

# Air Force Sergeants Association Presents:

Creating the D.O.E.R Chapter



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## Creating the D.O.E.R Chapter: The Recipe

- \* D: Direction
  - \* Pour in healthy amounts of the AFSA 4 Pillars
- \* O: Organization
  - Ensure the right amount of roles and responsibilities
- \* E: Effectiveness
  - \* Keep the Chapter operational
- \* R: Relevance
  - \* Be a Chapter that matters



### Direction: The 4 Pillars



### Direction: Success Guidelines

#### Legislation

- Share the Legislative Platform
- Sign members up for our weekly email updates
- Stay in touch with the AFSA Website
- Access the Legislative Action Center
- Learn about The Military Coalition
- Share the wins
  - \* No pay freeze
  - \* Retirement is alive
  - \* Healthcare still reasonable—Doc Fix!
  - \* Commissaries open for business
  - \* Tuition Assistance AND Post 911 GI Bill available

#### Membership

- \* Sell AFSA
- \* The 5 for \$25 is over in 2016!
- Review your rosters—say hello to new members
- \* Review the R&R report—did the new members complete the sign up process?
- Fix bad addresses—you lose 25 cents each quarter
- Contact those about to expire
- Work the inactive roster—they joined once—they may join again

### Direction: Success Guidelines

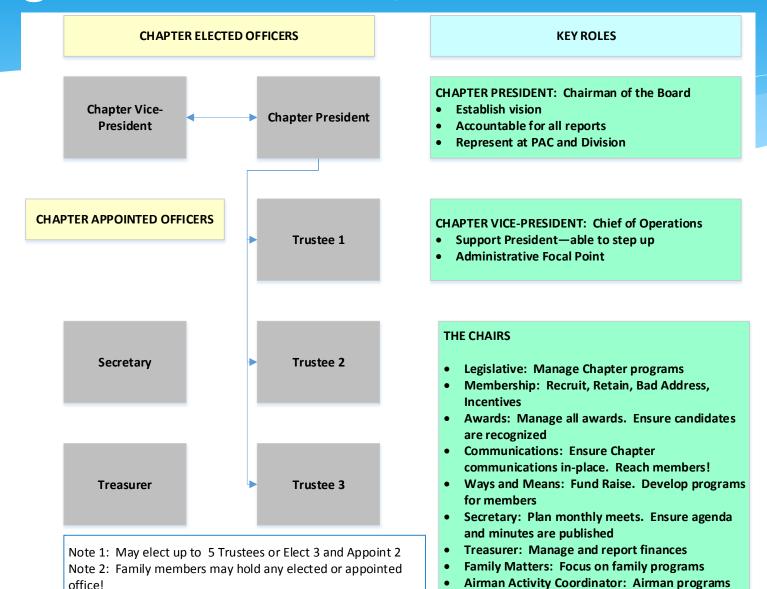
#### Communications

- Reach each member during year
  - Chapter news
  - \* AFSA Happenings
  - Legislative events—call to action
  - \* AFSA Wins (Doc Fix ex.)
- Use multiple sources
  - \* E-Mail (Active Duty, ANG, AFRES)
  - \* Facebook and Twitter
  - \* Website
  - Newsletter (Headline round up, AFSA Enews, Wash Report, Retired)
- Link up with Retiree Affairs Office
- \* Invite "AFSA" to visit
- \* Work with other organizations
- Skype your meetings?
- \* Digital Magazine

#### Fraternity

- Create FUN Meetings
  - Guest Speakers
  - \* Food
  - \* Giveaways
  - \* Awards
  - \* Quarterly??
- \* Partner with Spouse groups (May 2015 is Family month)
- \* Family members CAN hold office at Chapter level!
- Focus on Family Value (Examples)
  - Deployed spouse support
  - \* Resiliency support
  - \* VA visits
  - \* Fun Runs
  - \* Coupons
  - \* Children Events
  - Mom and Dad date night childcare
  - \* Video game contests
  - \* Adopt a highway
  - \* Holiday events

### Organization: Everyone Has a Role



## Effectiveness Keep the Chapter Operational



#### \* Reports

- Americanism and Financial (Quarterly to Division March, June, September, December) 30 days after ending date
- \* IRS Form 990 (Group Filing Authorization): NLT 15 Jan each year
- Chapter Budget: NLT 15 Jan each year
- \* Chapter Audit: NLT 15 Feb each year
- \* Directory of Officers (DOO): By 15 Jan or when changes occur

### Effectiveness Know the Manuals



\* Current AFSA Manuals

Document Title	Document Date
AFSAM 100-1, Bylaws	10/2014
AFSAM 100-2, Policies and Procedures	10/2014
AFSAM 100-3, Standards for All AFSA Offic	ers 10/2014
AFSAM 100-4, Daily Operations and	10/2014
Requirements	
AFSAM 100-4(2), (changing to 100-5)	
AFSA Awards and Recognition Programs	4/2013

# Effectiveness Keep the Chapter Operational



- Chapter Operations
  - \* Meet with Commander and Command Chief: Talk Chapter
    - \* "Binnicker Rule": Take one event off the Wing's plate and do a first-class job!
    - \* Talk "Military Coalition" first—then where AFSA fits
    - \* Holds true for Chapters without an active duty base—what Air Force operations are in your area? (ANG, AFRES, etc.)
  - Conduct at least one quarterly meeting
    - \* Guest speakers and "FUN" are key to success
    - \* Allow all Chapter executives to have a speaking part
    - \* Recognize volunteers constantly
    - \* Invite "Community Partners" willing to provide support and dollars to Chapter
  - \* Know the rules: CAN use AF.MIL for meeting notifications and events. CAN NOT use for membership drives and fund-raisers
    - Report access issues IMMEDIATELY to HQ AFSA
    - Share the Sec Hagel and Gen Welsh letters
    - \* Use AFI 36-2618 to your advantage
  - \* Have at least one event in planning. Don't try to do too much and burn-out the membership!
    - \* Joint Events: Team with local groups such as American Legion, VFW, AFA, EANGUS, Top 3, Base 5/6 etc.

# Relevance: Putting it all together



- \* Four Pillars: Must address them ALL. Miss one and you reduce your ability to excel
- \* Organize for Success: Use your entire team. Divide and conquer
  - \* Avoid STP: (Same Ten People)
  - \* Submit reports and use the manuals!
- \* Give Back
  - \* Wing, Community, Family
  - Sponsor and support events
  - Give Air Force leadership a reason to care about AFSA
- Reach out to AFSA, Division, etc. if you need help
  - \* Know the rules that work in AFSA's favor!
  - \* The only bad question is the one you don't ask!

### Are you a D.O.E.R Chapter?



