



THE NORTHEAST FLYER

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER 416 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER 416 SUPPORTS NUMEROUS PROGRAMS AND WAS PLEASED TO HAVE TWO ROBOTICS TEAMS COME OUT TO SUPPORT AND RAISE MONEY DURING OUR RECENT "GOLF THING". THE ROCKWALL AND CUMBY ROBOTICS TEAMS CAME OUT. (READ MORE INSIDE).



PICTURED HERE ARE STUDENT JESSICA MCQUINN, TEACHER LEE GIFFORD, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JENNIFER DRACOS, AND STUDENTS JORDAN PATTERSON, HANNAH JARVIS, AND JESSLIN BOND. WE ARE SO PLEASED TO HAVE THEIR SUPPORT AND TO BE AIDING IN SUPPORTING THEIR PROGRAMS. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED OUR "GOLF THING" AS A SPONSOR, PLAYER, AND VOLUNTEER!

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CALENDAR

OCT. 2015	3	State Meeting Del Rio	14	Chapter Meeting		
NOV. 2015	7	Bonham Vet's Visit				
DEC. 2015	9	Chapter Meeting				
JAN. 2016	13	Chapter Meeting	29	Teacher of the Year Suspense to State		
FEB. 2016	6	Bonham Vet's Visit	10	Chapter Meeting	27	Spring Thing Banquet
MAR. 2016	9	Chapter Meeting				
APR. 2016	13	Chapter Meeting				
MAY. 2016	TBD	Bonham Vet's Visit				
JUN. 2016	8	Chapter Meeting				
JUL. 2016	TBD	State Meeting				
AUG. 2016	10	Chapter Meeting				
SEP. 2016	9-11	AFA National Conference	14	Chapter Meeting	TBD	Golf Thing

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AFA License Plates

Bonham Veterans Center



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PRESIDENT'S Ponderings



As most of you know, the Air Force Association is a very strong supporter of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs in our schools.

In doing so, we firmly believe we are contributing to a brighter future for this country. Recently, myself and others in the organization have come to believe there is another area of education which may be as much or actually more important than STEM.

Did you know that there are approximately 51 million eligible American voters that are not registered to vote? Of those registered to vote, only 58.2% voted in the last Presidential election in 2012. That means approximately 93 million eligible voters didn't vote.

There are a number of various reasons why people don't vote, but the way citizens are educated has a very strong effect.

We're not talking necessarily about just college education, either. Personally, the civics, government and history classes I took before college has a profound effect on my world view, which in turn affected my desire to vote.

One thing is for sure; if we don't vote there's a pretty good chance nothing is going to change. A lot of folks think their vote doesn't matter. I have to believe that if 93 million voters went to the polls that there would be plenty of change.

I do believe that many public schools and colleges have changed the way they teach the social studies courses, if they really teach them at all.

Young people that AFA supports in organizations such as ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings almost always have a positive understanding of our history and government and have a strong sense of patriotism. These students are unfortunately a small minority and not in the target audience that is being referenced here.

Youth Leader Conferences and Boys and Girls State programs reach students that

are being groomed for top leadership, but the general population requires greater focus on how our government and economy work together and what function the citizens are expected to serve.

All you have to do is watch a segment of Watters World on Fox News where young people are interviewed to understand some of the challenges we face. AFA needs to partner with organizations like MOWW (Military Order of the World Wars) and all public and private schools to emphasize and encourage stronger education in civics and government and the importance of each individual's participation in these processes.

If we don't support stronger education in these disciplines, not enough future citizens will understand the uniqueness and great significance of maintaining the United States as the beacon of world leadership.

We Americans are not victims of living in the United States, we are the blessed beneficiaries of the greatest country in the history of the world.

In closing, I will be handing the Chapter presidency over to Vance Clarke in October of this year.

Vance is an inspiring leader whose dedication to service is unmatched. I have been proud to serve with and for some great Americans in my tenure, and I will continue to serve the chapter in other capacities.

Please give Vance Clarke your wholehearted support as the next president of Chapter 416!



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Trey Johnson
President, AFA Chapter 416

CHAPTER 416 ANNUAL GOLF THING

The Air Force Association Chapter 416 held it's annual "Golf Thing" tournament on 26 September 2015. This was the 25th anniversary of the tournament and it rang true with the same tremendous support.

The Lt Col John Murray Family (daughter Nancy Murray and her husband Jim Feuille of San Francisco, CA) and Dr. Jerry Ransom of Greenville, TX, were co-double-Platinum sponsors of the tournament with donations of \$5000 each! Both have been long-time supporters of the local chapter and The chapters educate, advocate and support initiatives.

There were two Platinum sponsors (\$1000 donation); Innovation First and Charles and Sharon Helm along with one Gold sponsor (\$500 donation); David Bristol/Joey Thomas of Employee Solutions. Along with these we had over twelve \$100 hole sponsors, with some of them being longtime supporters nearly every year since the inception of the fundraiser tournament.

A big thank you to all those who sponsor at every level to ensure we are able to support the scholarships, STEM, and other activities we sponsor throughout the year. We were also very proud to have

had a car made available from Bob Tedford Chevrolet, Farmersville, as a hole-in-one prize. We were pleased to have Robbie Tedford and John Foote

Jessica McGuinn, Jordan Patterson, Hannah Jarvis, and Jesslin Bond, promoting support for their program. The team took the time to come out so

they can better their efforts for their school and program. Also joining us at the Oak Creek Country Club were the Rockwall Hawks Robotics team. Teacher Leslie Reese, along with Ryan Bass, Jacky Cardenas, Kirby Wilson, Noah Salucci, Sean Gibson, Stuart Potter and Dalton Reese. Both teams worked the hole challenge with the donations being matched by the chapter and resulted in over a \$1000 donation to each program.

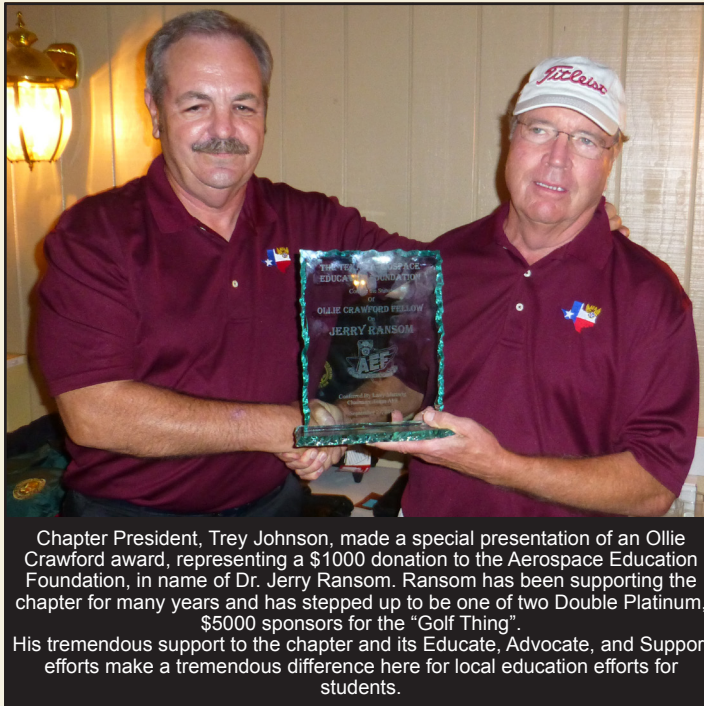
For the last few years, the children of Greenville Christian School, 6th grade, have helped stuff our "Golf Thing Goody Bags". We are so thankful to them and

their service and that of past Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Simpson. If we can only mimic their role model of service!

I hope many of you will find ways to assist in the future in some capacity for one day a year.

It is so rewarding to have all who come out each year; our volunteers, the players, and all those who help make this happen –

Our Chapter members!



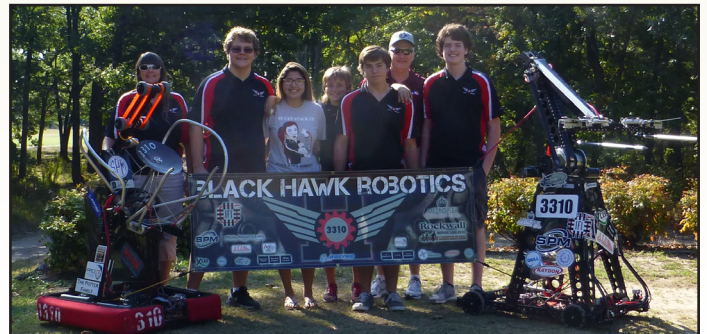
Chapter President, Trey Johnson, made a special presentation of an Ollie Crawford award, representing a \$1000 donation to the Aerospace Education Foundation, in name of Dr. Jerry Ransom. Ransom has been supporting the chapter for many years and has stepped up to be one of two Double Platinum, \$5000 sponsors for the "Golf Thing". His tremendous support to the chapter and its Educate, Advocate, and Support efforts make a tremendous difference here for local education efforts for students.

in attendance and participating in our event. This was a first for us and we are so pleased to have such generous sponsors and we look forward to a long relationship and continued support.

Working the tournament on our "Gunnery Holes" supporting local robotics programs were two school organizations. At Wright Park were the Cumby High School Robotics team, elementary principal Jennifer Dracos, teacher Lee Gifford, students



Goody bags being stuffed by Greenville Elementary students.



Rockwall High School Robotics Team at the Gunnery Hole at Oak Creek Country Club, Greenville.

CHAPTER 416 ANNUAL GOLF THING CONTD.

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our annual “ Golf Thing “ I must reflect on a handful of Sponsors/Contributors who I never have to ask for help . They realize that this is our only fund raising activity of the year and it’s critical that we meet certain goals to be able to move forward in the following year to execute the many tasking’s we help with throughout the Community and Northeast Texas.

I don’t want to leave anyone out because there are many who do different things in support of the Tournament. But these certain businesses and Individuals really step up and help make this a success year after year. Many of these are Community Partners who have steadfastly supported us for many years; they know their hard earned

money will be carefully used where we think it will do the most good. Just renewing their Community Partnership is not enough! They donate Door Prizes, Hole Sponsorships and great Items in our Live Auction, all of which help tremendously!

I and all the folks in the Chapter would love for other Community Partners to come forward prior to the Tournament and allow us to expose their businesses even more! Remember, we will be doing this again next September! One thing we have found most successful for us and the Business is to Sponsor a Hole at one or both of the Golf Courses. Hole Sponsorships are only \$100 , but for \$150 you can become a Community Partner as well! And if the business does not have a sign we will create one for them. What better exposure can we

provide and always keep in mind it’s Tax Deductible.

Wayne Sickels my right hand in this Event is able to collect a minimum of nine (9) Hole Sponsors each and every year on his own, it makes such a big difference in the overall outcome of the Tournament.

If we could get one half of our Community Partners to sign up each year it would be absolutely my greatest dream. So next year when you see the 26th Annual “ Golf Thing “ being advertised please consider adding your Business to our Hole Sponsor list – it would be so much appreciated!

Many Thanks!
Terry Thomas
Golf Thing Tournament Chairman



Gary Jones, Pat Robinson, Glen Smithey, Tony Brooks, Becky Lindsey, Bobby Bigby and Robert Thomas standing in front of key sponsor signs and the Hole-In-one for a car sponsored by Bob Tedford Chevrolet in Farmersville!



Terry Hovorka, TSgt. Antonio Contreras, Don Earlywine, John Riley, Rich Holsinger and Ron Fossier



Auction set up by Chapter members; Secretary, MSgt Cheyenne Bode, VP Education, LtCol(ret) Marsha Krotky, and VP, MSgt Ryan Wiebbecke.



Sharon Helm, Charles Helm, Todd Senick, Kenny LaForce, Chad Mullins, Scott Tubb

AFA NATIONAL

Again this year, Chapter President, Trey Johnson and VP Communications, Vance Clarke, were able to attend the AFA National Convention 12-13 Sep 2015. Participating as members of the Texas State Caucus, voting, and voicing opinion, as well as participating in training sessions, the national convention continues to be something of great value.

Johnson received the coveted Community Partner (CP) Gold Award for the chapter on behalf of VP CP, Terry Thomas. This is the 5th year in a row that the Chapter, under Thomas's leadership has received the coveted award.

Also of note, Clarke received, along with Thomas, Exceptional Service Awards for their dedication to AFA and their local chapters and states.

Clarke currently serves as the 416 VP Communications and will become Chapter President

on 1 Oct 2015, along with also serving in AFA Texas positions of VP Scholastic Awards and VP North covering the 5 chapters in North Texas.

Thomas is also the State VP CPS for AFA Texas. Trey Johnson stated, "Both are true servant leaders and these awards are very justified and only small tokens for the hard work the two put in our chapter and state!"

Clarke worked with AFA National and other AFA members at the Credentials table. This was a first for the chapter and was an honor for our team to be able to contribute to the efforts and results of this convention

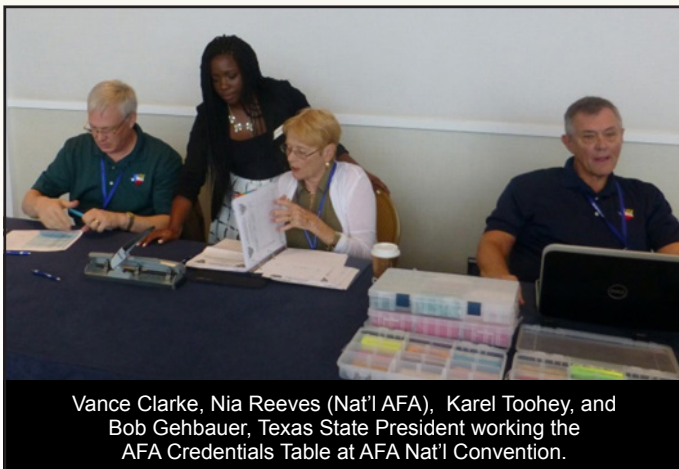
It was a worthwhile event and we look forward to future participation. Thanks to all who make it possible.



Scott VanCleaf, Chairman of the Board, Trey Johnson and Dave Deitsch, VP, Chairman of Field Operations with Johnson receiving the Chapter CP Gold Award.



Paul Weseloh, Alamo Chapter, and Vance Clarke, Chapter 416 at AFA Nat'l.



Vance Clarke, Nia Reeves (Nat'l AFA), Karel Toohey, and Bob Gehbauer, Texas State President working the AFA Credentials Table at AFA Nat'l Convention.



Trey Johnson participating in Nat'l Convention events

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