



# AFSA Heartbeat



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**July-September 2019**

## CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings! I hope everyone is ready for a great summer. We have had enough of the bad weather.

First of all, I want to congratulate our members listed below who were winners at the Division 3 Conference. They will go on to the AFSA International Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC). We wish them luck in August!

<b>Family Mbr of the Year</b>	Patti Dalzell
<b>Volunteer Service Awd</b>	Helen Hatz
<b>VA Volunteer Svcs Awd</b>	CMSgt (ret) Hershell Spurlock

The AFSA International PAC will be held at the Grand Hyatt on the Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX, August 25-28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. You can still register by July 31<sup>st</sup> for \$325 and the room rate is \$126 plus tax. Hope to see some of you there.

Your Chapter is still doing some great things. We volunteer at the Kansas City VA Hospital and St. Michael's Veterans Home. Some of our members participated in a fundraiser at the American Legion Riders Craft Show in June. We continue with our weekly Bingo fundraiser every Wednesday at the Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie, Belton, MO. Come on out – cost is \$2 per sheet (three cards on a sheet). We start selling cards at 4:30 PM and Bingo starts at 5:00 PM. We play three coverall games of which two are progressive.

Here are a few interesting facts:

- Sep 14, 1814 – the *Star Spangled Banner* was written by POW Francis Scott Key
- Aug 26, 1921 – U.S. signs peace treaty with Germany

- Aug 14, 1945 – Japan unconditionally surrenders
- Sep 18, 1947 – U.S. Air Force established
- Jul 27, 1953 – Korean War Armistice was signed
- Jul 11, 1955 – U.S. Air Force Academy dedication

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Our annual POW/MIA Ceremony of Remembrance will be September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter.

I want to thank all our Chapter volunteers for their hard work keeping AFSA out there by doing things to help our Veterans, sending and clipping coupons, organizing events and fundraisers, etc. You all are amazing!

Yours in AFSA,

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***Chapter President***

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## MEMBERSHIP

As of June 11, we had 812 active members. Also, our Chapter recruited 10 members and retained 50. Through the end of May, our retention rate was 74%. Although this is pretty good, my goal is to achieve a 90% retention rate. We still have a ways to go to meet our 2019 goals of 20 recruits and 80 retentions, but we're getting closer every day. Please sign up your Family Members – sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, etc., as long as they are 16 years of age, they can be an AFSA member. Please contact me for membership forms.

Thank-you gifts have been mailed out to those members who renewed their memberships with our Chapter in the months listed below.

- March --** Gaynelle Barnett  
Samie Lacy  
MSgt (ret) Rolland Larison  
MSgt (ret) Darrell Littler  
TSgt (ret) Jerry Wester
- April --** SMSgt (ret) Charles Blankenship  
TSgt (ret) Thomas Cole  
A1C (ret) Helen Falcon  
MSgt (ret) Thomas Foley  
MSgt (ret) Billy Kell  
MSgt (ret) John McDonald  
SMSgt (ret) David Middleton  
SSgt (vet) David Smith

A HUGE thank you to these members who helped our Chapter get closer to our goal. Your support is very much appreciated. I'll soon be working on sending thank-you gifts for those who renewed their May memberships.

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.

Thanks for all your support. Take care and God Bless!

**PATTI DALZELL**

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## WELFARE

In the month of May, Get Well cards were sent to Joetta Anderson and Gaynelle Barnett.

A Sympathy card was sent to Fern Shepard (loss of Aunt) and a Thinking of You card was sent to Kathy Oden.

If you know of any member who is ill, recovering from surgery, had a death in the family or is just going through a rough patch and needs a little pick-me-up, please let me know.

**PATTI DALZELL**

*Chairperson*

## 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 July thru September are as follows:

- ❖ **July 25**
- ❖ **August 22**
- ❖ **September 26**

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## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

A big thank you to those who picked up trash on May 4<sup>th</sup> – Mark Clark, Charlie Dalzell, Charlie Knight and Hershell Spurlock. A total of 11 bags were collected. Next trash pickup will be in October.

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## **CHAPTER HISTORY**

### ***“Reflections”***

Back by popular demand, it is History Trivia time. Here’s a little test to keep you all “sharp as tacks” on days gone by, as well as the present time of our Air Force, Richards-Gebaur AFB and the Air Force Sergeants Association.

1. The USAF was founded as an Independent service in what year? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The first Secretary of the Air Force was \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Henry Kissinger (B) James Stewart (C) Stuart Symington (D) James Forrestal
3. The first Air Force Chief of Staff was \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Gen. James Doolittle (B) Gen. Carl Spaatz (C) Gen. Ira Eaker (D) Gen. Curtis LeMay
4. The current Air Force Chief of Staff is \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Gen. David Goldfein (B) Gen. John Jumper (C) Gen. Norton Schwartz (D) Gen. Mark Welsh
5. Our AFSA Chapter, then known as 504, was chartered in what year? \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) 1957 (B) 1962 (C) 1970 (D) 1972
6. Our current Chapter President is \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Tony Berter (B) Mark Clark (C) Charlie Knight (D) Charlie Dalzell
7. The Air Force Base where our Chapter began was built in 1954 and was called \_\_\_\_\_ AFB before it was renamed Richards-Gebaur AFB in 1957.
8. The Host Command of Richards-Gebaur AFB from 1954-1968 was \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) ADC (B) MAC (C) SAC (D) TAC
9. The AFRES 442<sup>nd</sup> TCW Wing moved to the base in what year? \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) 1955 (B) 1957 (C) 1959 (D) 1961
10. The host command of the base from 1970-1977/78 was \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Air Training Command (B) Air Force Weather Service (C) Global Strike Service  
(D) Air Force Communications Service
11. In what year did the Tactical Fighter Group replace the 442<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing? \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) 1979 (B) 1982 (C) 1984 (D) 1985
12. In what year did the Air Force presence end at Richards-Gebaur when the 442<sup>nd</sup> moved to Whiteman AFB? \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) 1990 (B) 1992 (C) 1994 (D) 1996

Thank you for playing along. Have a safe and fun summer. The answers to the History Trivia can be found on page 4.

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## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

By the time you receive this Newsletter, we will have attended the production of “*The Buddy Holly Story*” at the **New Theater Restaurant**. The next show will be on **August 20**, “*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*”. There are some tickets left at the price of \$51 each so let me know if you would like to attend.

Since our next **Hollywood Casino Trip** coincided with “*The Buddy Holly Story*”, we will now go on **July 18** and will meet at 11:30 AM at the Café. You can then play to your heart’s content. And, gentlemen, feel free to join us!

Please let me know if there are any other places you’d be interested in visiting.

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## COUPON CONNECTION

Two boxes of coupons were sent to Camp Humphreys Commissary (South Korea) and to the Marines Family Services. The cost to ship these boxes was \$32.80. Our members put in over 2,500 hours clipping coupons.

Thank you notes were sent to the Manager of the HyVee in Iowa.

As always, I want to thank everyone for their dedication to this worthwhile endeavor.

**KATHY ODEN, 816-331-4058**

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## CARD DAYS



**July 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

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 135<sup>th</sup> St., Martin City, MO

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

**GINNY STAUDINGER, 816-982-5133 (Pinochle)**

**SHARON DAVIES, 816-331-5581 (Bridge)**

## BUCK-A-MONTH 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](mailto:afsachapter804@gmail.com) or calling Charlie Dalzell at 816-331-7594.**

Thanks to our recent contributors –

**TSgt (ret) Walter Flowers**

## HISTORY TRIVIA ANSWERS

- |         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| 1. 1947 | 7. Grandview |
| 2. C    | 8. A         |
| 3. B    | 9. A         |
| 4. A    | 10. D        |
| 5. B    | 11. B        |
| 6. D    | 12. C        |



**CHARLES KNIGHT**  
**2019 GRANDVIEW CIVIC LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Charlie Knight will receive this award on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. He has made numerous contributions to the Grandview, MO, community –

After retiring from the Air Force, Charlie and wife, Melissa, along with their children Michele and Justin, moved to Grandview in 1979.

Charlie retired for a second time from True Value Distribution Center and began working as a volunteer at the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP) in 2002, where his 20 hours per week are filled with numerous jobs, including running the food pantry for the last 18 years, training hundreds of volunteers, in addition to delivering food to GAP clients, picking up weekly food donations at a local restaurant, picking up other donations such as school supplies, clothing donations and Christmas items for local children, making general repairs to the GAP's building, grounds and office and helping to shop for groceries and picking up donated items at Harvesters, etc.

Charlie has volunteered at other numerous charitable, business and recycling centers, such as the Grandview Animal Hospital, helping with the City's Pets Helping People annual event and the Job One recycling center.

Charlie has been a school crossing guard for the Grandview School District since 2003 and, most recently, became a 2017 Citizens Academy graduate. He is also a member of the Grandview Memorial VFW Post 8100.

The list goes on and on of his accomplishments. And to top it all off, Charlie is a life member of our Chapter.

Congratulations, Charlie. This is an honor that is extremely well-deserved! Members of Chapter 804 are so very proud of you.





# **POW/MIA CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE**

**HOSTED BY AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION  
CHAPTER 804**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**11:00 AM**

**AT**

**BELTON MEMORIAL PARK  
(located at Y Highway & Commercial Street)**

**For Information Call:**

**Harry McLane – 816-524-6886**

**Charlie Dalzell – 816-331-7594**

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **JULY**

- 4 ***Independence Day***
- 9 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 11 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 11 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 15 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 18 Trip to Hollywood Casino (meet at the Café at 11:30 AM)
- 25 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO
- 27 ***National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day***
- 28 ***Parents Day***

**VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 1-2-3-8-9-10-15-16-17-22-23-24-29-30-31**

## **AUGUST**

- 1 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 1 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 4 ***Coast Guard Birthday***
- 8 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 8 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 13 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Belton Senior Center, 609 Minnie
- 19 Coupon-Cutting Session, 9:30 AM, Carnegie Village (The Loft)
- 20 New Theatre & Restaurant to see "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*"
- 21 ***Senior Citizens Day***
- 22 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO
- 25-28 AFSA International Professional Airmen's Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 26 ***Women's Equality Day***

**VA Hospital Volunteer Service: 5-6-7-12-13-14-19-20-21-26-27-28**

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 2 ***Labor Day***
- 5 Pinochle, 10:00 AM, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, MO
- 5 Bridge, 10:00 AM, RC's Restaurant, Martin City, MO
- 8 ***National Grandparents Day***
- 10 AFSA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM – **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**
- 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)
- 18 ***Air Force Birthday***
- 20 ***National Pow/MIA Recognition Day***
- 21 POW/MIA Ceremony of Remembrance, 11:00 AM, Belton Memorial Park
- 26 Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Golden Corral, Raymore, MO

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

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

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