



AFSA *Heartbeat*



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October-December 2017

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Here it is the beginning of my ninth month as your President. It does not seem as if that much time has passed. Many events have transpired during this period and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who have stepped up and assisted me. My many thanks to Harry McLane, Mark Clark, Barbara Veach, Charlie and Patti Dalzell, and my husband, Galen.

The AFSA International Convention was held in Reno, Nevada, during July. We were very fortunate to have seven delegates in attendance. Three proposed By-Law changes were presented for the delegation's consideration. One was to change the title of the AFSA CEO back to Executive Director. The second was to present any proposed By-Law changes and timely announcement of special meetings/conventions through an AFSA publication instead of the AFSA Magazine. The last was to move all authority and responsibilities for the AFSA CEO and Staff from the By-Laws section of our handbook and place them under Policies and Procedures. All three proposals were passed. Our congratulations to Barbara Veach who was selected as the AFSA International Family Member of the Year. We also want to congratulate Patti Dalzell for being selected to serve another year as the AFSA Family Matters Trustee on the International AFSA Executive Council. During the Parade of Checks, our Chapter presented \$300 to the AFSA Building Fund in memory of Dottie Seidle and Bob Wright.

We also gave \$200 to the Air Force Enlisted Village for their building fund in memory of Gloria Pinksaw. Jeff Foreman was elected the Vice President to the AFSA International Executive Council and Dale Lutzen was re-elected as Trustee of Retired and Veterans Affairs. The convention was very informative and we all had an enjoyable time. Our next two conventions will be held in San Antonio.

Our annual POW/MIA Ceremony of Remembrance was held at the Belton Memorial Park on September 16th. There were approximately 50 in attendance. As always, it was a time to look back and reflect on the many military members who answered their country's call and are still on our list of missing. This was our opportunity to honor those individuals. A Big Vote of Thanks goes to Harry McLane, Charlie Dalzell and Mark Clark for co-chairing this event.

At this time, I would like to express my thanks to the Executive Council and our members for all you do to better the lives of our military and their families, our communities and AFSA.
YOU ARE THE GREATEST!

[Kathryn C. Oden](#)

President

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LEGISLATIVE

Continuing Resolution: On September 8th, President Donald Trump signed into law a continuing resolution to fund the Federal Government at current levels through December 8th. The measure, which allows federal spending beyond the end of the fiscal year on September 30th, was attached to a bill providing \$15.25 billion in disaster relief funding. Senator John McCain (R-Arizona) and Representative Marv Thornberry (R-Texas) voted against this because they object to the impact of another continuing resolution on military readiness and long-term planning.

Social Security Increase Determines Military Retiree COLA: By law, military and federal retirees will get an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) the same as the annual increase in Social Security benefits. These COLAs are determined by comparing inflation in the third quarter of one year compared to the third quarter of the previous year. All indications are that the COLA starting for payments in January 2018 are expected to range between 1.5 and 2.2 percent, depending on what the economy does in August and September. The August inflation figures will be released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on September 14th. The September figures will be released on October 13th.

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MEMBERSHIP

As of September 21st, we had 922 active members, which is a decrease of two members since the last newsletter. Also, our roster showed a total of 20 inactive members covering the months of March-August 2017.

Thank you notes were sent out to 13 members who renewed thru our Chapter.

For our Chapter to receive credit for the retention, **PLEASE** be sure to renew via the form you receive from me versus the form you receive from Headquarters.

To date, our Chapter recruited 18 members and we received credit for 78 retentions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my home number or e-mail listed below.

Patti Dalzell
Membership Chair
AFSA International Family Matters Trustee
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LUNCHEONS

Our monthly luncheons are at the **Golden Corral** in Raymore, MO, on the fourth Thursday each month at 11:30 AM (unless otherwise announced).

Our luncheon dates for October thru December are as follows:

- ❖ **October 26**
- ❖ **November 16**
- ❖ **December 21**



Gaynelle Barnett, 816-779-6732
Chairperson



CARD DAYS



Card Days for October thru December are as follows:

October 5th & 12th
November 2nd & 9th
December 7th & 14th

Pinochle: 10:00 AM at Aaron's Family Fun Ctr
17070 Aaron Lane, Belton, MO

Bridge: 10:00 AM at RC's Restaurant
330 East 135th St., Martin City, MO

If you are interested in being a regular or sub for Pinochle or Bridge, please give us a call.

[Ady Davidson](tel:816-322-5658), 816-322-5658 (*Pinochle*)
[Sharon Davies](tel:816-331-5581), 816-331-5581 (*Bridge*)

ADOPT – A – HIGHWAY

Fall is here and it is time to schedule another highway cleanup. I am planning to try to do this on Saturday, October 14th, at 9:00 AM. I will call to remind you. Please be ready to assist so we can get this done prior to winter.

[Kathy Oden](tel:816-331-4058), 816-331-4058
Chairperson

COUPON CONNECTION

Since April, I have mailed out 90 pounds of coupons to Japan, Korea, Germany, Guam, and Italy. Fifty-four members have cut, sorted and packaged these coupons for a total of 3,105 hours. We received a lovely certificate and letter from Kaiserslautern Family Services thanking us for our donation of cents-off-coupons. As always, keep up the marvelous work! You are greatly appreciated.

[Kathy Oden](tel:816-331-4058), 816-331-4058
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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The next two shows for the **New Theatre Restaurant** are as follows:

October 17 – “*Driving Miss Daisy*”
starring Michael Learned

January 23 – “*Funny Money*” starring
Jim O’Heir and Debra Bluford

Our trip to the **Ameristar Casino** will be Thursday, **October 19th**, at 11:30 AM, to meet at the Falcon Diner.

A trip to **Harrah’s** is planned for Thursday, **January 18th**, at 11:30 AM to meet at the new diner, Winning Streaks.

If anyone has any ideas for trips, please let me know.

[Kathy Oden](tel:816-331-4058), 816-331-4058
Chairperson

Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year!

Buck-a-Month (BAM) Club

Members of the BAM Club donate \$12 yearly to help us offset the printing & mailing cost of the *Heartbeat* newsletter.

You can also help save the Chapter money by signing up to receive your *Heartbeat* via email by emailing us at afsachapter804@gmail.com or calling Charlie Dalzell at 816-331-7594.

Thanks to our recent contributor –

Sheila Lewis

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Friday, December 8th
Time: 6:00 PM Social
6:30 PM Dinner
Place: Belton Senior Center
609 Minnie, Belton, MO
Cost: \$15 per person

This will be an **Ugly Sweater Christmas Party** so come in your ugliest sweater you have – and it does not need to be a holiday-themed sweater. Prizes will be given out!

Hy-Vee will be catering this event and they will deliver and set everything up.

Money and/or cancellation need to be turned in to me by Friday, December 1st.

Checks payable to AFSA Chapter 804.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The holidays are approaching and families will be gathering for their Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts. Who wants to spend all their time in the kitchen when they could be spending time with their loved ones? Not me, that's for sure!

Here's a wonderful salad recipe that takes no time at all to make.

Broccoli Cranberry Salad

4 cups broccoli florets, chopped fine
¼ cup diced celery
8 oz package dried cranberries
¼ cup shelled sunflower seeds

Dressing –

1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup vinegar

In a large bowl, combine broccoli, celery, cranberries and sunflower seeds.
Pour dressing over and toss.
Keep refrigerated.

Serves 4.

Take care and God Bless!

Patti Dalzell, 816-331-7594

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Barb Veach,
Chapter Family
Matters
Trustee, read
names of the
POWs & MIAs
at the annual
Remembrance
Ceremony,
September 16.

CHAPTER HISTORY

"Reflections"

As I was writing this History article and our Chapter was preparing for the annual POW/MIA Ceremony of Remembrance, which took place on September 16th, I came across a copy of a past article from the Richards-Gebaur base newspaper from March 1973 that I think is a nice reflection on our Chapter's past. Our Chapter was known then as 504 and the occasion was an AFSA Installation Ceremony. The following are some highlights of that evening.

Chapter 504 of the Air Force Sergeants Association hosted approximately 250 members and guests at the annual Executive Board Installation Banquet. The banquet was held at the NCO Open Mess on Saturday, March 31st. The ballroom, decorated in red, white and blue decor, matched the spirit and intent of the installation and blended well with the address made by the key-note speaker, Maj. Gen. Paul R. Stoney, AFCS Commander. The highlight of the evening centered around the warm welcome offered by Chapter members to honored guests, Ex-POWs recently released from the Vietnam War, Captains Edward L. Hubbard and Ronald L. Mastin. The Captains were accompanied by their wives. Presentations made to members and guests that evening included an honorary membership in Chapter 504 to star wide receiver Otis Taylor of the Kansas City Chiefs. The presentation was made by outgoing President SMSgt Leith Jones. Taylor has been an extremely active supporter of AFSA and has frequently volunteered his services in behalf of Chapter affairs and projects.

The new Chapter Executive Board, including new Chapter President Robert Wright, was installed by Colonel Alan Campen, former AFCS Chief of Staff. The ladies' Auxiliary Executive Board installation was accomplished by CMSgt Gordon Boardman. Among the inductees were Auxiliary President Betty McBride and Vice President, who is still today a very active part of our Chapter, Erika Van Dyne.

*Harry McLane, CMSgt, USAF, Retired
Vice President and Historian*



Outgoing president, SMSgt. Leith Jones, presents the Kansas City Chief's star wide receiver, Otis Taylor, an honorary membership in AFSA Chapter 504 and a Certificate of Achievement for his personal interest and involvement in chapter affairs.

Air Force Sergeants Association Membership Application

Thank you in advance for your membership and support.

First Name _____ MI _____

Last Name _____ Suffix _____

Rank _____ Last TOD _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Personal email address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Date of birth _____ Membership ID# (for renewals) _____

I AM A WAR VETERAN Dates: _____

DEROS/Expected Graduation Date (month/year) _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: AFSA FAMILY MEMBER ASSOCIATE

MEMBERSHIP TERM: One Year \$36 Two Years \$63 Three Years \$89 E-1 through E-4 \$39

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Age 40 & under \$650 41-50 \$550 51-60 \$450 Age 61 & over \$350

COMPONENT:

AFAD ANG AFRC

Other _____

STATUS:

Active Retired Veteran

Other _____

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Assign to closest Chapter Assign to Chapter # _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 5 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 5 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 10 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 12 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 12 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 16 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 17 New Theatre Restaurant, "*Driving Miss Daisy*"
- 19 Ameristar Casino – meet at Falcon Diner at 11:30 AM
- 26 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO
- 31 Happy Halloween!

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 2-3-4-9-10-11-16-17-18-23-24-25-30-31

NOVEMBER

- 2 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 2 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 9 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 9 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 14 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 16 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO
- 20 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving!

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 1-6-7-8-13-14-15-20-21-22-27-28-29

DECEMBER

- 5 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM – **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**
- 7 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 7 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 8 Ugly Sweater Christmas Party, 6:00 PM, Belton Senior Center
- 11 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 14 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 14 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 21 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO
- 25 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 4-5-6-11-12-13-18-19-20-26-27

Bingo every Wednesday every month, 5:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie

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