



**AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Division 6**  
**The Golden West Division**



TO: AFSA Division 6 Chapters

3-5 April 2022

Subject: Division 6 Conference Business Meeting Minutes

1. The Division 6 Business meeting was held at the Orleans Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV. The meeting was called to order by Division President James Zwiebel, 10 am, 4 April 22. 130 delegates and guests in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance and AFSA Preamble were delivered at breakfast.
2. **Introduction and opening remarks/DP Report:** DP Zwiebel welcomed everyone back after 3 years, including IP Kerry Wright, IVP MSgt Blake Manual and Executive Director Keith Reed. DP Zwiebel’s annual report and council members reports are attached. Encouraged everyone to fill out critiques after conference and reminded everyone about the special membership campaign going on until 10 April must use the form provided to get discount rate.
3. **Your Great Association, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow:** Yesterday – Jim Lokovic gave history of the organization since inception in May 1961 and some of the accomplishments. Today- 28<sup>th</sup> International President Kerry Wright talked about primary mission taking care of our enlisted force and their families. Thanked Command Chiefs for attending and discussed things happening at AFSA HQs. 3 Goals: Increase membership, Update 100-1 and 100-2 manuals and build relationships. Tomorrow-9<sup>th</sup> Executive Director Keith Reed talked about our 40-year-old building Airman Memorial in D.C. Membership locally is key to future, Columbia University 1 course scholarship for joining. Chapter Presidents get to know your Command Chiefs, tells base leadership when you need someone think AFSA. Give value added of AFSA, like Starbucks-make it worth standing in line for. New beginning-young Airmen going forward- If you want to be apart of it, you will want to do things for it.
4. **AFSA International HQs Update/Talking Papers:** DP MSgt James Zwiebel gave makeup of International Board who met 2 weeks ago at the Tropicana. Communicating your needs, two things came up for talking papers. Need to look at bylaws and manuals to make them more effective. Second thing change Executive Director to CEO. Talking papers from International March Meeting will be presented to the general membership at the International Conference in August, watch for them in your next AFSA magazine.
5. **Parliamentarian procedures and credentials report** (Andrew): Red pamphlet in chief delegate folders. Credentials Report and conducted a roll call:
 

1163, 12 delegates, 19 votes	1179, 4 delegates, 22 votes	1180, 1 delegate, 7 votes
1181, 7 delegates, 21 votes	1182, 1 delegate, Not Present	1201, Not Present
1252, 8 delegates, 41 votes	1253, 2 delegates, 7 votes	1255, Not present
1257, 2 delegates, 11 votes	1260, 11 delegates, 42 votes	1261, 7 delegates, 30 votes
1311, 2 delegates, 6 votes	1320, 4 delegates, 30 votes	1322, 2 delegates, 24 votes
1328, 4 delegates, 22 votes	1330, 5 delegate, 28 votes	1356, 2 delegate, 6 votes
1365, 1 delegate, 8 votes	1372, 3 delegates, 15 votes	1379, 1 delegate, 17 votes

Total of 19 chapters (of 21 in Division 6), 79 delegates, 356 votes.

6. **Conference Agenda:** Conference agenda was approved, motion made by TSgt Kyle Carnegie, Chapter 1252 and IVP MSgt Blake Manual, Chapter 1163 seconded.
7. **Treasurer's Report (Bob):** Balance 31 Dec 2021 checking and savings: \$4,996.44. Form 990's were give to each Chapter President or Vice President in attendance to sign for 2022. Treasurer's report was included in conference magazine.
8. **Budget for 2022:** Budget for Division 6, TSgt Kyle Carnegie, Chapter 1252 motioned to accept, seconded by TSgt Brian Green, Chapter 1163, approved. Found in conference magazine and Division 6 webpage under Conference 2022.
9. **Meeting Minutes:** Virtual Conference business meeting minutes (10 Apr 21) and mid-year teleconference-11 Aug 2021 were presented and approved. Motion made by TSgt Lekema Bullock, Chapter 1372 and seconded by TSgt Robert Cameron, Chapter 1356.
10. **Professional Development:**
  - a. American Pacing Challenges -Command Chief CMSgt Brian Stafford, Air Force Test Center, Edwards AFB, CA.
  - b. Legacy of Greatness – Command Chief CMSgt Andrienne Warren, 432<sup>nd</sup> WG and 432 AEW, Creech AFB, NV.
  - c. The Privilege of Supervision – Command Chief CMSgt Raymond Riley, 75<sup>th</sup> ABW, Hill AFB, UT
  - d. Air Force Enlisted Village briefing- CMSgt (Ret) VaTerna Ivy, Director of Development: Must be 55 years old to sign up, about 500 residents. Surveying spouses of AF enlisted, widow first priority, then Mom of enlisted, 3<sup>rd</sup> priority active-duty spouse if enlisted were killed, 4<sup>th</sup> couples.
  - e. Military Financial Readiness-CMSgt (Ret) Eric Johnson.
  - f. CMSAF #11 Dave Campanale- A chat with the troops
  - g. Chief's Panels: First panel: CMSgt Brian Stafford, Command Chief AFTC, Edwards AFB, CA; CMSgt Dana Council, Command Chief 355<sup>th</sup> WG, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ; CMSgt Raymond Riley, Command Chief 75<sup>th</sup> ABW, Hill AFB, UT; CMSgt Denisha Ward-Swanigan, Command Chief 12<sup>th</sup> TW, Edwards AFB, CA; CMSgt Wendy Thi, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the AF, Pentagon, Washington D.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel: CMSgt Daniel Weimer, Command Chief 56<sup>th</sup> FW, Luke AFB, AZ; CMSgt Robert Devall, Command Chief Buckley Garrison, Buckley SFB, CO; CMSgt Adrienne Warren, Command Chief 432<sup>nd</sup> Wing and AEW, Creech AFB, NV; CMSgt Brandon Wolfgang, Command Chief 388<sup>th</sup> FW, Hill AFB, UT; and CMSgt Sarah Lopez, Chief Enlisted Mgr HQ 12<sup>th</sup> AF, Intelligence Directorate, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
11. **Division 6 Executive Council reports:** Introduced the division 6 executive council members: VP Christopher Dodd, Trustees Michele Chabot (not present), Jim Lokovic, TSgt Zack Traversie (not present), Andrew Duenas, SMSgt Reynaldo Rios, Treasurer/Senior Advisor Bob Tomlinson and Recorder/Secretary Sandy Valdezate. All reports can be found on the AFSA Division 6 webpage under Conference 2022 tab, conference documents. Gave explanation of Regional Directors. 19 of 21 chapters present, 79 delegates.
  - a. Chapter training was Sunday, 40 people attended. Covered AFSA Hqs modules, chapter checklist, AA&F reports, budget, audit, directory of officers, membership tools, awards and legislative.
  - b. Communications: Website page for chapters available for \$25 contact Michelle.
  - c. Legislative/Platform: Legislative Awareness Week 16-22 Oct. POW/MIA day 16 Sep , week 12-16 Sept. The 22/23 Proposed Legislative platform is out, vote Aug.
  - d. Retiree/Veterans Affairs, Recruiting and Retention, and Family Matters were briefed.

**12. Division 6 Awards:** Thank you to Unified Veterans Organization for grading the packages. 19 individual and 11 team awards submitted in 10 categories, 6 award categories had no submissions. Received nominations from 8 of 21 chapters. Had 3 Airman, 8 NCO, 5 Member and 2 Family Member of Year nominees. Member and Family Member of Year given at breakfast and Amn/NCO of Year given at banquet, the rest of the awards were given out Tuesday morning. Remember there are also special awards throughout the year that your chapter can give out: Girl Scouts, Eagle Scout, JROTC and Civil Air Patrol.

Amn of Year – SrA Kylie O’Neal – Chapter 1328, Edwards AFB, CA

NCO of the Year – TSgt Justin Inman – Chapter 1163, Hill AFB, UT

Member of the Year – MSgt Sara Elizabeth Keller – Chapter 1181, Peterson SFB, CO

Family Member of the Year – Laura Roman – Chapter 1260, Luke AFB, AZ

VAVS – No submission

VSA – No submission

Legislative Award – SSgt Denver Davis – Chapter 1320, Travis AFB, CA

Exemplary Achievement Award – Chris Dodd, Chapter 1260, Luke AFB, AZ

President’s Award – TSgt Jeremy Pitts, Chapter 1328, Edwards AFB, CA and Matthew Prouty, Chapter 1330, Redondo Beach, CA

Chapter of the Year under 500 – Chapter 1163, Hill AFB, UT

Chapter of the Year over 500 – Chapter 1328, Edwards AFB, CA

Chapter Volunteer Service Award – Chapter 1260, Luke AFB, AZ

Chapter Communications Award- Chapter 1252, Nellis AFB, NV

Chapter Community Service Award (Humanitarian)- Chapter 1260, Luke AFB, AZ

Lifetime Achievement Award – Tony Rollis, Chapter 1379, Moffett ANGB, CA

**13. Membership:** AFSA Division 6 strength 9,656 members as of Mar 2022, 9,594 members last year. Division 6 had 491 recruited and 152 retained last year, goals for this year have been sent out to chapters. Put together a membership committee for your chapters: includes recruiters-give briefings-Right Start, FTAC, ALS, etc, retainers-contact 4-month roster, bad addresses, etc. Incentive awards went to: Christopher, 1372, 90 recruits; Tutolo, 1252, 46 recruits; Pitts, 1328, 39 recruits, Teyes, 1163, 38 recruits, Consten, 1260, 38 recruits and Klajder, 1201, 32 recruits. 61 people recruited at least one person. CMSAF #11 Dave Campanale challenged everyone to recruit 25 people this year.

#### **14. New Business:**

**a. Crosstalk/Ideas/Thoughts:** MSgt Consten, 1260, would like to suggest a membership application with a square app that links right to AFSA Hqs.

- Add automatic field where recruiter and member # are added to give credit to the chapter.

- Be able to use Venmo for payment.

- TSgt Bullock – AFSA HQs website does not give you confirmation when you sign someone up that the payment went through, need to fix this. 7 stamps on front of webpage, why not just one with options when you go in to join.

- Set It and Forget It not enough advertising.

- Need an app just for membership

- Chapter 1260 created a card with an NFC scan that when scanned goes directly to AFSA webpage to “EZ join”

**b. Roll call and credentials:** 18 of 21 chapters present, 356 votes, simple majority 179 votes, 2/3 majority 237 votes.

- c. Division 6 Standing Rule:** All standing rules were updated with DP Zwiebel signature and date.
- 6-3 Terms of Office- chapter elections changed to October and November only. Changed some social media under communications and conference location to accommodate zoom.
  - 6-5 Special Awards and Recognition – money amounts changed.

Motion made by TSgt Kyle Carnegie, 1252, to approve standing rules, seconded by TSgt Dylan Lightfoot, 1260, approved. Can find them on the AFSA Division 6 webpage under the tab Conference 2022, conference documents. All standing rules (chapters and division) need to be reviewed and approved every year even if there are no changes. Chapters need to send a copy to AFSA HQs and Division annually.

d. Air Force Enlisted Village auction items raised \$350 and the hospitality room money chain also raised \$350 and was sent to them by Chapter 1181.

**15. Elections:** President (2 years), Vice President (1 year), #2 Trustee (2 years) and #3 Trustee (1 year). Because Division President Manual became IVP, VP Zwiebel stepped up to President and Trustee #3 Chris Dodd moved up to VP. Roll call complete, voting commenced and the following delegates were elected:

- a. Division President (2 yr): James Zwiebel, Chapter 1163, nominated by Bob Tomlinson, 1179, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Pennington, 1260. No other nominations were received. MSgt James Festog, 1261, motion and seconded by TSgt Jose Silva-Cruz, 1330, to elect by acclamation.
- b. Vice-President (1 yr): Christopher Dodd, Chapter 1260, nominated by DP Zwiebel, 1163, 2<sup>nd</sup> TSgt Bullock, 1372. No other nominations were received. TSgt Lekema Bullock, 1372, motioned and seconded by TSgt Robert Cameron, 1356, to elect by acclamation.
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee (2 yr): Jim Lokovic, Chapter 1328, nominated by Bob Tomlinson, 1179, second Sandy Valdezate, 1252. No other nominates were received. SSgt Benita Edwards, 1253, motion and seconded by MSgt James Festog, 1261 to elect by acclamation.
- d. 3rd Trustee (1 yr): TSgt Jeremy Pitts, Chapter 1328 nominated by SrA Kylie O’Neill, 1328, second TSgt Jose Silva-Cruz, 1330. No other nominations were received. TSgt Kyle Carnegie, 1252, motioned and seconded by TSgt Patrick Sullivan, 1181, to elect by acclamation.

**16.** AFSA International Convention and Family Reunion will be 7-11 August, 2022 at the Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV, last day is professional development. Division 6 is the host. We will need chapter support in making/bringing gift baskets for raffle and manning for registration and hospitality suite. Registration is now open on the AFSA HQs website \$250 early bird price.

**17.** Next year’s AFSA Division 6 Conference will be 26-28 Mar 2023, The Orleans, Las Vegas, NV. We need a chapter to volunteer to be the host chapter for registration and hospitality suite. Meeting was adjourned at 1600, 5 April 2022, group photo 5:30 pm, 6 pm induction of officers.

////Signed////

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