

## AFSA Chapter 872

15 Jan 2014

### General Membership Meeting Minutes



Meeting was called to order at 1134 by SSgt Nichole Brown

Preamble was read by SMSgt Patrick Holtzman

**54 members were in attendance; 2 were first time attendees.** A quorum was determined.

#### **Legislative Update: SMSgt Jacob Sanabia**

- 1% reduction in COLA every year until age of 62.
- There will be a legislative committee put together. If you're interested in a particular topic of legislation, and would like to be apart of the committee, please contact SMSgt Jacob Sanabia.

#### **Financial Report: MSgt (Ret) Thyne**

- Current balance is ~\$7,217.74

#### **Membership: MSgt Lincoln Ratliff & MSgt Bernie Ratliff**

- In December our Chapter recruited 59 new members and 9 retentions. For the year so far, we have 3 retained. Total membership is 2,234 for the Chapter.

#### **Ways and Means: SrA Jordan Wentzle**

- The TransSiberian Orchestra event on 23 December went really well. We're currently looking for stand leads for upcoming events. Stands leads are those persons primarily in charge of the money. If you'd like to be trained and interested in becoming a stand lead for future events, please contact SrA Wentzle.

#### **Plans/Programs: SMSgt Lee Ayers**

- **Meals on Wheels:** In Dec they delivered 197 meals and had 135 volunteers. 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 Ayers if you are interested.
- **Caring Hearts:** We help pack care packages at the O' Fallon Methodist Church on Highway 50. We packed about 530 boxes between November and December. Next event will be 25 Jan at 0815; this event takes place every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. The new POC will be TSgt Larry Adams and the alternate POC will be MSgt Amber Callahan .
- **Missouri State Veterans Home:** No update
- **Mississippi Valley Blood Drives:** We collected 11 units of blood in November which was able to save 33 lives. Our next blood drive will be 23 Jan at the AFNIC building.
- **The Mission Continues:** No updates
- **Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP):** No updates.
- **Boots on the lane:** The 20 December event went well. There was 100 bowlers and 40 volunteers. Jefferson Barracks presented the Chapter with a Bowling Pin momento as a thank you. Jefferson barracks will be having Golden H Games and Golf Tournament in the spring/summertime. Please look out for more information on that.

- **Hospice for Vets:** This is a possible new program where we will visit veterans at the Gentiva Hospice in St Louis. We looking for volunteers for the New Year. There is a strong program set up in Chicago but it has not been set up in St Louis yet. There will be retirement home as well as in home care. Upfront training and backround check required. Look for more info to come . SrA Peggy Syzmore and SMSgt Lee Ayers are the POCs for this program,if you have any questions.

**Communications: MSgt Andrea Cogar**

- We've selected a new template for the website :Nova (red). We're excited to make the webste new and fresh . We hope to win website of the year for the Chapter. 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. Please send MSgt Cogar any ideas on what improvements could be made to the websites.
- 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:**

- No Update

**Reserve/Guard Affairs:**

- No Update

**Retiree Affairs: SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zaleski:**

- No Update

**New Business:**

- Div 3 Conference (27-30 Mar 14) – We will be hosting this years conference at the Drury Inn off exit 16 on I64. We are looking for volunteers as well as a to help all of the committees. The next planning meeting for this event will be Tuesday 21 Jan 1100 in the Enlisted Lounge at the Scott Club. POC is MSgt Callahan.
- Will vote on budget at the next general meeting 11 Feb 14; if you have an item you would like to add please contact POC.

**Chief's Group Update:**

- Keep informed of the updates with the Force Reduction PSDM's.

**First Sergeant's Update:** Make sure your records are up to date. With Force Reduction Boards taking place, this is very important when it comes to meeting boards.

**TOP 3 Update:** Elections are Friday 17 Jan 14. You must have your dues paid to vote.

**NCO Council Update:** No update

**First Four/Dorm Council Update:** No Update

**Other Business:**

- No update.

**SSgt Brown adjourned the meeting at 1210.**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 11 February 2014 at 1130 in the Scott Club Enlisted Lounge.**

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Secretary, Chapter 872

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