

## AFSA Chapter 872

09 April 2013

### General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1135 by MSgt Amber Callahan

Preamble was read by SSgt Nichole Link

**46 members were in attendance; 6 were first time attendees.** A quorum was determined.

#### **Legislative Update: MSgt Terran Jones:**

- The President's budget will be announced next week. AFSA cannot save all of our benefits...Change is going to happen. Please take a moment and visit AFSA's Capwiz site to fill out a survey to let AFSA know what is most important to you. <http://www.capwiz.com/hqafsa/home/>

#### **Financial Report: MSgt (Ret) Michael Thyne:**

- Current balance is \$10,809.46

#### **Membership: MSgt Arlene Lee & TSgt Chad Lee**

- In March our Chapter recruited 59 new members. For the year so far, we have recruited 131 new members and retained 126. Thank you. We are leading all 13 Chapters in our Division.
- 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: MSgt Callahan on behalf of SSgt William Ruble**

- Please come out and work the Blues game on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. All proceeds go to the Interservice Dining Out. Sign up is available on the AFSA SharePoint.

#### **Plans/Programs: SMSgt Rebeca Gabel on behalf of MSgt Esmeralda Aharon**

- **Meals on Wheels:** There are still slots available to deliver meals next week. Please visit the AFSA webpage or SharePoint site to sign up. Please contact SSgt Johnson at [david.johnson.104@us.af.mil](mailto:david.johnson.104@us.af.mil) for additional information on the program.
- **Caring Hearts:** Next Caring Hearts is 27 Apr 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 TSgt Daniel Endris at [Daniel.Endris@us.af.mil](mailto: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](mailto:Brian.Pettaway@us.af.mil) for more information.
- **Missouri State Veterans Home:** Spring Fling is April 7<sup>th</sup>. The home is expecting upwards of 800 veterans and family members to attend. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the SharePoint site. For additional information please contact MSgt Rebecca Longfellow at [rebecca.longfellow@us.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.longfellow@us.af.mil) or A1C Nakita Hudson at [nikita.hudson@us.af.mil](mailto:nikita.hudson@us.af.mil).
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** Easter Egg Hunt on 27 March was a huge success. Over 41 children and 156 family members participated.

- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** 25 April at 375 MDG. Scott AFB has collected 108 units since the beginning of the year. Did you know...each unit of blood can be used to help up to three people?
- **The Mission Continues:** The Mission Continues Summer Slam will kick off at the end of April. Fox Sports will be sponsoring the rehab of 3 parks near Fort Leonard Wood, MO. For more information, please contact SSgt Nichole Link at [nichole.link@us.af.mil](mailto:nichole.link@us.af.mil).

**Communications: MSgt Gralewski:**

- Please send us your pictures from AFSA events... and like us on Facebook to keep up with chapter happenings.
- 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: 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.
- **JROTC Awards:** All slots for the first seven schools that requested support have been filled, but we just got in requests from two more. Please look for an email from Suzie requesting more volunteers.

**Airman's Activities Coordinator:**

- The weekly "Dinner in the Dorms" has moved back to the dorms. Dinners are open to all E1-E4, children not recommended. These dinners are held every Wednesday.
- Sunday Soccer – meet 1330 at the ALS pad.
- The Rising Four's FALCON conference is 7-8 August.
- For more information regarding Airmen's Activities, please contact A1C Jordan Wentzel [Jordan.wentzel@us.af.mil](mailto:Jordan.wentzel@us.af.mil).

**Reserve/Guard Affairs:** Reserve weekend this week.

**Retiree Affairs: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zaleski:**

- Learn more about the proposed changes to COLA. It will have a negative effect on retiree paychecks as well as those drawing social security and disability benefits.

**Inter-Service Dining Out:**

- 11 May 2013 from 1800-2200 at the Four Points Sheraton. This year's theme – "Fortune Favors the Bold"
- Tickets are \$25 each. Please see your unit AFSA rep to purchase.

**AFSA Division 3 Conference:**

- 11-13 April in Council Bluffs Iowa. This conference qualifies for Permissive TDY. If you plan to attend, talk to your leadership. This year's key-note speaker will be CMSAF McCoy. Car pools are being formed. Please contact SSgt Link at [nichole.link@us.af.mil](mailto:nichole.link@us.af.mil) for more information.
- A motion passed for MSgt Callahan to be the chapter's Chief Delegate.

**New Business:**

- MSgt Pete Maraia – Briefed three events taking place at Jefferson Barracks around Memorial Day. Details are available in the Base Bulletin. Please contact him at [Peter.Maraia@us.af.mil](mailto:Peter.Maraia@us.af.mil) for more information.
- SMSgt Patrick Holtzmann – Briefed about the Bataan Ruck March taking place on base at 0600 on 4 May. Requested a donation of \$100. Motion passed to donate \$300.
- MSgt Kristen Tenwolde – The Band of Mid-America is teaming with East St. Louis high schools as part of a community outreach program. They are looking for any military members who attended an East Saint Louis high school to tell their Air Force story. Please contact MSgt Tenwolde at [Kristen.Tenwolde@us.af.mil](mailto:Kristen.Tenwolde@us.af.mil) for more information.
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**Chief's Group Update:**

- Steak Sale 7 June at the Passenger Terminal. Please see a Chief to purchase your tickets.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Chief's Group Golf Tournament will be 6 September.
- CMSgt Martin Klukas also addressed the chapter about the ever changing situation with TA and about possible changes coming to the EPR system.

**First Sergeant's Update:**

- Shirt's Golf Tournament on 17 May.

**TOP 3 Update:** No new business.

**NCO Council Update:** No new business.

**First Four/Dorm Council Update:** No new business.

**MSgt Callahan adjourned the meeting at 1245.**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 14 May 2013 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.**

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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