



# THE NORTHEAST FLYER

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER 416 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION



## AFA-TEXAS HAS BEEN AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION STATE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR FOR 2015-2016

It is official!! Congratulations are in order! For the first time since 1997, AFA-Texas has been awarded the prestigious Air Force Association State Organization of the Year for 2015-2016!! It is my great honor and privilege to be the President of AFA-TX when this honor is bestowed, but it absolutely took the effort of each and every chapter, and many, many of our members to make it possible. In all humility, I have to admit that I am not at all surprised that we earned this honor; in fact, after having read what other State organizations had done to earn the award in the past, it is my honest opinion that we should have earned the award long before now, and probably many times. Then again, in order to be considered, you have to be nominated, and in this case, you nominate yourself. So thanks to everyone who provided inputs that we put into the final nomination package; indeed, if you read through the justification, you will find that every one of our chapters is mentioned multiple times because it took the combined efforts of all 12 chapters, the Executive Committee, and our individual members to pull off this grand prize.

I will be proud to accept this award at our National Convention in September, and I want every one of our delegates in attendance to join me on stage to accept the award. I hope that many of you, including some who have never attended a National Convention, will consider joining our delegation. The business sessions of the convention officially start on Saturday afternoon, 17 September, but there is a band concert Friday evening, 16 September, at the Air Force Memorial. The convention is being held again at the Gaylord Hotel and Resort in National Harbor. Registration for the convention is available on line.

Again - congratulations to the nearly 10,000 members and their spouses/significant others on this great achievement!!

Bob Gehbauer, President  
AFA Texas

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# CALENDAR

<b>JUL. 2016</b>	No Scheduled Events		
<b>AUG. 2016</b>	<b>6</b>	AFATX State Mtg - OK	<b>10</b> Chapter Meeting
<b>SEP. 2016</b>	<b>16-19</b>	AFA Nat'l Convention	<b>21</b> Chapter Meeting
<b>OCT. 2016</b>	<b>1</b>	Golf Thing Event	<b>12</b> Chapter Meeting
<b>NOV. 2016</b>	<b>5</b>	Bonham Vets Visit	<b>7-11</b> TAMU Vets Vigil
<b>DEC. 2016</b>	<b>14</b>	Chapter Meeting	
<b>JAN 2017</b>	<b>11</b>	Chapter Meeting	<b>27</b> Teacher of Year AFATX Suspense
<b>FEB. 2017</b>	<b>8</b>	Chapter Meeting	
<b>MAR. 2017</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Spring Thing Banquet	
<b>APR. 2017</b>	<b>13</b>	Chapter Meeting	
<b>MAY. 2017</b>	<b>(T)6:</b>	Bonham Vets Visit	<b>10</b> Chapter Meeting
<b>JUN. 2017</b>	No Scheduled Events		

**Lloyd Bly, Realtor® at United Real Estate**



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Real Estate**

*Our Community Partners are vital to our support of STEM and other programs in the local area. We are pleased to have had Lloyd Bly as a strong supporter. He attends chapter meetings as well as provides input to us on local issues that could affect our members.*

*Thanks for being a strong supporter of our efforts Lloyd!*

Lloyd is a local realtor assisting buyers and sellers in residential, ranches and hunting properties.

Many of the buyers and sellers he works with are moving from apartments to homes or moving from the congested DFW area to the more open Greenville area. He also works with military who are PCS-ing or retiring to the DFW metroplex, people who are relocating within or from outside Texas and seniors who are resizing for the next chapter of their lives.

Give Lloyd a call at 423-361-3078 to discuss how he can work for you to find that specific property you've been looking for or to sell your present house or land.

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**Oct. 2016**

**AFA License Plates**

**Golf Thing**



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

AFA License Plates  
Support Scholarships and Show Your Support!



# PRESIDENT'S



# PONDERINGS

Chapter 416 members, all of whom are also Texas AFA members ... Congratulations! As you saw on the cover of this newsletter, your Texas AFA State team was named the AFA State Organization of the Year for 2015-16. A tremendous accomplishment and one that our chapter played a key role in.

Your steady membership, your support by renewing each year, your LIFE membership, your volunteer time to our events and managing the business of the chapter, or your critical support as a Community Partner, all directly impacted the results of the award received by Texas. You should be very pleased with your chapter and your state!

However, we can always use more help! We have a small cadre of faithful who step up at the right time to make things happen. National, state and chapter organizations are all challenged to find people interested in Advocating, Educating, and Supporting our association, our Air Force, and our nation. At a minimum, your membership speaks volumes! If you have some time, have an idea, or just want to donate one or more hours, please let us know! I am sure if you share your interest we can match it to something that can be of benefit to our efforts, goals, and mission.

Call 903-274-9981 or e-mail [President@netxafa.org](mailto:President@netxafa.org).

Organizations are changing greatly from when I was first exposed to AFA and other similar organizations. Today, we are working to see how to better use social media, web sites, and other forms of communication. Of course, finding people who are proficient and willing to assist in these areas is critical. Are you someone who can assist and help us improve our visibility?

Do you have ideas on how we can better get our message out, and, are you willing to assist? Let us know. Call 903-274-9981 or e-mail [President@netxafa.org](mailto:President@netxafa.org).

Things are going well for the chapter! We have our Golf Thing event scheduled for 1 Oct 2016 at Oak Creek Country Club and Wright Park in Greenville, TX. We could use a little help for a few hours on that Saturday. Can you come out and just give a couple of hours this year to make a difference? Let us know. Call 903-274-9981 or e-mail [President@netxafa.org](mailto:President@netxafa.org).

We have been blessed with tremendous supporters and donors. We have been able to say YES to more STEM and other events this past year than we could have imagined. We have supported the National Robotics Champions, we have built a new STEM partnership with CORE in Rockwall, TX and we have given to needy charities, Destination Imagination, Rocket Launches, scholarships for essay winners, awards for Teachers of the Year, and so much more.

Your membership helps make that happen. At a minimum, if you keep your membership current, we stay strong and show our nation we care. If you can find one person to add to our rolls, we are that much stronger. Please, do a little bit and keep helping. As I have said in the past, "Many hands make for light work." We can use your hands, talents, and at least your membership to keep making a difference.

If you have comments or suggestions, please let me know.

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**Vance Clarke**  
President, AFA Chapter 416

## CHAPTER 416 EVENTS AND SPONSORSHIP



### GREENVILLE ISD SPOTLIGHT ON ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Chapter 416 was the exclusive sponsor for the Greenville Independent School District's annual Spotlight on Engagement event May 19, 2016, at the Greenville High School. Pictured above are chapter member, Tom Bailey, Terry Thomas, and Trey Johnson who attended the event and worked to share what the chapter and Air Force Association are doing in terms of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), which was the theme of the event. Every campus, from Pre-K through High School, set up displays featuring many of the amazing things happening on the Greenville campuses. The chapter was honored to be able to support and aid in highlighting the tremendous learning opportunities happening in the school district.

This event highlighted key programs the school is working ranging from a solar car, to robotics, to other arts and STEM type programs. A donation of \$3000 was provided to support the event and to provide greater visibility of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics programs hosted and sponsored by the school district. A great turnout at the event meant a lot of exposure for both the chapter and the districts wide array of programs. AFA was proud to be the sponsor of this event and hopes to be able to continue support for such tremendous programs.



### CUMBY ROBOTICS – NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Late in 2015, Chapter 416 donated \$1000 to support the Cumby Trojan's Robotics team. Little did we know that they would go on to become National Champions in 2016! Great job to all, and what a tremendous accomplishment for the school, the team and the individuals. A lot of learning took place to get them to this position! Team #6834A, Team Trojan Horse from Cumby High School, competed at the Create U.S. Open Robotics Championship in Council Bluffs, Iowa on April 7th-9th along with approximately 400 other teams. They placed 1st and are now national champions! They also won the design award in recognition of their engineering notebook and management skills as well as other aspects of their robotics program. They were 1 of only 10 teams out of over 200



that qualified for a face to face interview with judges and were the only Texas team to earn this honor. The team consists of 8 students (3 returning team members and 5 new members). This is the 2nd year that this team has advanced to nationals. The team consists of seniors Landon Mabe, Preston Salinas and Brent Brewer; juniors Hannah Jarvis, Jesslin Bond, Presley Clampitt and Jacob Simonek and 1 freshman- Lacy Jacobs. Lee Gifford is their teacher/coach.

See more at the website <http://www.create-found.org/RoboticChampionship.php>

### CUMBY NASA TRIP SPONSORSHIP

Chapter 416 was able to provide \$750 to help sponsor a trip to the Johnson Space Center in Houston for the Cumby "Space After Dark" program. This is the second trip the chapter has been able to host over the past 6 years for Cumby. The rewards; students get to experience and see things that may be a once in a lifetime event for them. "Our students will discover what reduced gravity and the vacuum of space do to the human body, and will learn first-hand how to solve complex problems when faced with engineering and situational challenges," said Technology Applications Specialist, Robin Wheat.

What a great honor to host such meaningful programs!



# AFA TEXAS TEACHER OF YEAR

Chapter 416 nominated Bruce Charbonneau as our AFA Chapter 416, 2016, 9-12 Teacher of the Year and were ecstatic to find out he was selected as the AFA Texas Teacher of the Year!

We first became aware of Bruce and his stellar actions and outstanding rapport with his students through our chapter CyberPatriot efforts. Bruce stepped up to coach and led the effort for Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath High Schools. He stated he had an interest in expanding his student's abilities and to expose them to things that would help them make better long term decisions in their lives. He saw CyberPatriot as a tool that would do that.

He worked with Jean Laswell of the Rockwall ISD Career-Technical Education staff and the two of them garnered full support for the program. In fact, in the first year, the school supported the registrations, developed required resources, and obtained all internet connections, etc., to establish the program. Bruce was able to excite two teams worth of students to give this first effort a try. The result was a resounding success!

This past year, the third year, Bruce is now leading a total of four teams and has a new parent coach assisting him. They are doing great with the students and are guiding them to see how cyber efforts can impact them in their daily lives as well as in industry. The teams are doing well and competitions are exciting for the students and all involved. Bruce has an uncanny rapport where he is teacher, mentor, and generator of excitement about what they are doing. In this capacity he has already impacted over 40 students to consider where cyber efforts could take them in their careers and lives.



Bruce Charbonneau and Jean Laswell

He not only influences them in training and competitions, but he is leading a Digital Forensics' course along with other computer science courses to further their opportunities.

Bruce also leads the schools Robotics efforts and is deemed "Mr. C" by his teams. He has been involved in these efforts for more than eight years now and regularly leads his teams to the Regional Finals if not all the way to the World Championship.

In fact, the teams have made it to the top championship four of the five past years – not a record to take lightly!

His efforts and "gracious professionalism" are a key part of what started the Rockwall ISD high school engineering program. It is estimated that he has directly influenced over 1,200 students to consider engineering as a career.

Bruce Charbonneau is a stellar STEM coach, teacher, and all around great role model for students and others. His work in the Rockwall ISD makes a difference and provides tremendous awareness for students and for others to learn from. He is inspiring other teachers and parents to step into the lives of students and make a difference.

It was for these reasons we nominated Bruce as the AFA Chapter 416, 2016 Teacher of the Year!



# GCS ROCKET LAUNCH

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**GCS ROCKET LAUNCH, APRIL 15, 2016**

Chapter 416 has an annual sponsorship of the Rocket Launch held by the Greenville Christian School (GCS) students. This ongoing relationship continues to impress the chapter as well as see fruits in the STEM arena as students get to work with rocketry. Mrs. Simpson's (a past Chapter 416 Teacher of the Year) sixth graders at GCS applied Newton's first and third laws on Friday, April 15, when they launched their handmade rockets. The rocket kits were funded by the Air Force Association. They successfully launched 17 rockets and discussed how the laws applied to what happened on the field. It was a great learning experience, and it sparked an interest in rocket science for many of the students.

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## CORE ROCKWALL – TEAMING WITH AFA

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Chapter 416 recently began partnering with CORE in Rockwall. This non-profit organization is STEM strong and is developing and hosting a wide range of activities for students that are well supported by AFA and STEM events. We provided donations to aid in providing supplies and curriculum to their efforts.

The CORE team has become an AFA Community Partner and is using the donation well by upgrading their aeronautics and drone programs.

They purchased the Flite Test STEM curriculum and installed our FT STEM build station into their facility. Kids are now able to learn all about the mechanics of flight, build their own planes in many different styles, and then learn how to fly them. The upper levels will even be able to install servo motors, circuitry, and controllers. They also purchased 100 drones for the Garland ISD Drone Camp this summer which will be held for 90 incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, free of charge, which are enrolled in Garland ISD.

Lastly, they purchased two of the DJI Phantom 3 Pro drones to use along with the DroneBlocks curriculum which was funded by AFA Chapter 416. "We are very excited to be able to teach kids computer programming, the mechanics of flight, flight patterns using google maps, GPS positioning, and even video editing all through these curriculum and drones," said Kevin Weable of CORE.

CORE hosted an aeronautics summer camp June 6-10 and will host another the week of August 1-5. They are also hosting drone camps with the GISD which will be July 11-29.

Chapter 416 is pleased to support these efforts and looks forward to future successes with CORE!

You can find out more by visiting <http://www.thecorerockwall.com> or calling 214-801-7787



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