



AFSA *Heartbeat*



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July-September 2018

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The past three months have flown by and our Chapter and its Membership continue their tradition of staying legislatively informed and communicative with our Legislators on vital issues concerning our Air Force Family, Veterans and AFSA.

In April, we attended the AFSA Division 3 Conference in Wichita, KS. Eight individuals represented the Chapter. AFSA and Division business were topics of discussion. Division President Zalesky announced the two proposed By-Law changes to be presented to the delegates at the AFSA International PAC in August. The first proposed change is to make the AFSA International Family Matters Trustee a permanent and voting member of the AFSA International Council. The second one is a resurrection of the By-Law change that was presented two years ago to allow all branches of service to become active members of AFSA with the right to vote and hold office. At that time, the AFSA name was to be changed to read, if passed, to "Armed Forces Services Association". It was defeated. The only change to this proposal is to let the AFSA name remain as it presently is, "Air Force Sergeants Association". We are very honored to announce we brought home Division awards for Barbara Veach as Family Member of the Year, Hershell Spurlock as VAVS Member of the Year, the Chapter Volunteer Service Award and Mark Clark, Division Exemplary Award and Division Lifetime Trustee Award. Election of Officers was held and one new Trustee was selected, Bobby Kazmir. A great time was had by all.

In the past month, we have lost two dear Family Members from our Chapter. We send out our condolences and prayers to these families. Helen O'Roark, a Life Member who served this Chapter as its Luncheon Chairperson for many years and was active in our organization, passed away on May 13th. Another long-standing Family Member we lost on May 15th was Addy Davidson. She was one of our Auxiliary Presidents, was selected as the first Division Coordinator and continued to faithfully serve this Membership for many, many years in numerous areas. They will be sadly missed.

A Big Vote of Thanks goes to those individuals that assisted in putting together the crafts and baked goods for our most recent fundraiser. We took part in the American Legion Auxiliary Craft Show on May 19th. This is one of the various ways that helps us continue our many charitable works for our Air Force Family, the Community and for AFSA.

On behalf of your Executive Council and myself, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all your continued dedication to keep our Chapter one of the finest in the history of AFSA. WE SALUTE YOU!!

KATHY ODEN

Chapter President

International Past Auxiliary President

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MEMBERSHIP

As of June 18th, we had 861 active members, which is a decrease of 14 members since last quarter. This is primarily due to those members who have not yet renewed their membership for the period of Jan-May.

Also, as of June 18th, our Chapter recruited 5 members (increase of 3 from last Newsletter) and retained 46 (increase of 20). We're sitting at an 81% renewal rate, which is awesome, but I'd like to see us at 90% or higher.

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.

PATTI DALZELL

Membership Chair

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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:

Irmgard Fulkerson
Charlie & Melissa Knight
Tom McCann

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

By the time you receive this, we will have attended the New Theatre Restaurant and lunch and a day of games at the Ameristar Casino. A great time was had by all at both events. Our next trip to the **New Theatre Restaurant** will be on Tuesday, **September 18th**, to see "*Mamma Mia*". Currently, we have four tickets remaining for this show at a cost of \$50 per person. Please let me know immediately if you are interested because if I do not have all the tickets spoken for by the August meeting, I will have to cancel them because that is when the final payment is due. The new schedule for the 2018–2019 Show Schedule is as follows -- "*Always, Patsy Cline*", "*Shear Madness*", "*Biloxi Blues*", "*The Buddy Holly Show*" and "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*". If you are interested in making reservations for any or all these shows, please let me know if you want to attend and how many tickets you want ASAP because I can make reservations starting this month and the sooner we get them, the better chance we have of getting good seats.

As always, let me know of any possible side trips you might like and I will check into them.

KATHY ODEN, 816-331-4058

Chairperson

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 July thru September are as follows:

- ❖ July 26
- ❖ August 23
- ❖ September 27



GAYNELLE BARNETT, 816-779-6732

Chairperson

CHAPTER HISTORY

“Reflections”

AFSA Heart of America Chapter 804 “Ring of Honor”

Back in the January Newsletter, the Chapter History article listed 16 members chosen as the initial members in our “*Chapter Ring of Honor*”. In this article we will begin to highlight some of those members through the 56 years of our Chapter's existence. We will begin with two members who, in 1962, were part of the initial planning and organizing committee and became Charter Members of Chapter 804, then known as 504. **Raymon Doss** and **Claude Jewell** were both very instrumental in recruiting a total of 168 members to start the chapter.

Raymon G. Doss: Originally from Syracuse, NY, Ray served in the Air Force from 1945 - June 1966. While stationed at Clark AB in the Philippines in 1961, Ray became very interested in the then brand-new Air Force Enlisted Organization called AFSA. He became one of its Original 1,000 Charter members at #824. Ray came to Richards-Gebaur AFB in January of 1962 and began spreading the word of the new Organization which led to planning meetings, recruiting interested members and the application process to start a chapter at R-G. He served in various positions in the Chapter, including Chapter President. Ray now resides in Grand Prairie, TX. He is a Life Member of AFSA and remains in touch with our Chapter through our Newsletter. I spoke with him recently and he is so very proud of our Chapter's continued success through the past 56 years.

Claude E. Jewell, Jr.: Originally from Campbell & Boonville, MO, Claude enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 16 and served from 1944-1946. He then moved to the Air Force and served until 1973. Claude was stationed at R-G three different times and is a walking encyclopedia of history of the base and our AFSA Chapter. His first time at the base was in the spring of 1954 when personnel and equipment was moved from Fairfax Field in Kansas City, KS, to the base then known as Grandview AFB. A few years ago, he shared some of his memories with me on those early construction years of the base. He recalled that the first barracks built that year was for the WAFs (Women of the Air Force); however, there were no WAFs to occupy the building. Very strange.

He also shared a picture taken in 1962 of the seven members that comprised the AFSA Planning Committee. In the picture to the right, Claude is seated at the far left and Ray Doss is standing second from the left.



The efforts in planning, organizing and recruiting of these two original Charter Members resulted in the Original Charter titled ***Kansas City Chapter, No. 504*** dated July 17th, 1962, and signed by AFSA President Benny McGehee and Executive Secretary Lee Thompson, two of the Original Founders of AFSA.

In the October edition of the Newsletter, we will feature members George Ward, Ericka Van Dyne, Jerry Henkemeyer and Addy Davidson.

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

CARD DAYS



**July 5th & 12th
August 2nd & 9th
September 6th & 13th**

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.

GINNY STAUDINGER, 816-982-5133 (Pinochle)
SHARON DAVIES, 816-331-5581 (Bridge)

COUPON CONNECTION

What a marvelous three months we have had with the Coupon Connection Program. Several individuals heeded our call for building up our coupon supplies. My many thanks to all our regulars who came through for us and I want to give a special shout-out to at least two new people who contacted me with new sources of these valuable commodities to send over to our military families overseas -- Thomas McCann, an AFSA member and a retired Postmaster from Iowa who has been sending us coupons, as well as cancelled stamps, and Pam Roland and her Ladies Group who are collecting their unused coupons. Because of all this assistance, we have sent out a total of 110 pounds during the last three months. Please know that there are so many people who work extremely hard for this project and, if I were to name each person individually, it would take up a considerable part of our newsletter. We could not have the continued success without any of you!! God Bless!

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Chairperson
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CARD PARTY/SALAD LUNCHEON

Monday, October 29, 2018
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Belton Christian Church, 409 Airway
Lane

\$10 donation

Members, please bring a salad!

Please bring your own cards; you may play any card game you'd like.

All proceeds benefit the Kansas City VA Hospital.

HELEN HATZ, 816-361-4374



Happy 4th of July!



ADOPT – A – HIGHWAY

We had our April cleanup on Saturday, April 28th. I am happy to report we had eight individuals come out and assist with the pickup of trash. Charlie Dalzell had a prior engagement on Saturday, so he went out on Friday and cleaned up the whole north side of our mile section. On Saturday, Charlie Knight, Mark and Linda Clark, Barbara Veach, Hershell Spurlock, Harry McLane and myself were in attendance. This activity was held during Missouri's No More Trash Bash Campaign that was held April 15th through May 15th. Thank you so very much for all your assistance with this project.

KATHY ODEN, 816-331-4058
Chairperson

RECIPE CORNER

Cherry Cheesecake Ice Cream

3 cups cold heavy cream
1 14-oz can sweetened condensed milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup hand-crushed graham crackers
(about 4 whole crackers)
1 cup cherry pie filling

- Using an electric mixer, beat the cream in a large bowl on medium-high speed until stiff peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes.
- Fold in the sweetened condensed milk and vanilla until fully incorporated, then fold in the graham cracker crumbs.
- Transfer half the mixture to a large 10 x 5-inch loaf pan. Dollop 1/2 cup pie filling over the top, then swirl with a butter knife. Add remaining cream mixture, then swirl in remaining 1/2 cup pie filling.
- Freeze until firm, at least 8 hours, covering lightly with plastic wrap after 4 hours. Serve with additional crushed graham crackers, if desired.

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POW/MIA CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

**HOSTED BY AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER 804**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

11:00 AM

AT

**BELTON MEMORIAL PARK
(located at Y Highway & Commercial Street)**

For Information Call:

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Charlie Dalzell – 816-331-7594**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 4 Independence Day – Fly Your Flag!
- 5 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron’s Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 5 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC’s Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 10 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 12 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron’s Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 12 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC’s Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 16 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 22 Parents’ Day
- 26 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 2-3-4-9-10-11-16-17-18-23-24-25-30-31

AUGUST

- 2 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron’s Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 2 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC’s Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 9 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron’s Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 9 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC’s Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 14 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 20 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 21 Senior Citizens Day
- 23 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO
- 25-29 2018 PAC & AFSA International Convention -- <http://www.hqafsa.org/2018-afsa-convention.html>

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 1-6-7-8-13-14-15-20-21-22-27-28-29

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day
- 6 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron’s Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 6 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC’s Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 9 National Grandparents Day
- 11 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM – **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**
- 13 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron’s Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 13 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC’s Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 15 National Cleanup Day
- 17 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 18 Air Force Birthday
- 18 New Theatre Restaurant to see “*Mamma Mia*”
- 21 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 22 POW/MIA Ceremony of Remembrance (see flyer)
- 27 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 3-4-5-10-11-12-17-18-19-24-25-26

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

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