

AFSA Chapter 872

8 Oct 2013

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1132 by MSgt Amber Callahan

Preamble was read by SSgt Jennifer Samson

45 members were in attendance; 11 were first time attendees. A quorum was determined.

Awards: Presented 2012 AFSA over 500 member chapter of the year award to former President SMSgt Gable.

Presented 2012 AFSA Member of the Year award to MSgt Sinnott

Also presented SMSgt Gable with a lifetime trustee award for her longstanding contributions to our chapter as she heads into retirement. Thank you SMSgt Gable and to everyone for all of their hard work and congratulations.

Legislative Update: MSgt Terran Jones

- Upcoming Awareness Week – The LAW week luncheon will be held at the Scott Enlisted Lounge on 15 Oct at 1130. Please all come out and show your support.

Financial Report: MSgt Callahan on behalf of MSgt (Ret) Thyne

- Current balance is ~\$9625.20

Membership: MSgt Arlene Lee & MSgt Chad Lee

- In September our Chapter recruited 26 new members. For the year so far, we have recruited 331 new members and 159 retained. Thank you.
- Congratulations to MSgt Tenwolde on winning the \$150 gift card for the recruiting incentive initiative.
- There will be another \$150 incentive presented at the December membership meeting, so keep recruiting!

Ways and Means: SSgt William Ruble

- The first Scottrade Center was a success. We raised approximately \$500. Look for more events to come.

Plans/Programs: MSgt Esmeralda Aharon

- **Meals on Wheels:** 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. There are usually about 150 boxes per month. Additionally the program is looking for volunteers to help pick up the food items, 0500 in Mascoutah. We are currently looking for a replacement representative so if you are interested please contact MSgt 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. He is looking at having an event later in September, more to follow.
- **Missouri State Veterans Home:** We had a successful 20 yr anniversary event. Thank you to everyone who helped with it. Look for more information to come on our next events during Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** We collected 32 units of blood in September which was able to save 96 lives. That brings us to 76 units for the quarter. Our next blood drive will be 24 Oct at bldg 1600.
- **The Mission Continues:** Last weekend we cleaned up the Bridge which is a food kitchen for the homeless. On 9 Nov we will be partnering with Target at St. Louis Walnut Grove Elementary School. Look for more information to come.
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** Our next event will be 26 Oct from 1100-1300 and it will be a fall festival for special needs families. Please be on the look out for more information to come.
- **Boots on the lane:** On 20 November there will be a volunteer bowling event where we will pair up with veterans here on base and go bowling. TSgt Zokal had a request for funds. Mr. Miller made a motion to donate \$200 to the event and the motion carried.

Communications: MSgt Andrea Cogar

- 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.
- 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:

- SrA Matheny and SrA Szymore are our new Airman's Activities Coordinators and they mentioned that between both the First Four and Dorm Council there will be a Halloween Party coming up on 26 Oct and a gift wrapping fundraiser at Fairview Heights Mall which will run from Black Friday up until the week before Christmas.

Reserve/Guard Affairs:

- No Update

Retiree Affairs: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zaleski:

- The Veterans Affairs office is open but it is only for healthcare. The rest of the office remains shutdown and we are waiting on Congress for updates.

New Business:

- Veterans Day Vigil Run – It will be off base this year at 3 Springs Park in Shiloh. Look for more information to follow. If you would like to sign up please contact either TSgt Jose Perez or SSgt Cherelle Labove.
- Div 3 PAC (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 Chairman for the Hospitality committee and the Banquet committee.

Chief's Group Update:

- CMSgt Anderson and CMSgt Klukas both expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Chapter for all of our hard work. They also mentioned that with everything that is going on right now with the budget to just stay calm and control the things that we can such as our attitudes and behavior.

First Sergeant's Update: No update

TOP 3 Update: No update

NCO Council Update: No update

First Four/Dorm Council Update:

- A1C Clayton briefed us about the upcoming Halloween party that is split between the First Four and the Dorm Council. She made a request for funds of \$200. Mr. Zalesky made a motion to donate \$200 to each organization for a total of \$400 and the motion carried.

Other Business:

- MSgt Samson is selling AFSA T-Shirts for \$8 so if you would like to purchase one please see her.
- SIUE is hosting a Veterans Tribute from 4 Nov – 6 Nov. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Mr. Miller for more information.

MSgt Callahan adjourned the meeting at 1230.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 12 November 2013 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.

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MARK N. SCHULTZ, SSgt, USAF
Secretary, Chapter 872

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