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Division 3 President's Forum

Over two-thirds done with the year and Division 3 is making our mark throughout the AFSA Universe. For those who couldn't attend this year's PAC in Jacksonville, FL is was a blast.

Although Division 3 didn't win all the top awards we walked away with our fair share, including 2 of the 4 Pillar awards. You can read a list of all our PAC awards later in the newsletter.

One particular new award that meant a lot to me was the "Hero" award given out by the International President and each Division President.

I gave mine to Don Sullivan. Although Don was not able to be at the International Convention to receive it personally from me, his presence is always felt in Division 3 whether he is there or not. Don just needs to make sure he is at

the next Division 3 Convention in Deadwood, SD. I'm leaving it up to CMSgt (Ret) Francis to make sure he gets there to grace us with his presence one more time.

Your Executive Council has put forth good changes coming your way, from an improved AFSA Website/App, membership databases for better reports, possible changes to membership dues and a few changes to our By-Laws.

One By-Law change in particular goes a step in the right direction for members we used to call Auxiliary. Now they become more of a vital part again, referred to as "Family Members," who starting now can be elected any Chapter position.

Finally I encourage every chapter to stay focused on the tasks at hand, recruit new members, keep them trained/motivated, educate people on the important Legislative issues and probably the most important, make sure they renew.



**AFSA
Member
Of
The
Year
MSgt Chad Lee
Chapter 872**



Other AFSA Awards Won

Award	Name	Chapter	Location
AFSA & Aux VAVS Award	Ms. Barbara Veach	804	Kansas, City, MO
AFSA Community Service Award		985	Tinker AFB, OK
AFSA Legislative Field Activity Award		985	Tinker AFB, OK
AFSA Division Website of the Year		Div 3	
AFSA Top Retainer of the Year	Mr. Bud Kolwitz	851	Milwaukee, WI



AFSA Chapter of the Year (under 500)
Chapter 964, Grand Forks AFB, ND



Four Pillars Achievement Awards: Communication,
Dale Lutzen, Chapter 984, Offutt AFB, NE.

(Not Pictured, Membership, Steve Zalesky, Chap-
ter 872, Scott AFB, IL)



Photos for AFSA PAC, Jacksonville, FL



Photos for AFSA PAC, Jacksonville, FL, Cont.





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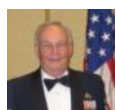
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Division 3, 2014 Standings

Division 3 Top Recruiters for 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Lifetime</u>
WILSON, JOHN	F0984	101	202
SIDEL, TRAVIS	F0984	101	105
FRANCIS, STEPHAN	F0988	81	2,001
KANOY, WILLIAM	F0959	67	67
RATLIFF, LINCOLN	F0872	55	62
REYES, GREG	F0985	39	39
SUAZO, DOUGLAS	F0959	32	36
BAILEY, COURTNEY	F0984	25	25
ZALESKY, STEVEN	F0872	24	772
NIELSEN, REBECCA	F0959	23	44
JOHNSON, MARY	F0959	19	19
WALKER, MARVINA	F0972	19	20
MERKL, ZACHARY	F0985	17	17
HOLLINGSWORTH, CALE	F0872	15	15
RODEN, DONALD	F0858	14	14
TURNER, TERRY	F0985	13	835
HENDRIX, HYMAN	F0872	12	12
MOONEY, MICHAEL	F0985	12	175
LEE, CHAD	F0872	11	169

**928 People
Recruited!**

AFSA Total: 11,295



Division 3, 2014 Standings

Division 3 Top Retainers for 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Lifetime</u>
KOLWITZ, ROLAND	F0851	151	2,922
MELENKA, NICHOLAS	F0984	102	109
ZALESKY, STEVEN	F0872	78	863
HYDE, WILLA	F0804	22	1,826
LUTZEN, DALE	F0984	13	340
RATLIFF, LINCOLN	F0872	8	9
BAMBURG, DAVID	F0951	6	45
ROJAS, AUDRYE	F0988	6	9
LANGENSTEIN, JARED	F0964	5	12
KANOY, WILLIAM	F0959	5	5
BAILEY, COURTNEY	F0984	5	5
BOARDMAN, KORY	F0964	4	4
BROWN, NICHOLE	F0872	4	187
TURNER, TERRY	F0985	3	173

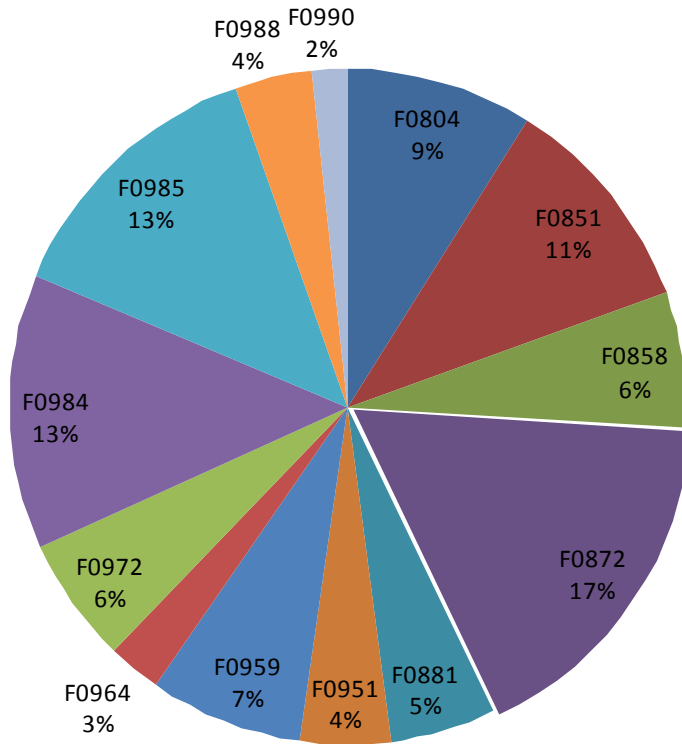
**454 People
Retained!**

AFSA Total: 2,093

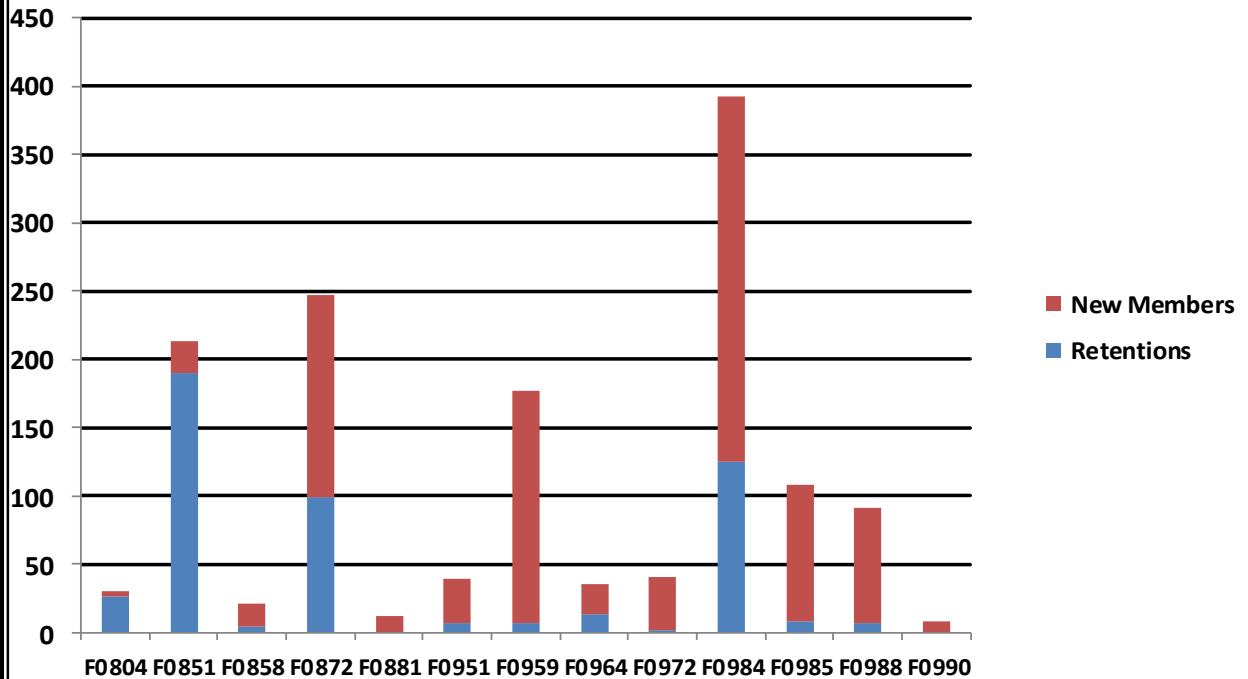


Current Membership Data

DIV 3 MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH BY CHAPTER



DIV 3 CUMMULATIVE MEMBERSHIP STATS



What is CAPWIZ?

AFSA recently added the CAPWIZ application to its website. CAPWIZ is designed as an easy to use tool for contacting your elected officials but it is more than just that. CAPWIZ is also an excellent research tool so you can find out what is happening on Capitol Hill and most importantly, find out if your elected officials are looking out for your best interests.

How to access CAPWIZ.

CAPWIZ can be accessed through this link:

<http://www.capwiz.com/hqafsa/home/>

What can I do on CAPWIZ?

- Send an email to your elected officials about an issue that is important to you
- Research candidates for public office at the state and federal level
- Research federal government agencies
- Research all legislation currently before congress
- Sign up to receive voting records for your elected officials
- Learn basic etiquette for contacting Congress
- Follow political races for each state and the federal government
- Register to Vote
- Contact local media outlets to let inform the public on matters concerning the enlisted Airman

Why is all this important?

If our organization is going to be successful in

our lobbying efforts, our membership must be proactive and contact their elected officials. If we do

The screenshot shows the AFSA website's CAPWIZ interface. At the top, there's a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Contact Us, Events, Legislation, Membership, Resources, Store, and My Profile. Below the menu, there's a search bar and a login field. The main content area features an 'Action Alert' for 'Endorse 1.8% Pay Raise' (bill number 113.2.55). The alert text explains that the NDAA historically has two versions that eventually merge via a Conference between the two Chambers of Congress. Both versions include a pay raise for the military but the House version (H.R. 4435) follows existing law by tying it to the Employment Cost Index (ECI) and grants an increase of 1.8%. The Senate version (S. 2289) which has only cleared the Armed Services Committee and has yet to pass a full floor vote, actually specifies a 1% raise as does the President's budget. AFSA fought too hard for too long in closing the pay gaps between military and private sectors to stop now. A strikingly similar scenario was encountered last year, and now for the 2nd year in a row Defense budgets directly reflect government-wide efforts to compensate for sequestration. Whenever there is a deviation from the ECI numbers it is recreating the gap congress helped close. So we urge our CapWiz users to communicate with elected leaders on this key issue for the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. Below the alert, there's a 'Take Action' button and a 'Compose Message' button.

How to contact your elected official using CAPWIZ

- Go to the main CAPWIZ Page at: <http://www.capwiz.com/hqafsa/home/>
- Click on the "Issues" link in the main menu
- Click on "Current Legislation"
- Click on one of the bills that you want to contact your elected officials about
- Enter your ZIP Code and press GO, CAPWIZ will load your elected officials
- Edit the letter as you desire or send the preformatted text
- Enter your personal information
- Click on Send Message

In just a few minutes, you have helped AFSA to protect your earned benefits.



Chapter 851

We have had several events recently-- both fun and eventful. Also, our Chapter sent two delegates to the PAC at Jacksonville, FL.

We work quite often with an organization in Hartford, WI called "Support the Troops". Jean helps quite often with their booths since she is in the same neighborhood. This summer it was Hartford's Maxwell Street Days.

In May Chapter President Bill Rheingans and Gail Katutis and helped at a Fish Fry sponsored by the Thrivent Lutheran

June 1, 2014—Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Chapter President Bill Rheingans, with Bud & Jean Kolwitz attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ben Faber, of West Bend, WI. His project to become an Eagle Scout was a



trailer for a local organization "Support the Troops" to have in parades. On one side are dog tags "In memory of...." or "In honor of...." The other side has dog tags from various sponsors

June 7, 2014—Membership Drive at the 115th ANG, Madison, WI

We have had several events recently-- both fun and eventful. Mike Gordon, Bud & Jean Kolwitz, along with the Chapter President, Bill Rheingans went to the 115th ANG, Truax Field, Madison for a Membership Drive. We set up in their Dining Hall during their lunch time and afterwards, we went to their base club for more recruiting. We ended

up with several recruits including the Wing Commander, Col Jeff Wiegand. A special thanks to CMSgt Tom Safer, their CCM, for helping us make this so successful.



July 31, 2014— The Junior Enlisted Officer Program (JEOP) of the 128th ANG, Milwaukee, WI was intended to be a merit-based reward and retention tool to show high-potential first-term Airmen the combined mission of the WI Air National Guard. This event enables selected participants to visit



each base and be briefed by key personnel regarding each unit's mission and capabilities.

Our Chapter met the Airmen at their plane when they arrived in Milwaukee. We all rode on the bus that met the plane to their Small Hanger where our Chapter members gave out box lunches and bottled water. MSgt Dalelynn Lombardo of the 128th and Mike Gordon, both of Chapter 851 briefed AFSA, We picked up the cost of their lunch. And we handed out Chapter newsletters, a Chapter "AFSA-Best Kept Secret" informational sheet that we hand out to potential members so that they can see what we do, and we handed out many application blanks.

We have been invited back next year, if they hold the JEOP again.



Chapter 851, Cont.

August 10, 2014

Wingman Day at the 128th ANG, Milwaukee, WI

This day was dedicated to the safety and well-being of the 128th service members and their families. The Air Force Sergeants Association was asked to have an informational booth describing on how we provide supportive services to our members and their families. This was a three-hour event with many other organizations being represented. We were able to get new members that day also. Side note: One Guardsman's daughter wanted one of our water bottles so badly, that he joined AFSA!



If a person joined, he had a choice of one of the bottles or a coin. These items were also for sale.

Again, we handed out newsletters and our "AFSA-Best Kept Secret" informational sheet.

It was estimated that over 1000 Guardsmen and family members attended the Wingman Day and we, again as with the other events, are invited back next year.

Volunteers included Chapter President, Bill Rheingans, Mike Gordon along with Bud & Jean Kolwitz .

Bud and Jean Kolwitz were Chapter Delegates for the International Conference.



Jean was asked to be our Chief Delegate. They presented a report at our September Chapter meeting of all that occurred at PAC. Bud was received the AFSA's Top Retainer Award for the year 2013 from International President Dan Yeomans and Jean was AFSA's Runner-up Retainer for the year 2013. Our Chapter was the High Retaining Chapter for 2013.

Membership for 2014

As of this writing, our Chapter has 204 retentions and 25 recruits. Mike has 7 recruits, Dalelynn Lombardo, 4, Chapter President, Bill Rheingans, 3, and Jean Kolwitz, 1. It is interesting to note that all of Bud and Jean's recruits are members whose membership had expired and they rejoined. As for as retentions are concerned, Bud has 151, Jean 52, and Dalelynn has one.

Chapter 851 Membership Chair Bud Kolwitz with Nancy Behr and Patti Conners



Chapter 872

It has been another great quarter for AFSA Chapter 872 Plans and Programs! We began the quarter with nine sponsored programs, but have gained three new ones: The Fisher House in Jefferson Barracks, Relay For Life and Vets Caring for Vets. Our 12 programs collectively supported 68 events with 389 volunteers, contributing 1,757 volunteer hours and directly boosting the morale of 2,272 members of the surrounding communities! Thank you to all our program leads and volunteers for the tremendous support you have put forth on behalf of our chapter. Please enjoy just some of the highlights from our projects during the last few months.



Meals on Wheels:

Meals on Wheels is the oldest and largest national organization that is composed of and represents local, community-based Senior Nutrition Programs in all 50 states and U.S. territories. There are

5,000 Meals on Wheels programs that provide well over one million meals to seniors who need them each day. AFSA Chapter 872 supports local elders two weeks out of every month and is the backbone of the program in the Scott AFB surrounding area. As AFSA's main POC, Master Sergeant Hyman Hendrix solicits volunteers and schedules deliveries to

numerous residences throughout the local community. This past quarter, he coordinated 70 volunteers and scheduled over 30 food deliveries to 515 elderly community members. These consistent volunteer efforts represent the deep relationship AFSA maintains with the local community and strengthens the positive image our military personnel have built in the eyes of the nation.

St. Louis Dragon Boat Race:

Dragon Boats are a 22-person Chinese style boat, consisting of 20 paddlers, 1 drummer and a steersman. The St. Louis Dragon Boat Festival raises



money for Signature Foundation's Operation Family Help initiative,

which provides financial assistance for healthcare related needs. AFSA's Chapter 872 Team Captain for this year's event was Master Sergeant Karie Cumba; she led 45 volunteers from our organization, as well as other Airmen, family members and personnel from both the Army and Navy. This year's gathering featured live entertainment, food vendors and a Drummer's Parade (most of the drummers were in costume). Our volunteers donated over 40 hours through team meetings, boat maintenance and the Kids Zone (face painting, obstacle course and bounce houses).



Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP):

The EFMP Easter Egg Hunt and Dinner was held 16 April at the Patriots Landing Community Center, led by Technical Sergeant Devon Cherry. Thirty-two volunteers contributed a total of 124 service hours. There were five activities, from face painting to amazing crafts, pictures with the Easter bunny and lots of Easter eggs. The children had a blast looking for over 800 Easter eggs, while AFSA volunteers boosted the morale of 170 participants! Thank you so much for everything to ensure this event was a complete success! Finally, thank you all for your continued participation and care towards EFMP events. The EFMP program will not be a success without your willingness to dedicate your time and efforts for its activities.

Habitat For Humanity:

Habitat for Humanity is an international program designed to provide decent places to live for everyone and relies on local volunteerism. Master Sergeant Brian Pettaway is our POC and has arranged three volunteer events this past quarter, with assistance from Master Sergeant Eduard Dedousis and Staff Sergeant Devin Scott. Sergeant Scott led seven volunteers to package 16,000 Tulips donated from local companies and Sergeant Dedousis led nine volunteers to distribute the flowers to over 350 residents in the local community. Sergeant Pettaway led a team of 7 volunteers to attach a porch roof, build/install interior walls and prepped a basement for wall installation, the first of five homes under renovation in the Spanish Lakes community.



Around the Division

Chapter 951



Chapter 951's summer has been awesome. It began with a transition to a new President when MSgt Snider took the early retirement, a new Vice-President stepping up, to many new faces, and we've been on the move every since.

We've briefed AFSA anytime there is an audience from ALSs, FTACs, Chiefs' Groups, First Sgts, Happy Landings (formerly Right Start) and many more. CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott is our go-to guy willing to talk to anyone that will listen about AFSA and how our benefits are being affected.

In addition to the groups on base, our Chapter has a presence in the community.. "Super Dave" Bamberg briefed the Veterans Coordinating Committee the beginning of each month, keeping up with what the other Veterans Organizations are doing, offering

our assistance when needed and making sure the local offices of our two Senators and Congresswoman, who also attend, are kept informed on what is important to members of AFSA.

Each month we volunteer at the local [VFW Post 1273](#) where we serve food to customers and visit many of the local veterans who come in, some as far back as WW II.

August has been our busiest month yet. Super Dave traveled to the other side of South Dakota where he was personally invited to brief the Chiefs/1st Sgts Groups for the SD Air National Guard and he was joined by Kevin Ott and they set up an Informational Booth for the Guard's Family Day..

Next the Chapter set up a table at both the Dakota Thunder Motorcycle event and during Ellsworth AFB's Family day. They passed out flyers, transferred memberships and sold the famous "Dale Nelson" POW/MIA Coins. As of now the chapter has made over \$400 from coin sales.

The month ended with the Bamberg Family, all AFSA members, representing the Chapter at the PAC where Super Dave was asked to be a member on the Unified Command/Legislative Committees. Now on to the next challenge.



Around the Division

Chapter 985

Chapter 985's Airmen Activities Coordinator Outreach Program continues to provide outstanding support to our communities.



In June 2014 Chapter 985 volunteers helped the Regional Food Bank with the Food For Kids Program. Together they were able to make 227 cases of food, each weighing 24 pounds, which resulted in a grand weight of 5,448 pounds.



Considering that each meal is approximately 1.2 pounds that's 4,540 meals we helped provide! In July 2014 volunteers helped again putting together

246 cases of food weighing a total of 4,920 pounds! Great job that's 4,100 meals served! Way to go AFSA!



Tinker AFB ALS Graduation John Levitow Award recipient., presented by Chapter 985 which is the sole sponsor of the Tinker AFB Airman Leadership School John Levitow Award.

President Zach Merkl presenting one of 6 \$250.00 checks to Chapter 985 Education Grant winners in attendance at the July 2014 General Membership Meeting. Also presented were \$5.00 door prizes.



Accept the AFSA Field Activity Award is SrA Latoya Irving



Accepting the AFSA Community Service Award is Nick Pivernic



A Firsthand Account of AFSA International

By TSgt Jared Langenstein

The 2014 AFSA International Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC) was anticipated as being a great event packed with business meetings, old friendships and upcoming changes in both the Air Force and AFSA. As promised the event did not disappoint, with presentations by Air Force Chief of Staff General Welsh, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Cody as well as over views of Defense health care change and Consumer Protection Programs.

Among the many issues discussed at the PAC the most important was the State of AFSA with wins and losses for the year. Key topics discussed by International President Yeomans were the many legislative wins for AFSA this year. The main emphasis for President Yeomans was the legislative platform that AFSA focuses on. President Yeomans contested that we are "focusing on the right issues". One example of these issues is; pay (won a 1.8% pay raise vs. 1% initially proposed. Education was also a huge win for AFSA this year; AFSA was solely responsible for the restoration of Tuition Assistance. Another huge education win this year was the Military Education Compact. AFSA played a key role in educating lawmakers nationwide on the impacts PCS's play on military children. Healthcare (focused on keeping healthcare costs low for retirees), commissaries (prevented closings) and most importantly retirement has also been huge focuses for AFSA throughout this past year. President Yeomans also explained that we have had some shortfalls in our legislative platform. He explained that we need to change our marketing efforts to better get information to our members. We

also need to differentiate between active, guard and reserve components. President Yeomans as well as CEO Frank explained that the HQ staff and the International Executive Council would continue to work on our behalf to fix our shortfalls and expand on our successes.

Our biggest asset in AFSA is our membership base and President Yeomans lauded the efforts by our Divisions and Chapters on their recruiting efforts this past year. He stressed that all levels have done a great job this year eliminating the bad address list and increasing their chapter memberships. The efforts of the International EC, have provided some excellent membership and recruiting incentives. He also gave some things that as an organization we need to focus on this year. He said that we need to look at how we can better market ourselves, and create awareness and tools for recruiters and retainers. The international EC wants to help provide recruiting tools to standardize some of the recruiting efforts and make the recruiting process easier for the chapters. He also stated that we need to solve the Guard and Reserve recruiting mystery by bridging the gap and making the support of their issues more known. He also discussed the potential of changing membership dues from \$25 a year to potentially \$25 for multiple years. One area that we still need to focus on is our retentions. We need to make sure that we not only recruit new members but maintain the members we currently have.

Another large area for the International EC to focus is our ability to communicate. Over the past year the international EC IT committee has done a great job with modernizing our forms, improving manuals, integrating into social media and rolling out the new



AFSA App. However, the IP gave some areas we still have many areas to focus on. First, our website is outdated. Despite having a lot of available information, we need to modernize and bring our website up to date with current technology. He also said that we need to expand our social media presence to increase our reach to our members and potential members. The International IT committee is also looking to go digital with AFSA magazine. This will give greater access on demand to our members.

Finally, we focused on the Fraternity aspect of our organization. President Yeomans praised the awards and recognitions programs that recognize our outstanding performers from each year. He also emphasized the importance of the Division conventions. They enhance our fraternalism; they are extremely informative and are instrumental in the conducting business for the upcoming year. That being said one point of emphasis during the convention was that we to ensure the individuals in leadership positions at the Chapter level must be knowledgeable about AFSA and its objectives.

One of the biggest changes in AFSA this year after an over-whelming vote was to change the Auxiliary status. During the PAC the AFSA membership delegates voted to change designation of Auxiliary members to Family members. This is an important change and emphasizes the involvement of our families as the issues that our active duty, retirees and veterans face also affect our families. Now Family members can hold Chapter Executive council positions and will give them an active role in our organization.

All in all this year AFSA has been extremely instrumental in many key decisions

that affect our military this year. Thanks to the hard work of our Chapters, Divisions and International Executive Council we continue to be a leader of the military Coalition. AFSA has taken tough stances throughout the year on issues such as Tuition Assistance, Healthcare Cuts, Pay Raises and Retirement restructuring. Balancing the need for change and keeping the best interests of our active duty, retirees and veterans has been challenging at times and maintaining our Big Rocks and enhancing our partnerships with our Military Coalition partners such as the Air Force Association has become more important than ever. The next year will be as exciting as ever, filled with more tough decisions and exciting changes for AFSA. After attending this conference it reaffirms that we are not only part of a premier organization as AFSA members but we are also part of the greatest Air Force in the World.



Photo by "Super Dave" Bamburg

The theme for this year's AFSA International/PAC was "Remembering the First, Thanks for the Memories." Here is a photo from several years ago of CMSAF #1 Paul Airey and Past AFSA International President Elmer Andrews enjoying a few minutes to catch up on old times.



2014-2015 AFSA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

This platform of legislative targets will be used as a "blueprint" for testimony and lobbying efforts, in addition to responses dictated by day-to-day events. Each area designates Association-approved initiatives but this list is not all inclusive. Understanding the Nation's fiscal situation, success in each of these areas will not be defined by what is gained, rather the level of benefit preserved.

HEALTHCARE

- Resist TRICARE fee increases and protect military healthcare benefits earned through a career of military service
- Improve access to health care
- Enhance the TRICARE Active Duty Dental and Retiree Dental Plans
- Exempt military retirees who entered service prior to December 7, 1956, from the obligation of Medicare Part B payments
- Authorize pre-tax payment of health, dental and long-term care premiums
- Fix the Medicare/TRICARE reimbursement rate formula ("Doc Fix")

VETERANS/RETIREE BENEFITS

- Protect annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments
- Ensure adequate VA healthcare funding and access to quality care
- Oppose user fees at local VA medical facilities
- Expand concurrent receipt legislation to include ALL military retirees
- Support efforts to reduce the VA claims and appeals backlog
- Promote and encourage efforts that enhance transition programs and employment opportunities for Veterans

- Improve military skills transferability for service members
- Extend the VA Caregivers Act to full-time Caregivers of catastrophically disabled veterans of conflicts before September 11, 2001
- Ensure sufficient capacity and full funding at national cemeteries
- Pursue changes in Status of Forces Agreements (SOFAs), provide full overseas military retirees with full exchange/commissary benefits and postal services
- Repeal/Modify the Former Spouse Protection Act

CARING FOR SURVIVORS

- Permit full receipt of DIC and Survivor Benefit Plan without an offset
- Allow Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) recipients to remarry after age 55 without losing their entitlement
- Allow survivors of military retirees to draw the full, final month's retired pay
- Improve education programs for surviving spouses and children

MILITARY BENEFITS & PROGRAMS

- Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector and protect current benefits against significant degradation
- Preserve and/or enhance bonuses and special pays
- Protect funding for commissaries, base exchanges, dependent schools and family support programs
- Improve access to affordable child care and encourage payment policies that accommodate military lifestyles (i.e., accommodate periods of leave, offer tax breaks)
- Seek adjustments to allowances to better reimburse members for expenses they incur for housing and government



directed PCS moves

- establish a catastrophic leave program; allow military members to transfer their annual leave to other military members
- Reauthorize and fully fund DoD's Homeowners' Assistance Program
- Support educational and employment opportunities for military spouses

NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR FORCE RESERVE

- Streamline the complex reserve duty status system without reducing compensation value
- Improve transition and reintegration support services for G-R families
- Reduce the earliest Guard & Reserve retirement compensation age from 60 to 55
- Credit all post-9/11 active duty service toward Guard/Reserve early retirement
- Remove the annual cap of 130 points on inactive duty points that can be applied towards retirement
- Provide employer and self-employed tax credits and enhance job security
- Support greater transparency in reporting and resolving Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) violations
- Authorize reimbursement for military duty-related travel of at least 50 miles (instead of current 100 miles)
- Enhance Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB-SR) benefits
- Award Veterans' status to all Guard & Reserve members
- Allow Reserve Component Members use of the USA.GOV Website

EDUCATION

- Support legislation that promotes Veterans success through their use of the Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill programs and ensure these programs remain relevant and are fully funded
- Protect the current military Tuition Assistance program
- Seek transparency of the education programs provided by universities and colleges to military members and their families using TA and/or Post 9/11 and Montgomery GI Bill programs
- Ensure full funding of the Impact Aid Program
- Pursue with all State and US territory legislatures, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

MISCELLANEOUS

- Provide a full accounting of POW/MIAs from all past and future military actions, and promote international compliance in recovery efforts
- Protect the American flag from purposeful acts of physical desecration
- Work to have the military vote count in Federal elections, especially for those service members voting by absentee ballot



2015 AFSA Division 3 Convention

April 23-25, 2015

Deadwood, SD

[Chapter 951](#)



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<u>2014 Recruits</u>	
J. Wilson (984)	101
T. Sidel (984)	101
S. Francis (988)	81
W. Kanoy (959)	67
L. Ratliff (872)	55
G. Reyes (985)	39
D. Suazo (959)	32
C. Bailey (984)	25
S. Zalesky (872)	24
R. Nielsen (959)	23
<u>2014 Retentions</u>	
R. Kolwitz (851)	151
N. Melenka (984)	102
S. Zalesky (872)	78
W. Hyde (804)	22
D. Lutzen (984)	13
L. Ratliff (872)	8
D. Bamburg (951)	6
A. Rojas (988)	6
<u>2014 Chapter Recruiting Totals</u>	
984	268
959	170
872	149
985	100
988	84
972	39
951	32
851	23
964	23
858	17
881	12
990	7
804	4

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