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"Recruit, Retain, Educate"



Chapter 985, Tinker AFB takes part in the Veterans Home Bingo Night, December 2019.

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Membership

2020 Division 3 Vision

- Grow our membership
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If we can get after all of these, the results will be growth in our retentions and growth of AFSA's legislative might on Capitol Hill.

Legislative Issues

Take aways from the 2020 NDAA

- 3.1 percent pay raise
- Repeal of the "Widows Tax"
- Improved Access to Healthcare
- Beginning to tackle the Housing Issues
- Family leave for our civilian counterparts, many who are Veterans.
- [Click to see all NDAA](#)





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What you Ott 2 Know, Division 3 President, CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott



Happy New Year Greetings Division 3!

2020 is off to a roaring start, and in case you forgot it's a leap year so we have an extra AFSA day!! I look forward to working with all the new Chapter Executive councils across the

Division. Knowing when all the various reports (AAF, Budget, Audit), awards packages, and scholarship applications are due is important for all AFSA members, and to help with that process each of those due dates is now an "event" on the Division Facebook page. An event "co-host" invite has been sent to each of the Chapter Facebook pages, I ask that each chapter accepts the invite – that will automatically place the event on your Chapter page so that everyone is aware of the upcoming due dates. The more your membership knows, the better a chapter operates and a little easier for your chapter president and executive council.

Social media (Facebook for us) serves several purposes, one is marketing. As all organizations seek new members and work to keep members "the book of faces" is a powerful, yet very underutilized tool. Each chapter needs to leverage the capabilities of Facebook...not just for your current membership; but with a look ahead to your potential (aka future) members.

Post your chapter pictures, meetings, dinners, outings, etc. Make event pages for all your chapter meetings, socials, etc. When someone "finds" your Chapter on Facebook what do you want them to think? "Huh...their last post was from 6 months

ago...guess they don't do anything" OR "Wow, look at what they just did last week, that's awesome....when their next meeting?" There'll be more information coming regarding "turbocharging" your Chapter's Facebook that takes but a few minutes yet can reach far and wide.

April 23-25 will be our 2020 Division 3 Professional Airmen's Conference hosted by Chapter 951 here in Rapid City, SD. We are working hard to make a very fun and very educational PAC, that will provide each chapter with valuable tools to build their chapter to be its best.

We will have industry and business experts lead breakout forums on topics such as digital media marketing, non-profit organization leadership, and we're proud to announce a family forum! Each attendee can choose which of these Friday luncheon forum they wish to attend, so we really want to see a large turnout of delegates (especially family members!) at the D3 PAC. Follow the D3 PAC event page on the D3 Facebook page for all the details. Early registration should be available starting around mid-February....look for the announcement!

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your commitment – for each of you is a highly valuable member of the AFSA. Our membership is literally from age 18 to 80+, with military experience ranging from 8 weeks to 30+ years...along with the valued views of our family members. With such a dynamic group the opportunities that lie ahead truly span the full spectrum of possibilities...and each of those opportunities needs Y O U.



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Division 3 Executive Council

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CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott



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SMSgt (Ret) Gary Swanson



Secretary
SSgt Garrett L. Murray



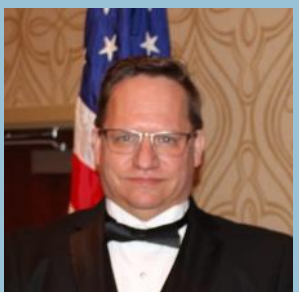
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How are you Communicating?

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 your 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.afsadiv3.org



Membership Retentions



Hello everyone,

Hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and hope each of you have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

I do not know how many of you accessed the website before AFSA shut it down for their yearly end of the year maintenance. I actually remembered to do it this time.

I have more on my report than normal since it covers all of 2019 and I added some new things. Hope it helps you with your upcoming Quarterly Report.

My attachment includes:

- 1) The usual retention report for the year.
- 2) Names of all retainers with their count for the year and their respective Chapter,
- 3) A breakdown of Chapter by Chapter strength starting in June till 31 December. (June was when it occurred to me to do this. So before June, I don't really have too much information available.) ,
- 4) The number of members each Chapter stands to lose for the January 2020 members. That was as of 31 December 2019, and
- 5) The number of members from other services in our Division and what Chapter they are in who joined this year.

In regard to #3, only two Chapters ended up with the same number of members as in June. They are Chapter 951 and Chapter 990.

Two actually showed in increase from June and they are Chapter 972 and Chapter 988. **Congratulations to them.**

As I have stated before, the members whose membership expire in 2020 is a major problem. At the 2019 PAC we were told AFSA could lose 20,000 members of the ones who went for the \$5 for \$25.00 and that starts this month.

When I would receive a renewal back due to a bad address for the Chapters I am helping, I send each one an e-mail asking for their correct address. Occasionally I receive a response. I resend their renewal notice and I let the Chapter President know.

I have found that if a person has a bad address, "the computer" seems to be assigning them to Chapter F0000. That happened in my own Chapter and I checked with Brenda Hill at AFSA HQ and she said it appears that is what is happening. There are several from the Chapters I am helping where this has occurred.

So, how many of you will check your rosters to see whose membership expires this month and send them a reminder. I will. I have already sent them a reminder. How about you?

Think this just about covers all you need for your report.

Everyone----work your rosters and retain your members.!

I'm certain Membership Trustee Bobby Kazmir will cover more, but this is my report for 2019 retentions.



Roland "Bud" Kolwitz
Division 3 Trustee for
Retentions



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ship.



Membership Retentions



CHAPTER	31-Jan	28-Feb	31-Mar	30-Apr	31-May	30-Jun	31-Jul	31-Aug	30-Sep	31-Oct	30-Nov	31-Dec	YTD
804	5	16	6	12	11	5		3		2	3	1	64
851	18	13	21	11	12	22	13	16	9	25	13	14	187
858													0
872	4			1	1	1				3	1		11
881				1									1
883													0
951			2	1									3
959				1				1	1				3
964				1									1
972	3			6	2		1	2		2			16
984			2										2
985							1					1	2
988			1					1				1	3
990													0
TOTAL	30	29	32	34	26	28	15	23	10	32	17	17	293

CHAPTER	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC		MEMBERS FROM OTHER SERVICES FOR 2019
804	816	812	802	787	785	779	777	-39	
851	1151	1145	1133	1130	1127	119	1115	-36	CHAP-
858	696	689	687	684	681	678	668	-8	TER 804 USN 1
872	1785	1773	1780	1777	1765	1767	1764	-21	USMC 1
881	545	536	547	544	539	536	535	-10	951 USA 1
883	122	119	529	532	120	119	115	-7	USMC 1
951	545	541	547	537	528	532	545	0	984 USA 1
959	556	544	550	532	516	519	529	-27	USMC 1
964	300	298	305	288	289	288	291	-9	TOTAL 6
972	667	658	705	706	707	707	709	42	
984	1092	1081	1082	1077	1071	1081	1078	-4	
985	1223	1231	1243	1236	1220	1217	1220	-3	
988	322	3287	332	336	336	331	341	19	
990	146	145	149	147	145	145	146	0	
TOTAL	9966	12859	10391	10313	9829	8818	9833	-133	



Membership As per the "KazMan"



Happy New Year, Division 3!

2020 is here! We have a new year, a new legislative survey, a new military service in the US Space Force and the same 2020 vision we've had since 1967... To advocate for improved quality of life and economic fairness that will support the well-being of all military personnel and their families!

How do we work toward that end? YOU! Our membership is the "secret sauce" to AFSA's power. Our membership gives us the legislative voice we need, they run our chapters, they pour into our communities and they take care of our AFSA family! Case in point: If you haven't noticed (I'm sure chapter membership reps have), I've been awfully quiet as your Trustee for Membership the last few months. I've had to focus much of my efforts on my upcoming retirement from Active Duty. All the while, my AFSA family has helped me along the way.

2019 brought us several membership specials to help with recruiting efforts. As you can see from the numbers, some chapters took more advantage than others of those opportunities. Once again, Team Kolwitz and Patti Dalzell proudly carried the entire division when it came to retentions. However, we HAVE to step up and shoulder some of that burden this year.

My 2020 Vision for Division 3 is to grow in 3 areas:

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If we can get after all of these, the results will be growth in our retentions and growth of AFSA's legislative might on Capitol Hill.

Let's get out there make 2020 become Divisions 3's YEAR OF GROWTH!

Happy Recruiting

Happy Retaining



Bobby Kazmir, SMSgt.

Division 3
Membership Trustee



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2019 Division 3's Top 10 of Recruiting

Recruiter	Chapter	YTD	Lifetime
Kazmir, Bobby	F0972	104	256
Anderson	F0985	21	24
McKibben	F0972	21	21
Kolwitz, Roland "Bud"	F0851	19	384
Erickson, Jamie	F0951	17	125
Francis, Steve	F0988	15	2,227
Kandes	F0872	13	15
Dalzell, Patti	F0804	11	43
Philbrick, Abigail	F0951	11	24
Blumberg	F0872	9	9

**340 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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2019 Division 3's Top 10 of Retaining

Retainer	Chapter	YTD	Lifetime
Kolwitz, Roland	F0851	112	3,589
Kolwitz, Jean	F0851	75	1,667
Dalzell, Patti	F0804	62	345
Kazmir, Bobby	F0972	10	31
Blumberg, Ryan	F0872	6	6
Francis, Steven	F0988	3	86
Kary, Bianca	F0959	2	4
Parente, Michael	F0984	2	86
Zalesky, Steven	F0872	2	1,079
Wilkerson, Wilkerson	F0972	2	2

**293 People
Retained!**

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2019 Recruitment by Chapter

2019 Retention by Chapter

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
F0804	19	F0804	64
F0851	28	F0851	187
F0858	1	F0858	0
F0872	34	F0872	11
F0881	4	F0881	1
F0883	2	F0883	0
F0951	50	F0951	3
F0959	0	F0959	3
F0964	8	F0964	1
F0972	140	F0972	16
F0984	3	F0984	2
F0985	33	F0985	2
F0988	17	F0988	3
F0990	1	F0990	0



FSA FAMILY MATTERS

Division 3 Update

Jean Kolwitz, Division 3 Family Matters Trustee



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Hello one and all

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and fun New Year and were not too affected by the weather. I have to say our area of Wisconsin dodged a bullet as far as weather was concerned. In our area we were to have had 8" to 13" the 11th of January. Well, we only got about 2" of the wet, icy snow. So, I guess a person cannot complain.

As you most likely know by now, International Family Matters Trustee resigned recently, but I would like to see us continue the program in our Division—at least until I hear otherwise. I know there are good things happening, so I would love to have you share them with others.

Our Chapters gave me the following information. If your Chapter is now listed, it is because I didn't hear from you. Sorry.

CHAPTER 804, Kansas City, MO

VA HOSPITAL & ST MICHAELS

Helen Hatz was given \$100.00 to purchase cloths for the VA clothes closet. Some of the members brought t-shirts to donate

Hershell Spurlock drove the cart to take patients from their vehicle to the hospital and back to their car

A Veteran's Stand Down was held at St. Michaels, June 7. Helen Hatz helps with this

Pinochle & Bridge card players get-together

April 16 -- New Dinner Theater to see Biloxi Blues

Monthly Luncheons

Card Party/Salad Luncheon fundraiser with proceeds going to help the Kansas City VA Hospital

We donated \$25.00 to the American Legion Riders

on 40 Highway in Lee's Summit

Four volunteers picked up 11 bags of trash on 155th Street for our **Adopt-A-Highway** program.

Kathy Oden was the chairperson

Mailed 2,000 cancelled US stamps to "Stamps for the Wounded"

The Whiteman Air Force show was held June 15.

Several of our members attended

Prepared the newsletter for mailing. Charlie Dalzell mails them

We cut **cents off coupons** at Carnegie Village. Several members clip coupons at home. Kathy Oden mailed 2 boxes of clipped coupons to 2 commissaries overseas

Family Members Patti Dalzell, Melissa Knight, Wanda Kiefer, Virginia Kaps, Helen Hatz and Jane Butler, along with Chapter Members Charlie Dalzell and Charlie Knight participated in the Craft Fair sponsored by the American Legion Riders on June 1st, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in Independence, MO. Patti & Melissa shared their crafts while Wanda, Virginia, Helen and Jane provided the baked goods. The men helped set up and take down the displays and also helped man the tables with Patti & Melissa. Baked goods took in





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\$86 in donations and the crafts only took in \$7. This was Chapter 804's third time at this Craft Fair and it will be their last. Not sure if it's the location or if the event is not advertised well, but most of the vendors were in the same boat. No sales!

Chapter & Family Members will be attending the New Dinner Theater on June 25 to see the production of "Buddy Holly".

CHAPTER 851, Milwaukee, WI

Our members have stepped up their support and monetary donations for the cost of mailing care packages overseas.

We ended our Schwan's Fundraiser with a total of \$442.04 raised to help cover postage for our care packages.

Support the Troops in Hartford, Wisconsin, has continued their partnership with us by donating travel size toiletries, DVD's, non-perishable food items, clothing, popcorn products, candy, pencils and pencil toppers. Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Services (all run by volunteers) receive donations from us – travel size toiletries, non-perishable food items, clothing, inspiration booklets and candy. Items they couldn't use went to the VA Hospital for the Viet Nam veterans with PTSD. Food items were put into boxes to be delivered to shut in veterans every week.

We received thank you cards and letters from organizations (USO, Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Services, and Stamps for the Wounded) for items donated.

We continue our collection of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, Box Tops for Education for a local school, cancelled stamps, and manufacturers coupons for military families to use in the commissaries overseas.

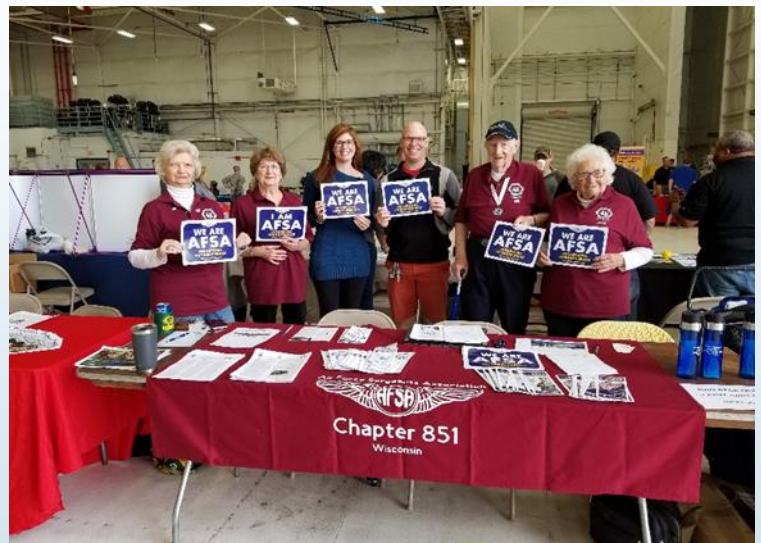
One of our members has purchased items to fill care packages when needed. Bags of coffee were given to a local police and fire station, as many of them are veterans.

One of our members donated greeting cards and small pads of paper that she received from various organizations.

Had two small socials.

Received a monetary donation from VFW Post 6498.

Our group helped out at the 128th ANG for their Family Day program



Our Goals for 2020

Continue current programs.

Get more POC's to receive care packages.



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Continue to pray for our military both in the United States and those deployed.

Continue to ask for monetary donations and items to be used for sending care packages.

Hopefully continue our partnership with VFW Post 6498.

Though we are small in number, we are thankful for all who support us in this mission of caring for our troops and their families.

CHAPTER 872, Scott AFB, IL

Chapter 872 hosted its first AFSA Reading at the CDC event on 29 Mar 2019. The event was an immediate success and we are looking to shift from it being a quarterly event into a monthly event. We had 22 volunteers divided amongst two buildings and further divided into 25 rooms (some readers went to multiple rooms). Each room had an average of 8 children. The children were ages 1-3 and everyone both volunteers and children loved the event. I am currently working on a family picnic day for the Scott AFB area for when it finally warms up

I am currently looking into some on base reading for the Scott AFB CDC. This would be a recurring event most likely monthly, where AFSA members could volunteer to go read to the children. It allows the members an opportunity to be involved while also linking the importance of family within both the Air Force and AFSA communities. Once we begin to realize some warmer weather, I was hoping to establish a family fun day or a day at the park, where all AFSA members (and even the non-members who are thinking of joining) can come out and socialize, as well as network. If my thoughts or plans are not aimed in the correct direction please let me know and I can adjust my plan. Thank you for reaching out and feel free to contact me at any time.

CHAPTER 951 Ellsworth AFB, SD

Put together our involvement in Ellsworth AFB's Trunk or Treat. We had 2 vehicles handing candy out of the back for over 2 hours. Talked to people about AFSA and one Navy retiree was interested and an AF member, who just came in from Alaska and was very involved with his chapter there, plans to do the same in ours. Also assisted in our membership/info table at the BX. One person signed up as a Member for Life. My goal is to go to all our membership drives and when an AF member signs up, mention that their spouse and/or immediate family can sign up as well.

In December we'll be going down to the South Dakota Veterans Home to decorate for Christmas. We do this every year.





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CHAPTER 972 McConnell AFB, KS

Oct 12th Family Readiness put on a Glow Walk event on base to give family's talking points and exercise in a fun way with over 243 in attendance AFSA had a booth and handed out glow rings and information to the families. November 5th Family Readiness put on event called Family Fun & Feast. We had our booth at this



event for the Month of the Military Family!! Oct 28th McConnell's Library put on a huge Trunk or Treat Over 1700 people attended and we had an AFSA sponsored trunk. Families color/draw cards for Veterans Day and they were delivered to the VA Hospital on November 11th.

Spending Veterans Day at the VA hospital handing out cards.

November 5th Family Readiness put on event called Family Fun & Feast. We had our booth at this event for the Month of the Military Family!! We has families color or draw cards for Veterans Day and we will deliver them to the VA Hospital on November 11th.

Egg My Yard Fundraiser

to veterans and active duty on base. We were also contacted by 2 churches one of those being our chapel on base. A total of 1150 eggs filled and ready to deliver!!

Thanks so much to everyone that purchased and donated not only candy but time for this fundraiser and outreach to the community and base families.

Total Raised \$775

Expenses \$94 Fundraiser Total \$681

Also 2 other chapters picked up on this fundraiser as well!!!



AFSA D3 Legislative Update

AFSA HQ Contact Info



It has been a busy year for AFSA and now it is time to look towards more accomplishments in 2020. If you wish to see all AFSA has accomplished and their Legislative plans for the future there are a few options to get real time information. First make sure you are following their Facebook page by clicking the [LINK](#) and make sure you like their page. Another way is going to their website, www.hqafsa.org and clicking the tab at the top for the information you desire.

Instead of me boring you with all the details in a newsletter that will soon be outdated, use some of the benefits below. First click on the picture below to gain access to AFSA's summary of the NDAA. Also if you click on the picture below you can hear firsthand from AFSA's Legislative Leaders or sign up to get AFSA's Latest Legislative Updates.

To the left are pictures and contact information for the newest members to AFSA HQ's Legislative team. They are hitting the Capital Hill pavement on our behalf fighting your current and future benefits.



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AFSA D3 Communications



It is the end of another year, in fact, the end of a decade and Division 3 set the bench mark for others to follow.

For the last 10 years I believe Division 3 and 89 before that took a majority of the Communications/Website/Newsletter awards at the AFSA International level. While I believe our chances are good to win again at the next International PAC I look forward to AFSA hopefully changing how they grade a Division/Chapter's success in Communication.

Many of you are already taking advantage of the technology available for social media platforms, including AFSA HQ. For example check out AFSA's homepage, www.hqafa.org and see some of their changes. More interactive pages and pictures showcasing what AFSA and its members are doing.

In addition, AFSA is using more video platforms to get the information out. I hope everyone has gone out and not only "liked" our Division Facebook page but also the AFSA HQ page. By doing so you can receive the frequent updates send out by Keith Reid, AFSA's Executive Director.

Even the Legislative side of the house is starting to embrace the video world. If you haven't already done so, check out the introduction video of Matthew Schwartzman, AFSA's Policy Advisor on the Legislative Team. He can also be seen on AFSA's Facebook page going over the latest NDAA to pass on Capital Hill.

While some of these changes might be considered "baby steps" they are because of inputs from the members in the field. If we want a better Organization then we have to get the word back to AFSA HQ through answering those dreadful surveys, bring forth ideas at the Conventions and sometimes by just creating it ourselves and pulling AFSA along.

One such example will be our upcoming 2020 Division 3 PAC, here in Rapid City, SD. This year's sessions will be different than in year's past and we hope everyone will embrace the changes. Instead of "US" getting up and briefing everyone we are bringing people in from the local community/business world to brief you. Things such as reaching out in this social media era, how to best grow a Private Organization (Or National Military Association) and other crucial areas.

And, if it is not something you can embrace, make sure to communicate with your Division Leaders what you expect out of a Division Convention. I Look forward to seeing everyone here in Rapid City, SD.



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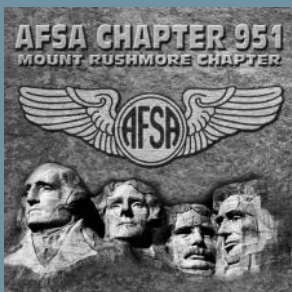
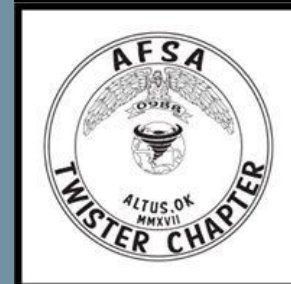
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THE MOUNT RUSHMORE CHAPTER



2019 has come to a close so now is the time to look back at what Chapter 951 has done over the last four months. After returning from the AFSA PAC there was no time to rest. In September, Senior Advisor, Super Dave Bamburg and D3 President, CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott attended one of the many Chamber mixers. This gave them a chance to meet business from the local area and start to network for the upcoming 2020 D3 PAC.

Our next big event was the annual POW/MIA 5K, now held each year at the South Dakota Air and Space Museum, right outside the main gate of Ellsworth AFB. This year even saw a squadron come out and run as a group to cadence. As with the last few years the local media also came out to cover the event.



In October, Family Matters Trustee Marny Bamburg involved us in a few events. Her goal this year has been to join events put on by the base rather than to do it all ourselves. First we joined the Octoberfest, held at Ellsworth's Dakota Club. Joined by her husband, Super Dave and Kevin Ott, they sat up an information table and gave out information on the Chapter and AFSA.

Next she set up two vehicles for Truck or Treat at the Pride Hanger on Ellsworth. Marny, along with her husband, Super Dave, Kevin Ott and her sister, family member Kelly Larson passed out candy to the kids as they walked by and told the parents about AFSA. They were able to get one person interested in joining AFSA and another to transfer their membership.



During November we Celebrated Veterans Day by attending a few events in the community. During the Veterans Day Parade and events in Rapid City, Kevin Ott was one of the speakers at the event after the parade and Super Dave was one of three Veterans to speak at their Church, Hills of Grace.



December began as it does every year and with one of our favorite events, us going to the Veterans Home and decorating for Christmas. For the last few years Chapter member

Michelle Pabon-Lind has headed up bring people from the Chapter and Team Ellsworth down to Hot Springs to assist. Each year, the staff at the Veterans Home appreciates us coming down to do the work so they can focus on the residents.



Now our focus will be on preparing for the upcoming 2020 D3 PAC to be held April 23-25 at the Rushmore Hotel here in Rapid City, SD. Ott and Super Dave have been hard at work putting together a top of the line Professional even that everyone will enjoy. Keep your eyes glued to Facebook and the Division 3 website, www.afsativ3.org for more information. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event and letting us show you some South Dakota hospitality.



CHAPTER 964



Chapter 964 has had one amazing year! Elections were held throughout the year due to a few last minute PSC moves. The newly elected officers are President, Cheryl Harding, Vice President, Scott Hall, Secretary, Ginules Xiong and Treasurer, Philip Maar.

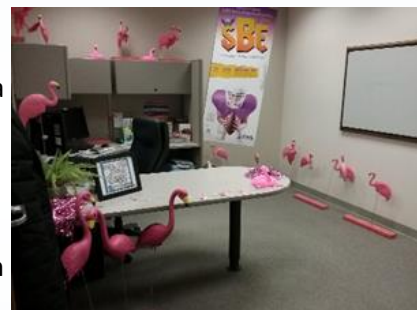


Even though we are a small remote base we continue to push membership. We've created two incentive programs to help membership; the top quarterly recruiter as well as having the youngest member who shows up to the monthly meetings earning a free one year membership!



We've hosted many different events, supported several organizations by contributing funds, worked with the community and held fundraisers throughout the year. Below is a quick breakout of a few.

In March we had our Flock a Friend Fundraiser where member's could pay to have a pretty pink flock put into their offices. We also had a chili feed fundraiser that turned out great!



In June we completed our 5 mile stretch highway clean-up.



July we placed a recruiting booth at the base Freedom Fest, gave away patriotic gear and sold cooling fans.

August we raised money for the Chapter by hosting a Burger Burn.

September we hosted the POW/MIA 24 Hour Relay followed by a base ceremony.

October we gave back to the base community by participating in Liberty Scare. We also worked with Salvation Army in town.

December was kicked off with us donating cookies to the children to decorate at the annual tree lighting ceremony. Chapter 964 also finished off the year with giving back over 90 pies to the Airman and civilians!!





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