



# AFSA CHAPTER 951

## Mt. Rushmore Chapter



Attending the 2019 D3 Convention, L to R: Family Matters Trustee Marny Bamburg, Senior Advisor “Super Dave” Bamburg, Past 951 Legislative Trustee and new Division 3 President, CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott and Chapter President, MSgt Abigail Philbrick.

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### Membership

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### *Fireside Chat, Chapter 951 President, MSgt "Abby" Philbrick*



I would like to welcome all of you to the Mount Rushmore Chapter Newsletter. It has been a quick first few months of 2019 and your executive council stands ready and willing to support the Airmen of Ellsworth Air Force Base and the surrounding community moving forward into this New Year. I am proud to continue to serve as your chapter president and hope that this year will be even better than the

last! This newsletter will provide you with some updates on some of our outstanding accomplishments for 2018, details of the organization and how to engage our chapter, family members, and those throughout the beautiful Black Hills area.

I cannot state just how proud I am to be affiliated with such a service based organization and to be represent Chapter 951. Our chapter continues to dedicate a lot of time and service to continue its success. We closed out 2018 with a great finish of our Honoring our Patriots Campaign, Combat Fill-the-Boot fundraiser, and the POW/MIA 5K Remembrance run/walk. Our efforts last year raised over \$12,000 in 2018 and we supported 3 national organizations as well as over 10 local organizations. Through a 'fair-share' approach our Chapter has donated \$1,500 each to the following national charities, the Air Force Enlisted Village, the Gary Sinise Foundation, Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund as well as the Air Force Assistance Fund.

We also aided dialog between our state leaders and our Active Duty spouses to highlight the growing issue of Spousal Licensing effecting employment opportunities for many who now call South Dakota home. Continuing the legislative piece at the local level led to the passing of House Bill 1111 granting expedited processing for those spouses seeking to transfer an existing license to the state of South Dakota and at NO COST to the individual. This was a HUGE win for our spouses and we'd like to express our heartfelt Thank You to those who continued to speak on this matter to keep it moving forward to success.

Through all our combined efforts our chapter was recognized for our outstanding accomplishments at the Division 3 Professional Airman's Conference as the Chapter of the Year, Volunteer Chapter of the Year and the Chapter Communications Award.

The four pillars of AFSA include Membership, Legislation, Communications and Fraternalism. While we continue to move forward building these pillars we cannot ensure success without your support. We have elected an outstanding membership team that will be hosting drives and reaching out to those members for upcoming events and how to get involved. Watch for details of how you can engage as we continue to support the Airmen of Ellsworth, the state veteran's home, remain active with our state and local civic leaders and host community engagement/socials.

Thank you for being a member of The Mount Rushmore Chapter. As a reminder, our monthly membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 1130 to 1230 at the Dakota's Club on Ellsworth Air Force Base. Feel free to view our website at [www.afsa951.org](http://www.afsa951.org), or FaceBook page AFSA Chapter 951, The Mount Rushmore Chapter, or email at [afsa951@gmail.com](mailto:afsa951@gmail.com). If you are experiencing any issues that you would like to be elevated to our state representatives please contact the chapter at [afsa951@gmail.com](mailto:afsa951@gmail.com) with the details and we will ensure it reaches the proper offices.

This past year has been filled with great accomplishments, incredible teamwork and amazing support. AFSA Chapter 951 is truly filled with "**Great** People doing **Great** Things"!!! We look forward to an even better outlook for 2019.

Abigail J. Philbrick

President, AFSA Chapter 951

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## Executive Council

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### How are we Communicating?

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| AFSA HQ                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Division 3                        |    |    |    |    |  |   |    |   |   |   |
| <a href="#">Ellsworth AFB, SD</a> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



# AFSA International

## Family Matters Letter



**MEMBERSHIP** – By now, all Chapter Presidents should have received IP Carton's email regarding two new membership campaigns for 2019 – Reward the Recruiter and Reward the Retainer – which started January 19 and runs thru December 31.

“Every AFSA member, including Family Members, is eligible to participate. However, uniformed member participation is limited to those in the grades of E-1/E-5. Your reward for reaching the recruiting and/or retention goal is either a 1-year extension of your current membership or, if you are a Life Member or Member for Life, a 1-year membership gift to pass to a colleague, family member, or friend. “

If every Family Member would recruit/retain one member, how awesome that would be! We can do this – remember the word FAMILY – this is your Mom, Dad,

sister, brother, children, grandchildren, etc. RECRUIT THEM NOW! Come on, Family Members – let's rock this campaign!!

Reward the Recruiter/Reward the Retainer -- These new membership campaigns are designed incentivize and reward the recruiter or the retainer as well as inform, train, and educate young Airmen and NCOs on how to get involved and develop a sustained recruiting and retaining mind. These campaigns are not replacing existing individual recruiter and/or retainer programs.

### GROUND RULES

1. The Reward the Recruiter/Reward the Retainer campaigns runs from 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 and may be extended into the next calendar year.
2. Both campaigns are open to all AFSA members, including Family Members. However, Uniformed Service member participation is restricted to those members in the grades of E-1 through E-5.
3. Promotion to the E-6 during the calendar year does not disqualify the recruiter/retainer.
4. An Airmen can repeat the recruiter and/or retainer reward process each year until they are no longer eligible to participate.
5. Existing recruiting and retaining incentive rewards will be utilized in conjunction with these campaigns (25/50 recruiter/retainer pins, SKYHigh/HighFLIER/TwinFLIER, recruiter and retainer credit). All recruiter and/or retainer incentives earned will be send directly to the recipient.
6. Recruiter and retainer campaign results will not be mixed (like Twin Flyer).
7. Recruiters or retainers eligible for the 1-year extension cannot transfer the membership to another AFSA or Family member.
8. Life member and Member for Life recruiters and/or retainer must provide their 1-year membership gift to any individual eligible for AFSA membership or renewal.
9. AFSA will provide incentives to all eligible participants based on achieving the following milestones:
  - a. 15 Recruits/Retentions - AFSA President's Coin
  - b. 25 Recruits/Retentions – Recruiter/Retention Pin
  - c. 50 Recruits/Retentions – Recruiter/Retention Pin
  - d. 52 Recruits/Retentions – 1-year membership extension. The recruiter/retainer record will be updated within 60 days of membership application verification – no submitted application declines.

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## Family Matters Letter cont...

e. 52 Recruits/Retentions - Life Member and Member for Life recruiters and/or retainers will be rewarded with a 1-year membership gift, which they must share with any person their choice eligible for AFSA membership or renewal. This membership application must be activated and processed within 90 days of certification by the Chapter President and Member and Field. Unclaimed rewards will not be carried beyond the 90 days' timeframe.

10. A member can only receive one (1) free membership or membership extension per calendar year.

11. Recruiters and/or Retainers must use the AFSA approved Reward the Recruiter/Reward the Retainer membership form and/or the link on the AFSA home page (Reward the Recruiter/Reward the Retainer campaign will have a specific source code to track recruits).

12. Only standard membership rates (1-year for \$36, 2-years for \$63, and 3-years for \$75) apply for these campaigns.

13. Members recruited/retained utilizing approved special membership campaign initiative and the associated membership rates will not count toward the Reward the

Recruiter/Reward the Retainer total of 52 recruits/retentions. However, they will count toward SKYHigh/HighFLIER/TwinFLIER qualification status.

14. Chapter Presidents and/or Membership Chairs will inform AFSA Member and Field Services of the participant's recruiter ID and the chapter will track each recruiter/retainer's activity; informing the member when they achieve a recruiting/retention milestone.

15. Chapter Presidents and/or Membership Chairs will provide AFSA Member and Field Services and their Division President an after-action report of issues faced by their recruiters so we can address issues quickly.

**FRATERNALISM** – If you're looking for some free (and cheap) family-friendly activities, then look no more. Operation We Are Here is a resource for the military community and lists numerous activities on their web site. Maybe some of them are in your area or not too far for your family to take a trip. How about getting some Chapter and Family Members together for a day trip?

<http://www.operationwearehere.com/VeteransFamiliesRecreation.html>

Below is a list of Valentine's Day activities for the family –

☑ Deliver Valentines to a nursing home, shelter, VA Hospital, etc. -- Do you have some crafters in your family? Get out the craft paper, some markers, stickers and whatever else your crafty heart fancies and get busy on making some unique Valentine cards. Then gather them all up and take them to a shelter or a nursing home and hand them out to the residents! (Pair them with some treats from and you'll really make everyone's day!)

☑ Shake Painting for Toddlers -- Gather your materials. You will need a plastic food container, some punched hearts (or cut out from construction paper), a piece of card stock, glue and paint of your choosing. Punch out some hearts from construction paper. Place the hearts and paint in the food container. It's easier to put the paint in first, they shake better that way. Put the top on and shake. Open and be amazed! Fold the card stock and add glue. Add hearts to glue and let dry.

☑ Deliver a Care Package to those with deployed spouses – put together a Valentine's Day basket with all sorts of goodies and stuffed animals for the entire family to enjoy. Check out Pinterest for some fabulous ideas!

**COMMUNICATION** – I'm seeking your help once again. I want to establish email address books, by Division, to include ALL CHAPTER FAMILY MATTERS TRUSTEES. I will be contacting each Division President to provide me a list of those members, by Chapter, and their email addresses. You all can help me out, though, by responding immediately to this request.

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## Family Matters Letter cont...

Also, our Family Matters Facebook page needs more items of interest by our Family Members. If it wasn't for Andy Sanford, nothing would get on that page, and I thank her from the bottom of my heart. I occasionally post something, but we have a lot of other Family Members out there that I know have something to contribute. If you don't want to post it yourself, then contact me. I'll get it out there for you. Whatever you're doing in your Chapter, let's get it on our Family Matters page.

**LEGISLATION** – You can check out AFSA's 2018-2019 Legislative Platform at the below site --

<http://www.hqafsa.org/legislative-platform.html>

AFSA's seven major focus groups are as follows –

• Military Healthcare • Veteran/Retiree Benefits • Caring for Survivors • Military Benefits & Programs • Air National Guard & Air Force Reserve • Education • Military Families

A few of the ongoing Legislative Items affecting Family Members are –

• Resist TRICARE fee increases, pharmacy co-pays and authorize pre-tax payment of health, dental and long-term care premiums to include chiropractic care • Improve access to affordable child care • Allow survivors of military retirees to draw the full, final month's retired pay

A couple of the ongoing Policy Items affecting Family Members are –

• Extend time on station between Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves • Extend length of time allowed on final PCS move for household goods to two years

To view the all-inclusive lists, please refer to the web site mentioned above.

Until next time, thanks so much for all you do for our country and for AFSA.

Take care and God Bless!

*Patti Dalzell*

Family Matters Trustee

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*Proud* **AFSA &  
AIR FORCE**  
*Family*



# What U "Ott" 2 Know

As I briefed at the Division 3 PAC in April the BAH survey and study I started back in 2017 is still ongoing, as I am awaiting the actual data collected by the DoD contractor to help determine the BAH rates here on Ellsworth. My original Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Defense Travel Management Office/Defense Human Resources Activity (DTMO/DHRA) was submitted way back in Oct 2017 and I received a response in Dec 2018 (14 months later) that they had identified 8 documents that met my request.

But they denied to provide the data citing it was "exempt in their entirety pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)" for "trade secrets". Needless to say I filed an appeal in January 2019, still to be determined if that will take another 14 months. Next to close the loop on "Leadership Engagement" on the subject (vice legislation actions) I submitted an Airman Powered by Innovation (API) suggestion (2018-936) titled "Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Transparency" in May of 2018. It is still "in review" as of April 2019.

Next, a full 12 months before the issue of poor government oversight of Privatized Housing hit the media and the halls of Congress I launched a Privatized Housing survey in response to numerous and continued complaints and comments on "Ellsworth Families" Facebook page. This survey provided different results than the housing contractor's own surveys and resulted in the the base commander directing two base "Townhall" meetings on the subject of housing (both BAH and Privatized Housing). While poorly attended due to lack of announcements/advertising it was reassuring to see base leadership engage on the subject of housing.

Finally, on a positive note. In January 2019 I attended an Ellsworth Spouses Club forum on the subject of Active Duty Spousal Professional Licensure Reciprocity. The forum was extremely educational for all in attendance, to include some 25 spouses, the base Airman & Family Readiness Center, the Vice President of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce and yours truly. I had earlier in 2018 discussed the issue with the Chamber and the South Dakota Secretary for Veterans Affairs, but now the issue was ready for the upcoming legislative year. That day I wrote and sent letters to the 18 state legislators from the Ellsworth area, as well as the Secretary and the Governor asking for their "time and consideration on the necessary pieces of legislation that will be proposed in this and future years on this subject."

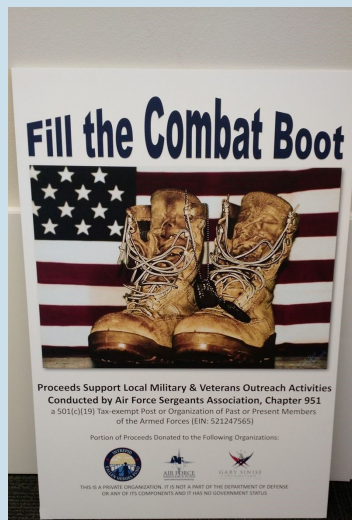
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As I pass on the legislative baton let me leave you with these 10 yes/no questions to use to self-assess your chapters legislative program:



Kevin Ott  
CMSgt (Ret), USAF,  
Division 3, President

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Honoring our Patriots

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# What U “Ott” 2 Know Cont....

## My Chapter:

1. **My** briefs/discusses current AFSA Legislative news at each chapter meeting?
2. **My** shares AFSA legislative news at base and/or community organization meetings?
3. **My** shares Legislative news (Social Media, e-mail, newsletter, etc.)?
4. **My** polls/surveys our members and/or installation populace to gather their concerns?
5. **My** meets with installation/community leaders to discuss issues and/or concerns?
6. **My** routinely attends installation/community townhalls/other military/veteran forums?
7. **My** routinely meets with U.S. Congressional Staffers, State Dept of Veteran Affairs, etc. ?
8. **My** hosts legislative Q&A forums with local leaders and/or congressional staffers?
9. **My** is a member of local Chamber(s) of Commerce and related committees?
10. **My** participates and urges others to contact elected representatives (VoterVoice, etc.)?

It's been my pleasure to serve as your legislative trustee,

**Kevin M. Ott, CMSgt (retired)**

**President, AFSA Division 3 (Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin)**

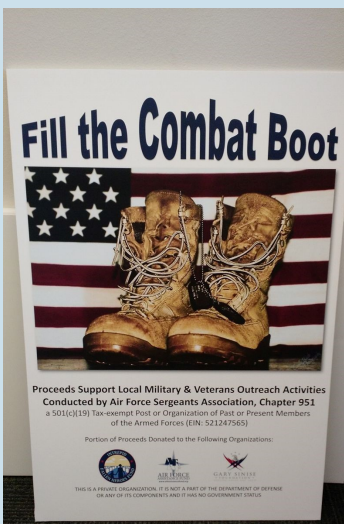
**605 939-4404 (cell)**

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**Click Picture Below for AFSA Legislative Platform Highlights**



## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



### Legislation

We Defend and Protect  
Your Earned Benefits  
and Advocate for  
Your Future



# Membership Principles



Jamie Erickson  
SMSgt, USAF,  
AFSA CHAPTER 951,  
Membership Trustee

If there was one thing that you would like to see changed within the U.S. Air Force or Department of Defense what would it be?

Would it be a military pay raise? Ensuring that your College Tuition Assistance remains intact or keeping the main exchange or commissary on your base open? These may seem like weird questions, but the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) faces these battles and advocates for your benefits every day.

AFSA is one of the military lobbyist organization we have fighting for us on Capitol Hill. And, like any other lobbyist group, membership numbers count. For instance, each year AFSA fights attempts to close the main exchange and commissaries in order to cut costs across the Department of Defense. When fighting an issue like this, the more members that stand behind AFSA, the more effective and louder their voice.

When hearing about proposals and attempts like these to take away our privileges and benefits, it's natural to be upset and even to voice your concern. Why not put that concern in action to do the most good? Join AFSA and add your voice to help ensure that our benefits are not stripped away by Congress in an effort to pinch pennies.

Becoming a member gives us the voice we need to take action and assist with various bills being enacted. Throughout the year the organization lobbies for numerous bills in support of our military benefits. Currently, some of the legislations that AFSA is working to push through congress are to repeal the law that reduces military Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, repeal the law that reduces military retirement pay for those with members with service-connected disability compensated and received from the Veterans Affairs, acting to stop reductions in military pay raises and to ensure relative comparability with private sector wages, acting to repel all attempts to close or eliminate military commissaries and exchanges and, numerous others.

For the cost of an AFSA membership, \$36 for a one year, \$63 for two and \$89 for three they will ensure your benefits are being handled correctly.

Life memberships are also available: Age 40 and under \$650, Age 41 – 50 \$550, Age 51 – 60 \$450, and age 61 and over at \$350.

We urge you to let your voice be heard--become an AFSA member and let's have our issues and concerns be heard and continue to preserve our benefits and privileges.

Click on picture below to take advantage of the Membership Special. If you don't already have another member's AFSA number for the recruiter then use 794003

A promotional banner for the AFSA Family & Friends Joint Membership Campaign. It features a group of diverse military families and a central graphic. The graphic includes the AFSA logo, the dates 'MAY - JUNE - JULY 2019', the text 'FAMILY & FRIENDS Joint Membership Campaign', and 'Two New 1-Year AFSA MEMBERSHIPS \$50'. The website 'www.hqafsa.org/familyfriendstrong' is also listed. The banner is set against a blue background with a grid pattern.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**  
Joint Membership Campaign

Two New 1-Year AFSA  
**MEMBERSHIPS**  
**\$50**

[www.hqafsa.org/familyfriendstrong](http://www.hqafsa.org/familyfriendstrong)

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## Electronic Communications



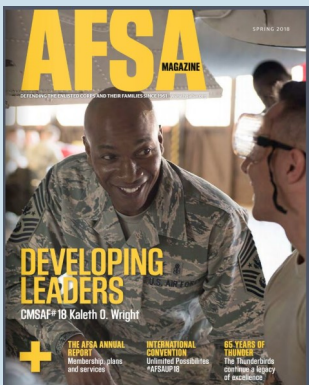
*Click on the AFSA magazine below left or the picture below and check out what AFSA has to offer.*

Our chapter continues to lead the way in how we communicate with our members. While we still have some old school ways such as this newsletter which hopefully goes out every 4 months and our website, [www.afsa951.org](http://www.afsa951.org), we continue to maximize the other means of social media.

For starters, check out our Facebook page by clicking the link on the left. There you can see real time events as they are posted, information on upcoming events or other AFSA/Division/other Chapter news as we share it to our page for our members to see. If you want to see what Chapter 951 has done, just scroll through the posts which show everything we have done of the past weeks, months and years.

In addition, we are a driving force in getting AFSA HQ to catch up with everyone else in reaching out to its members and opening new doors to sharing AFSA information. CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Ott, our past Legislative Trustee and now Division 3 President helped them create a new Facebook page, [ASK AFSA](#), where AFSA members can start discussions on issues affecting their chapters/bases/communities and hear what others are doing. This is a closed group, only available for AFSA members so go to the link above and request permission to join.

In closing, we are always looking for Chapter members to join our Communications Team, with our Facebook page, newsletters, websites, Twitter, Flickr, and all the other sites that hold our information and history. Just get with me on how to begin.



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## THE MOUNT RUSHMORE CHAPTER



2019 is turning out to be a great year for Chapter 951. We began by electing/appointing a top notch Executive Council which you saw listed in the beginning of the newsletter. While some people remained, there are a few new faces to the Chapter but old hats when it comes to doing AFSA's business.



February was a busy month as we held one of our first Chapter Socials. Members got a chance to come together, catch up on old times and meet some new faces. We hope to do these events at least quarterly and bring in more Family Members. Keep check our upcoming events.

As we do every year, we once again took a group to the South Dakota Veteran's Home in Hot Springs to help them celebrate Valentine's Day. Vice President, TSgt James Beck and Family Members Trustee, Marny Bamburg helped lead the way with a group from Ellsworth AFB. We listened to some stories from the residents, told them a little about Chapter 951 and even did a little dancing.



Chapter 951 also continues to support the base, other organizations and the community. We were recognized by Pennington County for supporting the Adopt-A-Highway program, donated a POW/MIA table to the SD Air and Space Museum and continue to support ALS by providing a breakfast and answering questions the week of graduation.



President Philbrick, Trustee Ott, Senior Advisor Super Dave Bamburg and past VP Mitchell present the POW/MIA table.



Chapter President, MSgt Abigail Philbrick and Family Matters Trustee, Mrs. Marny Bamburg discuss AFSA with ALS students.

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In April, President Philbrick, CMSgt (Ret) Ott, along with Family Matters Trustee Marny Bamburg and Senior Advisor, MSgt (Ret) "Super Dave" Bamburg attended the Division 3 Convention in St. Louis, hosted by the Scott AFB Chapter. These Conventions are a time to meet other AFSA members from different chapters, receive Professional training and sharing ideas to better run the chapters and AFSA.

This was also a good year for Chapter 951 as we took the awards for Chapter of the Year (over 500 members), Chapter Volunteer Award, Individual Legislative Award (Ott), Communications Award and the Website Award.



Now to move onto the AFSA International PAC this August in San Antonio, TX to see how we do there.



On top of that, our very own Kevin Ott was elected to serve a 2-year term as President for Division 3. He will oversee 14 chapters representing 10 states working with their Leadership to help them all improve and grow.

Super Dave was also once again elected to serve as a Division 3 Trustee in which his duties will include, handling Communications such as the Division's Facebook page, website and newsletters. Both wasted no time in announcing next year's Division 3 Convention will be held next April, right here in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

There were so many other things the Chapter did and will continue to do

throughout the year, such as our annual Fill the Book during Armed Forces Day to bringing in our Family Members

at the Membership Picnic in June. Also don't forget about our annual Salute Our Patriots event on August 1st in Main Street Square Park. Also in August we'll be part of the base's Back-to-School even on August 17th at the Pride Hanger.



In addition, we will continue to have monthly membership drives and social events to bring in new members, renew/transfer current members and brief everyone on what AFSA is doing at the National Level. If you want to help out with future membership drives or helping maintain or current membership get with SMSgt Jamie Erickson our Membership Trustee.



Chapter President, MSgt Abigail Philbrick and Membership Trustee, SMSgt Jamie Erickson sign up the new 28th Bomb Wing Command Chief, CMSgt Rochelle Hemingway as an AFSA Member for Life. Chief Hemingway has already shown her support for the Chapter by attending some of the monthly meetings and speaking with members about their concerns.

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## THE MOUNT RUSHMORE CHAPTER

**February**

**SD Veterans Home Valentine's Day  
Dance**



**April**

**Division 3 Convention**



**May**

**Fill the Boot**



**Jan/JUN/Sep**

**Legislative Awareness**



**Jul/Aug**

**AFSA International Conv/PAC**



**August**

**Honoring our Patriots**



**September**

**POW/MIA Run**



**October**

**BOO Hunt**



**December**

**Decorate SD Vet Home/AFSA Kids Holiday Pajama Party**





**The 2019 Professional Airmen's Conference will convene in  
San Antonio, TX**

**at the**

**Grand Hyatt San Antonio  
600 East Market Street  
San Antonio, TX 32202**

**The AFSA contracted room rate is \$126.00 (Single occupancy) and \$151  
(Double Occupancy)**

**[Click Here to Make Reservations](#)**

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**The last date to make hotel reservations at the AFSA contracted room rate is July  
26, 2019**