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Division 3 President's Forum

2014 ended with many great things on the horizon for AFSA and Division 3. With the leaders we have in place at the Division an Chapters I see us continuing to be one of the top Divisions in AFSA.

As we close out 2014 and begin 2015, AFSA HQ with their new and improved staff are making vast changes to empower AFSA members as they strive to get the word out about how AFSA is fighting for them.

One of the biggest changes is the launch of the improved AFSA website, www.hqafsa.org. While there are a few glitches with the "Sign-Up" function as of this newsletter's publishing, 'AFSA stepped up with contingency plans.

Speaking of signing people up, what about the new membership campaign with the E-Membership, 5 years for \$25. This will lead to one of AFSA's greatest increases in membership that we have ever seen. When the AFSA Team go up to Capitol Hill they will be representing an even greater number of "voting age" people.

That being said, we can not let up on our retention efforts. In the coming year we'll work to get out some "Best Practices" from

those chapters in Division 3 that lead the way in keeping their members as part of the AFSA Family. This is also were we the \$25/5 year membership can be successful because now people will be on board for a longer period of time.

Some of these ideas will be shared at the upcoming Division 3 Convention, April 23-25, 2015 at The Lodge in Deadwood, SD. There will be a lot of information coming out at this time so I hope we have a large turnout.

It has been 5 years since we last went to the Black Hills and Super Dave and Team 951 have been working for over a year to make this a successful Convention. Even International President Dan Yeomans gave his blessing of the water park with a pirate ship at The Lodge, so bring your swimming suits, even in April.

Lastly, keep your ideas coming on how AFSA can continue to make improvements, to include Legislation, Membership, Communications and Fraternalism, the 4-Pillars that make up AFSA.

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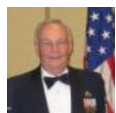
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Division 3, 2014 Recruitment Standings

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Chapter</u> | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Lifetime</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| FRANCIS, STEPHAN | F0988 | 108 | 2,028 |
| WILSON, JOHN | F0984 | 101 | 202 |
| SIDEL, TRAVIS | F0984 | 101 | 105 |
| KANOY, WILLIAM | F0959 | 100 | 100 |
| JOHNSON, MARY | F0959 | 51 | 51 |
| REYES, GREG | F0985 | 49 | 52 |
| BAILEY, COURTNEY | F0984 | 48 | 48 |
| HOLLINGSWORTH, CALE | F0872 | 40 | 40 |
| SUAZO, DOUGLAS | F0959 | 36 | 40 |
| ZALESKY, STEVEN | F0872 | 32 | 780 |
| WALKER, MARVINA | F0972 | 30 | 31 |
| NIELSEN, REBECCA | F0959 | 23 | 44 |
| TUCEK, JENNIFER | F0881 | 19 | 60 |
| BAMBURG, DAVID | F0951 | 18 | 119 |
| KOLWITZ, ROLAND | F0851 | 18 | 275 |
| MERKL, ZACHARY | F0985 | 17 | 17 |
| TURNER, TERRY | F0985 | 16 | 838 |
| BROWN, NICHOLE | F0872 | 16 | 91 |
| CARTER, TIMOTHY | F0872 | 15 | 15 |
| RODEN, DONALD | F0858 | 15 | 15 |

**1,180 People
Recruited!**

AFSA Total: 15,318



Division 3, 2014 Retention Standings

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Chapter</u> | <u>Current Year</u> | <u>Life Time</u> |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| KOLWITZ, ROLAND | F0851 | 176 | 2,947 |
| KOLWITZ, JEAN | F0851 | 107 | 1,213 |
| ZALESKY, STEVEN | F0872 | 107 | 893 |
| HYDE, WILLA | F0804 | 28 | 1,832 |
| LUTZEN, DALE | F0984 | 16 | 343 |
| BAMBURG, DAVID | F0951 | 14 | 53 |
| BROWN, NICHOLE | F0872 | 12 | 195 |
| ROJAS, AUDRYE | F0988 | 11 | 14 |
| KANOY, WILLIAM | F0959 | 10 | 10 |
| BAILEY, COURTNEY | F0984 | 10 | 10 |

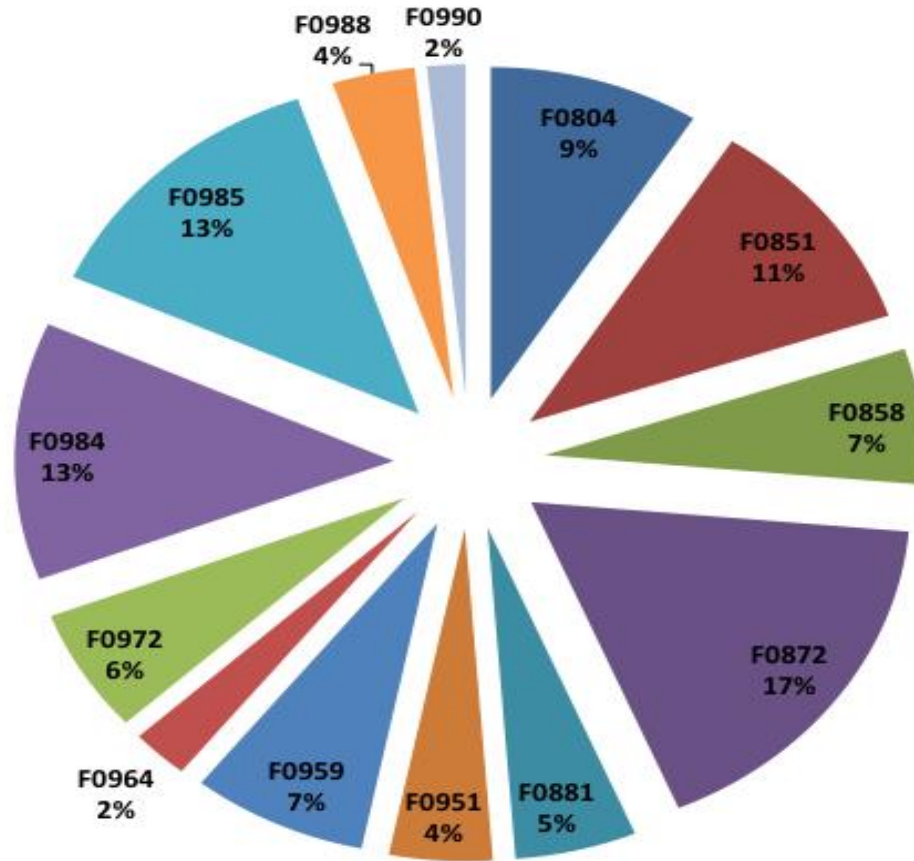
**566 People
Retained!**

AFSA Total: 3,090

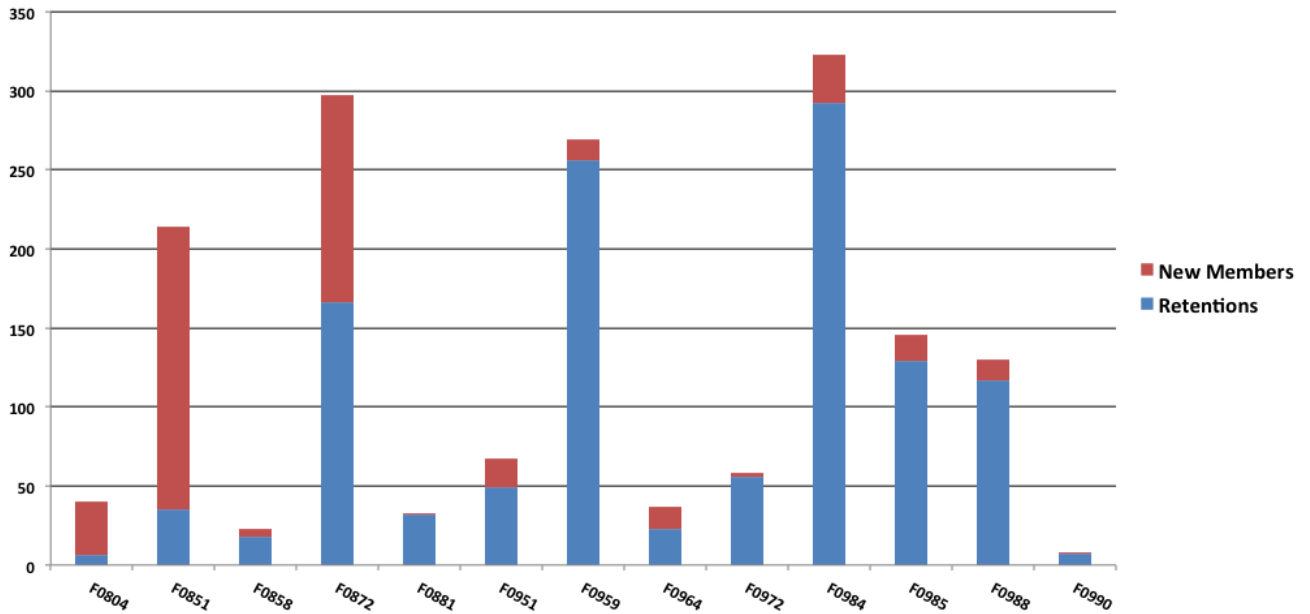


Current Membership Data

DIV 3 MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH BY CHAPTER



DIV 3 CUMMULATIVE MEMBERSHIP STATS



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HR 303 - Retired Pay Restoration Act (Concurrent Receipt)

Representative Gus Bilirakis has reintroduced legislation in the 114th Congress that would end the offset of earned retired pay by VA disability compensation for retirees rated as less than 50 percent disabled (concurrent receipt). As in past years, the bill number is...

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Chapter 804, Kansas City, MO



804 held Chapter elections in November & held an Installation Dinner on January 17. Gloria Pinksaw, Past International Auxiliary President gave the oath of office to the new officers; Mark Clark, President Kathy Oden, Vice President John Clark, 1st Trustee Curtis Gist, 2nd Trustee Hershell Spurlock, 3rd Trustee Willa Hyde, Family Member Trustee Tony Berter, Secretary Charlie Dalzell, Treasurer Harry McLane, Senior Advisor



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Chapter 851 Milwaukee, WI



Wisconsin CAP Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. President, Bill Rheingans, is top row, 2nd from the left.

Taken by: Gwen Gajewski

The past few months have been a little slower for our Chapter. We're still involved with the "Cents' Off" Manufacturers Coupon Project, pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House, cancelled stamps for the Lions Club "Stamps for the Wounded" program, and, Box Tops for Education.



In November we put out our quarterly newsletter. Several of us met at President Rheingans home for a Chapter meeting and then got the newsletter ready to mail.

President Bill Rheingans attended the Wisconsin CAP Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony on Friday, Dec 12th. Civilians received a certificate and medal for their CAP service during World War II, as our other CAP units throughout the country.

December 6th Mike Gordon, Gail Katutis, Patti Conners, and Bud and Jean Kolwitz helped at the 128th ANG Annual Christmas Party. Many of the Chapter members from the 128th assisted in the set up and take down for the event. December 13, many Chapter members from the 128th worked with their 30th Annual "Flight to the North Pole". This is an event for children battling life-threatening illnesses.

The Chapter ended the year with 278 retentions and 35 recruits. Bud Kolwitz had 173 retentions and Jean Kolwitz had 107 retentions for the year.



Chapter 872, Scott AFB, IL

29th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day *By SSgt Nicole Brown*



Chapter 872 had the utmost pleasure of hosting AFSA CEO, CMSgt (ret) Rob Frank, and his wife, Mendy the weekend of

Base's 29th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day, as Chief Frank was the keynote speaker for the event.

During his three-day visit, Chapter 872 kept him busy visiting the Airmen of some Scott Air Force Base agencies. TSgt David Lang, 618 TACC, gave Chief Frank and Mendy a tour of TACC and provided the 618 TACC mission brief. The 618 TACC plans, schedules, and directs a fleet of nearly 1,200 mobility aircraft in support of combat delivery and strategic airlift, air refueling, and aeromedical evacuation operations around the world.

Our Executive Council took Chief Frank and Mendy to dinner at Eckert's where Chief Frank and Mendy heard all of the 'goodness' that Chapter 872 is currently involved in and discussed upcoming events that will be hosted by the Chapter.

CEO Frank and Mendy had breakfast with the First Sergeants Council of Scott Air Force Base and had office calls with the USTRANSCOM SEL, Chief Master Sergeant

William Turner and the 375 Air Mobility Wing Command Chief, CMSgt Wesley Mathias.

He also had the opportunity to meet the Airmen of the 375 Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department and the Airmen of the 375 Security Forces Squadron. Chief Frank received a tour of both facilities and briefed the Airmen getting ready for guard mount.

Lastly, CEO Frank briefed the Air Force Space Command Top 4 and did a 'working lunch' with Chapter 872's general membership. Chief Frank reminded those in the audience that AFSA is a federally chartered non-profit organization presenting the professional and personal interests of the Total Force . . . Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Retirees, and their families.

He also briefed some of the issues going on legislatively on Capitol Hill and ensured us that there are exciting upcoming changes with AFSA overall. CEO Frank and Mendy ended their visit by being the keynote speaker for Scott Air Force Base's 29th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day to approximately 200 retirees. He reminded those in the audience that AFSA works very hard to represent each of them to make sure that 100% of Congress understands what it is like to be a Veteran and Retiree.



Chapter 951, Black Hills of South Dakota



Chapter 951 last few months of 2014 have been nothing short of exciting and fast pace. CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott, the Chapter's Director of Legislation and go-to-guy for events oversaw the Chapter first ever involvement with the "Salute the Patriots" event in Main Street Square, 18 Sep. (Was supposed to be 9/11 but was postponed due to snow.

During the Concert presentation the chapter took over the event and put together a retreat/flag folding ceremony with an honor guard made up of members of the local high schools JROTC cadets, Army National Guard, VFW and of course it was led by an AFSA Chapter 951 life time member, SMSgt Carl Peterman.

This year's event was such a success that Main Street Square has given us (Kevin) the go ahead to start planning next year's event. Ott has already begun meeting with city officials, the Rapid City Military Affairs Committee and local business to get the party started one more time.

November saw a visit from International President Dan Yeomans, despite a fogged in airport, (Dan could see the airport out his window), return to Denver only to finally return back to Rapid City.

President Yeomen was able to see first hand what Chapter 951 was accomplishing, despite the obstacles put up by the JAG and Wing Leadership. However, with a little arm twisting we are able to get him a visit with The 28th BW/CC, Col Kennedy. Our meeting went well and Col Kennedy has a new appreciation for what

AFSA does for his enlisted Airmen.

Because of Dan's flight delay, he was unable to meet with the local staff of South Dakota's Congressional delegation but CMSgt (Ret) Ott and "Super Dave" Bamberg meet with the offices of SD Senior Senator Thune, Congresswoman Noems and on the phone was a representative for Senator-elect Rounds office. They were briefed on key issues being pursued by AFSA on Capital Hill.



Chapter 951, Black Hills of South Dakota, Cont.

For the rest of November the Chapter continued its push to be more involved in the Rapid City Community. One of the benefits that came out of our involvement with the "Salute to the Patriots" event was finding other likeminded people who wanted to give back.

One such person was Dawn, the owner of Arnold's Diner who during her days of being married to an Air Force NCO remember the days of bringing Airmen from the dorms over their house during Thanksgiving.

With help from her staff, who offered to work Thanksgiving Day for free, and other businesses in town who donated the food for free, she was able to open her establishment to almost 50 single airman and young military families.

Our final event each year, and probably the most rewarding, is our annual trip down to the South Dakota Veterans Home in Hot Springs to decorate their auditorium for Christmas. Larry Ulrich, their event coordinator always has the decorations ready, some passed down from the Home's residents, and our team gets to work with a vision in their minds.

This year saw a few new faces go down with the



group. Family member Ashley Bamburg, daughter of Senior Advisor "Super Dave" Bamburg went along and was the day's photographer. And what would a Christmas trip be without bring along Santa Clause. All in all it was a great day.

For the coming year Chapter 951 is looking forward to hosting the Division 3 Convention at The Lodge in Deadwood, SD.



Chapter 964, Grand Forks AFB, ND



Debbie and I would like to welcome you to the "Warriors of the North" AFSA Chapter 964 website. My name is TSgt Christopher Giles and I am your AFSA Chapter President. Chapter 964 is aimed at preserving and promoting active duty and retiree benefits. As a part of a Congressionally Chartered Veterans Organization we use our legislative voice to achieve the goal of promoting and preserving our veteran's benefits while enhancing our quality of life for the total force and their families.

We are currently faced with challenging times that could affect the future for both active duty and retirees alike. Those challenges come in the form of reduction in benefits, education and retirement entitlements. I challenge you to help us face these challenges and your tasks are simple.

First, attend our general membership meetings. **Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Northern Lights Club from 1100-1200 and 1800-1900 for shift workers.** We cover a lot of topics ranging from local events that AFSA is sponsoring to legislative issues that impact our force.

Second, bring a friend with you to our meetings. The more people that we get involved in AFSA, the stronger our legislative voice on Capitol Hill will be. Besides, bringing more players to the team not only builds our comradery, but our team will get stronger as we grow in diversity and numbers.

Finally, find an event you would enjoy and get involved! As a chapter we host or participate in a number of events. Some of these events include our Airman appreciation Call of Duty Tournament, AFSA night Golf Tournament and the annual Relay for Life event in Grand Forks. Chapter 964 members are always volunteering to help our community at walk-a-thons, Habitat for Humanity, homeless shelters, Relay for Life and during disasters such as local flooding events. There will always be an opportunity for you to stay involved and help our community.

The fact that you have become an AFSA member reinforces the fact that you are a leader in today's Air Force regardless of your current rank. Our local "Voice of the Enlisted!" is a great way to channel issues affecting the enlisted force through our leadership channels all the way to Capitol Hill. If you are not a member, please join us to network, develop and mentor each other in maintaining the best Air Force in the world.

Debbie and I are excited about the both the challenges and opportunities that stand before our chapter this year. We are always looking for ways to make our chapter better. So let us hear from you. Again, welcome and thank you for visiting our website www.afsa964.org.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Giles

CHRISTOPHER L. GILES, TSgt, USAF
President, AFSA Chapter 964



Retiree Appreciate Day



Chapter 984, Offutt AFB, NE

Special Thanks goes to SrA Jasmine Allen, the 55 Comptroller Squadron for taking point on this event. She worked with management at a nearby Walmart Super Centers to acquire 290 turkeys at approximately 15 lbs. a piece at a discounted price of \$3K.

Each turkey was paired with a variety of side dishes from yams and green beans to corn. Of course, no Thanksgiving would truly be complete without desserts donated in large part by patrons of the local Commissary.

The list of names for those members that were to receive the boxes was populated by the First Sergeants across the base. Special thanks also goes to the Offutt Top 3, Chief's Group, STRATCOM Top 3, Air Force Association, and the Offutt Officers' Spouse Club for their very generous donations to help mitigate some of the costs incurred for the event and help AFSA truly give back to our Airmen and MSgt Jennifer Maitland, the ALS Commandant for again providing us with the perfect location with which to execute this initiative.

This event grows in size every year and every year Chapter 984 and the Offutt community responds beyond expectations!

Other events that occurred during this time period were a POW/MIA 24-hour run and Lunch, It was the first Offutt 24-hour Run and accomplished. 1036 laps completed between 10 base organizations.

There were 85 in attendance at POW/MIA Lunch including 3 local former POWs.

(A1C Norton wins annual raffle. Over \$400 raised)



Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

*By Kimberly Woodruff
Staff Writer*

11/21/2014 - **TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.** -- An outdated "throwback to the 70s" classroom at Airmen Leadership School received a makeover from the Air Force Sergeant's Association, Chapter 985.

The newly updated Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force room was unveiled last week.

"When I talk to Airmen in uniform, their biggest concern is money," said Col. Christopher Azzano, 72nd Air Base Wing and Tinker installation commander. "How are we going to make ends meet, get our job done and take care of each other while maintaining a quality of life for our Airmen? Through our own initiative, sweat equity and volunteer spirit -- that's what will carry us through."

Colonel Azzano said AFSA stepped up and gave a much needed face lift to one of the most important facilities on Tinker. "Every one of the Airmen here today and in the future will make good use of it," he said.

Air Force Sustainment Center Command Chief Master Sgt. Gregg Jones said the AFSA is all about paying it forward. "We never forget our heritage -- it's a big deal," he said.

Chief Jones hopes that before long every room at ALS will have a current sponsor because it makes people get involved with what is going on in the development of Airmen and their education.

"The Air Force is about standards, we can line up jets, polish trucks and look sharp and base entry control points. It is hard to ask our ALS students to look sharp, be sharp and expect their subordinates to do the same when they are learning in an outdated facility that does not convey that message," said Master Sgt. Zachary Merkl, 72nd Security Forces Squadron logistics superintendent and president of AFSA chapter 985.

Master Sgt. Stuart Saunders, non-commissioned officer in charge of ALS, approached AFSA to sponsor a classroom with funds and manpower to bring the classroom from the 70s into the modern age.

AFSA donated \$900 and 35 to 40 hours of labor to present a new clean, crisp and polished military environment.

The classroom has been traditionally known as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force room, and Sergeant Merkl said they wanted to still keep that theme.

"The thunderbird Chapter was excited about this oppor-

tunity and we wanted to keep part of the original design of the room, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force," said Sergeant Merkl. "We didn't want AFSA to overpower the room."

The design includes fresh white paint with a dark blue wainscoting with gun metal grey wood trim.

Sergeant Merkl said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force No. 17 James Cody came through on a visit and signed a new photo to display in the room. Also, retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force No. 15 Rodney McKinley donated some of his personal effects to the cause, including his personal AFSA plaque and a plaque from his time as a first sergeant here at Tinker.

Sergeant Merkl said there were too many people to thank in chapter 985 for bringing together the room, but pointed out a few individuals who were instrumental in the design and execution -- Master Sgt. Eric Dale, Tech. Sgt. Richard Porter and Senior Airman Rafe Holmes.

The team worked closely with downtown partners to have large decals made for the room. Predominately in front are the national symbol for AFSA and the Thunderbird symbol of the local AFSA chapter 985. The AFSA Preamble or credo is displayed as is the Airmen's Creed.

Photos and memorabilia are included in the room to help remind students what AFSA is all about -- taking care of Airmen.

AFSA remains committed to Airmen quality of life and the Air Force mission to fly fight and win. We hope that this space will help mold the future leaders of the Air Force and help propel them to do great things for Generations of Airmen to come.



Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, OK

You may remember that AFSA Chapter 991 in Tulsa deactivated April 1, 2013 and its members merged into our Chapter 985. Our preference is to set up a quarterly meeting with our members in the Tulsa area, but we haven't realized that yet. Fortunately CMSgt (Ret) Gary Lanham agreed to be our point of contact (POC) in Tulsa and Trustee Richard Porter our POC on our Executive Council. Through their efforts, and help from both locations, we set up an information/recruiting table for their ANG Family Day on March 1, 2014. Our two POCs have scheduled another such event for October 5, 2014. The desire of our dedicated volunteers to make contact with and service members where ever they are certainly

demonstrates the AFSA slogan, "Taking Care of our Own!" A big thanks to Chief Lanham and Trustee Porter for their efforts in this endeavor.

I would like to thank Chief Alan Snider Retired USAF; he was instrumental in representing our chapter in Tulsa area for extending our support to Tulsa AFJROTC program this year. Big thanks!

Hopefully you noticed two special achievements in this newsletter. First, a new AFSA/Division Exemplary Achievement Award was established and introduced at the AFSA International Professional Airmen's Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, August 2014. The AFSA Intl. President and each Division President selects a deserving individual from a division. This first prestigious AFSA/Division 3 Exemplary Achievement Award was presented to our own Historian, and long-time chapter officer, SMSgt (Ret) Don Sullivan for his devoted lifetime contributions. Our esteemed congratulations Don!

The other special achievement that I want to emphasize is the letter writing campaign to our congressional leaders via the AFSA CAPWIZ tool by Senior Advisor/Trustee MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner. He wrote a phenomenal 50 letters on September 30th that is our chapter one-day record, and maybe a division/AFSA record. Thanks Terry for your attention to promoting and protecting our hard earned benefits.

| Volunteer Leaderboard Year To Date 2014 | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Name | Unit | Vol Hrs YTD |
| 1 | Rachael Long | 72 FSS | 176 |
| 2 | Terry Turner | AFNWC/NCMET | 130 |
| 3 | Latoya Irving | 72 AMDS | 126.5 |
| 4 | Shelby Platt | 72 AMDS | 99 |
| 5 | Jeremy Long | 146 ASOS | 98.75 |
| 6 | Betty Worley | N/A | 79 |
| 7 | Greg Reyes | 342 RCS | 46.5 |
| 8 | Richard Porter | 5 MRS | 51.5 |
| 9 | Lily Lopez | N/A | 38.5 |
| 10 | Charity Dice | 72 MDSS | 38.5 |



Chapter 988, Altus, AFB, OK

*By Senior Airman Levin Boland
97th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs*

12/13/2014 - **ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.** -- The sound of Taps rings through the cold morning air as memories of her late husband lingers in the mind of Jackie Butterbaugh.

After the solemn music played, Jackie slowly walked to the grave of retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Robert Butterbaugh with a tightly held wreath.

As she laid the wreath down to rest on her husband's headstone, she said, "There you go butterball. I love you and I miss you."

Robert's wreath was only one of 1,300 that were laid at the Altus Cemetery as a part of a wreath laying ceremony, Dec. 13.

The wreath laying ceremony was a part of "Wreaths Across America" Day where volunteers at 900 different locations around the world placed wreaths to honor fallen veterans.

U.S. Air Force Col. Bill Spangenthal, 97th Air Mobility Wing commander, had a few words to offer during the event.

"Today we remember our comrades and heroes who have gone before us," said Spangenthal. "Some making the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom. They put themselves in harm's way so that we may know peace."

After speaking, seven members of Altus AFB **AFSA Chapter 988** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post 4876, laid the first seven wreaths to pay tribute to all branches of the military and to those who never returned to their families and homes.

As Jackie looked around after all the wreaths had been laid, she remarked that Robert would have been appreciative of all the work that went into honoring those

who served.

"Did you know how quickly time can pass? My husband and I were married for



31 years," said Jackie. "He would love this. He would be so proud."

AFSA Chapter 988 has been busy this year. Mostly because of Wreaths Across America. Our little chapter raised over \$15,000 and laid 1,351 wreaths (it was our dedicated members, SMSgt Stallings and MSgt Jennifer Wheeler hard work and time).

All of this success was because of the members of AFSA, VFW and the Altus Ok, community. SMSgt Stallings (our WAA chairman) did a wonderful job coordinating all of the requirements to make this happen.

Take a look at the website/YouTube below and see for yourself. Our Vice President is at the end of the YouTube video: MSgt Lizette DeLaPaz, representing our wonderful chapter 988.



Wreaths Across America Honors Fallen Veterans

[Click picture above to see video](#)



Legislative Update

By CMSgt (Ret) Mark Clark
Division 3, Director of Legislation

Well the 114th Congress is now in session and slowly but surely Congress is being returned to regular order which is a good thing. New Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has vowed to return the senate to regular order after six years of dictatorial rule that stifled debate and laid the groundwork for secret deals and rushed votes that often were not friendly to the military community. With regular order restored every bill will have to be debated publicly, amendments can be offered, and AFSA and the military coalition will have the opportunity to fight for the things important to our Airmen, their families and the military retiree community. Let's just hope that this congress doesn't descend into the chaos we have unfortunately grown to expect in Washington D.C.

With a new year and a new Congress this is our time to strike and make our stand on the issues that we know will harm our force readiness and impact the quality of life of our Airmen, past, present and future. Issues such as the impending report by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission that will surely threaten our current retirement benefit system.

Once again the President will propose drastic changes to TRICARE that will hurt our active duty Airmen and their families as well as our retiree community. And the President will once again announce further force reductions and his desire for another round of base closure and realignments. These are but a few of the hot button issues that we will battle over in the coming year.

The good news is that we now have a great new tool called Voter Voice which makes it easier than ever to reach out to our elected officials. I used it today and it is much easier to use than CAPWIZ and in just a few short minutes I had informed all of my elected officials that I supported HR203 the Clay Hunt SAV Act which provides funding and support to combat suicide in the military and veteran communities. I also let them know that I supported HR303 the Retired Pay Restoration Act which provides concurrent receipt for veterans with service connected disabilities rated below 50%. This is about fairness and we all need to support this legislation.

For those that don't know. AFSA has a very detailed legislative agenda for 2015 and you can find it [HERE](#) I encourage each of you to read it and to get actively involved in educating those around you about what matters to AFSA and our membership.

Together we can accomplish great things and by sharing what we stand for you may just find yourself with new members in your chapters. Our strength is in numbers so don't be afraid to brag about what we are fighting for. An honorable struggle is one that will attract honorable people and that will only make us stronger.

As your legislative chairperson I strongly urge you to check the AFSA Webpage often to keep abreast of the latest issues affecting military retirees and the brave men and women currently serving in our beloved Air Force and our sister services. We owe it to our families to stay informed and involved in the legislative process and AFSA has provided us a magnificent tool to do so in Voter Voice. Please use this tool, email, or call your elected officials to keep the pressure on and let them know where you stand on the issues affecting our hard earned and promised benefits. I'm keeping the pressure on...are you?

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| <u>2014 Recruits</u> | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| S. Francis (988) | 108 |
| J. Wilson (984) | 101 |
| T. Sidel (959) | 101 |
| M. Johnson (959) | 51 |
| G. Reyes (985) | 49 |
| C. Bailey (984) | 48 |
| C. Hollingsworth (872) | 40 |
| D. Suazo (959) | 36 |
| S. Zalesky (872) | 32 |
| M. Walker (972) | 30 |
| <u>2014 Retentions</u> | |
| R. Kolwitz (851) | 176 |
| J. Kolwitz (851) | 107 |
| S. Zalesky (872) | 107 |
| W. Hyde (804) | 28 |
| D. Lutzen (984) | 16 |
| D. Bamburg (951) | 14 |
| N. Brown (872) | 12 |
| A. Roljas (988) | 11 |
| <u>2014 Chapter Recruiting Totals</u> | |
| 984 | 292 |
| 959 | 256 |
| 872 | 166 |
| 985 | 129 |
| 988 | 117 |
| 972 | 56 |
| 951 | 49 |
| 851 | 35 |
| 881 | 32 |
| 964 | 23 |
| 858 | 18 |
| 990 | 7 |
| 804 | 6 |

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| Chapter 872, Scott AFB |   |
| Chapter 881, Whiteman AFB |   |
| Chapter 951, Ellsworth AFB |    |
| Chapter 985, Tinker AFB |   |
| Chapter 959, Minot AFB |  |
| Chapter 984, Offutt AFB |  |
| Chapter 988, Altus AFB |  |

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| AFSA Voter Voice |  |
| House of Representatives |  |
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| Department of Veteran Affairs |  |
| GI Bill |  |
| VA Small Business Website |  |
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| The Military Coalition |  |

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