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Quarterly Newsletter

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A monthly summary of things, big and small, accomplished by AFA Chapter 215



December 2011

The Year in Review: The Gerrity Chapter did an outstanding job this year. We met all of our chapter goals, and actually exceeded all but a couple. As a sample, we posted a booth at Tinker and the Primes that hosted 1500 visitors. We conducted the 9-11 remembrance ceremony, for over 400 people. We joined with the LOA to host an Air Force Leadership seminar. We've been very active in schools, from providing USA Today in classroom, to supporting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs, as well as scholarships and the teacher of the year programs. Finally we helped to raise 15K for the Air Force Ball, with the support of our community partners. This year's ball was a huge success, with more than 230 attendees.

Say Farewell: With a great deal of mixed emotion, we bid farewell to Joel Mann our long-time webmaster. Joel has kept our web site up and running the last six years. Joel has finally reached that magic age when retirement beckons. We wish you the very best, Joel. And thanks for all you have done to get the word out on our Gerrity Chapter.

Welcome Back: Lt Cheryl Steiner returned from her exploits in the combat zone and we're all glad she is back. Cheryl won the State Exceptional Service Award for 2011. That's quite an accomplishment as Cheryl did her job as our Vice President for Membership in a very limited time, prepared to deploy and made it a booming success for our chapter. The state-level recognition is very well deserved. Way to go Cheryl!

Cyber Patriot Teams Update: Three Cyber Patriot teams from Oklahoma are advancing to round III of the competition. Oklahoma City Civil Air Patrol is competing in the All Services division. Canadian Valley Technology Center and Tulsa Technology center will be representing Oklahoma in the Open division. This continues to be an important part of our support of STEM programs.



Planned Speakers for 2012: We had our annual planning meeting in December. One of the things we decided on was our monthly speakers. Here's what we came up with—it is still subject to change, of course:

January 10th Air National Guard	April 10th AFMC/Tinker AFB Reorg	July 10th AWACS	October 9th Air Logistics Center
February 14th OU Professor of Aero Science	May 8th Air Base Wing	August 14th Civil Air Patrol	November 13th Vet Administration
March 13th Cyber Patriot Update	June 12th State Convention Update	September 11th OK Chamber Aerospace	December 11th EAA

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Air Force Leadership Conference: Our big event for November was the AFA-LOA Leadership Forum held at the Tinker Club 11:30 AM on 17 November. The focus of this panel was on



Air Force Leadership: Past, Present and Future and we featured a Distinguished Panel of senior staffers and statesmen including: Mr. Bob Conner (Ret), Former OC-ALC Director, CMSAF #15 Rodney McKinley (Ret), Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Maj Gen Jay Edwards (Ret), Former OC-ALC Commander, Maj Gen Bill Bowden (Ret), Former OC-ALC Commander. It was moderated by Brig Gen Ben Robinson

(Ret), Former 552d Air Control Wing Commander. Closing remarks were given by Maj Gen Bruce Litchfield who emphasized the importance of Tinker AFB in the defense of our nation and the importance of the lessons learned. This event was an unmitigated success for the local LOA Chapter and Gerrity Chapter of the AFA as well.

October 2011

State of the ALC: The Gerrity Chapter partnered with the LOA in October to help work a joint presentation of the State of the ALC address presented by General Gillette. General Gillette summed up dozens of awards won by the different divisions, all of the outstanding and excellent inspection results and his appreciation to the AFA and LOA for our support of Tinker AFB.

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