

AFA Texas News

The Air Force Assn News of Texas



Texas AFA Members Being Awarded Outstanding State Organization for AFA
for the 2015-2016 year at National Convention

Fall 2016



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Official Newsletter of Air Force Association Texas

President: Bob Gehbauer

Exec VP: Randy Coggins

Exec. Sec.: Joan Lopez

Treasurer: Mike Winslow

VP Communications: Norm King

Fall Texas State Meeting Held On Line

The Fall Texas State AFA meeting was held as a virtual meeting on line October 22. Seventeen Board members signed in for the meeting. This was the first time a meeting was conducted in this manner and appeared to be a success.

Future Meetings

Spring 2017— Mar 24-26 Austin

Summer 2017—Aug 17 Northeast Texas

Fall 2017- October Virtual Online meeting

Spring 2018—Aggieland

Summer 2018 - Donnelly

Fall 2018—October Virtual Online Meeting



Vance Clark (center) accepting the AFA Community Partners Gold Award for the Northeast Texas Chapter at the AFA National Convention

Presidents Page



President's Report—22 October Virtual EXCOM Meeting

State is in great shape

We celebrated our State Organization of the Year in fine fashion at last month's National Convention
I have added two new officer positions to address evolving needs

Debbie Landry has accepted the role of VP, Associate Programs

This position is to focus on AFROTC, AAS/SW, AFJROTC, and CAP

Coordinate State efforts to support these programs

Help chapters' efforts to support programs

One example: 65 CAP Squadrons in TX can each nominate and receive a "Top Cadet" award from AFA National. In many cases, these "winners" could be recognized at an AFA Chapter meeting or AFA member could visit the CAP Squadron to present

Paul Weseloh has accepted the role of VP, Corporate Affairs

Created by splitting the role Molly Mae Potter has held (VP, Government and Industrial Relations), leaving Molly as VP, Government Relations—although see below

TSgt Mike Stewart has joined the team and will serve as our webmaster

Have tasked him to "jazz" up the site so that it tells our story

Will also have a capability to store/archive documents (newsletters, minutes, QAR/QFR, etc.)—limited access—sign-in required

Molly Mae Potter was selected as MS Veteran America—Congratulations!

Even though her VP position was split (see above), this new title, coupled with her selection to ELP, her work with AAS/SW, shr asked me to find a replacement...at least for this year

I asked Dave Dietsch if he would come back and resume half of his old position, and he agreed to do so "until a permanent replacement can be found"

National AFA

New Fresh Look Ad Hoc Committee

Follow-on to AFA21—ten years ago

Environment has changed—we need to adapt

Membership still an issue

EVAM probably short-term stop gap at best

One thing I want Debbie Landry to focus on is finding ways to access parents of our Associate troops (ROTC, CAP, USAFA, etc.)

George Muellner, former C of B, selected as Task Force Leader

Team Leader, Governance: Gene Santerelli

Team Leader, Business: Jim Laducci

Team Leader, Field Operations: Joe Sutter

Dave Dietsch and others from TX will be involved

Austin AFA Chapter Member Selected as Ms Veteran America 2016

North Carolina native Molly Mae Potter graduated in 2007 with a degree in Engineering-Physics and commissioned into the USAF as a flight test and munition engineer. In 2010 she deployed to Afghanistan where she sustained injuries that resulted in a traumatic brain injury and subsequently PTSD. Post-recovery, she advocates for treatment and resources for all veterans suffering from the invisible wounds of war. She has since received her graduate degree in engineering and currently lives in Austin, Texas and works for Dell.

She actively serves as VP Government Affairs for the Texas State Air Force Association and as a member of the Air Force Association National Emerging Leader Program. She is also a commissioner for Austin's Commission on Veteran's Affairs where she promotes veteran's issues in her community and raising support for military transitioning into the civilian workforce.

The Ms. Veteran America competition highlights more than the strength, courage, and sacrifice of our nations military women, but also reminds us that these women are Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Wives. Ms. Veteran America is also a role model, teaching and empowering young women and girls to support, inspire and lift-up one another. Proceeds from this event provides housing for homeless women Veterans and their children. Women Veterans are currently the fastest growing homeless population in America.



News From National

This message is **IMPORTANT** and is directed at retired Military or TRI-CARE users only.

Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) has upcoming changes to the retail pharmacy network it manages on behalf of TRICARE.

On Dec. 1, 2016, Walgreens pharmacy locations will join the network, and CVS pharmacies, including those in Target stores, will leave the network.

ESI is doing additional outreach to patients filling specialty drugs at CVS pharmacies to ensure they can fill their prescription with no gap in their prescription coverage.

If beneficiaries chose to fill a prescription at CVS after Dec. 1, it will be a non-network pharmacy. This means they will have to pay the full cost of the medication upfront, and file for partial reimbursement.

2017 National Officers

The following are the 2017 slate of officers elected by the Delegates at the September 2016 Convention.

Whit Peters (Washington, DC) – first term Chairman of the Board

F. Gavin MacAloon (Fairfax, VA) – first term Vice Chairman of the Board, Field Operations

Richard Bundy (Spotsylvania, VA) – second term Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education

Tim Brock (Oveido, FL) – second term National Secretary

Steven Lundgren (Fairbanks, AK) – first term National Treasurer

Kathleen McCool (San Antonio, TX) Director At-large

Leonard Vernamonti (Clinton, MS) Director At-large

Joan Sell (Littleton, CO) – National Director, West Area

Terry Cox, (Enid, OK) – National Director, Central Area

AFA TEXAS 2016 CONVENTION MEETING

Oklahoma City OK

6 August 2016

1. AFA Texas President Bob Gebauer called the AFA Texas Convention Meeting to order at 1345 Saturday afternoon 6 August 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Oklahoma City OK.

2. President's Report: Bob stated that he had approved all the second quarter reports and submitted them to the Texoma Region President. He thanked everyone for their attention to detail and related he did not have to send back reports as often as he had in the past. He recommended chapters make notes of happenings during the quarter as they occur so it makes it easier to do the quarterly activity report. He pointed out that some chapter newsletters were more robust than others. He stated newsletters could outline what has happened during the quarter as well as highlight upcoming events. Overall he felt that the reports had been improving and Gary Copsey, Texoma Region President, agreed.

3. Secretary Report:

a. Executive Secretary Joan Lopez called the roll and reported a quorum was present to conduct business. A total of 25 people participated in the meeting.

b. The 2016 AFA Texas Spring Executive Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed. Joan reported she had emailed the draft out and had minor changes submitted since then. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded. The motion passed.

c. Joan asked everyone who planned to attend the National Convention to let her know so she can add them to the Delegate list. The State is authorized 33 delegates.

4. Treasurer Report:

a. State Treasurer Mike Winslow reviewed the interim quarterly State financial report as of 15 July. A motion was made to accept the financial report and was seconded. The motion passed.

b. Mike reviewed the 2016 Budget Plan and pointed out 90% of the budget had been spent as of 15 July.

c. Mike discussed IRS Form 990 submission for 2015. He had received notice from only half of the chapters that the form had been submitted. Bob explained that National AFA was also monitoring submissions, but he would like chapters to let Mike know also.

. Unfinished Business:

b. Tax Free Purchases: Bob reported that he had received all the chapter Texas Tax ID Numbers and Joan had sent the information to the chapter presidents. (See Attachment 4). This is the number the chapter should use when making chapter purchases so they do not have to pay sales tax. (CLOSED)

New Business:

a. GoToMeeting Procedures: Bob related that Molly Mae Potter had sent him a guide on how to set up a GoToMeeting Guide and he would share with everyone. She will be glad to provide anyone guidance or set up practice sessions before the Fall meeting. (CLOSED)

Addendum to the Meeting:

a. The AFA Texas election of officers was not held during the 6 August meeting; therefore, an electronic election was held. The following individuals were nominated for the office indicated:

Bob Gehbauer President

Randy Coggins Executive Vice President

Mike Winslow Treasurer

Joan Lopez Executive Secretary

Homer Black Area VP South

Vance Clarke Area VP North

No other nominations were submitted. A motion was made to accept the nominations and was seconded. Electronic voting was conducted on 28 August and the nominees were elected to serve another year.

b. After the meeting on 15 August Bob Gehbauer emailed copies of the briefings presented at the 6 August meetings and the luncheon to AFA Texas Executive Committee members, Chapter Presidents and other AFA Texas members. Copies of the presentations are on file and can be provided upon request by the Executive Secretary.

News From The Chapters

Air Force Association Houston

AFAHouston on Facebook

San Jacinto Chapter 233 AFAHouston on Facebook
Houston, Texas

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIRSHOW

OCTOBER 22—23, 2016

Spend Saturday and Sunday at Ellington Field (Airport) watching all the extraordinary events while munching on Sausage Brats, Hotdogs and Nachos and purchasing model aircraft kits from our AFA/AFROTC concession stands. Visit the extensive static displays sipping on a Beer or Beverage and enjoying life at its best. Proceeds from the stand go to support education activities in the chapter and the AFROTC. You will also meet the finest Air Force Cadets around who will someday become the backbone of The United States Air Force



F-35C Lightning

Featuring The US Navy Blue Angels and the F-35C Lightning on static display and in the air. Wings Over Houston is one of only several airshows in the country to get the F-35C for display. Come and see this front line stealth fighter up close that everyone is talking about . Other great attractions will be the F-16C Viper flight demonstration and, of course, Tora Tora Tora . The Commemorative Air Force is going all out to make this show the best you'll ever watch.



You can volunteer to help out in the concession stands by calling LtCol Lynn Bentley at 281-491-7522, lnmbentley2008@yahoo.com

US Navy Blue Angels



Make sure you're getting all the benefits from retirement



Military Retiree Appreciation Day, occurs every October
Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base
10935 Aerospace Blvd, Houston, TX 77034

This year we missed it but put it on your calendar for next year
Visit with over 30 vendors. Get ID cards, Wills & Legal Services, Flu Immunizations. Representatives from TRICARE and Delta Dental will be there along with Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP) representatives. It's all free with continental breakfast, benefits briefings and door prizes. Very informative and sounds like fun.



The DEFENDER

Valor within Alamo Chapter

In October 1965, the USAF formed a squadron of 12 combat-ready F-5-A's for the 4503rd Tactical Fighter Squadron at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. It was from there, on October 20, 1965, that Douglas Nelson's squadron left for Bien Hoa in South Vietnam. Bien Hoa Air base was the Vietnam People's Air Force military airfield located about 16 miles from Saigon, near the city of Bien Hoa in Dong Nai Province. During the Vietnam War the base was used as a major base from 1961 to 1973 stationing for Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine units.

Douglas was assigned to the Skoshi Tiger Program which flew Northrop F-5 "Freedom Fighter" jets in South Vietnam. Although all F-5A's were intended for military assistance, the Air Force actually requested at least 200 F-5's for use in Vietnam. The request, on the part of the USAF, was a result of much heavier than expected loss of planes in combat and because the F-5 had proven to be an outstanding close air support aircraft. Douglas remembered one time an army troop was admiring the F-5 and told him how much they appreciated the close air support of the F-5.

Stepping off the airplane at Bien Hoa was Douglas's first time in a foreign country. He recalls the heat and humidity and the bustle of activity on the airbase which centered around staging aircraft for combat missions into South Vietnam. He also recalls that the South Vietnamese airplanes were all prop driven and found it interesting that despite it being a time of war the South Vietnamese always managed to take Sundays off. While at Bien Hoa airbase. He was particularly proud of one experience he had when his maintenance crew set a new record of pulling and replacing on of the F-5 jet engines in an hour and a half.

After being in Bien Hoa for 8 months Doug returned to Davis-Monthan airbase in Tucson but not for long. Six months later, another opportunity came along and Douglas volunteered to return to Southeast Asia -this time at an airbase in Ubon, Thailand. While in Ubon, Doug was a crew chief on F-4's flying combat missions into North Vietnam. There were a couple flight line experiences that stood out. In one experience, Doug saw fuel leaking out of F-4 just before it was ready to take off and signaled to the pilot to cut his engines. Fortunately, the problem was discovered in time to avoid an accident. The second incident occurred when an F-4 was taking off. Following the usual sound after the afterburner light, Doug heard a loud secondary explosion. As the F-4 came to a stop, flames engulfed the plane which was followed by an explosion right after the pilots jumped out of the plane, then it started raining down metal chunks of the F-4. Doug, along with everyone else, started running for shelter. Once again, fortunately, no one was injured. Doug's routine involved hundreds of flight inspections where nothing was found to be wrong, but in one inspection he recalls finding damaged rotors in the engine--he took pride in ensuring the safety of the pilots.

Another highlight Doug recalls was that a famous fighter pilot named Col Robin Old's who was involved in Operation Bolo. Operation Bolo was a highly successful mission to counter the enemy MiG 21 fighter jets by changing out bombs for air-to-air missiles in the F-4 jets, and then luring the MiGs into aerial dogfights. It was one of the most successful aerial encounters in the Vietnam War. Although Operation Bolo happened just before Doug arrived at Ubon airbase, he recalls the honor of meeting and saluting Col Old's. Doug also recalled that Col Old's stood out because he was the only person on base that was allowed to wear a mustache.

We are so lucky to have another hero among us in the Alamo Chapter. Thank you, Douglas, for your service to our nation and our Air Force.



AFA Concho Chapter 305

“She Saw. She Applied. She Won!”



Earlier this quarter our very own SrA Samantha Friedman, of the 17 TRW JAG Office, was awarded the Col Loren J and Mrs. Lawona Spencer scholarship.

This scholarship is made possible through a generous endowment from the Spencer estate providing funds to United States Air Force Personnel to pursue graduate level education in management and administration fields in preparation for senior leadership roles.

SrA Friedman, your chapter is so proud of you and we wish you the best as you pursue your Criminal Justice master's degree at Arizona State University — Go Sun Devils!

General Charles L. Donnelly Jr. Chapter

Wichita Falls

Incl. Sheppard AFB, and surrounding communities

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Fall 2016

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Encore Reminder....

Sheppard AFB Airshow and Open House September 17-18

For 75 years, Sheppard Air Force Base has been one of the Air Force's premier training bases, one of the few to host both technical and flying training missions. Today, the 82nd Training Wing at Sheppard produces more technical training graduates—75,000 in Fiscal 2011—than any other Air Force tech training installation.

Sheppard is also home to the 80th Flying Training Wing, which is host to the world's only internationally manned and managed pilot training program. In its 35th year of training, the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program has now delivered more than 7,000 trained combat pilots to our NATO allies.

Performers for this spectacular 2 day event include:

- USAF Thunderbirds
- Tora Tora Tora Pearl Harbor Reenactment
- USAF Wings of Blue Precision Parachute Team
- Texas Raiders B-17 WWII Demo
- Freedom Flyers P-51 "Pecos Bill" WWII Demo
- MIG 17 Demo
- A-37 Viet Nam Demo
- ... many other exciting events



... also at the Airshow

Veterans Serving Veterans

The Donnelly Chapter is teaming up with Wichita Falls **Veterans Community Assistance Program** (VCAP) and other community veteran's organizations to host a **Veteran's Information Fair in Hanger 1090** at the Airshow.

If you have served in any branch of our military, you know the brotherhood and camaraderie that develops among those with whom we work, and with whom we trust our lives.

As part of that service, you have **earned** certain benefits and entitlements, many of which are lost in bureaucracy and red tape.

It is the intent of this Veteran's Fair to provide a "one stop shop" of informed individuals to address, advise, and assist with some of the issues that Vet's – male and female, families and widows – would have in our society today.

Medical, housing, education, job assistance, spousal benefits - are just a few of the areas that we are looking at. As an AFA member, if you have experience in any area relevant to veterans, or would even like to provide a handshake of encouragement to our brothers and sisters in arms, please plan to stop in and visit with us

...Hanger 1090





THE NORTHEAST FLYER

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER 416 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN



THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION HELD ITS ANNUAL DELEGATE CONVENTION ON 17-18 SEPTEMBER. CHAPTER 416 PRESIDENT, VANCE CLARKE, AND TREASURER, TREY JOHNSON WERE ABLE TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE. CHAPTER MEMBER CMSGT (RET) BILLY JOHNSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON 2 MARCH 2016, WAS COMMEMORATED AS ONE OF THE FALLEN AFA MEMBERS THIS PAST YEAR AT THE EARLY MORNING CEREMONY HELD AT THE AIR FORCE MEMORIAL. ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE THE NEW AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF (PHOTO FAR RIGHT) GEN DAVID GOLDFEIN, CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE, JAMES CODY, ALONG WITH AFA CHAIRMAN SCOTT VAN CLEEF AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.



SPRING 2017 CONVENTION REGISTRATION - 23 -26 March 2017 – AUSTIN TX

MEMBER NAME: _____
 (First) _____ (Last) _____

SPOUSE/GUESTNAME: _____
 (First) _____ (Last) _____

ADDRESS: _____
 (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State/Zip) _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

E-MAIL (for information updates): _____

AFA STATE/REGIONAL/NATIONAL POSITION: _____

Make registration check out to: Austin Chapter 276 Send to: 123 Lost Spur Unit 4, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657	Member	Spouse /Guest	Total	Event Cost	Total Cost
Registration – Includes Hospitality Room				\$30.00	
Friday A/M -- 0800 Tee Time, 18 Holes with Cart Golf Venue still TBD (Thursday check-in at same room rate)				\$35	
Friday Evening: Presidents Welcome – Reception Hospitality Suite afterwards.				\$15	
Saturday Luncheon:				\$20	
Spouse Events: Shopping Trip	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Saturday Dinner: Choice of Circle choice in box →	Steak or Fish	Steak or Fish		\$30	
TOTAL EVENT COST					
Hotel Reservations: WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTELS, 3401 South IH-35 Austin, Texas 78741 Cutoff date for hotel reservations is 2 Mar 2017 Reservations: 1-800-WYNDHAM/ www.wyndham.austin.com AFA Room Rate \$115.00.	Cut off for Convention Is 2 Mar 2017				