

Offutt Officers' Spouses' Club
Board Meeting
April 1, 2025

Charitable Meeting Call to Order and Attendance:

Board Members Present: Teresa R., Aly T., Jessica M., Jess C., Catina N., Sarah T., Tom B., Alicia V., Jessica G., Amber D., Nikki H., Danielle M., Danielle S., Christine S., Elizabeth Z., Amanda S., Jenny S.,

Board Members Excused Absence: Terri C., Haley O., Jackie K., Deanna W., Shannon H.

Call to Order: 6:08pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jess Cumber., Second by Nikki H.

11 Aye, 0 Nah, 0 Abstain. Motion carries.

Charitable Officer Board Reports

President (Teresa R.)

- A. Everyone should be updating their binders whether or not they are keeping their position

Charitable Treasurer (Deanna W.)

- A. Nothing to report

Charitable Vice President (Jessica C.)

- A. 501c3 vs. 501c4 organizations (discussion - no vote needed)
- B. Votes needed on Tier 1, 2, and 3 donations (attached)
 - a. Tier 1 donations totaling \$2,500
 - i. Motion to approve \$2,500
 - ii. Motion moved by Jess C., Second Jess M.
 - iii. All approve as is.
 - iv. 10 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carries.
 - a. Tier 2 donations totaling \$7,400
 - a. Motion to approve \$4,250
 - b. Motion moved by Jess C., Second by Jess M.
 - c. 10 Aye, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carries.
 - b. Tier 3 donations totaling \$2,500
 - a. Motion to approve \$1,500
 - b. Motion Moved by Jess M., Second by Danielle S.

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- c. 13 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carries.
- C. Starting balance \$16,200, recommended donations \$8,250,
 - a. Leaving the remaining balance for 2024-2025 is \$7,950
- D. 62% of our charitable donations directly support organizations providing support to our military.
 - a. 27% benefits veterans and survivor organizations.
 - b. 35% benefits active service members and their families.

Charitable Board

Thrift Shop (Danielle S.)

- A. Could use a couple more volunteers, especially ones willing to be trained on the register.
- B. We are losing several very involved volunteered to PCS season this summer.
- C. The new Thrift Shop manager seems to be a good fit thus far.
- D. Will be finding a new bookkeeper.
- E. Possible volunteer highlights to recognize the Thrift Shop volunteers.

Scholarships (Terri C. & Aly T.)

- A. I will not be in attendance. I am out of the country.
- B. Scholarship Tiers
 - a. Dependents/Spouse Scholarships totaling \$20,000
 - i. Spouse- \$2000
 - ii. 2 - \$2000
 - iii. 1- \$1500
 - iv. 11- \$1000
 - v. 3- \$500
 - b. Senior Scholarships totaling \$35,000
 - i. 2- \$4000
 - ii. 3- \$2500
 - iii. 1- \$2000
 - iv. 3- \$1750
 - v. 1- \$1500
 - vi. 3- \$1250
 - vii. 4- \$1000
 - viii. 4- \$750
 - c. Total applicants 42- Total Scholarships 39
- C. May 4th we will host the Scholarship Receptions at the old Stratcom building.

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Wreaths Across America (Sarah T. & Terri C.)

- A. Wreaths Across America has shared 2024 Sponsor Group data.
- B. Offutt Officers' Spouses' Club is the only sponsor group for the Offutt Air Force Base Cemetery
- C. In 2024 with our community, we sponsored 677 wreaths Nationwide rank: 619 out of 6,629 groups
- D. Statewide rank: 6 out of 43 groups
- E. We could change the location to the cemetery, but we would have to vote on increasing the 400\$ budget, as it will incur extra charges.
 - i. 50\$ alone is what it takes to pickup the wreaths from Omaha.
 - ii. We can change the budget and set that up for next year
 - 1. speaking about it in August
 - 2. discussing why the increase is necessary.

Auction (Danielle M.)

- A. Nothing to report.
- B. April 12 is the next bunker tour and we will need some more donated bougie boards and food items for the winners to enjoy.

Community Outreach (Catina N.)

- C. Nothing to report.
- D. Had a few donations for Town and Country that will be donated this week.
- E. For April we are going to do an adopt a vet program from the nursing home.
 - a. We will get wish lists from them
 - b. They have also requested veterans' hats and/or Kansas City Chiefs hats.
- F. In May we are going to the Nebraska Vietnam Memorial to help with their clean-up day.
 - a. Date is to come.

Charitable Unfinished Business:

- A. Proposal for creating a Line item for the military spouse of the year to sponsor the spouse, regardless of whether or not they are a branch winner.
 - a. This trip out of pocket can cost upwards of \$2000
 - b. Potentially have them return and present what they have learned and what impacts attending the event had, and ideas they picked up while on the trip.
 - c. ESC was excited about the idea of it and they have other financial obligations that they are not able to help with this year and are excited to support in the future.

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- d. Could be granted as a reimbursement of submitted receipts.
- e. This could also open us up to AFI and Private orgs scrutiny. Concerns are with the IRS and that it doesn't look suspicious.
- f. The funds would have to come from the charitable side it is against the rules for it to come from the social side.
- g. Motion to pursue creating a 1000\$ scholarship for mil spouse award
 - i. Motion moved by Jess M., Second Tom B.
 - ii. 13 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carries.

Advisor Comments:

Announcements: Next Board Meeting **May 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

Adjournment: 7:31pm

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Social Meeting Call to Order and Attendance:

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Call to Order: 7:36p

Welcome and Introductions:

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Motion by Nikki H., Second by Tom B.

13 Aye, 0 Nah, 0 Abstain. Motion carries

Social Officer Board Reports

President (Teresa R.)

A. Nothing to report.

Social Vice President (Jessica M.)

A. Nothing to report.

Social Treasurer (Haley O.)

A. Nothing to report.

Secretary (Amber D.)

A. Next board report due date is Saturday, May 3rd, 2025.

Parliamentarian (VACANT)

A. No report submitted.

Social Standing Committee Reports

Programs (Alicia V.)

A. No report submitted.

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- B. Last months Joint social went very well and the Bunco game was well done.
- C. Next month's Tea Party has teapots covered; however, we will need some people to bring items that are on a selected menu.
- D. May's Bingo in the Bunker is in the works. Waiting on Coach's information so we can get this set up.
 - a. Currently Looking for the Veterans United Volunteers contact information to come help with the event.
 - b. Discussing possibly making a new bingo board.
 - c. The room that we were in will not house the size chairs that were provided last year so we will need to acquire smaller chairs.
 - d. Last years attendance was 60 people.

Membership (Elizabeth Z.)

- A. No report submitted.
- B. 17.95 per person, and we need at least 15 people for the event to go on.
- C. A Venmo link will be created to pay Teresa directly for the event, as she is paying for it upon scheduling.
- D. Two people who have paid for membership due, but did not fill out the membership information form, we are trying to track it down.

Special Activities (Amanda S.)

- A. Would like to discuss potential members being allowed to attend one sub club meeting to see if the club is for them.
- B. I have received lots of feedback that the big socials as a potential member can be overwhelming
 - a. Allow potential members to attend one sub club meeting before paying dues to see if they want to join the OOSC.

Marketing Chair (Jackie K.)

- A. Anyone have photos from the March event? Please text, send on FB or email me.

Hospitality Director (Nikki H.)

- A. Nothing to report.

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Ways and Means (Tom B.)

- A. No report submitted.
- B. Flocking is May 10-23 allowing us to cover Mother's Day, and right before graduation. It stops before memorial weekend.

Social Unfinished Business:

- A. Add to the rewrite that the first social or sub club can be attended as a non-member and not for free as they are not required to pay the membership fee but their attendance cost would not be covered.
- B. We need to have elections at the April Social.
- C. What slate do we have?
 - a. 0 Official nominations and they were technically due yesterday.
- D. They have to be submitted through the parliamentary email.

Advisor's Comments: Everyone is wonderful. Yall are doing so good!

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Adjournment: 8:05p