



Air Force Sergeants Association

Chapter 951

“Mt Rushmore Chapter”

Ellsworth AFB, SD

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 June 2016

Dakota's Club

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

President: TSgt Jessica Young

Vice President: Open

Secretary: SrA Lindsay Zachrey

Treasurer: TSgt Roy Pinkley

Senior Advisor: Mr. Dave Bamburg, MSgt (Ret)

Membership Trustee: Mr. Dave Bamburg, MSgt (Ret)

Retiree Affairs: Mr. James Savage, MSgt (Ret)

Airmen's Activities Coord: SSgt Theodore Richard

Legislative: Mr. Kevin Ott, CMSgt (Ret)

Chapter Comms/Webmaster: SSgt Robert Ocampo

Programs: TSgt Ryan Mitchell

Trustee 1: Mr. Kevin Ott, CMSgt (Ret)

TRUSTEES:

Trustee 2: MSgt Erlinda Schommer

Trustee 3: TSgt Jeffrey Porter

ICALL TO ORDER: TSgt Young called the membership meeting to order at 1130.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by TSgt Young.

AFSA Preamble: The AFSA Preamble was led by SrA Zachrey.

With reverence for God and Country and being ever mindful of the glorious traditions of the United States Air Force, our duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, our responsibility to aid in maintaining a superior aerospace defense for our beloved country, and desire to assist in obtaining the highest caliber of men and women for our Air Force, our interest in the welfare of persons who served and are serving in the Air Force, our devotion to our fellow airmen in fortune or distress, and our reverence for the memory of our departed airmen, we unite to further the aims and objectives of this association.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 11 members were in attendance.

NEW MEMBERS: None of the members were new to Ellsworth.

SPECIAL WELCOME: None

GUEST SPEAKER: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: No Special Presentations

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER REPORT: TSgt Pinkley reported that we have \$1852.89 in checking and \$1613.60 in savings. Total being \$3466.49.



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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: CMSgt (Ret) Ott:

- Proposed mil-to-mil BAH cuts has become a highly publicized issue lately. Benefits like this are what AFSA have been fighting for constantly on Capitol Hill. This is why input online etc and advocating membership is so vital.
- Cohosted legislative affairs functions on base w/AFSA are yet to be approved and locations pending. This will be an excellent opportunity for anyone to attend and ask questions and provide input so that AFSA can address specific issues directly.
- Service members face a critical decision during the next year regarding whether to opt into the new military retirement system or stick with the original one. The new retirement benefit will mean smaller pension checks but include cash contributions to the individual investment accounts of all troops. The new system takes place Jan. 1, 2018. After that, troops coming out of boot camp will be automatically enrolled in the new benefit as the traditional pension plan is phased out. For today's troops, and anyone who joins during the next two years, the new law includes a grandfather clause that will allow them to choose to remain under the traditional all-or-nothing retirement system.
- Concerning BRAC, Congress has shown no desire to initiate implementation. Implementation of a Base Realignment and Closure has residual impacts on a surrounding community's commerce, employment rates and even housing markets which can all most definitely impact a member of Congress' chances at re-election.
- AFSA has been RECOGNIZED as a NATIONAL MILITARY ORGANIZATION by CONGRESS!
- To see full articles legislative affairs please refer to the AFSA webpage at <https://ellsworth.eim.acc.af.mil/28BW/wingstaff/AFSA/default.aspx>
- *Note – if anyone has any particular questions regarding benefits or legislation, please feel free to contact CMSgt (Ret) Ott @ 605-385-8104/ kevin.ott@us.af.mil
- Don't forget to periodically visit HQ AFSA site to learn about all new bills/legislative issues etc.
 - o Go to HQ AFSA website; left side “Capwiz” This will show you hot items that AFSA supports:
http://www.hqafsa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&Template=/Templates/TemplateHomepage/AFSA_HomePage.cfm

RETIREE AFFAIRS: Mr. Savage was not in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP& RETENTION: Mr. Bamburg

- Mr. Bamburg reiterated the importance of recruiting new members. We currently have approximately 590 active members, 37 have been recruited. About 51 have been lost due to separation or PCS. If you know anyone on the list of expiring members please ask to



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renew. If they will not renew try to gain information as to why. Our lapsed members have risen because the individuals that have lapsed are now staying on the roster for a year instead of two months. This is to allow us additional opportunity to contact them prior to them falling off. He discussed the importance of recruiting new members and staying active in AFSA to retain our benefits such as GI Bill changes and TA! We gained 103 new members in 2015 allowing us to receive a free registration to the PAC in 2016. AFSA’s overall membership is nearing 100,000, if we drop below 100,000 AFSA will lose its clout on Capitol Hill. Effective 1 January, AFSA put out an awesome deal for first time members; \$25 for a five year e-membership! The only downside to getting the e-membership is that you won’t get a hardcopy AFSA magazine. Remember to get your coworkers/airmen involved – AFSA is the largest organization in the AF, and the more numbers we have, the better. Recruit new members in your units, friends, family etc. Officers/dependents can be AFSA members! Please ensure you use your recruiter ID # (AFSA #) when you sign someone up online, so we receive credit! Please ensure your address is correct online and that your chapter is changed to “951”.

AIRMAN ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: SSgt Richard

- Not all squadrons have an AAC, we would like to encourage those squadrons to create their own. SSgt Richard spoke to LRS SBA who agreed to attend a dorm council meeting at the end of the month. In the future, would like to procure an AAC representative for each squadron starting at the group level.

PROGRAMS TRUSTEE: Not in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEE: SrA Ocampo is currently working to better our Facebook site to win the AFSA social media award! He will be leaving us soon and is looking for a replacement who he is willing to train. Any and all pictures of events should be sent to SrA Ocampo for the advancement of our site. Currently AFSA Ch. 951 is in the process of creating a video featuring members reciting the AFSA Preamble in various scenic areas around Rapid City. Our goal is for the video to be featured to begin the AFSA Convention.

- If you have any pictures/articles/information that you are doing for AFSA and want to post, let one of the executive council know.

Chapter site: <http://www.afsa951.org/index.html>

SharePoint: <https://ellsworth.eim.acc.af.mil/28BW/wingstaff/AFSA/default.aspx>



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And find AFSA Chapter 951 on Facebook! Also, if you are participating in an AFSA sponsored event, please take pictures and send to Mr. Bamburg to upload to these sites.

III. ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Honoring our Patriots 2015. The concert has been booked for Thursday 4 August 1800-2100. The purpose of this event is to honor the victims of 9/11, veterans of all branches of the Armed Forces, current and future servicemen and women, and all First Responders. Discussed many initial items for this year's event such as raffles/auctions (Cabela's firearm, Motorcycle, Colts memorabilia), the retreat ceremony, and need for static displays. Fundraising POC's are SSgt Hooper & TSgt Porter. TSgt Philbrick contacted Cabela's for raffle donations. Mr. Ott contacted The Lodge at Deadwood for raffle donations. Will meet with Rice Honda/Black Hills Victory to finalize the raffle grand prizes. Financial goal is to raise \$16,000, \$1 for each Ellsworth Amn who deployed since 9/11. AFSA will be hosting the event, but will invite all of the POs to participate; 90% have given commitment to the event. The Active Airman's Council has stepped up to run the Kids Zone! The weekend following the event on 19 September we will be holding a 5k run beginning at Main Street Square and ending at the VFW post on Main Street.
- POW/MIA 5k will be held Saturday 10 Sep 2015 0800-1000. Ticket Sales POC needed as well as volunteers to hand out flyers and speak @ events.
- July 9th at the Farmers Market tickets will be sold for the HoP event. If able to assist please wear AFSA emblem which can be procured at Angelique's directly outside Ellsworth AFB

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- Publicity could be better. 200 tickets have been sold so far, we started with 5,000. Via social media use #HonoringourPatriots to spread the word. That hashtag will direct your friends to the website. Ask local business's if you may post flyers on their bulletin boards. Let's get the word out!

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- July 9th at the Farmers Market tickets will be sold for the HoP event. If able to assist please wear AFSA emblem which can be procured at Angelique's directly outside Ellsworth AFB
- Lots of new positions are available on the AFSA council. Currently accepting applications for a new Vice President. It is an elected position and the only requirements are that you have been an AFSA member for at least 6 months. The elections have been



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postponed until our next meeting July 12th. Other positions available are 1st Trustee, Communications Trustee and Family Matters Trustee. The job descriptions are as follows:

- Vice President- Responsible for such duties as the President, with approval of the Chapter Executive Council
- Communications Trustee and 1st Trustee: Trustees may be assigned duties as component representatives and activity chairpersons, and perform other duties as may be assigned by the president and approved by the Chapter Executive Council.
- Family Matter Trustee: The Family Matters Trustee is responsible for coordinating activities with the installation spouse's private organizations and throughout the local community. The Family Matters Trustee may perform other duties as assigned by the president and approved by the Chapter Executive Council.

All positions beside Vice President are not elected positions and any member can apply. For more information or applications please contact TSgt Jessica Young. (jessica.young.3@us.af.mil)

- TSgt Young requested volunteers to act as group representatives to speak at commanders calls etc on AFSA's behalf. MXG, BW Staff, and MSG representatives were assigned. Still looking for OG and MDG reps. There will be a group representative meeting/training session June 30th at 1100 inside the DFAC Conference Room.

VI. GIVE AWAYS: No giveaways.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting was adjourned at 1215.

NEXT MEETING:
12 July 2016
Dakota's Club
Enlisted Lounge @ 1130

//SIGNED//
TSgt Jessica Young
Chapter 951 President

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SrA Lindsay Zachrey
Chapter 951 Secretary

