



Northeast Texas - AFA Chapter 416 Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

🏠 **Location:** Oaks Country Club, Greenville, TX
📅 **Date:** 250910
🕒 **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 Meader

Treasurer – Vance Clarke

Agenda

I. Minutes Review, vote to submit

- a) Open Discussion –Meeting moved to Baker’s Ribs due to flood at the Oaks golf club.

II. Update on 27 Sep 2025 Golf Thing

- a) 27 Sep 2025 AFA Golf Tournament updates:
 - i) Plan/Verify all times for Golf Thing – Oaks Club plans to be re=open for business 21 Sep
 - ii) goody bag stuffing – still looking for donators for goody bags!! Notate a 3p.m. show on 26 Sep for setup and goodie volunteers.
 - iii) Plan, setup, and any other efforts Terry needs Greenville CAP helping but working deconflictions, Lakeshore possibly help with takedown (Choya, call Vance or Terry to give update)
- b) **Terry has all flyers printed.**
- c) **ZACH and TERRY update ON SIGNUPGENIUS OPTIONS.**

III. Community Partners (CPs)

- a) .
- b) Recommend all continue to share and work CPs
- c)
- d) Zach and Terry need to plan visit to UHU Technologies as soon as able.

IV. Essay Contest

- a) Agreed Topic: Impact of AI in the Military; tool or risk? Meeting today with Choya and Helene to get started on the Essay Contest emails. Chad will catch up to get send outs coordinated to transmit from AFA accounts.
- b) Choya is leading some of the effort. Vance assisting, Helene (Carlos wife) is helping. Chad is working file efforts to centralize it in AFA files and distribute using the AFA account.

V. Community building

- a) Vance: SULPHUR SPRINGS 3D PRINTER SSMS is working to present to school and will get back with us after that. Follow-up late Sep 2025
- b) All of our sponsorships need attention, but bigger ones should endeavor face to face meetings, Blackjack, Bartlett and West.
- c) Hughes Springs Science Event: 16 Sep 2025, 4pm.. Session on DNA extraction being taught by our funded program teacher (Mandy Eckhard). Start time is 4pm, Vance is departing at 1pm, and will likely not be back until after 7pm.

VI. Civil Air Patrol

- a) . Complete, remove.
- b) Update on G1000 simulators pending funding/fundraising status after Golf Thing.
- c) Airplane is funded by AF, but airplane is not fitted with G1000 yet. Emphasis is to prepare pilots for arrivals to minimize operational impact of conversion. Primary concerns are utilization and application rates and sources.
- d) Zach and Chad will develop an agenda and a separate Teams Meeting for next steps.

VII. AFA Advocacy Efforts

- a) Basic Training Communication Efforts Ongoing (Chad is POC)(Move to tasks)
- b) Chad is beginning talks with Rockwall area charities on like-kind-exchange fundraising agreements (event support, signage, etc.). Build and trade time and exposure, work on plans for Inspire Tournament in 26.
- c) Inspire Military Service calls on a national level
- d) Vance and Chad work on Texas Legislative follow-up from state AFA for contact with congressional advocacy and newsletters.
- e) Teams meeting for next meeting. Set dates for 8 Oct, 5 Nov. Dec TBD

VIII. Way Ahead

- a) Schedule ExCom Discussion required in near future for programming and expectations for clear program guidance and feedback to our Sponsors, Donors, and Community Partners
- b) 17 Sep at 11:30 am (was at the Oaks TBD) Lone Oak school is updating the MOAA meeting on Tango flight

- IX.** Next meetings is scheduled for 8 October and 5 November at the Oaks , 1130-1300. Stay tuned for meeting invites.

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
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USC rep for new schools	Chad	30 Sep 25	In Progress, District Reps Id'd
Golf Thing	Zach, Terry	27 Sep 25	Tournament setup, execution, volunteers?
ISD Cybersecurity Texas Funds	Chad	30 Sep 2025	Reaching out to ISDs on unused state funds. May be impacted by floods.