

AFSA Chapter 872

10 Dec 2013

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1130 by MSgt Amber Callahan

Preamble was read by MSgt Jennifer Samson

31 members were in attendance; 2 were first time attendees. A quorum was determined.

Legislative Update: MSgt Terran Jones

- Mega Vote Update: FY 14 National Defense Act

Financial Report: MSgt (Ret) Thyne

- Current balance is ~\$7,488.88

Membership: MSgt Arlene Lee & MSgt Chad Lee

- In November our Chapter recruited 27 new members and in December so far 36 new members. For the year so far, we have recruited 388 new members and 176 retained. We are #1 in our Division for recruits. Our goal is 500 recruits for the year. December 27th is the last day to submit application for membership for the year, those submitted thereafter will be added to the numbers for next year. TSgt Kuse won the pool for recruiting.

Ways and Means: SrA Wetzel on behalf of SSgt William Ruble

- The Blues game was successful. The next event is the TransSiberian Orchestra on 23 December.

Plans/Programs: MSgt Esmeralda Aharon

- **Meals on Wheels:** Next event will be 18-21 Nov. Please visit the AFSA webpage or SharePoint site to sign up. Please contact MSgt Terricka Rush for additional information on the program. Currently looking for a replacement so if you are interested please contact either MSgt Rush or MSgt Aharon if you are interested.
- **Caring Hearts:** We help pack care packages at the O' Fallon Methodist Church on Highway 50. We packed about 280 boxes in November. 65 boxes came here back to base. Next event will be 21 Dec at 0815. We are currently looking for a replacement representative so if you are interested please contact MSgt Daniel Endris at Daniel.Endris@us.af.mil.
- **Missouri State Veterans Home:** 400 + families were fed at the Thanksgiving meal.
- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** We collected 25 units of blood in November which was able to save 84 lives. Our next blood drive will be 19 Dec at the Med Group.
- **The Mission Continues:** No new updates
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** Our next event will be 15 Dec and it will be an Open House with Santal at the Youth Center for special needs families. We expect 300 + people to attend. All children will receive gift and Mrs Clause will be in attendance. Please be on the look out for more information to come.
- **Boots on the lane:** On 20 December there will be a volunteer bowling event where we will pair up with veterans here on base and go bowling.
- **Hospice for Vets:** This is a possible new program where we will visit veterans at the Gentiva Hospice in St Louis. We looking for volunteers for the New Year. There is a strong program set up in Chicago but it has not

been set up in St Louis yet. There will be retirement home as well as in home care. Upfront training and background check required. Look for more info to come in January. SrA Peggy Syzmore and SMSgt Lee Ayers are the POCs for this program, if you have any questions.

Communications: MSgt Andrea Cogar

- We've selected a new template for the website :Nova (red). We're excited to make the website new and fresh . We hope to win website of the year for the Chapter. Please send MSgt Cogar your pictures from AFSA events as well as any ideas on how to make the website better... and like us on Facebook to keep up with chapter happenings. Please send MSgt Cogar any ideas on what improvements could be made to the websites.
- 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.

Airman's Activities Coordinator:

- AFSA will sponsor a Holiday Party for Airman's council. First Four is looking for an organization to take over the gift wrapping event at the mall for 24 Dec. If any Booster Club or organization needs to earn extra money, please contact them to volunteer. You can do ½ hour to 1 hour shifts. Possibility of an Hidden Valley ski trip. Mid January look for info of there being a New Year's Party. Please contact SrA Matheny and SrA Syzmore to volunteer.

Reserve/Guard Affairs:

- No Update

Retiree Affairs: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zaleski:

- No Update

New Business:

- Elections were held and the new 2014 Executive Council is as follows:
 - President: SSgt Nicole Brown
 - Vice President: MSgt Jennifer Samson
 - Treasurer: MSgt ret Michael "Tiny" Thyne
 - Secretary: SrA Natasha Thomas
 - Legislative Trustee: SMSgt Jacob Sanabia
 - Membership Trustee: MSgts Lincoln and Bernie Ratliff
 - Plans and Programs Trustee: SMSgt Lee Ayers
 - Ways and Means Trustee: SrA Jordan Wentzel
 - Public Affairs Trustee: MSgt Andrea Cogar
 - Sergeant -at-Arms: SMSgt Patrick Holtzman
- Div 3 Conference (27-30 Mar 14) – We will be hosting next years conference at the Drury Inn off exit 16 on I64. We are looking for volunteers as well as a to help all of the committees. The next planning meeting for this event will be Wednesday 18 Dec 1100 in the Enlisted Lounge at the Scott Club. POC is MSgt Callahan.

Chief's Group Update:

- 4 Key points of AFSA is: Pay, Retirement, Healthcare & Legislation. Keep up the enthusiasm for AFSA ;Go out and socialize what AFSA is and what we offer.

First Sergeant's Update: No update

TOP 3 Update: No update

NCO Council Update: No update

First Four/Dorm Council Update: No Update

Other Business:

- MSgt Samson is selling AFSA T-Shirts for \$8 so if you would like to purchase one please see her.

MSgt Callahan adjourned the meeting at 1244.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 14 January 2014 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.

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NATASHA N. THOMAS, SrA, USAF
Secretary, Chapter 872

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President, Chapter 872