



# Air Force Sergeants Association

Chapter 951

“Mt Rushmore Chapter”

Ellsworth AFB, SD

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 09 February 2016

Dakota's Club

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

President: TSgt Jessica Young  
Vice President: SrA Danielle Gregg  
Secretary: SrA Lindsay McManigal  
Treasurer: TSgt Roy Pinkley  
Senior Advisor: Mr. Dave Bamburg, MSgt (Ret)

## **TRUSTEES:**

Membership Trustee: Mr. Dave Bamburg, MSgt (Ret)  
Retiree Affairs: Mr. James Savage, MSgt (Ret)  
Airmen's Activities Coord: SSgt Theadore Richard  
Legislative: Mr. Kevin Ott, CMSgt (Ret)  
Chapter Comms/Webmaster: SSgt Robert Ocampo  
Programs: TSgt Ryan Mitchell  
Trustee 1: Mr. Kevin Ott, CMSgt (Ret)  
Trustee 2: MSgt Erlinda Schommer  
Trustee 3: TSgt Jeffrey Porter

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** TSgt Young called the membership meeting to order at 1132.

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

**AFSA Preamble:** The AFSA Preamble was led by SrA Gregg.

*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:** 15 members were in attendance.

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

**SPECIAL WELCOME:** Special welcome given to Mr. Travis Lasseter who is running for State House Representative 2016

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Guest speaker was CMSgt Dorsey

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** none

## **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**



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**TREASURER REPORT:** TSgt Pinkley was not in attendance. SrA Gregg reported that we have \$867.39 in checking and \$2151.76 in savings. Total being \$3019.15. AFSA audit will be completed by SSgt Shawn Williams on 12 February 2016.

## **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:** CMSgt (Ret) Ott:

- 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.
- 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](mailto: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](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 566 active members and 22 lapsed members since January. We've retained 23 members. 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



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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 will be attending the Active Airman’s Council meeting Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 1200. He will also be attempting to contact POC’s regarding speaking at FTAC and ALS classes.

**PROGRAMS TRUSTEE:** TSgt Mitchell was not in attendance. Still looking for volunteers for the VFW dinner on 22 February. POC is TSgt Ryan Mitchell @ (605-385-4232)/  
[ryan.mitchell@us.af.mil](mailto:ryan.mitchell@us.af.mil)

**COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEE:** SrA Ocampo was not in attendance but asked TSgt Young to pass on the importance of “sharing” posts to improve our reach and to ensure everyone “likes” our Facebook page.

- 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>  
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.
- AFSA will be creating another video by mid-March. The video will break the Preamble into different parts across the Black Hills. If chosen this video will open the AFSA International Convention.

### 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



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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. RC Parks has approved the permit; must file soon.
- Happy Landings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, from approximately 1200-1230. It may start early if Right Start finishes early. Dates are as follows: 15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December

POC is TSgt Jessica Young @ (605-385-2567)/ [jessica.young@ellsworth.af.mil](mailto:jessica.young@ellsworth.af.mil)

## IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- Volunteer opportunity on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the SD Veterans Home for a Valentine's Day Dance. The event will start at 1400. Volunteers are asked to dance and socialize with the veterans at the event. There are 7 volunteers so far and the goal is to have 12. The POC is SSgt Marcos Campos (605-385-2567)/ [marcos.campos@us.af.mil](mailto:marcos.campos@us.af.mil)

## V. NEW BUSINESS:

- The Division Conference will be held in Grand Forks, ND April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Canada Inn. CMSAF James A. Roy (Ret) will be a guest speaker! \*\*\* CMSgt Parsons motioned for a full size add at the Conference. TSgt Young seconded the motion.
- Mr. Ott is working to reserve AFSA tables during events at the Rushmore Civic Center as well as the Summer Nights Festival.
- Planning meeting with Main Street Square on Wednesday 20 Jan at 1400 (MSS offices)
- SrA Gregg met with CMSgt Lee this week. There were reps from the spouses and they are very interested in the HOP event. SrA Gregg discussed our future plans, accomplishments and how other agencies can aid AFSA.
- Mr. Bamburg motioned to present scholarship award winners with \$25. Motioned seconded by SMSgt Killkelley.

**VI. GIVE AWAYS:** A1C Nigra from POL was recognized as the lowest ranking airman and given a free AFSA membership.



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**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1225.

**NEXT MEETING:**

08 March 2016

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Enlisted Lounge @ 1130

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TSgt Jessica Young  
Chapter 951 President

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SrA Lindsay McManigal  
Chapter 951 Secretary

