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**TO: Members of AFSS**

**31 January 2010**

**SUBJECT: AFSS Reunion Business Report 9-12 Oct 2009 Tyndall AFB, FL**

Dear Members,

The Reunion at Tyndall AFB FL was very successful. Thanks to participating members and guest from Tyndall, Eglin and surrounding areas. A special thanks to CMSgt Cortland Saunders and his team for their awesome support. Also, thanks to those who traveled a great distance to attend. We had a wonderful time and concluded AFSS business with positive results. The Friday evening social hour and dinner were terrific thanks to the Club Staff's professionalism and those attending were a delightful crowd. We enjoyed the company of our Invited Guest (\*) and AFSS Members (\*\*):

### **Invited Guest**

- \*Kim M. Wintner, Colonel, Retired and his wife Denise
- \*Shirley Conklin Townsend, GS-12 Retired, Civil Service
- \*Jimmy Overstreet, CMS, Retired, and his wife Kathy
- \*Jack Greenhill, CMS, retired, and friend Freda
- \*Larry Williford, CMS, Retired
- \*Walt B. Hall, CMS, Retired, and wife Monique unable to attend health issues
- \*Jim W. Munzel, CMS, Retired, and his wife Margo

### **AFSS Members**

- \*\*Stanley Guterman, Lt. Colonel, Retired, and his wife Barbara
- \*\*Kathy A. Riley, Major, Retired
- \*\*Donal L. Hall, CMS, Retired and his wife Faye
- \*\*Cortland G. Saunders, CMS/CCC, 325<sup>th</sup> FSS, and his wife Santana
- \*\*Michael C. Lambright, CMS, Retired
- \*\*Edward G. Oliver, CMS, Retired, AFSS President, and wife Rose
- \*\*Roy L. Tibbs, CMS, Retired and his wife Dorothy
- \*\*John D. Snow, CMS, Retired
- \*\*Norbert J. Cheri, CMS, Retired
- \*\*Warren L. Macy, MSG, Retired
- \*\*Denise M. Knebel, CMS Retired, AFSS Treasurer
- \*\*William D. Mickler, CMS, Retired, FSO Eglin AFB, FL, & his wife Barbara
- \*\*Mario Giacometti, CMS, Retired, Project Mgr Eglin AFB FL, & his wife Cindy
- \*\*Robert J. Zahorchak, CMS, Retired, & friend unable to attend emergency issue
- \*\*Terry L. Parker, MSG, Retired, Unable to attend duty called

- There were 35 guests/members that signed up to attend the social hour/dinner and most attended. Out of the 35 who were to show, 22 attended the social hour and dinner. Thirteen were unable to attend the dinner due to having to depart after the social hour and a few others were ill and could not attend either event. Overall, this was a great Reunion. Meeting with the 325<sup>th</sup> FSS Staff and sharing our thoughts and ideals with them was most encouraging. There were many conversations taking place not only between old friends renewing acquaintances with friends they had not seen in years, but making new friendships as well. The overall situation was to have some fun, relax and enjoy the evening events. After a friendly social hour we enjoyed a wonderful dinner buffet and then shared a couple of traditional memorial stories and events of times past.

## **Saturday, 10 Oct 2009 HQ U.S. Air Force Services Update Briefing**

### **See Attached Briefing**

**CMS Donald T. Carney, HQ AF/A1S CEM provided a briefing to CMS Cortland Saunders to present to the attending members. The briefing addressed Air Force Services Updates and items of interest approved for this meeting.**

## **21 AF food services Professionals win culinary honors**

- Released Oct. 21, 2009 from USAF Manpower Personnel and Services News [[AFPC.News@randollph.af.mil](mailto:AFPC.News@randollph.af.mil)]
- *RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas* - Twenty-one Air Force food service professionals were honored at the 2009 Hennessy Travelers Association Educational Foundation Armed Forces Forum for Culinary Excellence Oct 4-10.
- The forum, held at the Culinary Institute of America Greystone Campus in Napa Valley, Calif., **recognized a total of 25 members of the Armed Forces serving in food operations around the world.** The Air Force winners are:

TSgt Tanya M. Sweeney, 104<sup>th</sup> FXW, Westfield, Mass  
 SSgt Nicole Sevigny, Tyndall AFB, Fla.  
 SSgt Kiana Mobley, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom  
 SSgt Andrew P. King, 193 SWO, Middletown, PA.  
 SSgt Sherry L. Fossett, 914 Services, Niagara Falls, N.Y.  
 SSgt Quincy A. Cope, 104thj FW Westfield, Mass.  
 SSgt Wendell Bowles II, Eglin AFB, Fla.  
 SSgt Melissa Bolden, Youngtown ARS, Ohio  
 SSgt Gary Adamoyurka, Ramstein AB, Germany  
 SrA Angel L. Ramirez, Elemendorf AFB, Alaska

SrA Tamie Murdock, Shaw AFB, C.C.  
 SrA Eunice J. Mims, Duke Field ARB, Fla.  
 SrA Kenneth D. Fuller, Pittsburgh ARS, Pa.  
 SrA Jeffrey L. Demers, 165<sup>th</sup> Sioux City, Iowa  
 SrA Claribel Najera Torres, Tyndall AFB, Fla.  
 SrA Sterling Jackson, Little Rock, AFB Ark.  
 A1C Ciara J. Horn, McChord AFB, Wash.  
 A1C Isylma Edge, Fairchild AFB, Wash.  
 A1C Bryant Davis, Scott AFB, Ill.  
 A1C Jason Sugimoto, Spangdahlem AB, Germany  
 A1C Alexandra Burgeson, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

- Honorees are nominated by evaluation teams during a month-long worldwide tour to select the “**best of the best**” in military food service operations. The evaluation teams consist of members from the National Restaurant Association Board of Directors, the Society for Food Service Management, the International Food Service Executives Association and military headquarters staff.
- Each year since its inception in 2006, service men and women nominated during the evaluation process are invited to attend the forum where the honorees are provided hands-on classes, seminars, tours and a roundtable discussion with leaders of the restaurant and food service industries.
- The *Air Force Service Society* also congratulates the exceptional talent and service these outstanding Air Force specialist provide the customers worldwide 24/7/365 days a year!

## **AFSS Business Oct 10, 2009**

### AFSS Balance Sheet – As of Oct 7, 2009

- AFSS Treasurer Simplified Report for Reunion attendees
- Total Assets & Cash in bank Account **\$13,617.23**
- Total Liabilities .00
- Members interested in a more defined report may contact the Treasurer at: [afsstreasurer@airforceservicessociety.org](mailto:afsstreasurer@airforceservicessociety.org). Please make sure you provide your name, phone number along with your current contact data, email etc. (**Item Closed**)

## **AFSS College Scholarship Book Program 2009**

- For the year 2009 unfortunately AFSS did not receive one application for the Five Scholarship awards valued at \$300 each. The material was placed on our AFSS website <http://www.airforceservicessociety.org/> early enough for members to review and apply if desired.
- The attendees were made aware of the issues and a recommendation was presented by the president. We discussed this at length and decided that if we are going to continue this program and more important if the organization is going to continue – **we will change the scholarship number of awards and amount from 5 to 3, and increase the value from \$300 to \$500 dollars each.** This will keep the total amount of scholarship funds at the original dollar amount approved by the membership (\$1500.) **(Item Pending Status of AFSS)**

## **Number of Paid & Free Memberships in Good Standing:**

- As of 13 Jan 2010 our latest AFSS Membership Status Roster can be located on the website link “Members Roster”. We have 174 members in good standing. **(Item Open)**

## **Membership Recruiting for AFSS:**

- We encourage our active members to support our recruiting membership program and pass out available AFSS Brochures to their acquaintances in an effort to support building a stronger AFSS. Those needing additional brochures, please contact the president, Secretary or Treasurer for additional copies of our new AFSS Brochures. **(Item Pending)**

## **Call for Executive Board Members:**

- The AFSS President Edward G. Oliver is resigning his post as AFSS President effective 31 January 2010. The reason is that he has been president since October 2004 after attending the first reunion in San Antonio, and it is time to move on. He is a Lifetime Member and will continue his support of AFSS. A letter to this effect was posted on the AFSS Website Home page in November 2009, however the date has been extended to finish last minute details of the organization. There have been a few members who have stepped up, and we are awaiting one other member to inform us of his willingness to volunteer. Personnel interested in any of the positions for the Executive Board should contact the president, or any member of the executive board ASAP. See the AFSS Website home page for more details and if interested contact Ed via email, or call, his information is on the AFSS Website on the “**Executive Board Link**”. <http://www.airforceservicessociety.org/> **(Item Pending Actions)**
- Ms. Peggy Geil informed the President that she will continue in her role as the AFSS Marketing Consultant. **(Item Closed)**
- We have a volunteer for Vice President, Denise Knebel, and she will be replaced by Remy Allison as Treasurer. Remy Allison, Secretary will be replaced by Al Perrie. There are still needs for recruiting our Webmaster positions, however our present two will continue until replacements can be recruited. The positions of our Webmasters

remain, Milton Hobdy and Jim Krueger. AFSS is a focal point for the Professionalism, Honor, Integrity and Heritage of our Services profession, and can assist in keeping our contributions and history alive for those of today to remember tomorrow. All we need are members to help keep our history alive and support a strong executive Board in achieving this goal! We can continue to work at growing our organization.  
**(Item Pending)**

#### **Results of LeMay & Eubank Awards – 2009:**

- **The 2009 LeMay & Eubank Award winners** were not made available despite repeated requests to AFSS this year due to unknown circumstances. We would love to recognize the winners but must be notified as in the past in order to procure the trophies and ship them to the respective Wing Commanders. We will work on ensuring this does not occur again and still strive to obtain the necessary information to recognize our outstanding activities. **(Item Pending)**

#### **Results of Hennessy Awards – 2009:**

- The 2009 Hennessy Award Winners for Multiple Category was the 96<sup>th</sup> FSS, Eglin AFB, AFMC. The HTA winner was SSgt Wendell Bowles also from Eglin AFB, AFMC. The 2009 Hennessy Awards winner for Single Category was Kirtland AFB, NM AFMC. The other HTA winner was A1C Ciara J. Horn, Tyndall AFB FL (AETC) – She is now assigned to McCord AFB, WA with her husband. **(Item Closed)**

#### **Results of the Innkeeper Awards – 2009:**

- The ITA Winners for 2009 were not made available to AFSS for unknown circumstances. The winner of the large base Innkeeper Award was Kirtland AFB, NM and the small base category was the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. This information was obtained by another base lodging manager. We received no confirmation of this data. We will continue to work with AFSVA lodging reps to ensure this does not happen again. **(Item Pending)**

#### **Small Base Category up to 285 Rooms.**

- No input from the Innkeeper personnel at the Agency. **(Item Pending notification of winners)**

#### **Large Base Category over 285 Rooms.**

- No input from Innkeeper personnel at the Agency. **(Item Pending notification of winners)**

#### **Results of Schoolhouse Distinguished Graduates Awards – 2009:**

- We had a total of 82 Distinguished Graduates during this period. Some members have elected not to renew their memberships after their one-year free memberships expired. Primary reasons given were they did not wish to renew or they just were not interested,

but thanked AFSS for recognizing their accomplishments. **(Item Open for further evaluation by the Executive Board – Actions Pending)**

### **Who and What is AFSS:**

- Getting the word out about AFSS seems to continue being an issue involving better communications from our senior civilian, officer and enlisted personnel throughout the Air Force. However with Mr. Charles E. Milam, Director, Air Force Services, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, HQ U.S. Air Force, now becoming a member of AFSS along with Chief Don Carney, AF/A1S/CEM, we hope to see improved communications and a new interest in AFSS and what we do for all the Air Force Manpower, Personnel and Services Team. **(Item Open & Pending)**

### **Involving Senior AF Services Leadership:**

- The Tyndall attendees discussed requesting the need to involve our senior AF SVS leadership, to include Squadron Commanders, and Chiefs along with Deputies in recruiting membership for AFSS. This can be accomplished via passing out our AFSS Brochures and verbal information from the Top at all levels of AF Manpower, Personnel and Services. AFSS does not wish to place anyone in the perceived position of officially promoting membership in a private non-profit organization who may feel uncomfortable doing so. It is noted that similar private organizations issues were faced by organizations such as the Air Force Association, Air Force Sergeants Association and others. AFSS also supports the AF Services annual awards programs and recognizes accomplishments of distinguished graduates from the AF Services technical training. It should further be noted that this was not a situation that was unique to Services, but has been faced by other organizations within the Air Force. **(Item Remains Open for Discussion)**

### **Mailing AFSS Brochures:**

- AFSS can mail copies of their Brochures to FSS Leadership. This recommendation was adopted and such mailings are available. Any Services or soon to become “Force Support Squadron’s” requiring AFSS Brochures at any AF Installation may contact members of the Executive Board listed on the AFSS Website at the link “Board Members”. We will send them off ASAP! **(Item Open & Pending)**

### **Job Openings:**

- Employment opportunities, for Services personnel is an ongoing task and available on our AFSS Website. It was suggested we include the following link [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) on our Job Bank link for interested personnel looking for another professional avenue for job search and contact sources. We ask you to review the rules of engagement when accessing this website. Interested members may obtain an email account if desired as many professionals do. **(Item Open)**

### **Focus on Mission:**

- It was noted that AFSS should focus on supporting the services mission. Again, there was emphasis that this should encompass the full Services Mission and the span of

Services skill sets vice concentrating on military personnel and Readiness functions. All recommendations are welcome. We must keep in mind that the mission today in the Air Force is, Manpower, Personnel and Services. **(Item Open)**

### **Recognition of Award Winners:**

- Award winners for the HTA, ITA, AF Individual Awards program and Distinguished Gradates from the Schoolhouse are presently recognized by AFSS along with the LeMay and Eubank Awards. **(Item Remains Open & Pending - notification of winners data)**

### **Local Training:**

- There continues a need for local training for Services personnel with civilian organizations. For instance, the Services - food service “training with industry” was benchmarked as an example of how AFSS could assist in promoting local training. This item may be re-evaluated by the AFSS Executive Board for future consideration pending availability of adequate funds within the AFSS to assist in sending the best of the best to an organization off base as at local hotel/restaurant for training with the Restaurant Chef or even the hotel desk services as examples. Of course individual manning situations must be taken into considerations along with any funding needed by AFSS and then the need of being an AFSS member comes into play also. **(Item Remains Open for Discussion)**

### **Scholarships:**

- Pending the continuance of AFSS and the new appointments of the positions required to continue our organization depends upon the filling of Executive Board positions. There is support for the value added of the AFSS Book Scholarships now to be three \$500 dollar book scholarships. The focus of the Tyndall attendees was on scholarships to assist current personnel further their education and remains such. The new program for 2010 will be indicated on the AFSS Website at a later date to yet be determined other than January of 2010. **(Item Open & Pending AFSS Status)**

### **Points of Contact At Each Installation:**

- AFSS does have a program in works. A potential member or member in good standing can locate the link on our website titled “Executive Board”. Look for the link within the Executive Board link titled “Base Reps”. We encourage volunteers to perform this valued service. Volunteers, their names, picture and contact information may be identified on the AFSS website link “Reps” which is within the Executive Board link. Individual’s volunteering must be members of AFSS in good standing. **(Item Open)**

### **Services Councils:**

- Services Council meetings are a great means to market AFSS. This is another source of recruiting new membership and only needs support at many more bases. We are still working to determine how best to link in with existing councils. **(Item Open)**

### **Local Chamber of Commerce:**

- There was a suggestion that the local Base Force Support Squadron Councils should be actively involved with the local chambers of commerce to support both educational and employment opportunities for the membership. The AFSS is looking forward to providing the level of FSS personnel involvement in the AFSS is directly related to AFSS' ability to provide this increased support. **(Item Open)**

### **The Next AFSS Reunion:**

- The next AFSS Reunion location recommended and voted yes on by the attendees was Keesler AFB, Miss. **The dates are 7-10 October 2011.** We should be able to get our Florida members and adjoining states members to participate in this one I am sure. Retired Chief John Snow said he could make things happen there and for those who would like to go deep Gulf fishing, arrangements can be made. We have a few local members who can help with the preparations for our 5<sup>th</sup> Reunion, and Keesler should be a great place to visit. More information to come. **(Item Open & Pending)**

### **The AFSS Blog:**

- The addition of our new Blog Link for our Website received very little to no participation. We only had three members on line and two interested in getting connected. The attendees agreed that little interest over the past two years justified deleting the blog from our website. At such time as members would like such a site, we can revisit the subject. Our webmaster will delete blog from website. **(Item Pending)**

### **AFSS Cookbook:**

- Our AFSS Cookbook is now titled "**50 + Friends Club Cookbook**" and you can access the recipes by clicking on Cookbook and then click on "**Appetizers & Snacks**". Continuing through the list or available items posted will lead you to some great recipes. The four Armed Forces Recipes indicated on our website have no available data within at this time. We can try to build upon our recipes via members who desire to contribute their favorite recipes to our Webmaster whose email address is located on our Executive Board link. As President of AFSS I deem it appropriate for those contributing a minimum of ten varied recipes shall receive a free AFSS Coffee Cup for their efforts while supplies last. Please include your name, home address along with your submission. **(Item Open & Pending)**

### **Meeting adjourned at 1300 hours, 6 Oct 07.** It was time to play golf.

- The four players who enjoyed the game of Golf were Roy Tibbs, Mike Lambright, Jim Munzel and Ed Oliver. **(Item Close)**

**Saturday Dinner.** Many of the attendees enjoyed a wonderful meal at the "**Shrimp Boat**" in Panama City. **(Item closed Maybe)**

**Sunday Visit.** Norbert Cheri and Ed visited an old friend retired CMSgt Walter B. Hall at his home with his lovely wife Monique. Walt has experienced some health issues the past few years and was kind enough to allow us to visit. His mind is as sharp as a tack and we even got some photos and his permission to put them on our website. Cheri and I are proud to have worked with Walt over the years and for Ed, I have known Walt for over 31 years and have respected him for what he contributed to the Air force Services programs while active duty and also civilian Chief Food Service Manager at the Agency. Thank you Walt for your leadership, honor and integrity in helping make the Air force Food service the best in the world. **(Item Closed)**

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**“Signed”**

**EDWARD G. OLIVER, CMS, USAF, Retired  
President, Air Force Services Society**

**1 Attachment**

**HQ U.S. Air Force Services  
Update Briefing**