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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER 416 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL DAY

"THE PATRIOT'S BLOOD IS
THE SEED OF FREEDOM'S TREE"

~THOMAS CAMPBELL

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2013 CALENDAR

MAY	4: Bonham Veterans Visit 8: Chapter Meeting	<p>See our web page for the latest info</p> <p>www.netxafa.org</p>
JUNE	12: Chapter Meeting	
JULY	10: Chapter Meeting	
AUGUST	2: TX State - Wichita Falls 7: Chapter Meeting	
SEPTEMBER	11: Chapter Meeting 13-16: AFA National Convention 21: "Golf Thing/Auction"	
OCTOBER	9: Chapter Meeting 18-19: TX State Meeting	
NOVEMBER	2: Bonham Vets Visit 12-15: (Tent) TAMU Vets Vigil 13: Chapter Meeting	
DECEMBER	11: Chapter Meeting	

2014 CALENDAR

JANUARY	8: Chapter Meeting
FEBRUARY	12: Chapter Meeting
MARCH	12: Chapter Meeting
APRIL	TBD: "Spring Thing" Banquet 9: Chapter Meeting
* Meeting schedules are on our web site at www.netxafa.org -- please look there	



GOLF THING

TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013



TOURNAMENT



AFA Invitational
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Outstanding Event: We have been blessed ... what a great event we had on April 6, 2013! Kudos to our entire team, especially Marsha Krotky and Chuck Meador for all the behind the scenes work to make it a success. Also, thanks to SMSgt Hamilton for emceeing, Joe Gauthier, Trey Johnson, Tom Bailey, Larry Ratliff, and all the others who pitched in to make it a success. And huge kudos to our #3 choice (just kidding), Timm Dickens, for his awesome comments – we were blessed to have him attend! Special thanks to our Teachers of the Year, scholarship winners and our CAP folks for their outstanding efforts. We are proud of the accomplishments and overjoyed at being able to celebrate and recognize them! Marcy, good luck at state on TOY!

Leadership: We have a great team but know that as the year goes on, we need to identify new leaders to step into critical chapter roles. We will need to seriously look at the offices of President, Vice President, and more. Please, see if you can help us find volunteers who are interested in helping, leading, and making a difference. We know we have a strong chapter and strong members. We look forward to role changes and continued success!

Veteran Visit: Mark your calendar! Come visit our veteran's at the Bonham Veteran's Community Center on **May 4, 2013**. We would love to help you share with those who volunteered to defend our nation and keep us safe. We need at least 10 people to make it a great visit. Invite your Sunday School Class, your co-workers, your teachers/students, and anyone else you can think of. We would love to help you organize a trip with us.

Community Partners: We couldn't be prouder of the 40+ of you who have been long standing as well as new partners this past year. We are stronger because of you and looking to better recognize our efforts. We want to build some improved ad exposure, better highlighting via e-mail, and on our web page. We are limited in our ability and need your help, ideas, and more to make this a reality. Please, CPs, contact me so we can help make you an even stronger partner! (President@netxafa.org)


Joe Foss Institute: AFA members and veteran's reading this. I hope you will consider helping out and looking into opportunities with www.joefossinstitute.org. The programs are simple to do and easy to step up too. Believe that our commonality of "veteran's" is what can make our programs and the JFI programs both successful!

AFA Awards: Our team is highly respected and we have entered our nominations in for the upcoming 2013 awards. Several of ours will take until September to find out the results as we have several people eligible for national AFA awards. Be looking for results in the future!

Big Plans—Golf Thing, September 21, 2013: AFA Team, we need your help, can you all plan to come out and help, come out and play, or just help donate or find sponsors to help out. We can use as much little or big help as you can provide.

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“SPRING THING” BANQUET

Spring Thing Banquet:

What a great time had by all! For those who missed it, we are sorry. For those who attended, I hope you will share how proud you were of our team and the tremendous people we recognized. From the opening with the 450 Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron posting of the colors, to the presentation of certificates, flags, and a tremendous guest speaker, and the outstanding fellowship, it was a great evening for the 60-plus in attendance.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Timm Dickens, Marcy Whited and Vance Clarke

Special thanks to CMSgt(Ret) Timmothy Dickens from San Antonio, Texas. Timm is a past Air Force Chief who retired from the Inventory Management Career Field, as well as serving as Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Defense Intelligence Service Agency (DISA), after three other stints as a Command Chief at Elmendorf AFB, Randolph AFB, and 19th Air Force. Timm is CEO of his own company, Dickens Consulting. His words about motivation, commitment versus compliance and about serving were all on target and well received.

WE WERE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE SO MANY OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS THIS YEAR.

Cadet of the Year, 1Lt Cadet Patrick Pearce

He graduated this past year from the powered flight academy as the top student pilot. He was also selected by his peers to be the group-two representative to the Texas wing cadet advisory council for over 250 cadets. Finally, as a sophomore and junior in high school he has completed over 20-hours of college level courses and is in the top ten in his class.

Teachers of the Year: Mrs. Christine Che' Corbin

From Celeste Jr High, our first teacher of the year, an exceptional and dedicated science teacher who has impacted both junior high and high school students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs throughout the year, and has made an impact in her first year as an educator! She graduated from North Central Texas College in 2009, and in 2012 from Texas Woman's University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Education. In August 2012, she began teaching at Celeste Junior High. She took on the Celeste Robotics team with grace and style and came away with the "Best T-Shirt Design" award! She may be a first-year teacher, but when you enter her classroom, you would never know that! With knowledge beyond her years in both STEM and other pertinent activities she has the respect of her students and fellow teachers alike.

Teachers of the Year: Mrs. Marcy Whited

From Farmersville Intermediate School, our second teacher of the year graduated from the University of Texas in 1984 with a degree in Marketing, and has been teaching in Texas for the past 13 years. She was the Air Force Association, Chapter 416 Teacher of the Year in 2012 and now, again in 2013. She has been awarded the Induction Academy Service Award (2005), KLAKE Teacher of the Month, Farmersville Community Activist of the Year (2009), and Farmersville Teacher of the Year (2009-2010). Mrs. Whited volunteers as a judge for the Jr. High Science Fair, works with the K-Kids (Kiwanis), and is active in the Drug Free program in Greenville and Farmersville. She manages, and leads the following four clubs: Master Meteorologist Club, the Amphibian Watch Club, the Physics Fair, and the Rocket Club. She

"SPRING THING" BANQUET

has worked with a team to plan and implement a new science program improving science TAKS scores which contributed to Farmersville Intermediate School being rated "Exemplary" for 2012. Every day she is directly involved in making her school and her students the best that they can be. Marcy has been nominated to the AFA Texas State Teacher of the Year competition as well.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Timm Dickens, 1Lt Patrick Pearce, Smantha Weeks, Marcy Whited, Che' Corbin, Zachary Nash, Jaci Ledkins, Lt Col Eckberg, and Vance Clarke

historian, and enjoys nothing more than a well-written story. Her future plans are to attend The Honors College at Texas A&M University-Commerce, majoring in English

3rd Place: Zachary Nash

A senior from Paris High School and the son of Keith Nash and Joanna Parsons, he is actively involved in Band, National Honor Society, UIL Academics,

and other activities. Zach's future plans are to attend the University of Texas, majoring in History.

Again, Chapter 416 put on a great celebration recognizing the hard work of many. A tremendous thank you goes out to Marsha Krotky and Chuck Meador for pulling together the big parts of this year's program.

We are grateful for the help of SMSgt Greg Hamilton as our Emcee. We are also so pleased to have had Lt Col Eckberg, 645 AESS/CC, and his wife Mary in attendance, along with several members of the squadron. Their attendance this year topped all previous attendance as remembered by chapter members and is greatly appreciated.

We were also pleased to have Mr. Greg Baker and his wife Joni, representing our L-3 Mission Integration Division, Community Partner, of whom we are very grateful to for their support.

Thanks to all who attended, and all who made this event possible!

Our Earle North Parker, Essay Contest Winners:

Each wrote an essay on Remotely Piloted Vehicles; A National Security Role of Importance. Each of our winners received a Certificate and Flag flown over the capital, courtesy of Congressman Ralph Hall, a congratulations letter from Governor Rick Perry, and a scholarship check for either \$1000, \$750, or \$500.

1st Place: Jaci Ledkins

A senior at Hawkins High School and is the daughter of Susan and David Ledkins. She is involved in Athletics,



Jaci Ledkins

Journalism (serving as editor of yearbook), Student Council (serving as Historian), Beta Club, Class Officer, elected Homecoming Queen, and is currently ranked #2 in her class. She is a member of Holly Brook Baptist Church where she is actively involved in youth and missions. Her future plans are to attend Panola Junior College to play volleyball, and later transfer to TWU to complete her studies toward

becoming a physical therapist.

2nd Place: Samantha Weeks

A senior at Celina High School, where she is heavily involved in the school's band program as the current

*See more banquet photos
on our website:*

www.netxafa.org

ACTION & INFO

“Member Actions Required!”

Update Your National Membership Information

AFA Chapter 416 Team; we need your help. In order to best serve you we are using information you provide as well as the national roster to get information to you. We have increased capability of our web page and e-mail capabilities to more easily and timely get information to you. Of our 440+ members, only 253 of you have listed e-mails. If you will please update this or, if you prefer to leave the national list blank, subscribe to mailings on our web page at www.netxafo.org. Doing this will reduce our costs and enable us to e-mail newsletters to all who have an address. If you definitely desire a hard copy mailed to you each quarter, let us know! PO Box 8633, Greenville TX 75404-8633 or e-mail at President@netxafo.org.

Community Partners Action Required!

Send in your artwork/ads – we will get them visibility!

Community Partners, we are working hard to build a Northeast Texas Community Partner Guide to better let our members and others know who you are and how much support you truly provide to our success. If you will e-mail in your ads, suggested words, any artwork you desire, or if you will contact Vance Clarke, President@netxafo.org / 903-274-9981, or Terry Thomas, 903-450-5780, we can help get your info, etc. We are working the web page (see sample showing Eyecare and Laser Management) and want to get a picture of you and your team for it with our banner. We hope we can work to do this over the coming months and get this guide together. We will use it to send out to members and others showing your involvement and support. Thank you for standing with us in our local efforts and those that continue to Educate, Advocate and Support!

Info for Veteran's: DD214 on-line

Please Note the Current Information Regarding DD-214. It's official; DD-214's are NOW On-line. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's on-line:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the on-line web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center mail room and processing time. Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

Get Involved in Your Town:

Looking to expand in your area!

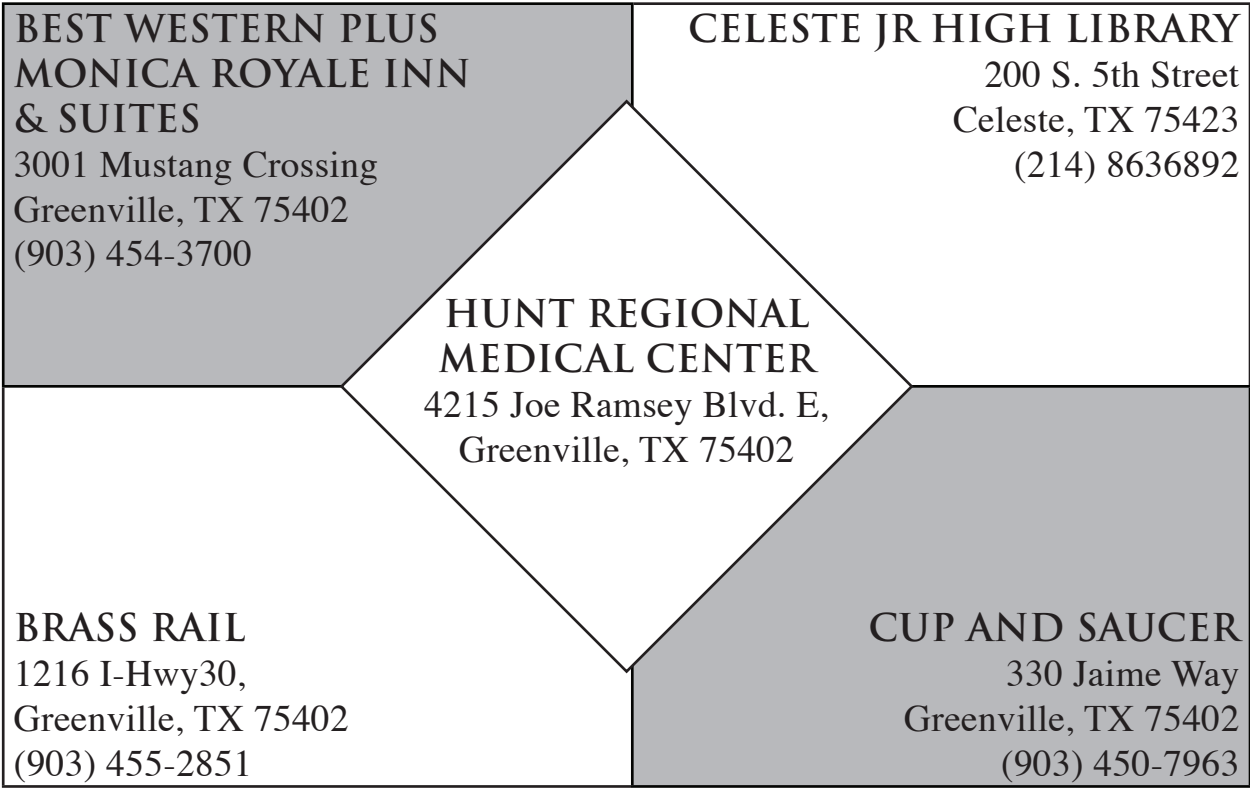
I, Vance Clarke, current President of NE TX AFA Chapter 416, am asking for your help. I would welcome a visit to your town in the next six months. Tyler, Athens, Paris, Rockwall, Longview, to name a few ... all have members I could visit. I would love to see if 2-3 of you would like to meet and discuss any opportunity you feel AFA has in your town. Let's make this personal. We only need to do a little to make a big difference—what can we do in your town? Contact me at 903-274-9981 or at President@netxafo.org.

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WELCOME AND THANKS COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



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