



Air Force Sergeants Association Division 3

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Division 3 President's Forum

Our first year as Division 3 is in the books, as always, I'm very pleased with our division. We continue to improve our organization, we continue to be competitive for AFSA awards, and we continue to set the standard for retention within AFSA. I expect nothing different in Division 3's future. This is only possible because of the hard work of our division membership.

Now is a great time for each chapter to repay those members who work the hardest. Our division Professional Airman's Conference is quickly approaching and expect each chapter to submit their best people for recognition. At a minimum, each chapter should be nominating an Airman, NCO, and member of the year. This process is as simple as completing an AF Form 1206 (Airman/NCO) or AFSA Award form (member) with information on what the nominee accomplished. Even if your candidate doesn't win, just taking the time to recognize your best at the chapter level lets your people know that you appreciate the hard work they do each year.

In addition to personnel awards, AFSA has numerous team awards to recognize the accomplishments of your chapter. Each chapter president is responsible to ensure their chapter is submitted for awards



each year.

The first place you should start is with [AFSA Manual 100-4\(2\), AFSA Awards and Recognition Program](#). This manual contains all current AFSA awards and criteria for submission. For calendar year 2013, all awards must be submitted to the Division by 28 February 2014.

Our Division PAC will be held from March 27th through March 30th in O'Fallon, Illinois. Chapter 872, Scott AFB will be this year's host chapter and they have always put on a top class conference so I encourage as many division members as possible to come out and enjoy some St Louis hospitality. You can learn more about this year's conference on our [Division 3 Website](#).

Pre-registration at the reduced rate (\$95.00) must be received by 20 March 2014.

Hotel reservations must be made by 27 February 2014 to ensure you get them at the guaranteed group rate, so don't delay. This is much earlier than normal so please get those reservations done early.

Our division also sponsors two \$500 scholarships for dependents of AFSA members in good standing. If you would like to learn more about these scholarships please see the Division 3 Website, [PAC Information page](#).

Once again, I expect every chapter to have representation at the Division PAC, it is important that each chapter has a say in our division leadership and receive training to ensure your chapter is meeting all AFSA documentation requirements. Besides the "official" stuff, it is also a lot of fun and a great way to network with other Airmen who want to improve the quality of life for all those serving in the United States Air Force.

I look forward to seeing you all in O'Fallon.

Communications Trustee Report

For over 6 years I have had the privilege of compiling the Division Newsletter for Division 8, Division 89, and now Division 3. During that time, we have enjoyed great success, but it is time for me to step down as the newsletter editor. While I have enjoyed running this program, it is time for me to move on and let someone else have their hand at continuing this success for Division 3. This will allow me to focus more of my time on the Division Website in a support role under a new Communications Trustee and if possible try my hand at other leadership areas within our division.

I thank you all for the support and constructive criticism that have made our newsletter the best in AFSA for 4 years, maybe 5 years, in a row.

- **Gary Swanson, Division 3 Trustee**



General Information

- Dates: March 27 through March 30, 2014
- Location: Drury Inn O'Fallon, 1118 Central Park Drive, O'Fallon IL 62269
- Phone Number: 618-624-2211

Register

- Complete your [registration form](#) and mail along with your payment.

Make your Reservation

- Online: <http://druryhotels.com/>, Group Code: 2194931
- By Phone: 1-800-325-0720 , Group Code: 2194931

Critical Dates

- Event Dates: March 27—March 30, 2014
- Pre-Registration Deadline: 20 March 2014
- Final Registration Deadline: 27 March 2014
- Reservations at the Guaranteed Rate: 28 February 2014

Awards

- [AFSA Awards Nomination Form](#)
- [AFSA Awards Submission Matrix](#)
- [AFSA Awards Manual](#)

Annual Scholarships

[Primary Scholarship Application](#) (Adobe PDF) - This is the primary form applicants should use to apply for the Division 3 Scholarship. This form can be completed and saved using the Adobe Reader program. If you do not have this program, you can download it from Adobe. If you can't complete .pdf form, you can use the alternate form in Microsoft Word or print it and complete the form with legible handwriting.

[Alternate Scholarship Application](#) (Microsoft Word) - Use this form if you do not have access Adobe Reader or if you want to hand write your application.

Hotel Information

- [Hotel Website](#)



Division 3 PAC Awards

It's time to start drafting annual awards packages! This is your opportunity to recognize your chapter's team and individual accomplishments which will be recognized during the Division 3 Convention in O'Fallon, IL on March 27 through March 30. The deadline for submitting packages this year will be Friday, March 9, 2014.

The [AFSA Award Nomination Form](#) must be used for all Chapter and Individual Nominations, with the exception for the Airman & NCO of the Year will use the AF Form 1206. All award information, forms, award matrix, and nomination cover letters can be downloaded at AFSA's website under "AFSA Manuals".

The criteria for submitting awards can be referenced in [AFSA Manual 100-4\(2\)](#) and Awards [Submission Matrix](#). These two sources clearly illustrate the format for each award submission and description of each award category. The Airman & NCO of the Year is limited to 35 bullets, this does not include the four category headings. Any submissions not following this format will be returned for correction(s) or not scored, time permitting.

Award submissions can either be sent via E-mail or mail on a CD. All submissions must arrive on or before this date to allow adequate time to have everything judged, mementoes ordered, and scripts prepared for the division convention. Again, as in years past, there will be no leeway for late submissions. All submissions must be e-mailed or postmarked on February 28, 2014 to be considered. I intend to convene the board(s) immediately following the deadline to permit timely scoring of all award submissions. Packages received after the suspense date will not be scored!

NOTE: All individual nominees must have been members of AFSA prior to 1 July of the year in which being nominated! Therefore, make sure your nominees were members prior to this date before submitting them.

Most chapters will elect, appoint and install new officers over the next couple of months, so you may not be the chapter president when the packages are due. As in the past, the chapter president holding the office for 2013 should bear the responsibility for submitting his/her chapter's nomination packages. If there are any changes during this time please let me know who the new chapter president is.





*Air Force Sergeants Association
Division 3 "Heartland of America"*



January 28, 2014

TO: All Division 3 Chapter Presidents, Division Officers

SUBJECT: 2014 Division 3 Professional Airmen's Conference Program Ads

Chapter 872 of Scott AFB, Illinois will host our annual conference in O'Fallon, Illinois, March 27-30, 2014. As you know, conferences have to be funded. This is accomplished by attendees (delegates and guests) registration fees and program ads. The goal is to break even. Registration fees basically cover all the meals and facility rental. Program ad sales to local businesses and divisions/chapters/members help offset other cost; awards, programs, etc.

The cost of goods and services in our economy continue to increase, so it's no surprise that all expenses associated with putting on a decent conference does likewise. Therefore, you can see why we need every chapter to submit a conference advertisement (samples provided). I urge you to plan on submitting as big an ad as you can afford. The prices remain the same as last year; full page-\$100, half page-\$50, quarter page-\$25, and business card-\$15.00. Your ad must be ready to go to the printer. Ads will be printed in black and white.

Please make your checks payable to AFSA Chapter 872 and mail with your ads by March 1, 2014 to: (If you prefer, you can email these ads in JPEG or PDF format) both AJ Callahan at amber.callahan@us.af.mil and Dean Kuniyoshi at dean.kuniyoshi@us.af.mil, then just mail your payment.

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DALE C. LUTZEN, President
AFSA Division 3



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| <p>Half Page \$50.00</p> | <p>Business Card \$15.00</p> <p>Quarter Page \$25.00</p> |
| <p>Full Page \$100.00</p> | |



SkyHighers

| Recruiter | Chapter | Number of Recruits in 2013 | Lifetime Total |
|------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Terry Turner | 985 | 123 | 823 |
| Chad Lee | 872 | 121 | 158 |
| Arlene Lee | 982 | 115 | 132 |
| Stephen Francis | 988 | 103 | 1,920 |
| Steve Zalesky | 872 | 102 | 748 |
| John Wilson | 984 | 101 | 101 |
| Nicholas Melenka | 984 | 101 | 213 |

Top Retainers

| Recruiter | Chapter | Number of Retentions in 2013 | Lifetime Total |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Roland Kolwitz | 851 | 149 | 2,771 |
| Jean Kolwitz | 851 | 122 | 1,105 |
| Steve Zalesky | 872 | 108 | 785 |
| Willa Hyde | 804 | 101 | 1,804 |

Twin Fliers

| Recruiter | Chapter | Number of Recruits in 2013 | Number of Retentions in 2013 | Lifetime Total |
|---------------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Nichole Brown | 982 | 43 | 57 | 183/75 |

**1,719 People
Recruited!**

**725 People
Retained!**

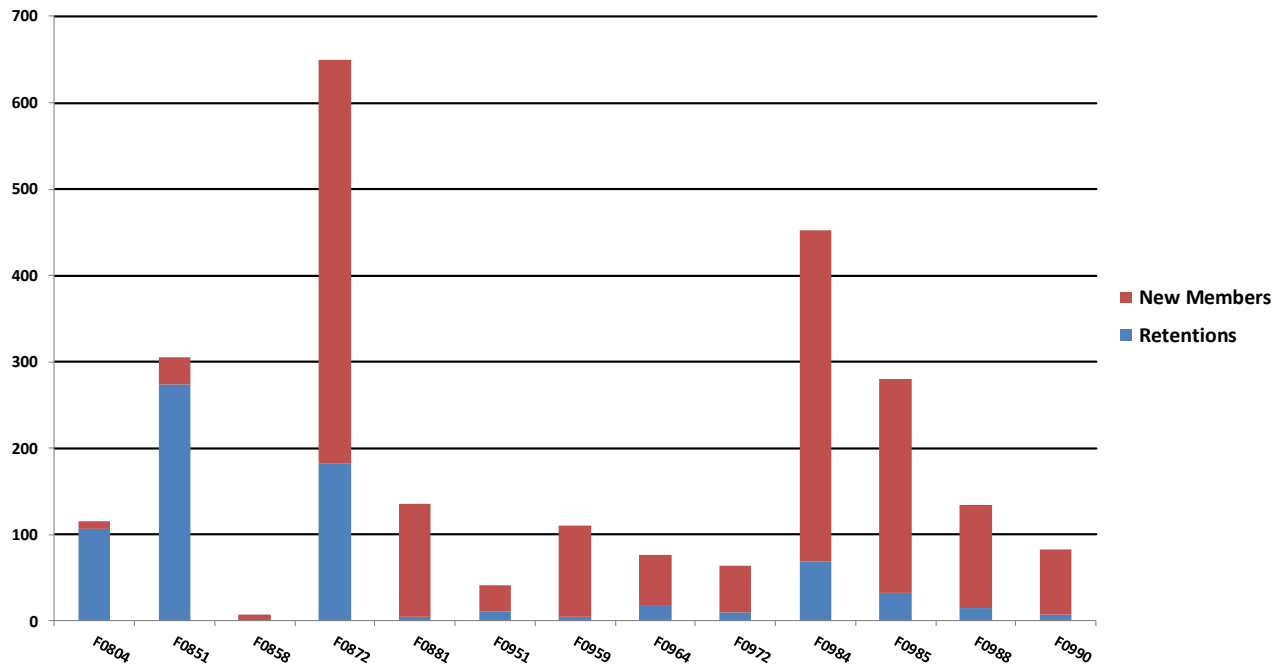


Division 3, 2013 Membership Data

Division 3 - 2013 Membership Stats/Accomplishments

| Chapter | Total # of Recruits by Chapter | Total # of Recruiters by Chapter | Chapter % of Recruiters in Div | Total # of Retentions by Chapter | Total # of Retainers by Chapter | Chapter % of Retainers in Div | SkyHighers | HighFlyers | 50/50 Club |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| F0804 | 8 | 7 | 3.13% | 107 | 3 | 5.36% | | 1 | |
| F0851 | 31 | 4 | 1.79% | 274 | 5 | 8.93% | | 2 | |
| F0858 | 8 | 5 | 2.23% | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| F0872 | 468 | 34 | 15.18% | 182 | 11 | 19.64% | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| F0881 | 130 | 20 | 8.93% | 5 | 4 | 7.14% | | | |
| F0951 | 30 | 6 | 2.68% | 1 | 1 | 1.79% | | | |
| F0959 | 105 | 11 | 4.91% | 5 | 4 | 7.14% | | | |
| F0964 | 60 | 10 | 4.46% | 17 | 4 | 7.14% | | | |
| F0972 | 54 | 11 | 4.91% | 10 | 5 | 8.93% | | | |
| F0984 | 383 | 31 | 13.84% | 69 | 6 | 10.71% | 2 | | |
| F0985 | 248 | 12 | 5.36% | 32 | 6 | 10.71% | 1 | | |
| F0988 | 119 | 5 | 2.23% | 15 | 3 | 5.36% | 1 | | |
| F0990 | 75 | 10 | 4.46% | 8 | 4 | 7.14% | | | |
| Grand Total | 1,719 | 224 | 100.00% | 725 | 56 | 100.00% | 7 | 4 | 1 |

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:

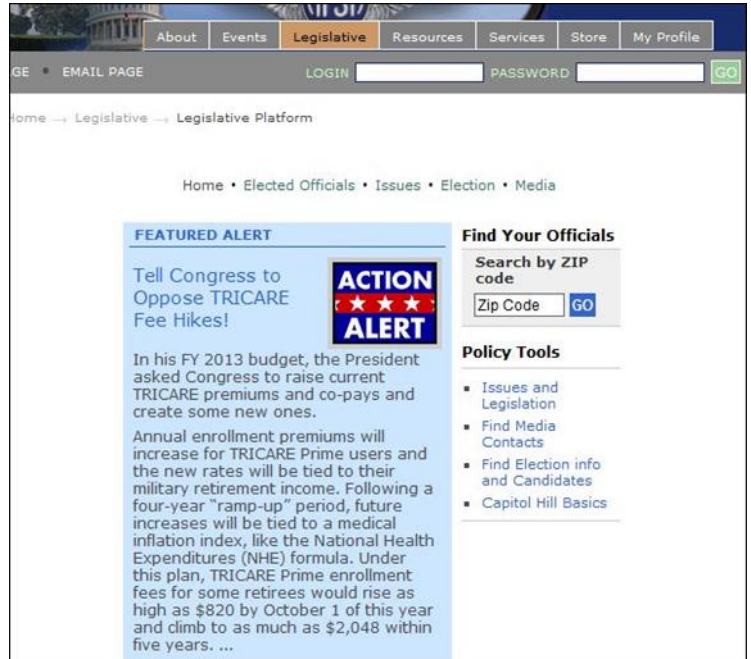
<http://www.capwiz.com/hqafsa/home/>

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 not actively engage our politicians, we run the risk of losing key benefits won during the last 40 years.



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 804

In September, Chapter 804 rededicated its POW/MIA Memorial that was originally at Richards-Gebaur AFB. The chapter recently moved the memorial to Memorial Park in Belton, MO. Ceremony was Saturday, September 21, 2013.



RETIRED CMSGT CHARLIE SIBERT (LIFE MEMBER OF CHAPTER 804) GIVING A TALK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES AS A POW DURING WWII



THE NEW HOME OF THE CHAPTER 804 POW/MIA MEMORIAL IN BELTON MISSOURI

Chapter 984

On 27 September 2013, Chapter 984 hosted the 19th Annual POW/MIA Remembrance Luncheon on Offutt AFB. Each year the chapter invites former POWs or family members of former POWs or comrades still missing in action to thank them for their sacrifice. This year they brought out Captain (ret) Bill Robinson to be their guest Speaker. Captain Robinson enlisted in the USAF in 1961. After three assignments in the continental United States and a long tour at Osan AFB, Korea he was reassigned to Grand Forks, ND. Only spending four months stateside, A1C Robinson was deployed to Thailand with the 38th Air

Rescue and Recovery Unit.

On September 20, 1965 while on a rescue mission over North Vietnam his HH43B Aircraft was shot down and everyone on board was captured. He spent the next 7 1/2 years as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam.



CP MELENKA PRESENTS CAPTAIN BILL ROBINSON A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR BEING THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR CHAPTER 984 19TH ANNUAL POW/MIA LUNCHEON

Upon his release and return to the United States in 1973, now MSgt Robinson was one of three enlisted men to receive a direct commission to Lieutenant in the Air Force approved by President Richard M. Nixon. Captain Robinson along with Neil Black were the longest held enlisted POWs in American History. He was also one of the first Enlisted men to receive the Air Force Cross.

Captain Robinson served honorably 23 total years of service to his country and the United States Air Force, retiring in 1984. CP Melenka presents Captain Bill Robinson a token of appreciation for being the guest speaker. They presented him the 2013 POW/MIA Medallion along with an engraved paver in his name that will be installed on the parade grounds at Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland AFB, Texas.

On 31 August 2013, Chapter 984 held its membership appreciation night at Werner Park during an Omaha Storm Chasers game. The Chapter gave away over 140 free tickets to the game to its members. They also had a tailgate party before the game serving food and gave away numerous prizes. This was way to say thank you to



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the members of Chapter 984. Also, SSgt Amanda Gallegos received the President's Chip for her extraordinary performance and outstanding leadership of putting together the Chapter 984 Membership Appreciation Night at Werner Park.



MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER ENJOYING THE BBQ BEFORE THE GAME.

Chapter 984 Donates \$1000 check to the CMSAF #6 James M. McCoy Airman Leadership School: During August the ALS class in session worked with AFSA, Chapter 984 at Werner Park during a Omaha Storm Chaser game. Students from the class assisted in the concessions stands and during their two days in the stands they help raise \$700. The chapter approved another \$300 donation to reach \$1000 for the Airman Leadership School.



CP MELENKA PRESENTS A \$1000 CHECK TO MSGT JENNIFER MAITLAND THE ALS COMMANDANT TO PURCHASE THEIR MEDALLIONS FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

The money raised will help the school purchase medallions for their graduating students. CP Melenka presents

a \$1000 check to MSgt Jennifer Maitland the ALS Commandant.



A1C BRIANA STANLEY RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S CHIP FROM CP MELENKA DURING OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Chip for extraordinary performance within Chapter 984: During the September general membership meeting for Chapter 984. CP Melenka presented the president's chip for extraordinary performance to A1C Briana Stanley from the 55 SFS. During August A1C Stanley led a team of over 20 AFSA volunteer members to conduct the Brush-Up Nebraska, Paint-a-Thon. Her team successfully painted 73 year old Army Veteran Gene Rose house in two days taking over 15 hours to complete. Without her leadership this would have not been successful.



TWELVE CHAPTER 984 MEMBERS POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO INSIDE THE LOBBY OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL THE MEMBERS VISITED WITH PATIENTS AND DELIVERED OVER 90 STUFF ANIMALS

In August, Chapter 984 introduced a new initiative to the general membership called, "Animals from AFSA". MSgt Don Mitchell a member of the Chapter 984 Executive Council (EC) brought up the idea of Animals from AFSA to



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the EC in July. When he brought it up the EC everyone on the council jumped on this idea and loved it. He introduced two initiatives for the Animals from AFSA. The first initiative was to collect as many used stuff animals throughout different organizations on Offutt AFB for Omaha's Open Door Mission (ODM). These animals would then be donated to less fortunate children in our community. The second initiative was to collect as many new stuff animals donated by different organizations on Offutt AFB for the Omaha's Children Hospital. These animals would then be donated by a team from the general membership going to the Children's Hospital and walk room to room and donate these animals to the sick children in the hospital.



A1C BRIANA STANLEY RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S CHIP FROM CP MELENKA DURING OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

So the collection began. The used stuff animals started off with a bang and after a month of collecting these used stuff animals the team was having a hard time keeping up with the donations. Boxes layout throughout base were overflowing each day from the continuous donations where our volunteers could not keep up. But after the team filled truckloads after truckloads, they were able to catch up and store them at the residents of Chapter 984 member, SSgt Amanda Ramsey. She stepped up to use her home to pre-stage these animals where she boxed them up and help deliver these animals to the ODM. After this drive Chapter 984 collected over 600 pounds of used stuff animals, which translates, into over 2000 stuff animals. Once these animals were boxed the team met

up at SSgt Ramsey's house and delivered these animals to the ODM.

The second initiative did not start off with a bang like the first. Within the month there were only about 15 new animals donated to the chapter. Even with the Chapter approving early in the month to spend up to \$250 of new animals for the Omaha's Children Hospital was still not enough to fill the 90 we needed to be able to donate. The chapter asked for final donations through an e-mail. The next day the Chapter President received a phone call from CMSgt (ret) Robert Muthard and wanted to donate \$500 toward this initiative.



CHAPTER MEMBERS MEET AT OFFUTT ALS TO BUILD THE BOXES FOR THE JUNIOR RANKING MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO OFFUTT AFB

Every November, Chapter 984 sponsors the Thanksgiving Day Food Basket Drive that does not just help our Airmen, but helps the Soldiers, Marines, and Sailors assigned to Offutt AFB. During the months of October & November over 50 volunteers gave over 100 man-hours to come together as a team to make this day of giving happen.

First it starts by soliciting donations at the commissary for hours at a time. Once the boxes overflow at the commissary, the food is next transported to the ALS building each night where the food is stored and organized by the current students from ALS. Once the food drive ended, Chapter 984 collected over 10,000 items of food. This food is then separated, organized and is put on stand-by for the last piece of the puzzle, the TURKEY!!!

With the support from other base organizations like Offutt's Top III, First Sergeant Council, MDG Top III and



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the Officers Spouses Club gthe Turkeys were purchased. This allowed the Chapter to purchase 250 turkeys for the baskets. The Monday before Thanksgiving more people are joined together at the ALS building to build the food boxes for delivery. The First Sergeants and supervisors from each unit request the number of boxes they need for their units. This is our way to say thanks to the troops and to their families during the holidays.



CP MELENKA RECOGNIZE TSGT SCOTT BETTENCOURT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S CHIP FOR EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE

Chapter 984 did not just impact the military families on Offutt AFB during this drive, but the Bellevue community as well. With over 290 boxes built and ready for delivery to the junior ranking service members of Offutt AFB, the rest of the items were donated to the Open Door Mission. This is AFSA Chapter 984 way of GIVING....

Chapter 990

What a year for Team Vance! You know the importance of the Air Force Sergeants Association, but you may not know where Vance's Chapter 990 is today. Every chapter is charged with ensuring folks know the importance of being a registered voter, the impact of effective letter writing campaigns, and just getting down in the weeds to recruit members and educate on the importance of this professional organization. This chapter has done all of these, plus lead a full court press on meeting our wings goal of "Developing Professional Airmen".

Chapter 959

We started the year out by bringing the base voting representative out to educate and help folks get registered that need it. At the same time, they established our chapter recruiting/retention/transfer goal of "100" in 2013. Many were worried as our chapter had floundered around 140-160 members for years.

Day one we were at 148 members. My team set milestones to meet goals throughout the year. They set itineraries to meet with folks we have never met before. We set out to educate our officers and dependents on their eligibility to become part of this great team! We developed a program called "The Gift of AFSA" which allowed current members to purchase the Gift for mom's, dad's, co-workers, etc...many of these particular memberships were for family members elsewhere and did not increase chapter membership, however it increase international membership which is our ultimate goal.

They did an incredible job and today, RIGHT NOW, there are 248 chapter members! Incredible, I am so proud to be part of this group! When we began, we had many bad addresses. They scrubbed the list, found the people and we have had no bad addresses for a substantial time in 2013.

Our legislative trustee led multiple letter writing campaigns. This resulted in over 250 letters being sent to our representatives for issues like cola, medical, retirement, pay and many others. These letters resulted in many representative personally returning messages and addressing issues. He did a great job, and ensured the chapter stepped up every aspect of our representation.

"Developing Professional Airmen", could not have been easier anywhere else. Not only is it the wing's goal, but our chapter has taken it to an entirely new level. As a young airman, I never had much opportunity other than to volunteer to help others lead. Our chapter developed a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) Mentorship program that allowed nearly all our appointed positions



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to be filled by SSgt and below. We are very involved in all aspects of our community on base and off!

We led the 2013 Vance Enlisted Dining-Out Table of Honors Team, in cooperation with the Command Chief's Flag ceremony. We threaded relationships with other private organizations ensuring not to duplicate efforts but to strengthen opportunities. We teamed with the Top Three where we united more than 50 folks to clean-up outside our gates and provided over 40 personnel to be security and run Special Olympics event.

We teamed with our Airman's group to develop and run two Enid community rummage sales in which proceeds were given to the OK Tornado Relief Fund and Enlisted Dining-Out. We teamed with the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) group to have a Run-A-Thon in which proceeds were given to the Boston Bombing Victims. We are now leading an effort which teamed the Company Grade Officer's, Base Motorcycle, Airman's, NCO's, SNCO's, Enlisted Spouse's groups, in a "Joint Effort" to sponsor the Greenbrier Village Nursing Community in support of 24 Veteran's currently living at the home. Four successful visits with these veterans have put many things into perspective and have inspired volunteerism and dedication to our community, especially those who have paved the way for us. We successfully lead the Wreath presentation at this year's Wing POW/MIA ceremony.

This chapter is doing its part toward educational development by reinstating a \$100 AFSA CCAF grants from many, many years ago. Inspired recognition by creating the AFSA Recruiter, Airman, Auxiliary Member and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter Program and we are providing an AFSA Annual Membership to all 71 FTW Airman of the Quarterly and Yearly winners.



Chapter 985



DIVISION TRUSTEE TERRY TURNER WHILE TRAVELING TOOK THE TIME TO TALK AFSA AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Chapter 985 had 11 volunteers help out at the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division by organizing and cleaning out a storage space. It was hard work but very rewarding in the end when we got to spend time with the animals up for adoption.



CHAPTER 985 MEMBER HELP CLEAN THE OKLAHOMA CITY ANIMAL SHELTER

AFSA volunteers helped the Regional Food Bank by providing 4 volunteers for the Rock N' Box Karaoke night. We were able to help contribute towards putting together food boxes that were equivalent in weight to 9,300 meals!

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VOLUNTEERS WORKING AT THE FOOD BANK IN OKLAHOMA CITY



TRUSTEE RACHAEL LONG REPRESENTED THE CHAPTER AT THE ALS GRADUATION. CHAPTER 985 IS THE SOLE SPONSOR OF THE TINKER AFB AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL JOHN LEVITOW AWARD



THE AIRMAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PARTNERED WITH TINKER TOP 3 AND VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS TO ASSIST THE RESIDENTS OF THE VETERANS HOME, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA TO PLAY BINGO

President Terry Turner, Vice President Michael Mooney and Trustee Don Sullivan represented the chapter at the retirement/presentation ceremonies for CMSgt Eddie J. Compton, Command CMSgt 552ACW. The 3 chapter officers presented him with a "Memories" plaque containing photos of friends that served with him and chapter awards earned for special achievements during his chapter trustee years.



CP TERRY TURNER, VP MICHAEL MOONEY AND TRUSTEE DON SULLIVAN REPRESENTED THE CHAPTER AT THE RETIREMENT CEREMONIES FOR CMSgt EDDIE J. COMPTON, COMMAND CMSgt 552ACW

MWC Vet Parade - an AFSA Team Tinker 14-member crew (11 Adults and 3 children) spent 4 hours marching 3 miles in Midwest City's parade to salute its veterans. These members wore overlaid t-shirts and carried a chapter banner to identify them as AFSA Chapter 985 participants. We purchased and waved flags along the route and handed out 10lbs. of candy to the children. (Terry Turner, Shelby Platt, Latoya Irving, Michael Mooney, Richard Porter, Brian Brewer, Rachael and Jeremy Long w/2 children, Jose Magana, and Anthony Aranda w/wife and child).



CHAPTER 985 MEMBERS MARCH IN THE MIDWEST CITY OKLAHOMA VETERANS DAY PARADE

Chapter 985 had 3 volunteers go out Stillwater, OK for the Special Olympics Horse Riding Competition. They had a great time getting the event set-up for the day as well as preparing and serving lunch. From sun-up to sundown our volunteers showed real compassion for those participants in the Special Olympics.



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CHAPTER 985 VOLUNTEERS WORKING THE STILLWATER, OK SPECIAL OLYMPICS HORSE RIDING COMPETITION

This year our team of volunteers hit the road again on our 9th Annual AFSA Traveling Road Show for Special Needs Adults "Christmas Edition" held on Saturday, December 7th, 2013. Due to driving hazards from the ice and snow, and care homes scheduling conflicts, 5 volunteers visited, performed for the 85 residents at the home closest to the base instead of homes at 4 cities for 350 total residents and 400 miles normally driven. The tour consisted of DJ set up, costumes and a stuffed animal for each resident. As usual the joy of the recipients was priceless – truly a blessing - this is what it's all about!!



A CHAPTER 985 MEMBER PERFORMS FOR THE CROWD AT A LOCAL HOME FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

President Terry Turner, Vice President Michael Mooney and Trustee Don Sullivan met with new Command CMSgt Avery Woolridge of the 552 Air Control Wing for a meet and greet welcome. He was briefed on the chapter's activities, achievements and goals for Tinker Enlisted Airmen and our community. A chapter

sponsored base-wide welcome ceremony is being planned.



PRESIDENT TERRY TURNER, VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL MOONEY AND TRUSTEE DON SULLIVAN MET WITH NEW COMMAND CMSGT AVERY WOOLRIDGE OF THE 552ND AIR CONTROL WING

Chapter 985 conducted the Chapter's 4th Quarterly General Membership Meeting at the Santa Fe Cattle Co. Steakhouse at 5:00PM. The purpose of a quarterly general membership (GM) meeting is to attract members that are unable to attend our monthly meetings, yet want to engage in/meet other members for possible future involvement. The meeting lasted about an hour and had 17 attendees (including children). Vice President Michael Mooney held drawings for door prizes of Base Exchange, Warren and Harkins Theatre. Also, iTunes gift cards, along with chapter t-shirts and OKC NBA Thunder memorabilia.



A LUCKY CHAPTER 985 MEMBER WINS A DOOR PRIZE AT THE 4TH QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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TRUSTEE CHARITY DICE REPRESENTED THE CHAPTER AT THE DECEMBER ALS GRADUATION. CHAPTER 985 IS THE SOLE SPONSOR OF THE TINKER AFB AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL JOHN LEVITOW AWARD

Chapter 985 and the Missile Sustainment Division partnered to purchase gifts for 46 children of 18 families whose names were on the Angel Tree. An estimated \$6,000 was raised with the chapter donating \$563.94.

In addition: Volunteers collected over 300 toys from local business to support Tinker AFB Families.



CHAPTER 985 MEMBERS WORKING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

The chapter's month-long gift wrap fund raiser ran Nov 27-Dec 24 at the main Base Exchange. A successful net proceeds were realized through 262 volunteers working a grand total of 1,183 hours manning the booth 12 hours daily, 7 days a week.

Chapter 858

Don Roden, master sergeant retired and a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 858, praised Congressman Walz at a ceremony at the Stewartville American Legion Post 164 on Thursday, Dec. 19. Walz has established himself as a powerful advocate for benefits for service members, veterans, retirees and their family members and survivors, Roden said.



CONGRESSMAN WALZ ACCEPTS THE L. MENDEL RIVERS AWARD FROM CHAPTER 858 PRESIDENT DON RODEN

Chapter 951



VETERANS DAY PARADE, DAVID A. BAMBURG, MSGT (RET), KEVIN OTT, CMSGT (RET), JOSHUA KELLY, TSGT, DRIVING AND ASHLEY BAMBURG, MY DAUGHTER AND AUXILIARY MEMBER



CHAPTER 951 MEMBERS DECORATING THE SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME ON DECEMBER 2ND



CHAPTER 951 MEMBERS MSGT CHARLES FLANNIGAN AND SSGT KATHRYN BRAUN SERVING MONDAY NIGHT STEAK AT THE RAPID CITY VFW



Around the Division

Chapter 851

Hello from Wonderful Wisconsin Winter Wonderland--where you are either freezing to death or getting buried under more snow!

Hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and that 2014 is good to all of you.



MIKE GORDON, CHAPTER 851 TREASURER AND TWO OF SANTA'S HELPERS.

Chapter 851 had several members helping at the 128th ANG Annual Holiday Party. They worked the Bounce House and the Craft Table/Cookie Decorating. Our "Tattoo Lady" was busy tattooing the kids again this year. This is an annual event for us. Our November planned Membership Drive at the 115th FW at Madison, WI had to be canceled due to events in DC.

2014 looks to be a busy year for us. Among other things, we are in the process of planning our calendar for next year. That includes a Membership Drive at the 115th FW in Madison, WI and a Membership Appreciation Day at the 128th ANG, Milwaukee, WI where we hold our meetings. Also, we are working on going to Wausau, WI later in the year where many of our members live. These are the ones who became members of our Chapter after their closed.

As far as Membership goes, we have two HighFLIERS in our Chapter--Bud Kolwitz and Jean Kolwitz.

Our Community Service projects are continuing. Members are donating Box Tops for Education, pull tabs that go to Ronald McDonald House, and canceled stamps that go to the Lions International Stamp Club for their "Stamps for the Wounded" project. Manufacturer coupons are being turned

in and this past quarter we sent over 12 lbs. of coupons to Ankara, Turkey. We maintain a bin at the 128th for the personnel to put these various items in for our projects. Over 11 pounds of toiletries and food items were sent to Bagram Air Base and we received a very nice Thank-You from them. One of our members made and donated 14 winter hats to a local homeless shelter for veterans.



ROW 1 (L) 851 MEMBER GAIL KATUTIS, ROW 2 (L) 851 MEMBER & HEAD OF 128TH FAMILY READINESS ELAINE SCHACHELMAYER & 851 MEMBER JEAN KOLWITZ, ROW (3) 851 SR. ADVISOR BUD KOLWITZ

Chapter 872

Each year, Scott AFB hosts its annual Retiree Appreciation Day. AFSA Chapter 872 has been a key player in this event each year and has provided the keynote speaker for the last three years. This year, AFSA International President, Dan Yeomans talked to both enlisted and officer retirees and their spouses about critical quality of life programs that affect retirees.

Col Kyle Kremer, 375 AMW/CC, presenting a Certificate Appreciation to the International President for speaking to over 250 retirees during the Scott AFB Retiree Appreciation Day.



COL KYLE KREMER, 375 AMW/CC, PRESENTING A CERTIFICATE APPRECIATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DAN YEOMANS



Around the Division

For its fourth year, Chapter 872 led Team Scott and the local community in honoring veterans, past and present, with a 24-hour Vigil Run which began on November 1, 2013 and culminated at 1700 the next day.



CHAPTER 872 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE 4TH ANNUAL VIGIL RUN IN REMEMBRANCE OF AIR FORCE CAPTAIN BRANDON CYR OF SHILOH, IL AND ARMY SPECIALIST JA'MEL BRYANT OF BELLEVILLE, IL

During this day of remembrance, we selected local honorees Air Force Captain Brandon Cyr of Shiloh, IL & Army Specialist Ja'mel Bryant of Belleville, IL for special recognition. Capt Cyr died on 27 April 2013 in an MC-12 crash near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan and SPC Bryant died 27 September 2008 while on patrol near Wahida, Iraq.

The event began with a moving invocation by MAJ Kenneth Johnson of the Scott AFB Chapel and a tribute to our two honorees. Capt Cyr's father (Navy Captain Phillip Cyr) and SpPC Bryant's brother (Mr. Antonio Bryant Jr.) were invited & graciously accepted to be the first to carry the Prisoner of War & United States flags around the track symbolizing the start of many additional miles volunteers would run in the ensuing 24-hour period. By the end, more than 600 active duty, reserve, guard, retired and civilian personnel from the local community & deployed to Al Udeid AB ran a total of 125 miles.



DEPLOYED MEMBERS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S VIGIL RUN AT AL UDEID AB. IN ALL, 125 MILES WERE RUN DURING THE 24 HOUR EVENT

Many who participated did not know what to expect when they first volunteered but when they were done reading veteran names or running a segment of the event, they enjoyed knowing that they were remembering those who had served before them & couldn't be here themselves. MSgt Mathias Gassen, Vigil Run chair stated, "AFSA's Vigil Run is truly one of the best veterans events that I know of. To see the level of commitment from our Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, & Marines as well as the local community to each take their turn carrying our flags and remember all veterans is an inspiration to everyone." A memorial candle burned throughout the night and through the day until the conclusion of the event. A final ceremony brought the Veteran's Vigil Run to a close with a renewed hope and an appreciation for our past and present veterans, Capt Cyr and SPC Bryant who have served our country with pride and honor. It truly was an inspirational event in every sense of the word.



CHAPTER 872 MEMBER WITH A LOCAL VETERAN DURING THE CHAPTER'S NEW "BOOTS ON THE LANE" PROGRAM

Boots on the Lane is a new community service project to Chapter 872. This past month TSgt Ron Zokal orga-nized an 96-person adaptive & able bodied bowling tournament that utilized the thera-peutic benefits of bowling to increase strength, range of motion, endurance, com-petitiveness, & social skills of veterans. TSgt Zokal worked the Jefferson Bar-racks VA Hosptial to bring Veterans to base and paired them with fellow veterans as well as with 2 kids & 2 adults from the Shriners Hospital. Each participant re-ceived an AFSA Chapter 872 poker chip to commemorate the event! This free event was made possible by generous donations from the chapter as well as the local community!



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