

**ALAMO AFA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
14 April 2009**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

The following individuals **signed in** as attending: Gary Copsey, Tom Peterson, Joan Lopez, Ralph Chalfant, Mike Nishimuta, Jonathan Lacquement, Randy Coggins, Chuck Ervin, Dan O'Neal, John Shroyer, John Politi, Laura Newberg, Douglas Nelson, Sammie Bonner, John DiPiero, Bill Croom, Dave Pope, and Lionel Robertson.

GUESTS: SMSgt Charles Lamer and Alan Beaty

INTRODUCTIONS

Gary Copsey introduced SMSgt Charles E. Lamer Jr. and Alan Beaty. Those present then introduced themselves to the group.

SECRETARY REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The March 2009 report was accepted as presented by John Politi, chapter treasurer.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Ralph Chalfant reported that we are finalizing plans to present ROTC scholarships to 22 high schools and two colleges. He passed around a list requesting chapter volunteers to make the presentations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter will have a HUMVEE in the upcoming Flambeau Parade on April 25, 2009. If you are interested in riding in the parade please contact Eric Renth. **Note:** Following is an after-action report from Eric Renth:

“ On Saturday April 25th, 2009, the Lackland and Randolph Civil Air Patrol Squadrons participated in their ninth annual Fiesta Flambeau Parade since 2000. Thirty of us (cadet and senior) under the command of 1Lt Paul Rojas had the honor of marching in America's largest nighttime parade as a part of the Alamo Squadron of the Air Force Association. The 433rd Airlift Wing provided a Humvee driven by USAF Major Francis Robertson who was helped by SSgt Anne Howell. Being cheered by half a million parade revelers did wonders for both the Air Force Assn and the Civil Air Patrol as far as gaining publicity. This parade is also called the "People's Parade". Along with the actual parade crowd, another 1.5 million watch the parade on TV. The University of Texas Longhorn Band started off the parade. The parade showcased not only the San Antonio area but also featured groups from around the US. This year's parade featured a Las Vegas theme with marching groups like us, but also floats, plus equestrian and musical groups. A special thanks to Major Bob Howard, the Lackland squadron commander for his help in "getting the troops out". Nexr year will be our tenth year of participation. It will be fun!”

The Fall AFA Texas Meeting is here in San Antonio 30 October through November 1.

The air show is at Randolph on November 7. Sean Habina will be the coordinator for this event.

This year we will participate with the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony with the chapter wreath. Presenter to be determined.

Gary Copsey brought up the proposal to rotate the responsibility for the Combat Breakfast between Lackland and Randolph using POCs from those bases. Gary will be working an implementation plan for this proposal.

Tom Peterson gave update on the upcoming renovations to the downtown USO. Sometime later this year the USO will be shut down for approximately 90 days for redesign and remodeling. The resulting facility will be smaller but more efficiently designed. They are planning to maintain space for meetings such as ours. A discussion was held on possibility of having our meetings, during the renovation, at Lackland and Randolph and advertise them to attract inactive members as well as recruit new members. More discussion to follow.

AWARDS BANQUET

An after meeting mini-meeting was held with those who wished to be involved to go over the after-action report on the recent awards banquet.

MEMBERSHIP

A general discussion was held on possible methods to expand AFA membership enrollments in the local area. Areas explored were base programs, senior NCO emphasis, and NCO Academy outreach. Position descriptions for the organizational VPs need to be explored for effectiveness and actual useful guidance. This is an open item.

The meeting was adjourned by Alamo AFA Chapter President Gary Copsey at 1700 hours. Next meeting is May 12, 2009.

NOTE

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