



AFSA Chapter 872

April 12, 2016

General Membership Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order at 1132 by MSgt Timothy Carter

Preamble was read by SMSgt Keith Closs

25 members were in attendance; 5 were first time attendees. A quorum was determined.

Innvocation: SSgt Jeremy Horton

Financial Report: (Mr. Michael Thyne, Chair, absent)

- \$7,660.08 is the current account balance

Membership: MSgt Carter, MSgt McIntosh, TSgt Hite (MSgt Eva Friend, Chair, absent)

- Current active members in our chapter are 2,098 members, and there are 217 inactive members.
- An Executive Council member will be present at all of our recruitment events for FTAC, NCOPEs, APES, ALS and etc.
- Sign ups are going around and will be published to the AFSA Sharepoint as well for all AFSA members to speak at the events we are holding.
- If you need to change your AFSA membership, renew or sign up please contact MSgt Friend at DSN: 576-6280, email eva.friend@us.af.mil

Ways and Means: SrA Robert Niebauer III

- Raised roughly \$1800.00 in March through the Scott Trade Center booths, we have reached half of our \$8,000.00 goal for the year.
- Volunteers must be 21 years old and each event takes approximately 5 hours, if we have enough volunteers we can break that down into shifts. We host 2 booths and each booth needs about 10 volunteers. You also have to accomplish the computer based training (CBT) at <http://levy.restaurant.org/> password is LEVY.
- May dates for the Scott Trade Center have not been released yet.

Legislative Update: TSgt Joshua Hite

- Voter Voice, use this on the AFSA website to vote on items going on The Hill.
<https://www.votervoice.net/AFSA/home>
- There are articles regarding the health and wellness of our services members out, please inform your members.
 - The first is that during a test there were found to be non-USDA approved, military banned, stimulants in 14 different dietary supplements. Some of these stimulants were found in GNC products located on installations. See the following article for more information:
<http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/2016/04/07/banned-workout-stimulant-found-14-dietary-supplements/82751200/>
 - The next one is regarding members that have been exposed to burn pits not receiving proper VA disability due to being diagnosed with lung cancer after the fact. Please have members that have been exposed to burn pits register, if they have met the requirements. Please go to the following link for more information: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp>
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➤ **Plans/Programs: MSgt Cale Hollingsworth**

- Looking for new programs chairs to replace others. If you have program that is an interest to you, please volunteer.

- **Meals on Wheels:** No Updates
- **Caring Hearts:** No Updates
- **Missouri State Veterans Home:** No Updates
- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** No Updates
- **The Mission Continues:** No Updates
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** No Updates
- **Hospice for Vets:** No Updates
- **Camp Hope:** No Updates

Communications: MSgt Carter (TSgt Maria Bilbo, Chair, Absent)

- 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/blue/>
- Please submit any photos of all AFSA events, you can upload them directly to the AFSA Facebook account listed above. So they can all be posted to the AFSA 872 Website.
- Also we are in need of stories and pictures for the chapter newsletter please contact MSgt Jennifer McIntosh.

Awards and Recognition: MSgt Carter (SMSgt (Ret) Suzie Signore-Hayes, Chair, absent)

- 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.
- Keep track of your bullets and events that you are doing so we can have a good awards showing next year.
- We still need volunteers for the JROTC annual award program. You just need to show up in your service dress and give the award to the JROTC winner (no public speaking required). Contact an AFSA executive council member if you would like to volunteer!

Retiree Affairs: (SMSgt (Ret.) Larry Miller & Mr. Steven Zalesky, Absent)

- No Updates.

Chief's Group Update: CMSgt Anthony Roane

- If you have never been to a Professional Airman's Conference (PAC), please considering attending it. It has good leadership seminars and the members that you rub elbows with are on the top echlons of our community. This is a PTDY so you will need approval from your Commander to attend. The link is also posted to the AFSA Facebook account. Dates are 20-24 August 2016, to register or for more information, see the site below: https://members.hqafsa.org/Shared_Content/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=16FCONVN
- Suggested that the chapter reserve some slots of our members.

First Sergeant's Update: (Absent)

- No Updates.

TOP 3 Update: MSgt Robinson

- Top 3 Golf Tourney will be held on 6 May and proceeds will go to the Joint Enlisted Dining Out.

First Four/Dorm Council Update/Airman's Activities Coordinator: SrA Brothers

- First Four Council meeting will be 13 April, in the FTAC building at 1500.
- Please ensure your Airmen, E-1 to E-4, have received the First Four Survey so they can hold an effective conference in May 2016.

Reserve/Guard Affairs: TSgt Chirstopher Gaines, Chair

- TSgt Gaines is not new to AFSA but is new to the 932d and has volunteered to cover this position. More to follow in the upcoming meetings.

NCO Council: (TSgt Tamandra Travillion, Absent)

- No Updates.

CGO Council: (member absent)

New Business:

MSgt Carter opened the floor for discussion:

- MSgt McIntosh reminded members of the new sign up sheets for the different recruitment events going on over the summer.
- There will also be new table top flyers going out to be placed around base. They will be available at the next meeting for grab and go, and hopefully will be located in various places around base (i.e., Student Union, Global Grill, Med Group, and etc). Please let MSgt McIntosh know if you are willing to place them in your squadron's breakroom(s).
- MSgt Carter reminded members that they do not have to be members of AFSA to help the chapter get involved with the community. Also to go out and talk at an AFSA event recruitment, you do not have to be a paying member. The idea is to get the word out about what AFSA is about.
- TSgt Austin noted that the AFSA Sharepoint calendar is not up to date and request that be up to date for future meetings. Email is helpful but some people use sharepoint as their informational tool or guide.
- If you would like to volunteer for the Spring Fling, on 28 April, please contact TSgt Robert J. Phleps at DSN: 576-1164 for more information.

MSgt Carter adjourned the meeting at 1202.

NEXT MEETING scheduled for May 10, 2016 at 1130 in the Dining Facility POW/MIA Room.

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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