



The Retrospect

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AFSA Installation Banquet 2008

Chapter 615's new Executive Council AFSA and AUX 2008

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Top Left: Left to Right: Receiving the Member of the Year Award SSgt Brian Hinds from President Jeff Ledoux. Top Middle: Left to Right : Receiving the President's Award from President Jeff Ledoux was MSgt David Johnson. Top Right: Left to Right: Aux President Lisa Bryd Presenting the Auxiliary President's Award to Irene Heffern. Bottom: Left to Right: Libby S. Terry S., Cassie B., Anne R, Irene H., Debby O, Lisa B. CMSgt (ret) Jeff L., CMSgt (ret) Harold S, TSgt Pam M., MSgt (ret) Johnny B., TSgt (ret) Pam M.,MSgt David J., SSgt Brian H., and MSgt Todd A.

Words from the Presidents

AFSA President Jeff Ledoux

We are off to a good start with a partially new executive council. Although many of the council remain for a 2nd term in office, some have changed positions and we added three new members. We had another busy quarter for Chapter 615 and without your support; we could not achieve this level of success. This past quarter we held our annual Christmas Party, the annual chapter elections, and our Installation and Awards Banquet. At our banquet, we presented our AFSA Member of the Year award to SSgt Brian Hinds, our AFSA NCO of the Year to TSgt Pamela Marshall, and the President's Award to MSgt David Johnson.

Thank you for supporting our weekly Bingo operation and our annual Super Bingo fundraiser on 1 Mar 08! We continue to improve our financial standing while donating over \$92,000 last year to the base and local community. Whether it's helping an Airman in need, sponsoring many base level programs, helping children go to camp, or donating to many worthy charities, you are always there to pitch in a hand. Thank you for all you do every day.

We are busy getting ready to attend the AFSA Division 610 Convention on 27-29 March 08 at Wichita Falls, TX. In addition, keep in mind that the 2009 Division 610 Convention will be held right here in the Shreveport-Bossier City area. If you want to become involved in one of the best chapters in AFSA, come to one of our meetings and check us out. We meet monthly at Stripes on the last Tuesday @ 6:00 pm.

Auxiliary President Lisa Byrd

I would like to take this time to say 'Thank You' for the hard work each one of you contributed to AFSA during this past year. We had our Installation Banquet on 13 February at the Roadway Inn off Airline Drive. If you were not there you missed a great meal and visiting with everyone! Carol Ruholl our International President swore in the Auxiliary Board members for 2008. At our banquet, we presented our Auxiliary President's award to Irene Heffern. We will be having our AFSA Spring Picnic in April, keep your ears open for the date and time. We would 'Love' to see you there! Take care and have a safe summer.

AWARDS

MSgt David K. Johnson

Supporting our enlisted force continues to be a strong trait in Chapter 615. During the last six months, we have attended many events to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments our enlisted force.

The Barksdale Airman of the Month program continues to run strong and AFSA was there supporting awards to the following Airmen: A1C Eva-Liis Ramos/Oct 07, A1C Marvin J. Howdershell/Nov 07, A1C Rachel Roldan/Dec 07, SrA Zachery Nelson/Jan 08, and SrA John Lewis/Feb 08. We salute these junior leaders.

The 2d Bomb Wing announced its fourth quarter award winners at a luncheon at the Barksdale Club on February 7, 2008. Recognized were MSgt Thomas Hensley/SNCO category, TSgt Douglas McLane/NCO category, A1C Stephan Merlics/Airman category, SrA Justin Moore/Honor Guard category, and MSgt Derrick Grames/First Sergeant category. Similarly, the 917th Wing announced their winners at a hangar packed Commander's Call on March 2, 2008. Recognized were SMSgt Melanie Acosta/SNCO category, TSgt Joseph Rosado/NCO category, and SrA Shaunna Reed/Airman category.

The 2d Bomb Wing and 917th Wing also announced their annual award winners. MSgt Troy Kersey/2 BW SNCO category, TSgt Evelyn Break-Loux/2 BW NCO category, SrA Michael Morgan/2 BW Airman category, SrA Brandon Tanaka/2 BW Honor Guard category, MSgt Charles Proffitt/2 BW First Sergeant category, SMSgt Kyle Graff/917th Wing SNCO category, MSgt Norman Ford/917th Wing NCO category, Senior Airman Christopher Pate/917th Wing Airman category, and MSgt James Taliaferro III /917th Wing First Sergeant category. We wish each winner the best at the next level of competition.

As High School AFJROTC programs start to recognize their cadets, AFSA will also be there to show appreciation for cadets' hard work. Benton High School held their Military Ball and Awards Banquet on March 15, 2008, where Ms. Lauren Tull and Mr. Josh Gates were presented the AFSA AFJROTC certificate and medal.

Lastly, the Barksdale Airman Leadership School continues to teach new supervisors the skills needed to guide and mentor personnel. Our Chapter sponsored the Distinguished Graduate awards at several graduation ceremonies where SrA Justin Millen, SrA John Slaughter, SrA Stephen Bell, SrA Christopher Sussdorf, SSgt Robert Morse, SrA Efrain Serrano, SrA Aundrey Long, SrA Sarah Kusek, SrA Christian Boehm, SrA Bertie Jones III and SrA Heather Bernard received plaques for their achievements.

GIFTS FROM WALLER ELEMENTARY

SSgt Chester "Brian" Hinds



BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. - Senior Airman Sarah Lyons, Air Forces Sergeants Association Chapter 615 new Airman Activity Coordinator, carries boxes of Valentine's Day cards out of a classroom at Waller Elementary School on February 8, 2008. The valentines and candy bags were made by 3rd grade students for Airmen at Barksdale Air Force Base who live in the dorms that will be away from their families on Valentine's Day.

PAINTBALL 2008



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Chapter 615 NCO of the Year TSgt PAMELA MARSHALL



Chapter 615 Member of the Year 2007 Division 610 Member of the Year SSgt CHESTER "BRIAN" HINDS



Chapter 615 Presidents Award MSgt DAVID JOHNSON



- 2007 Division 610 Chapter of the Year
- 2007 Division 610 Website of the Year
- 2007 Division 610 Newsletter of the Year
- 2007 Division 610 Community Service Award
- 2007 Division 610 National Military Appreciation Month
Americanism Award
- 2007 Division 610 Auxiliary Chapter of the Year
- 2007 Division 610 Auxiliary Community Service Award
- 2007 Division 610 Auxiliary Newsletter of the Year
- 2007 Division 610 Auxiliary Top Retaining of the Year
Debbly Oesterreich

SKY HIGH CLUB

Jeff Ledoux, Mike Gibson and Pam Marshall

VETERAN'S VIEW

CMSGT Harold Swanson (RET)

New 'State Benefits' for the VA disabled veterans. Two new programs – If you are 60% or more, you can freeze your homeowner's taxes at the current level, just the same as when you turn 65 years old. See me at the Bossier Veterans Affairs Office 2292 Barksdale Blvd. in Casio's Office Plaza for the necessary paperwork. You will also need a copy of your 2007 income tax return, then take both of them to the Bossier Tax Assessors office -- to the Bossier Tax Assessors office -- at the Benton Court House, or the office on Benton Road, just north of the City complex. Also, 60% and up, free LA Drivers Licenses available, no more 4 years pay again. Remember, it is never too late to file for your VA benefits.



**AFSA & AUX
Monthly Membership
Meeting**

Last Tuesday of each Month
1800 Hrs.

@
Barksdale AFB
Stripes Club

**AFSA
Weekly Bingo
Every Friday
1730 Hrs.**

@
Veteran's Bingo Parlor
(318) 868-4170
Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS !!!**



19 APR 08
CHAPTER SPRING PICNIC
(CULLEN PARK BAFB)

**NEEDED:
VOLUNTEERS!!!**



17 MAY 08
PAINT YOUR HEART OUT
POC: SrA SARAH E. LYONS
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
APR 11	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
APR 14	1400	COLONIAL OAKS BINGO	COLONIAL OAKS NH
APR 15	1400	RIVERVIEW BINGO	RIVERVIEW NH
APR 18	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
APR 19	1200	SPRING PICNIC	CULLEN PARK BAFB
APR 22	1700	AFSA EXC BRD MTG	STRIPES CLUB
APR 24	1700	AUX EXC BRD MTG	TBA
APR 24		VA CAKES	VA HOSPITAL
APR 25	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
APR 29	1800	AFSA/ AUX MEMBERSHIP MTG	STRIPES CLUB
MAY 2	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
MAY 3	0845	ROAD CLEAN-UP	ELLIS POTTERY, AIRLINE DR.
MAY 9	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
MAY 12	1400	COLONIAL OAKS BINGO	COLONIAL OAKS NH
MAY 16	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
MAY 17		PAINT YOUR HEART OUT	
MAY 17	1700	BIRTHDAY DINNER	TBA
MAY 20	1400	RIVERVIEW BINGO	RIVERVIEW NH
MAY 20	1700	AFSA EXC BRD MTG	STRIPES CLUB
MAY 22	1700	AUX EXC BRD MTG	TBA
MAY 23	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
MAY 27	1800	AFSA/ AUX MEMBERSHIP MTG	STRIPES CLUB
MAY 29		VA CAKES	VA HOSPITAL
MAY 30	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
JUN 6	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
JUN 7	0845	ROAD CLEAN-UP	ELLIS POTTERY, AIRLINE DR.
JUN 9	1400	COLONIAL OAKS BINGO	COLONIAL OAKS NH
JUN 13	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
JUN 17	1400	RIVERVIEW BINGO	RIVERVIEW NH
JUN 17	1700	AFSA EXC BRD MTG	STRIPES CLUB
JUN 19	1700	AUX EXC BRD MTG	TBA
JUN 20	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
JUN 21	1700	BIRTHDAY DINNER	TBA
JUN 24	1800	AFSA/ AUX MEMBERSHIP MTG	STRIPES CLUB
JUN 26		VA CAKES	VA HOSPITAL
JUN 27	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
JUL 4	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
JUL 5	0845	ROAD CLEAN-UP	ELLIS POTTERY, AIRLINE DR.
JUL 11	1730	BINGO	VETERAN'S BINGO PARLOR
JUL 14	1400	COLONIAL OAKS BINGO	COLONIAL OAKS NH
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