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**ALAMO AFA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**For
April 11, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alamo AFA Chapter President Debbie Landry at 1730 hours.

ATTENDANCE

The following individuals *signed in* as attending: Debbie Landry, Rachel Samples, Alan Beaty, Dave Pope, Bill Croom, Randy Coggins, Joe Peltier, Ed Garland, Brandon Knox, LaDonya Rabion, Matthew Fehrman, Joan Lopez, Sonora Vasquez, Jimmy Stephens, Steven Phillips, and Thomas Peterson.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Debbie announced the annual awards luncheon banquet will be held April 20 at St. Pius Catholic Church Family Center. An email with address and sign up instructions will be sent out to the membership.

JROTC AFA AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Debbie is coordinating volunteers to represent AFA National and chapter at the various high school JROTC end of year award ceremonies. In addition she is arranging volunteers to present the cyber patriot awards to area high schools.

PRESIDENT'S NEW BUSINESS

Debbie briefed the group on two new systems she has identified for the chapter. She is getting the chapter listed on Guidestar, a web site that lists and rates non-profit organizations. Once listed, anyone or any organization that is interested can verify our chapter's non-profit status. She has also started using the program Constant Contact to develop the total chapter membership email mailing list. This program helps prevent our chapter outgoing messages from ending up in the receiver's spam file. It does not work with the military ".mil" addresses so chapter members using those addresses will be asked to provide the chapter with a non-military email address.

WOUNDED AIRMAN EVENT

Rachel Samples announced that the Wounded Airman cycling event is scheduled for May 20th.

CHAPTER OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Paul Weseloh moved that the current slate of chapter officers be retained for one more year. Motion seconded and passed by those members present.

HERITAGE MOTORCYCLE RIDE

It was reported that the third chapter sponsored motorcycle Heritage Ride will be held on May20, 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

A volunteer has been identified to take over the membership committee activities from Katie McCool who is PCS-ing soon.

DEFENDER NEWSLETTER

Carry over from last meetings. Due to PCS of current editor, a new editor will be needed by June of this year. Chapter would welcome any recommendations from members on individuals that might be interested in taking over. Knowledge of Publisher software would be a plus.

Changes to draft highlighted in green.

AMERICAN FIGHTER ACES ASSOCIATION

Ed Garland updated the ongoing plans for the September 6th through 10th meeting. He will bring the schedule to next meeting to finalize volunteers to man the hospitality room. Ed also made a motion for the chapter to provide funding of \$500 to help support the activity. Motion seconded and approved by those members present.

CHAPTER AEF REPORT

Dave Pope emphasized the need for participation in the Texas Open Birdies for Charity contest. All funds donated to the activity go directly to the organization that recruits participants for the contest. If there is enough participation there is a cash bonus on top of the actual funds raised. Dave also commented that there are funds designated in the AEF for support of Civil Air Patrol activities. Debbie and Dave will work on identifying the CAP funding requirements.

AFA-e

Sonora Vasquez reported that AFA-e had its first official meeting at Randolph on the 4th of April. Discussions of future directions for AFA-e at Randolph were held. An ice-breaker function is being planned. Details to come later. In the planning stages is holding an AFA membership information booth at the Randolph Base Exchange, tentatively May 8th and 9th.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for the March 14, 2017 General Membership Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes. Motion was approved by those present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Beaty reported that current expenditures and income are in line with budget projections.

CHAPTER CALENDAR

The on-line calendar is available on the chapter web-site at www.alamoafa.org under the "EVENTS" header. If anyone has activities to be posted to the calendar, please forward the information to Douglas Nelson by email at dnelson004@outlook.com. Douglas also asked that if anyone has photos of any chapter activities they email them to him with captions so he can post to the photo section of the chapter web site.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1822 hours.

Tom Peterson
Alamo AFA Chapter 234 Secretary
May 7, 2017