



AFA Chapter 416 – Northeast Texas

Meeting Minutes: 11 May 2011 // 1130 // McCullough Rec Center @ L-3

ATTACHED: National Convention Information and “DEADLINE Tickler” for items due to Chapter

2011 Meeting Attendance													
Last Name	First Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Date of Meeting			16	16	NO	11							
Abel	Alexis			Y									
Bailey	Tom		Y	Y		Y							
Bryant	Tammy		Y	Y		Y							
Bushnell	Mark		Y			Y							
Clarke	Vance		Y	Y		Y							
Krotky	Marsha		Y										
Mathis	Dennis		Y			Y							
Neese	Vicki												
Ratliff	Larry		Y			Y							
Thomas	Terry			Y		Y							
Wilkins	Patti												
Williams	Ricky			Y		Y							
Wiser	Joe		Y	Y									
Foye	Davis			Y									
Stafford (Guest)	Jessica					Y							

Call meeting to order: Opening comments from Chapter President

- Tammy voiced that end of her tenure as President was coming at end of this year. We need to begin looking for a new VP and President (Vance has offered to step up to be President if elected). Please begin looking and know that we need the right people in these important positions to continue the great tradition Tammy has upheld. She also voiced that Vance will begin taking on a more active role in “doing” to help his learning curve for future positions.
- Hope you all received your magazine; chapter picture is in it! Chapter 416 and CMSAF(Ret) Bob Gaylor are all presented with some words from our Presidents interview.

Membership (Joe Wiser):

- Not present. Vance did voice concern that membership was down in the state and the chapter by over 25% this past several months. We have to keep working to find new members and know that it is OK to ask people to be “card carrying members” that even if they cannot come out and support the local chapter directly, they can support our nation, Air Force, and the men and women in uniform by being a dues paying member. Heck, the magazine is worth \$45 a year let alone the other benefits of being a member. Please, help us help our Air Force and continue to recruit and retain members.

Treasurer’s Report (Vicki Neese):

- **Budget: (Tammy and Vance)**
 - Treasurers’ Report**
 - Presented and accepted. Below topics were specifically covered regarding budget.
 - John Murray Scholarship Fund (MSF) (\$3,978)**
 - The Murrays’ agreed to support funding of CAP Cadets for flight training. Details will be forthcoming. We are managing this fund for them and ensuring we garner their support on all usage of it.
 - State Meetings and Costs associated with – Recommend only 1 person attend**
 - Agreed we would only send one person to meetings for remainder of year or until budget looked fully able to support it.
 - L-3 Annual Dues (\$90)**
 - Motioned and accepted to pay the CP fees for L-3. They provide mailings, newsletter support and printing, use of the meeting room, and big support for all we do to make chapter a success. This will also be an item we will move to make an “annual budget item” no longer requiring voting on for future.
 - Greenville Christian School Rocket Launch (\$200)**
 - Fund Raising**
 - Alexis and Vance are continuing effort to develop program for sales of “candy bars” to support Chapter. Delays are largely due to available funding to kick program off and finalization of effort to see if some members want to work it on own and turn in profits. More to come on this in near future.
 - CAP Requests – funding and how much we can put to this**
 - Discussed with Murray’s and were able to use MSF funds to cover portion of request. Will look at this item and have future discussion on how Chapter 416 wants to plan to support these efforts in future years.
 - ENP Scholarships not yet paid to colleges (\$2,350)**
 - Funds set aside and being worked to get directly to appropriate colleges.
 - **Tax Reports:** Now moving to “calendar year”. 2010 through October in progress, along with Oct-Dec report as well. Tammy worked to complete this on her own but was in need of assistance. We have sent this to tax consultant for completion. Awaiting bill and required reports.

Community Partners (Terry Thomas):

- Two new CPs in work and expected to sign on. All but 1-2 are fully paid for year. Doing very well in this department. Kudo’s to Terry for his aggressive effort for the chapter in this area. He could use all our help in finding and working other partners. See what you can do!

Veteran's Affairs (Larry Ratliff):

- 4 Jun 11 – New target date for Bonham Veteran's Home visit.
 - 0930-1030, 1201 E 9th St., Bonham, TX 75418-4059
 - We have 144 flags and past AFA magazines to give out to veterans
 - We can do a lot easily here to make a difference in someone's life
- We have asked the local Greenville recruiters and one has said he may attend. We also have 10 Cadets planning on attendance – thanks Capt Shanahan! Visit is all set with Tom Bailey and Dennis Mathis leading the charge for us – THANK YOU both! We do not have many chapter folks signed up currently but we will be able to support the veterans with the cadets and others.
- Future: Ask everyone to work on friends and family members as well as co-workers and more. Let's see if AFA only *"leads and organizes opportunities for people to interact with veterans who have provided their freedom."*

Flag Program (POC):

- Need volunteer to develop a Community Partners handout/sign that can be given out with flags. We are short on funds now, but believe we can revitalize this and want to be ready.
 - Terry Thomas and Tom Bailey said they would begin idea development with this concept. We will also solicit help from Lee at L-3 for his ideas and possible production assistance.

Old Business:

ENP Update (Marsha Krotky): 9 Apr 2011, BG(ret) Trebon guest speaker.

- Tammy reported that we had 3 schools represented, 23 in attendance, and that Marsha and her team did a great job in running the contest and the dinner. Kudo's to Marsha and all who helped make this happen. We look forward to running another great event next year!

Phase II of the Lot we helped with: (Larry Ratliff): Need more info and way ahead.

- Will await more information and opportunities to be able to help here.

New Business:

Brief on Houston State Meeting: Vance and Tammy

- **Airpower Advocate:** Need someone to participate in weekly telecoms and share information – Anyone interested in doing this?
 - **Still looking for someone.** This could easily be someone who is out there and not able to attend our regular meetings, etc. but is able to listen in on the call and send up a report via e-mail. Hope if this is up your alley we will find you!

Teacher of Year (Tammy):

- Teacher of the Year: We received our "bounty" and we want to present. Suggestions? Informal dinner? [\$250 Check, Cloth Bag-AFA Chapt 416 TOTY, Certificate]
 - Efforts were planned and executed and will be reported on at next meeting.
 - Dinner on 24 May 11, Schumardi's. Present all mementos.

Visit Veteran's Home:

- Larry Ratliff is POC. 4 Jun 2011 Target date. Terry Thomas – can you and Larry connect and discuss hotel soaps, shampoos, etc. issue. Also, can we look at this from a “bigger picture” can we involve more hotels and grow more CPs? **More for this in future.**

AFA Developments:

- What to share with everyone?

Wounded Warriors:

- We have researched different sources and have some good info. Is someone interested in heading up this area for us?

AFA Vision Grants:

Our grants have been let. Remaining grants will be let in August to better align with school year and maximize funding effort. **We sponsored 25 classrooms this year for \$2,850.** We have these done so far.

PA	LOCID	POID	School	Chapter	# of Pprs
AFA18WK201008	656408	1	COOPER JUNIOR HIGH	AFA 416	540
AFA18WK201008	633075	1	GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	AFA 416	540
AFA18WK201008	817499	1	LEONARD HIGH SCHOOL	AFA 416	540
AFA18WK201008	857384	1	CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL	AFA 416	540

2011 AFA National Convention

This message is being sent on behalf of AFA Chairman Sandy Schlitt; also, please note on-line registration is now open at the following link.

<https://registration.afa.org/reg/reg1.aspx?event=conf2011®type=AFALeaderDelegate>

COME JOIN US

Where will you be on September 17th & 18th, 2011? I hope you will be with me at the Gaylord National Harbor Hotel & Conference Center, attending your Air Force Association's Annual Convention. You are the Field leaders to whom our members have entrusted the decision-making processes and operations of AFA. You are the Field leaders who over the past several years have spoken loudly and clearly about how you want AFA to be organized, how it should function and what direction(s) it should explore in the future. AFA and I have heard you—but your work is not finished. Your continued input is important, and because of that—your presence is very important.

Let's put it in another perspective: the Sunday before our convention, September 11, 2011, has dual significance—it's Patriot Day and Grandparent's Day. Patriot Day was set aside by Law in 2001 to honor those killed on September 11th, 2001. It reminds us all that what we espouse as an Association is vital to ensuring we never have to set aside another date as an additional "Patriot Day" because we have the will and the wherewithal to deter, or if necessary, dominate and defeat any enemy who would dare challenge our way of life. Now tie that to Grandparent's Day—we can give no greater gift to our grandchildren, present and future, than to intelligently and effectively do the work of our Association. We must leave them a free, strong nation where they can thrive and pursue their dreams peacefully. I trust you appreciate as I do the proximity—and implication—every year of these remembrances to our convention, and will join me in DC, not only for your convention, but also for the Air & Space Conference & Technology Exposition which follows immediately September 19th-21st.

Please recall that we chartered an ad hoc "convention review" committee that has been working to improve your experience and to consider changes, as appropriate. Many of you responded to their survey. That report will be presented shortly and we anticipate acting on its recommendations in time for the September convention. Additionally, Patricia is working with our staff to put together a superior "SPOUSE PROGRAM" during the convention to enhance the total experience for all; this information will be sent out by mid-June.

Come to DC; bring your local, state and regional Field teammates and members with you. Many of you will be recognized publicly there for your great work and leadership accomplishments. Come renew friendship bonds forged while doing your Association's work where the rubber meets the road—the Field—which is really what AFA has been, is, and always will be, about. Continue doing your part to further the mission of AFA because ---

"The Field is the Heart, Soul and Conscience of this Association," Jimmy Doolittle

Respectfully—

Sandy

TICKLER DATES FOR AFA EVENTS:

MEMBERSHIP LIST

- **Membership VP** to send updated membership list to Community Partner Vice President and President by the following dates:
 - April 5
 - July 5
 - Oct 5
 - Jan 5
- **Membership VP** to print and deliver mailing labels to President by the following dates:
 - April 10
 - July 10
 - Oct 10
 - Jan 10

COMMUNITY PARTER LIST

- **Community Partner VP** should work with **Membership VP** to finalize the CP list prior to submittal to the President for inclusion in the newsletter
- Final list to President by the following dates:
 - April 10
 - July 10
 - Oct 10
 - Jan 10

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

- **Veteran's Affairs VP** to send Newsletter story to the President by the following dates:
 - April 10
 - July 10
 - Oct 10
 - Jan 10

NEWSLETTER

- **President** to prepare/check for the following:
 - President's Letter
 - CP list
 - Veteran's Affairs article
 - Recap of last quarter events
 - Due to Proposal Services by the following dates:
 - April 12
 - July 12
 - Oct 12
 - Jan 12

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Treasurer** to send Treasurer's Report to President by the **5th of each month**

ENP

- **ENP Coordinator** to schedule ENP Speaker ASAP after the current year's ENP banquet
- **ENP Coordinator** to schedule ENP for the following year based upon the Speaker's schedule

GOLF THING

- Scheduled by Terry Thomas each year

CESSNA SANTA TRIP PLANNED

- **President** to coordinate with **Jim Henderson** on available dates for the Cessna Santa flights
 - **Jim** to schedule 3 flight days to allow for weather conditions
 - **President** (or designee) to set up delivery of donation checks with recipients
 - **Dennis Mathis** is an alternate pilot, but we will have to call the event something else since Dennis does not fly a Cessna