



ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION
Blue Angels Pensacola Florida Chapter

Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at the Light House Restaurant on board NAS Pensacola at 11:45am by 1VP Patrick Rooney. There were 24 persons in attendance at this meeting.

2005 Officers present were Patrick Rooney, Mike O'Shea, Maria Weisnicht and Robyn Philips.

Patrick Rooney recognized special guests including 2Lt-Robert Patt and Audrey Ross from the Emerald Coast recently reactivated chapter and Col. Lou Ramos, USAF (Ret.) Regional VP, Western Florida as speaker.

Patrick offered for Curt Jones, Treasure update as \$3,000 in reserve.

Patrick then gave the floor to Mr. Bob Pierce, PJC who stood in for Dr. Sue Halfhill, PJC and chapters VP of Awards & Education to give the following update:

AFCEA through its foundation has a strong commitment to education is strong. National and local chapters provide annual scholarships, fellowships and awards to students in the "hard" sciences attending the five service academies, ROTC programs, graduate schools, universities and community colleges and other educational institutions. The AFCEA Foundation also sponsors awards and prizes for academic excellence in military schools and training institutions of all of the services.

The Blue Angeles Chapter continued this tradition by awarding in 2005

- \$500 scholarship to a UWF student in the Division of Engineering and Computer Technology. The criteria for the award based on merit or need.
- \$500 scholarship to a PJC student in a technical major, preferably Computer Science, Electronics, Networking, or Telecommunications.
- Together with the AFCEA Intl. Educational Foundation, the Blue Angels Pensacola Chapter will provide funding in the amount of \$1000 to Washington High School Maritime Studies Proposal. This award was to promote effective science teaching and to enhance the abilities of capable teachers in secondary schools nationwide.
- \$500 commitment was made to Fred Rainbow for the Education Foundation up to AFCEA Intl.

Patrick Rooney then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Frank Smith offered a blessing over the food and the meeting. We were dismissed to the buffet. At the direction of Patrick Rooney, each person took two minutes to introduce themselves and their companies during lunch as part of group networking.

Patrick Rooney then introduced VIP and speaker Col. Lou Ramos who took the floor. Col. Ramos recognized outgoing (2005) Officers: President: Mike Moore; Webmaster: Maria Weisnicht; VP Plans & Programs: Steve Gibson; Secretary: Reubin Felkey. Special mention of Reubin was made, as he is currently serving with his Army Reserve unit in IRAQ.

Col. Ramos then performed installation of new (2006) Officers: President: Robyn Philips; 1st VP: Michael O'Shea; 2nd VP: Patrick Rooney; Treasurer: Curt Jones; Secretary: Candace Hair; VP Awards/Education: Dr. Sue Halfhill; VP Fund Raisers: Chuck Staton; VP Membership: Bob Kreinbrink; VP Plans & Programs: Frank Smith; PAO/Webmaster (Acting): Robyn Philips.

Col. Ramos briefly explained a request to support Czech Train Sponsorship, by asking the chapters newly installed President, Robyn Philips to put the request to the floor. Philips further explained that the train is a great venue to increase AFCEA membership participation, as we understand the struggles of participation, and International support for our European brethren would be the right choice. However, based on the treasurer review and profit made from the 6th annual (2005) golf fundraiser, Philips suggested extending \$250, rather than a \$500 sponsorship that had been discussed among the Officers earlier. A motion was made by Mike O'Shea, current 1ST VP, and then second by Sandy Rouden, an AFCEA member present, with none opposed to accept the \$250 amount.

Col. Ramos announced he would match our contribution making the Blue Angels Pensacola Chapter Czech Train sponsorship a total of \$500. Adding the \$500 from Blue Angels Pensacola to \$100 from Emerald Coast and \$4,400 from the Tampa Chapter the grand total regional support sponsorship is \$5,000 to be made to Robert Howell, AFCEA European General Manger.

Col. Ramos addressed the crowd with his vision and expectations for the Florida Western Chapters in the coming year He mentioned the need for more diversity, with regard to Active Military and Young AFCEAns. Ramos offered a suggestion to form a Steering Committee and appoint Industry and Military leaders.

He challenged us to engage him and VADM Herbert A. Browne, USN (Ret.) & President & CEO of AFCEA Intl. for their support, offering to send letters to Executive leadership onboard NASP and others in the area. Col. Ramos proposed that we do a joint Gulf Coast TechNet (some time in the future 2008 or 2010), with the Emerald Coast Chapter similar to the Tampa TechNet done every other (odd) year. The next Tampa TechNet is scheduled for March 2007.

Col. Ramos then closed with an uplifting speech regarding his observations of great leadership.

The following were the significant Leadership points from his speech:

Col. Ramos said there are many ways to categorize leadership influencing styles and those senior in experience years need to take the time to train, especially in a volunteer organization the younger of experience levels – he sited three examples on how:

1. Modeling – set the example
2. Caring Relationship – foster and help grow someone skill set
3. Mentor – give instruction and an opportunity for training

From the above significant Leadership points he added five examples from his personal bag of tricks:

1. Refrain from saying negative comments
2. Patience it is a volunteer organization (10% do 90% of the work)
3. Help others, do one good deed a day by performing anonymous services
4. Learn to listen
5. Admit your mistakes

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:00PM.

The Minutes and any presentation materials will be posted on the chapter web site.

NEXT BLUE ANGEL PENSACOLA AFCEA CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 06 AT 11:30AM, UWF CAMPUS (Alumni Room, Bldg 12)
Speaker: Dr. Pam Northrup, UWF - Abstract to be posted soon: www.afceapns.org