

Division 89 Newsletter

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Division President's Forum

President Dale Lutzen:



Division 89, I want to start out this newsletter by saying THANK YOU for another great year. As we end this year and head into 2012, we start a new chapter in our organization. No longer will our spouses and family members be a part of the AFSA Auxiliary, they will now be full members in our organization. To all the former auxiliary

members of Division 89, I want to give my most heartfelt welcome. While this change is a major one in the structure of our organization, I do not anticipate any changes to our Division or Chapter families. While some may see this as the end, I see this as a new beginning where our former auxiliary members can be more involved in their chapter and have more resources available to continue the great work they have accomplished in the past.

The next thing I want to discuss is our Division 89 Awards program. Our Division Professional Airman's Conference is about two months away and I expect our chapters to nominate their best people so they can be recognized for their hard work. All award information is available on the [Division 89 website](#).

As I mentioned, our division PAC is right around the corner. This year's event is being hosted by Chapter 985 in Oklahoma City, OK. I have no doubt that chapter president Terry Turner and his crew will have an outstanding event ready for us to enjoy. I ask that every chapter try to have representation at this year's event. In the next month we will be distributing the schedule for this years conference so you can get a feel for what we will be offering you during the PAC. Get information for the PAC [on our website](#).

In closing I want to congratulate the entire division on a successful recruiting and retention year. As always, Division 89 did a great job adding to AFSA's rolls, but once again we set the standard for retention. Out of our entire organization, Division 89 had 67% of members that reached HighFlier status. Job well done!!



Final Auxiliary Report

Editor's Note: Although our Division Auxiliary Coordinator Jean Kolwitz already sent this out to the auxiliaries, I thought it is important that our chapters see the outstanding work the auxiliaries have accomplished. We need to make sure we continue to involve these members as they transition into our chapters.

Final Division Auxiliary Coordinator News Letter—Jean Kolwitz

I know I haven't been consistent about doing the newsletters lately and for that I do apologize. But it seems as if every time I sit down to do one, I realize that I have sent you so much already, that there isn't a lot left to tell you. I have done my best to keep you informed over the years.

Remember the dues are to increase to \$25.00 as of January 1, 2012 as we transition to regular membership rates.

I only hope your Chapters will have a Family Trustee position.

I want to thank you for all your hard work. I know there have been times where I pushed, pulled, begged, and pleaded with you to get your reports in to the point that every one of you probably wanted to strangle me at one time or another. Just remember that it was so that your Auxiliary would not miss their checks or so that you would not run into problems with the IRS. And, also, there were times I had someone higher up on that food chain than me after me about "Where are the reports!!" Of course, there were times I was working with DP Lutzen or HQ because I knew your reports were in, but I was being told by HQ that they were not. I sent reports in 2 and 3 times on occasions.

Our Division can hold its head up high. Out of our Division we have had the following become International Auxiliary Presidents.

- Willa Hyde (A804)
- Gloria Pinksaw (A804)
- Barbara Beichler (A859)
- Elaine Warner (A951)
- Kathy Oden (A804)

When I go down to Kansas City for their Annual Membership Tea, I am surrounded by a sea of white coats.

Our Coordinators have included—Adeline Davidson, Barbara Beichler, Joan Clifton, Barbara Clark, Kathy Oden, and me from the "old" Division 8 and Jean Williams, Lois Splinter, Bernice Wagner, Elaine Warner, Lee Fisher, Marilyn Stewart, and Rebecca Streeter from the "old" Division 9. I was "appointed Division 9 Coordinator" for a brief period.

I won't even attempt to list the Auxiliary Chapter Presidents. Except to say two of them have been Presidents longer than I have been Coordinator—Hazel Novotny of A856, Wausau, and Becky Bogardus of A858, Minneapolis. My hat is off to each and every one of you who has ever served as an officer in our Auxiliary. I know the past few years the reports have been a real hassle, but I thank you for your diligence in preparing them.

Patti Conners was the first Auxiliary President of A851, Milwaukee. After a bit she was not active, but this past year she became active again. She remarked recently, "I was there for our first meeting and I was there for our last."



Final Auxiliary Report

As Coordinator, I have served with the following Division Presidents—Jay Hyde, Mike Carton, Mark Biedenbender, Roland “Bud” Kolwitz, Denise Roberts, and Charlie Dalzell from Division 8 and Dale Lutzen from Division 89.

This list is not in order, but since I became Coordinator in 1995, we lost A859 (Duluth, MN), A872, (Scott AFB, IL), A951 (Ellsworth AFB) and A982 (Lincoln, NE). A988 (Altus AFB, OK) became Inactive. The decisions didn’t come easy in any case, but there was never anyone to take over the various offices.

The projects the Auxiliaries have participated in have been mind boggling. I won’t even attempt to list them all, but they include:

A804, Kansas City, MO

Cutting robes for their local VA, volunteering at the VA, sending coupons overseas, in the past they sent school supplies to Iraq, they donate to many, many organizations in their area. They cover shoe boxes with contact paper and fill them with toiletries for women in abused shelters. They work with abused children also. They have their annual Membership Tea and they have an annual picnic. Yearly they have their POW/MIA ceremony at the flag pole at Richards-Gebauer base. They have had problems finding a meeting place recently since the Marines won’t let them meet on base, but they have found a different location and keep on doing all their good work. Of course they have fund raisers also. Willa Hyde is their HighFLIER annually.

A851, Milwaukee, WI

Their projects include the coupon program also and sending toiletries, ladies clothing items, and snacks to Landstuhl Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany and to the Pat Tillman USO at Bagram. Recently they sent snack items to a group of 128th ANG personnel who were deployed overseas for several months. They work with the 128th ANG Airman & Family Readiness by working at various holiday events. They have a yearly fund raiser to help defray mailing costs. They are always looking for ways to help the military and their families. They just participated in their last function as an Auxiliary by helping with the 128th Christmas Party. With the Chapter, they work on a yearly Membership Drive. I have been the top A851 Auxiliary retainer for many years. They also have an annual POW/MIA ceremony.

A856, Wausau, WI

Though, they don’t have a lot of projects as other Auxiliaries do, they concentrate on one specific one. That Is the HighGround at Neillsville, WI. This is called a “Tribute” to the military of any branch who has ever served. There is even a memorial to the Native Americans there. They have put up flags and donated time and money to the various projects going on at the HighGround.

A858, Minneapolis, MN

They, too, do not have a lot of projects going on, but they are there when the Chapter needs their help. This past year they gave away snow cones at Base Days there at the local base. This is almost an annual project for them.



Legislative Update

Medicare-TRICARE Update

Less than 48 hours before Christmas, lawmakers agreed to a two-month plan that prevented higher tax rates, delayed a 27 percent cut in payments to doctors who treat Medicare and TRICARE patients ("Doc Fix"), and extended unemployment insurance programs. The agreement lasts through February and efforts to come up with a longer-term agreement will likely capture much of Congress' attention when it returns later this month. Although both chambers have appointed members to a conference committee charged with hammering out a long-term deal, there is no reason to believe these negotiations will be any easier than those seen in recent months, primarily because neither party can agree on how to pay for the measure. We will keep an eye on their progress and provide updates as information becomes available.

FY 2012 NDAA Now Law

President Obama has signed into law, H.R. 1540, the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). As we have reported, the bill contains several important provisions, among them, authorization for a 1.6 percent military pay raise and extension of many special pays and bonuses.

Tuition Assistance

At this time, the Air Force and DoD have taken no actions to reduce the amount of TA available for Airmen. Several months ago, the Marine Corps drastically reduced TA for Marines. After pressure was applied by the DoD, the Marine Corps backed off this decision but stated the program would run short of funds before the end of the fiscal year.

AFSA HQ Legislative Update

AFSA Ready for 2012

Over the past few weeks AFSA has been meeting with congressional members and Hill staffers as we formulate legislative strategies for the second session of the 112th Congress. Game plans are being developed for key legislative goals like protecting enlisted pay and compensation programs (including TRICARE), making further progress on concurrent receipt, repealing the SBP/DIC offset, and advancing a number of Guard and Reserve retirement and compensation issues. DoD officials are finalizing their budget plans for FY 2013. Their proposal will be part of the President's budget submission expected to be given to Congress in early February. Early indicators suggest they may be asking Congress to support higher TRICARE fees and changes with military pay and compensation programs. Because such moves would most directly affect enlisted Airmen, AFSA will vigorously oppose either effort. We will report details as soon as DoD budget plans are formally published.



Hold The Line!

During the January Chapter 872 general membership meeting, one of the Chiefs gave an impromptu brief on changes that may be pushed down on our Air Force due to the current financial issues faced by DoD. I won't go into the specifics about what he said, but it did get me thinking about one of his points, things are going to have to change, we can't keep doing business the same way as we have in the past.

OK, I got it and I can accept it to a certain extent. I understand that budget cuts will mean our Air Force Bases may no longer have an automotive hobby shop or the hours will be limited at other MWR offices. I also understand that it makes sense to reduce the end strength of the Air Force to help meet budget constraints. What I cannot accept is cutting benefits from their current levels for the active duty, guard, reserve and our retired personnel. WE MUST HOLD THE LINE.

Holding the line is going to be tough for a number of reasons. First and foremost is that holding the line on our benefits cuts into the bottom line of the DoD. One of the fastest growing expenses for the DoD is support for retirees to the tune of over \$50B a year and growing. In a recent New York Times article, Doa and Walsh described the costs associated with retirees as "another big social welfare system". I call it the "cost associated with having an all-volunteer force". This country made a conscious decision to move from a draft military to a volunteer military and must follow through on promises made to those who dedicated their lives to long term service in the military. Thankfully we have a Secretary of Defense that believes we need to take care of those that dedicated a career in service to the United States but he must find a way to pay those bills.

In addition to retired pay, TRICARE for working age retirees is getting a strong look by Congress. Recently Senator John McCain recommended removing working age retirees from the rolls of TRICARE Prime. To say I was upset when I read this would be an extreme understatement. Senator McCain's office did answer my email regarding this issue and while he didn't directly address his support to remove retirees from TRICARE Prime, he did state that "Military retirees and their families deserve the best possible medical care in return for a career of military service to their nation, and nothing less. That is what TRICARE must provide". To Senator McCain, I say the best possible medical care for America's retirees is to keep access to TRICARE Prime at a fair cost, we earned it.

Another large expense for the DoD is Tuition Assistance. TA cost the DoD over \$500M last year. Not too long ago we discussed Tuition Assistance in another Blog (Tuition Assistance Threat) and while there have been no cuts to date in the Air Force, the Marine Corps initially cut their TA program and later backed off due to pressure from the DoD. This program has a good return on investment for the services since it provides better educated members, especially those that are expected to perform in leadership and management positions as Non-Commissioned Officers. There will be a negative impact on the quality of Air Force enlisted leadership if this benefit is reduced.

So how do we hold the line? The first thing is membership in our organization. We have to increase our membership, especially the active duty Airmen. I'm afraid that it will take a loss of a significant benefit for the active duty force to get fired up and become involved with AFSA.

Second, we must do a better job getting our membership engaged with our elected officials. AFSA understands the importance of this aspect of our organization and will be making it much easier for our membership to contact our elected officials. The addition of CAPWIZ to the AFSA website will allow our members to contact congress on specific bills in the House and Senate. By simply providing your zip code, the CAPWIZ system will automatically build a formatted email that you can send to your elected official. We need to capitalize on this great new feature that AFSA is providing us to engage with Congress.

It is doubtful that the near term will bring any new or improved benefits simply because there are too many competing priorities for the money that is available. There will be challenges over the next few years that have the potential to seriously impact our current benefits. We must work together as an organization and hold the line.

SMSGt (ret) Gary Swanson, Division 89 Trustee



Division 89 SKYHIGHERS AND HIGHFLIERS

AFSA SKYHIGH CLUB

Recruiter	Chapter	Number of Recruits in 2011	Lifetime Total
Rebecca McNelley	972	168	171
Ronal Reed	881	168	174
Michael Parente	984	115	1,852
Terry Turner	985	108	594
Stephan Francis	988	107	1,710
Steve Zalesky	872	107	546
Larry Doughty	959	104	104
Shaun Lewis	959	104	104
Kent Kundert	959	102	366
Jennifer Shelly	959	102	106
Christopher Coffey	985	102	202
Lisa Muth	985	101	128
Michael Shelley	959	101	137
Michael Mooney	985	100	106
Jennifer Ponder	985	100	205

AFSA HIGHFLIER CLUB

Recruiter	Chapter	Number of Reten- tions in 2011	Lifetime Total
Roland Kolwitz*	851	214	2,457
Willa Hyde**	804	130	1,601
Terry Turner	985	103	117
Steve Zalesky	872	101	544

*HIGHEST RETAINER IN AFSA

**HIGHEST RETAINER IN AUX

**21% of All AFSA
SkyHigers!**

**67% of All AFSA
HighFliers!**

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Membership Recruiting

Chapter	Total Recruits by Chapter	Total Recruiters by Chapter	Chapter % of Recruiters in Div
F0804	4	3	1.34%
F0851	9	3	1.34%
F0858	15	1	0.45%
F0872	407	46	20.54%
F0881	427	37	16.52%
F0951	30	7	3.13%
F0959	624	38	16.96%
F0964	66	15	6.70%
F0972	344	39	17.41%
F0984	258	12	5.36%
F0985	529	12	5.36%
F0988	153	2	0.89%
F0990	9	5	2.23%
F0991	0	0	0.00%
X0804	3	2	0.89%
X0851	3	2	0.89%
Grand Total	2881	224	100.00%

Membership Retention

Chapter	Total Retentions by Chapter	Total Retainers by Chapter	Chapter % of Retainers in Div
F0804	5	2	3.85%
F0851	215	2	3.85%
F0858	0	0	0.00%
F0872	125	16	30.77%
F0881	12	4	7.69%
F0951	11	1	1.92%
F0959	57	5	9.62%
F0964	2	1	1.92%
F0972	6	3	5.77%
F0984	21	5	9.62%
F0985	117	4	7.69%
F0988	10	3	5.77%
F0990	4	2	3.85%
F0991	1	1	1.92%
X0804	131	2	3.85%
X0851	63	1	1.92%
Grand Total	780	52	100.00%



Division PAC Advertising



Air Force Sergeants Association Division 89 "Heartland of America"



January 9, 2012

TO: All Division 89 Chapter Presidents, Division Officers

SUBJECT: 2012 Division 89 Professional Airmen's Conference Program Ads

Chapter 985 of Tinker AFB, Oklahoma will host our annual conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 29 - 31, 2012. As you know, conferences have to be funded. This is accomplished by attendee (delegates and guests) registration fees and program ads. The goal is to break even. Registration fees basically cover all the meals. Program ad sales to local businesses and divisions/chapters/members help offset other cost, awards, programs, etc.

The cost of goods and services in our economy continue to increase, so it's no surprise that all expenses associated with putting on a decent conference does likewise. Therefore, you can see why we need every chapter to submit a conference advertisement (samples provided). I urge you to plan on submitting as big an ad as you can afford. The prices remain the same as last year; full page-\$100, half page-\$50, quarter page-\$25, and business card-\$15.00. Your ad must be ready to go to the printer. Ads will be printed in black and white.

Please make your checks payable to AFSA Division 89 Conference and mail with your ads by March 9, 2012 to: (If you prefer, you can email these ads in JPEG or PDF format to both Terry Turner at president@afsa985.org and Don Sullivan at ddsullivan@cox.net, then just mail your payment.

Terry Turner
P.O. Box 45649
Tinker AFB, OK 73145

DALE C. LUTZEN, President
AFSA Division 89

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Division 89 PAC Program Ad Prices

<p>Half Page \$50.00</p>	<p>Business Card \$15.00</p> <p>Quarter Page \$25.00</p>
<p>Full Page \$100.00</p>	



Around The Division

Chapter 985

Most AFSA Chapter's have an annual fundraiser that is vital to their membership outreach and appreciation events for the upcoming year. This year was no different for Chapter 985. The gift-wrapping fundraiser held at the Tinker Exchange was a huge success with a record number of proceeds raised to date. It kicked off on Black Friday and ended on Christmas Eve with 270 volunteers working 1,410 hours. The key to the success for this year's event was teamwork. We had several squadrons, leaders and First Sergeants come out and donate their time.



CHAPTER 985 MEMBERS WRAP PRESENTS DURING THEIR GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

Chapter 985 gives an educational grant each year and this year with the help of Tinker Federal Credit Union they were able to give 12 grants total, 4 were awarded in the 4th quarter 2011. Education is important to the success of our Airmen and the grant awarded alleviates some of the out of pocket expenses that the chapter members may incur. The award recipients of the grant are:

- TSgt Christina Lindstrom
- MSgt Sheila A Beaufeaux
- SrA Dustin S. Cochran
- SrA Lindsey A Pritchett



CHAPTER 985 MEMBERS RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS. SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FOR THEIR MONETARY ASSISTANCE.

Chapter 985's 7th Annual Spring Dance for Special Needs Adults was a success in October. Normally the road show comes to Tinker and our members host a BBQ for our friends. This year due to logistics we formed a "traveling road show" for the second year in a row and visited Special Needs home in 4 cities (Del City, Oklahoma City, Edmond and Okarche). The team of 6 volunteers traveled a total of 515 miles with 3 POVs taking over an 8-hour day to visit over 150 residents (adults/staff). It was so well received that we adopted this format permanently. "Homie the Clown (Doug Bynum and Crazy Bob (Mike Devenitch)" was featured again this year as we have fun dancing and giving stuffed animals to these residents. The joy of the recipients is priceless – truly a blessing – this is what it's all about!



HOMIE THE CLOWN (DOUG BYNUM) ENTERTAINS A SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENT DURING THE 7TH ANNUAL TRAVELLING ROAD SHOW



Around The Division

Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) James "Jim" Lokovic, past Deputy Executive Director and Director of Military and Government Relations for the Air Force Sergeants Association, visited Tinker Air Force Base on October 13, 2011. He brought with him the AFSA Legislative platform and ensured all whom he came into contact with knew the platform. He spoke at four forums throughout the day and ended his visit with a meeting at the Tinker Airman Leadership School. All participants, totaling over 100 attendees, gained a better understanding of what the Air Force Sergeants Association does and its importance to all members of the Armed Forces. The knowledge of this career AFSA Airman was evident during his visit. Chapter 985 President MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner presented Chief Lokovic with a memento for the dedicated service he has provided for our force and for taking time from his busy schedule to be with Tinker "Airman".— written by Lisa Muth



CHAPTER 985 PRESIDENT TERRY TURNER PRESENTS CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT (RET) JAMES "JIM" LOKOVIC WITH A MOMENTO FOR HIS RECENT TRIP TO TINKER AFB

Team Tinker's first combined services Airman Leadership School Class was held in 4th quarter 2011. (From Left to right) Airman Leadership School Commandant MSgt Stuart Saunders, 72nd Air Base Wing Commander, Colonel Bob LaBrutta, John L. Levitow Award Winner PO2 Keir Troncoso, From the Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron and AFSA Chapter 985 President MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner pose for picture of historic event. PO2 Troncoso became the first non Air Force Award Winner of the Levitow Award at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.



PO2 KEIR TRONCOSO RECEIVES THE JOHN LEVITOW AWARD AT THE FIRST JOINT PME CLASS AT TINKER AFB

The October ALS John Levitow award winner was SrA Stuart L. Yates from the 552 OSS. In the picture is ALS Commandant MSgt Stuart Saunders, 72ABW Commander Colonel Bob LaBrutta, SrA Stuart L. Yates, and AFSA Chapter President MSgt (ret) Terry Turner.



SrA STUART L. YATES RECEIVES THE JOHN LEVITOW AWARD AT THE OCTOBER ALS GRADUATION

Chapter 851/A851

Chapter 851, continues to be a very busy chapter especially during the holidays. It is so refreshing to know that the 128th ANG continues to support us in all that we do. The wing leadership has always promoted and supported AFSA in all of our events. Events attended in 2011 were: Miller Park (Brewer Baseball), base Easter family party, base auctions, Family Service Holiday party, Armed Forces week activities, numerous base club events, and many more..... In January, we will welcome



Around The Division



PRESIDENT RHEINGANS RECOGNIZING AND PRESENTING NCO OF YEAR AWARD TO TSGT CHRISTINE RUPP AT THE 128TH ANG AT THE JANUARY 2012 MEETING.

our infamous (award winning) auxiliary team members to the chapter. We are now ONE. Our promise to those members is to continue their projects and programs and afford them additional resources. A new Trustee position was created named, "Family & Community Affairs Trustee". This new position will only ensure the success of



CHAPTER 851 / A851'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2011. FROM L TO R-ERIC TEIFKE, MIKE GORDON, BOB ROGOWSKI, AN INTERESTED 128TH ANG MEMBER AND DALELYNN LOMBARDO



CHAPTER 851 PRESIDENT RHEINGANS AND A851 PRESIDENT METZGER PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO JEAN KOLWITZ, GLORIA TEIFKE, MARY GORDON, GAIL KATUTIS, PATTI CONNERS.

family and community activities. Chapter 851 feels very confident in both our future in growth and our successes.



A851 MEMBER, GAIL "THE TATTOO LADY" KATUTIS, TATTOOING KIDS AT THE 128TH ANG ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY THIS PAST DECEMBER



MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 851 AND A851 AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THEIR LAST OFFICIAL FUNCTION AS A CHAPTER AND AUXILIARY

Chapter 872

More than 400 Team Scott members came together for a 24-hour relay run to honor a fallen Airman



THE PARENTS OF KIA SRA BRADLEY SMITH JOIN AIRMEN FROM SCOTT AFB DURING THE 2011 VETERANS DAY VIGIL RUN



Around The Division

during the Air Force Sergeants Association's Veterans Day vigil run here Nov. 4 - 5.

The event honored Senior Airman Bradley Smith, a native of Troy, Ill., who was killed in Afghanistan Jan. 13, 2010. His parents, Gary and Paula, were on hand for the event to light the vigil candle and observe the opening dedication to their son.



MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 872 WORKING AT THE COLE STREET HOUSE IN COLLINSVILLE, IL

Members of Scott AFB AFSA Chapter 872 continue their long time support of Habitat for Humanity builds. Their current project is the Cole Street house in Collinsville, Illinois. The chapter has been supporting this house since mid summer and with the cold weather moving in, helped to install the new doors and windows to seal the house for work during the winter months.

Chapter 804

Chapter 804 members Harry & Della McLane, Addy Davidson, Helen Hatz & Tony Berter delivered Christmas presents to the Kansas City VA Hospital patients on Dec 21. The Chapter and Auxiliary each donated \$150 to support this charitable holiday event. Over 100 holiday bags & envelopes were handed out to the VA hospital patients.



Chapter 951

AFSA Chapter 951 of South Dakota participated in Rapid City's annual Parade of lights. For the 2nd year in a row they won The Razzle Dazzle Award for the best use of special effects.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MSGT JON PROFFIT, (T)SGT WASINGER, MR. BAMBURG, SMSGT ERIC SOLURI, SSGT WES FORSBERG, AND A1C DANIOM GERMICHAEL.



MEMBERS OF AFSA CHAPTER 951 WENT TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME IN HOT SPRINGS, SD ON 2 DEC 2011 TO HELP PUT UP CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR THE RESIDENTS AND SING CAROLS.



COL MARK E. WEATHERINGTON, 28 BW/CC AND SMSGT ERIC SOLURI, CHAPTER 951 PRESIDENT PRESENT THE ACADEMIC AWARD TO SRA ACIE CARMAN

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Heritage Spotlight

Over the years, I have collected hundreds of pieces of Air Force memorabilia, much to the consternation of my wife. One piece that I acquired several years ago was a miniature postcard booklet for Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. Until that point I hadn't heard of Lincoln AFB even though I grew up in Nebraska. I remember driving by the Air National Guard base when I would drive home from F.E. Warren AFB but never really gave much thought to there ever being an active duty Air Force Base in Lincoln.



LINCOLN AFB FRONT GATE

Although the base's history began in World War II as a training base, it came into its own when it was reactivated as Lincoln AFB in 1954 along with the 98th Air Base Group. Over the next year the first units arrived in Lincoln including the 98th Air Refueling Squadron, 98th Bomb Wing, and the 307th Bomb Wing. The 98th Air Base Group was later deactivated and replaced by the 818th Air Division who took control of the bomb wings. It was also at this point in time where all units on Lincoln AFB moved from the 15th Air Force to the "Mighty" 8th Air Force. By the time both bomb wings were operational, 90 B-47 Stratojets would occupy the Lincoln AFB flightline and at the peak, 120 bombers would call the base home. Along with the bombers, the base was also host to 30-40 KC-97 Strato-tankers, making it a major player in the Strategic Air Command.

In 1960, the base saw further growth with the addition of the 551st Strategic Missile Squadron and



818TH AIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, LINCOLN AFB, NEBRASKA

12 Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. Once the missiles became operational in 1962, along with a US Army Nike missile sites, things were looking very good for the longevity of Lincoln, but the base's quick rise was rivaled by its equally quick descent.



B-47 STRATOJETS ON THE FLIGHTLINE AT LINCOLN AFB, NEBRASKA



BASE OPERATIONS, LINCOLN AFB, NEBRASKA



Heritage Spotlight



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A TYPICAL ATLAS F MISSILE SITE

The end started in 1965 with the deactivation of the 307th and the 818th and was quickly followed by the removal of the Atlas ICBMs and deactivation of the 551st. Eleven years after the first B-47 arrived in Lincoln, the last aircraft departed the base and by mid-1966 this once major AFB became a footnote in history.

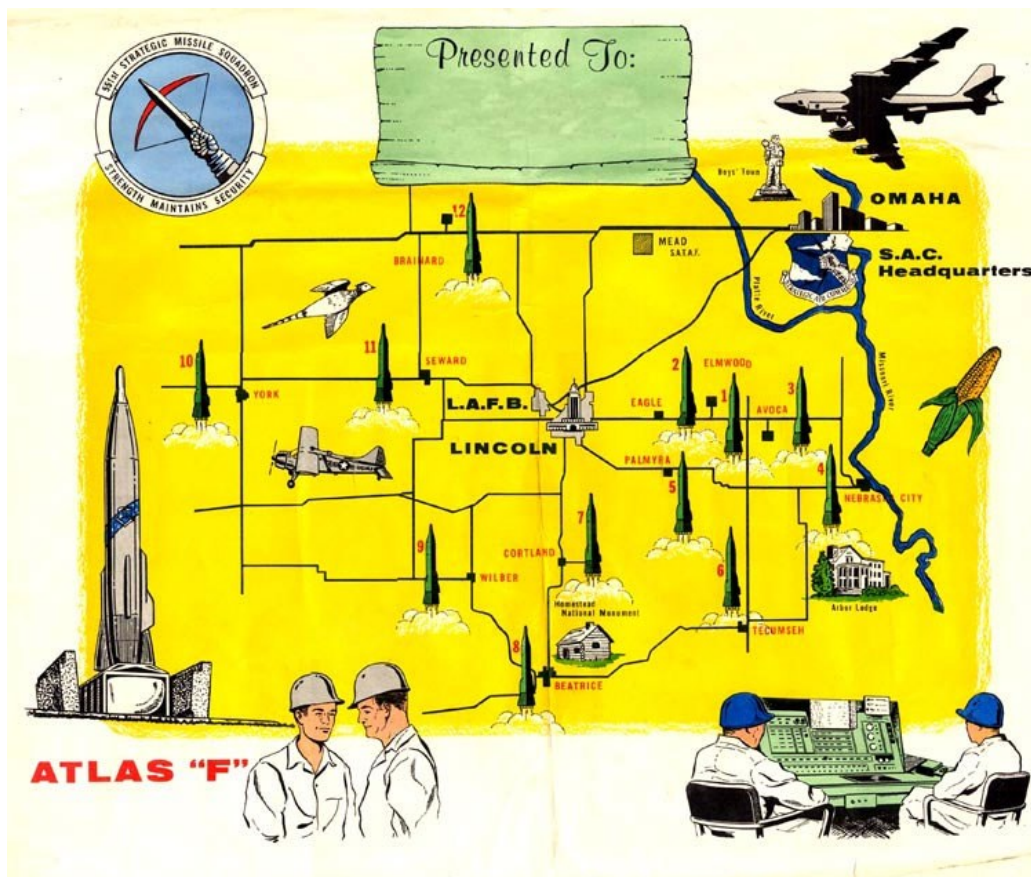
While researching Lincoln AFB I found a surprising

amount of reference information. If you would like to learn more, I recommend the following web sites.

[The Lincoln AFB Online Museum](#)

[Lincoln AFB Online Museum \(Facebook\)](#)

[The Lincoln AFB History Group \(Facebook\)](#)



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Leader Board

2011 Recruits

R. McNelley (972)	168
R. Reed (881)	168
M. Parente (984)	115
T. Turner (985)	108
S. Francis (988)	107
S. Zalesky (872)	107
L. Doughty (959)	104
S. Lewis (959)	103
K. Kundert (959)	102
J. Shelley (959)	102
C. Coffey (985)	102
L. Muth (985)	101
M. Shelley (959)	101
M. Mooney (985)	100
J. Ponder (985)	100

2011 Retentions

B. Kolwitz (851)	214
W. Hyde (A804)	130
T. Turner (985)	103
S. Zalesky (872)	101
J. Kolwitz (A851)	63
K. Kundert (959)	49
D. Lutzen (984)	14
D. Bamburg (951)	11

Division Leadership Directory

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