



NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CHAPTER 235

Serving the Northern Utah Area

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President's Notes

Happy New Year to all and hopes for a healthy and happy 2018. We had a fantastic 2017 and hope to repeat that again this year. I want to thank all of those who volunteered time over the last year to advocate for Aerospace Power, advance our efforts in Aerospace Education and supporting our Airman. The return on the time can be very humbling and gratifying as some of us got to witness during this year's Snowball Express supporting Gold Star families of Utah for our military members who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Seeing the smiles on those children's faces put things into perspective and witnessing them smiling and appreciating all that the sponsoring organizations provided was truly inspiring after the loss they suffered and really reminds us all of the noble cause our service members provide us each and every day.

2018 is stacking up to be another busy year and we are well underway with many key events planned to include our Rube Goldberg competition and the Scowcroft Banquet. We have confirmed for 15 March and we will have the honor of hearing General Robin Rand, Commander Air Force Global Strike Command speak this year. As we progress thru the year, one of the main objectives is to reach out to the membership to get some of you reenergized and involved again. We need your continued support to help us meet these key objectives supporting our Air Force and our Airman, so please consider this one of your New Year resolutions and get involved. Again thanks for all you do and looking forward to 2018!

RANDY TYMOFICHUK
Northern UT AFA Chapter 235 President

Financial Summary

2017 4th Quarter		
	Checking Acct	Pay Pal Acct
Beginning Balance	\$17,487.03	\$4,708.81
Income		
Contributions/Programs		\$50.00
Donations		
National		
Donation		\$1.00
Net Income	\$0.00	\$51.00
Expenses		
Support	\$350.00	
Veteran's Day Cards	\$450.00	
National Conference	\$1,200.00	
Snow Ball Express	\$500.00	
STEM Fair	\$100.00	
Operating Expenses	\$300.00	\$1.72
Net Expenses	\$2,900.00	\$1.72
Ending Balance	\$14,587.03	\$4,758.09
Cumulative	\$19,345.12	

Significant Events

Utah AFA Awards and Partnership Recognition

On 18 Oct, Utah AFA hosted our First Annual Awards and Community Partner Recognition Social at the Courtyard Marriott in Layton.

As stated by our State President and Chapter 235 member Alex Dubovik, "AFA continues to make significant positive impact across our great state and our Air Force, and it's time to formally recognize some of those deserving individuals and organizations who make it all possible." Award recipients were recognized from both AFA National and from the State of Utah. Chapter 235 award recipients included:

Chapter 235 – AFA National Outstanding Large Chapter of the Year

Bob George – AFA National Chairman's Citation

Heather Wille – Medal of Merit

Mike Sweetland – Exceptional Service Award

Angie Tymofichuk – President's Award for Aerospace Achievement

Our Chapter also recognized our Community Partners: Rovali's, Kihomac, LSI, GOED, and BAE.



Mike Sweetland



Angie Tymofichuk

HillTop Times Article

In recognition of Chapter 235's National Award, we were highlighted in a HillTop Times article in November. If you didn't get a chance to see it, the online version is still available at:

<http://hilltop-times.com/2017/11/02/local-afa-chapter-named-best-for-201617/>



Snapshot of HillTop Times article

George E. Wahlen Veterans Tribute Run and Chili Cook-off

On 14 Oct, chapter members participated in a chili cook-off and 5K run in support of the Wahlen Veterans home. The events were held at a church near the Home in North Ogden. The chapter submitted one chili entry and several members

participated in the 5K. In addition, Jim Aadland's wife, Adele, donated a handmade quilt for raffle at the event. All proceeds went directly to the Wahlen Vets home.



Chapter 235 Members Jim Aadland, Bob George and Alex Dubovik supporting the Chili Cook-off



Tribute Run participants

CCAF Graduation

Mike Sweetland once again represented the Chapter at this year's Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduation ceremony where he presented the Pitsenbarger Award to SSgt Erin Sandoval of the AFRS 419 MXS on behalf of Ch 235. Of note, this was the largest CCAF graduation class in Hill AFB history with 168 graduates and 173 degrees earned.



Graduating Class



Pitsenbarger Award winner SSgt Erin Sandoval

Support of Hill Spouse Club

One of Chapter 235's own spouses, Adele Aadland, handcrafted a beautiful Americana quilt for the Chapter to donate to the Hill AFB Spouses Club's Holiday Bazaar. The handmade quilt was donated to the "opportunity drawing" as a way to bring in more shoppers and raise more money to support of our military families.



One of two quilts donated by Adele Aadland

Snowball Express

Since 2006, American Airlines has sponsored Gold Star Families in an event called the Snowball Express. Gold Star Kids and their parent are flown, free of charge, to cities across the Nation in the annual Holiday event which has grown from 3 planes to now 11 chartered flights in 2017. Hundreds of volunteers are involved in each stop, which included the Utah AFA during their stop at SLC. Holiday-themed activities were arranged and Utah AFA chapters donated teddy bears with AFA dog tags, as well as t-shirts for the children. Because this event took place in the active airport terminal and on-board the planes, attendance was limited, but Utah's AFA leadership all participated in the event, including 3 members of chapter 235. A video is posted on YouTube, assembled by our sister chapter 236:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=snowball+express+2017&view=detail&mid=51241F0D77D80676D6EA51241F0D77D80676D6EA&FORM=VIRE>



Presenting to Gold Star Kids



Alex Dubovik handing out teddy bears



Utah's AFA Leadership Team

Supporting the Salvation Army

Chapter members volunteered as Salvation Army Bell Ringers for two Saturdays during the Holidays, supporting our community around Hill AFB. Volunteers rang the bell at the Neighborhood Walmart on Hwy 193 in Layton where we also displayed a sign indicating AFA Chapter 235's support. During our 16 hours of volunteer time, the Salvation Army estimates that we raised \$640 for their local community programs.



Bob George during his shift



Mike Sweetland on post

NEW!!

Chapter Website:

<http://www.afautah.org/Chapters/Chapter235-NorthernUtah.aspx>

Chapter Meetings: Held at 5:00pm, the first Wednesday of each month at Hill AFB in building 1575, first floor (lobby) conference room. A call-in number is available for those unable to attend in person. The dial in number is (712) 775-7031 and the meeting ID is 169-187-692. If you would like to attend and do not have base access, please contact one of the officers on the front page.

Upcoming Events

First Wednesday each month—Chapter meeting:
Building 1575, Lobby Conference Room, Hill AFB, UT

Jan

19: Rube Goldberg Competition, Weber State University Shepherd Ballroom

Feb

7: Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

Mar

7: Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

15: Scowcroft Annual Awards Banquet, Ogden Eccles Conference Center