



American Welding Society

MOBILE - SECTION 091

AWS Mobile Section

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Aviation Center of Excellence

3251 Airport Road

Crestview, FL 32539

Doors Open at 6pm; Dinner Served at 6:30pm

Register via Eventbrite



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aws-mobile-section-meeting-aviation-center-of-excellence-tickets-1310769058539?aff=oddtcreator>

Greetings Mobile Section Members and Friends,

This month we will meet at the Aviation Center of Excellence in Crestview, FL. I want to encourage all of you to attend and bring a guest. Come out and enjoy some good food and fellowship with other AWS and industry members. This should be an exciting meeting, and we encourage all AWS members in the area to come out and attend.

Our speaker for the night will be Christopher Abadia, USAF, Retired Director of Aviation Northwest Florida State College. Christopher Abadia is the Director of Aviation at the Aviation Center of Excellence, a Part 147 Aircraft Maintenance Technician School at Northwest Florida State College. His career in aviation began with service to the United States Air Force as an Aircraft maintenance technician on the CV-22 Osprey. In 2013, he was deployed to the Horn of Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Christopher developed a career as an Aircraft Maintainer, Quality Assurance Manager, and Safety Manager for a Close Air Support (CAS) contractor serving the training needs of the nation's Special Forces. In 2021, he was honored to have the opportunity to shift his career to focus on education, joining Northwest Florida State College as Assistant Professor for the Airframe and Powerplant programs. Christopher holds active FAA Airframe and Powerplant mechanic's ratings as well as a Remote Pilot rating. He is an Alumni of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and a Master of Science in Aeronautics with a specialization in Aviation Safety.

The meeting is open to the public, but they must sign up through Eventbrite. We want the public to see what AWS is about and strengthen our membership. There is limited space, so we encourage everyone to register as soon as possible. However, if you register and find that you are unable to attend, please cancel your registration via Eventbrite so that we can have an accurate count for catering. The meeting is free to all and dinner is provided by the section. We want to have enough for everyone to enjoy, but food cost is expensive and we do not want it to go to waste. Additionally, by keeping our cost down, we can continue to provide our meetings at no cost to you.

STUDENTS – Make sure you continue to attend the meetings. As we have done in the past, we will be offering special prizes at the end of the year (our May meeting), to the students who attended the most meetings. Also, students, we encourage you to sign up for an AWS membership. Student membership is now FREE! It costs you nothing to join, but everything to gain. Please encourage your peers and family members to attend this meeting.

Instructors – Please post this meeting notice in an area around your school that is easily accessible to your welding students and any student interested in a dynamic career as a design engineer. We are now utilizing Eventbrite for registration so students will need to start registering themselves to attend. You are more than welcome to forward them this meeting notice, but even easier simply print it out and they can scan the above QR Code with their phone to link to our Eventbrite registration page. Also, they can find our Eventbrite registration page via our [AWS Mobile Section Eventbrite Organization page](#), our [AWS Mobile Section website](#), or our [Facebook page](#).

Please remember to connect with us via Facebook! Find us by searching "American Welding Society Mobile Section" or at www.facebook.com/AwsMobileSection. Here you can always find the latest updates on our meetings, events, or reach out to fellow friends and colleagues.

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