



NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CHAPTER 235 Serving the Northern Utah Area Jan-Sep 2020

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President's Notes



To the Members of Northern Utah AFA Chapter 235,

Greetings!

Traditionally, we provide a Newsletter to the Chapter every six months (July and January) where we cover the Chapter activities throughout the year for your awareness and review. However, we all know 2020 has been anything but traditional! What a roller coaster year this has been so far . . . and it is only September!

So, you may ask, "Why am I receiving this Newsletter in September?"

Let me explain.

Each year the Chapter works very hard to prepare for the Brent Scowcroft Awards Banquet. Throughout January and February, we send out award nomination packages and contact participating organizations to identify the "Best of the Best" across the ICBM Acquisition and Sustainment enterprise. We successfully raised funds from our Corporate Sponsors and coordinated schedule with senior AF leaders and finalized our Keynote speaker. On-line reservations were stellar. This year's banquet was scheduled for 18 March at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center and we anticipated a crowd of over 325.

And then the bottom dropped out. In late February, it was clear the COVID-19 pandemic would up-end our well laid plans. Anticipating that the AF would put travel restrictions in place and prohibit large gatherings, we rescheduled the banquet for 19 August. We informed all our sponsors and registrants and nominees of the change and calmly waited. Surely the endemic would pass by then and things would bet back to normal.

Of course, that did not happen. By end of April, we were certain a formal banquet was not possible. The COVID-19 endemic was not abating. We needed to make a decision . . . either cancel the awards banquet altogether or reschedule again. Neither solution was attractive. The Chapter felt it was important that we maintain tradition and hold the awards ceremony in 2020.

We also wanted to make sure we our nominees and winners received the recognition they deserved from as many peers and friends and family that we could reach. A solution had to be found.

As like the rest of the nation, we were working from home and learning how to leverage virtual meetings to get the job done. Fortuitously, we learned that a sister organization, US CyberPatriot had successfully produced a movie as a substitute for their awards banquet. We saw an opportunity to leverage their experience and decided to present the Brent Scowcroft Awards Ceremony virtually. We were going into the "movie" producing business!

With little more than a desire to succeed, we worked closely with Hill AFB leadership, Commanders of the participating organizations and sponsors to craft an awards ceremony "movie". Each organization and participating sponsor provided 30 second videos that highlighted their support to the nuclear deterrence mission. Our Keynote speaker, Mr. Steven Wert, PEO Digital Hanscom AFB, MA submitted a video with poignant remarks that underscored the importance of maintaining and modernizing our nuclear arsenal amid a backdrop of social change and acceptance made possible by our increased reliance on digital technology.

We artfully intertwined the videos between introduction of the nominees for individual and team awards along with current photos. Following the keynote speaker comments, individual and team winners for each award were announced and recognized.

The movie premiered on 19 August to an audience of approximately 300 people. This was the 31st year for the Scowcroft Awards and we are proud to say our nominees and winners receive the credit they deserve while maintaining the integrity and prestige of the Brent Scowcroft Awards. The Ceremony movie can still be viewed on YouTube at this link: <https://youtu.be/7fPvAey1vr0>

The Chapter would like to extend a special "Thank You" to TSgt Guy McCutcheon, 574 FLTS Vandenburg AFB, CA who donated countless hours to the cause providing technical support and advice toward the production of the movie. We could not have succeeded without his support!

I hope this overview helps explain why we delayed our June Newsletter until September. In a time of turbulence, it feels good to share with you the success of the Brent Scowcroft Awards Ceremony sooner than later.

Looking forward to our end-of-year Newsletter, I will pass along the results of AFA Chapter 235 Excellence Grant and Pitsenbarger Scholarships that are awarded to distinguished members of this year's Community College of the AF graduating classes for March and October. The presentation ceremony will take place on 9 October. These grants and scholarships are an excellent example of how AFA Chapter 235 supports our local Airmen.

We are excited about the positive role AFA Chapter 235 can play in the lives of our Airmen. I hope you will consider volunteering to help the cause. The Chapter meeting time and location is printed in the newsletter.

Here is to a successful close-out of 2020!

Scott D. Warren
Northern Utah AFA Chapter 235 President

Financial Summary

NU Chapter 235 - 2020 1st Half (Jan 1- Jun 31)		
	Checking Acct	Pay Pal Acct
Beginning Balance	\$24,094.79	\$200.00
AFA National Support	\$299.40	
Scowcroft Sponsorships & Seats	\$11,200.00	\$8,655.01
Community Partnerships/Donations		\$400.00
Net Income	\$11,499.40	\$9,055.01
Expenses		
Scowcroft Related Activities	\$3,115.60	
Operation Warm Heart Donation	\$500.00	
Chili Cook-off Plaque	\$70.00	
AFA Chapter Banners	\$173.75	
PO Box Annual Fees	\$106.00	
Pay Pal Fees		\$220.52
Net Expenses	\$3,965.35	\$220.52
Ending Balance	\$31,628.84	\$9,034.49
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE	\$40,663.33	

FEBRUARY EVENT

Martin H. Harris Chapter in Orlando, FL

The Martin H. Harris AFA Chapter in Orlando, FL held a golf tournament at the Rosen Shingle Creek Golf Course in conjunction with AFA's Air Warfare Symposium in February. Pictured is the winning team (left) Pat Condon, Former AFA Chairman of the Board and current Northern Utah Chapter member; Veronica Karaman, Orlando; Rick Hartle, current AFA National Secretary and Ute-Rocky Mountain Chapter member; and Captain Glen Pry, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. The team shot a 16 under par 56 to capture the honors.



MAY EVENT



Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds Fly over National Mall to honor first responders on the front lines of COVID-19 pandemic

On [May 2, 2020](#), the picture above was taken during a tribute to the thousands of first responders working tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic. In Blue Angels and Thunderbirds are flying over the [Air Force Memorial](#) located in Washington D.C., Pat Condon shared the photograph.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT:

The Northern Chapter 235 donated \$500.00 to Operation Warm Heart to help local military families affected by COVID-19.

Upcoming Calendar Events

AFA Chapter meetings occurred the second Monday of each month at the Hill AFB, UT building 1575 in the first floor lobby conference room. Since COVID 19 and the onset of meeting restrictions, the members now meet via telecom.

- [The dial in number is \(712\) 775-7031 and the meeting ID is 169-187-692](#)

<u>Upcoming Calendar Events</u>	
July 13, 2020	Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Dial-In
Aug 10, 2020	Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Dial-In
Sep 14, 2020	Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Dial-In
Oct 12, 2020	Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Dial-In
Nov 9, 2020	Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Dial-In
Dec 14, 2020	Chapter Meeting, 5pm, Dial-In

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