



## AFSA Chapter 872

March 8, 2016

### General Membership Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order at 1131 by SMSgt Mary Belt

Preamble was read by TSgt Joshua Hite

**36 members were in attendance; 8 were first time attendees.** A quorum was determined.

**Innvocation: MSgt Esmeralda Aharon**

**Financial Report: Mr. Michael Thyne, Chair, absent**

- No current updates.

**Membership: MSgt Eva Friend**

- Current members in our chapter are 2,105 members.
- FTAC recruitment dates are on 24 Feb at 1100, 9 March at 1100, and 23 March at 1100 in building P-3 in the basement. Dates are published on the chapter's sharepoint site.
- ALS recruitment is on 17 March. Date is published on the chapter's sharepoint site.
- If you would like to attend a recruitment for AFSA please contact MSgt Friend at DSN: 576-6280, email [eva.friend@us.af.mil](mailto:eva.friend@us.af.mil)

**Ways and Means: SrA Robert Niebauer III**

- Raised \$1,343 in February through the Scott Trade Center booths.
- Next dates for the Scott Trade Center is 20 March time TBD and 26 March show time is .
- 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.
- April 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>
- If you see anything going on in one state that you would like to see happen in your state, like a disability exception on taxes, contact your Congressman and AFSA so we can help lobby for it.
- Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act is currently on the hill to discuss the amount going to survivors
- Another plan to cut the Commissary budget by \$1.4 billion is out, it was cut \$1 billion last year.
- Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act is currently out there to help military retirees with a service connected disability of at least 50% or more to obtain their retirement and VA benefits TAX FREE! VOTE today!
- Senators are trying to give veteran status to our guard and reserve members, vot to help them gain the title!!
- Military Family Relief Act of 2015 and Repal or Modify the Former Spouse Protection Act are also out there to be voted upon!

**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:** 15 March Spring Fling need 4 volunteers & 20 March West County Mall Shopping 2 Volunteers needed. Contact MSgt Jered Pieschke to volunteer)
- **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:** 19 March at 0900 for trail clean up contact MSgt Hollingsworth or MSgt Chad Warner

#### **Communications: TSgt Maria Bilbo**

- 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/>
- 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.
- EFMP is having an Easter Egg hunt this month, we are asking that if you attend that you take pictures so we can publish those in the newsletter. Also we are in need of stories and pictures for the chapter newsletter please contact MSgt Jennifer McIntosh.

#### **Awards and Recognition: SMSgt Mary Belt (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.
- We had a low turn out for Annual Awards. We hope to have more annual award submission next year so please keep track of your bullets and events that you are doing.
- 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**

- Remember to recruit. Anyone is a recruiter. Family members can be members as well as parents. "Take it back and socialize".
- Survey going around (see attachment "Task Force 15-02") and we want your feedback! Please take time to read over the questionnaire and provide your feedback to an executive council member.
- Bring your family out to our events and ensure they are involved so they understand what you are doing and how it affects the community.
- Take advantage of the Transition Assistance Program (TAPS), even take it twice if you are able to.
- Within a month of your retirement or separation, check your DD-214 accuracy and file a copy of your DD-214 with county. In case of a fire or lost documentation occurs, the county will have your DD-214 on file for you to make copies.

#### **Chief's Group Update: CMSgt Anthony Roane**

- Ensure you are utilizing MyPERS for your EPR/EES questions. If you are unable to find the answer on MyPERS challenge your chain of command to help you find the answer. The Chief's Group is fully capable to help your leadership find the answers.

#### **First Sergeant's Update: MSgt Kristy Gates**

- There is a new First Sergeants council that was just elected.
- All upcoming events from the First Sergeants council will hopefully be released and presented at the next AFSA meeting.

#### **TOP 3 Update: MSgt Brian Castillo**

- Upcoming events are the Spring Fling, Memorial Golf Tourney, SNCO social in April and September
- CMSgt Brandy Petzel will be speaking at the next meeting on 18 March, at 1500, in the Scott Club and the at the April social on the new evaluation system.

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

- First Four Council was able to raise \$2,000 in water for Flight Michigan
- Next meeting is on 9 March, at 1500 in the Education building (by the Satellite Pharmacy) in room 133.

**Reserve/Guard Affairs: (member absent)**

**NCO Council: TSgt Tamandra Travillion**

- Next large event is "STORYTELLERS" on 15 March at 1100 in the Scott Club.
- Must sign up there are 78 seats left out of the 150. AFSA has 5 seats reserved, if you would like to be in one of those seats, please email SMSgt Mary Belt.

**CGO Council: (member absent)**

**New Business:**

**SMSgt Mary Belt opened the floor for discussion for donations to our satellite chapter at Fort Leonard Wood and Division 3 Conference information:**

- SMSgt Belt introduced SSgt Stephen Baskiewicz from the Fort Leonard Wood satellite chapter in Missouri.
- Mr. Steven Zalesky motioned that the parent chapter give \$250 dollars to the start up for recruiting purposes. Currently all membership that Fort Leonard Wood has will go under Chapter 872s numbers. For Leonard Wood houses four different AFSC technical schools.
- CMSgt Crowder motioned for \$500 and a vote approved that amount at 1222.
- Division 3 Conference sign up is available and Chapter 872 can help pay way for some of the members. The conference is being held in Grand Forks 21-23 April. The conference will be permissive TDY (PTDY) and travel days are 20 & 24 April. If you would like to go, contact SMSgt Belt and sign up on the AFSA Division 3 website: <http://www.afsadv3.org/index.php?cID=235>

**SMSgt Belt adjourned the meeting at 1235.**

**NEXT MEETING scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 1130 in the Dining Facility POW/MIA Room.**

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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President, Chapter 872

Attachment:



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