

# FINAL Minutes: Approved May 14, 2022

Air Force Association  
Waterman-Twining Chapter 316 Meeting  
USF Tampa, FL  
January 15, 2022

## Call to Order

Chapter President Bill Yucuis called the Waterman-Twining Chapter of the Air Force Association Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EST on Saturday, January 15, 2022, in the USF ROTC Building in Tampa, Florida. The meeting was also open to members via teleconferencing on Microsoft Teams.

Attendees: V means attended Virtually; P means attended In Person

Chapter officers in attendance.

Bill Yucuis (P)	President
Mike Lezaun (P)	Secretary
Greg Moyle (V)	VP for Education

Chapter/State members in attendance: Rudy Ortiz (V), Ned Hance (V), Michael Jesson (P), Todd Small (V), Todd Freece (V, State officer),

USF Arnold Air Society cadets, who are all AFA members, in attendance:

Cadet Cassandra Buell (P), Cadet Joey DeGrella (P), Cadet Natalie Kiel (P), Cadet Jaiden Latimer (V), Cadet Kayla McCarthy (V), Cadet Ezra Robertson (P), Cadet Aayush Singh (P), Cadet Jacob Spence (V), Cadet Madison Weaver (V)

## Chapter President Welcome – Bill Yucuis

Chapter President refreshed the group with the AFA Mission, AFA Vision, Waterman-Twining Chapter Vision and he shared some background on his AFA involvement.

- **AFA Mission:** Our mission is to promote dominant U.S. Air and 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.
- **AFA Vision:** The Air Force Association will be the premier professional military and aerospace education association in the nation, dedicated to United States dominance in air, space, and cyberspace, a strong national defense, and support for the people who serve the United States Air Force and United States Space Force.
- **Waterman-Twining Chapter Vision:** Provide premier Professional Development opportunities and support for all the airmen stationed at MacDill AFB. Promote AFA aerospace education goals at Stewart MS, USF AFROTC, and area AFJROTC units.

## Meeting Goals – Bill Yucuis

The goals of this meeting are:

- Officially elect the Chapter Officers
- Provide overview of Chapter Finances, Membership and Activities
- Discuss future Chapter participation

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### Chapter Officer Elections – Bill Yucuis

Current officer nominations were as follows:

**President:** Bill Yucuis

**Vice President:** Barry Taylor

**Secretary:** Mike Lezaun

**Treasurer:** Gary Gilchrist

The floor was opened for more nominations from the in-person or virtual membership. There were none. Bill Yucuis motioned the chapter to elect the chapter officers, in person by saying Aye, virtually by thumbs up. Slate was elected unanimous.

### Treasurer's Report - Bill Yucuis

Gary Gilchrist, the Chapter Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but provided the 2022 Chapter Budget details as followed:

#### Income

- Current Chapter Checking Account: \$14,697.35
- Only income for 2022 is possible membership rebates from AFA
- No other planned income for this year, at this time

#### Planned Expenditures (\$4,350 total)

- USF AFROTC: \$2000
- Stewart MS: \$1000 (John Glenn Space Club support)
- MacDill AFB Activities: \$750 (Pitsenbarger Award)
- Honor Flight: \$500
- AFJROTC State Drill Meet Trophies: \$100

### Membership Summary – Bill Yucuis

Bill Yucuis shared some background information on the Hillsborough county and neighboring counties AFA membership. Currently our chapter is the second largest in the State of Florida, however, we don't have that many active members at this time.

Total Membership: 1020

Life Members: 593

3-Year Members: 173

1-Year: 177; includes Arnold Air Society cadets

**Chapter Activities** – Bill Yucuis led an overview of current and planned Chapter activities. Please contact Bill Yucuis if you want to assist in these activities.

### MacDill AFB:

- First Term Airman Course (FTAC) has a monthly graduation where our chapter presents a Professional Airman Award which includes a pen set and a free 1-year AFA eMembership. This was restarted in November 2021.

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- Airman Leadership Course (ALS) provides an opportunity to speak to students one day during the course about the Air Force Association. This was restarted in December 2021.
- There are various Professional Development opportunities to meet with various base leadership groups, such as Chiefs Group, Top 3, NCO, Airmen, and CGO. We would like to schedule Lunch Briefings, if possible.
- During the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduation, a chapter member presents the Pitsenbarger Award(s).
- Chapter personnel also contact appropriate base individuals about AFA opportunities, such as Spouse Scholarships.

### **USF AFROTC Support:**

- Arnold Air Society (AAS) cadets are also AFA members. Chapter members meet with AAS cadets to talk about AFA opportunities. One example of support to AAS cadets is helping fund travel to RCON and NATCON.
- There are also other opportunities to support by attending unit Awards and Graduation ceremonies, Military Ball in spring and present the Outstanding AFROTC Cadet Award
- Bill Yucuis is seeking to meet Col Montgomery to discuss further details on support for USF AFROTC

### **AFJROTC Support**

- Our chapter also supports 10 AFJROTC units in our area: Durant, Bloomingdale, Middleton, Blake, H.B. Plant, Jefferson, Sickles, River Ridge, Springstead, Hernando
- Our chapter members attend Awards Ceremony and present the AFA National Cadet of Year Award

### **AFA Education Mission Support**

- Stewart Middle School is a NASA Explorer School and has the John Glenn Club (after school space club). Our chapter sometime help selecting John Glenn club candidates. We also support a yearly trip to Kennedy Space Center. Some members have in the past spoken at yearly Teach Ins about AFA and their life experiences.
- There are opportunities to promote and support CyberPatriot and StellarXplorers. There is a current contact at MITRE, who supports Robinson High School StellarXplorers team
- There also is the Chapter Teacher of the Year (TOY) AFA program. Nominations due to AFA NLT April 30. This award is sponsored by Nationals and is at no cost to Chapter. AFA provides \$250 check, TOY pin and certificate, and free CAP Educator membership.

### **Communications – Bill Yucuis**

- The chapter needs support for Newsletter, Website and Twitter media manager.

### **Words from AFA State of Florida and Region President - Todd Freece shared:**

- He wants to cross-share with other chapters across the State some of the items on the agenda. There are many chapters doing well and others that could use ideas. There will be an opportunity in July 2022 to meet in Tallahassee and share some ideas.

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- There is a National convention in DC. This year he would like to have an in-person delegate from each Chapter to vote, it is about 20 individuals and typically around September. It is a great opportunity to meet members around the world and listen to Air Force, Space Force and AFA leadership. If you have never attended, there is an opportunity to assist with partial Travel and Registration funds to encourage first time attendees.

President Bill Yucuis adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M. EST.

Recorded by Mike Lezaun, Secretary on March 3, 2022 and revised on April 14, 2022 by Bill Yucuis