



AFA Chapter 416 – Northeast Texas

Meeting Minutes: 14 March 2012 // 11:30 // McCullough Rec Center @ L-3

Call meeting to order: Opening comments from Chapter President

- Vance Clarke opened and thanked all for attending.
- Thanks was given for the AFA banquet work
- Minutes from previous meeting were accepted

Treasurer's Report (Vance in Tammy's absence):

- **Treasurers' Report – Approved**
 - Vance stated that the organization continues to look for improvements to the Treasurer's report format, etc.
 - Ted Oates had a few basic questions regarding the report

ADVOCATE

AFA Banquet (Vance):

- Vance will send essay scholarship items out and has posted photos on AF Facebook and AFA.org page
- Vance will also contact Greenville, Paris and other papers deemed relevant to publicize banquet
- Tom Bailey suggested that an article on the banquet be sent to the Air Force Magazine
- Vance mentioned that even though the banquet was executed very well, there were some miscommunications with the TAMU staff on the amount of food and the table setups
 - There was food for 100 people – 60 to 65 was the plan – we had 61 actual attendees
 - The setup and number of tables was initially a problem
 - The seating arrangements were strategically setup to pair up certain individuals and maximize the recognition of the essay winners
- In the future, we would like to communicate better with the TAMU planners.
- We also want to designate at least (2) photographers in advance for the banquet
- Vance was very pleased with the attendance of the 645 AESS blue suitors

- The Commander worked hard in recruiting attendees and the result was (4) military with their spouses for a total of (8). Far more than in past years ...
- Tom Bailey suggested that there should be more pre-planning on events like the banquet.
 - Vance stated that quite a bit of pre-planning was actually done
 - Chuck Meador mentioned that perhaps the event scripting could be reviewed and prepped a little earlier
- Tom Bailey was very positive in pointing out that the banquet was the best recognition dinner he had seen in a long time

Golf Thing (Terry Thomas):

- Terry is working on a date for the tournament – has meeting with Oak Creek Country Club board tonight that is needed to solidify plans
- Terry wants to change the location of the tournament
- He wants better service, especially with regards to golf carts
- If OCCC deal materializes, Terry will check with Hartline’s for needed rentals
 - Ted Oates will check with Sand Hills CC on carts, also
- Vance mentioned that an AF coin is being looked at that would be handed out at the tournament with the year on it
- L-3 is contributing \$3000 to event
- Silent Auction:
 - Vance has received a Maverick’s basketball with player signatures on it
 - Ted Oates suggested we check with Williams Sporting Goods in Paris for some deals on golf equipment for the auction

July State Meeting (Vance):

- Scheduled for 19th through 22nd of July
- Vance stated the need to setup a responsibility matrix to assign a division of labor – especially for the big events
- Vance will send out emails looking for volunteers
- Attempting to get Representative Henserling for Saturday
- Working with Col. Eckberg and Greg Baker to help with lunches and facility tours during the week
- Making preparations for lodging at The Best Western
- Approximately 50 people
- Do we need vans?
- Where do we have dinners?
 - Baker’s Ribs
 - Webb Hill
 - Landon’s Winery – City Bistro

Special Event (Vance):

- Vance reminded us that Chief Gaylor will be visiting again on May 17-18, 2012
- Need to setup dinner for event – more to come soon.

Membership (Joe Wiser):

- Joe stated that there are currently (416) members in the chapter and the number is growing
- The redistricting of the state chapters should bring in new territory to our chapter and therefore the opportunity for more members

Newsletter (Vance):

- Vance suggested to Ted Oates that we should start installing a veterans page in the Newsletter – Ted agreed

Web Page Efforts (Vance):

- Vance is working with Mark Bushnell to upgrade
- Talking to other chapters about software - want to wean off L-3 network

EDUCATE

ENP Scholarships (Vance):

- There was a discussion about the essay winning chapter at the state level – same chapter for 3rd year
- The number of schools that we contact should be expanded
- The information distribution process is being reworked
- Ted Oates stated that the Commerce school district wasn't aware of the scholarships
- Tom Bailey mentioned that we need relevant POCs for each school
- Ted Oates suggested that the school counselors should be the POCs
- Need to improve and expand process for getting award recommendations

Education Missions/Efforts (Marsha Krotky): - NTR

SUPPORT

CAP Requests (Chuck Meador) – NTR

Community Partners: (Terry Thomas):

- CP list updated through February
- There are now (37) total
- There are (8) in work – (4) renewed – (3) new members
 - Gentle Dental
 - Atlas Global Systems
 - Baker's Ribs

Veteran's Affairs: (Larry Ratliff):

- VA (Ted Oates – Hunt County VSO) announced that they were attempting to streamline the claims process
 - Ted will be at a conference in May (Corpus Christi) that will highlight more details of the streamlining plan
 - The goal is to now process in 3 months what was averaging 6 months to a year before
- Larry Ratliff mentioned that Tamara Munson will coordinate the Bonham VA hospital visit.
 - 5 May is our next scheduled visit.
 - Let's make sure to all start advertising this event.

AFROTC (Vance):

- The Marshall unit is having its banquet the 30th of March
 - Vance plans to go, but may need a surrogate if he has to honor another commitment
 - Vance will generate an email with information on the event

Airpower Advocate: - NTR

Future Interactive Efforts: - NTR

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

If you have questions or concerns, please contact

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2012 Meeting Attendance

Last Name	First Name	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Date of Meeting		11	8	14									
Abel	Alexis												
Bailey	Tom		Y	y									
Bryant	Tammy	Y	Y										
Bushnell	Mark			Y									
Carter	Jim			Y									
Clarke	Vance	Y	Y	Y									
Davis	Foye												
Henderson	Jim												
Johnson	Trey	Y	Y	Y									
Krotky	Marsha												
Mathis	Dennis	Y											
Meador	Chuck	Y	Y	Y									
Oates	Ted			Y									
Ratliff	Larry	Y		Y									
Thomas	Terry	Y	Y	Y									
Williams	Ricky	Y		Y									
Wiser	Joe		Y	Y									
Snarr	David TSgt	Y											