

AFSA Chapter 872

13 Aug 2013

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1131 by MSgt Amber Callahan

Preamble was read by SSgt Jennifer Samson

48 members were in attendance; 8 were first time attendees. A quorum was determined.

Awards Presentation: MSgt Vogt was recognized as our AFSA Member of the Year

Legislative Update: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zalesky:

- The House is currently working on the National Defense Authorization Act. Please take a moment and visit AFSA's Capwiz site to send a message to your representatives and let them know what is most important to you. <http://www.capwiz.com/hqafsa/home/>
- Congress is currently on recess but upcoming legislation will be on: Strategic Choices and Management Review (SCMR), Early Guard/Reserve Retirement Bill (H.R. 2907), and possibly TRICARE Prime Change for Military Retirees

Financial Report: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zalesky:

- Current balance is ~\$9,530

Membership: MSgt Arlene Lee & MSgt Chad Lee

- In April our Chapter recruited 36 new members. For the year so far, we have recruited 253 new members and 1 retained. Our total membership is 2,124. Thank you.
- If you need to transfer your membership to our chapter, or know someone who does, please contact MSgt's Chad and Arlene Lee.

Ways and Means: SSgt William Ruble

- Aug 24 – Shop for a cause fundraiser. Last year we raised between \$350 and \$400.
- We are noticing an increase in individuals signing up to work events and then not showing up. We commit to providing a set number of workers based off of the signup sheets. If we fail to provide that number, we lose money for each position that goes un-filled. If something comes up and you cannot make an event that you have volunteered for, please provide a replacement or contact your team lead as early as possible.

Plans/Programs MSgt Callahan on behalf of MSgt Esmeralda Aharon

- **Meals on Wheels:** Please visit the AFSA webpage or SharePoint site to sign up. Please contact MSgt Terricka Rush for additional information on the program.
- **Caring Hearts:** Next Caring Hearts is 25 Aug at 0800, O' Fallon Methodist Church on Highway 50. Additionally the program is looking for volunteers to help pick up the food items, 0500 in Mascoutah. Please contact MSgt Daniel Endris at Daniel.Endris@us.af.mil.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Individuals can volunteer throughout the month at the Habitat Restore. Please contact TSgt Brian Pettaway at Brian.Pettaway@us.af.mil for more information.

- **Missouri State Veterans Home:** If you sign up to volunteer please make sure you attend the event. We are awaiting verification but are looking at bringing Veterans here to the BX. Look for more information to follow on the Steak Dinner that will be sometime in September.
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** The last event was the Back to School Carnival and there were 129 families that participated. Our next event is the Fall Festival taking place on 26 Oct 13 from 1100-1300. We will need volunteers on both Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th. Please contact MSgt Aharon for more information
- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** Keep an eye on the Scott All bulletin for the next blood drive. So far for 2013 we have collected 240 units potentially saving 720 lives. Our next blood drive is at the Med Group on 22 Aug 13. Please contact SMSgt Gabel if you are interested in taking over as the new POC for the MSVRBC.
- **The Mission Continues:** Our next event will be 7 Sep 13 and it will be a 9-11 service memorial. Please join The Mission Continues of Greater St Louis as they pay tribute to the firefighters and first responders who protect us with a day of service! We will be gathering at the St. Louis Fire Department Headquarters and Training Facility on September 7, 2013 to refresh paint, landscape several outdoor areas, and clean the facilities. This is an incredible opportunity to show appreciation for all the hard work these individuals have given us. Registration will begin at 8:15 am for this amazing day.

Communications: MSgt Gralewski:

- Please send us your pictures from AFSA events... and like us on Facebook to keep up with chapter happenings. MSgt Cogar is in the process of being spun up to take over for MSgt Gralewski.
- 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/>

Awards and Recognition: MSgt Callahan on behalf of SMSgt (Ret) Signore-Hayes:

- Please be sure you continue to keep track of all of your volunteer hours and input them onto the tracker on our website at <http://www.afsa872.org/index.php/information/volunteer-hours/>. These hours and awards are provided to the district quarterly to show what Chapter 872 members are involved in. Remember, these activities do not have to be AFSA activities- it can be anything you are volunteering in or with.

Airman's Activities Coordinator:

- No update

Reserve/Guard Affairs:

- No Update

Retiree Affairs: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zaleski:

- Basically the same as the Legislative Update. TRICARE for retirees could be undergoing changes in the future.

New Business:

- Cattle Baron's Ball 17 Aug – Queeny Park to help kidney foundation
- Veterans Day Vigil Run – Look for more info to follow
- Div 3 PAC (27-30 Mar 14) – We will be hosting next years conference at the Drury Inn off exit 16 on I64

Chief's Group Update:

- CMSgt Cadell – Heads up for all private orgs. Make sure you are submitting your Form 990 to the IRS every year to keep your tax exempt status. Also, starting in September special duties will no longer be voluntary but will be filled based on nominations.

First Sergeant's Update:

- Thank you to everyone that helped and participated in our golf outing. We raised almost \$1,000. Our next event will be bowling and will be sometime in Sept or Oct. Look for more information to follow.

TOP 3 Update: Will host a golf outing at Orchards Golf Club on 23 Aug 13. \$45 to play with a 0800 shotgun start. Please contact MSgt Hopp for more information.

NCO Council Update: No Update

First Four/Dorm Council Update: No new business.

MSgt Callahan adjourned the meeting at 1220.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 10 September 2013 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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