



Pelican Chapter



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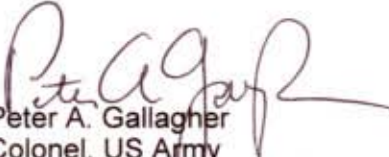
As your Pelican Chapter President, I want to wish you and your families the very best for a successful 2009. I am honored to welcome our new AFCEA officers to the leadership team: First Vice President, Mr. Brandt Cosgrove; Second Vice President, Captain Craig Stepp; Treasurer, Ms. Maureen Fuller; and Secretary, Ms. Mary Allison Yourchison. These great professionals, and our extremely talented Committee Chairs, are well on their way to making 2009 another successful year for the Pelican Chapter.

Thanks again, for the selfless dedication of your time and talents over the past year. Because of your volunteerism, we reached our Chapter goals and, once again, earned the right to be called "Model Chapter" for 2008. The most difficult of these goals required a last-ditch team effort surge to meet the annual membership drive goals. Thanks to everyone who pressed hard to make this happen. My intent for 2009, is to work collectively early in the year to meet our annual membership goals. Every AFCEA member is also a recruiter, so please do your part to bring new members into our great Pelican Chapter ranks. This year, I'd like to meet our annual membership goals by October 2009.

Mark your calendars for 3-5 March, TechNet Tampa 2009, at the Tampa Convention Center. The theme for this year's TechNet is "Breaking Down Barriers: Enabling a True Enterprise Network". I have no doubt that this will be another Pelican Chapter first class event. With our team of fantastic volunteers and the help of AFCEA International, the TechNet Tampa 2009 program is shaping up to be a fantastic opportunity for our military, industry and educational partners to come together. This year's events include communications and intelligence technical panel sessions, dynamic addresses from key senior military and industry leaders, a challenge to industry from USSOCOM and USCENTCOM, multiple professional development opportunities, a transition seminar, a job fair, and the annual Pelican Chapter AFCEA scholarship golf tournament. Please, make it a point to be part of this great event.

Thank you for what you do to make our Pelican Chapter a great organization in which to serve.

Respectfully,


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Colonel, US Army
Chapter President