

**ALAMO AFA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
08 September 2009**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alamo AFA Chapter President Gary Copsey, at 1600 hours.

ATTENDANCE

The following individuals ***signed in*** as attending: Gary Copsey, Randy Coggins, Joan Lopez, Ralph Chalfant, Mike Nishimuta, Bob Cantu, Ed Reynolds, Bill Croom, J. Sean Habina, Douglas Nelson, John Shroyer, Ron Colunga, Dave Jenkins, Jerome Fletcher, Bernard Harper and Tom Peterson.

GUESTS

1Lt Dave Jenkins

Gary Copsey announced that Lt Dave Jenkins had been awarded the AFA Texas Medal of Freedom at the state convention in July and showed the medallion to meeting attendees. Dave was nominated for the award for his hard work as the Alamo Chapter Awards Banquet Program Manager in 2008. Gary will present the award to Dave at a Commander's Call on 29 September before Dave deploys to Iraq.

Gary Copsey thanked everyone for their support in the Labor Day weekend Civil Air Patrol National Conference. AFA HQ requested the chapter's support to represent them on a very short notice. Bill Croom gave an AFA briefing at the conference. Ed Reynolds set up the chapter exhibit booth and 28 attendees joined AFA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The August 2009 report was accepted as presented.

Fall AFA STATE MEETING

This meeting scheduled here in San Antonio for October 30, 31 and November 1 has been moved to April 9, 10, and 11, 2010. The ROTC/Arnold Air Society will have a conference in Austin on November 13 through 15. In order to fully support that activity the State meeting was moved to next spring here in San Antonio.

SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes from last meeting were presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve as written. Motion passed.

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S MILITARY WEEK

This year we are using an organizational approach to planning. MSgt Fletcher and the Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service is the military organization organizing the event. Event date of November 3 from 7 am to 9 am at Randolph AFB has been set.

AETC EXPO AND SYMPOSIUM

This year's Symposium and Ball will be AETC sponsored events. Our AFA responsibility is the conduct of the exposition. The chapter is working with a new contractor to assist in setting up the exposition and to recruit more sponsors and exhibitors.

Earle North Parker Essay Contest

Details of the program status are on the chapter web-site alamoafa.org .

AFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Attending will be Bill Combs, Randy Coggins and Buster Horlen. A major item of discussion will be the pricing of future AFA dues.

SUPPORT OF NCO ACADEMY

John Shroyer talked about the Gaylor NCO academy briefing that Bill gave. Also talked about the Family Scholarships we gave out. Got involved in the "what does AFA do for me?"

VISIONS OF EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Ralph Chalfant reported that we currently only have two schools that are on the Visions Program and they desire to continue in the program. They are Canyon High School of New Braunfels, TX and Ed Franz Elementary in the Judson ISD. Last year we tried to add Steele HS in Schertz but they never got the Visions Program. The USA today coordinator at that time said she signed up Warren HS in San Antonio. After checking with the OIC at Warren, they never got the Visions Program either. Both Warren and Steele were sent some information on the Visions Program to see if they have an interest this coming year (January 2010-May-2010). If neither decides to sign on the Visions Program, we will continue with the current schools.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The air show is at Randolph on November 7. Sean Habina will be the coordinator for this event. Sean was authorized to research and report back on pricing for appropriate hand-out item to promote the Alamo AFA and membership.

The meeting was adjourned by Alamo AFA President Gary Copsey. Next meeting is September 8, 2009.

NOTE

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