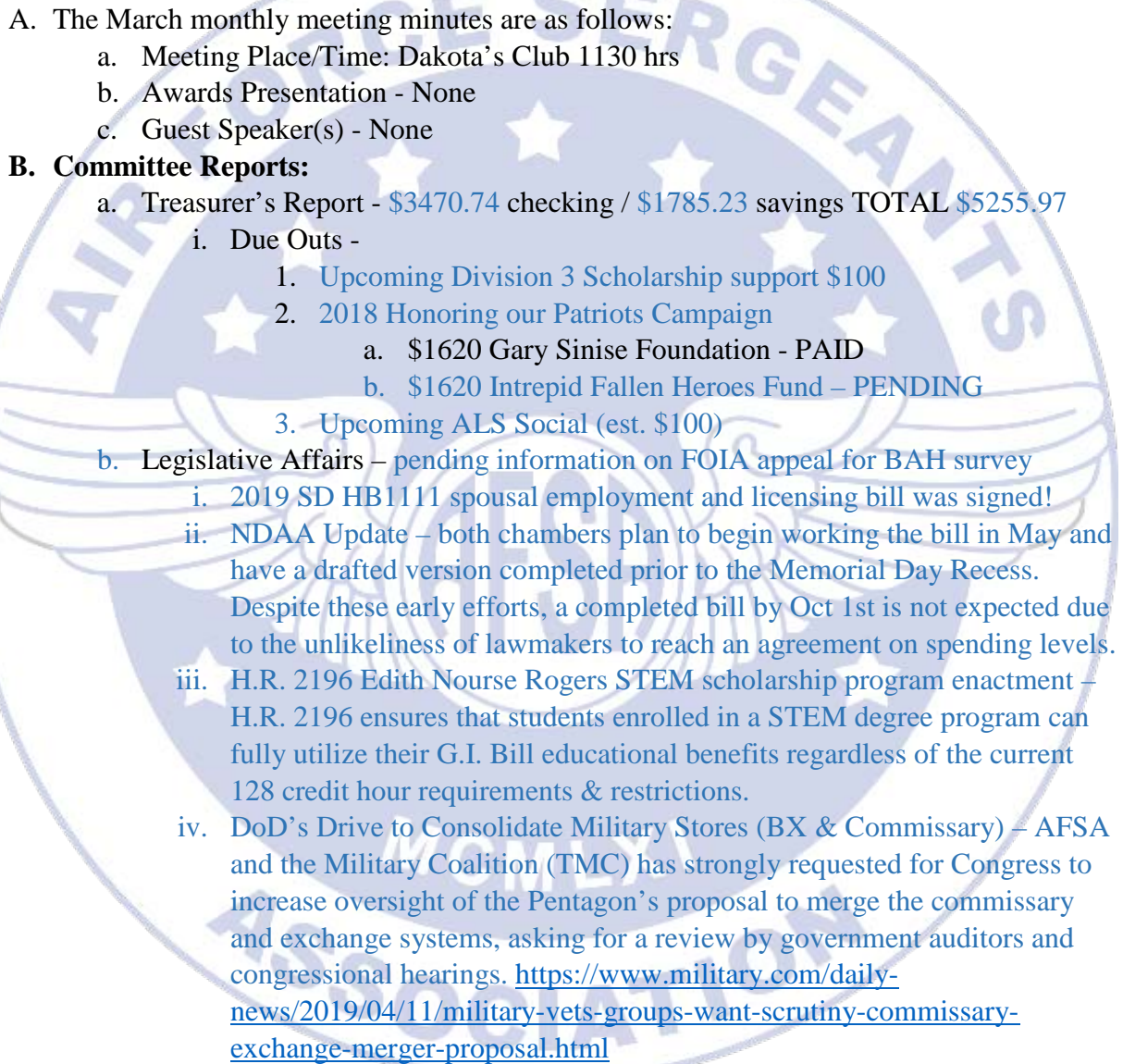


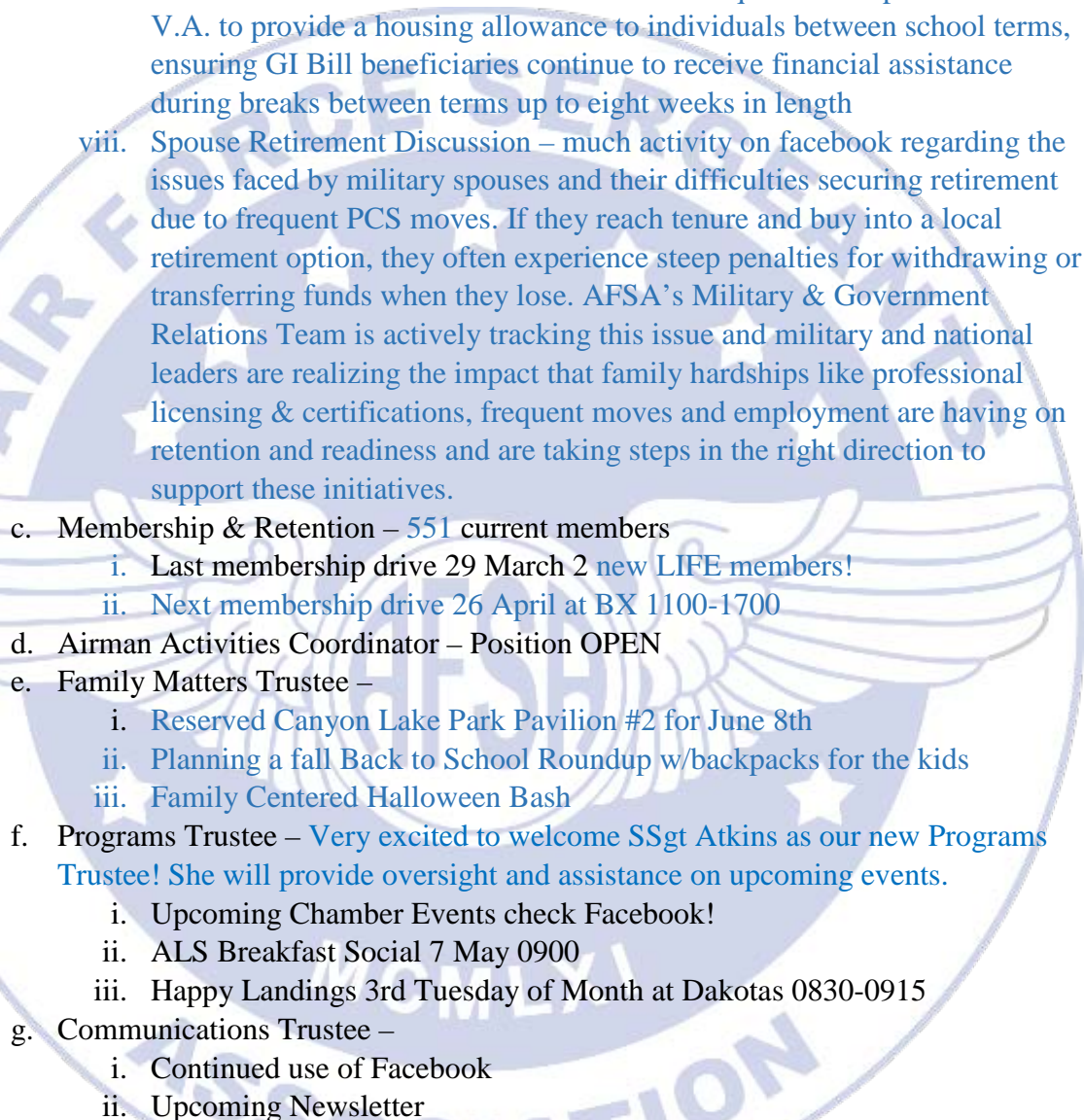
17 April 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR AFSA CHAPTER 951

FROM: AFSA CHAPTER 951 SECRETARY

SUBJECT: AFSA Chapter 951 Meeting Minutes for 16 April 2019

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- A. The March monthly meeting minutes are as follows:
- a. Meeting Place/Time: Dakota's Club 1130 hrs
 - b. Awards Presentation - None
 - c. Guest Speaker(s) - None
- B. Committee Reports:**
- a. Treasurer's Report - \$3470.74 checking / \$1785.23 savings TOTAL \$5255.97
 - i. Due Outs -
 - 1. Upcoming Division 3 Scholarship support \$100
 - 2. 2018 Honoring our Patriots Campaign
 - a. \$1620 Gary Sinise Foundation - PAID
 - b. \$1620 Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund – PENDING
 - 3. Upcoming ALS Social (est. \$100)
 - b. Legislative Affairs – pending information on FOIA appeal for BAH survey
 - i. 2019 SD HB1111 spousal employment and licensing bill was signed!
 - ii. NDAA Update – both chambers plan to begin working the bill in May and have a drafted version completed prior to the Memorial Day Recess. Despite these early efforts, a completed bill by Oct 1st is not expected due to the unlikelihood of lawmakers to reach an agreement on spending levels.
 - iii. H.R. 2196 Edith Nourse Rogers STEM scholarship program enactment – H.R. 2196 ensures that students enrolled in a STEM degree program can fully utilize their G.I. Bill educational benefits regardless of the current 128 credit hour requirements & restrictions.
 - iv. DoD's Drive to Consolidate Military Stores (BX & Commissary) – AFSA and the Military Coalition (TMC) has strongly requested for Congress to increase oversight of the Pentagon's proposal to merge the commissary and exchange systems, asking for a review by government auditors and congressional hearings. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/04/11/military-vets-groups-want-scrutiny-commissary-exchange-merger-proposal.html>
 - v. On-base Privatized Housing – military branches have been sending commanders to visit nearly 300,000 housing units since February and document health and safety hazards. This review represents the largest overhaul of U.S. military housing since 1996. There are continued testimonies and reports during the Armed Services Committee hearings to outline the plans to fix identified issues moving forward.

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- The logo for the Air Force Senior Association (AFSA) is a large, light blue circular emblem. It features a central figure of a winged figure, possibly representing a pilot or a spirit of flight, with wings spread wide. The text "AIR FORCE SENIOR ASSOCIATION" is written around the perimeter of the circle. The logo is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the text.
- vi. Respiratory Illnesses Caused by Burn Pits – A National Academies and of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine panel has launched a study of the respiratory effects of burn pits and other pollution encountered by U.S. troops in the Middle East and Afghanistan. The 21-month review is the second time the National Academies committee will explore the subject
 - vii. H.R. 2230 BREAK Relief – This bill would require the Department of V.A. to provide a housing allowance to individuals between school terms, ensuring GI Bill beneficiaries continue to receive financial assistance during breaks between terms up to eight weeks in length
 - viii. Spouse Retirement Discussion – much activity on facebook regarding the issues faced by military spouses and their difficulties securing retirement due to frequent PCS moves. If they reach tenure and buy into a local retirement option, they often experience steep penalties for withdrawing or transferring funds when they lose. AFSA’s Military & Government Relations Team is actively tracking this issue and military and national leaders are realizing the impact that family hardships like professional licensing & certifications, frequent moves and employment are having on retention and readiness and are taking steps in the right direction to support these initiatives.
 - c. Membership & Retention – 551 current members
 - i. Last membership drive 29 March 2 new LIFE members!
 - ii. Next membership drive 26 April at BX 1100-1700
 - d. Airman Activities Coordinator – Position OPEN
 - e. Family Matters Trustee –
 - i. Reserved Canyon Lake Park Pavilion #2 for June 8th
 - ii. Planning a fall Back to School Roundup w/backpacks for the kids
 - iii. Family Centered Halloween Bash
 - f. Programs Trustee – Very excited to welcome SSgt Atkins as our new Programs Trustee! She will provide oversight and assistance on upcoming events.
 - i. Upcoming Chamber Events check Facebook!
 - ii. ALS Breakfast Social 7 May 0900
 - iii. Happy Landings 3rd Tuesday of Month at Dakotas 0830-0915
 - g. Communications Trustee –
 - i. Continued use of Facebook
 - ii. Upcoming Newsletter

C. Old Business:

- a. January Events – Executive Council Elections
- b. February Events
 - i. SD State Veterans Home Valentine’s Day Dance – Success!
 - ii. TEAM Event at Zymurcracy – 18 Feb @ 1200
 - 1. Great support/looking to host quarterly joint events
 - 2. Zymurcracy donated \$250 to support chapter
- c. March Events

- i. Blaze Pizza Lunch event March 5 1100-1300 (raised \$54.20)
- ii. Happy Landings 20 March – handed out a lot of flyers, got names & contact info, no transfers
- d. April Events
 - i. Panera Bread Dinner Event April 5 (raised \$131.24)
 - ii. Happy Landings April 16 – 2 transfers and 3 took applications
- e. Purchased & Received 100 Chapter coins from Vanguard for \$432

D. New Business:

- a. Division 3 Conference O’Fallon Illinois 25-27 April
 - i. Division Delegates – Motion made by SMSgt Erickson, seconded by TSgt Beck to designate MSgt Philbrick as the chief delegate, Mrs. Marney Bamburg as the alternate, and Mr. Ott and Mr. Bamburg as Chapter delegates for the conference. Motion carried.
- b. Doolittle Heritage Event EAFB 18 April – Chapter will have an info table/booth at Thursday’s event open to all cardholders from 1200 to 1530. Official ceremony/remembrance starts at 1500.
- c. Discover the Hills is scheduled for 17 May at the Pride Hanger. Will research having a table/booth at the event.
- d. Combat Fill-the-Boot – Sign-ups are OPEN!! Chapter will provide the signage, display easels, boots, and volunteer vests. There is 1 cash collector designated for each day. Volunteers will be informed on who the individual is and what vehicle they drive for collection prior to the event.
 - i. Saturday 18 May 0800 to 1600 (2 hr increments)
<https://volunteersignup.org/Y83RL>
 1. Family Fare (Baken Park)
 2. Family Fare (St. Patrick)
 3. Safeway (Mountain View Rd)
 4. Safeway (Mt. Rushmore Rd)
 5. Walmart (Catron Blvd)
 - ii. Sunday 19 May 0800 to 1600 (2 hr increments)
<https://volunteersignup.org/HETHM>
 1. Family Fare (Baken Park)
 2. Family Fare (St. Patrick)
 3. Safeway (Mountain View Rd)
 4. Safeway (Mt. Rushmore Rd)
 5. Walmart (Catron Blvd)
 6. Sams Club – From 1000 to 1600 only
- e. Salute to Ellsworth (Box Elder Appreciation Event) is scheduled for 21 September. Will reach out to Box Elder chamber to research having a table/booth at the off-base event.
- f. Honoring our Patriots 2019 –
 - i. Jul 30th - Military Affairs Committee (MAC) Pig Roast at Main Street Sq
 - ii. Aug 1st - Main Street Square Concert – Band TBD

1. Due to IRS laws, can no longer collect/accept tips from beverage garden. Donation from MSS will be \$150.
- iii. Sep 21st - POW/MIA 5K starting/ending at the Museum
- iv. Contacting Summer Nights to see about having table on 7th street for AFSA & Combat Fill-the-Boot same night
- g. Summer Picnic June 8th
 - i. Pending quotes for cost of postcard mailers to ALL members in local area
 1. Pending quote from AFSA HQ Business Center for mailers
 2. VistaPrint approximately \$250-300
 - ii. Best cost efficient option is grilling out for event
 1. Dickies BBQ \$600 for 50 persons
 2. Famous Daves BBQ \$700 for 50 persons
 3. Grilling approx. \$250-300 for 80 to 120 persons
- h. AFSAlutely Award – Still looking for nominations for quarter 2

E. Other Business

- a. Bomb Wing has signed the National Military Association paperwork for the chapter
- b. Professional Development & Networking events are available through our chapter's Chamber of Commerce membership. Members are encouraged to attend events as desired signing up under AFSA Chapter 951 for a discount on attendance. Check Facebook for all scheduled events linked through the RC Chamber of Commerce page.
- c. safeTALK Suicide Alertness Class Attendance – had two executive council members attend the training offered downtown sponsored by Wounded Warrior Project. Furthered discussion on reengaging and reenergizing our Buddy Check 22 support group. Great meeting inputs from SSgt Atkins on the Mission 22 Region 8 organization and how our orgs could potentially join efforts.
 - i. Plan to discuss with the Command Chief as this topic is an area she is very passionate about
 - ii. SSgt Atkins will provide info on upcoming Mission 22, 22K on 22 June beginning in Hill City. More to come.
- d. Meeting with Command Chief, CMSgt Hemingway – executive council members has a great discussion with Chief on her planned engagement with chapter activities and fostering base support. She also shared her tag line of #SLAY,
 - i. S – State of Readiness,
 - ii. L – Lead with Transformational Leadership,
 - iii. A – A Sense of Family & A Sense of Community, and
 - iv. Y – YOU are Built to Last.
 - v. There are many ways our chapter can support each of these initiatives and we are proud to have this opportunity moving forward. We also gained another member for life!
- e. TSgt Beck spoke on possibly working concessions at the Civic Center throughout the year to support city events and make some additional money. Attendees

agreed to move forward and see what events were available in the future to support. Events require approx. 8-12 volunteers.

F. Upcoming Events

- a. April 2019
 - i. 18 - Doolittle Heritage Event EAFB
 - ii. 25-28 - Division 3 Conference
 - iii. 26 - Membership Drive at the BX 1100 to 1700
- b. May 2019
 - i. 7 - ALS Breakfast Social
 - ii. 17 - [Discover the Hills – More Info to come](#)
 - iii. 18 & 19 - Combat Fill the Boot
 - iv. 21 - Happy Landings 0830 - 0915
- c. June 2019
 - i. 8 - Summer Picnic at Canyon Lake Park
 - ii. 22 - Mission 22, 22K in Hill City
- d. July 2019
 - i. 30 - MAC Pig Roast
- e. Aug 2019
 - i. 1 - Honoring our Patriots Concert
 - ii. 25-28 - AFSA International PAC
- f. Sep 2019
 - i. 21 - POW/MIA 5K Run/Walk
 - ii. 21 - Box Elder Salute to Ellsworth Event

G. Closing

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