



AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER 554

1358 WIZARD WAY, SUITE 1, EGLIN AFB FL 32542
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Event: Monthly Membership Meeting

Time/Location: May 26, 2010, 1115 at Eglin Enlisted Club

Attendees: David Sopshier, Phylisa McCarthy, Marbris Dillard, Jeremy Box, John Shackelford, Jill Shackelford, Thomas Westermeyer, Yolanda Wallace, Chuck Britto, Hubert Varnum, Jeffery Womack, Antonio Cousin, Jerry Wright, Elvia Bottino, Raul Lopez, Sarah Gauthier

- Meeting called to order at 1123
- Four first time attendees recognized
- Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble were recited
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2010 Meeting, Approved
- MSgt Dillard will be conducting raffle drawings throughout the meeting

Committee Reports

- Treasurer's Report – MSgt Dillard
 - Total: \$2301.34
- Membership/Retention Report – SMSgt Sopshier
 - Chapter 554 has good membership numbers.
 - Retentions need to improve.
 - Request for more individuals to assist in retention efforts of members.
 - Members that have moved need to be updated to show current chapter.
- Legislative Report – MSgt John Shackelford
 - AFSA is tracking a lot of bills right now
 - AFSA actively involved in current Cost of Living military pay raise, have pushed to raise proposed 1.4% to 1.9%, (great recruiting tool!)
 - HR4324 – Home Owner Assistance Bill, write local congressman for encouragement.
 - SJ Res #2 – Amendment to the Constitution – will prohibit the desecration of the U.S. Flag
 - CMSgt Westermeyer proposed the use of a template letter during AFSA meetings where members can sign, print, and mail letters to congress on the spot during chapter meetings.

Raffle – Winner, MSgt Bottino - \$25 AAFES Gift Card!!

- AFEV Report – Mr. Chuck Britto
 - Golf Tournament was a success! \$41,000 with more coming in.
 - Enlisted Village Memorial Day Ceremony at 0800
 - Flag Burning Ceremony 14 June at 1300
 - Motion to send flowers to Auxiliary President Dorothy McCullars, all in favor
 - Bob Hope Village Luau on 29 May in the ballroom
 - AFEV Coins sale, each coin purchased AFEV gets \$1
 - Auxiliary cookout 19 Jun 1100-1300, pay as you go



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- For more information on all events and coin sales at AFEV, contact Scarlett Bouman at 651-3766 or Anna at 651-2635.

Recurring

- Recruiting Drive being planned for 15 June at BX
- Next Highway Clean-Up 19 June POC is MSgt Kevin Bottino

Old Business

- AFJROTC Awards Ceremonies went well – MSgt Shackelford

New Business

- Professional Airman Conference
 - August 15-18 in Atlanta, Georgia
 - Additional information on the chapter website (afsa554.org)
 - Hot issue at the PAC will be the possibility of the Auxiliary merging into the “main” AFSA body
- Fundraisers needed
 - Looking into a Push-up contest. McChord AFB Chapter raised \$7200

Raffle – Winner – SSgt Womack, Signed CMSAF Picture (Will be presented next meeting)

Open Discussion

- Chuck Britto – Chief Binniker attended the Division 6/10 Conference in San Antonio, TX. Wanted to pass on his great involvement in AFSA. The status of the auxiliary may change with decreasing numbers.
- Command Chief Westermeyer spoke of our activities on Memorial Day. Make the day a day to remember by visiting graves of those fallen veterans and visiting with those at the AFEV. Encouragement to involve troops and take them with you to memorialize those that day. “What are you doing? It’s not a day off”
- Chief Group – Gate 2 Gate run on Memorial Day.
- Shirts Group – Looking to organize a golf tournament for a fundraiser for AFSA. Date TBA.
- Top 3 – Vietnam War Traveling Wall – need volunteers for security for the event. FWB Fairgrounds, mid June. Contact Top 3 for more information.
- SMSgt Sopshier – Membership Challenge via Bruce Blodgett – “10 in 30” – each member is challenged to recruit 10 new members in 30 days...every 30 days. This will help our overall AFSA increase. Let get recruiting!
- Volunteer opportunity – Teresa Village is looking for volunteers to help paint lines in the parking lot.

Raffle – Winner – MSgt Lopez – 50/50, \$21

Next Meeting Scheduled for 30 June 2010

Meeting Adjourned at 1201