

**POPE CHIEF's GROUP**  
**Pope AFB, NC 28308**  
**March 2008**

**Public WEB site:** <http://popechiefsgroup.com>

1. 07:19 Chief Hutson called the meeting to order.
2. **Guests:** SSgt Reffitt, 43 AMDS (Women History Month Committee) & Chief Renteria stood in lieu of Mrs. Denni Renteria for base Volunteer Appreciation Committee solicitation request.
3. **Hails:** Chief David Hess
4. **Farewells:** None
5. **The meeting minutes** for Feb 08 were approved as written.
6. **Treasurer's report:** Chief Taylor briefed that our ending check book balance was \$2,136.00
  - a) The following deposits were made:

\$60.00 (dues, coins, 50/50, polo shirts, NAF vendor pay) to petty cash fund

Total Bank Deposits \$0.00

Petty Cash Balance \$273.00
  - b) The following expenses were paid:

\$271.45 three checks written

Total Expenses \$271.45
7. **Wing Command Chief remarks from Mike Grimm**
  - a) Chief Grimm espoused there is a new requirement for every active duty Chief to have an official Bio on file; especially since every Chief is a candidate for nominative positions at the MAJCOM or AF level. The Bio should be patterned after the CMSAF's Bio. Only major decorations and wing level awards or higher should be included in the Bio.
  - b) He briefed the wing went 42 days without a DUI but unfortunately, the streak ended the Sunday prior to the meeting. He encouraged the Chief's to continue to lead the effort in minimizing DUIs on Pope.
  - c) The Air Staff pulled PT stats on all active duty Chiefs to determine fitness levels. There were only 3 marginal scores throughout the entire AF which is truly microscopic compared to the 2,150 Chief's on active duty.
  - d) Chief Grimm briefed that every group commander and several squadron commanders will change commands during a very busy transitional period. Chief's leadership and expertise will be critical during this period.

- e) The approved flag folding issue was readdressed to the group. If the script states “This fold represents..,” the Honor Guard is prohibited from participating. However, the individual retiring can have members from their unit execute this ceremony with training from the Honor Guard.
- f) Social engineering website such as Facebook, MySpace and other associated Internet blogs and chat rooms were discussed as major OPESEC vulnerabilities to mission capabilities.
- g) There is a new drug of choice floating around the young Airmen called Sylvia Salvidinor. This drug is falsely advertised as mimicking the hallucinogenic effects of marijuana but “total legal”. He asked we advise everyone in our units the AFI is clear that any drug or chemical causing hallucinations are punishable under the UCMJ.
- h) Chief presented an update on the status of the inbound CE Chief Michael Roberts who was injured via an automotive accident on his way to the rifle range at Eglin. He is currently on convalescent leave and is expected to be delayed by 3 – 4 months or could submit his retirement package instead of pressing to Pope.
- i) The SNCO PDS is currently under revision. The current program to have a one week seminar with all the selects in one session will be spread out across three sessions in Jun – Jul 08. This reorganization should allow for greater flexibility in attendance during the summer months and will reduced the burden of units losing several SNCOs to the course at the same time.

#### **8. Old Business:**

- a) Chief Taylor briefed on the status of the smaller Chief promotion recognition ceremony option for the two selects. The committee was pressing forward with ordering the mementos given during the ceremony (Open).
- b) Chief Renteria briefed the Texas “Holdem” tournament planned in conjunction with the Pope Club did not pass the base legal office review and was subsequently cancelled for potential legal and gaming issues although a similar type tournament was approved for Sports USA on Ft. Bragg under Army rules. (Closed)
- c) Chief Hutson requested an update from Chief Kennedy as the POC for the enlisted heritage display case. Chief Kennedy was not in attendance. More information will follow. (Open)
- d) Chief Renteria briefed the upcoming Chief’s Group golf tournament scheduled for 11 Apr 08 will be moved to 16 May 08 to allow for work improvements on the golf course. The rain makeup date is 23 May 08. He asked each Chief to solicit at least one business off base for sponsorship or provide two teams per squadron. More details are forthcoming from the tournament committee. (Open)

#### **9. New Business:**

a) SSgt Reffitt came before the group seeking sponsorship for Women's History Month events to include a 5K run, bowling night and a luncheon with guest speaker BGEN Teresa Casey. Chief Grimm motioned, Chief Hutson 2<sup>nd</sup> and the group voted to fund \$100 for both the Women's History and VAC committee activities. (Closed)

b) Chief Renteria spoke on behalf of his wife Denni, who is chairperson of the Volunteer Appreciation Committee (VAC) seeking sponsorship for the VAC luncheon on 12 Apr 08. Chief Grimm motioned, Chief Hutson 2<sup>nd</sup> and the group voted to fund \$100 for both the Women's History and VAC committee activities. (Closed)

c) The Services Squadron has officially requested the Chief's Group via Chief Hutson to partner up and take the lead again to support the 2008 Pope Olympics as officials, event facilitators, time keepers etc, on 12 Sep 08. Chief Hutson put forth a motion to the group which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Ackerman and subsequently passed. The Group is looking for a primary POC to coordinate with services. (Open)

d) Chief Tucker made a motion the Chief's Group continue to support the bingo program. Chief Armading 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion was passed. (Closed)

e) Chief Hutson briefed on the initiative to form a "Council of Presidents for professional organizations" This initiative is designed to bring together representatives from Pope's Professional Organizations to discuss ways to support wing functions, events, and deconflict schedules. (Open)

#### **10. Around the Room**

a) Chief Burgio requested Chief's Group attendance for the next AFSA 367 Chapter meeting, on 20 Mar 08 at 1130 at the Pope Club upstairs meeting room. He mentioned the AFSA Division 3 convention will be held in Norfolk, VA 3-5 Apr and a sponsored wall washing trip to DC 31 Mar – 01 Apr. MSgt Crawley is the base POC. He mentioned AFSA monetary support of AFSOC's wounded warriors program.

b) Chief Tucker requested Chief Group support for the next NCOA meeting on 18 Mar 08 at 1100 at the Pope Club upstairs meeting room.

c) Chief Hutson mentioned Chief Rick McMichael has returned from extended deployment and Chief Mylinda Morris should be returning as well. Hopefully we will see them both at the next meeting.

11. 50/50: 50/50 drawing won by Chief (ret) Hall. \$18 was returned to the Chief's Group.

12. Chief Hutson motioned to adjourn, Chief Green 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, the meeting adjourned at 0815. The Next meeting is scheduled for 01 April 2008 at 0715 at the Pope Club. We hope to see you there.

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CLARENCE HUTSON, CMSgt, USAF

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ARLANDIO GREEN, CMSgt, USAF

Vice President, Pope Chief's Group

Secretary, Pope Chief's Group

Attach:

Members in attendance

Ackerman Douglas

Rich Armading

James Burgio

Isaac Collins

Arlandio Green

Mike Grimm

Ernest Hall

David Hess

William Houston

Clarence Hutson

Robert Huckabee

Wade Legrand

Rodney Taylor

John Tucker Jr.

Phil Turgeon

Paul Venturella