



THE NORTHEAST FLYER

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER 416 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION



ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL, CYBERPATRIOT (CP) COACH BRUCE CHARBONNEAU SPORTS THE TWO COACH SHIRTS OUR CHAPTER HAS PROVIDED HIM IN THE LAST TWO CP COMPETITIONS. HE IS COACHING FOUR TEAMS AND IS DOING WELL TO KEEP THEM HIGHLY TRAINED, ENTERTAINED, AND DOING WELL IN LOCAL COMPETITIONS. "WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT IN TWO YEARS OF COMPETITION!" SAYS CHARBONNEAU. "OUR TEAMS ARE BECOMING MORE COMPETITIVE AND ARE WELL VERSED IN THE PROCESS." AS A CHAPTER, WE HAVE SPONSORED THE ENTRY FEES AND ONE LUNCH FEAST DURING THE 1ST COMPETITIVE SESSION.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO MONITOR PROGRESS AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO COMPETITION FOR THE TEAMS. THE TEAM NUMBERS ARE #0198, #1433, #1434, AND #1445. YOU CAN CHECK COMPETITION SCHEDULES AND SCORES BY GOING TO WWW.USCYBERPATRIOT.ORG. GO TO COMPETITION AND YOU CAN SEE HOW OUR TEAMS ARE DOING. THANKS TO BRUCE AND JEAN LASWELL OF THE ROCKWALL ISD FOR THEIR INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM, INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS OF THE STUDENTS, AND IN BEING A PART OF OUR AFA EFFORT TO EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, AND SUPPORT FOR OUR GREAT AIR FORCE.

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CALENDAR

JAN. 2016	13	Chapter Meeting	29	Teacher of the Year Suspense to State
FEB. 2016	9	Chapter Meeting	27	Spring Thing Banquet
MAR. 2016				
APR. 2016	13	Chapter Meeting		
MAY. 2016	7	Bonham Vet's Visit		
JUN. 2016	8	Chapter Meeting		
JUL. 2016				
AUG. 2016	10	Chapter Meeting		
SEP. 2016	16-19	AFA Nat'l Convention	TBD	Golf Thing
OCT. 2016	12	Chapter Meeting		
NOV. 2016	5	Bonham Vet's Visit	7-11	TAMU Vets Vigil
			10	TAMU Vets Ball
DEC. 2016	9-11	AFA National	14	Chapter Meeting

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Nov. 2015

AFA License Plates

**Spring
Thing
Banquet**

27 Feb 2016

Come out and support our CAP, Teachers of the Year, and Scholarship winners. Stay tuned for who our guest speaker and other featured fun. Event will be at Texas A&M Commerce in the Sam Rayburn Center. We will get ticket prices and payment methods out to you in early Jan 2016!

These special plates cost \$30 over the cost of the regular plates; \$8 of this goes to the State of Texas and the remaining \$22 goes into escrow for AFA to draw on. You do not need to wait for your plates to expire, you can order these anytime. Supporting this program will benefit AFA Scholarships in Texas.

How do you get yours?

1. Go to <http://www.txdmv.gov/index.htm>
2. Click on Order Specialty Plates under [Motorists] column
3. Click on Specialty License Plates
4. Click on Organizations
5. Click on Air Force Association and follow the prompts
6. TxDMV will send the plates to your County Tax Office for pickup

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PRESIDENT'S



PONDERINGS

With every ending comes a new beginning, and so with the end of 2015. We look back and forward at the same time. We look to 2016 to see what it will bring, and in some cases, we look at 2015 and hope the New Year will bring more or something different than the past has.

In 2015 we attended the National Convention and received accolades for our tremendous Community Partner support thanks to the phenomenal efforts of Terry Thomas our VP Community Partners! Our President, Trey Johnson, and now Treasurer, received the award on our behalf. Thomas also received another Exceptional Service Award for his long standing support to AFA. We used the funds raised and the donations we received to send Civil Air Patrol cadets to pilot training, boot camp, and other local events. We provided over \$2,500 in scholarships to help students toward higher education. Donations to the USO, food banks and other local charities were used to strengthen our local communities and provided help to those in need. We supported rocket launches, essay contests, flag purchases, robotics teams, and much more. What a tremendous year!

I want to especially thank Trey Johnson. He was selected as one of three volunteers of the year by L-3 Mission Integration Division where over 6,000 people work. Much of his recognition was for his leading and ensuring success of our AFA Chapter and its strong interaction in Hunt County and our region. Thanks Trey! Your selfless dedication and patriotism are second to none.

I also want to thank the other officers who aided in ensuring success for our

chapter in 2015. MSgt Ryan Wiebbecke, TSgt Tyler Reed, and MSgt Cheyenne Bode! Having you men in uniform serving with us and alongside us was very meaningful. Thank you for your efforts and steadfastness.

There are many others behind the scenes who make things happen. Their popping in and out at just the right times is greatly appreciated. And of course, we could not do any of it without our strong Community Partners and those who donate so generously to make our programs have the punch needed.

2016 is wide open with opportunity. Our team is working hard to plan on what we can support. We have many of the same goals in mind and regular programs we support. We are branching out with new support to the Civil Air Patrol and their Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) program. We are looking to make 2016 equally as successful as this past year.

Membership is the key to our 2016 national and local success. We need you and more to stay and become members. Don't worry, you don't have to sign up to do any heavy lifting, just "sign up" and let us do the work. Truly, you can become a member at www.afa.org and it only costs \$30-\$45 a year or get a good deal at \$110 for three-years. We want to know you support our defense and Air Force and that we can count on you as a member. We can ensure your donations and more get to the right places. Join up!

Thanks to all for a great 2015 ... may we look forward to God blessing those who watch over our nation and to guiding us to success in 2016!



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C-130 LOSS TOUCHES HOME

On 1 Oct 2015 a C-130 was lost in Kabul, Afghanistan. So far away, yet it touched a friend to AFA Chapter 416. Adam Davies, an Engineer at L-3 MID, was notified late on the 1st of October that his brother-in-law's brother was killed in the crash of the US Aircraft. A sad day for all, both near and far for the loss of the entire crew and especially Capt JJ Golden, the mentioned relative. The aircraft was assigned to Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX.

We reached out to the Abilene AFA Chapter and asked if there was anything we could do? The Abilene Chapter taking lead from the Abilene Chamber of Commerce were all working with the base to ensure they could host all the family members of the fallen and take care of their needs while they attended ceremonies for their warriors. We were able to provide a donation to aid in that care. After the event, I was able to talk to Davies and ask his impressions.

He was awestruck at how even the smallest of details were taken care of for the families. He was impressed with how the Air Force took care of



Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force

its people and its families. He was thankful and so proud of the service he heard of and how the men and women of Dyess AFB took time to ensure their questions were answered and their loved ones were remembered.

This is why we Educate, Advocate, and Support on behalf of our Air Force. To ensure this type of care is given.

We are proud of Team Abilene and our Air Force. We all rest well at night because warriors like Capt Golden are willing to support and defend this great nation.

It is tragic that we lose even one person, let alone a crew of an aircraft, and more. However, the sacrifice our men and women, and families are willing to make to ensure our freedom knows no bounds.

How can you help? Become a member! Anyone can join AFA; you need no military affiliation in the past or ever. Put some cash in the game to show

your support for our warriors. Bring home the support required to both serve our warriors and to remember them. Learn more at www.afa.org.

Adam, we are saddened for your family's loss. We are proud of Capt Golden's service and sacrifice. May God bless and watch over all of you who have been touched by this service to our nation.

SPRING THING BANQUET 27 FEB 2016

We have our Spring Thing Banquet coming up again!

It is scheduled for 27 Feb 2016 at Texas A&M in Commerce in the Sam Rayburn Center, starting at 6pm. Check out our website, www.netxafa.org to learn more and see instructions for signing up. We hope to have between 50-100 people attend to recognize our Cadet, Teachers of the Year, essay scholarship winners, and others who we will recognize for their accomplishments and efforts.

This banquet is one of our premier events in the year and it pays tribute to the hard work and the Educate, Advocate, and Support actions and values we have in our AFA Chapter.

Our efforts focus on this one evening where we work to showcase our partnerships in the local community, with students, supporting our military and so much more.

Please mark your calendar and make an effort to come join our festivities and see the joy we bring with recognition and accolades.



EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, AND SUPPORT

This past quarter provided no rest for the weary members of Chapter 416 who make things happen and ensure we are doing our part to educate, advocate and support on behalf of our great Air Force. We accomplished a lot this quarter!

Trey Johnson garnered support for and obtained donations to purchase a robotics course table. We also matched funds raised by the Rockwall-Heath Robotics team during our Golf Thing and provided them a \$2000 donation toward their greater \$30,000 needs. Likewise, we matched efforts by the Cumby robotics team with a donation of \$1000. We also provided support of a pizza lunch during the recent start up of the CyberPatriot competition to our Rockwall teams. All four teams are doing well and are looking forward to the upcoming “state and regional competitions”.

We stepped up as a chapter to become a Vietnam 50th Year Commemorative Member. We will use

the coming year to take advantage and recognize Vietnam Veteran’s for their service and to highlight the significance of their effort and sacrifice. We visited with veteran’s at the Bonham Veteran’s Center and met many from all wars and service eras.

We worked with AFA Texas at the state level and have worked to improve communications with video-communications over the internet. We hope to take advantage and see if we can get more info and contact with our Chapter members using this technology. We also updated our web page with the help of our Greenville ISD contacts (special thanks to Sydney Phillips) and are in work of adding online donations, payments and AFA Shirt purchasing capabilities. Stand by for more at www.netxafa.org.

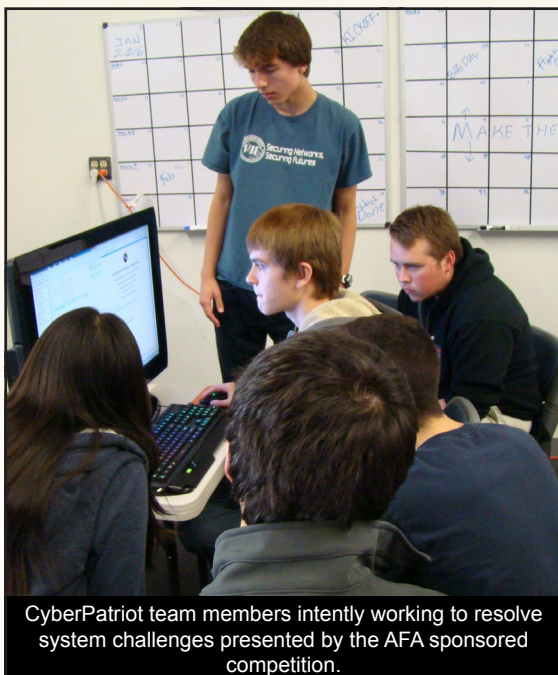
We provided donations to food banks, the USO, one of the L-3 MID employees whos new child is in need of medical care, and provided

sponsorship to the Civil Air Patrol, ACE program that will reach over 265 children in schools in nearby areas.

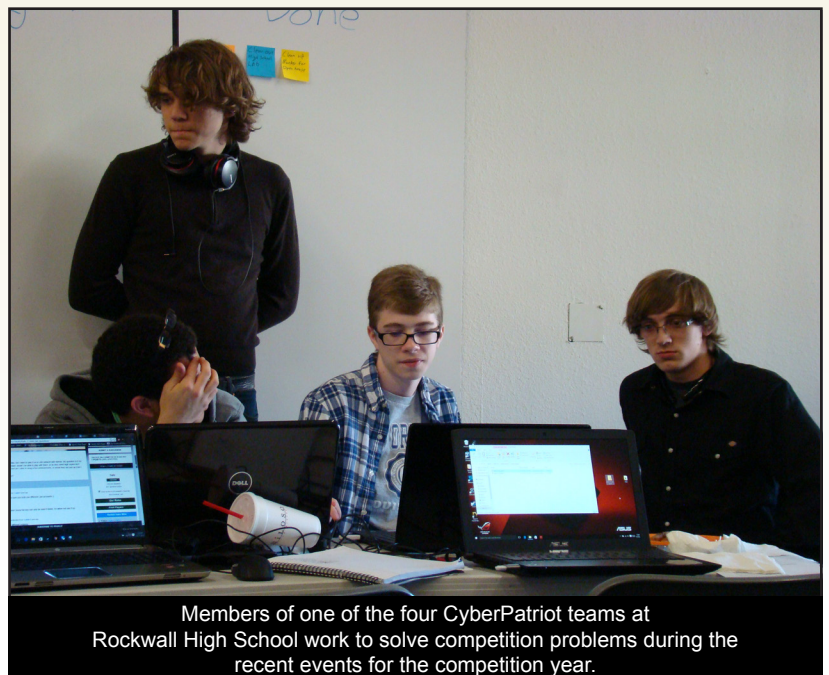
All, this is just in this past quarter – Oct – Dec 15th 2015! What a dedicated team we have! I could not be prouder of the efforts Trey Johnson has led this past year and to be a part of it. As you have seen, to continue this great outreach we need volunteers to work events, venturing out into the community, and to deliver all these funds we can to provide this support.

Again, I plead, keep you membership current and encourage more to put their membership in place to show their support. Being a member is all we can ask! Your funds aid in keeping us strong and able to accomplish these Educate, Advocate, and Support activities.

PS – if you have ideas of where we can help, please let me know at President@netxafa.org.

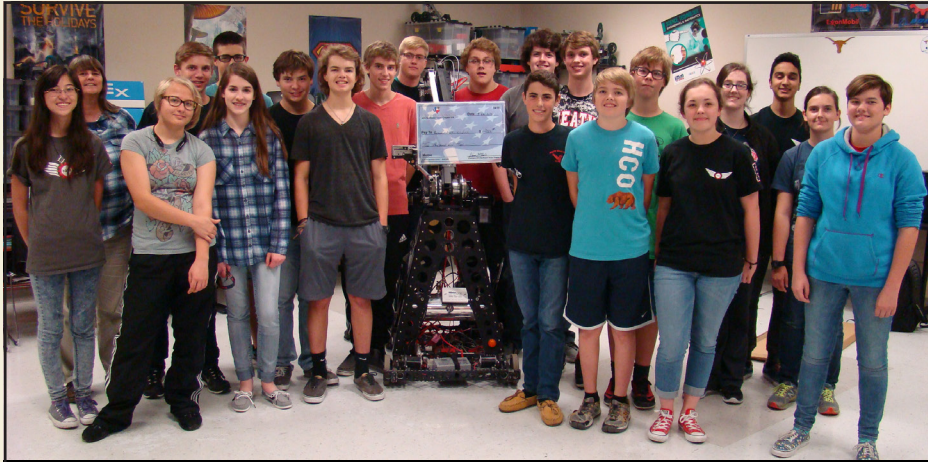


CyberPatriot team members intently working to resolve system challenges presented by the AFA sponsored competition.



Members of one of the four CyberPatriot teams at Rockwall High School work to solve competition problems during the recent events for the competition year.

EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, AND SUPPORT



The Rockwall-Heath Robotics Team; a \$2000 donation was provided to aid their program.



Cumby school donation
far left, Lt Col(ret) Marsha Krotky and far right,
Terry Thomas. both AFA members who regularly make things
happen.



Leslie Reese, Coach of the Rockwall-Heath Robotics Team with
\$2000 check donation.
(Reese was a 2014 AFA Teacher of the Year for AFA Chapter 416)



Terry Thomas and Bud and Donna Kerner at the
TAMU-Commerce Veteran's Ball



Veteran's Ball tribute to our POW/MIAs.

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