



AFSA *Heartbeat*



**HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER 804
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CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone -- 2017 has come to an end. What an exciting one filled with our members devoting all their energies to volunteering for many of our worthwhile projects directed toward servicing our Air Force and their families, our community and AFSA. We continue to keep our membership updated on all pertinent information concerning vital legislative transactions important to the betterment of our service-related issues as well as promised benefits for our retirees. Recruiting and retention are still at the top of our agenda. Just look around you for possible membership candidates and **RECRUIT & RETAIN.**

At our December Meeting, our annual election of officers was held. The following are the officers for 2018:

President	Kathy Oden
Vice President	Harry McLane
1st Trustee	Barbara Veach
2nd Trustee	Curtis Gist
3rd Trustee	Hershell Spurlock
Treasurer	Charlie Dalzell
Secretary	Della McLane
Senior Advisor	Mark Clark

One recent community project was the donation to the Veterans Community Project called Tiny Homes for Veterans. The Chapter donated \$200, along with the Division 3's contribution of \$800, and presented those to them. Following the presentation, Harry McLane, Charlie & Patti Dalzell and Helen Hatz were taken on a tour of the facilities.

Our Family Members took part in the Adopt A US Soldier Project this year by filling out Christmas cards to send overseas to our troops. At our October luncheon, our ladies spent all afternoon completing them and, along with other card donations, we were able to send 435 cards. **GREAT JOB, LADIES!!**

2018 is here and we are very busy working on all aspects of our Chapter responsibilities. We rely on our valuable members to continue our valued heritage. **Thank You to All for What You Do!**

KATHRYN C. ODEN

President

AFSA International Past Auxiliary President

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MEMBERSHIP

As of December 28th, we had 895 active members, which is a decrease of 27 members since the last newsletter. This is primarily due to members moving out of our area and those who have not renewed their memberships. Also, our roster showed a total of 26 inactive members covering the months of June-December 2017.

Thank you notes were sent out to only two members who renewed thru our Chapter. I'm sorry to say I have gotten behind in these due to the holidays and I promise to get them out before the end of the year.

For our Chapter to receive credit for the retention, **PLEASE** be sure to renew via the form you receive from me versus the form you receive from Headquarters.

To date, our Chapter recruited 21 members and we received credit for 97 retentions.

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year!

PATTI DALZELL

Membership Chair

AFSA International Family Matters Trustee

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LUNCHEONS

Our monthly luncheons are at the **Golden Corral** in Raymore, MO, on the fourth Thursday each month at 11:30 AM (unless otherwise announced).

Our luncheon dates for January thru March are as follows:

- ❖ **January 25**
- ❖ **February 22**
- ❖ **March 22**

GAYNELLE BARNETT

Chairperson

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CHAPTER HISTORY

"Reflections"

So, another year almost over – Wow, they go by quickly these days! I have been writing historian articles in the Chapter Newsletter for the last nine years. With this article, I would like to recognize some of the members who have made many outstanding contributions to our Chapter through the past 57 years. Chapter 804 is a legendary chapter that has achieved an enviable record of awards and achievements with the AFSA Community and continues to keep up that pace today. This is remarkable, considering we have not had an Air Force Base here to call our own since 1994.

With some others' inputs and my own, this is the initial list of 16 members who were selected for the AFSA Ring of Honor:

<i>Addy Davidson</i>	<i>Ramon Doss</i>
<i>Charlie Dalzell</i>	<i>Curtis Gist</i>
<i>Helen Hatz</i>	<i>Gerald Henkemeyer</i>
<i>Jay Hyde</i>	<i>Willa Hyde</i>
<i>Claude Jewell</i>	<i>Galen Oden</i>
<i>Kathy Oden</i>	<i>Frank Pinksaw</i>
<i>Gloria Pinksaw</i>	<i>Erika Van Dyne</i>
<i>George Ward</i>	<i>Bob Wright</i>

HARRY MCLANE, CMSgt, USAF, Retired
Vice President and Historian



CARD DAYS



Card Days for January thru March are as follows:

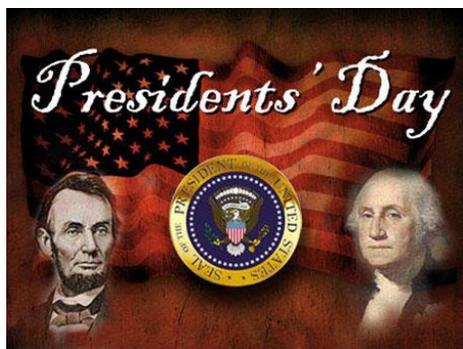
January 4th & 11th
February 1st & 8th
March 1st & 8th

Pinochle: 10:00 AM at Aaron's Family Fun Ctr
17070 Aaron Lane, Belton, MO

Bridge: 10:00 AM at RC's Restaurant
330 East 135th St., Martin City, MO

If you are interested in being a regular or sub for Pinochle or Bridge, please give us a call.

ADDY DAVIDSON, 816-322-5658 (Pinochle)
SHARON DAVIES, 816-331-5581 (Bridge)



ADOPT – A – HIGHWAY

Winter is on our doorstep and I am happy to report that our section of the roadway is clean. My many thanks to Harry McLane, Charlie Dalzell, Charlie Knight, Tony Berter and Mark Clark for assisting me in the October 14th cleanup. Eleven bags of trash were picked up.

Have a safe and Happy New Year and I will see you all next Spring for our next stroll through the countryside.

KATHY ODEN, 816-331-4058
Chairperson

COUPON CONNECTION

Another year has passed and our members have been extremely busy with our coupon project. Since September, 70 pounds of coupons have been mailed out to bases in Japan. Forty workers have volunteered an estimated 2,135 hours. I can only remind you that this total is just an estimate. Thanks to our Total Team for all you do for this worthwhile program. I will give you a final count on all aspects of this past year's efforts in my next article. May your Holidays be blessed.

KATHY ODEN, 816-331-4058
Chairperson

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

I have scheduled the final three shows for the 2017–2018 **New Theatre Restaurant** season. They are as follows, including the upcoming show:

January 23 – *“Funny Money*

April 17 – *“Barefoot in the Park”*

June 19 – *“Sister Act”*

September 18 – *“Mamma Mia”*

Please let me know ASAP if you're interested in any of these shows. I have tickets available for all shows with the exception of *“Funny Money”*.

A trip to **Harrah's** is planned for Thursday, **January 18th**, at 11:30 AM, to meet at the new diner, Winning Streaks. Come join us for a nice meal.

Wishing you all the best in the New Year!

KATHY ODEN, 816-331-4058
Chairperson

BUCK-A-MONTH CLUB

Members of the BAM Club donate \$12 yearly to help us offset the printing & mailing cost of the *Heartbeat* newsletter.

You can also help save the Chapter money by signing up to receive your *Heartbeat* via email by emailing us at afsachapter804@gmail.com or calling Charlie Dalzell at 816-331-7594.

A HUGE thanks to our recent contributors –

MSgt (RET) Delvin Chubick
CMSgt (RET) Delmer Klinkenborg
MSgt (RET) Alton Morey
TSgt (RET) Maurice Reagan

2018 Division 3 Conference April 5-7, 2018

Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita
400 West Douglas Avenue
Wichita, KS 67202

Please make your reservations by **Friday, March 9, 2018**, to receive the group rate.

Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 (be sure to reference Group #2318391) or by the following link <https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2318391>.



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Can you believe it? Another year has flown by! I pray each of you has a wonderful 2018. Live each day to the fullest and spend as much time as you can with your family and friends.

Now, I don't know about you all, but I absolutely love fixing a batch of soup in my crockpot during the winter months. Here's one I'm sure you'll enjoy – and it's so easy!

Cheesy Potato Slow-Cooker Soup

1 carton (32 oz) Progresso chicken broth (4 cups)
1-1/2 cups chopped onions
5 cups diced peeled russet potatoes (about 5 medium)
3 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups shredded American cheese
4 medium green onions, sliced (1/4 cup)

Spray a 3-1/2 to 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Reserve 1/4 cup broth in small bowl; cover and refrigerate. In cooker, mix onions, potatoes and remaining broth. Cover and cook on Low heat setting for 8 hours.

Increase heat setting to High. In small bowl, beat cornstarch and reserved broth until smooth. Add to cooker and stir. Cover and heat to simmering and cook 10-15 minutes longer or until thickened.

Stir in cheese until well melted. Sprinkle servings of soup with the green onions.

You can serve this with a salad for a satisfying meal. ENJOY!

Take care and God Bless!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year
- 4 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 4 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 9 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 11 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 11 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 15 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 23 New Theatre Restaurant, "Funny Money"
- 18 Trip to Harrah's Casino – meet at Winning Streaks, 11:30 AM
- 25 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 1-2-3-8-9-10-15-16-17-22-23-24-29-30-31

FEBRUARY

- 1 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 1 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 8 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 8 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 13 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 19 Presidents' Day – Fly Your Flag!
- 19 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 22 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO!

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 5-6-7-12-13-14-19-20-21-26-27-28

MARCH

- 1 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 1 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 8 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 8 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks forward one hour)
- 13 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM – **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**
- 17 St Patrick's Day!
- 19 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 22 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 5-6-7-12-13-14-19-20-21-26-27-28

APRIL

- 5-7 Division 3 Conference, Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita

Bingo every Wednesday every month, 5:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie

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