



## Northeast Texas - AFA Chapter 416 Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

🏠 **Location:** Oaks Country Club, Greenville, TX  
📅 **Date:** 250611  
🕒 **Time:** 1130-1230

### Attendees:

**President** – Zachary Hill

**Vice President** – Ted Oats

**Secretary** – Chad Chaffee

**Members:** Choya Shanahan, Rich Holsinger, Heidi Ratliff, Steve Maclaird

**VP Community Partners** – Terry Thomas

**VP CAP** – Chuck Meador

**Treasurer** – Vance Clarke

## Agenda

### I. Event review: Spring Thing Event 11 June, 1200-1300 @ The Oaks

- a) Open Discussion

### II. Report on May, Support & Inspire Golf Tournament

- a) Vance briefed outcome of tournament: 144 players played and paid. Great success with Chipper challenge (\$5 a shot), raffle covered putter costs (\$487.11) and balls (\$165.55). Funds raised are over \$4000. This will support the \$2,400 donation to Booster Club in Dec 2025 and provide \$500+/- for babysitting if desired by squadron. Great job by Zach for planning, Chad for being on site all day with event, Ted for coming out for registration, and Vance for registration, sponsor, and financial support.
- b) Board recommended we set up a checklist and plan for next year's event soonest. Board suggested getting on course schedule now and convince them to provide additional "in-kind" support and become a CP.

### III. Update on 27 Sep 2025 Golf Thing

- a) 27 Sep 2025 AFA Golf Tournament, Zach looking at trophy buying.
- b) Terry and Vance coordinating flyer work with L3Harris SERVE team for updates. Working to get flyers in work and have version by early July. Working with Ashley Sneed on this.

### IV. Texas State Mtg – 1-3 Aug 2025

- a) Vance is attending, board approved request hotel for 2 nights, and Chad is attending for one night. Our TOY and Zach (in blues) will attend dinner, possible one more.
- b) 2 Aug meetings and dinner; several can attend and we only cover lunch costs and/or dinner if they stay for that. Best to have other attend meetings even if they don't stay for dinner event.
- c) Vance needs any additions or updates absolutely **latest** (June 24) if you want to attend! We need to know all attendees so we can register lunch for day stayers, or dinner for those going to the banquet.

### V. Community Partners (CPs)

- a) Vance presenting plaque to Mercer Advisors at their new office location on 10 June. Will have photos and the like to share.
- b) Recommend all continue to share and work CPs

## **VI. Essay Contest**

- a) Suggested Topics:
  - i) Impact of AI in the Military; tool or risk?
  - ii) United States approach to world event; nationalist or International?
  - iii) Drone warfare; risk of drone integration in future conflicts?

## **VII. Community building**

- a) Rockwall ISD District – Chad

## **VIII. Civil Air Patrol**

- a) 17 May Majors Field Event – feedback on event?
- b) G1000 Simulator Funding Explanation due from 645 CAP. (Update multiple squadron inclusion)  
  
Choya said following FAA certification requirements was NOT feasible. Recommend we close this task.
- c) 645 CAP Funding Request Discussion; \$600 check to 645 CAP to supplement ribbons/insignia fees provided with receipt returned to AFA416.

## **IX. AFA Advocacy Efforts**

- a) Basic Training Communication Efforts Ongoing (Assume Chad is POC ?)
- b) \$500 paid to Majors Flying Club. Event went well; we did get a letter back from club for support.
- c) 30 July 2025 Mercer Open House – Details to follow via separate announcement

## **X. Way Ahead**

- a) Require ExCom Discussion required in near future for programming and expectations for clear program guidance and feedback to our Sponsors, Donors, and Community Partners
- b) Recommend meeting before 10 Sep 2025 to discuss. Recommend 4-hour session. It can be morning or afternoon on a Saturday, or an evening. Location TBD. Will require some planning and effort ahead of time. Once determined we need to take action to address our efforts and plans going forward.

## **XI. Next meetings are scheduled for 9 July and 16 August, 1130-1300. Stay tuned for updates and initial meeting invites.**

| Action Items                  | Owner(s) | Deadline    | Status  |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|---|
| Videos for event              | Vance    | July 2025   | Vance is posting some video links on web page. CAP presentations, some teacher, etc. Can find on page. Working with Web team to get all posted. |
| USC rep for new schools       | Chad     | 30 Jun 25   | In Progress, District Reps Id'd   |
| Hughes Springs                | Vance    | 30 Jul 25   | Posting links to web page of event we funded. Will also set up visit for future.  |
| Inspire Golf                  | Zach     | 30 May 25   | Tournament complete, well done!   |
| ISD Cybersecurity Texas Funds | Chad     | 30 Jul 2025 | Reaching out to ISDs on using state funds that haven't been used  |