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"Recruit, Retain, Educate"



Your new Division 3 Executive Council: President, SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zalesky; Vice-President, SMSgt (Ret) Gary Swanson; Trustee #1, MSgt (Ret) David Bamburg; Trustee #2, CMSgt (Ret) Mark Clark; Trustee #3, CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott; Secretary/Treasurer, MSgt Jennifer McIntosh; Historian, SMSgt (Ret) Charlie Dalzell; Senior Advisor, SMSgt (Ret) Dale Lutzen. Not shown, Trustee #4, MSgt (Ret) Bud Kolwitz; Family Matters Chairperson, Jean Kolwitz All were sworn in by International President CMSgt (Ret) Jeff Ledoux.

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Membership

Chapters should work on their bad address listing. Some of the errors are as simple as missing "AFB" in the address. A bad address can mean the person is not receiving mailings from AFSA and could lose interest. It also means your chapter is not getting credit when it comes to rebates.

AFSA is having a Family/Friends membership campaign through the end of July. Sign up an active duty member and include their spouse or another friend, both for a total of \$50. Also a good way to sign up those attending ALS because they receive a better deal.

Legislative Issues

There were two victories on the Former Spouses Act. First the law is changed to consider what the member's rank/income were at the time of divorce and the Supreme Court ruled that a member's VA disability cannot not be factored into the amount due the spouse.

AFSA will have more information on the FY18 Budget after it has been thoroughly reviewed. As with each year there is always discussions on the size of pay raises, Tricare increases for current and future retirees and other items of interest to those in uniform. Keep up by frequently checking VoterVoice.



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Straight Talk, Division 3 President, SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zalesky

Greetings from your Division 3 President,



First off, I need to thank Chapter President Kathy Oden and the members of Chapter 804 for hosting a great division convention at Independence, MO. Most importantly the success of our convention couldn't have happened without the tremendous efforts of our Convention Manager Charlie Dalzell.

I also want to thank all the chapter delegates who attended the convention. I hope each attendee left with a greater appreciation in the common bond we share for our Association. We recognized our hard chargers and deserving members/chapters for their accomplishment this past year. We had some outstanding packages this year and you all made it extremely hard on the Awards Committee scoring the packages. Congratulations again to our Division Award winners, a full listing can be seen in the Newsletter.

Over the last several years our Association continues to struggle in defining who we are. We have worked hard to maintain our relevancy and improve our membership base; however, our efforts to recruit new members and retain our current members continue to be an issue. One of biggest issues we struggle with is motivating our active duty chapters to get more engaged with their recruiting efforts. These chapters have a significant population which they can recruit from and we must do better. I understand that recruiting isn't easy for some people to do, but it is something we MUST do to ensure the purpose of our Association. Quite simply we need every member to be "All In"!

Lastly, I want to recognize and thank your 2017 Division Executive Council for their dedication and commitment to giving back to AFSA.

Vice President: SMSgt (ret) Gary Swanson
1st Trustee: MSgt (ret) Dave Bamburg
2nd Trustee: CMSgt (ret) Mark Clark
3rd Trustee: CMSgt (ret) Kevin Ott
4th Trustee: MSgt (ret) Bud Kolwitz
Secretary/Treasurer: MSgt Jennifer McIntosh
Historian: SMSgt (ret) Charlie Dalzell
Senior Advisor: SMSgt (ret) Dale Lutzen
Family Matters Chair: Ms. Jean Kolwitz

In closing, our division continues to be the place to be! I am excited about the untapped potential of our chapters and we will continue to be strong advocates for our Association. I am humbled and honored to serve as a Division President. Our selfless acts, no matter how large or small, are what makes our Association strong, and the ability to convey AFSA's message to our members will make us even stronger. I thank you for your membership and volunteerism. I look forward to working together with everyone in moving forward to make our Association better!





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How are you Communicating?

Chapter	Location	Media Type									
	AFSA HQ										
	Division 3										
804	Kansas City, MO										
851	Milwaukee, WI										
858	Minneapolis, MN										
872	Scott AFB, IL										
881	Whiteman AFB, MO										
883	Ft. Leonard-Wood, MO										
951	Ellsworth AFB, SD										
959	Minot AFB, ND										
964	Grand Forks, ND										
972	McConnell AFB, KS										
984	Offutt AFB, NE										
985	Tinker AFB, OK										
988	Altus AFB, OK										
990	Vance AFB, OK										

Click the links above to access the social media sites of D3 Chapters. If you chapter also has a site not listed please email the link to afsadiv3@gmail.com so we can get it added to the next newsletter and in the future our website, www.afsativ3.org

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2016 Annual Award Winners



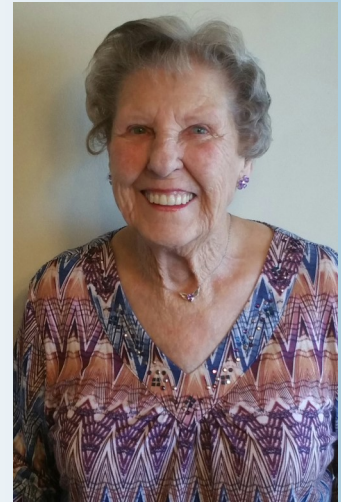
Member of the Year
MSgt Jennifer M. McIntosh
Chapter 872



NCO of the Year
TSgt Johnny O'Hagan
Chapter 881

Other Division 3 Award Winners

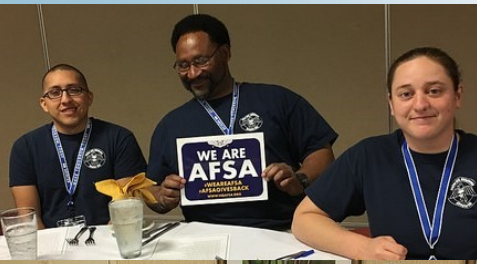
Chapter of the Year, > 500	985
Chapter of the Year, < 500	964
Communications:	951
Legislative, Individual:	804
CMSgt (Ret) Curtis Gist	
Legislative, Chapter:	985
VAVS: Shirley Anderson,	804
VSP: SSgt Rafe Holmes	985
Community Service Award:	985
Newsletter:	985
Website:	951



Family Member of the
Year
Mrs. Barbara Veach,
Chapter 804



Airman of the Year
SrA Robert Niebauer III
Chapter 872





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MSgt (Ret) Roland "Bud" Kolwitz, Division 3 Retentions Trustee

As you know, I am the Division 3 Trustee for Retentions. You have just received a message from DP Zalesky in regard to the numbers of retentions in our Chapter.

What I am giving you is the standing of our top retainers as 25 May 2017

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAP</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
#2 Roland Kolwitz	851	8	67
#3 Patti Dalzell	804	6	53
#5 Steve Zalesky	872	2	22
#6 Jean Kolwitz	851	5	15

In my next report to the Chapters I will go into more detail of the other retainers. As I have said before, we have to retain the members once we recruit them.

Those of you at Active Duty Bases need to work your rosters to correct addresses. As I have said, DP Zalesky asked me to work with three AD Chapters who have no retention activity.

In going over one of the rosters, I found (going by zip codes) AFB has been left off the address. I found, going by the street address, one couple had errors in that one person had "AFB" and the other person did not. I found errors in the zip codes. Those members will receive no mailings from HQ or me. They, then, in turn lose interest in AFSA.

AFSA is going thru a rough period, which we all know. We need to keep in touch with our members. The ones we are losing are the ones who just joined and the younger airmen. Keeping the younger

airmen interested has always been a problem. DP Zalesky and I have discussed this problem in the past and cannot come up with an easy solution. Just let them know they are more than just a number on a roster.

I'm sure you are tired of hearing me say this all the time, but

"When you get them in the front door, don't let them out the back door."

Roland "Bud" Kolwitz
Division 3 Trustee for Membership



Organized by Senior Advisor Dale Lutzen, 4,250 lbs. brought to the D3 Convention. It was turned in for cash which will be donated to a Veterans cause TBD.



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2017 Division 3's Top 10 of Recruiting

Recruiter	Chapter	YTD	Lifetime
Zalesky	872	10	883
Weavers	872	10	11
Rios	883	9	9
Kolwitz	851	7	339
Hite	872	7	9
Young	883	6	6
Stalder	972	6	17
Stuckel	959	5	5
Cantu	964	5	12
Williams	984	5	5

**151 People
Recruited!**

There are some great recruiting tools on HQ AFSA website.

<http://www.hqafsa.org/recruiting-tools.html>

<http://www.hqafsa.org/exclusive-afsa-member-benefits.html>



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2017 Division 3's Top 10 of Retaining

Retainer	Chapter	YTD	Lifetime
Kolwitz, Roland	851	66	3,284
Dalzell, Patti	804	53	178
Zalesky, Steven	872	22	1,007
Kolwitz, Jean	851	13	1,428
Manuel, Blake	985	2	3
Tercero, Travis	959	1	1
Platt, Shelby	985	1	2
Oden, Kathryn	804	1	139
Clark, Mark	804	1	4
Bamburg, David	951	1	74

**167 People
Retained!**

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2017 Recruitment by Chapter

2017 Retention by Chapter

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
F0804	9	F0804	55
F0851	11	F0851	79
F0858	0	F0858	0
F0872	34	F0872	24
F0881	3	F0881	1
F0883	20	F0883	0
F0951	6	F0951	1
F0959	16	F0959	2
F0964	17	F0964	1
F0972	9	F0972	0
F0984	12	F0984	1
F0985	6	F0985	3
F0988	8	F0988	0
F0990	0	F0990	0



Family Matters

Spring, 2017



Hello from your Family Matters Chairman

Jean Kolwitz

The first two items are from information I received that affects families in the long run.

1) The following is the latest I received.

“Effective this Veterans Day (11 Nov 17), all honorably discharged veterans will now be able to utilize AAFES online. Please pass the word to any veterans that have separated that may not already have this benefit!”

Go to www.shopmyexchange.com and then click on the link VetVerify.org to participate.

2) By now you have received word about the latest AFSA membership offer. This originally came from DP Zalesky. It was mentioned at Division Conference this month.

“The primary intent of this campaign is recruit family members, but it also open to allow two non-members to join for \$50 (\$25 each). This campaign is only in effect until July and only applies to new members or inactive members longer than two years. For more details and membership form for this campaign go to: <http://www.hqafsa.org/familyfriendstrong.html>”

Who is Eligible for Family & Friends Membership?

- A joint membership can be two family members, two friends, an active/former /retired and family member, an active/former/retired and friend, two Active/former/retired members that are friends or family or any combination that wish to become joint members.

- Someone who rejoins after two or more years of non-membership (an inactive member).

Please ensure to use the following link to join: https://members.hqafsa.org/Members_AFSA/FamilyFriendsStrong.aspx

Everyone should sign up their family members and this tells you just who is eligible to join. This will end in July, so get going now and sign up your family members.

Now as far as Chapter Family activities are concerned, I would ***LOVE*** to hear from all the Chapters out there. What are you doing that involves the family members? I know you must be doing things, but the information is not being passed down to me to share with the rest of the Chapters. To date this year, I have only heard from one Chapter. What are you on AD Bases doing?

#WEAREAFSA #AFSAGIVESBACK
**Proud AFSA &
AIR FORCE
Family**





Family Matters Update, Cont...



From Chapter 851, Milwaukee, WI, from Family Matters Trustee for activities that concern families:

January 24, 2017 Report— 2 boxes of coupons and travel size toiletries were sent to Germany.

March 15, 2017 Report— January 19, 2017 sent 30 travel size hand lotions valued at \$40.00 and 18 pounds of coupons to Kaiserslautern, Germany. Postage \$33.50
Received thank you from Germany for items sent. Worked on getting a new POC for Germany.

April 13, 2017 Report— sent 4 boxes to Germany. One box of coupons and 3 boxes of popcorn products and travel size shampoo/conditioners valued at \$281.50. Postage was \$69.40.

Continue to work with local church on our coupon project.

April 15, 2017 Report— took \$410.00 worth of popcorn products to 128th ARW (ANG).
Ron Long continues to send us coupons. His volunteer hours were 15.75 thru February 26, 2017

May 6, 2017 Report— Continued our coupon program

You may ask “What is this about coupon, toiletries, etc.?”

There are families overseas, right?

Jean Kolwitz

Division 3 Family Matters Chairman





Legislative News

American Leadership



American Leadership

At the time of this writing the only meaningful pieces of legislation currently being debated in Congress are the American Healthcare Act of 2017, and the President's FY2018 federal budget proposal. I have received many questions about the American Healthcare Act specific to what it means for our families and those on TRICARE. I can assure you that there is no reason for concern whatsoever because the language in the bill makes it clear that the provisions of the bill have no impact on current federally provided healthcare systems such as Military Treatment Facilities, Medicare, TRICARE and VA Healthcare. So until the bill clears the Senate and enters committee to work out the differences in the two bills there is really nothing to worry about. We will continue to monitor the legislation as it works its way through the senate and we will keep you all informed if any changes come to light that would concern our members.

The president's budget marks a rapid departure from the past six years where the Department of Defense was asked to shoulder 50% of budget cuts under sequestration since 2011. Sequestration forced the services to cut personnel, cut back on training, and forgo required maintenance and recapitalization of combat systems after sixteen straight years of constant deployment. The President's budget proposal calls for the complete repeal of sequestration and the restoration of \$52 billion to the Department of Defense.

Perhaps the greatest change in American policy is the reengagement of American leadership around the world. After eight years of withdrawal, appeasement, and apology America has once again accepted the mantle of leadership of the free world. President Trump's first overseas trip made it clear that America will no longer be the world's police force but instead will expect every other country to do its fair share in providing for their common defense. In a stark contrast from years past President Trump also made it clear that America will act whenever necessary and wherever necessary to protect American interests and American citizens around the globe. This will almost certainly mean increased mission requirements and continued deployments for our members and their families.

In years past when discussing global politics with friends of mine from around the world I used to ask the rhetorical questions of "what would the world look like without American in it?" Unfortunately, over the past eight years we learned the answer to that question. In the absence of American leadership, the world has become a much more dangerous place. At no time since WWII has American leadership been more important. The global menace of ISIS, the growing nuclear threat of North Korea and Iran, the expansion of China into the Pacific Rim, and Russian aggression all threaten American interest both at home and abroad.

If you would like more information on what is in the President's budget you can read it here at https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/budget/fy2018/2018_blueprint.pdf. Please continue to monitor the legislative campaigns AFSA HQ has up for us to engage with at <https://www.votervoice.net/AFSA/home>. Your voice matters so never hesitate to engage your elected officials on the issues important to AFSA and to you and your family. Thank you for all you do and for your continued service to AFSA and our great nation.

Mark R. Clark, CMSgt, USAF, Retired

Legislative Trustee, AFSA Division 3

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."



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GivBit: How Much Can You Afford to Give Back?



Kevin Ott CMSgt, USAF, Retired
Trustee #3 AFSA Division 3

The “Fitbit” is a popular digital assistant that helps millions around the world strive for better physical fitness by setting their own fitness goals and providing daily updates on meeting those goals. With over 22 million units sold in 2016 alone the concept behind the Fitbit along with its technology has definitely struck a nerve.

Here’s how Fitbit describes itself and its product: “When it comes to reaching your fitness goals, steps are just the beginning. Fitbit tracks every part of your day—including activity, exercise, food, weight and sleep—to help you find your fit, stay motivated, and see how small steps make a big impact. Every moment matters and every bit makes a big impact; because fitness is the sum of your life. That’s the idea Fitbit was built on—that fitness is not just about gym time. It’s all the time. How you spend your day determines when you reach your goals. And seeing your progress helps you see what’s possible.”

It’s really quite simple – through applications available on a smart phone each Fitbit wearer simply chooses their goals and the Fitbit tracks their daily physical activity and compares that to their goals. It’s like having a personal trainer handcuffed to your wrist.

Imagine if there was a “Givbit”, a digital assistant that helps one meet their personal goals for involvement, engagement, outreach, or just simply the giving of their time and talents to their community. One could look through a variety of applications on their smartphone and find their areas of interest. The list of charities, organizations, and causes available are so huge you’ll probably need to upgrade your phone!

Now that you’ve selected your application(s) it’s time to configure your Givbit. How much can you donate a week, a month, a year? Let’s say you’ve determined that you can donate 2 hours per week. That’s a total of 104 hours a year – wow that sounds like a lot! But thanks to your Givbit, you’ll be able to manage and track your time. As you start to volunteer at your favorite activity you soon see that 2 hours a week is not enough. The need in your community is so strong (and your desire to make a difference is even stronger) so you decide that you can donate 4 hours a week or 208 hours a year. A quick update of your Givbit app on your smartphone and you are on your way. Life happens, interrupting our Fitbit goals and interrupting our Givbit goals as well. No problem, as we’re able to make up for those lost efforts and get back on track.

One important feature of the Fitbit is its heart rate monitor. We all know that exercise is of little value if we fail to get into our target heartbeat range based on our age and sex. Likewise our Givbit needs a similar feature: the “in your heart” rate monitor. Giving of your time and talent is of lesser value when your heart isn’t in it or worse yet you’re only doing it for your performance report, quarterly or annual award or just simply to get your supervision off your back. So, our Givbit will only count your giving when you reach that “it’s in your heart” level.



CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott

Buddy Check 22 Rapid City

A gathering of GWOT-era veterans
&
Active Duty, Guard, Reserve personnel

22nd Day of each Month at 6PM

La Quinta Inn & Suites*

1416 N. Elk Vale Rd @I-90 exit 61

Share a story, share a laugh, share a tear, share a hug

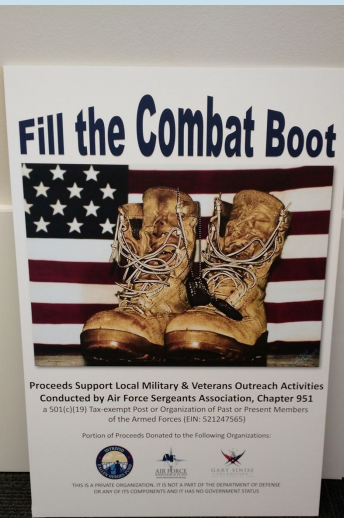
Help your fellow Battle Buddy, Wrengman, or shipmate...
You are not alone

We will grow stronger together!

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Honoring our Patriots

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GivBit: How Much Can You Afford to Give Back? Cont.....



Kevin Ott CMSgt, (Ret),
USAF

My Givbit apps would be Church Music (I play in our praise band), Tithing, Donations to a food bank, Supporting the Airmen in my squadron (ALS graduations, parties, events), AFSA (Chapter 951's Honoring Our Patriots concert, POW/MIA 5K, legislative events, monthly meetings, and Division 3 business). Wow, that sounds like a lot...but is it? Music: about 150 hours a year between services and rehearsals; Supporting the Airmen: about 30 hours a year; AFSA: about 200 hours a year; for a total of around 380 hours. The tithing and donations are of course monetary and physical donations. For those familiar with Chapter 951, you'll notice that I did not include our veteran's home outings, highway cleanup, or family events into my Givbit goals. No, I'm not shirking responsibility, I'm maintaining balance in my life.

You must set time aside for other priorities such as your job, your family, and for yourself. When someone puts themselves into every event, every cause, every function they will burnout and not provide their very best to those moments. Plus, always being "the guy" or "the gal" feeds into the "STP" (Same Ten People) situation that stifles individual and team growth.

So, what's apps are you looking for to download onto your smartphone and link to your Givbit?





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Electronic Communications



MSgt (Ret) Super Dave Bamburg



Things are starting to get better as now all Division 3 Chapters have Facebook pages, a few have added Instagram Pages and Chapter 804 just started up a website, www.afsa804.org. During the D3 Conference I created an Instagram Page for the Division at www.instagram.com/afsa_division_3. Hope you will check it out.

At the Division 3 Conference I was able to give a presentation on different ways a chapter and its members could communicate better. While many of us focus on the different forms of social media, sometimes the best form of communications is speaking directly to the chapter members, especially those you do not see on a daily basis. One thing I asked chapter leaders is what is the one constant thing that is always on your rosters. It is the retiree/Life Time member.

Try reaching out to those individuals to let them know what is going on with the chapter and maybe ask for their inputs. You may be surprised with the responses or maybe find someone that wants to engage with AFSA because of their involvement with the organization in the past. Like I shared with those in attendance, one time at a previous chapter where I was President I found someone on our roster that had been a member since 1961. In fact, that person was a chapter member of AFSA.

Finally, make sure you are utilizing all the tools that AFSA has to offer when it comes to communicating or reaching out to potential members. If you **click** on the picture below it links to a video that AFSA put out a few years ago showcasing what AFSA is about. Use what it there.



Air Force Sergeants Association Overview



Air Force Sergeants Association



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UNITED IN STRENGTH | DEFENDING THE ENLISTED CORPS AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1961

WE ARE 100,000 MEMBERS STRONG | WE REPRESENT OUR MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES IN CONGRESS, the DoD, the VA and More

WE ARE THE NATION'S MOST INFLUENTIAL ASSOCIATION DEVOTED TO THE TOTAL ENLISTED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES

WE ARE INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT & POLITICALLY NON-PARTISAN | WE FIGHT FOR YOUR PROMISED BENEFITS & SERVICES

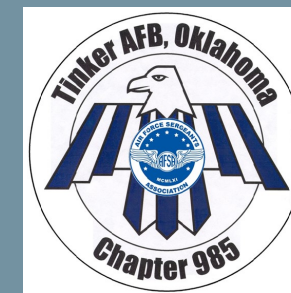
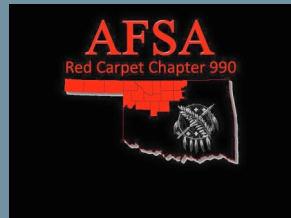
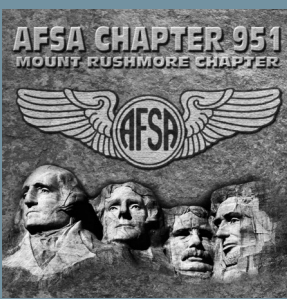
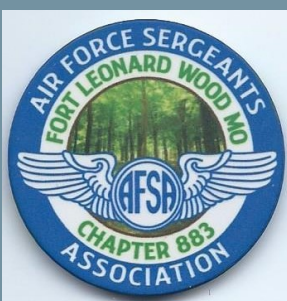
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IS YOUR LOGO ON HERE? IF NOT, LET US HELP YOU BUILD THE



BADGER CHAPTER 851
Milwaukee, WI



Chapter 804

The Heartbeat of America Chapter

Kathy Oden, President



Chapter 804 has begun the year with new leadership. They are President Kathy Oden, Vice President Harry McLane, Trustee Barbara Veach, Trustee Curtis Gist, Trustee Hershell Spurlock, Secretary Tony Berter, Treasurer Charlie Dalzell, and Senior Advisor Mark Clark. As President, I feel extremely fortunate to have such an excellent and dedicated Team of individuals to work with.

Our Membership are always kept informed of information pertinent to all facets of AFSA and our chapter activities such as keeping them updated on all legislative matters and encouraging them to correspond with their congressional members through our monthly meetings and by our quarterly newsletter. We continue to stress membership retention and recruitment. To date, we have 49 retentions and 8 recruits.



Family Matters have many areas they cover. We have had four members volunteer 433 hours at the VA Hospital since the first of the year. There are individuals who give their time to assist the residents at

St. Michael's Homeless Veterans Center. Ninety pounds of cents-off- coupons have been mailed to our military and their families overseas.

We hosted a Card Party for entertainment as well as a fund raiser. On Earth Day, a crew of 8 members cleaned our section of Missouri's Highway System.



It was our honor to put on the AFSA Division 3 Convention. We were very fortunate to have three individual Division award winners. They were Barbara Veach, Family Member, Curtis Gist, Individual Legislative Award, and Shirley Anderson, VAVS Award. It was an informative and enjoyable conference.

Our ongoing goals are to retain our present membership as well as recruit new people and to stay on top of all legislation important to our Air Force and Airmen, past, present, and future.

Finally, in closing, continue having a marvelous year and we are looking forward to seeing all of Division 3 family and friends at the AFSA PAC in Reno, Nevada.



AFSA JROTC Award being presented to Cadet Frankie Gugliotta by CMSgt (Ret) Pamela Trammell. One of 13 such awards being presented by Chapter 804.



Chapter 851

The Badger Chapter

Greetings from Wisconsin. The snow is gone, the birds are singing, the grass is green, but it keeps raining!

In January we had our election of officers and had the Installation in February. We did that over the phone since Jean Kolwitz, who normally does the Installation was laid up. This was a first for us.

Since then we call Jean and Bud when we have our meetings so that they can participate. They have had "issues" this year.

Recently we voted to donate \$500 to JEOP and SEDP.

We had a new person, B. Shane Morris, represent us at Division Conference and we understand he really enjoyed it.

Our Family Matters/Community Service Trustee has been busy this year. The following is a sample of what we do over the year. In January, 2 boxes of coupons and travel size toiletries last week to Germany were sent out. January 19, 2017 sent 30 travel size hand lotion valued at \$40.00 and 18 pounds of coupons to Kaiserslautern, Germany. Postage \$33.50

Received popcorn products from LeAnn Boudwine. Sent thank you letter to LeAnn Boudwine Received thank you from Germany for items sent. Sent get well card and \$25.00 gift card to Roland Kolwitz Received thank you from Roland Kolwitz Worked on getting a new POC for Germany.

April 13, 2017 sent 4 boxes to Germany. One box of coupons and 3 boxes of popcorn products and travel size shampoo/conditioners valued at \$281.50. Postage was \$69.40. (Purchased \$6.98 worth of clear packing tape – not included in mailing cost). Continue to work with local church on our coupon project.

Collected empty egg cartons for Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Services. They get cases of eggs from a local farm and need the empty egg cartons for distribution of eggs to homeless veterans.

April 15, 2017 took \$410.00 worth of popcorn products to 128th ARW. Ron Long continues to send us coupons. His volunteer hours were 15.75 thru February 26, 2017



May 5, 2017 – gave Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Services popcorn snacks, travel size toiletries, household items and clothing valued at \$733.00 and took popcorn snacks valued at \$692.00 to DryHootch.

Continued our coupon program and Stamps for the Wounded project. The entire Chapter helps with these projects including ones who are unable to make the meetings due to distance and/or health.

We continue to send out our Chapter newsletter by mail since many of our members do not have computers—or prefer the hard mail copy. At present we are in the process of finding more sponsors for our newsletters.



Chapter 851 President Bill Rheingans receiving his new glasses from Wisconsin Vision, the sponsor of Chapter 851's newsletter.



Chapter members at a recent meeting--(Front row)--Ryan Lawrence, Sonya Villwock, Dalelynn Lombardo (Back Row)--Mike Gordon, Patti Conners, Bud Kolwitz, Jean Kolwitz, (?), Bill Rheingans, (?)



Chapter 883

Fort Leonard-Wood, MO

Chapter 883 located at Fort Leonard Wood, MO has come a long way since it was founded the beginning of this year. It has grown from a small satellite chapter out of Scott AFB (Chapter 872), to what it is today with more than 80 members. The Executive Council are all Air Force Technical School Instructors and though the duty days are busy teaching our Air Forces' newest members, they always find time to educate the students about AFSA. The Chapter's Senior Advisor, Stephen Baskiewicz states, "There is always time to put a little bit of AFSA into it."

With the leadership from the chapter's President, Jose Rios, events such as the AFSA's Hot Days of Summer are put into place. On July 15th, the students are welcome to attend the event, which will offer free burgers, a water balloon dodge ball tournament, and an AFSA membership raffle with the first prize being a game system.



Chapter 883 sponsored and participated in the 2017 Annual Midwest Ground Transportation Rodeo. Seven teams across the Midwest region attended this two-day rodeo that consisted of 4

events. The first event on 19 May was the 4K Forklift Challenge in which the Chapter President coined the airman that had the most unique performance. The Senior Advisor came in 3rd place out of 14 drivers, and was happy that none of his previous students were able to outperform him. The next day entailed an AFI test, All-terrain Forklift Challenge, and a Tractor-Trailer Challenge. AFSA members were partaking in the events and in charge of cooking for the day. With over 100 attendees, to include the Ground Transportation Career Field Manager, and the detachment leadership, they definitely had their hands full. By the end of the day they managed to cook 115lbs of ribs, along with burgers, and hotdogs.



Furthermore, the long-lasting storm that hit the area in early May left much of the ARMY Post in disarray. Chapter 883 was actively engaged in flood restoration activities to include the Piney Valley Golf Course on post lead by the chapter's Community Chair, Michael Imler.

It is important to note, the Chapter's main mission is recruiting. The students are all informed about AFSA at

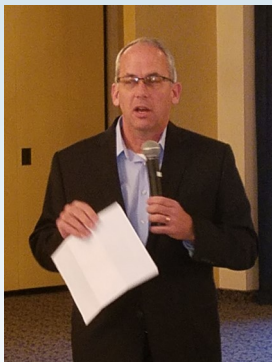
the detachment headquarters when they first arrive out of BMT. From there, AFSA representatives out of each schoolhouse brief the students more in-depth and provide them a chance to sign-up. Many of the students that don't sign up are at least informed and can become members when they PCS to their gaining installations after technical school.



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THE MOUNT RUSHMORE CHAPTER



It is the start of another great year for Chapter 951. We began by expanding our Legislative Forums to include the Mayor Rapid City, Steve Allender and the mayor Ellsworth community, Box Elder, Larry Larson. Each discussed economic development plans for their areas, plans for the future and what impact the base has on their respected areas.

In February we once again took a group to the SD Veterans Home to help the residents celebrate Valentine's Day. About 20 people from Ellsworth went down to enjoy some good food, great entertainment and a chance to dance with some of the residents.

Our continued support of the local community and national veterans organizations through our programs such as Buddy Check 22, Fill the Boot and Honoring our Patriots has reaped recognition for some of our members.

Past president, MSgt Jessica Young received the Wings Military Volunteer of the Year and our Legislative Trustee, CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott, the Civilian Volunteer of the Year Award. In fact, Ott was also recognized by AF Global Strike Command and was the AF recipient of the Spirit of Hope award.



We continue to raise money for the chapter through smaller venues such as Panera Bread and Blaze Pizza. Each of these businesses gives us a percentage of the sales when people come in and show their AFSA flyer for that day. While it is not a lot, every little bit helps and there is little effort involved except sending the flyer out by email and posting on Facebook.

In May we sent 6 delegates to the Division 3 Convention. For the second year in a row we won the Communications Award and Division Website of the Year. Our website and many of our social media outlets have been vastly improved with the efforts of, now MSgt (sel) Jed Abbot who is taking our efforts to the next level. You can see what we have done at www.afsa951.org.

Also in May we helped AFSA celebrate its 56th birthday by joining forces with the Ellsworth's Chiefs' Group's Steak Burn and offering birthday cake to all those who came out. We served up 2 cakes while telling people about AFSA and inviting them to our next Chapter meeting. Even the AFSA Champ was present.



We continue having a presence at base activities such as FTAC, Happy Landings/Right Start and briefing ALS, taking advantage of membership incentives such as AFSA offering a \$5 rebate for every new ALS graduate signed up. We give a free Chapter 951 coin to every graduate that signs up. It only cost us \$5 a coin. That is a win-win deal for Chapter 951. There is also the 2/\$50 Membership deal as well.



Family Members Marny and Patrick Bamburg collecting donations as part of the "Fill the Boot" campaign. Money raised goes to local/national veteran organizations

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