

MINUTES
AIR FORCE RECRUITING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Nelson at 3:10 P.M., January 18, 2009. The meeting was held at the Cantu Ranch in Schertz, TX.

2. QUORUM CHECK:

NONE PERFORMED

3. PRESENT:

Jerry Nelson	Larry Carlton
Don Haygood	Bob Cantu
Stan Staples	Frank Kapp
Dale Ullrich	Andy Coppi
Mark Clayton	

4. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Newsletter: Don Haygood advised the meeting members that Tom Strack, Newsletter Editor, had relocated to North Carolina for a new employment opportunity. He also relayed that Tom will continue to handle the newsletter responsibilities. They will coordinate articles between them and ensure it is produced on time. A discussion followed about the newsletter and the need to ensure the first edition is completed and published immediately after Blue Suit activities end on February 28, 2009. A suspense of March 15, 2009 was agreed upon for the first edition to be published. Don Haygood again indicated that members should send articles/stories/ideas for publication. Those can be sent to Tom Strack, Jerry Nelson, Bob Cantu or Don Haygood and they will be forwarded for inclusion.
- b. Recruiting School Graduations: Jerry Nelson requested Association members to attend Recruiting School graduations and present the Top Graduate Awards. The school has added classes this year to take care of the additional number of Recruiters graduating. Anyone that is interested in attending, please get in touch with Jerry Nelson.
- c. Randolph Memorial Park: CMSgt Vance Clark, AFRS Command Chief, inquired through AETC about the requirement to place a plaque or statue in the park and is awaiting an answer. He also is scheduling an

appointment with the AETC Civil Engineer to discuss what could be done. He indicated he will ensure we are part of that meeting. He is also inquiring what funds may be available to assist in this

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Web Site Design:** Dave Frutchey and Dale Ullrich suggested that we look at ways improve the appearance of our website. They provided examples of other websites and things that could be done to make it more attractive. Everyone agreed that there are things that could be done to enhance the appearance and effectiveness of our site. Dale Ullrich volunteered to lead the effort and will contact our webmaster Karen Gordon for assistance. We also discussed a tab on the website for our deceased members. Karen Gordon previously stated she could add the page with no issues. A message will be forwarded to Association members requesting their input on former Recruiters that have passed to add to the site.
- b. **OPERATION BLUE SUIT:** Blue Suit XXX is scheduled for 23-28 February 2009. It was suggested that since this was Blue Suit XXX, if we should attempt to invite former Blue Suit winners to the luncheon. The vote was unanimous for inviting the former winners. A list of previous winners was presented and will be used for invitations. We will sponsor this luncheon for the second consecutive year and, again, the Executive Committee voted to present Blue Suit XXX winners with RS watches.
- c. **2009 REUNION:** It was agreed that we will have a reunion in 2009, with tentative dates of September 25-27, 2009. It was decided that the Golf Tournament will be held on September 25th. A General Membership Meeting will be held September 26 with a BBQ/Mixer afterwards. We will develop specific details and information at a later date.
- d. **MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS:** It was suggested that active duty Air Force Recruiters be allowed to join our Association. Our current Charter does not allow active duty personnel to become members. We must look into the legal issues that could be encountered prior to seeking members input on this matter. Our current membership stands at 52 thus far in 2009. Many of our members are just sending their 2009 dues into our Treasurer. We discussed advertising in veterans magazines, on LES statements, etc. to get word out that we have the Association. John Donato has volunteered to lead recruiting efforts in the Northeast. His input will greatly assist our Association. He will work closely with our Membership Chairperson Candy Moore and the other Region-at Large Representatives.

e. ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS: The election of officers in September 2009 was discussed. We will seek volunteers/nominations in July/August and hold those elections in September. All members are encouraged to get involved and consider holding an office.

7. The next meeting was scheduled for April 12, 2009 at 3 P.M.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Approved/Disapproved

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Jerry Nelson
AFRAA President