

Chapter 416 had another very good quarter!

The quarter kicked off with a visit to the Rockwall CORE Stem Academy to begin discussions on hosting the AFA Texas Presidents Reception for the upcoming August 3-5 AFA Texas State Convention. Overwhelming support from CORE and their desire to show off what they do to inspire STEM Activities in the area will be showcased. As a non-profit Community Partner, the CORE team is a great chapter ally.

The big event of the quarter was the Spring Thing Banquet where the chapter recognized its annual award winners. The keynote speaker was retired Lt Gen and now Vice President at L3 Mission Integration, Craig Koziol. Teacher of the Year, Earvin Larry, from Commerce High School, and an Air Force veteran, was recognized with mementos and \$750. Our Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year, Joshua Hammer was presented a citation. We also presented scholarships to our essay contest winners. Our second place winner, Dixon Baird was unable to attend but we connected with him and presented his \$500 prize. Present were 3rd place winner, Adryan McGuire presented \$500, and our 1st place winner, Emma Harris who was presented \$1000! Emma read her essay to those present as well as was surprised with another \$1000 check from AFA Texas where she placed 2nd in the state-wide sponsored essay contest! Chapter President Vance Clarke also presented coins to chapter members Tom Bailey, Larry Ratliff, and SMSgt Ryan Wiebbecke, for outstanding support in their duties to the chapter and AFA. He also presented a coin to Mr. Charles Helm, an over 20 year Community Partner for his outstanding support and help to the chapter in its endeavors. Koziol was also presented a coin and a certificate representing the paver purchased with his name on it for the Lackland AFB, Airman's Museum being built.

STEM support to several areas was provided this quarter. The continuing support to the Suplhur Springs, Civil Air Patrol Squadron continued with over \$1400 being provided to support various activities and programs. The Greenville Christian School (GCS) Rocketry Program received another \$125 to purchase supplies and equipment to support their ongoing programs. Along with rocketry, GCS also supports Destination Imagination programs and the chapter was again able to provide \$300 to support those programs. We also had representation at the Cumby Robotics celebration on their world-wide third place finish in May. What a tremendous accomplishment for the team and school AFA was pleased to have provide over \$1000 of support last year to kick off their efforts. Job well done!

Supporting our military and Air Force members is always high on our list of chapter activities. This year, the AFA Wounded Warrior Cycling Challenge was a recipient of \$500 from the chapter. Supporting our warriors who keep us free is a critical endeavor and anything we can do or provide is a blessing.

We also said goodbye to Lt Col Grant Mizell and welcomed Lt Col Rhett Brown as Commander, 645 AESS here at Majors Field, Greenville Texas. The change of command ceremony represents such grace and represents much of what is great about our nation and Air Force.

The chapter continues to do its best to Advocate, Educate, and Support the Air Force Association, the Air Force, and the great freedom our United States enjoys. We are pleased with our results and our so happy with our team and the efforts of each and every member.

God speed and God bless.