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# Gerrity Chapter 215

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Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Quarterly Newsletter

## *AFA Gerrity Chapter 215 Quarterly Newsletter*

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



**September 2011**

**9-11 Remembrance:** On Friday, 9 Sep, Gerrity Chapter hosted a 9-11 remembrance presentation at the Rose State Performing Arts Center. Thanks to Rose State for hosting this event. Over 1000 people attended, and we were treated to a rousing set of stories from the organizations that supported the sudden lockdown of United States airspace and was a great reminder of how great an asset aviation is to this nation, and how important the Air Force, and Tinker Air Force base were in returning the planes to the sky.

**Teacher of the Year:** The Central Oklahoma Gerrity Chapter 215 has selected Ms. Brandi Williams from West Moore High School as Teacher of the Year on 6 Sep 2011. She mentors new teachers, writes and wins grants for the school. Her efforts to improve students' education in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects goes far above and beyond the norm. She has put a tremendous effort into getting cutting edge technology into the classroom. In fact, her extraordinary motivation, teaching skills, and far-reaching influence from her High School to Oklahoma State, to a nationally recognized College development program at Rutgers University truly set her apart from her contemporaries. The kids are our future, and if we have people like her in the mix, it's going to be a good one.



**Cyber Patriot Teams Assembling:** We're in the last phase of assembling Cyber Patriot teams



for the 2012 competition. We're a little light on competitors this year, so get the word out. Like last year, Rose State has pulled out all the stops and Dr. Stan Greil is providing training sessions. This is a great asset as Rose is the top school in the country for Cyber Security. Time is almost up to sign up. Our teams did very well last year. Hopefully we'll get the same level of response this time. We still haven't heard from a few of last year's teams. If you know anyone put a bug in their ear, ASAP. This year should be quite a competition. We already have more than 50 teams signed up, including 5 Canadian teams making this year an "International Competition".

**Combined Federal Campaign (CFC):** Once again it's time for the Combined Federal Campaign—a very worthwhile cause. And for those who are so inclined, Lt Gen Mike Dunn (USAF Ret and AFA's National Leader—President/CEO of AFA) sent out a list of AFA Charities that participate in CFC. For example, CFC # 12214 is for a contribution to the AFA and CFC # 11953 is to contribute to the AF Memorial.

## August 2011

**Tinker's Air Force Ball Support:** AFA Gerrity supported the Team Tinker 2011 Military Ball by raising \$15,000. This money was used to offer event tickets to young airmen at a greatly reduced price. This funding was also used to make a \$500.00 donation to the Enlisted Village in honor of the event's guest speaker, retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. Many thanks to our contributors, including Northrop Grumman, Chromalloy, TFCU, Rockwell Collins, AAR, Timken, RUAG and OG&E.





## July 2011

July was a month spent preparing for upcoming events. We did much of the preliminary work for the 9/11 ceremony and membership recruitment. We work hard to show that we're the "force behind the Force."

**Annual Golf Tourney:** The golf tournament was an enjoyable time for all involved. No actual pictures here because what you do on the course – stays on the course. Clean up your divots!



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