

MINUTES
AIR FORCE RECRUITING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
(AFRAA)
American Legion Post 667
504 Bowie
Universal City, TX 78148
June 10, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of a formal committee, Bob Cantu, acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 P.M.

2. QUORUM CHECK:

Until a formal committee is established, a quorum is not required.

3. PRESENT:

Bob Cantu
Ron Moore
Bill McCormack
Richard Richard
Billy McAllan
Andy Coppi
Bruce Stewart
Denny Taylor
Joe Kozusko
Jerry Nelson

Ron Lajoie
Candy Moore
Don Haygood
Gregory Biava
Paul Hamilton
Brian Erickson
Rudy Andabaker
Robert Marroquin
Jim Watson
Nick Milonovich

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Cantu began the meeting with a brief overview of the establishment of this Alumni Association for the benefit of those members (and potential members) present. The Alumni Association has been a thought for many years but no one had actually taken any definitive steps toward the organization until very recently. There have been two previous meetings; the first was April 29, 2007. The purpose of that meeting was to gage the interest level and establish the initial role players until a formal committee could be elected. Jerry Nelson, Andy Coppi, and Bob Cantu are the primary organizer. They set up the meetings, collected data, developed the initial letters, and collected membership dues.

The initial group collected the names and contact information for former recruiters and recruiting personnel. A list was compiled from various sources including the list from previous Recruiting Service events and personal lists brought to the meeting by the attendees. This list is evolving as we go, with new names being added almost daily. The Master contact list is being maintained by Rudy Andabaker and his staff. The scope of our membership is nationwide and currently there are several members from outside the State with that number expected to increase significantly once the word gets out.

The purpose of the AFRAA is twofold: (1) To assist Recruiting Service with Blue Suit. It has become increasingly difficult to sustain Blue Suit as we know it without some help. We could sponsor an event or two and help RS with local community sponsors. (2) Stay in touch with other former recruiters and select some worthwhile projects to support (former recruiters in need; scholarships; etc)

An update of our Co-sponsorship with the RS top three in the golf tournament scheduled for June 29 ,07 at Lackland AFB was presented by Jerry Nelson. Hole sponsorship is coming along great and we expect to have a great event.

Membership information:

- Membership is open to all former RS personnel; enlisted, officer and civilian (production or support)
- Membership Dues - \$25.00 annually
- 101 members have paid their CY 2007 dues

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Committee structure and election of officers was discussed by the group. Jerry Nelson suggested we need to put the charter and by-laws, once established, on line for all members to see and participate in. Everyone was in agreement on this.
- B. The need for a website was discussed. Andy Coppi invited Karen Gordon to this meeting. She owns Tagalong Design, a graphics and web design company. Ms Gordon gave the group information on what type of website we would need and also how we might “link” to Recruiting Service’s website. This will be a major project as the association evolves but a necessity. She will assist us when we are ready.
- C. Volunteers were solicited to help with getting the guidelines established for the committee. Brian Erickson, Ron Lajoie, Ron & Candy Moore volunteered for this and will get together as a group prior to the next meeting.

- D. Jerry Nelson requested some help with keeping up with membership lists, mailings, and dues. He is getting somewhat overwhelmed and doesn't want anything to fall through the crack. Billy McAllan volunteered for this.**
- E. Stan Staples has volunteered to act a Treasurer until one can be appointed. He is currently the Treasurer for the local chapter of AFSA. AFRAA has an account established as a non-profit organization. So far, expenditures have been for postage and also \$400 was given to Blue Suit for this years event.**

6. MEMBER ITEMS:

Joe Kozusko and Don Haygood both felt the association should have a clear purpose and should keep the organizational structure as simple as possible. The purpose of the organization, as discussed above, satisfied those concerns and everyone in attendance agreed to keep it simple.

Ron Moore volunteered to find a facility for our next meeting and will get this information ASAP.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be July 15, 2007, at 3:00PM, at a place to be announced. With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.