



Air Force Sergeants Association
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MEMORANDUM FOR AFSA CHAPTER 1461 MEMBERSHIP

FROM: AFSA CHAPTER 1461 SECRETARY MSgt John O'Connell

SUBJECT: AFSA Chapter 1461 General Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting convened on 7 April 2009, in the McChord AFB Enlisted Club at 1130 hours; attended by 24 members
2. Called to Order by AFSA Chapter 1461 President, Mr. Pfister at 1133
- 3. Mr. Pfister recognized MSgt Lutz and MSgt Gonnuscio for his efforts on the past council.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers Report (given by Mr. Pfister)

- 1) Savings **\$543.94** Checking **\$481.40**. Note: Division will be reimbursing \$522.00 for convention and \$500.00 was fronted for the May 22 Rainer's game.

A. Membership Report (given by Mr. Pfister)

- 1) Membership is approximately 2779 current members. The chapter is the second largest in AFSA. The larger chapters have a large voice. Mr. Pfister addressed three ways to increase membership. First is recruiting new members, second is retention (many members do not renew) and third is maintaining current address on file. If a member moves (PCS) and does not update their address, they go into a bad address chapter.

B. Legislative Report (MSgt Lutz):

1. Provided information on the importance on HR 32, Veterans outreach program, HR 84 Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act, HR 208 National Guardsmen and Reservist Parity for Patriots Act, HR 270 TRICARE Continuity of Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Families Act, HR 294 Veteran-Owned small Business Promotion Act, and HR1600 to provide for the treatment of autism under TRICARE. The handout also had other bills for review.

C. Reserve Affairs Liaison (MSgt Lutz)

- 1) The reserves canceled their meeting for ASFA with commander's call due the upcoming MOBEX.

D. Ways and Means Report (MSgt Darryll Daum)

- 1) The first annual Golf Tournament will be 26 June 2009, volunteers needed to assist with event
- 2) Looking for ways to raise funds, possible CSC event for Brittany Spears. Email to come out for volunteers and information.

E. Communications (MSgt John Carpenter)

- 1) Needs new ideas for improvements on the chapter website.

F. Airman Activities ((A1C Keith Dengel)

- 1) Provided update on the food bank operation and the planned June summer fishing excursion with the Orting Veterans home.

G. Awards/Programs (given by Mr. Pfister)

- 1) Over 110 attended the annual awards breakfast, double from last year. TSgt Sanderson's hard work made this event a success.
- 2) CAP and JROCT Awards coming up. AFSA presents a certificate and folder to them. Looking for volunteers who would like to present
- 3) SMSgt Noil, the committee chair, provided update on POW/MIA appreciation luncheon planning committee. Next meeting will be April 16 at 1300, looking for ideas and volunteers to help. The luncheon will be held 17 Sept 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The first Auxiliary (family members) meeting was held. 12 individuals attended. The Auxiliary has a good start. Next meeting will finalize positions. The auxiliary is another chapter along side of our chapter. The auxiliary is needed to help our chapter to compete for AFSA awards/recognition.
- 2) Thanks to all who volunteered for the coin sale at the American Lakes Business, however event was canceled.
- 3) Two volunteers helped out with the Massing of the Colors at Ft Lewis event went well
- 4) TSgt Pack provided update on the Rainer baseball game on 22 May. 32 tickets have been reserved, need at least 50 tickets sold.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Request for FTAC supplies, need someone with computer skills to help cut cost.
- 2) Division Convention is 24-25 in Portland.
- 3) Command Chief, CMSgt Hatzinger provided information on the importance of the legislative inputs from AFSA, the new PT program, and upcoming changes in Wing Leadership.
- 4) Airman's Community Council is starting up and will meet monthly. The council will have representatives from all base organizations to work together and share information. TSgt Sanderson will be the POC for the AFSA chapter.

5. Meeting adjourned at 1225 hrs. The next AFSA general membership meeting will be 5 May 2009, 1130 hrs, McChord Enlisted Club.

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