

AFSA Chapter 872

21 May 2013

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1136 by MSgt Amber Callahan

Preamble was read by SSgt Jennifer Samson

46 members were in attendance; 10 were first time attendees. A quorum was determined.

Legislative Update: MSgt Terran Jones:

- 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/>

Financial Report: MSgt (Ret) Michael Thyne:

- Current balance is ~\$8,900

Membership: MSgt Arlene Lee & TSgt Chad Lee

- In April our Chapter recruited 29 new members. For the year so far, we have recruited 161 new members and retained 133. 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 PGA Golf Tournament this weekend, sign up is available on the AFSA SharePoint.
- 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:** 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 for additional information on the program.
- **Caring Hearts:** Next Caring Hearts is 22 Jun 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.
- **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:** Spring Fling on April 7th was a huge success. Up next: Memorial Day Events on 27 May. Chief Klukas will be presenting a flag flown over Afghanistan to the home.
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** Events are in the works. Look for email announcements shortly.

- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** Keep an eye on the Scott All bulletin for the next blood drive.
- **The Mission Continues:** The Mission Continues Summer Slam has kicked off. Four of our members joined 200 other veterans and Fox Sports to rehab the Fort Leonard Wood Armed Services YMCA this past weekend. Together they re-landscaped and painted the 40,000 sq foot facility. The next event will be 20 July in Saint Louis, please contact SSgt Nichole Link at nichole.link@us.af.mil for more information.

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:** Our chapter supported the JROTC programs at 7 schools in the Saint Louis Area over the past month. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped present awards to our future Airmen.

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 in the Mascoutah Dorm.
- Base Soccer Team – Practices are every Sunday at 1330. There will be an official tournament in TX later this year.
- 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.

Reserve/Guard Affairs: No Update

Retiree Affairs: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zaleski:

- Learn more about Chained CPI. This will have a negative effect on retiree paychecks as well as those drawing social security and disability benefits.

Inter-Service Dining Out:

- Thank you to all who attended. The event was a huge success.

AFSA Division 3 Conference:

- Was held 11-13 April in Council Bluffs Iowa.
- Congratulations to the chapter for winning the following awards:
 - Division 89 Chapter of the Year
 - Top Retaining Chapter of the Year
 - Website of the Year
 - 2nd Place: Newsletter of the Year
 - 2nd Place: Community Service Chapter of the Year

New Business:

- No new business.

Chief's Group Update:

- Steak Sale 7 June at the Passenger Terminal. Please see a Chief to purchase your tickets.

First Sergeant's Update:

- No update.

TOP 3 Update: No Update.

NCO Council Update: No Update

First Four/Dorm Council Update: No new business.

MSgt Callahan adjourned the meeting at 1212.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 11 June 2013 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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