



**MINUTES  
AIR FORCE RECRUITING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
(AFRAA)  
American Legion Post 593  
326 Legion Dr  
Converse, TX 78109  
November 4, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

In the absence of a formal committee, Bob Cantu, acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order promptly at 3:00 P.M.

**2. QUORUM CHECK:**

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

**3. PRESENT:**

**Bob Cantu  
Ron Moore  
Jerry Nelson  
Stan Staples  
Billy McAllan  
Bill Sheppard  
Joe Kozusko**

**Ron Lajoie  
Candy Moore  
Brian Erickson  
Paul Hamilton  
Andy Coppi  
Jack Salvatore  
Don Haygood**

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Election Results. The Election Committee, Don Haygood and Brian Erickson, presented the results of the election to the membership, as follows:**

**President – Jerry Nelson (38 of 66 valid votes – 57.6%)  
Candy Moore (28 of 66 valid votes – 42.4%)**

**Vice President – Andy Coppi (48 of 65 valid votes – 73.8%)  
Billy McAllan (17 of 65 valid votes – 26.2%)**

**Secretary – Ron Lajoie (64 of 64 valid votes – 100%)**

**Treasurer – Stan Staples (65 of 65 valid votes – 100%)**

**Eastern At Large – Jim Wheat (34 of 65 valid votes – 52.3%)**

**John Donato (19 of 65 valid votes – 29.2%)**

**Bobby Jacques (12 of 65 valid votes – 18.5%)**

**Central At Large – Bob Cantu (66 of 66 valid votes – 100%)**

**Western At Large – Robbin McGregor (35 of 62 valid votes – 56.5%)**

**Bruce Trickel (27 of 62 valid votes – 43.5%)**

- B. Annual Leadership Conference Update – Bob Cantu has met with the RS/CC to discuss the upcoming conference which is 26 – 30 Nov 07. The conference is being held at the Hyatt Hill Country Raddison and the RS/CC has agreed to make some time for our newly formed Alumni Association to brief the Conference participants. Our goal is to let them know about our organization and what our goals are. Also, we want to make them aware of our Regional At Large Members so they will have a point of contact. Our newly elected Association Officers will be on hand at the Conference to brief the participants and to field any questions. As a part of this Conference, there will be the Golf Tournament, co-hosted by our association and RS/Top 3.**
- C. AFRS Top 3 & Recruiter Alumni Fall Classic Golf Tournament. Jerry Nelson has been working with the Top 3 to get the Golf Tournament organized. He asked the membership to put together teams and get that info to him as soon as possible. The tournament is set for 30 Nov 07, Lackland AFB. It's a 4-man scramble, shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Registration will begin at 11:00 am and we need to get as many teams as possible to represent our organization. We will split the proceeds with the Top 3, same as our last tournament. This is a good opportunity to interact with our Active Duty counterparts and make some money for our organization at the same time. A flyer will be sent to everyone within a couple of days from RS.**
- D. It was generally agreed upon that our Annual Membership meeting should be conducted in conjunction with the RS Annual Leadership Conference. Since we are participating in this one, Andy Coppi asked if we should possibly do something for our membership. All thought this was a good idea and the general consensus was to put a very informal, low-key mixer together one evening while the Leadership Conference is going on. Jack Salvadore agreed to host this event at his home. The tentative plan is to have a mixer for the membership at approximately 6:00 pm, 29 Nov 07. The AA will pay all costs, including catering. Ron Lajoie volunteered to get prices for catering from several different places ASAP. Also, an e-mail will need to go out quickly to the membership so we can get a head count. Brian Erickson asked if we should include the spouses and all agreed we definitely should so it will be members and spouses. Several members volunteered to help with the planning of this event. A discussion took place on financing the trip for our out-of-state At Large members. Since this could be quite costly, a figure of \$200 for each At Large member to defray travel costs was floated and all agreed this would be a good figure. This is not a permanent expense and can be re-evaluated each year.**

- E. Blue Suit Update - Bob Cantu has had several meetings with the RS/CC with regard to our involvement with Blue Suit. After some discussion, the members agreed that our Alumni Association could fund an event or activity for the Blue Suiters. The consensus was to fund the Friday lunch. Brian Erickson suggested we also invite some individuals who have previously been prominent and instrumental in the success of the Blue Suit program. He thought we should invite Bill Langley's daughters, John Hancock of Kel-Lac, and Ramelle Glasscock. As info, it was mentioned that the number of Blue Suiters who would attend this luncheon is approximately 14, with spouses. It should be noted that it is rare for all the spouses to come. This will be discussed further as we get closer to the event which will be Mar 08. Bob Cantu motioned and Andy Coppi seconded that we fund the Friday luncheon.**
- F. Advertising and Recruitment – We talked about ways to get the word out about our Alumni Association and several thoughts were presented. Word of mouth is still a great way to get more people interested in joining and participating. Military magazines is one way we could let the rest of the country know we exist. Ron Moore volunteered to contact the magazines that represent the American Legion Posts and the VFW's. Some members suggested we do a newsletter to our current membership and encourage them to get involved in recruiting new members and making suggestions and recommendations.**
- G. Sub-Committees - As the Alumni Association evolves, several areas will require more attention than regular meetings can achieve. As events come up, we will form sub-committees to handle the day- to-day communication and logistic. Those assigned to the sub-committees will report the news/progress/plans to the membership. In all probability, the association will need sub-committees for Advertising, Membership Recruitment, Fund Raising, Blue Suit, and anything else that might require special attention. Since Bob Cantu has been heavily involved in Blue Suit, the membership felt he would be the logical leader for the Blue Suit sub-committee. A motion to this effect was made by Brian Erickson and seconded by Candy Moore.**
- H. Treasurer's/Membership Report – Stan Staples reported the current balance in our account is \$3450.50. It was agreed that Stan would coordinate with Billy McAllan on keeping the membership and email address listing current. As members renew and new members are added, this provides an opportunity to review our list and keep it current.**

## **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

**The next regular membership meeting has not been determined at this time. The Board will meet separately 18 Sep 07. A date and place for the next meeting is TBA. With no further items to discuss, Jerry Nelson motioned and Ron Moore seconded the meeting be adjourned at 4:15PM.**