

AFSA Chapter 872

10 Sep 2013

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1132 by MSgt Amber Callahan

Preamble was read by SSgt Jennifer Samson

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

Red Cross Representative: Ms. Toya Sarpy discussed the programs the Red Cross provides and expressed an interest in becoming a partner with our chapter for blood drives.

Legislative Update: MSgt Terran Jones

- Upcoming Awareness Week – Please send your biggest concerns and issues to MSgt Jones. He will compile them together and send our top 3 to AFSA headquarters so we can have a united front.
- In March there were 14,000 letters in 10 days and then TA came back. Please keep utilizing CAPWIZ because our combined voices have an impact.

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

- Current balance is ~\$9,530

Membership: MSgt Arlene Lee & MSgt Chad Lee

- In August our Chapter recruited 27 new members. For the year so far, we have recruited 290 new members and 158 retained. Our total membership is 2,161. Thank you.
- There is an ongoing new membership incentive program through our next meeting. For every 2 people you get to join our chapter you will be entered into a raffle for a \$150 gift certificate.

Ways and Means: SSgt William Ruble

- We raised \$240 with our Macy's gift card fundraiser.
- SSgt Ruble is in talks with the Scottrade Center and it looks like we will be doing approximately 10 events this year. There will be more to follow about training.

Plans/Programs MSgt Callahan on behalf of 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 volunteers for 16-19 September.
- **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. 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:** National Grandparents day was last Sunday. There were approximately 250 families that turned out so overall it was a success. Please make sure to coordinate on UOD for future events to make sure we are all in the same uniform.
- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** SMSgt Gable passed the reins over to MSgt Keri Chandler & MSgt Thomas Ricketson. We collected 144 units in August and helped save 32 lives.
- **The Mission Continues:** We had a successful event at the St. Louis Fire Department Headquarters in memory of 9/11 and refurbished much of their area. We were joined by firefighters from both Scott AFB and NY. Thank you to everyone who helped with this special event.
- **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.

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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:

- A1C Clayton, SrA Matheny, and SrA Szymore all expressed interest in becoming the new Airman Activities Coordinator.

Reserve/Guard Affairs:

- No Update

Retiree Affairs: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zaleski:

- Make sure you get your medical records for your VA disability before you retire. Currently if you are 50% disabled you receive your full disability plus your full retirement but if you are less than 50% then you receive your disability but your retirement is subtracted at a dollar for dollar amount.
- HR333 and HR234 are current bills that deal with this. Please make sure to utilize CAPWIZ and contact your representatives.

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.
- Div 3 PAC (27-30 Mar 14) – We will be hosting next years conference at the Drury Inn off exit 16 on I64

Chief's Group Update:

- CMSgt Gable wanted to thank everyone that helped with and or participated in the Chief's Group Golf outing.

First Sergeant's Update:

- Their will be a bowling fundraiser on 27 Sep and their will be 2 different time slots at either 1000 or 1400.

TOP 3 Update: MSgt Thompson invited all Top 3 members to a Burger Burn on 19 Sep.

NCO Council Update: No Update

First Four/Dorm Council Update:

- Just completed the Falcon Conference and held elections for the upcoming year.

- They are also looking at having a Halloween event so look for more information to follow.

Other Business:

- TSgt Zokal is the Jefferson Barracks Rep and he mentioned an upcoming bowling outing on 20 Dec and an upcoming Boots on Green golf outing. Look for more information to follow.
- Seargeant Ratliff expressed his thanks on behalf of the fire department to everyone that helped with the last event
- MSgt Callahan expressed her thanks and congratulations to the chapter for their outstanding work and well deserved 2012 International Chapter of the Year! Great job and keep up the good work!

MSgt Callahan adjourned the meeting at 1231.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 8 October 2013 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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