

Air Force Sergeants Association

Division 89 Newsletter

2009 AFSA Division Newsletter of the Year

Convention Recap

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President Dale Lutzen:

Hello Division 89! I'm happy to report that we had another great Division Professional Airman's Conference. The efforts put forth by Charlie Dalzell and his team from Chapter 804 and Chapter 881 were simply outstanding, thanks Charlie for a great conference.

As always, I am simply in awe of the highly pro-

fessional people that make up our chapters in Division 89. Our chapters are always out there doing great things and that was reflected in our awards inputs this year. Congratulations to all of our annual award winners and good luck as you move on to compete at AFSA International in San Antonio.

Speaking of the International PAC, there is still plenty of time to join us in San Antonio during the week of July 23rd to the 27th. This will be a keystone event for AFSA as we celebrate 50 years as the only organization to support the enlisted Airman.

As I stated earlier, we had a very productive year and recognized our outstanding members at our conference in Kansas City. Our top awards, First Term Airman of the year was awarded to SrA Jennifer Ponder from Chapter 985; our NCO of the Year was

awarded to TSgt Kelly Rodriguez from Chapter 964 and our Division 89 Member of the year award went to MSgt Kristen Robbins from Chapter 872. A full list of award winners can be found in subse-



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President's Update

quent pages.

We also held elections for our officer positions. Although we didn't see many changes, there are a few new faces that will be leading our division.

We also enjoyed two great speakers during our conference. We have been working on adding professional development forums and speakers to our annual conference. This year we were fortunate to have retired CMSgt Bob Anderson provide his insights on leadership and professionalism. CMSgt Anderson provided some hard hitting, non-PC guidance and tools that were greatly accepted by all those in attendance. In addition to Chief Anderson, we were also very lucky to have former CMSAF McCoy as our keynote speaker during the Honors Banquet.

In all, we enjoyed another great conference as a combined division. I fully expect Division 89 to be well represented during the awards presentations at AFSA International.

SMSgt (ret) Dale Lutzen

President, AFSA Division 89

Division 89 2010 Award Winners

Individual Awards

- Division 89 Member of the Year MSgt Kristen Robbins (872)
- Airman of the Year SrA Jennifer Ponder (985)
- NCO of the Year TSgt Kelly Rodriguez (964)
- Volunteer Service Person of the Year SrA Jennifer Ponder (985)
- VAVS Award Barbara Veach (A804)
- Auxiliary Member of the Year Sue Metzger (A851)
- Individual Legislative Award MSgt James Peters (985)
- Recruiter of the Year CMSgt (ret) Stephen Frances (988)
- Auxiliary Recruiters of the Year Jean Kolwitz (A851) & Willa Hyde (A804)
- Retainer of the Year MSgt (ret) Bud Kolwitz (851)
- Auxiliary Retainer of the Year Willa Hyde (A804)





DIVISION 89 AUXILIARY TOP RETAINER WILLA HYDE



Division 89 2010 Award Winners

Team Awards

- Website of the Year CMSAF Bud Andrews Gateway Chapter (872)
- Legislative Thunderbird Chapter (985)
- Community Service Award Thunderbird Chapter (985)
- Chapter of the Year (>500) Thunderbird Chapter (985)
- Chapter of the Year (<500) Twister Chapter (988)
- Newsletter of the Year Heart of America Chapter (804)
- Auxiliary Chapter of the Year (<125) Wisconsin Badger Chapter (A851)
- Auxiliary Community Service Award Wisconsin Badger Chapter (A951)
- Auxiliary Newsletter of the Year Heart of America Chapter (804)
- Top Recruiting Chapter Thunderbird Chapter (985)
- Top Recruiting Auxiliary Heart of America Chapter (804)
- Top Retaining Chapter Wisconsin Badger Chapter (851)
- Top Retaining Auxiliary Heart of America Chapter (A804)

Scholarships

- Dakota McLane, University of Central Missouri
- Melissa Laub, University of Oklahoma



TOP CHAPTER OF THE YEAR OVER 500 MEMBERS, CHAPTER 985



TOP NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR, CHAPTER 804



TOP CHAPTER OF THE YEAR UNDER 500 MEMBERS, CHAPTER 988



VA VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, BARBARA VEACH



Scenes From the 2011 Division PAC







Administrative Information

Proposed By-Law Changes

The following AFSA International Bylaw changes will be considered during the upcoming International PAC in July. There are several important issues that will drastically change our organization so please take some time to review these changes. This listing is just a summary of some of the important changes. For more indepth information and a complete wording of the exact changes, please refer to the March/April 2011 edition of Sergeants Magazine.

Bylaw 4, Section 6: All members in bad standing will be dropped from the membership roles after their account is delinquent for 60 days.

Bylaw 4, Section 10d: This change will allow auxiliary members to enjoy all rights and privileges of AFSA Active Membership. Former Auxiliary members will be able to vote and hold office in AFSA. This bylaw change effectively ends the AFSA Auxiliary.

Bylaw 7, Section 2, Bylaw 10, Section 2, Bylaw 12, Section 2, and Bylaw 16: These bylaws will be deleted to complete the termination of the AFSA Auxiliary.

Bylaw 4, Section 3b1: Redefines AFSA Associate Membership and allows commissioned officers to vote and hold office in AFSA.

New Forms Available

HQ AFSA has recently redesigned the Activity and Americanism and also the Quarterly Financial reports. Ensure that you upgrade to the latest version and submit all future reports using the new forms.

The forms can be downloaded from the HQ AFSA Website, <u>http://www.hqafsa.org</u>, by clicking the Resources tab, then selecting Forms.

You will have to be logged into the site to download the forms.

Dues Auto-Pay Option

For those of us that always seem to forget to renew our membership, AFSA is making it easier for you to ensure your membership is always in good standing.

Here is the official word from HQ AFSA.

Auto-Renewal of AFSA/Auxiliary Membership Effective May 1, 2011

1. New members may use the "auto-renewal" membership application (available on the web) to activate the membership autorenewal feature. Existing members may also use the "auto-renewal" membership application to activate the membership auto-renewal feature. In both cases, the "auto-renewal" application must be mailed to HQ AFSA for processing, for maintenance of authorized signatures, and for financial and auditing purposes. All additional credit card charges will be applied during the member's anniversary month.

2. AFSA Headquarters will send each autorenewal applicant a "notice of intent to renew existing membership using the original credit card," not earlier than 30-days prior to the member's anniversary date.

3. AFSA Headquarters will apply payments for renewed memberships not earlier than 10 days prior to the member's anniversary date.



Administrative Information

Dues Auto-Pay Option

Applicants will be placed in a "lapsed" status, beginning the first day of the following month, when credit card information can not be resolved.

4. Applicants may cancel their request for auto-renewal at any time prior to charges being placed with the bank (i.e., 10 days prior to member's anniversary date.) See AFSAM 100 -1, Section 8 and Section 11 for cancellations and refunds.

New Recruiter Forms

AFSA recently updated all of the recruiter forms to a new format. Please destroy all forms that are not in the new format. Any new recruits should complete the new documents to ensure all required data is captured.

You can download the new forms from the AFSA website at <u>http://www.hqafsa.org</u>.

Website Updates

Our division website recently went through an extensive make over. Although the new design greatly improved, your access to news is still front and center. News headlines for three main subject areas, HQ AFSA News, Legislative News, and Division News are the first things readers will see when they access the page. Two significant improvements include a Division Calendar and an improved links area. The Division Calendar is currently being loaded with all required report dates and is available if chapters want to load their meeting dates and other significant events. If your chapter doesn't have a website, this is a



great way for you to get your event dates online for easy access to your chapter membership. The new links section is expanding every day. It currently has links to all division websites and all chapter pages on Facebook. We will also be adding links to sites within the Department of Veterans Affairs and other offices of interest to the enlisted Airman. Please take a few minutes to check out our award winning division website at <u>http://</u> www.afsadiv89.org.



Division 89 Leadership

Division 89 2011 Executive Council



President SMSgt (ret) Dale Lutzen, Chapter 894, Offutt AFB NE



Vice-President SMSgt (ret) Steve Zalesky, Chapter 872, Scott AFB IL



Trustee 1 MSgt (ret) David Bamburg, Chapter 951, Ellsworth AFB SD



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Auxiliary Coordinator Mrs. Jean Kolwitz, Chapter A851 Milwaukee WI



Historian SMSgt (ret) Don Sullivan, Chapter 985, Tinker AFB OK

Legislative Update

TRICARE Increase

Your guess is as good as mine on how this will fall out. On 2 May, Military.com reported that the TRICARE increases were moving forward. During the week of 9 May both AFSA and Military.com reported that a House measure would block any increases to TRICARE. This week, 16 May, both AFSA and Military.com are reporting that the House Armed Services Committee is giving the go-ahead on the increases proposed by the Obama administration. If we stand any chance at all, we must contact our elected officials and let them know your vote is tied to their vote on this issue.

This is where we stand at this point; TRICARE Prime will increase by \$60/year for Family coverage or \$30/year for Individual coverage in FY12. Future increases are will be based on the annual increase in COLA so if we ever see a COLA increase again, a portion will be eroded by the increase in your TRICARE payment.

AFSA is watching this very closely but the organization needs you to contact your elected officials if we stand any chance of killing this effort.

Other Bills Of Interest

House Resolution 1283: Members of the reserve components can currently have their retirement age reduced from age 60 by three months for each stint of 90 days on active duty. While this change was a great improvement for reserve component personnel, all service had to be acquired within one fiscal year. If a reserve component member came onto active duty and part of their service crossed fiscal years, they would receive no credit for their service. Essentially, a member could spend 89 days in one fiscal year and 89 days in the subsequent fiscal year and receive no credit for time served on active duty. This law will correct this problem and be retroactive back to January 28, 2008, when the the age reduction bill was signed into law.

Senate Bill 472: To increase the mileage reimbursement rate for members of the armed services during permanent change of station and to authorize the transportation of additional motor vehicles of members on change of permanent station to or from nonforeign areas outside the continental United States.

House Resolution 1178: To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents.

Division 89 SKYHIGHERS AND HIGHFLIERS

Skyhighers

- Steve Francis (988) 115 Recruits
- Michael Parente (984) 112 Recruits
- Jennifer Ponder (985) 105 Recruits
- Terry Turner (985) 103 Recruits
- Tyffany Halaney (988) 103 Recruits
- Michael Findley (985) 102 Recruits

- Amanda Matteson (984) 102 Recruits
- Ronda White (985) 115 Recruits
- Steve Zalesky (872) 101 Recruits

Highflighers

- Roland Kolwitz (851) 222 Retentions
- Willa Hyde (A804) 146 Retentions
- Steve Zalesky (872) 134 Retentions

2011 REAL-TIME RECRUITING TRACKER



DIVISION TOTALS

2011 RETENTION CREDITS



DIVISION TOTALS

THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CHOICE FOR AIR FORCE ENLISTED



Chapter 851/A851



MARY GORDON, SUE METZGER, JEAN KOLWITZ, LOUANN ROGOWSKI, GAIL KATUTIS, AND PATTI CONNERS

A851 Auxiliary members at their April meeting showing the awards the Auxiliary won at Division 89 Conference March 25, 2011. The awards the Auxiliary won were Chapter of the Year (over 125), Member of the Year, Community Service, Runner-Up Newsletter of the Year (Over 125), Runner-Up Retaining Auxiliary, Jean Kolwitz as Runner-Up Retainer, Runner-Up Recruiting Auxiliary and Jean Kolwitz tied for Top Recruiter.



CHAPTER 851 PRESIDENT BILL RHEINGANS MAKES AN AWARD PRESENTA-TION TO CAP SMSGT TRAVIS MAXWELL AS CAP COMMANDER LT. COL TROSSEN LOOKS ON.

Chapter 851 continued its long time support of the Civil Air Patrol in the local area. On 4 April, Bill Rheingans made a presentation on behalf of AFSA at the Timmerman Composite CAP, Milwaukee, WI. Additionally, SMSgt Morris of Chapter 851 presented the CAP Achievement Certificate and Medal to Cadet CMSgt Matthew Boss on February 28, 2011.



SMSGT MORRIS PRESENTS THE CAP ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL TO CADET CMSGT MATTHEW BOSS AS LT COL JACK HALL, CAP COMMANDER LOOKS ON.



DIVISION 89 AUXILIARY COORDINATOR PRESENTS THE DIVISION 89 AUXIL-IARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO SUE METZGER.

Division 89 Coordinator presenting the Division 89 2010 Auxiliary Member of the Year Award to Sue Metzger at the Auxiliary April 2011 meeting.

Chapter 872

AFSA Chapter 872 has sponsored a monthly Meals on Wheels route in Belleville, Illinois for several years. The Meals on Wheels Association of America is the oldest and largest national organization composed of and representing local, community-based Senior Nutrition Programs in all 50 U.S. states, as well as the U.S. Territories. AFSA Chapter 872 can take credit for some of those numbers. Annually we recruit roughly 120 volunteers that de-

liver over 600 hot meals directly to the homes of over 150 seniors whose mobility is limited and might not otherwise enjoy a nutritious meal.



On April 30, 2011, members of AFSA Chapter volunteered their time with the Madison County IL Rebuilding Together project. Rebuilding Together targets low income and elderly home owners and provides basic home upkeep and repair services free of charge. This year's project included 17 homes in the area and focused on keeping the residents warm, dry, and safe.



872 MEMBERS TSGT T'ERRICKA RUSH AND TSGT MARGARITA LUGO PRE-SENT CADET KADEN KIRTLEY WITH THE AFSA JROTC AWARD



Chapter 881



CHAPTER 881 PRESIDENT ZACH COPOGNA SIGNS UP MAJOR FLEMING, THE 509 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON CC

Chapter 881 has had a busy start to the new year. Along with assisting Chapter 804 with the Division PAC we have put a huge effort into recruiting and are seeing some great results due to the efforts of our membership.



MSGT JON DUNN SERVING UP A DELICIOUS BIRTHDAY MEAL AT WHITEMAN AFB Ozarks Inn Dining Hall.



CHAPTER PRESIDENT SMSGT CAPOGNA AND MSGT KISH CONGRADULATE TWO AFSA AWARD WINNERS AT THE FEBRUARY AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL GRADUATION.



Chapter 985

Chapter 985 dedicated April as Membership Appreciation Month. The two keynote events included a night out watching the NBA Oklahoma City Thunder and a bowling night at the Tinker Lanes. The chapter was able to obtain 60 tickets for the NBA game and along with regular season ticket holders, there were 100 chapter members at the game.





Bowling night was free for the first 50 chapter members that signed up in appreciation for their dedicated volunteer service to the chapter. Twelve trophies and other prizes were awarded for various achievements.





CHAPTER 985 MEMBERS ENJOY THE CHAPTER BOWLING EVENT. CHAP-TER 985 HOSTED THIS EVENT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ITS MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND VOLUNTEERING EFFORTS.

Chapter 964

Grand Forks AFB "Warriors of the North" Chapter 964 kicked off 2011 with a bang by holding their annual Airmen's Appreciation Cosmic Bowling Event, 8 Jan 11. Chapter 964's coordination along with donations from Chiefs Group, TOP 3, First Sgts Council, and Network 56 provided free food and bowling for 115 base Airmen and families. There was also a prize give-away ticket draw every hour with several Best Buy gift cards for the Airmen.



CHAPTER 964 AIRMEN AND FRIENDS AT GFAFB AMN APPRECIATION COSMIC BOWLING EVENT, 8 JAN 11.

AFSA Chapter members attended and supported the VFW/DAV Annual Auction and Red River Valley Annual Motorcycle Show in support of our troops, during the months of March and April respectively. AFSA members were given the great honor of standing along side



Chapter 964



our Veterans and helping them with their recruiting efforts.

On 28 Apr 11, AFSA sponsored the First Annual Black Ops Gaming Tournament for Amn and junior NCO's. This event was planned by our hard-charging Amn members of AFSA and funding for free food and prizes was also provided by several base Private Organizations as well as the Military Affairs Committee (MAC). 50 Airman and Jr. NCO's attended the event; top prizes included a \$100, \$50, and \$25 Visa gift card.



TEAMS ON DECK FOR PLAYING IN THE BLACK OPS TOURNAMENT FOR AIRMEN AND JUNIOR NCOS, SPONSORED BY AFSA CHAPTER 964

Chapter 984

President Matthew "MD" Becker, Vice President Nick Melenka, and Trustee Eloy Rodri-

guez, presented awards to the local JROTC, CAP, and ALS award winners. Moreover, the chapter has been highly active with the Eastern Nebraska Veterans home, spending time with the elderly residents each month and assisting with decorating the facility during a recent volunteer appreciation day. Demonstrating their AFSA'lutely outstanding commitment to the community.



CHAPTER 984 TRUSTEE, (S)MSGT ELOY RODRIGUEZ PRESENTS THE AFSA JROTC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO CADET HATHAWAY AT ABRAHAM LIN-COLN HIGH SCHOOL, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

Chapter 804

Chapter 804 would like to send a big thank you out to everyone that attended the Division 89 PAC. We had a great time working with Chapter 881 while preparing for this year's conference. Anyone that has put together an event of this size can appreciate all the hard work by Charlie Dalzell and his team. Once again, we thank everyone for attending and we hope you enjoyed our Kansas City hospitality.



Some of the Chapter 804 team (and denise Roberts too) at this year's Division 89 PAC. Thank you 804 for a great event!



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S. Francis (988)	40	Internet Dirctory				
J. Silny (959)	27	Legislative Websites				
M. Mooney (985)	25	•Legislative Information from the Library of Congress: <u>http://www.thomas.gov</u>				
N. Melenka (984)	22	•Legislative Information from MOAA.org: <u>http://www.moaa.org</u>				
J. Lyons (881)	17	•U.S. House of Representatives: <u>http://www.house.gov</u>				
2011 Retentio	ons -	U.S. Senate: <u>http://www.senate.gov</u>				
B. Kolwitz (851)	74	AFSA Websites				
W. Hyde (A804)	50	AFSA Homepage		http://www.h	ngafsa.org	
S. Zalesky (872)	31	Division 89, Heartland of America		http://www.afsadiv89.org		
	22	Chapter 858, Minneapolis, MN		http://www.afsa858.org		
J. Kolwitz (A851)		Chapter 872, Scott AFB		http://www.afsa872.org		
M. Findley (985)	13	Chapter 881, Whiteman	AFB	http://www.a	ifsa881.org	
T. Turner (985)	9	Chapter 951, Ellsworth AFB		http://www.afsa951.org		
R. Aldridge (985)	8	Chapter 984, Offutt AFB		http://www.afsa984.org/		
P. Hill (881)	7	Chapter 985, Tinker AFB		http://afsa985.org/		



The next shirt order will be done approx Jun 2011, all other items are available now, please contact Dale Lutzen, president@afsadiv89.org to purchase these items. All prices include shipping.

