

AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

29 Jun 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AFSA MEMBERS

FROM: SMSgt Bryan-Teige

SUBJECT: AFSA Meeting Minutes

1. **Date:** 21 Jun 2011
2. **Time:** 1530
3. **Place:** Newtch's Den
4. **Chairperson:** SMSgt Joseph Laursen
5. **Members in Attendance:**

SMSgt Joseph Laursen
SMSgt Rachel Bryan-Teige
MSgt Justin Grady
TSgt Stephen Schermerhorn
SSgt Evelyn Cheney
SSgt Matt Field
SSgt Michael Mechaley

SSgt Joseph Neikirk
SrA Leslie Simpson
A1C Samantha Bradshaw
A1C Waddell Howard
A1C Kaitlyn McClaskey
A1C Michael Wiesner

6. **Farewells/Retirements:** None this meeting

7. **Hails:**

- a. TSgt Stephen Schermerhorn/Det 45

8. **Treasury Report:** SMSgt Laursen announced that SrA Slaton would be assuming the duties of Treasurer as SSgt Awanda is PCSing. SMSgt Laursen stated that our chapter currently has approximately \$1700.00.

9. **Legislative Affairs:** SMSgt Bryan-Teige emphasized the AFSA Legislative News emails she sent out earlier in the month. Hot topics included possible budget cuts in the following areas: Retirement Pay, Tuition Assistance, GI Bill, and possibly AD pay. She urged all AFSA members to share this information with their fellow Airmen and encouraged them to join AFSA to help protect our benefits.

10. President's Report:

- a. SMSgt Laursen shared the following information from Dan Yeomans, AFSA International President; a) Surge in AFSA membership from April to May with approximately 10,000 new recruits and retentions.
- b. SMSgt Laursen recognized SrA Simpson (566 ISS) as our Division 11 nominee for First Term Airman of the Year for 2010. Received medallion from Division.
- c. SMSgt Laursen briefed the attached map showing how AFSA division structure is being updated. Division 11 may change to Division 6. With the proposed structure change, our Division will have approximately 15,000 members.

11. Command Chief's Comments:

- a. CMSgt Ellis was unable to attend this month's meeting.

12. Guest Speaker: None this meeting

13. Old Business:

- a. Operation Brown Bag – program to use donated food to feed homeless community members. Need new POC since SSgt Awanda has PCSd. If no interest, issue will need to be closed. Tabled until July 2011 meeting. (Open: SMSgt Laursen)
- b. Fundraisers. SMSgt Laursen is looking at doing a pancake or breakfast burrito sale; also asking general membership to share any fundraising ideas they may have. (Open: SMSgt Laursen)
- c. Professional Airman's Conference, 23-27 Jul 2011. If you are able to attend the conference, please let SMSgt Laursen know as we need chapter representatives. (OPEN: SMSgt Laursen)

14. New Business:

- a. There will be a membership drive at the Buckley Fitness Center on 22 Jun from 0900-1500. Volunteers are needed. (Open: SMSgt Laursen)
- b. AFSA Chapter 1179 will have a booth at Buckley AFB's annual Retiree Appreciation Day which is scheduled for 22 Jul 2011. (Open: SMSgt Laursen)
- c. SMSgt Laursen announced that our Chapter now has its own Face Book page. Please do a search for AFSA Chapter 1179 and 'like' it. (Info: SMSgt Laursen)
- d. SMSgt Laursen stated that we need a logo for our Chapter; suggested a contest and recommended incorporating Buckley-unique items into the logo. (Open SMSgt Laursen)
- e. Upcoming events: Street Clean Up, VA Hospital visit, Wreaths Across the America. More information to follow. (Info: SMSgt Laursen)

15. Open Floor

- a. SSgt Field addressed the membership regarding all the issues that are being addressed on Capitol Hill and suggested that instead of cutting Tuition Assistance,

the Air Force should look at having Airmen incur an additional service obligation, like officers.

b. SSgt Mechaley encouraged everyone to contact their representative/congressman and share with them as their constituents what is important to us as Airmen.

16. Next Meeting: 1530L, 19 Jul 2011 at Newtch's Den.

17. Meeting Adjourned: 1614L.

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Legislative Affairs

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All AFSA Members