



2009 Division 8/9 Convention Minutes
O Fallon IL
April 30 – May 2, 2009



The Div 8/9 Joint Convention was held 30 April – 2 May 2009 at The Drury Inn & Suites, O Fallon IL. It was hosted by Chapter 872 from Scott AFB, IL. Convention Manager was Denise Roberts from Chapter 872. Below is a summary of events and the Convention Minutes.

I. Thursday 30 April 2009

A. The Credentials' Desk was open from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the lobby of the Drury Inn & Suites, O Fallon IL. The Hospitality Suite was open from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and again from 9:00 P.M. until Midnight. The President's Reception and Dinner was held from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. Dinner was served by Roy-El Catering from Belleville, IL.

B. Pre-convention meeting was hosted by Division 8 President Dalzell and his council between 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. Division 9 President Lutzen and his executive council were invited to attend.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4 pm by Div 8 President Charles Dalzell. Div 8 Senior Advisor Bud Kolwitz led the councils in the Pledge of Allegiance; the AFSA and Auxiliary Preambles were led by Div 9 Trustee Aulden Stewart and Div 8/9 Auxiliary Coordinator Jean Kolwitz respectively. A quorum was present to conduct business.
2. The first order of business was the approval of the 2008 Convention minutes. A motion was made and approved to approve the minutes as written.
3. The next order of business was the approval of the Convention Agenda. Stephen Francis made a motion to approve and Steven Zalesky seconded the motion. President Dalzell noted there would be administrative changes made: AFSA International President Carton will now do the International Report; President Carton will also visit with the Chapter Presidents at lunch. The Auxiliary will move their meeting to the hospitality suite. The agenda was approved.
4. The Treasurers' Reports were as follows:
 - a) Division 9: Reported by President Lutzen: \$4391.38 in checking. \$3480.21 in saving. No outstanding debt.
 - b) Division 8: Reported by President Dalzell: approximately \$6800 in checking. Check awards will not be given—cash will. This will prevent delays in closing out the account during the merger.
5. Scholarship Report was presented by Senior Advisor Stephen Francis. He clarified he is not giving a report, but giving us information on the fundraiser. Sheila Russell handles the Scholarship Program; Steve handles the fundraisers. They give out 2 \$500 scholarships during the year. Last year, 4 requests were submitted. The scholarship is for member's dependents or grandchildren. The application includes transcripts, a letter, and application; it parallels the AFSA scholarship. A fundraiser will be held during the convention to help raise money so the program can continue next year.
6. A discussion was held on the budget for the new Division 8/9. Senior Advisor Bud Kolwitz from Division 8 and Don Sullivan from Division 9 worked out some numbers and were within \$3000 of each other. The budget will be tweaked and submitted to the membership for approval. The budget was passed by the executive councils.

7. The new standing rules were discussed and minor changes were made. (Changes discussed were about the Coordinator reimbursement and the others were discussed during the conference with the entire membership. Steve Zalesky said the Coordinator should get \$600, Jarrod Drevalas said \$1000, and Charlie Dalzell said \$800. Steve Zalesky made a motion we vote for \$800, Jarrod Drevalas seconded; vote was made and approved.
8. No other old business was discussed.
9. President Lutzen is looking at areas to host the 2010 Convention.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

C. The President's Reception and Dinner was held from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. It was catered by Roy-El Catering of Belleville, IL.

II. Friday 1 May 2009

A. The Credentials' Desks was open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:50 A.M. in the lobby.

B. Opening Ceremonies began at 8:30 A.M. MC SMSgt Rebecca Gabel, Chapter 872, Scott AFB, introduced herself and welcomed all to the 2009 Division 8 & 9 Convention.

C. Opening Ceremonies: Division 8 President Charlie Dalzell and Auxiliary Coordinator Jean Kolwitz and Division 9 President Dale Lutzen officially "declared the 2009 AFSA Division 8 & 9 Convention to be in session." The invocation was given by Trustee Aulden Stewart; the O Fallon AFJROTC Honor Guard presented the Colors; Mr. Lee Niehaus, Chapter 872 trustee, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; Mr. Jon Bennett, Div 9 VP read the AFSA Preamble; and Willa Hyde, Past International Aux President read the Auxiliary Preamble..

1. The MC, SMSgt Gabel, made the following introductions of distinguished attendees:

- a. Gary Graham, Mayor of O Fallon, IL
- b. 18 AF Command Chief, CMSgt James Cody
- c. Convention Hosts, Division 8 President Charlie Dalzell and Div 9 President Dale Lutzen
- d. International AAC, Jason Jenkins, Chapter 881
- e. AFSA Past International Aux President Carol Ruholl, Chap A615
- f. AFSA Past International Auxiliary President Kathy Oden, Chapter A894
- g. Past international Auxiliary President Willa Hyde, Chap A804
- h. Past International Auxiliary President Gloria Pinksaw, Chapter A804
- i. Past International Auxiliary President Elaine Warner-Savage and her husband Past Division Vice President James Savage
- j. Division 8 Coordinator Jean Kolwitz and her husband, Past Division president & Div Lifetime Trustee Roland Kolwitz
- k. Past Division President Steve Francis, Chapter 988
- l. Past Division President Denise Roberts, Chapter 872
- m. Division 8 & 9 First Term Airman of the Year Nominees as follows:

DIVISION 8 FTA NOMINEES:

CHAPTER 851, MILWAUKEE WI, A1C KITRINA VARGAS (ABSENT)

CHAPTER 872, SCOTT AFB, IL, A1C AMBER KELLY WOODWARD

CHAPTER 881, WHITEMAN AFB MO, SRA SHEA COLEMAN (ABSENT)

442D RESERVE WING, WHITEMAN AFB MO, SRA REBECCA HOUSEHOLDER (ABSENT)

DIVISION 9 FTA NOMINEES:

CHAPTER 959, MINOT AFB, SRA JAIME WOOD

CHAPTER 951, ELLSWORTH AFB SD, SRA JENNIFER ONUKWUGHA (ABSENT)

CHAPTER 988, ALTUS AFB, OK, SRA ADERONKE ADEYABA (ABSENT)

CHAPTER 964, GRAND FORKS, ND, A1C ARIEL REED (ABSENT)

CHAPTER 984, OFFUTT AFB, NE, SRA CANDACE DESA

CHAPTER 985, TINKER AFB, OK SRA CHARLES MARTIN

n. DIVISION 8/9 NCO & SNCO of the Year Nominees:

DIVISION 8 SNCO

CHAPTER 881, WHITEMAN AFB MO, MSGT RICHARD LEPAGE, JR (ABSENT)

CHAPTER 872, SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS, MSGT GEORGE BELSOM

DIVISION 8 NCO

CHAPTER 881, WHITEMAN AFB, MO, SSGT JAMES STEENBURG

CHAPTER 872, SCOTT AFB, IL, TSGT JEREMIAH LOVE

DIVISION 9 NCO

CHAPTER 951, ELLSWORTH AFB, SD, SSGT MICHAEL GROESBECK (ABSENT)

CHAPTER 959, MINOT AFB, ND, SSGT VERNON THOMPSON

CHAPTER 964, GRAND FORKS AFB, ND, TSGT KELLY RODRIGUEZ

CHAPTER 985, TINKER AFB, OK, MSGT SHEILA BEAUFEAUX

CHAPTER 988, ALTUS AFB, OK, SSGT KURT ENNIS

2. Welcome & Keynote Address: Welcome Address by The Honorable Gary Graham, Mayor of O Fallon. Proclaimed AFSA weekend.
3. Keynote Address: Given by 18 AF/CCC, CMSgt James Cody.
4. Awards presentations: Past International Auxiliary President Kathy Oden, Division Vice Presidents Jarrod Drevalas and Jon Bennett conducted award presentations:

Division 9 AFSA Member of the Year: SMSgt Mike Dorazio, **Chapter 951, Ellsworth AFB, SD**

Division 9 Chapter of the Year (Over 500): Chapter 985 – Tinker AFB, OK

Division 9 Chapter of the Year (Under 500): Chapter 988 – Altus AFB, OK

Division 8 AFSA Member of the Year: TSgt Bob Young, Chapter 872, Scott AFB, IL

Division 8 AFSA Chapter of the Year: Chapter 851

Division 8 AFSA Chapter Newsletter of the Year – 804

Division 8 Individual Legislative Award: CMSgt (Ret) Harry McLane

Division 8 Auxiliary Member of the Year: Patti Parrish

Division 8 Auxiliary Chapter of the Year (Over 125)—A804

Division 8 Auxiliary Chapter of the Year (Under 125)— A851

Division 8 Auxiliary VAVS – Addie Davidson, A804

Division 8 Auxiliary Newsletter of the Year (Over 125) – A804

Some other Primary Awards went about here I think before the runner ups a little further down:

Division 9 Community Service Award: Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

Division 9 Website of the Year Award: Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

Division 9 Chapter Legislative Award: Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

Division 9 Individual Legislative Award: SMSgt Bryan Thompson, Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

Division 9 VSP Award: SMSgt Gregory Gallup, Chapter 959, Minot AFB, ND

D. First Joint Business Session: President Dalzell called the joint business session to order at 10:30 A.M.

1. The Division 8 & 9 AFSA and Auxiliary credentials reports were presented by Denise Roberts/Patti Parrish, Division 8 and Aulden Stewart, Division 9. Presidents Dalzell and Lutzen declared a quorum.
2. President Dalzell asked for a review and approval of the convention agenda. He did note a few administrative changes: International Report would be moved to afternoon session and presented by AFSA International President Carton; change to Post Conference Meeting in Room 200. Dale Lutzen motioned for approval of convention agenda. Lee Niehaus seconded – motioned passed.
3. AFSA Past International Auxiliary President Elaine Warner Savage presented an update on the status of the auxiliary. After her presentation, Past International Auxiliary President Carol Ruholl added a few words about how we can now donate directly to the AFSA/Aux. We need to get the word out and get more members.
4. Div 8 Membership Trustee Steve Zalesky and Div 9 VP Jon Bennett gave a short membership report. Topics included: Everyone to recruit one, 5 Star program, Three goals of membership (bring in new members, keep current members, find our missing members), and Maligned rosters
5. Many comments came from the membership. Buddy Gerhardt reminded everyone to build a team; you can't do it alone. Chapter 985 said to process the application in a timely manner. Gloria Pinksaw asked that the Aux application be printed in the Sergeants ® magazine—we need to recruit and retain family members. Before we broke for lunch, a beautiful tribute was read by SMSgt Jerry Ashley, in memory of our beloved friend Jay Hyde.
6. A quorum was declared to conduct business.
7. Div 8/9 Presidents Dalzell and Lutzen, Coordinator Kolwitz, Div 8 VP Drevalas, and Div 9 VP Bennett, presented runner up awards for MOY, Chapter of Year, and other runner up awards.
 - a) Division 8 Newsletter runner up – Chapter 858, Milwaukee, WI
 - b) Division 8 Chapter of the Year Under 125 Runner Up, Auxiliary 859
 - c) Community Service Runner Up, Auxiliary 851
 - d) Division 9 Member of the Year Runner Up, SMSgt Bryan Thompson, Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK
 - e) Div 9 Website Runner Up, Chapter 951, Ellsworth AFB, SD
 - f) Div 9 Chapter of the Year under 500 Runner up, Chapter 951, Ellsworth AFB, SD
8. AFSA International President's Report was given by AFSA International President Mike Carton. <Copy of Report Attached>
9. Next was a vote on the merger standing rules. President Lutzen **asked for** ~~made~~ a motion to accept the rules as amended. Tom Pavlick moved, Jon Bennett seconded. Motion was made and approved.
10. A vote was then taken on a proper name/nickname for the new division. Patti Parrish suggested "Heartland of America" and Willa Hyde seconded. Don Sullivan made a motion to approve, and Jerry Ashley seconded, **motion carried**.
11. The budget that was previously passed around was approved with no discussion.
12. Delegates were asked if their chapters wanted to volunteer to host the 2010 convention. Don Sullivan advised that Chapter 985 was willing to host in Oklahoma City, OK. Then Mike Dorazio volunteered Chapter 951 to host in Rapid City, SD. It was agreed both locales would obtain and

submit bids to the Division 89 president. Delegates agreed for he and the executive council to make the final selection.

13. A TRICARE briefing was presented by Karen Andes, the Tricare Community Rep from Scott AFB.

14. Gary Swanson presented a Legislative Update

15. President Lutzen gave an update from midyear, including IRS issues.

16. Mr. Don Sullivan then presented the membership with a workshop on Chapter Training.

17. Session adjourned at 1508; evening at leisure.

III. Saturday, 2 May 2009 Meeting called to order by President Dalzell at 0830

A. President Dalzell presented his annual report.

B. President Lutzen presented his annual report.

C. Coordinator Kolwitz presented her annual report.

D. Senior Advisor **Francis** spoke about the Div 9 Scholarship Program. He conducted a fund raiser for the 2009 Scholarships; the following monies were collected or pledged:

Grand Forks Chapter 964 pledged \$200.00

Scott AFB Chapter 872 pledged \$100.00

Steve Francis pledged \$250.00

Denise Roberts pd \$50.00

Chapter 804 pd \$100.00

Mike Carton pd \$20.00

Steve Francis pd \$250.00

Chapter 985 pd \$100.00

Mike Dorazio pd \$50.00

Al Stewart pd \$100.00

Curtis Gist pd \$25.00

Don Sullivan pd \$50.00

Gloria Pinksaw pd \$50.00

Mike Dorazio pd \$50.00

Buddy Gerhardt pd \$10.00

Jarrold Drevalas pd \$20.00

Steve Zalesky pd \$25.00

Jon Bennett pd \$60.00

Chapt 985 pd 100.00

Carol Ruholl pd \$50.00

Kathy Oden pd \$50.0

Patti Parrish pd \$20.00

Jim Savage pd \$50.00

Chapter 959 pd \$50.00

Chapter 984 pd 50.00

Chapter 872 pd \$110

Charlie Dalzell pd \$30

Jerry & Lisa Ashley pd \$50

Dale Lutzen pd \$100

Div 9 pd \$100.00

The Auxiliary then did a similar fund raiser, in which Patti Parrish took care of the funds. The Auxiliary then moved to Room 200 for their breakout session, and we took a break.

E. More Awards Presentations:

1. President Lutzen and VP John Bennett and Trustee Zalesky presented the following Division 8 and 9 Membership Awards: NEED TO GET **DIV 8** REPORTS FROM ~~JON AND STEVE~~

Division 9 Top Recruiter of the Year: CMSgt (Ret) Michael Parente, Chapter 984, Offutt AFB, NE

Division 9 Top Retainer of the Year: SMSgt (Ret) Jonathan Bennett, Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

Division 9 Top Recruiting Chapter: Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

Division 9 Top Retaining Chapter: Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

F. ELECTIONS: Next on the agenda was the election of officers for Division 8/9. According to the merger implementation plan, all positions will be open. The president will be elected for two years, and the vice will be elected for one year at this conference, thus aligning with AFSA directives. All other elected/appointed positions will initially be for one year, until the new division is firmly established. Chief Francis and Mr. Carton held the elections.

For the position of Division President. Dale Lutzen was nominated by Don Sullivan and seconded by Steve Zalesky. He accepted the nomination. There being no others, Lee Niehaus motioned and seconded by Don Sullivan to close nominations. Motion made by Tom Pavlick and seconded by Lee Niehaus to elect Dale Lutzen President by acclamation. Motion carried and approved.

For the position of Division Vice President. Steve Zalesky was nominated by Charlie Dalzell 2nd by Don Sullivan. He accepted the nomination. There being no others, Lee Niehaus 2nd by Roland Kolwitz motioned to close nominations. Motion made by Jerry Ashley 2nd by Charlie Dalzell to elect Steve Zalesky Vice President by acclamation. Motion carried and approved.

For the position of 1st Trustee, ND, SD, NE. Someone nominated Mike Dorazio, and Charlie Dalzell seconded. He accepted the nomination. Rob nominated Tom Pavlick, and Don Sullivan seconded. He accepted the nomination. A vote was held, and Mr. Pavlick was elected as 1st trustee.

For the position of 2nd Trustee. Tom Pavlick nominated Terry Turner and Don Sullivan seconded. He accepted the nomination. There being no others, Don Sullivan motioned and Jerry Ashley seconded to close the nominations. Motion made by Don Sullivan and seconded by Lee Niehaus to elect Terry Turner by acclamation.

For the position of 3rd Trustee. Buddy Gerhardt nominated Roland Kolwitz and Denise Roberts seconded. He accepted the nomination. There being no others, Charlie Dalzell motioned and Jerry Ashley seconded to close the nominations. Motion made by Charlie Dalzell and seconded by Denise Roberts to elect Roland Kolwitz by acclamation.

For the position of 4th Trustee. Jerry Ashley nominated Gary Swanson and Steve Zalesky seconded. He accepted the nomination. There being no others, Lee Niehaus motioned and Don Sullivan seconded to close the nominations. Motion made by Jerry Ashley and seconded by Denise Roberts to elect Gary Swanson by acclamation.

For the position of 5th Trustee, Trustee at Large. Tom Pavlick nominated Mike Dorazio, Ron Bishop seconded. He accepted the nomination. Jason Jenkins nominated Dave Smart, Roland Kolwitz

seconded. He accepted the nomination. Denise Roberts nominated Jon Bennett, Steve Zalesky seconded. He accepted the nomination. A vote was then held, and Jon Bennett was declared the elected official by majority vote.

We then took a break. After break, we held a re-election for the 5th Trustee. There was some misunderstanding on how the voting was done, and we had to revote between the top two nominees; Mr. Bennett came out the majority vote holder.

There being no further general membership business, Jon Bennett motioned for a recess until the 1130 Second Joint Business Meeting with Division 8 2nd Terry Turner. Motioned carried and approved. .

Meeting was adjourned until dinner.

The Reception and Installation of our new Division Officers AT 6:00 P.M
Installation conducted by AFSA International President Mike Carton.

The Honors Banquet began at 7:00 P.M.

SSgt Matthew Chute, Chapter 872, was the Master of Ceremonies. The Posting of the Colors was performed by the Scott Honor Guard. The POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony was performed by Chapter 872 members Jerry Ashley and Andrea Shircliff. An introduction of distinguished guests was made by the MC, and the Invocation was given.

Dinner was served.

Following dinner, our distinguished speaker was Lt Gen Rusty Findley, AMC/CV

Presidents Dalzell and Lutzen presented him with an AFSA memento of appreciation.

Division Presidents Lutzen and Dalzell recognized their SNCO and NCO Award nominees one more time.

Division 9 President Lutzen presented the Division 9 NCO of the Year award to TSgt Kelly Rodriguez, Chapter 964, Grand Forks AFB, ND

Division 8 President Dalzell presented:

The Division 8 SNCO of the Year award to MSgt Richard LePage, Jr., Chapter 881, Whiteman AFB, MO

The Division 8 NCO of the Year award to TSgt Jeremiah Love, Chapter 872, Scott AFB, IL

All First Term Airman were recognized and given a memento of their selection.

Division 9 President Lutzen presented the Division 9 First Term Airman of the Year Award to SrA Candace Desa, Chapter 984, Offutt AFB, NE

Division 8 President Dalzell presented the Division 8 first Term Airman of the Year award to SrA Shea Coleman, Chapter 881, Whiteman AFB, MO

The following additional awards were presented:

Presidents Awards – went to Denise Roberts
Hotel – From Script

Coordinators Award- went to Denise Roberts

Honors Banquet concluded.

Convention Close Presidents Lutzen, Charlie Dalzell & Coordinator Kolwitz **“WE HEREBY DECLARE THE 2009 DIVISION 8 AND 9 JOINT CONVENTION ADJOURNED SINE DIE”**

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CHARLES O. DALZELL, President
Division 8

DENISE ROBERTS, Secretary
Division 8/9