

Attendees: Expected & Agenda

President – Zachary Hill

Vice President – Ted Oats

Secretary – Chad Chaffee

VP CAP – **Chuck Meador**

Treasurer – Vance Clarke

VP Community Partners – **Terry Thomas**Members: **Keith Barrett, Tom Muggeo, Steve Maclaird, Liza Smith, Choya Shanahan****Presented Ted Oats Texas Medal of Freedom**

Essay Contest

- Essays have been received - 46
- Judges - 27
- Will work to send essays out for first round by Friday 17 Jan

Event Support:

- 16 Jan - SSISD Elementary GROW event – 3-4pm (confirming) (**Unable to attend**)
 - o **Zach**
 - o **Ted**
- 24 Jan – CyberPatriot at Rockwall – Zach/Chad cleared others able to attend?
 - o **Zach**
 - o **Chad**
- **Liza Smith – CAP is working with Sisco, etc., is going to San Antonio for events this summer to work. She will send info to us to see how we can, if we desire to help fund, etc. Used CP curriculum to do this.**
- 8 Feb – Lakeshore CAP Dining In (Rockwall) – **Vance**? Need RSVP by 23 Jan 2025
- 4 Mar – Lakeshore CAP Promotion Event
 - o Desire to present their Cadet of the Year at one of these events. We provide \$300. We have name and small writeup for this. SQ has ordered certificate/ribbon.

Spring Thing Event projected 29 March @ The Oaks

- Confirmed 29 Mar @ the Oaks; likely social from 12-1pm, event 1-2pm
 - o The Oaks has enough chairs per Terry.
 - o Need to confirm supported and supporting roles.
- Start working on combining scripts for a combined event.
 - o Zach has sent out a copy for review to a few (Chuck, ???)
- Work on projecting attendance.
 - o Will need to get initial save the date and invites out soon
 - Community Partners; Current and suggested new ones – Terry
 - Community leaders, Schools, etc. - ???
 - Others?
- Begin working on gathering videos for the event. Vance coordinating the presenters

- Programs that have agreed to present: (1) LtCol Lemaire – Recruiting (speaker and AIMS), (2) CHS - Earvin Larry, (3) Rockwall GCCA Robotics and CyberPatriot (combined) Leslie Reese & Melissa Bunch, (4) Simms Teacher – Dana O’Neal
- Choya – could we work to have Lt Col LeMaire for speaking to cadets? Could it be at the Oaks before or after the Spring Thing event. She will send info to us so we can talk with LtCol LeMaire for availability.
 - Vance sent email to LeMaire seeing if possible (20 Jan 2025)

Send CAP leaders our TOY requirements for 2025

30 May 645th AESS Inspire Military Service Golf Tournament @ Woodbridge Golf Club

- Any support with sponsorship or promoting this event is needed.
- Need help with goodie bags (have not done in the past)
- Any and all welcome to attend/participate!
- Require poker chips for both the 30 May and September Tournament

Community Partners

- We have pulled data and worked issues with CPs.
- We will provide Terry updated lists regularly.
 - Zach – can you provide Terry a list that will work from the Portal that shows active and other of Expired? You two, please work how best to do this.
- L9Harris.- .CP.issues
- Website.now.has.letter?newsletter.that.you.can.download.

Discussion about Community building

- Ted is working on Commerce
 - Initial info sent to Mayor Teddy Reel received positively.
 - He will provide updates as he goes and will let us know how we can all help. His plan is to work a meeting in the Jul-Sep time frame to best coincide with school board and city. If any of you desire to help, let him know.
- Vance is working Linden and Simms, Texas areas.
 - Asking them to support Essay Contest, Teacher of Year, and working to fund one STEM activity in a school
 - Simms – funding via AFA Natl Grant and will this year with \$500-\$1000 a rocket launch program. Asking them to publicize Essay and TOY program.
 - Linden – Sent email this week to Judge and past CP there asking for help to advertise Essay, TOY, and to identify a STEM activity we can support.
 - Linden is becoming a lost effort. Vance will reach out to Judge to see if any interest at all and if our help is desired anywhere. Will provide update by April.
- Chad is beginning to work on Rockwall
 - Support Robotics and CyberPatriot; next events are competition on 13 Dec (background checks for participants are needed at least 5 days prior).
 - No one was able to attend
 - Next event is 24 Jan
 - Minimal support thus far for Essay Contests and TOY

- Working to establish contact with Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Clubs
- Working to coordinate effort with Band of Brothers
 - We could advertise our efforts there. Can we build a handout, etc. that tees up our big events, dates, and how they can assist?
- Believe we should try to do the same in other areas
 - Paris – we get Essay support. Can we push TOY and find a STEM to support?
 - Sulphur Springs – We have Essay support, have CAP support, can recommend at least one TOY for nomination, and we have in past supported CyberPatriot. We also support the GROW (Girls Recognizing Own Worth) program at elementary school.
 - Rockwall –. Have had little support for Essay contest, but some. Have had previous TOYs. Could get more here.
 - Greenville – Support Solar Car, some robotics. Other programs. CAP. Have had TOYs and get some support there. We have numerous CPs.
 - Commerce – Support robotics. Help manage Ratliff Scholarship and award it at HS. We get some support for Essay and TOY but it could be better.
 - Boles – we have had past TOY. No STEM support – should we? What about Essay?
 - Lone Oak – Tango flight support. We get CAP and Essay support here. We have not had TOY yet. TF could be a good option; think they may deliver first airplane this year or next.
 - Where else? What desires or energy do you see we can apply and where?

Civil Air Patrol

- We will fund up all 3 units as we did last year
- Work to get web pages updated and highlight work they are doing.
- Need calendar of big events to weave into ours

AFA Advocacy Efforts

- We need to continue efforts to advocate for military and financial issues for services
- We are beginning AIMS (Advocate to Inspire Military Service) efforts. These are focused on veterans telling our military stories (in 1-10 minutes) with a purpose of informing other influencers (teachers, civic leaders, parents, etc.) that the military is a viable option for our youth.
- AFA is making it easier to send letters to our representatives. Will advise when the update is done. We should encourage others to print and mail letters when tool is ready.
- Anyone interested in helping is welcome? Need someone to guide this.

AFA National Convention

- 20-21 Sep 2025 in DC – Gaylord National Harbor
- Electronic voting will be held again. Believe will have virtual portions as well.
- Need to start talking about and planning for attendance next year

Metal and Poker Chip Coin

- Must get design – only need one side for the 30 May and Sept/Oct Golf Thing. Recommend we consider the same design or possibly come up with two. These are very affordable.
- Chapter design should be on one side of both.

- 30 May – Backside – put something golf related but add the AF and USSF logos into the design. Wording could be 2025 Golf Event on top and Military Support on bottom
- Golf Thing – same chapter side. Then on back do as we have with year 2025 Golf Thing at top and then under put chapter name as we have (Northeast Texas Chapter 416)