

Air Force Association  
Waterman-Twining Chapter 316 Meeting  
USF Tampa, FL  
February 29, 2020

These Minutes were approved on March 29, 2020 and since this meeting, COVID-19 has affected numerous planned activities and comments [ highlighted in blue] will be added to reflect its impact.

**Call to Order**

Chapter President Bill Yucuis called the Waterman-Twining Chapter of the Air Force Association Meeting to order at 10:00 on Saturday, February 29, 2020 in the USF ROTC Building in Tampa, Florida. The meeting was also open to teleconferencing.

These Chapter officers were present.

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Bill Yucuis  | President               |
| Barry Taylor | Vice President          |
| Dennis Foley | Secretary               |
| Rudy Ortiz   | MacDill AFB Coordinator |

Other AFA members in attendance: Ned Hance, Teri Weide and Rick Sloop (National member)

Several cadets from the USF Arnold Air Society, who are all AFA members, were invited by President Yucuis to join the meeting. The AFJROTC State Drill Meet, which is sponsored by AFA Florida, was being hosted by the USF AFROTC unit and these cadets were helping with the Drill Meet but could take time out to attend the Chapter Meeting.

USF Arnold Air Society members in attendance:

Cadet Andrea Santa (Squadron Commander), Cadet Peyton Yake, Cadet Sophia Vera,  
Cadet Shelton Roslin, Cadet Carson Nicholson and Cadet Jonathan Villegas

**Chapter Constitution and By Laws – Bill Yucuis**

The primary purpose of the meeting was the acceptance of the new Waterman/Twining Chapter Constitution and By Laws. Bill Yucuis briefed that the current Waterman Chapter Constitution and By Laws (separate documents) were adopted in 1994 and amended in 2000. About 15 years ago, the Twining Chapter was combined with the Waterman Chapter and AFA National approved us to be the Waterman-Twining Chapter. The proposed Constitution and By Laws (combined document) are in accordance with AFA National guidance and developed using Templates provided by AFA National.

Barry Taylor made the motion to adopt the Constitution and By Laws. Cadet Andrea Santa seconded. The proposed Waterman-Twining Chapter Constitution and By Laws were approved unanimously.

**Membership - Barry Taylor**

The chapter membership continues to hold at approximately 1,000 members. A problem, as at national, is life members who are continued as active members who have passed away. Follow ups are needed.

### **Treasurer's Report** - Bill Yucuis

Gary Gilchrist, the Chapter Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but had talked with Bill Yucuis, the Chapter President, and provided details to brief. Here are the 2020 Chapter Budget details. Items highlighted have been executed as of today.

#### Income (\$18,440 total)

Chapter Checking Account: \$16,200

AFA Chapter Support Payments: \$1,100 (\$634.80 on Feb 22)

AFA Chapter Recruitment Payments: \$140 (\$97.50 on Feb 22)

Community Partners: \$1,000

#### Expenditures (\$4,250 total)

USF AFROTC: \$1,650

Spring Awards (Sabre and Case): \$550

Arnold Air Society: \$1000

State Drill Meet Trophies: \$100

Stewart MS: \$1000

MacDill AFB Activities: \$1,100

Professional Airman Award (Pen Set): \$200

AFA e-Memberships: \$400 (\$40 so far)

eAFA: \$500

Honor Flight: \$500

**Chapter Activities** – Bill Yucuis led an overview of current and planned Chapter activities.

**MacDill AFB:** The Chapter currently provides a Professional Airman Award, which is given at the monthly First Term Airman Course (FTAC) graduation. The FTAC awardee receives a pen set and a free 1-year AFA eMembership. We have also begun giving an AFA overview at Airman Leadership Courses (ALS) which occur about every 5 weeks.

The eAFA budget is to support an effort being started this year by MSgt Rudy Ortiz, who had a program at Lackland AFB during a previous assignment which engaged base personnel in AFA-related activities. Bill Yucuis has begun coordinating with MacDill AFB groups, such as Top 3 and Chiefs Group, to provide professional training opportunities.

Bill Yucuis talked about the Pitsenbarger Awards. Each year, AFA National provides a \$400.00 education grant to top graduate of the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) at each base. A discussion dealt with the chapter possibly adding additional grants to a graduate of the CCAF. Bill Yucuis has been coordinating with the MacDill Top 3 organization, which plan the CCAF graduations. Any additional Pitsenbarger awards provided by the Chapter will be decided later. [Due to COVID-19, CCAF graduations have been postponed]

A table at the 2020 MacDill AFB AirFest on March 28-29 is being secured. Volunteers to man the table will be needed. Two people to man a booth to promote AFA and chapter and 6 people a day to man a booth to earn money. [Due to COVID-19, the Air Fest has been cancelled for this year]

**Stewart Middle School:** Chapter members support the Teach In, held each November. The John Glenn Space Club accepts new members each year and the Chapter supports them by providing members to interview students and make recommendations about being accepted into the club. The John Glenn Club takes students each year on overnight field trips to Kennedy Space Center and the Chapter supports them with \$1000 each year. [Due to COVID-19, all field trips have been cancelled for the remainder of the semester]

**USF AFROTC, including Arnold Air Society (AAS) Cadets:** USF AFROTC is hosting the AFJROTC State Drill Meet today. This event rotates between Florida universities each year. The Chapter pays for some trophies presented at the Awards ceremony. A Chapter representative attends the following events: Winter and Spring Awards ceremonies, Winter and Spring graduations, and the Military Ball. At the Spring Awards ceremony, the Chapter presents a sword and case to the Outstanding AFROTC cadet. The Chapter supports the AAS cadets, who are all AFA members, by helping to fund travel to the AAS Regional and National conferences. [Due to COVID-19, USF has closed and students are taking classes remotely plus all AFROTC activities have been cancelled for the remainder of the semester]

**AFJROTC Units:** The Chapter supports the 10 AFJROTC units in the Chapter area by presenting the AFA AFJROTC Cadet of the Year Award. Greg Moyle, the Chapter VP for Education had previously volunteered to serve as the coordinator for awards but is presently unavailable due to illness. Secretary Dennis Foley and Teri Weide volunteered to coordinate the awards in the northern areas of the Chapter (Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties) while Bill Yucuis will coordinate the awards in the southern areas (Pinellas and Hillsborough counties). [Due to COVID-19, all AFJROTC activities, including Awards Ceremonies, have been cancelled for the remainder of the semester]

### Upcoming Chapter Events and Plans

- Chapter/State Teacher of the Year Award due April 15
- AFA State Awards due April 15
- Chapter Newsletter: need Chapter member to spearhead
- Chapter Website: need Chapter member to spearhead
- AFA Florida State Meeting in Jacksonville: July 24-25

Chapter pays registration fee

- AFA National Convention in Washington D.C: September 12-13

AFA Florida subsidizes \$500 for first time attendees

President Bill Yucuis adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Recorded by Dennis Foley, Secretary on February 29, 2020 (Dennis Foley is currently in the hospital so they were revised by Bill Yucuis on March 27, 2020)