



## DRAFT Chapter Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2022

Air Force Association  
Waterman-Twining Chapter 316  
Virtual Meeting using Microsoft Teams  
May 14, 2022

### Call to Order

Chapter President Bill Yucuis called the Waterman-Twining Chapter of the Air Force Association Meeting to order at 1:00 PM EST on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The meeting was also open to members via teleconferencing on Microsoft Teams.

The meeting was being recorded and can be listened to in its entirety using the following link:

[https://airforcehq-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/fl316\\_waterman\\_president\\_afa\\_org/EbaTGpKOjJpEhiu6NO2RCGwBYFL6kvU-0-rd5ET3I4LsBw?e=TUDSNn](https://airforcehq-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/fl316_waterman_president_afa_org/EbaTGpKOjJpEhiu6NO2RCGwBYFL6kvU-0-rd5ET3I4LsBw?e=TUDSNn)

### Attendance

Chapter officers in attendance: Bill Yucuis, President and Gary Gilchrist, Treasurer

AFA Chapter members in attendance: Cassandra Buell, Joey DeGrella, Natalie Kiel, Kayla McCarthy, Aayush Singh, Madison Weaver, Liz Castillo, Julia Zuercher, Bianca Coloso

### Chapter President Welcome – Bill Yucuis

Bill Yucuis thanked all who participated in the virtual meeting, especially all the USF Arnold Air Society cadet who were participating at the end of the Spring semester.

A quorum of at least 10 Chapter members was established and the Meeting Minutes for the January 15, 2022, Chapter Meeting were approved.

Bill Yucuis briefed the AFA name and logo change. Effective April 7, 2022, AFA officially became **Air & Space Forces Association** but kept the three identifying initials – A F A. The new AFA logo, shown at the top of these Minutes, combines a stylized Hap Arnold star used since the foundation of AFA in 1946 with the distinctive Delta and Polaris from the Space Force logo.

The AFA Mission remains the same, namely “... to promote dominant U.S. Air & Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; to honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families; and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage.”

### Chapter Activities from January 2022 to the present

**MacDill AFB Support:** Chapter members attend the monthly First Term Airman Course (FTAC) Graduations to present a Professional Airman Award which includes Pen set and free 1-year AFA eMembership



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### **Stewart Middle School support:**

On January 21, 2022, Greg Moyle, the Chapter AEVP attended dinner, where a \$52,000 grant was awarded by the Center for the Advancement of Science and Space, to Stewart Middle School

On February 25, 2022, Bill Yucuis presented a \$1000 check to the Stewart Middle School STEM Booster Club.

### **USF AFROTC Support:**

USF Arnold Air Society (AAS) hosts Chapter Meeting at USF ROTC Building (and virtually) on January 15, 2022

The Chapter sent a \$1000 support check to AAS to help 7 cadets attend to NATCOM in Washington, DC on April 15 – 19, 2022

On April 28, 2022, Bill Yucuis attended the USF AFROTC Awards Ceremony and presented the Chapter's AFROTC Cadet of the Year award and the AFA's Martin H. Harris Outstanding Cadet of the Year Award.

### **AFJROTC Support:**

There are 10 AFJROTC high school units in Chapter area: Durant, Bloomingdale, Middleton, Blake, H.B. Plant, Jefferson, Sickles, River Ridge, Springstead, Hernando.

Chapter members, shown in parentheses next to the school, attended Award Ceremonies to present the AFA AFJROTC Cadet of the Year Award at Sickles (Greg Moyle), Plant (Bill Yucuis), Springstead (Teri Weide), and Hernando (Teri Weide) High Schools. Teri Weide also attended a Military Ball at Springstead High School.

Bill Yucuis emailed all the AFJROTC SASIs about the AFA STEM Education programs, StellarXplorers and Cyber Patriot.

### **AFA STEM Education Program Support:**

Bill Yucuis has coordinated with MITRE, through Chapter member Mike McGivern, to support StellarXplorers. MITRE will host a StellarCamp on July 11-15

On April 9, Bill Yucuis gave a presentation about StellarCamps at the Educator Workshop during Sun n Fun Fly In at Lakeland Airport

The Chapter selected Julian Rivera from Stewart Middle School as the AFA Chapter Teacher of the Year (TOY)

The Chapter provided a \$500 support check for West Coast Honor Flight Support



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### Future Chapter Goals and Plans

**Current Chapter Financial Report:** Started year with ~\$15K and plan to spend ~\$4K

The Chapter needs to find revenue sources to continue current levels of support in the future

**Enhanced MacDill Support:** The Chapter would like to accomplish the following activities during the coming year.

Talk with Airman Leadership School students about AFA Mission

Meet with MacDill Leadership Groups, such as Chiefs Group, Top 3, NCO, Airman, and CGO

Provide Professional Development opportunities

Promote current AFA support programs such as Pitsenbarger Grant and Spouse Scholarships

**Improve support of AFROTC and AFJROTC units; add CAP support, if possible**

More interaction with USF AFROTC unit

Contact each AFJROTC unit this next school year and attend 100% of units Awards Ceremonies

Contact local CAP units

**Increase support of Education Programs:**

Find mentors for StellarXplorers and CyberPatriot teams

Find industry financial support for Chapter Education support programs

**Improve Chapter Communications:** Facebook, Twitter, Website, Newsletter

Mike Lezaun, Chapter Secretary is running Chapter Twitter account

(<https://mobile.twitter.com/TampaBayAFA>). We need Chapter members to support with content and encourage others to use it for Chapter communications

Falar Fatmi, a new Chapter member who recently moved to Tampa and works at the Exceed Corporation, is helping us start new, improved Website; Mike Lezaun will be Webmaster. Expect to see details soon.

We plan to have a Chapter Newsletter sometime in June.

We need Chapter members to support these activities. As Chapter President, Bill Yucuis is looking for Chapter members to support one activity that interests them. Please contact him at [fl316.waterman.president@afa.org](mailto:fl316.waterman.president@afa.org)

President Bill Yucuis adjourned the meeting at 1:35 A.M. EST.

Draft Minutes recorded by Bill Yucuis on May 16, 2022. If you have any corrections, send them to [fl316.waterman.president@afa.org](mailto:fl316.waterman.president@afa.org)