CO NCDOC, challenged us all to get engaged with the New Warfighter and embrace the change ahead. The Heritage "Hoodie" brought out the fun and attitude toward forward thinking for change. The month of November provided lots of action to include an excellent mission overview from COL Jay Goodes, G6 MARFORCOM, along with a respectful cake ceremony for the Marines 241th Birthday celebration. Our professional young AFCEAN’s and our ODU Student Chapter are becoming even more involved and helping us to connect the dots for our mission in STEM and the young professionals. Please join us on our mission as we grow and reach out to many in our community building lasting relationships while having fun.

As we all embrace the holidays, with Family and Friends, I want to wish you all the best for a wonderful season of Giving Thanks, Helping Others and Praying for the gifts of Joy and Peace. We give special thanks to our Military members who will be on watch and keeping us safe throughout the holidays. Please join in the wonderful mission to brighten the day for all who are deployed and stand in harm’s way to protect our freedom.

Thank you and God bless you all.  www.afceahamptonroads.org

From the Desk of Palmer Sims  President@afceahamptonroads.org
AFCEA Hampton Roads 27th Annual Golf Tournament
September 8th, 2016
Bide-a-Wee Golf Course

Our 27th annual fundraiser golf tournament was held in Portsmouth at the Bide a Wee Golf Course. We had a great turnout and the weather was great….once the thunderstorm ended at 8am! A little weather did not stop our intrepid golfers, sponsors and volunteers. We had a great day and raised a lot of money for our STEM scholarships for next year.

I’d like to thank our sponsors first, because without you to contribute funding, our scholarship program ends. Thanks so much for your continued support. Thanks also to our volunteers. This is a completely volunteer effort and everyone helped out with a smile on their faces. Lastly, thanks to the members of the Golf Committee. This is the one day tournament that takes a year to put on. Your hard work in planning and execution paid off again. On to the 28th annual next September!!

I would like to thank the staff of Bide a Wee for their hospitality over the many years we have hosted our tournament there. We have greatly enjoyed our time there. For next year’s tournament, we will be at Sewells Point Golf Course near the Norfolk Naval Base. Another change is that we will only have one flight of golfers starting at 0900. Registration will begin at 0730. A meal will provided after golf with awards and drawings. We hope you can attend/sponsor next September. Thanks again for all the continued support!

Mark Your Calendars for the 28th Annual Golf Tournament
September 7th, 2017
Sewell’s Point Golf Course / 660 Ruthven Rd, Norfolk, VA 23505

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Congratulations to Christy Fanelli our Young AFCEAN (YAC) VP and YAC Chair for her selection by AFCEA International as a Distinguished Young AFCEAN (DYA). Christy has reignited the YAC program within the Hampton Roads Chapter and has been instrumental with increasing awareness of AFCEA within the community, especially with newcomers and junior members of the workforce. This award will be presented in February at West 2016 in San Diego.

Spring award nominations will open in February. Through its annual awards program, AFCEA International recognizes the outstanding contributions of individuals in the communications, electronics, intelligence and information technology disciplines. In addition, AFCEA’s chapters are recognized for outstanding support to the association. The Hampton Roads Chapter has a strong tradition with recognizing our own, should you have a candidate worthy of a nomination, please contact the Awards Committee at awards@afceahamptonroads.org.
The AFCEA Hampton Roads Educational Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational incentives, opportunities and assistance for people engaged in information management, communications and intelligence efforts and fostering excellence in education particularly in the "hard science" disciplines related to C4ISR. Our mission is to support development of engineers and technical personnel through scholarships, awards, and grants for educational activities of high value and professional educational programs. If you have any additional questions about AFCEA Hampton Roads Educational Foundation Programs, contact the Committee Chairman, Arthur Hernandez, by telephone at (757) 320-6401 or by e-mail addressed to scholarships@afceahamptonroads.org. For more information, follow the link in the "Scholarships" drop-down menu by each category. The components of the AFCEA Hampton Roads Educational Foundation's present efforts are:

**Undergraduate Scholarships Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM)**

**Teaching Tools Awards (STTA)**

**Supporting the Tidewater Science and Engineering Fair**

**Junior Reserve Officer Training (ROTC) Leadership Awards**

**Undergraduate Scholarships:** The AFCEA Hampton Roads Chapter plans to award/renew scholarships of up to $2,500 in 2015 to outstanding students from the Hampton Roads area, subject to the availability of funds. Scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled for the 2015/2016 academic year as full-time students in a course of study at an accredited four-year college or university that leads to a Bachelor's degree in one of the STEM disciplines that will prepare the student for a professional career supporting AFCEA's focus on military communications, electronics, information technology, and intelligence systems. Distance-Learning programs are not eligible.

**STEM Teaching Tools Awards (STTA) to Middle School and High School STEM Teachers:** AFCEA Hampton Roads is a technical/professional organization that realizes the importance of encouraging students to study the STEM disciplines that support our industry's focus on the design, development, manufacture, maintenance, and operation of communications, electronics, information technology, and intelligence systems. Effective STEM education at the middle school and high school levels can capture students' interest and inspire them to study the "hard" subjects as STEM majors when they enter college. The STEM Teaching Tools Awards (STTA) Program is a jointly funded by AFCEA Hampton Roads Educational Foundation and AFCEA International Educational Foundation to promote effective STEM education by enhancing the resources available to STEM teachers in middle and secondary schools in South Side Hampton Roads. We awarded $8,000.00 to teachers in 2015; 2016 awards to be made in early 2017 – be looking for it Hampton Roads! Tidewater Regional Science & Engineering Fair: AFCEA Hampton Roads supports the Tidewater Science & Engineering Fair with an annual donation and special awards for projects relevant the AFCEA mission. The Hampton Roads and Tidewater Chapters and their corporate members donate funds to the Tidewater Regional Science Fair organizing committee to defray the administrative expenses of the Tidewater Science & Engineering Fair. Junior Reserve Officer Training Program (JROTC) Leadership Awards: The JROTC program demonstrates our support for the JROTC program in Hampton Roads High Schools. The goal of the program is to provide Hampton Roads JROTC units with a means of publicly recognizing cadets who have distinguished themselves through a combination of superior academic performance, commitment in word and deed to the mission and goals of the JROTC program, and demonstrated leadership potential within the JROTC unit, the school, and the broader local community.

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