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# NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CHAPTER 235

Serving the Northern Utah Area

Bi-annual 2019

## President's Notes

Hello 235 Members!

I am honored to step into the big shoes left by Randy and serve as your Chapter President. I sincerely look forward to your input as we embrace continuous improvement in chapter activities, programs, and membership engagement. But first, WOW – congratulations on everything you've done towards educating, advocating, and supporting Airmen in 2018!

As National recently migrated to semi-annual newsletters, we are able to reflect on everything we've accomplished over the last half of 2018. It is truly noteworthy that not a month went by where your AFA did not support and represent Airman across Utah. Utah's very own Josh "Smitty" Smith, with AFA sponsorship, participated in the Invictus Games in Australia and took home EIGHT medals. Also definitely worth highlighting was our seminal support of the Snowball Express, led by our sister chapter in SLC which continues to serve as the benchmark for all other States. In fact, this year Utah AFA prototyped the first ever return celebration for participating families. All in all a fabulous 2018!

We hope to see you at the 17 Jan upcoming State AFA Awards & Community Partners Recognition ceremony at the Layton Courtyard Marriott. What better way to kick off 2019 than with record-breaking attendance in support of your local AFA? Come check us out; we always need new volunteers to serve in this great chapter.

Thanks for everything you do – I look forward to working with you on many more activities in support of our Airmen in 2019!

Angie Tymofichuk  
Northern UT AFA Chapter 235 President

## Financial Summary

NU Chapter 235 - 2018 2nd Half (Jul 1 - Dec 31)		
	Checking Acct	Pay Pal Acct
Beginning Balance	\$22,959.90	\$200.00
Income		
Air Show Revenue	\$227.50	
Net Income	\$227.50	
Expenses		
SNCO Induction Ceremony Expenses	(\$250.00)	
Utah 501(c )(3) Registration Fee	(\$75.00)	
Reimburse - AFA National Convention	(\$707.40)	
CCAF scholarship	(\$250.00)	
Nov -1st Friday expenses	(\$116.00)	
Hurricane Michael/Tyndall AFB Relief	(\$500.00)	
Wolf Creek Foundation - Donation	(\$300.00)	
Oct CCAF Graduation Expenses	(\$499.96)	
2018 Snowball Express Support	(\$250.00)	
Transfer/Withdrawal		
Net Expenses	(\$2,948.36)	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$20,239.04	\$200.00

## JULY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

### Clearfield City Fourth of July Support

Chapter 235 joined sister Chapter 237 on a fundraiser at the Clearfield Fourth of July event. Chapter representatives spent the day volunteering at soda trailers, raising money for the chapters. This year a second trailer was added and proved to be essential as it sold out. Each year the chapters look forward to volunteering at this enjoyable community celebration.

## AUGUST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

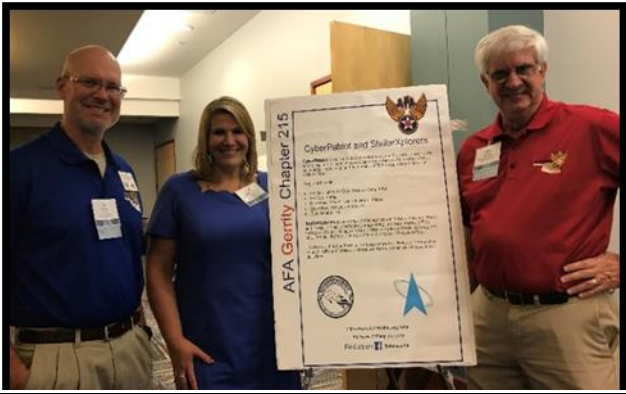
### State Convention

The Annual Utah AFA State Convention was held on August 25, 2018 at the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base adjacent to the Salt Lake Airport. All AFA members are encouraged to attend the event, help plan activities for the next year, and elect State

officers. More detail on the event will be posted on [www.afautah.org](http://www.afautah.org)



State President, Alex Dubovik, presented the National Exceptional Service Award to Jim Aadland



Angie Tymofichuk visited with members of the Gerrity Chapter at Tinker AFB, OK and Primes in Aug.

## SEPTEMBER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

### National Convention

The AFA National Convention was held on 15-16 September at the Gaylord Hotel in Oxen Hill, MD. Please see more information on the Convention on at the AFA website, [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org) or feel free to contact a State officer. New officers: Rick Hartle, National Secretary (Chapter 237); Gerald Murray, National Director as Large (Chapter 237 prior member); and Bob George, National Director West Area (Chapter 235).



(L-R) AFA President Larry Spencer, Randy Tymofichuk, Angie Tymofichuk, Bob George, Alex Dubovik, Fran Bradshaw, Rick Hartle, Amy Hartle, and Cathy Barker

## OCTOBER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

On October 13, 2018, chapter members participated in a chili cook-off and 5K run in support of the George E. Wahlen Veterans home. The event was held at a church near the Home in North Ogden. The chapter submitted one chili entry. Our chapter has partnered with the First United Methodist Church of Marriott-Slaterville to support the annual Veterans Tribute. Overall the event raised \$4,000.00, all proceeds went directly to the George E. Wahlen Vets home.



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

### CCAF Graduation

Chapter Vice President, Mike Sweetland, once again represented the chapter at this year's Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduation ceremony where he presented the AFA Chapter 235 Excellence Grant to SSgt Dakota Lujan and the Pitsenbarger Scholarship to AIC Christian Uy.



SSgt Dakota Lujan won the AFA Chapter 235 Excellence Grant





A1C Christian Uy won the Pitzenbarger Scholarship



### **Hurricane Michael Relief Funds Raised for Tyndall AFB Recovery**

On October 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael, a Category 4 storm, hit the Florida Panhandle and left behind catastrophic damage to Tyndall AFB and surrounding areas where military families lived and worked. The Utah AFA chapters and individual members donated over \$1500.00 to the Tyndall AFB Chapter to assist the airmen with short-term relief. To continue the support send donations to the AFA's Tyndall Chapter relief fund:

<https://www.paypal.me/tyndallafa> or contact Kianna Gousby, Communications Coordinator, AFA, [kgousby@afa.org](mailto:kgousby@afa.org), 703-247-5847.

### **Invictus Games**

Utah Wounded Airman Josh "Smitty" Smith represented USAF in the Invictus Games in Sydney, Australia. Utah AFA has supported Smitty in both the 2018 National and International games and we have benefitted tremendously through his reciprocal support at various AFA events across the state. Smitty ended up bringing home 8 total medals from the October Invictus games. He personally met both Prince Harry and Meghan during the event as well and says they are such awesome people, both friendly and down to earth. Team USA won 124 total medals as a nation with 61 of the medals coming specifically from 14 Air Force Wounded Warriors!

## **NOV & DEC SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

### **First Friday Nov 2 & Dec 7, 2018**

The chapter hosted two First Friday events at the Officer's Club. The event was well attended by many of the officers supporting the ICBM SPO and Ground Based Strategic Deterrent. The chapter uses these events as outreach to educate on AFA, as well as recruitment for new members.

### **Stewart STEAMraiser/Science Fair**

Representing chapter 235, Jim Aadland demonstrated Rube Goldberg Machines, and even destroyed a few, to 100 students in Bountiful, UT. This fun event took place November 2, 2018, at Jennie P. Stewart Elementary. Not to be outdone by the machines, Jim also judged a 6<sup>th</sup> grade science fair at Wasatch Elementary in South Ogden on December 4, 2018.

### **Serving those who Served**

Not long after the Chili Cook-off, chapter members volunteered to set up and serve Thanksgiving Dinner for the veterans and their families at the George W. Wahlen Veterans home on November 15, 2018.

### **AFA IA Luncheon with Lt Gov Spencer J. Cox**

Utah AFA's Industrial Associates invited Lt Gov Spencer Cox to speak at their quarterly luncheon, December 13, 2018, held on Ogden Technical College campus. Chapter members who attended the event were offered the opportunity to ask the Lt Gov Cox an array of questions on Utah's economy and how integral the aerospace industry is to the economy, as well as innovative ways to educate the workforce to be competitive nationwide.

### **2018 Snowball Express**



Since 2006/07, the Gary Sinise Foundation's *Snowball Express* program and American Airlines sponsorship, has hosted Gold Star Families. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two Gold Star children and their surviving parent or guardian were picked up and flown, free of charge, from more than 80 cities across the Nation to participate in the annual Holiday retreat at Disney World in Orland, Florida.



Salt Lake City (SLC) was one of the stops; known for its welcoming attributes it did not disappoint. Led by Utah AFA's SLC chapter, hundreds of volunteers, including chapter members greeted the families during their stopover at SLC. This year's holiday theme was Hawaiian, and fun activities were arranged at the gate. Utah AFA chapters donated teddy bears with AFA dog tags for the children and coordinated visits by uniformed members from each service, AFROTC, AFJROTC and CAP.



SLC Bids Farewell to the Gold Star Families





SLC welcomes the Gold Star Children



Mary Poppins



Finally Boarding



Santa Claus



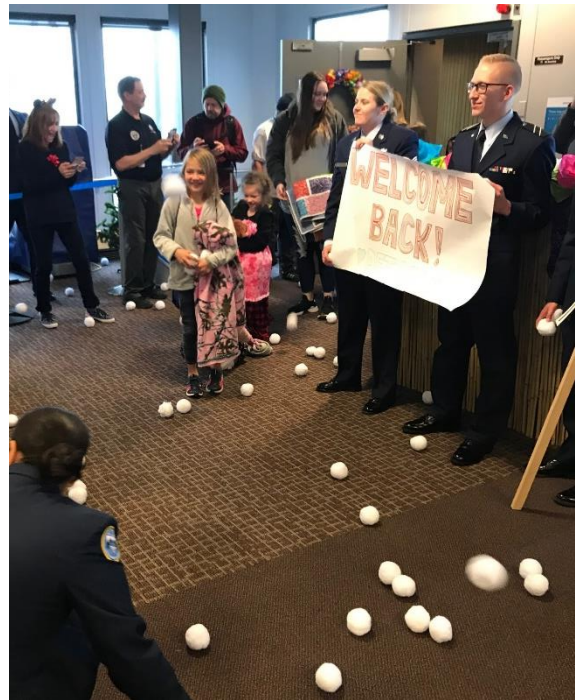




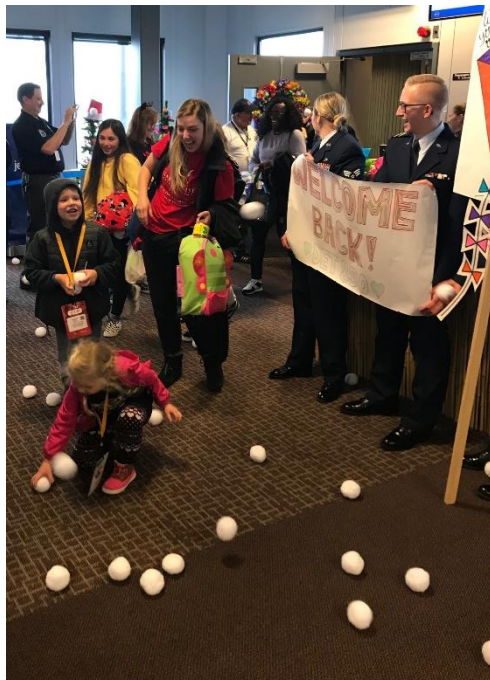
All Aboard!



This year Gold Star Families were greeted with a snowball fight and welcomed back as they made the long journey home from Orlando, Florida.



Lisa Riley Roche, Deseret News, captured the spirit of this overwhelming event. [‘Snowball Express’ takes off for Disney World with children of fallen soldiers](#)



## **Upcoming 2019 Scowcroft Awards Banquet**

The Scowcroft Awards Banquet honors the Top Logistics, maintenance and sustainment performers in ICBM, Air Dominance, Supply Chain and Munitions.

This year's keynote speaker is Lt Gen Richards M. Clark, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, HQ AF/A10.

Join us Thursday, March 21, 2019, at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center. For more information and registration: <http://afafod.org/afautah/Chapters/Chapter-235-Northern-Utah/Annual-Scowcroft-Awards-Banquet>

## **Upcoming Calendar Events**

**Second Monday each month-Chapter meeting:**  
Building 1575, Lobby Conference Room, Hill AFB, UT

### **Jan**

**11:** Rube Goldberg Competition

**14:** Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

**17:** State AFA Awards & Community Partners Recognition

**18:** TUOMAC dinner at Timbermine

### **Feb**

**11:** Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

### **Mar**

**11:** Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

**21:** Scowcroft Awards Banquet

### **Apr**

**8:** Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

### **May**

**13:** Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

### **Jun**

**10:** Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Hill AFB Building 1575

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**Chapter Meetings:** Held at 5:00pm, the second Monday 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.