

AFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

08 July 2026

Attendees

Dann Mattiza Max Friedauer Fred Gross
Joe Kinego Susan Ault-Davis A1C Malik Gooden
SSgt Daniel Moya-Romera

State Convention:

- Will be in Jacksonville on July 18 – Dann Mattiza will attend to pick up Chapter awards.
- Chapter Teacher of the Year winner, Jennifer Cook, will attend the awards dinner during the convention to receive the State award. She is a possible contestant at the AFA National level.
- Lt. Gen. Conley is the winner of the Waterman award but is unable to attend the State convention. Award will be presented at the Chapter awards ceremony in October 2026.
- Other Chapter awards to be presented at State convention:
 - o Meredith Coleman – Member of the Year
 - o Chapter 398 – Extra Large Chapter of the Year
 - o Unsung Heroes – Best Single Program
 - o Chapter 398 – Communications
 - o Chapter 398 – Community Relations
 - o Chapter 398 – Overall Programming
 - o Fred Gross – Exceptional Service
 - o Susan Ault-Davis – Sustained Service

Treasurer Report

- Chapter funds are in good shape.
- Raymond James: The growth rate is showing improvement.
- Semi-annual report due to AFA National – Dann Mattiza.

Awards Banquet

- Wednesday, October 14th. Lt Gen. Conley
- Several venues are being considered with the goal of keeping the meal under \$40 per person.
- Planning for 65 people.

Communications Update

- Newsletter is ready to post.

Aerospace Education

- The committee decided to reinstate a \$250 award to the principal of the school where our Teacher of the Year is employed.

Unsung Heroes

- Tentatively planned for March 2027.
- Need a Chapter volunteer to work with the 1SOW on planning the event.
- The 1SOW is assuming responsibility for the program and will be advertising for a MSgt to manage the event.

General Discussion

- Fred Gross attended the awards ceremony at the FWBHS gymnasium for the JROTC Summer Camp. He presented coins to the 55 members in attendance.
- Fred Gross presented the Pitsenbarger award to the top performer of the recent NCO Academy graduation. The check was provided by AFA National. The next graduation class will receive a check funded by Chapter 398.
- Joe Kinego will be meeting with the new commander of the 479th FTG to determine needs, priorities, and options for Chapter support.
- National convention will be September 12th and 13th. Dann Mattiza will attend.

Next Meeting

- August 12th @ 1130 at the Clubhouse Grill