



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	8						
Abel	Alexis			Y									
Bailey	Tom		Y	Y		Y	Y						
Bryant	Tammy		Y	Y		Y	Y						
Bushnell	Mark		Y			Y	Y						
Clarke	Vance		Y	Y		Y	Y						
Krotky	Marsha		Y										
Mathis	Dennis		Y			Y							
Ratliff	Larry		Y			Y	Y						
Thomas	Terry			Y		Y							
Wilkins	Patti												
Williams	Ricky			Y		Y							
Wiser	Joe		Y	Y			Y						
Foye	Davis			Y									
Stafford (Guest)	Jessica					Y							

Call meeting to order: Opening comments from Chapter President

- Thanks to everyone for their efforts at the Veteran home 4 June! Great success.
- We need to be looking for a future VP as we look to elections and transitions this year.

Membership (Joe Wiser):

- Updates are now being processed by HQs and we are receiving rosters!
- We are expecting more updates regularly in the future months according to HQs

Treasurer's Report (Tammy Bryant for Vicki Neese):

- Budget: (Tammy)
 - Treasurers' Report -- Provided and accepted by those present.**
 - John Murray Scholarship Fund (MSF) (\$3,978)**
 - 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.
- Expecting this to be completed in June 2011.

Community Partners (Terry Thomas): Not present

- Tammy reported that we received Joe Gibson's CP payment

Veteran's Affairs (Larry Ratliff):

- 4 Jun 11 visit to Bonham Veteran's Home -- Report from Tom
 - 0930-1030, 1201 E 9th St., Bonham, TX 75418-4059
 - 10 Cadets attended along with Tom and Dennis. Also, recruiter
 - We gave out flags and AFA Magazines (save yours for future visits)
- The local Greenville recruiter, TSgt Hulen Watkins came along – thanks to him and all who serve. We had 10 Cadets attend from Tyler/Sulphur Springs area – thanks Capt Shanahan! Tom Bailey and Dennis Mathis led the charge for us – THANK YOU both!
- 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."*
- Larry is working on a future date(s) for us for planning purposes. We are looking for something in October and also in the May-June timeframe again.

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. *Any updates?*

Old Business:

ENP Update (Marsha Krotky):

- Marsha is working on a process notebook and could use some volunteers for next year's ENP.
- Would like to work to set some dates, etc. and build upon all the hard work this year.

Phase II of the Farmersville ISD Science Project Lot: (Larry Ratliff): Need more info and way ahead.

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

New Business:

- **Golf Thing:** Tentative Date – **24 Sep 11**. Terry and Vance are working on details and info to pass out soon. Sure this will be another success for the team and a great outing! Set aside the date and start looking for more folks to assist, help, and for donors for signs, etc. Terry will get info out to all soon.
- **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 presented on 24 May 2011.
 - An informal award dinner was held at Schumardii's in Greenville, TX on 24 May 11
 - Gave \$250 Check, Cloth Tote Bag-AFA Chapter 416 TOTY, and Certificate
 - Presented to Crystal Dodson, elementary science teacher from Griffis Elementary in Caddo Mills, TX.
 - Full article and photos in our next newsletter. Be sure to check it out!
 - Thanks to all who attended.

Election Efforts:

- We will need to start prepping and working election efforts in August.
- Please be thinking about what you are willing to do and who you think we want in many of our key positions. We are always looking for new folks to step up and assist in new ways.

Future Interactive Efforts:

- There are many facets and opinions about social networks. Would like to find someone interested/knowledgeable about these areas – Face book, Internet, etc.
- Would like to get some inputs/ideas on how we can use these to our benefit and improve information we get to our complete membership

Web Page Efforts:

- Mark Bushnell and Vance are working on the web page. Goal is to have our agenda's and minutes posted along with photos of events, etc. Believe our Web Page should be a place where our membership (and prospective membership) and our Community Partners are going to show off and try to recruit for us and our Air Force.
- Expect to make headway and to be able to provide information to our membership on why they should go to the page in the next newsletter.

Charitable Missions/Efforts:

- Require all to look at what we have been doing in the community and what you think we should be doing. Will begin to develop our way ahead for next year and how we can best meet mission and use our budget to do it.

Day and Evening Meetings:

- Want to consider and get some feedback on the idea of doing more evening meetings (50%? 40%) to garner more participation and to increase the amount of time we have to "work issues". Want to consider every other month, and even the possibility of doing something at a restaurant, or some other venue to support Community Partners, etc.
- Request you think about and provide inputs or suggestions on what you would like to see.

v/r

Vance Clarke

VP Chap 416

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