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“Recruit, Retain, Educate”



AFSA International President Dan Yeomans swears in new Division 3 Executive Council at the 2016 Convention.

See page 3 for your new Division 3 Leaders

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AFSA’s Legislative Update

Generations of Airmen and their families, past and present, have engaged in the political arena and fought for the quality of life benefits that make today’s generation of Airmen the best compensated, trained, and best treated in our Air Force’s proud history. Each of us has a duty to continue this fight because apathy is the enemy of progress.

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AFSA Membership

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Straight Talk, Division 3 President, SMSgt (Ret) Steve Zalesky



First off, I need to thank Chapter President Byron Ball and the members of Chapter 964 for hosting a great division convention at Grand Forks, ND. Most importantly the success of our convention couldn't have happened without the tremendous efforts of our Convention Manager Desiree Economides.

Also, thanks to all the chapters that submitted nominees for the different award categories. It was my honor and privilege to recognize the outstanding members who will represent our division at the AFSA Professional Airman's Conference in San Antonio, TX this August. In addition, many other members and chapters were recognized for their hard work in 2015. A full listing can be seen in the Newsletter.

Airman of the Year, SrA William J. Harrison Jr,
Chapter 988

NCO of the Year, SSgt David A. Trevino, Chapter
985

Member of the Year, CMSgt (ret) Kevin Ott, Chap-
ter 951

Family Member of the Year, Mrs. Patti Dalzell,
Chapter 804

Over the last several years AFSA has struggled to be relevant. We have worked hard to maintain our relevancy and improve our membership base however, we efforts to recruit new members and retain our current members remains an issue. Many members understand and appreciate what AFSA has done and what we will continue to do and they see the value of being a member of AFSA and they will continue to support our organization.

One thing that has remained steadfast over the last 55 years is the why of AFSA. That is simply: enlisted members taking care enlisted members and their families, regardless of whether active duty, guard, reserve, retired or veteran status. Our Association finds itself at a cross-roads in defining WHO we are. During our convention we talked about a proposed plan to change a few important Bylaws of our Association:

To allow enlisted members of other uniformed services to be full voting rights members of the Association.

Change the AFSA Preamble to adjust language that reflects inclusion of enlisted members of other uniformed services and to simplify the preamble.

Rename the Air Force Sergeants Association to reflect inclusion of enlisted members of other services, and provide marketability of the Association.

Below are some key points that every member needs to aware of:



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- Our Bylaws currently restrict full membership to only the Total Air Force Enlisted Corps (active, retired and/or veterans).
- Our legislative platform has consistently covered the enlisted corps across the services, so why not expand the membership to support this goal to all enlisted service members?
- There is not a (viable) all service enlisted advocacy organization, we are fractured and it impacts the ability to be heard - the officer corps on the other hand does have a solid (and overshadowing) organization that represents them.
- The non-profit and advocacy landscape is shifting, and we want to get ahead of the change so we are not left behind.
- Non-dues revenue is drying up for many veteran service organizations like ours.
- Organizations like ours are shrinking, and several are going under. We don't want to fail like many other organizations, but instead take the lead in banding together and marketing a better growth potential as an organizational that represents all service members.

It is our long-term vision to become the premier enlisted advocacy organization on Capitol Hill, while continuing to preserve our heritage. We must do something if we are to remain a relevant Veterans Service Organization. Let's work together to move forward to make our association better!



Division 3 President Zalesky presents a picture to AFSA International President Dan Yeomans a artist drawing of him and his wife Chizuko as a token of Division 3's appreciation for their many years of dedication to AFSA and Division 3.

We wish them the very best as they transition from leading AFSA to the next phase of their lives, supporting others who will now take charge.

Division History

Chapter Presidents wanting something in Division History, submit to Charlie Dalzell , email cod1996@kc.rr.com



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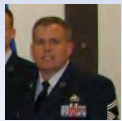
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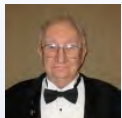
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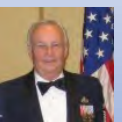
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How are you Communicating?

Cruzing the Web

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Internet</u>
	AFSA HQ	
	Division 3	
804	Kansas City, MO	
851	Milwaukee, WI	
858	Minneapolis, MN	
872	Scott AFB, IL	
881	Whiteman AFB, 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	



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2015 Division 3 Award Winners



Member of the Year
CMSgt (Ret) Kevin M. Ott



Family Member of the Year
Mrs. Patti Dalzell



NCO of the Year
SSgt David A. Trevino



Airman of the Year
SrA William J. Harrison



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2015 Division 3 Award Winners

Cont....

Individual Legislative Award	CMSgt (Ret) Mark A. Clark	Chapter 804
Volunteer Service Award	Helen F. Hatz	Chapter 804
VA Volunteer Service Person	Adeline Davidson	Chapter 804
Chapter Communications		Chapter 951
Chapter Newsletter of the		Chapter 985
Chapter Website of the Year		Chapter 951
Chapter Legislative Award		Chapter 804
Chapter Community Service		Chapter 985
Chapter of the Year over 500		Chapter 804
Chapter Of the Year under 500		Chapter 988

To view/download pictures from this year's Division Convention, Click

[Here](#)



JARED LANGENSTEIN,
MSgt, (Ret), USAF
Membership Trustee

[Download the Recruiting Handbook here.](#)



My name is Jared Langenstein and I am the Division 3 Membership Trustee. Over the past several years we have watched a slow decline in our AFSA membership numbers. Because of this decline, our organizations legitimacy is now in jeopardy. However, we can change the direction of AFSA, it takes one important thing, Initiative.

We currently have individuals that are doing the heavy lifting for AFSA, that is recruiting. Those individuals are the AFSA 1 percenters. As we move along I will break down what I mean by the 1 percenters. In Division 3, we currently have 11,649 members. This year we have recruited 318 new members spread across 55 recruiters. Of those 55 recruiters only 9 have recruited more than 10 people. Our top recruiter has recruited 91 people, which leaves 227 people being recruited by the other 11,648 members of our division. Now, our next 8 recruiters, have recruited a combined 109 people. That totals an even 200 recruits by our top 9 recruiters. So that leaves 118 new recruits spread across 11,640 division members. I am sure you can see where I am going with this, we currently have 1/2 of 1% of our Division doing any recruiting. But it is early, and there are things we can do now to ensure our organization stays relevant today and into the future.

So, what can we do to ensure that our standing on Capitol Hill remains relevant and persuasive? It is simple, all we have to do is recruit. I know that sounds like an extremely big task, so I will make it easy for everyone. I am challenging every member of this division to recruit 2 members. But the challenge is deeper than just going out and grabbing someone. My challenge is recruit 1 active member and 1 family member. If the division meets this challenge, we will have taken our membership strength to 23,298 members.

I know there are several people out there that just don't know how to recruit. So we have made it simple. We have created a recruiting handbook that has recruiting tips and locations to ensure your success. That handbook can be found in two locations, the first is on the AFSA HQ website at https://members.hqafsa.org/Members_AFSA/Resources/Members_AFSA/Resources/Member_Resources.aspx?hkey=14ab63a6-56a6-4f68-9fcc-4050563abe93. The second is on the Division 3 website at <http://www.afsadiv3.org/index.php/membership/recruiting-documents>. This document was written to ensure that everyone, down to our newest members can speak about AFSA and make people excited to join our organization.

We can make our task even easier. All you have to do is recruit one friend and your spouse. If you're not married, recruit your significant other or maybe one of your co-workers. The people that are around you and care about you, will also care about a cause that is important to you. Finally, if you are a supervisor or an organizational leader, sponsor a troop. Show them that AFSA is important and is constantly educating elected representatives on the impacts of eliminating benefits that have been promised to us as conditions of employment for your service.

Finally, I want to recognize some of our top recruiters. Our very own 1 percenters. On the next few pages are our top 10 recruiters/retainers who have made it a point to make our future their priority:



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2016 Division 3's Top 10 of Recruiting

Recruiter	Chapter	YTD	Lifetime
Hart, Patricia	984	91	91
Friend, Eva	872	21	21
Young, Jessica	951	18	43
Pitts, Jeremy	959	17	32
Francis, Stephan	988	15	2,156
Depuy, Ashley	872	15	15
Kolwitz, Roland	851	12	322
Ledbetter, Bryant	972	11	11
Simes, Shonta	881	11	67
Baskiewicz, Stephen	872	8	9

**262 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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2016 Recruitment by Chapter

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
F0804	0	1	3	0	4
F0851	5	8	4	7	24
F0872	2	14	28	21	65
F0881	3	7	4	0	14
F0951	3	4	3	7	17
F0959	3	5	3	2	13
F0964	0	4	2	1	7
F0972	6	3	8	0	17
F0984	16	11	22	19	68
F0985	0	7	5	0	12
F0988	7	3	2	5	17
F0990	0	0	4	0	4



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2016 Division 3's Top 10 of Retaining

Retainer	Chapter	YTD	Lifetime
Kolwitz, Roland	851	56	3,159
Dalzell, Patti	804	38	106
Zalesky, Steven	872	15	968
Sidel, Travis	984	8	85
Kolwitz, Jean	851	6	1,336
Hart, Patricia	984	5	5
Friend, Eva	872	5	5
Belt, Mary	872	3	4
Simes, Shonta	881	2	3
Bamburg, David	951	1	70

**92 People
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<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
F0804	1	9	17	8	35
F0851	6	10	18	14	48
F0872	5	8	4	7	24
F0881	0	1	1	0	2
F0951	0	0	1	0	1
F0959	1	0	0	0	1
F0964	1	0	1	0	2
F0972	0	1	0	0	1
F0984	1	2	1	6	10
F0985	2	0	1	0	3
F0988	0	0	0	0	0
F0990	0	0	0	0	0



AFSA Division 3

Family Matters

January—April 2016



Patti Dalzell

AFSA Division 3 Family Matters Chair

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From January thru April, a total of nine Family Matters updates were sent out to the Chapter Presidents and/or the Family Matters Chairpersons. These updates offered ideas on how to involve your **Family Members** in functions for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and Mother's Day.

Each Chapter's Facebook page was reviewed to ensure events and photos were posted involving **Family Members**. Most people don't have the time to review the Facebook pages of other Chapters so including their activities in my updates hopefully provides fund-raising ideas for the other Chapters.

In April, I attended the Division 3 Conference in North Dakota and it was another awesome experience. I loved meeting up with old friends and making new ones!

After talking to a few folks, it seems some of the Chapters are struggling in getting their **Family Members** signed up or involved in Chapter activities.

For this next period, I will be contacting each of the Family Matters Chairpersons individually to see how they are doing in getting their **Family Members** involved in Chapter meetings, fund-raising events and other activities. This will be done along with my bi-weekly Family Matters updates.

Take care, God Bless, thanks for all you do for AFSA, but most of all **Thank You for Your Service!**





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Electronic Communications



2016 will mark the year of Social Media for AFSA as many Chapters and Divisions work to expand how they reach out to their members.

I would like to thank SrA Whetstone, Chapter 964, for putting together an awesome presentation at this year's Division Convention, showcasing some of the different platforms chapters can use at the local level. Even AFSA HQ responded positively to some of the things they saw. For those who couldn't attend, we will make sure his presentation will be available on the Division's website, www.afsativ3.org.

One of the sites he and his team experimented with at the Convention was SnapChat. They used it to catalog the events in picture and video and made them available for others to see.

Along with SnapChat, you can use other services such as Instagram and Skype to get the word out, including recording video or stream events such as Chapter meetings, award presentations, etc. live to your members. Our AFSA Universe can now be seen in "Real Time."

A new addition to the Division's social media tool box is a Flickr Account. Flickr, as also utilized by AFSA HQ, is a site you can use to store your Chapter's pictures show-

ing a history of what has been accomplished. Check out the Division's, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/afsativ3> where you will see pictures from a few of the last Conventions and can be downloaded. This can also be a place Chapters can gather pictures of their members who were in attendance.

I continue to encourage our Chapters to utilize or continue to utilize some of the most common social media avenues such as a website, Facebook and Twitter. A simple website can be created listing just some of the basic Chapter information such as an email where someone can contact the Chapter, time/date/place of your monthly meetings and information about the chapter itself.

Facebook is probably one of the most simple ways to reach your membership and keep them informed. Once you have your page created, share it with members you are "friends" with on Facebook and ask them to "like" and "follow" your chapter's page. They also can forward it to their friends and so on.

Once this is done, then they will get a notice every time something posts to the page. You can even create events, such as chapter meetings and activities and invite your membership. Photos of your



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events can also be stored as well.

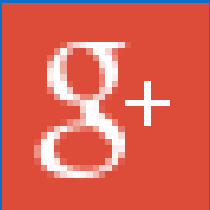
One thing I suggest for your website and Facebook is have someone who will always be a part of the Chapter set as the administrator and make sure Chapter Leadership knows the username and password in case it needs to be passed on to the next person.

As for Twitter, there is a way to kill 2 birds with one stone. Facebook has a way to link that account with your Twitter account so everything

posted to Facebook shows up on Twitter. You can find that information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/twitter/>

There are so many things to utilize for social media, however the most important is to know your membership. All of this does you no good if many of your members don't own a computer. That is why for some chapters, stick to the basics, mail a simple newsletter, or one of the most old-fashioned, make a call.



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BIG VIDEO CHALLENGE

1 SHOOT YOUR VIDEO
Grab your Division/Chapter Members and create a formal or fun "We are AFSA" video to RECRUIT new AFSA members. You must use the AFSA Wings Logo, and include an invitation to all Enlisted Members in all branches of Military Service. Maximum time: 3 minutes

2 SHARE TO YOUR AFSA FACEBOOK PAGE
Post the Video to your Personal, Chapter, and Division Facebook Pages and TAG HQ. Bonus: Tweet or Insta to cross-promote

3 SUBMIT TO THE HQ FACEBOOK PAGE
Submit your Video to the AFSAHQ Facebook page through Visitor Posts. We'll select the Top 3 and post to the Facebook page for Fan Voting!

Submission Deadline: July 11, 2016
Top 3 Selection/Posting: July 13
Fan Voting: July 13 - 18 (midnight)
Winner Announced: July 19

WINNER and their VIDEO will be featured at the AFSA CONFERENCE August 20th in San Antonio!



Legislative News



A DUTY TO ACT

As members or former members of the Armed Forces we have all at one time or another given an oath to defend America from all enemies foreign or domestic. This oath forms the core of who we are and remains in effect for the rest of our lives. Once you have worn the cloth of the nation or loved someone who has that oath forms the prism from which you view the world you live in. The duty to act, to do the right thing, never leaves you or your family and that is what has made AFSA such a great legislative power over the years.

Generations of Airmen and their families, past and present, have engaged in the political arena and fought for the quality of life benefits that make today's generation of Airmen the best compensated, best trained, and best treated in our Air Force's proud history. Each of us have a duty to continue this fight because apathy is the enemy of progress.

As Helen Keller so famously said "we have found the cure for most evils; but we have found no remedy for the worst of them all, the apathy of human beings". In our world this means we have solved most of the quality of life problems that plagued previous generations of the enlisted force.

In the past couple of years however we have seen many of these hard fought benefits eroded as our government tries to balance its books on the backs of the active duty service members and military retirees and their families. Apathy is alive and well in our association and our Division stats on the use of Voter Voice prove it. As a Division we have to do better at getting our members to engage in the political arena and to leverage the tools we have provided them to communicate with their elected officials.

If you haven't visited the AFSA HQ website lately I encourage you to do so. You can reach it by visiting <http://www.hqafsa.org/>. Once you are on the page you can scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the *Legislative Action Center* which will take you to <https://www.votervoicenet.com/AFSA/home> where you will find the latest legislative campaigns requiring your action. Our headquarters staff have done a fantastic job of preparing these campaigns and have provided us with an easy and effective way of communicating with our elected officials. With the 2017 NDAA currently being debated it is essential that all of us get informed and act on the issues that affect our families and this is the place to do it.

It is our duty to act and I encourage you to take action and to encourage others to join you. The Voter Voice App we have will allow you to edit the message you send to Congress but if you don't have time there are prepared comments for you to use. The bottom line is we need you engaged and I am counting on you to do your part.

A failure to do so will feed the apathy that Congress is counting on as they seek to degrade our benefits and go back on promises made to those of us who served honorably. As your legislative trustee I am asking you to DO YOUR DUTY as a member of this association and to get in the game. Together we can hold the line and protect what we have been promised. Are you with me?

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Legislative Platform here.](#)

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Program Brochure Here.](#)



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**AIR FORCE SERGEANTS
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Courtesy of www.hqafsa.org

Over the past five decades, the Air Force Sergeants Association has built a reputation as a stalwart advocate for Air Force enlisted members, past and present, and their families. We protect those who serve, and have served. AFSA continuously gives back to the military community by advocating for their interest to America's elected and military leaders. AFSA also supports the community globally through our divisions and chapters. These congressional efforts create a beneficial lifestyle for military families and veterans. Your organization dedicates its time and efforts to ensure the enlisted voice is heard loudly. Our work has a powerful impact not only within our membership, but the community as a whole. (I'm having trouble coming up with a transitioning sentence here) The saying *giving is better than receiving* is very popular during this time of the year. During this holiday season AFSA encourages you to give back too.

Here's how you can give back:

1. Money

- No matter how large or small, each donation will benefit the membership tremendously.

2. Membership

- Give the gift of an AFSA membership to share the efforts produced by your organization.

3. Time & Talents

- Participate with one of your local chapters during a community service event, or a general meeting.



As we enter our 55th year of service, we stand firm in our commitment to continue to fulfill its mission to protect and serve our 100,000 members, and the future of our Air Force enlisted members and their families. AFSA is grateful for your generosity, trust, and your commitment to our mission. Thank you for your continued support.



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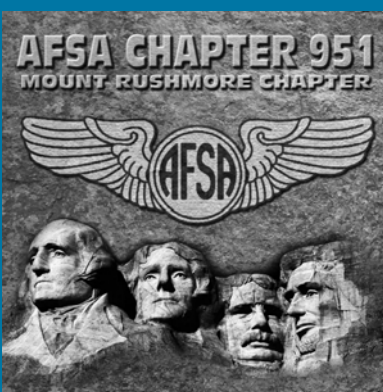
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Chapter 804

Kansas City, MO

The Heart of the Heartland

June is upon us and the summer heat is just around the corner but that hasn't slowed down Chapter 804 in the slightest. As the school year draws to a close our JROTC Chairman Harry McLane has orchestrated no less than twelve JROTC medal presentations and at least two Civil Air Patrol medal presentations so to round out the medal season. Here are just a few of the examples of our members presenting medals to very deserving cadets

members to get their family members involved for the good of the association

Chapter 804 continues to be the "Heart of the Heartland". From volunteering at the KCVA Medical Center to helping out at St Michaels Homeless Veterans Center and everything in between, Chapter 804 members are making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. This is something we are very proud of.

From the Heart,

Mark R. Clark, CMSgt, USAF, Retired

President, AFSA Chapter 804

Legislative Trustee, AFSA Division 3



Of course our Family Member program continues to lead our Chapter and make a difference in our community. It has been said that the sun never sets on the American flag but it can also be said that dust never settles on a chair or table when the ladies of Chapter 804 put their mind to something. Here they are cutting coupons for our overseas commissaries. If you

ever wondered how one Chapter can cut more than 400,000 coupons a year, here's how!



(1) Chapter 804 Member Mike Mudry presents Civil Air Patrol Medal to Cadet MSgt Serena Armenta at Heartland CAP Squadron honors banquet, Lanexa, KS

(b) Charlie Dalzell presents AFSA AFJROTC award to Cadet Sam Morris, Lee's Summit North High School April 14.

Chapter 804 is committed to working with other Chapters to strengthen our association. Chapter 881 President MSgt Teronda Hunter was kind enough to invite Chapter 804 to attend their membership meeting and Chapter President Mark Clark, Chapter Finance Officer Charlie Dalzell, Chapter Senior Advisor Harry McLane, and Chapter and Division Family Matters Trustee Patti Dalzell attended. President Clark presented a legislative briefing and encouraged 881 members to get involved in legislative activities. Trustee Dalzell provided a Family Matters briefing and encouraged all





Chapter 851 Milwaukee, WI

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, here are a few thousand words for Chapter 851's activities since the first of the year. We continue with all our Community Service projects and helping out at the 128th whenever and wherever we are needed. The Chapter had Sonya Villwock as the Chief Delegate at the Division Conference this year in Grand Forks, ND along with Bud and Jean Kolwitz were also in attendance at the Conference despite previous obstacles.



February 10, 2016: Chapter 851, Milwaukee, WI Installation of 2016 Chapter Executive Council. Left to Right: Bill Rheingans (Chapter President), Mike Gordon (Secretary), CMSgt Dalelynn Lombardo (Trustee) and Sue Metzger (Trustee) Conducting the induction ceremony were Jean and Bud Kolwitz via teleconference

DP Zalesky presenting Sonya Villwock the Top Retaining Chapter in 2015 at the Division Conference. Also, Roland "Bud" and Jean Kolwitz were recognized as "Team Kolwitz"



for their efforts.

A certificate of commendation was presented to Willie Thatcher on his 81st birthday recognizing his 22 Years in the Air Force. Present were Chapter 851 Secretary Mike Gordon (lower left) and Chapter President Bill Rheingans (upper right). The event was held in Chicago, IL

Family and Community Services

- Ron Long – 13.5 volunteer hours through 1/24/16
 - Chapter members sent get well cards to hospitalized members
 - Chapter members offered and took meals to homebound members
 - Visited a member in a rehab center for injuries received in a car accident
 - Took a member to the hospital for tests as she cannot drive
 - Maintained the coupon project
- Kept chapter members, division and others up to date with how Jean and Bud Kolwitz are doing
- Worked on getting popcorn snack supplies to be sent overseas
 - Worked on getting ideas for fund raisers



Chapter 851 Milwaukee, WI Cont...



Gail Katutis and Cliff Metzger at the joint "Support the Troops" of Hartford, WI and Chapter 851 Fund-raiser at the Car Show in Hartford, WI on May 21



Sue Metzger and Chapter 851 President Bill Rheingans talking to someone at the joint fundraiser at the Hartford Car Show in Hartford, WI on May 21.



Chapter President Bill Rheingans presents AFSA NCO of Year medal/Certificate to a deserving cadet (C/TSgt Chris Schuman) February 7. He is a member of the CAP Wisconsin's Waukesha Composite Wing



January began the same way 2015 ended, helping the South Dakota Veterans Home move residents into their newest facility.

Our chapter organized a team from Ellsworth AFB to go down to Hill City and assist 93 residents move over to the newer facility from a place with over 125 years of history. Besides assisting with some of their personal belongings, airmen took time to talk with many of the residents about some of their past experiences while serving our country.

Also in January, Legislative Trustee CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott and Senior Advisor MSgt



(Ret) "Super Dave" Bamberg attended a Town Hall meeting where South Dakota Senator Mike Rounds talked on issues such as the Budget, the VA Hospital in Hot Springs and other South Dakota issues. Senator Rounds stated that when it came to taking care of our military he would stand firm against reducing what we had earned.

February again saw us supporting the Veterans Home with our annual trek to their Valentine's Day Dance. This year was extra special as the event



was held in their new facility. Team 951 brought several airmen down to visit with the residents and catch up on some great stories and a few old fashion dance moves.

In April, Chapter President, TSgt Jessica Young and the Bambergs attended the Division 3 Convention at Grand Forks. It was a great time to catch up with old friends, obtain some great information and for TSgt Young to share many of the improvements Chapter 951 has made over the last year. It was also a rewarding time as the Chapter won the Division's Website and Communications Awards and Ott won the Division's Member of the Year. Now on to San Antonio.

A new endeavor for the chapter is to begin an outreach to the dorm residents. Airmen's Activities Coordinator, SSgt Theodore Richard coordinated with the Ellsworth Dorm Council to sponsor a "Movie



Chapter 951 The Mt. Rushmore Chapter



Night" at Lincoln Hall. SSgt Richard shared the AFSA story, what we are doing on Capitol Hill and why membership matters which sparked interest and questions. Chapter 951 donated boxes of pizza and drinks to support the event.

Chapter 951 continues to conduct briefings at ALS, FTAC and the many councils on Ellsworth. We are there at each month's "Happy Landings" to catch the new arrivals where we transfer memberships and look for new recruits.

We continue to utilize what is available on social media from our Facebook Page, twitter, pictures on Flickr, and our award winning website, where you can check out our newest newsletter [HERE](#).



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Chapter 951 has also entered the world of video. Click on the You Tube link on the following page to check out our #WeAreAFSA video.



Members of Team AFSA at Mt. Rushmore taking part in one of their video shoots for #WeAreAFSA. Above right is Senior Advisor Super Dave Bamburg asking questions at the Division Convention. Below is movie night at one of the Ellsworth dorms.



Team 964

Grand Forks, ND

The Warriors of the North started 2016 off right by restoring a 20 piece heirloom set, that was given to the base by the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1961 and we received major kudos from our Wing Commander and Command Chief. Then we initiated the exhilarating "Flock your Friends" fund raiser that used Flamingos to decorate a person workspace and it was featured on several social media sites.



Next during March Madness, we made history again by hosting our 2nd Lip Sync Battle and this was another smash hit. We had an increase in attendance with 218 Airmen & Family members. It was a free event

that brought people together and we were able to donate 178 food items to the local food shelter the next day. This as win for Grand Forks as whole.

Furthermore, we also put together a Papa John's pizza fund raiser that incorporated bouncy castles for the kids and people loved it. Even though we are a small chapter with 330 members on paper, we actually have less than 15 active members and they truly make things happen! We continue to put together invigorating and unified events with our sister private organizations.

Finally, we have put a lot of time into hosting our first Division PAC in our chapters 52-year history and we were honored to show everyone what Grand Forks was all about.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Int'l PAC!



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