

**ALAMO AFA  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
12 May 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, Vance Clarke, Randy Coggins, Ryan Richardson, John Shroyer, John Politi, Laura Newberg, Douglas Nelson, Bob Cantu, Bill Croom, James Ramirez, J Sean Habina, Carlos Massiatte, B J Bjorge, and Lionel Robertson.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Gary Copsey introduced TSgt Barber. 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 April 2009 report was accepted as presented by John Politi, chapter treasurer.

**SCOLARSHIP PERSENTATIONS**

Ralph Chalfant reported that the aerospace education scholarship presentations are in progress and ongoing.

**AETC UPDATE**

Our chapter sponsorship of the Fiesta Reception at AETC was well received.

Chapter president Gary Copsey met with the AETC commander to brief him and his staff on the National AFA 2009 priorities, as well as the activities and goals of our chapter. Gary plans to try to extend this activity to all the other Air Force Commands in the area.

**TRANSITIONAL CAREER FAIRS**

Carlos Massiatte reported the there were over 100 attendees at the Randolph career fair and over 200 at the Lackland fair. Our chapter sponsored over 15 vendors at these activities. The next set of career fairs will be in November of this year. As part of the sponsorship we are able to pick up some new community partner members.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Approximately 50% of the award winner complementary membership applications have been returned for submission.

**PAID RECRUITER PROGRAM**

Chapter president Gary Copsey reported that the AFA national headquarters is interested in running a test program in San Antonio to try to capture potential AFA members that we, as a local chapter, normally do not have access to. A motion was

made for chapter president sign the study MOU agreement with National AFA to further research the practical and legal aspects of conducting this program. Gary as the chapter president will head this effort. Motion was seconded and approved.

#### PSTD SURVEY

A request was received from a private organization to distribute a request to chapter members for volunteers to participate in a clinical study of post traumatic stress disorder in combat veterans. In review of the criteria listed in the request, it was determined that we are not the target audience they are seeking. The request was tabled with no action.

#### NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS

All nominees for national awards have been submitted to National Headquarters. Gary Copsey expressed his appreciation to all members who assisted with him in preparing the nomination packages.

#### CYBER WARFARE COMPETITIONS

Gary Copsey reported that AETC commander is anxious to support the chapter in any activities we may undertake in this area. We need to make sure we include these activities in our program planning. Any member who would like to take initiative for these activities should contact Gary Copsey. The current National AFA Cyber Warfare competition program actually grew out of an earlier local initiative started by this chapter.

#### NCO/ALS

Gary Copsey has had initial talks with the Lackland NCO/ALS regarding more AFA involvement in their graduation recognition program. We can also take this as an opportunity to further recruit more new AFA members.

#### CELEBRATE AMERICA'S MILITARY WEEK

Lionel Robertson is working our chapter's in-kind sponsorship with the City of San Antonio for this year's Celebrate America's Military (CAM) week.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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 will be Ed Addison.

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

The meeting was adjourned by Alamo AFA Chapter President Gary Copsey at 1700 hours. Next meeting is June 9, 2009.

#### NOTE

The chapter mailing address is:

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