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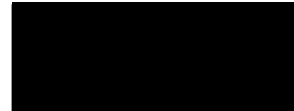
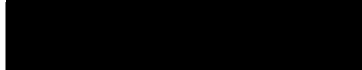
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August 1, 1992

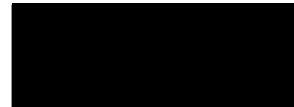
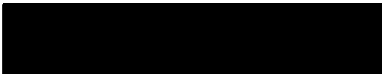
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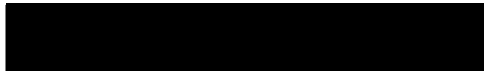
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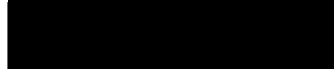
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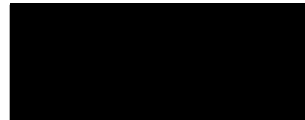
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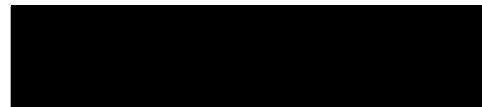
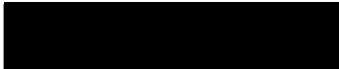
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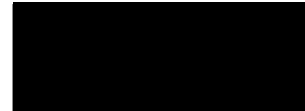
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## THE PRESIDENT'S WORD

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of the delegates who attended our Division Convention for their support during the elections. I will exert every effort to continue the fine traditions of this Division. I pledge to you that I will do my very best to represent each member of this Division at the meetings of the Division and International Councils of your Association. All that I ask of you, Chapter and Auxiliary Presidents, is to represent your Executive Councils and members in the same manner.

I will not review our convention here, as we did publish a convention wrap-up letter on June 6th. If you did not receive your copy or misplaced it, copies are available. Just call or write me.

As of this evening, (August 8th), I have received five (5) of the eleven First Quarter How Goes It Reports. I believe Barbara Clark has received two (2) of the nine Auxiliary reports. You should have received my post card reminder and hopefully have your reports on the way. I would love to have 100% on-time reporting in the first quarter of my term of office. Just think of all the nagging you won't hear or read if your reports are in on time. We don't know what your chapter is doing if you don't report. Then there is the money - rebates - to consider too.

In my letter of June 6th I indicated we would like to start a "Letters To The Editor" column with this issue. No response to date. Hummmm - does that mean everyone is happy out there? I doubt it. Got constructive criticism, complaints or suggestions? Get your pens to paper and let your Division Executive Council work your ideas and problems and provide solutions.

We are pleased to report that Convention Manager Willie Hyde and I have successfully concluded our initial on-site convention planning meeting in Duluth, Minnesota. Our hotel will be the Radisson. With the able assistance of Sam Maida, Division 2nd Trustee, we visited hotels, the Northland Vietnam Memorial and several areas that will interest our convention delegates. Members of Host Chapters 859 and A859 are eager to insure another best of the best Division Conventions. Details will be published following our Midyear Executive Council meeting.

I would ask that each Chapter President and

Executive Council review AFSA Bylaw 11 and Headquarters correspondence concerning the Airman Activity Coordinator and the Airman Participation Program, especially the letter from SSgt Justin Secrest, the AFSA First Term Airman of the Year for 1991. (A member of Division Eight.) It is essential that this organization attract and retain the young Airmen of the Air Force, Air Reserve and Air Guard. Each chapter in this Division which is located on or near an airbase should have an Airman Activity Coordinator (AAC) on their Executive Council. Your First Term Airman of the Year selectee could be the AAC for your chapter. I strongly suggest this program be a part of your plans for the immediate future.

A final note: I and your elected Division Executive Council are available to support each Chapter and Auxiliary in this Division. If you have a problem or a confusing situation that calls for a fresh look - call upon your Division Council. They can and will help!! If you have a problem with AFSA Headquarters - don't just stew about it - call me. I can and will help!!

The next issue of this newsletter will be out the first of November. Your "Letters to the Editor", news articles, suggestions and complaints are solicited and welcome. Please get them in by October 31, 1992.

Jay C. Hyde

**FROM THE AUXILIARY COORDINATOR**

I would like to thank you again for having faith in my abilities to be elected your Division 8 Coordinator. The job has a lot to it. I am already busy and have my hands full trying to get problems solved.

International Convention is right around the corner and I am very excited about going. There also is going to be an Auxiliary Coordinator training session that I am definitely looking forward to attending.

Do you carry a blank membership application with you? It's a good idea to keep one with you at all times, because of all those potential new members you meet at unexpected times. You could sign them up if you have that application with you. This might be an idea for your meetings: See how many members have an application with them. Those that do not could pay a small fine, say a nickle, that will add to your treasury and remind members to carry that application. The best thing to remember about members in your chapter is that the more we have as a whole, the more VOICE we have on the HILL.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at International Convention. If any of you would like to contact me or write, I have finally moved. My new address and phone number are:

Barbara Clark, Div. 8 Coordinator  
[REDACTED]

If you need to call collect, feel free to. If I'm not there, my machine will take your message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

**In Friendship and Dedication:**

Barbara Clark

**FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT**

As a new year begins, I look forward to serving all the members of Division 8 as your Vice President, and Chairperson of the Budget and Finance and Membership Committees. I solicit the help from all chapters to give an updated list of the committee chairpersons of your chapter, so I and the other members of your council can be in touch and give current updates on what's happening from the Division and International level.

As you know, Membership is very important to our organization. It is an important role to each Chapter, as it determines the number of votes when attending conventions, the dollar amount of rebate monies, and the voice we carry on "The Hill" in Washington, DC. Our Voice grows as we are able to recruit one new member, and is heard through the experience and frustrations of the members we retain.

As the military draws down, the many changes that are taking place, the base closures, the VOICE we have as a member needs to be heard throughout the local, state and national levels of our government. We need to protect what we have fought for and earned as a military member.

This being an election year, not only in our organization, but in our government, our voice needs to be heard. We need to look back and put into focus what our past elected officials have done for us.

Remember we need to VOTE. Voice  
Of  
The  
Enlisted

If at any time you need to contact me, my address is:

[REDACTED]  
Again, I look forward to serving you. If you have any suggestions, questions or complaints, please feel free to contact me.

FROM YOUR FIRST TRUSTEE  
FRED JACOBSON

I have been assigned the responsibility for the Legislative, Plans and Programs and Reserve Affairs Committees as a member of the Division Executive Council. A letter and a card have been sent to all Chapters and Auxiliaries outlining my responsibilities. To date, I have not received any requests for assistance or information. If I can be of help, please contact me. For your future planning, Chicago Chapter 873 has been selected to host the 1994 Division Convention.

FROM 2nd TRUSTEE  
SAM S. MAIDA

A letter outlining my committee assignments was mailed to all Chapters and Auxiliaries on July 15, 1992.

The organizations representing military and other retirees have long been strong voices to local and federal legislative bodies. The results have been tremendously favorable to the retirees. With the tax-paying public outcry on budgets exceeding tolerable limits, and a big election time ahead, there could be some fresh thinking on budgeting by the old and new governing minds.

One voting power which hasn't been too active in previous elections is the younger generation. They may reactivate that power to protect their future. I have five voting-age children in that group and they vote looking into the future. They should, with twelve children amongst them to think about. If we retirees listen closer to their generation their concerns are also our concerns.

Returning to the military retirees, we are a viable group with responsibilities to preserve what we feel we have earned through our service to our country. To keep area retirees informed, AFSA, TRDA, FRA and local military units participate in an annual Military Retirees Seminar. It will be held at the ANG base in Duluth on September 24th. This is our 9th one. Two AFSA chapter members initiated this event. The keynote speaker this year is to be Mr. Norm Parnes, CMSgt (Ret), Director, Military and Government Relations, Headquarters AFSA. You are all invited to attend.

**From the Vice President of chapter 872,**

**By SMSgt Frederick F. Dembinski.**

**First of all, I Would like Thank Jay Hyde for the letter of congratulation on being elected to the office of 3rd trustee.**

**I would also like to thank all the members of Division 8 who have put their trust in me, I will do my best not to let my chapter or Division 8 down. I was unable to attend the convention in Rapid City, South Dakota, because of a number of TDY's I had, even though I was not there, you the members still supported me and I thank all of you for that support. I was very pleased to see what committee's were assigned to me. I feel The First Term Airman program is one of the more important programs within the AFSA. The young airman in today's active Air Force, Guard, and Reserves are the best in the world and we need to make sure they know that, and the only way we can do that is to have the best programs we can offer. I feel that a strong chapter makes for a stronger division, and a stronger division makes for an even stronger AFSA. I look forward to working together with all you to keep AFSA strong today and even stronger tomorrow.**

FROM DIVISION TREASURER  
BOB POUND

#### Fund Raiser Report

Our 1992 Division Fund Raiser was a success, thanks to our Chapters, Auxiliaries and individual members. Over \$ 6,300.00 in donations were received. Twenty (20) chapters and auxiliaries received a total of \$ 629.00 in rebate checks. Drawing winners, from an estimated 8000 + tickets, were as follows:

\$ 500 John Herrman, Arlington Heights, IL  
\$ 200 J. W. Clayton, Independence, MO  
\$ 100 J. M. Stowers, Salem, IL  
\$ 50 Juan Valle, W. Des Moines, IA  
\$ 50 John Peters, Greenfield, WI  
\$ 25 F. M. Herterstein, Stillwater, MN  
\$ 25 Dena Miller, Duluth, MN  
\$ 25 Harold McFarland, St. Joseph, IL  
\$ 25 Katherine Abair, Riverdale, IL

Thanks to all who participated.

## HAPPENINGS FROM AUXILIARY A804

A lot has happened since I last reported in the Division 8 newsletter. As always, we have our regularly scheduled events that occur monthly. Our elections were held in February and the following were elected to serve on our Auxiliary board: Kathy Oden, President; Jo Duck, Vice President/Membership; Betty Grady, 1st Trustee/Secretary; Barbara Grant, 2nd Trustee/Treasurer; Sandra Fulmer, 3rd Trustee/Publicity; Ruby Shields, 4th Trustee/Legislation.

On February 29th, our Chapter and Auxiliary Installation was held. We were very fortunate to have "Bart" Bartholomew as our guest speaker. During February and March, tours were organized to visit sponsors of the KLTH Community Club Awards Project to earn points which go toward monetary prizes. We sponsored the Annual Childrens' Easter Party at the Richards-Gebaur COM Club. Our members assembled Easter baskets for the children and conducted an Easter egg hunt. The remainder of the baskets were donated to the Spofford Childrens Home. Thirty of the members of the chapter and auxiliary assembled the Division 8 mailer. In April members cleaned up the section of the highway that we have adopted. Our Patriotism Dinner was held on March 20th. Instead of having a speaker, we asked our members to give a short speech on "What Patriotism Means To Me". It was well received. In May, we took part in Operation Handshake, the base open house. During the open house we registered voters. Twenty-six of our members from the chapter and auxiliary attended the Division 8/9 Convention held in Rapid City, South Dakota. We came home with a lot of Division awards. In June we hosted a Wine & Cheese Party for recruitment purposes. There are so many more things that we have done, but it would take more space than is necessary.

One item I would like to take time for is the CPAC South meeting. Due to prior Chapter commitments, the dates had to be changed from September 18-20 to September 25-27. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Hannibal, Missouri. It is located on US 61 South at Market Street. Our meeting will be held on Saturday at 9 AM. Saturday night we are planning to attend the Molly Brown Dinner Theatre. If any of the northern area chapters are interested in attending, we would love to have you. Please contact me at 1-816-331-4058 or Jay Hyde, Division 8 President to advise that you will be coming for this.

Hope to see you all at Indianapolis in August.



Kathy Oden, A804 President

## FROM CHAPTERS 856 & A856, Wausau, Wisconsin

The North CPAC meeting will be held October 2-4 at the Best Western Midway Hotel, 2901 Martin Ave., Wausau, WI. The hotel is located off of Highway 51, exit 190. Chapters and Auxiliaries from South CPAC are invited to attend. A registration fee of \$ 45.00 will cover four family style meals and coffee breaks. A visit to The High Ground veterans memorial is scheduled. Contact Hazel Novotny, Post Office Box 53, Plainfield, WI 54966, phone 715-335-4408 for details.

## FROM CHAPTER 881, Whiteman AF Base, Missouri

Here's a GREAT idea:

***Air Force Sergeants Association***

**AFSA - THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE STRIPES**

The Whiteman Chapter meets at 4:30 p.m.  
on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Club

For more information, contact:

SMSgt Bart Bartunek, 687-6809	MSgt Rich Sayers, 563-4167
MSgt Kurt Brashear, 429-2902	TSgt Gordon Jurgensmeyer, 563-3052
Sgt Todd Dies, 429-1060	MSgt Mark Berthold, 747-8370

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