

AFSA Chapter 872

09 July 2013

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1137 by MSgt Amber Callahan

Preamble was read by SSgt Jennifer Samson

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

Thank you to the 15 OWS for sending us all of this month's first time attendees.

Legislative Update: MSgt Terran Jones:

- 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/>
- Keep an eye out for this week's legislative update, news on expanded legal assistance options and repeal of DOMA.

Financial Report: MSgt (Ret) Michael Thyne:

- Current balance is ~\$10,000

Membership: MSgt Arlene Lee & TSgt Chad Lee

- We are second in the Division for recruiting and retention. These are the chapter's most important numbers. The greater the number of people AFSA represents, the more legislators care what AFSA lobbies for.
- 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

- It's Concert Season; keep an eye on your inbox for upcoming fundraising opportunities.
- Does your Pro-Org, Booster Club, or Spouses Group need to raise money? Contact SSgt William Ruble at william.ruble@us.af.mil for more information working an event under AFSA.
- Attendance has been a growing problem. 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 Esmeralda Aharon

- Our programs rely on our members to honor the commitments they make to volunteer. Please notify the event POC as soon as possible if you will not fulfill your commitment.
- **Meals on Wheels:** Please visit the AFSA webpage or SharePoint site to sign up. Please contact MSgt Rush at terricka.rush@us.af.mil for additional information on the program.
- **Caring Hearts:** Next Caring Hearts is 27 Jul at 0800, O' Fallon Methodist Church on Highway 50. This month, AFSA will be presenting a \$500 donation to the program. Additionally we are looking for volunteers to help pick

up the food items, 0500 in Mascoutah. Please contact MSgt Daniel Endris Daniel.Endris@us.af.mil for more information.

- **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:** The Veterans Picnic at the MO State Vets home went well, however there were quite a few individuals who signed up to support the event that did not show up.
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** Back to School Party is 27 Jul. Please sign up on the EIM site.
- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** Blood Drives are every 4th Thursday of the month at varying locations around base. This month the Blood Mobile will be pulling up to USTRANSCOM. Also, SMSgt Gabel is retiring, and is looking for someone to replace her as the Base Coordinator for Mississippi Valley Blood.
- **The Mission Continues:** The Mission Continues Summer Slam is in full swing. The next event will be 20 July from 1215 to 1700 at the Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club of 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:

- Why is logging your volunteer hours important? AFSA is a non-profit organization. In order to maintain tax-exempt status, and our Pro-Org status here on base, we are required to show how we are a benefit to the greater community. Without tax-exempt status, AFSA would not be able execute many of their daily tasks that enable them to fight for us on Capitol Hill.
- 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:

- The weekly "Dinner in the Dorms" 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.
- 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:

- More Tri-Care changes, and changes to Tri-Care for Life.

New Business:

- Veterans Day Vigil Run – Please contact MSgt Jennifer Samson if you are interested in chairing this year's planning committee.

Chiefs' Group Update:

- 6 September is the Chiefs' Group Golf Tournament

First Sergeant's Update:

- First Sergeant Symposiums are going to be held semi-annually in September and March. Please contact your Shirt for more information.

- Shirts' Golf Tournament on 26 July. Please see your Shirt to volunteer or to sign up your team.

TOP 3 Update: No Update.

NCO Council Update: No Update

First Four/Dorm Council Update: No new business.

- The First Four's FALCON conference is 7-8 August. A motion was passed to donate \$350 to the conference. If you are interested in Facilitating one of the Workshops, please contact SrA Zachary Greenwood at zachary.greenwood.1@us.af.mil.

MSgt Callahan adjourned the meeting at 1235.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 13 Aug 2013 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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