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2016 Year in Review

The Northeast Texas, Chapter 416, of the Air Force Association (AFA) educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense; and supports the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and Aerospace Education. Our chapter represents all of Northeast Texas from Rockwall, East to Arkansas, North to Oklahoma and south to Palestine. We are the recipients of numerous National and State awards to include the prestigious National Community Partner Gold Award for excellence in partnering with our communities to promote education and scholarships in our schools. With the help of our Community Partners we are able to reach out to several agencies in the area and provide donations to help their efforts, we provide aid to schools to support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs, provide scholarships, support to Civil Air Patrol events and individuals to help build better citizens, recognize Teachers of the Year, and much, much more.

We have several major benefactors; the Lt Col John Murray family - a long time donor, along with Dr. Jerry Ransom – an equal donor, and Charles and Sharon Helm, to name a few, we are able to accomplish a great deal. These donors along with our over fifty Community Partners, the largest of which is L-3 Technologies in Greenville, TX, provide funding to support our programs. These donations along with revenue from our annual golf tournament called the “Golf Thing” that raises another nearly \$12,000 each year, support our programs.

In 2016 we had a healthy income. This came from our donors and Community Partners, the Golf Thing, and a small amount from our AFA National Support Payments and some additional donations and sales. Adding these funds to our balance at the beginning of the year gave us over what we needed to run our yearly programs.

Giving back to the local community in meaningful ways, while sharing about the Air Force, and carrying out Educate, Advocate and Support activities is where this chapter is strongest. We are making a big impact in many ways with the funds and members we have.

The Rockwall-Heath High School began a new student Solar Car project. The chapter was in position to provide the full amount they needed and is the key sponsor to get this project off on its maiden year. Our previous Teacher of the Year who is leading the project also aids in the Robotics program there which we also donated to. (Continued on Page 3)

Presidents Ponderings

Whether you are a first time reader or a long time member of our chapter, you are important to our work.

We have a lot we have started and we see 2017 as another booming year for involvement in our local community. We hope you will find one place, a few hours, to plug-in and help. We need you!

For areas you can assist with, please call me, Vance Clarke, 903-274-9981 or email me at President@netxafa.org.

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Visit to Veterans at Bonham

Special thanks to Larry Ratliff, Chapter 416 VP Veterans Affairs, for setting up the November visit to the Veteran's Community Center in Bonham, TX. As always, Larry did a great job leading 14 people to talk with, visit and see how our veterans who served are doing. He led several members from the 645 AESS on this visit. What a great treat for those in attendance and those they met with.

As always we are planning our next visit for the 1st Saturday of May and November of 2017. Please see our calendar on last page and mark your calendars to join us. It doesn't take but a few hours to say thank you to someone who served to give you freedom.



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We continue to support Civil Air Patrol with a strong budget. Each year we spend nearly all of it and this year is no exception. We have sent cadets to ground schools, powered and glider flight academies, as well as numerous leadership events that grow them as citizens. We are pleased to have a chapter member who is also the commander for the local squadron we support.

We hosted our annual "Spring Thing" banquet and awarded over \$2,250 in scholarships to three students selected from our annual essay contest. The Lt Col Murray family sponsors first place, \$1000, L-3 Mission Integration sponsors second place, \$750, and this year, Charles and Sharon Helm sponsored third, \$500. We also awarded a certificate to the Cadet of the Year as well as gave out chapter member awards and Teacher of the Year awards.

Our Teacher of the Year program is strong. We awarded two awards this year; K-8 and 9-12. AFA National provided \$250, a nice jacket, and an AFA bag, and the chapter added on with another \$250 to each teacher. We are pleased with the recognition and way our donated funds impact the community and the students it touches.

We also increased our number of CyberPatriot teams from 3 to 10 this year. We sponsored entry fees and shirts for new participants at three different locations. Rockwall High School continued their effort and increased from 3-4 teams and 22 total participants. Rockwall-Heath High School stepped up with 4 new teams and coaches with 25 people involved total. We also are supporting two teams at CORE, a STEM academy in Rockwall. They have one middle school and one high school team with 8 students and coaches. We are excited to see the impact these programs have in interesting students in careers in the cyber industry. Our investment in the future here we believe is in the right place; an investment that is getting great returns through students.

We give annually to the USO to support their efforts. We also give to P.A.T.H. and Hunt County Food Bank (F.I.S.H.) to support the local area. We know some of these funds possibly reach a veteran who can use help as well as aids some families of students who we are working to inspire toward STEM jobs and careers.

We continue to use our limited active membership to engage where we can. We work to support the veteran activities at Texas A&M in Commerce, Texas. This year we donated to their programs and had at least one member participate in their Veterans Day ceremonies. We feel that working with the college we are not only helping recognize our veterans but also showing students the importance and role played by our military, our Air Force, and our veterans in our nation's freedom.



The 2016 Golf Thing was another success. We had 106 golfers and tremendous support. Thanks all for your help!

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We also helped our local Air Force squadron this year, the 645th Aeronautical Engineering Support Squadron. We were able to donate a rowing machine. We provided it to the unit through proper donation procedures. With four active duty members holding officer positions in our chapter we felt this would be a small way to directly support our warfighters and possibly aid in additional memberships over time.

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Patriotism has won out again in our area. We donated funds to support a couple who built a display near our highway exit in Greenville, TX with over 500 flags that were on display for the 4th of July. This was a onetime gift that made a noticeable difference in the community and aided in sparking increased spirit in the area. (Continued on next page)

Overall expenses have been kept low. We spent funds for administrative supplies, support for members to travel to AFA Texas State and national meetings, as well as to cover some costs for local meetings. Postage, administrative supplies, cards, stock for printing, and other items have totaled less than \$2,500 for the year. This keeps our overhead cost very low and nearly all our funds donated go directly to

It has been a busy and productive year. The funds we received have been distributed to good causes that are making a difference in our local area. Chapter 416 was able to put over \$25,000 toward Educate/Advocate activities and over \$3,000 toward direct support activities. Coupled with our less than \$2,500 for expenses we are doing very well in keeping our efforts going.

We look forward to 2017 and the work we will be able to do with our remaining budget. We have a host of things to accomplish; our essay contest in January, our Spring Thing Banquet in February/March, our newsletters and school support programs – some to monitor, some to manage, hosting the Texas State meeting in 3-6 August, AFA National attendance in September, and our Golf Thing in September/October.

Please be sure to stop in to our Community Partners and other supporters and thank them for their help and support. And to all our golfers, well we hope we continue to see in you in the years to come!



(Above) Kevin Weable, from CORE STEM Academy, shows Marsha Krotky, long time chapter member, how the drone Chapter aided in purchasing works. (Right) Posted highlighting CORE and what they do. Chapter 416 has provided significant sponsorship to their programs and efforts. Read more in 2016 Year in Review article in this newsletter.

Community Partners

Please, take a trip to meet or call one of our Community Partners and thank them for their support of Chapter 416!

Last Name	First Name	Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	State	ZipCode	Office Phone	Email Address
Atkins	Violet	Serv Pro	PO Box 129	Princeton	TX	75407		
Beadles	Staci	200 S. 5th Street		Celeste	TX	75423	(903) 568-4612	beadless@celesteisd.org
Bly	Lloyd	United Real Estate Eyecare and Laser Management of	2931 Ridge Road	Rockwall	TX	75032	(423) 361-3078	lloydbly@BHHSpenfedTX.com
Britt	Holly	Rockwall	810 Rockwall Pkwy	Rockwall	TX	75032	(972) 772-9597	
Buck	Diana	Best Western Monica Royale	3001 Mustang Crossing	Greenville	TX	75402		
Bullard	Don	The Cup and Saucer	330 Jaime Way	Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 450-7963	dkbull@geusnet.com
Burnett	Russell	204 Palomino St		Crandall	TX	75114	(214) 802-0957	burnettreb@aol.com
Calahan	Bart	JJ Sass Imprints	9624 Constellation Blvd Apt 8108	Fort Worth	TX	76108-7627	(903) 634-2388	
Carter	Jeannie	Sierra Nevada Corp	4501 Joe Ramsey Blvd E Ste 230	Greenville	TX	75401-7844	(903) 455-3033	
Cash	Dana	5412 Wesley Street		Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 455-5441	dana@greenvilletrophies.com
Coddington	Parker	Shenaniganz	1908 Joe Ramsey Blvd	Greenville	TX	75401	(903) 455-2065	
Crawford	Hayden	Collin Street Bakery	1220 Interstate 30	Greenville	TX	75401	(903) 454-4200	hayden@collinstreet.com
Crumpton	Dale	Crumpton TV Janeen Cunningham, Inc. DBA	8602 Wesley St	Greenville	TX	75402-3842		crumptonTV@aol.com
Cunningham	Glen	Calico Cat	11 Willow Ridge Rd	Greenville	TX	75402-8060	(903) 765-3011	
Derrington	Larry	Hardmetal Solutions, Inc.	PO Box 8805	Greenville	TX	75404-8805	(903) 883-2100	
Dickens	Luanne	Greenville Floral & Gifts	6008 Wesley St	Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 455-9423	
Embroidering	Checkmate	Checkmate Embroidering	1290 Industrial Blvd	Rockwall	TX	75087	(972) 772-5500	ashley@checkmateemb.com
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Franklin	Shaun	American National Bank	PO Box 8222	Greenville	TX	75404-8222	(903) 455-7592	
Gasca	George	Two Senioritas	4898 Moulton St	Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 455-5058	email.gasca@gmail.com
Gibson	Brian	Joe Gibson Automotive	6901 Wesley St	Greenville	TX	75402-7376		briangibson@geusnet.com
Gotcher	Holly	Morgan & Gotcher Law Offices	2610 Stonewall St 5400 Business Highway	Greenville	TX	75403	(903) 455-3183	
Horan	James	Dairy Manor B&B	69 S	Greenville	TX	75402-7804	(903) 450-0545	
Jefferies	Don	Greenville ISD	4004 Moulton St.	Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 408-4483	
Joles	Natalie	Cotton Patch Cafe	3128 W. Interstate 30	Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 454-2271	
Jordan	Gloria	Office Solutions	2714 Washington St	Greenville	TX	75401-4114		
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Morrow	Tracy	Baker's Ribs	1519 Interstate Highway	Greenville	TX	75402-4675	(903) 527-5200	morrowenterprises@yahoo.com
Norman	Tony	Innovation First International	30 W	Greenville	TX	75402-4810	(903) 453-0885	
Ranly	Charles	Webb Hill Country Club	438 Fm 2358	Wolfe City	TX	75496-3290	(903) 455-4471	
Runge	Nancy	2000 I-30 East		Greenville	TX	75402	903-455-1715	
Salazar	Jesse	Family Vision Center	3802 Joe Ramsey Blvd E	Greenville	TX	75401-7711		gvleyedoc@msn.com
Sanders	Rick	Sanders Barber Shop	4502 Stonewall St	Greenville	TX	75401	(903) 455-4611	rdsanders@hotmail.com
Sickels	Debbie	2406 Bowie Circle		Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 408-9844	
Sickels	Wayne	2406 Bowie Circle		Greenville	TX	75402	(903) 408-9604	
Simmons	James	7121 Shelby Ave.		Greenville	TX	75402	(972) 329-8807	
Smith	Christian	Holiday Inn Express	2901 Mustang Xing	Greenville	TX	75402-3679	(903) 454-8680	
Smith	Kyle	Kyle M Smith DDS	4818 Wellington St.	Greenville	TX	75402-6913	(903) 455-5750	
Stovall	Bobby	Kincy Abstract and Sabine Title Co	PO Box 202	Greenville	TX	75403	(903) 455-8258	
Tarpley	Randy	The Tarpley Agencies	3504 Johnson St	Greenville	TX	75401	(903) 455-5135	
Tedford	Robbie	Bob Tedford Chevrolet Co.	Po Box 272 6406 International Pkwy	Farmersville	TX	75442	(972) 782-6212	
Thomas	Joey	Employee Solutions	Ste 1350	Plano	TX	75093	(972) 822-6159	jthomas@employeesolutions.com
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Willingham	Jeff	Discount Wheel & Tire	4609 Wesley St	Greenville	TX	75401-5645		jllwilling@sbcglobal.net

Chapter 416 2017 Calendar Events

We have a great chapter and a great year ahead of us. Please, mark your calendar for meetings and for bigger events. We look forward to seeing you as often as we can. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact us at 903-274-9981 or send email to President@netxafa.org.

Calendar 2017	
JANUARY	No meetings or activities 8: Chapter Meeting
FEBRUARY	25 Feb: (T) Spring Thing Banquet
MARCH	8: Chapter Meeting 24-26: State Meeting (Austin)
APRIL	No meetings or activities
MAY	TBD: Bonham Veterans Visit 10: Chapter Meeting
JUNE	14: Chapter Meeting
JULY	No meetings or activities
AUGUST	3-6: Host AFA State Mtg (Gvl) 9: Chapter Meeting
SEPTEMBER	13: Chapter Meeting 15-17: AFA Nat'l Convention
OCTOBER	TBD: Golf Thing 11: Chapter Meeting
NOVEMBER	4: Bonham Vets Visit 7-10: (Tent)TAMU Vets Vigil 8: Chapter Meeting
DECEMBER	13: Chapter Meeting

* Meeting schedule is subject to change to best meet needs of day/night meetings. Please see e-mails that will come out referencing day/time of future meetings.