



AFSA Chapter 872

Jan 10, 2017

General Membership Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order at 1131 by TSgt Ben Weavers

Preamble was read by SMSgt Keith Closs

22 members were in attendance; 4 were first time attendees.

A quorum was determined.

Financial Report: SMSgt Ryan Ebert, Treasurer

- Budget is currently being worked on for new fiscal year.
- Chapter bank account has been transferred over to the new executive council.
- New debit card acquired.

Ways and Means: TSgt Ben Weavers (SrA Tiffani Del Valle, Absent)

- Working on new event calendar on EIM that allows for visibility of upcoming events.
- Monster Truck at the Dome of Mid-America on 04 Feb. Still looking for 2 volunteers.
- Contact SrA Del Valle if you like to sign up.

Membership: TSgt Weavers (MSgt Angel Nicholson & TSgt Josh Hite absent)

- Mr. Steven Zalesky spoke about both membership and funding being down for AFSA.
- Funds for ASFA is solely provided by membership. Only 1% of AFSA members are going out and recruiting new members.
- MSgt Timothy Carter recommended each member bring two nonmembers to every ASFA meeting.

Legislative Update: MSgt Steven Foley

- We reviewed the NDAA that was passed for FY17.
- 2.1% pay increase for Military!
- Currently there are no changes to BAH. However the NDAA directs the DOD to start planning to transition to a single-salary pay system NLT Jan 1 2018.
- NDAA authorizes SECDEF to implement a self-managed, preferred-provider network option under TRICARE
 - Eliminates referrals for urgent care and ensures urgent care access for military families.
- Requires Military Treatment Facilities to expand hours on weekdays and weekends. Along with increased number of appointments available.

Plans/Programs: MSgt Phil Knight/MSgt James Monteleone

- We are looking to see what programs we can possibly cut and/or consolidate.
 - Ensures we won't stretch ourselves thin trying to cover every event.
 - Allows us to focus more on our programs, thus improving them.
 - Saves members time.
- Next meeting we will look to set up POC for our programs.

Public Affairs: TSgt Bernadette Fletcher

Please post pictures and let TSgt Fletcher know if there is anything missing from the website or pages you want to see.

- Facebook and EIM pages will be updated to ensure information is being pushed out to our members.
- AFSA Chapter 872 Website: <http://www.AFSA872.org>
- AFSA Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/AFSA872>
- AFSA EIM Site: <https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/375amw/afsa>

- Scott AFB Retiree Activities Office: <http://www.raolibrary.org>

AFSA Capwiz: <http://www.capwiz.com/hqafsa/home/>

Family Matters: SMSgt Eglin Burton (absent)

- No updates

Awards and Recognition: Mrs Signore-Hayes absent

- No updates

TOP 3 Update: No update

New Business:

Tsgt Weavers opened the floor for discussion:

- Captain Stephan Azab briefed the Airlift/Tanker Association Enlisted Education Grant.
 - \$400 dollars will go directly to any miscellaneous school expenses TA doesn't cover.
 - No selection, no boards- If you qualify, you receive the grant!
 - The guidelines for applying are here <https://www.atalink.org/content/enlisted-education-grant/guidelines/>. Contrary to guidelines, they will take your application & transcript electronically. Send to ata@atalink.org
 - Sign up for annual ATA membership by creating an account (<https://www.atalink.org/account>) and becoming a member of the Huyser Chapter. Currently membership is at a 50% discount for E1-E4(\$20).
 - Contact Cpt Azab and TSgt Michael Thomas if you have any further questions.
- AFSA conference will be on the 4-6 of May in Independence, MO.
 - Funds are available for members to attend.
 - Registration is currently not open yet.
- Per the Education office: speech is no longer required for your CCAF!

TSgt Weavers adjourned the meeting at 1220.

NEXT MEETING scheduled for February 14, 2017 at 1130 in the Dining Facility POW/MIA Room.

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