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AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

Division 6 “Golden West”



AFSA MISSION STATEMENT

To advocate improved quality of life and economic fairness that will support the well being of Air Force enlisted personnel and their families.



Division 6 Roll Call

Chapter 1163, Hill AFB, UT
Chapter 1179, Buckley AFB, CO
Chapter 1180, USAF Academy, CO
Chapter 1181, Peterson AFB, CO
Chapter 1182, Shriever AFB, CO
Chapter 1201, Kirtland AFB, NM
Chapter 1252, Nellis AFB, NV
Chapter 1253, Creech AFB, NV
Chapter 1255, Cannon AFB, NM
Chapter 1257, Holloman AFB, NM
Chapter 1260, Luke AFB, AZ
Chapter 1261, Davis Monthan AFB, AZ
Chapter 1311, Oxnard AFB, CA
Chapter 1320, Travis AFB, CA
Chapter 1322, Sacramento, CA
Chapter 1328, Edwards AFB, CA
Chapter 1330, Los Angeles AFB, CA
Chapter 1356, Vandenberg AFB, CA
Chapter 1365, San Diego, CA
Chapter 1372, Beale AFB, CA

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Best Job I Ever Had

By Michael J. Burd

Throughout the movie *Fury*, Brad Pitt's character, Don "Wardaddy" Collier, repeats in a seemingly satirical manner: "Best job I ever had!" If you're like me, you probably laughed, and created your own understanding of what he meant. These same five words resonate with those of us who've served, or are still currently serving. Despite any accolades, service can be a very thankless experience. However, our association enables us to have the opportunity to serve with pride, to be selfless, and to embody what it means to be a servant leader - this is the greatest reward AFSA has to offer! Since our inception in 1961, our AFSA Chapter leaders are fine examples of that principle. They've put service before self, and have sacrificed a lot in the name of increasing the quality of life for the enlisted force - for US! In an attempt to capture this, and more I randomly selected 10 leaders across Division 6 who have lead at the chapter level, and asked them each the same four questions. In an effort to honor and pay tribute to the men and women who have held or are currently holding the torch at the chapter level, let's dissect what it means to be a chapter leader.



1) What did you personally sacrifice as a leader at the chapter level?

The most common response was, I lost time with my family, personal time, or even sleep, but some of the responses were spot on, like: "I sacrificed personal time with my family to ensure that I was able to turn every requirement in on time, that I was able to get all the things done that needed to get done, and still wasn't able to stretch myself as thin as needed to get everything complete." More times than not the resounding response was, "there was never enough time, never enough hours in the day!"

2) What were [are] some of your struggles?

Getting others to drink that AFSA Kool-Aid is what seemed for most to be a real challenge, sparking others passion for the organization often seemed impossible. Those who lead in this organization do it because they understand the incredible value of what AFSA does. AFSA has become a part of their family, and the Professional Airmen's Conferences (PACs) have become family reunions.

Here are some of the struggles our chapter leaders faced head on:

"Getting people to get charged up about AFSA and become passionate about it"

"Getting the word out. Fortunately, we learned from this, and now know how to work with other organizations to push our message out."

"Initially, balancing work and AFSA responsibilities; maintaining my skills and commitment at work, while learning to balance time for my AFSA requirements. However, eventually I had to start bringing my AFSA work home and that ran into personal time with my family. It was very difficult having to seclude myself to complete some of these requirements and what I had to do was involve my family into the things that I was getting done. As a Chapter, I think we struggled with commitment. That's the one thing that I believe we struggle with the most. People who sign up, and then realize that we aren't 5/6 or Top 3 and drop out because they just can't keep up."

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“Creating buy-in and generating the passion I have for this organization. I learned real quick who was in it for themselves and that EPR bullet. At our PAC I heard STP (same ten people), but for me it was SFP...same 5 people. Recruiting was easy, but creating a culture of doing this out of love and belief was a struggle.”

“Getting Wing Leadership to understand what AFSA does! The SNCOs were probably the hardest to get involved.”

The job of a chapter leader is not for the faint hearted. It's real work. There is a significant amount of dedication and time leaders need to commit to meet the ideals of our association. We are a National Military Association that focuses on improving the lives of men and women who serve, have served, and their families. It's knowing that you represent thousands of members, and that you have an obligation to recruit members, and instill your passion into them. It's about giving ownership to all members regardless of rank or status; our members are active, veteran, retired and family. We are better for it, and we are able to overcome struggles because it!

3) What were your fondest memories?

The most important part of being a leader in this association is creating memories for others and yourself. It's about building bonds with community leaders and organizations surrounding your chapter. It's about building a brand and selling a product. There are so many incredible opportunities that you are afforded as a member and a leader in this organization; some leave long lasting and fond memories such as:

“Making life-long friendships and all the great mentorship received by other leaders”

“Attending my first Division three years ago. It was where I ‘drank the kool aid’ and I learned so much about my responsibilities. These were things I implemented when I took over as President.”

“Being able to connect, mentor, and recognize individuals that I wasn't directly supervising. Having the opportunity to present an award to someone that you know worked so very hard with what they were doing, and speaking on their behalf in front of their leaders was by far the most amazing feeling. Watching them gain the confidence, and succeed even further than the Chapter level was so validating, because we know when we have a diamond, and when those around them recognize it as well, it just makes the win even sweeter. Having individuals reach out, just because of the reputation of AFSA has and knowing that my intentions were good, was such an incredible feeling. And being able to connect, physically, mentally and spiritually with my fellow AFSA members was something that I will hold so dear to my heart forever.”



“My fondest memory is that my wife took on the mentality of ‘join him’ and she dove right in and loves this association as much as I do. Watching her win the Chapter Family Member of the year was awesome and then watching an Airman I mentored win Airman of the Year at was pretty priceless!”

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“Hanging with my AFSA family and in-spite the timing in between conferences, we pick right back up where we left it the previous year. The frequent calls to other members to include other divisions is always a welcomed blessing.”

These memories are the glue that keeps this organization stuck together. It's these memories that can make the difference during a challenging assignment. It's these moments that can be a powerful foundation in your life, or in the lives of your families. This organization brings Airmen together. It further solidifies service, and recognizes the need to belong to something greater than yourself. These memories are what we have in common as members and as leaders. These memories are what bring us back year after year.

4) What did you gain?

When you belong to an association like ours, you benefit! As a leader you may not recognize the benefits of your sacrifice immediately. Some of the benefits may come later in your term or possibly not until your second or third term. Regardless, when you sacrifice in this organization, there is a return on that investment, AFSA truly prepares you for increased responsibility and allows you grow as a person and a leader. Some of our leaders gained:

“Program organization, event planning, and enhance public speaking skills.”

“Increased confidence. As a SrA, it was hard to lead in a chapter's position of authority that most saw a TSgt or an above fill-in. However, it helped to have backing from my past presidents and being able to sit down one on one with my Command Chiefs; having their trust really boosted me. I also gained the ability to build relationships with local organizations that others hadn't by hosting PME sessions that were paneled by local organization's leadership.”

“Knowledge on the inner workings of Division, HQ and political processes. But I also gained confidence and perspective as a leader. I was privy to the 'politics' or 'inner-workings' behind the scenes with any base event and meetings that I was able to partake in. So while I was held at the same level as my private organization peers, I was also provided a level of acceptance among local leaders and base leaders, because of the validity of AFSA, and the level in which AFSA is placed at. More importantly, I believe that the friendships I gained from my leadership were among the most important things that I have gained. Individuals that I have met during my time at the Chapter level, have helped me get through some of the most difficult times in my career, and I know that these people are people that I will have in my life forever. All of these things combined only helped me continue to be a successful NCO and now SNCO in the USAF.”

“Learned to connect with individuals that are outside my career field. I gained an understanding of why decisions were made even if you aren't sitting at the head table with Command leadership, and you are able to help support the vision because you can see the bigger picture. You have an understanding on how to mentor those around you on how to lead events, how to talk to leadership, and how to get comfortable with what they are doing.”



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“The networking and realizing I have a much bigger FAMILY now means the world to me! The opportunities to create bonds across the globe and the arena to speak on something I love have been gains I will keep on taking”

“I gained peace of mind to know that we have some sharp young leaders that understand why we all love AFSA so much and how it is imperative to fight for our entitlements. On a personal level, the outreach that we are all involved in makes the community better. The spirit of healthy competition fuels my desire to make my chapter the best chapter or at least better than what it was before I joined. Bridging the gap of our young Airmen that are not ‘Sergeant’ to feel welcomed into the family with rolled up sleeves and ready to lead.”

It can be quite difficult to illustrate how wonderful an association like AFSA is until you’ve led in it. It’s hard to articulate what we gain as leaders in any organization until someone else takes over. I believe one of my dear friends and fellow AFSA leaders said it best, stating that “AFSA is more than just an ‘organization’ that people get involved with. It’s mentorship, it’s leadership, it’s recognition, it’s friendships, and it’s your heart and soul. I think we all get so used to saying what AFSA’s four pillars are, without truly understanding what they are. However, when you have the fraternity of an organization set forth and people truly care about the people involved, and want to be around them, then the communication is there, the legislation is there, and the membership will follow. It’s only a little bit of time before everyone else wants to follow.”

If you haven’t thanked your chapter leadership lately, please do. Thank them for holding the torch and keeping the AFSA flame alive; remember we have 127 Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, and even more Trustees scattered across 127 chapters, 7 divisions, and multiple continents. They are working tirelessly for you, for our ideals, and believe me you are the last person they want to disappoint. They are likely balancing time at work, and with family in order to pull off a successful event or fundraiser. They do this in the name of AFSA, not because it’s easy or because it looks good on paper. They do this because it’s a challenge and in their hearts they know it’s the right thing to do. In the roughly ten years I’ve been involved with this association, I’ve led, I’ve followed, I’ve failed, I’ve succeeded, I’ve been motivated, I’ve felt hopeful and hopeless, I’ve grown, I’ve become a better leader and follower, I’ve gained a better understanding of the words “respect” and “trust!” Despite all the challenges or any perceived heartaches, the good has always outweighed the bad! My hope is that you all will have the pleasure of experiencing this first-hand and lead in this great association because AFSA is, by far, “THE BEST JOB I EVER HAD” and our members, my AFSA family, are some of the best people I’ve ever met.



Division 6 Updates

2019 Executive Council appointment of duties are as follows:

President: Kerry Wright

Vice-President: TSgt Michael Burd—RD for NM

1st Trustee: Michelle Chabot – Communications

2nd Trustee: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Lokovic—Legislative, RD for UT & CA—
1311/1328/1330

3rd Trustee: MSgt Christopher Dodd – Awards, RD for AZ

4th Trustee: CMSgt (Ret) Andrew Duenas—Retired & Veterans Affairs, RD for
1322/1365/1379

5th Trustee: Nicole Bouts—Family Matters Trustee

6th Trustee: CMSgt Michael Haywood—Active Duty Affairs, RD for CA-
1320/1356/1372

7th Trustee: MSgt Blake Manuel—Membership

Treasurer: CMSgt (Ret) Bob Tomlinson—KPL/Credentials, RD for CO

Senior Advisor: SMSgt (Ret) Sandy Valdezate – Recorder, RD for NV



Messages From Your AFSA Division 6 Council

TSgt Michael Burd

Division Vice President

First and foremost I want to thank you all for your renewed trust in me as your Division 6 Vice President. As we all finalized the AFSA Division 6 PAC and prepare now for the AFSA International PAC, it's a small window to assess the health of our plans and programs moving ahead. As such I want to echo what I said Day Three of the PAC; I asked your delegates, the ones representing you to take this message back with them, that message is "Hold me accountable" and "Challenge me" to do more, to do better. I am so proud to say I work for you, all 14,000+ of you and I want to be a voice for all chapters and push initiatives that will continue to make Division 6 the most innovative and relevant!



Here is what some of that will look like moving ahead: (1 your regional directors will be sending me your AAFs (quarterly reports) for review this year, and I will take on more Presidential responsibilities in an effort to ghost the D6P, learning the job and his best practices because I don't plan on being VP forever and my hope is to lead as Division President in the near future, (2 proactively gain a higher level view and insight of the association through attending this year's International "Precon" Meeting as a visitor and continue that effort through attending the Mid-Year Meeting with D6P, (3 continue progression as a leader within this association by being an influential and productive members on boards (i.e. International Strategic Review Board).

For my regular Division 6 duties I will continue to carefully monitor the pulse of my three chapters in New Mexico as regional director. As VP, I will continue to make myself available to all 21 chapter leaders and find ways to make their chapters more successful and robust. Moreover, I want to promote the talents of our Division Leaders, and their programs which directly support of our Chapter's Legislative, Membership, and Communications initiatives. I hope to capitalize on the success from last year's T-shirt Campaign, keeping the excitement going as we promote the brand of your Division. The additional funds raised enable D6 to operate on an increased budget. More importantly, it allows us to give back more to our Division members (i.e. PAC incentives, awards, resources). It is critical support that your chapters continue to provide and I cannot thank you enough. Lastly, I hope your chapters will join me in rallying behind our Division Executive Council to make this year even more successful than last year and I can't wait to fellowship with you all at this year's International PAC in San Antonio!

If you need to contact me please feel free email me at michael.burd@us.af.mil or phone at 702-358-2151.

Messages From Your AFSA Division 6 Council Cont.

Michelle Chabot

Trustee #1, Communications

Hello members of Division 6!

I'm Michelle Chabot and was re-elected as Trustee #1 and assigned by DP Wright to continue running Communications for our Division. Last year at the International PAC, our division won the CMSgt Richard L. Etchberger Division Communication Award. Everyone's hard work really paid off and we hope to continue to provide up to date information to our members in the division as well as expand our reach.

We have set the bar for other Divisions' communications programs but our job is not done yet. This year we have rolled out website space for Chapter use located on our Division website. Also, my social media chair, Stephanie Therrien has been assembling a social media team consisting of the communication leads at our division chapters to expand our social media presence. Additionally, we will start to hold monthly telecons that will be geared to chapter communication teams, but anyone can attend. This info will be sent out to the chapter presidents and vice presidents the week before.

I am always looking for people to join our communications team. Whether you have a lot of time (that's amazing in itself) or a little, we could use your help. Please contact me if you would be interested in discussing where you might like to contribute.

Contact information: michelle.barto.chabot@gmail.com or call/text me at 509-720-1492.



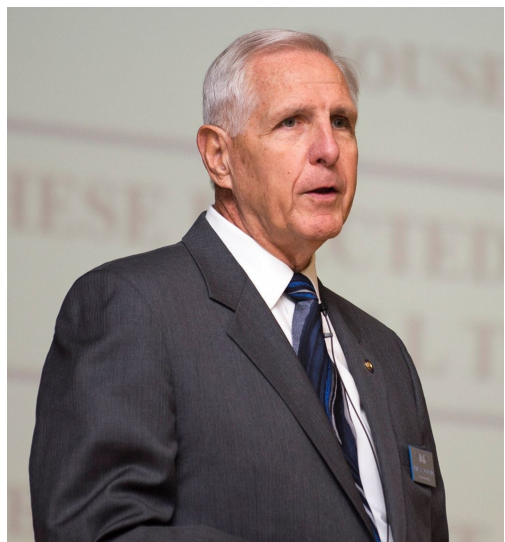
CMSgt Jim Lokovic

Trustee #2, Legislation

My plans for the year are as they have been the past few years:

- Study and personally stay aware of events in Washington pertaining to the interests of current and past Airmen, their families, and survivors.
 - Monitor actions taken by our Headquarters staff pertaining to Congressional legislation and programs that impact our members.
 - Regularly send out guidance and information on legislative matters and programs to our division/chapter leaders and legislative trustees -- and to those throughout the Association who request it.
 - Maintain close coordination and communications with AFSA Headquarters' Directorate of Military and Government Relations for information and to assist in their success.
 - Respond to the members of our Division (and throughout the association) who contact me with questions.
 - Work to lead the Division in understanding how the work of our Headquarters legislative team impacts them throughout the year.
- Encourage and provide guidance on communicating with elected officials on matters important to Airmen, their families, and survivors.
 - Encourage participation and provide guidance on POW/MIA Recognition Activities and Legislative Awareness Week.
 - Always support the efforts and success of the other members of the AFSA Division 6 Executive Council to the extent that I can.
 - As a regional director for Utah and SoCal, Chapters 1163, 1311, 1328, and 1330, continue to provide guidance and insight on their required reports and how to make their chapters successful. Also, conduct quarterly telecons with them, and be always available to deal with their concerns and help to make them successful.

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Messages From Your AFSA Division 6 Council Cont.

MSgt Christopher Dodd

Trustee #3, Awards



Greetings Division 6,

I am very excited to be elected as your Trustee #3, my geographical responsibility is all of Arizona. I do have an expanded knowledge in many AFSA facets and don't mind sharing this knowledge. Division President appointed me the duties of managing Division 6 Awards Program. Historically, we have performed well and do a great job recognizing our chapter and its members for their hard work and contributions to AFSA. I first say thank you for your hard work and continue to perform well! The vision that I see for Division 6 is to blast off to new heights by putting emphasis on ways to improve our awards program.

We will be very competitive at the International Professional Airmen Conference as we move forward. Just a few ideas from the start, chapter leaders please develop an Awards Committee to be the focal point for all awards. Conduct chapter briefings for all awards that are available in AFSAM 100-5, Awards and Recognition Program. The most important advice is to read this manual and then set a game plan to get your chapter involved according to the criteria of the awards.

If you have questions about any of the approved awards please don't hesitate to give me a call at 623-229-2464 or send me an email at chrisdodd31@yahoo.com

CMSgt Andrew Duenas

Trustee #4, Retiree and Veterans Affairs

What an awesome PAC we had!

For those of you that were there, you know what I mean. For those that were not, you missed it! In last quarter's newsletter, we closed out 2018 with asking to have your Chapter have an AFSA presence at all your base TAP briefings. At our Division PAC, I formally introduced myself to the Division and asked the Chapter Presidents/Representatives to appoint or elect a Veteran as our POC at the chapter level. It is imperative that this gets done. It is a daunting task as a Chapter President to be everywhere all the time. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work."

If you have a Retiree and Veterans Affairs Trustee, THANK YOU and please update your DOO. If not, PLEASE put this on your agenda for your next Chapter meeting. We cannot begin to address this segment of our AFSA Family without this trustee. There are many needs for our retirees and veterans and with your help, we can begin to address them as an AFSA FAMILY.

Email: aduenas50@gmail.com

Thank You for all your continued support to our great organization.



Messages From Your AFSA Division 6 Council Cont.



Nicole Bouts

Trustee #5, Family Matters

Hello my name is Nicole Bouts I am your division 6 family matters trustee and also part of chapter 1201 council family matters trustee, Me and my family moved to Kirtland 1 yr ago today and love it. I'm a wife of an active duty member and a mom of two boys. As your family matters trustee I plan to accomplish great things by communicating Great and much needed info to you and your spouses, or answering any question that you and your spouses may have. I look forward to a great year with you all.

MSgt Blake Manuel

Trustee #7, Membership

My name is Blake Manuel. I'm excited to serve as Division membership chair this year. I have been active in membership since I was recruited back in 2015. My Chief approached me while I was out-processing and he told me about the membership special they were running. I joined as soon as I heard what he had to say. When I arrived at my new duty station, I immediately got involved with Chapter 985 at Tinker AFB, OK. Since I have been an Air Force recruiter since 2012, it only seemed to fit to assist with membership duties. Once involved, opportunities continued to present themselves to me. I hope to assist you all on your journey to make your chapter stronger today than it was yesterday. As you can tell from my story, all it takes is asking someone if they are an AFSA member, and then having your short 1-3 minute elevator speech ready to go when they tell you they are not.

This year I want to improve every chapter's membership activity. For some this may only be initial training and increasing your recruiting from 5 for the year, to 10 or 15. For others, it may be discussing how we can go from recruiting 100 to 200. We are about 100 short for new recruits from this time last year. One area for improvement will be retentions. We are further behind where we were as a Division this time last year. I want to help you develop your membership retention as well. This can all be overwhelming for one person, but I would suggest having at least one separate person designated as your retention expert.

I plan on holding short telecons either bi-monthly or quarterly to discuss membership and retentions as a group with membership stakeholders from each chapter (President, VP, and/or membership trustee.) Additionally, I will reach out to each of your chapters to discuss membership one on one, but also want to extend the invitation to have your membership trustee be able to reach out to me directly whenever they want to get some assistance with membership ideas or issues they are facing. Chapter Presidents, please use me to help develop your teams by letting me know how best I can assist your membership chair.



Messages From Your AFSA Division 6 Council Cont.

CMSgt Bob Tomlinson

Treasurer

I'm CMSgt (ret) Bob Tomlinson and I serve as the Treasurer for Division 6. I was active duty for 27 years in the Personnel career field and retired in 2000 at Buckley AFB, CO. After retirement, I continued to work for the AF as a civilian in Education and Training and most recently in the Contracting career field and then fully retired in 2017. I have been an AFSA member for 36 years and have served in many positions at the Chapter and Division levels. My home chapter is Chapter 1179, Claude Klobus Chapter, Buckley AFB.

I've served as Division 6 Treasurer for the past 7 years since the Division started in 2012. Prior to that, I was the Treasurer for Division 11 for 11 years after serving as Vice President and then President of the Division 11. My main responsibility for Division 6 is to keep the financial records accurate, oversee all expenses and assist the Division President with the Division budget. I am available to help with any chapter's questions about the financial operation of your chapter. The past quarter has kept me very busy as we held the annual Division 6 Professional Airmen's Conference in Las Vegas and I managed the convention registrations and associated financial costs.

In addition to being the Division 6 Treasurer, I am also the Regional Director for AFSA Chapters in Colorado: Chapters 1179, 1180, 1181 and 1182. As Regional Director, I am available to help Colorado AFSA Chapter executive councils with the quarterly Activity, Americanism and Financial Reports and other questions with daily operation of your chapter. We hold quarterly region teleconferences typically right after each quarter has ended. Because the Colorado Chapters are fairly close in location, the chapter executive councils get together each summer and have a crosstalk dinner to share ideas and get to know each other. I hope to continue the Colorado Chapter Fraternalism this upcoming year as we work for a common goal of taking care of all Airmen: Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Retired and their Family Members.

If you need to contact me please feel free to do so via my email at robert.tomlinson@comcast.net or phone at 720-231-3382.



SMSgt Sandra Valdezate

Senior Advisor



Hi AFSA Division 6 members. I am SMSgt (Ret) Sandy Valdezate and I am originally from Mahanomen, MN and currently live in Henderson, NV. I was active duty for 26 years working in administration, personnel and the last 6 years of my career as a career assistance advisor. I retired from the Air Force at Nellis AFB, NV and have been a member of the "Silver Eagle" Nellis Chapter 1252 since 1989.

As your Senior Advisor, I advise the Division President and council members on AFSA matters. I handle all nominations for office, fund raisers, keeper of supplies and all other duties as assigned.

I am also the Regional Director for the Nevada chapters 1252 (Nellis) and 1253 (Creech) and hope to help them reach new heights of awareness across the base and valley. I have also handled the awards program from the inception of division 6 and still offer advice when needed. I am also your division secretary/recorder handling all administrative tasks for the division executive council including the conference.

I am a life member of AFSA and have held chapter positions as President for 6 years and Vice-President. I have also held positions in Division 12 as President, Vice-President, Trustee and Secretary. I have also served as Division 6 Vice-President, 4 years and Secretary/Recorder for 7 years and now Senior Advisor. I am committed to AFSA and dedicated to the Air Force and making things better for the troops and look forward to working with you all this coming year.

You can contact me at svaldezate1@aol.com or phone/text c-702-340-5677 or h-702-837-6570.

Legislative Trustee Report

From Jim Lokovic

In January 2019, the 116 th Congress began. Each numbered Congress lasts two years. According to Wikipedia, “The First United States Congress, consisting of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, met from March 4, 1789, to March 4, 1791, during the first two years of George Washington’s presidency, first at Federal Hall in New York City and later at Congress Hall in Philadelphia. With the initial meeting of the First Congress, the United States federal government officially began operations under the new (and current) frame of government established by the 1787 Constitution.” The 116 th Congress convened on 3 January 2019 and will conclude on 3 January 2021.

In this Congress, the Democrats control the 435-seat House of Representatives; the Republicans control the 100-seat U.S. Senate. The Speaker of the House, the person who controls all legislation, is Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. Every committee and subcommittee of the House is controlled by the Democratic Party. The Senate Majority Leader, who controls the flow of legislation in the Senate, is Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. All Senate committees and subcommittees will have a majority of Republican Party members.

Of the 535 voting members of Congress (House and Senate), 96 (17.9 percent) have military experience: 30 Democrats, 66 Republicans, 19 in the Senate, 77 in the House.

From January through March, the House and Senate broke down into committees and subcommittees to debate and hold hearings on matters affecting our nation. Our AFSA Legislative team works primarily with the House and Senate Armed Services Committees and Veterans Affairs Committees in trying to convince them to support matters beneficial to our members. Congress is now working toward formulating the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. Neither chamber has yet finished its work. The Senate is expected to wrap up its 2020 Defense Bill in May, the House in early June.

You can check out the list of legislative targets our Association is pursuing on the AFSA Website at www.hqafsa.org, then click on “Legislative”, then on “Legislative Platform.”

Of note, in March during its mid-year meeting, the AFSA International Executive Council designated 15 to 21 September as 2019 POW/MIA Recognition Week, with Friday, 20 September POW/MIA Recognition Day. It also chose the week of 6 to 12 October for our annual AFSA Legislative Awareness Week. Our chapters are strongly encouraged to take the lead and prepare information and programs during these important weeks.

A banner for the AFSA Legislative Program. On the left, the AFSA logo (a winged eagle with 'AFSA' in the center) is above the text 'REPRESENTING 100,000 AFSA MEMBERS'. Below this is a photograph of the U.S. House of Representatives in session. In the center, a yellow box contains the word 'Legislation' in a large font, with the text 'We Defend and Protect Your Earned Benefits and Advocate for Your Future' below it, and a small icon of a person at a podium. On the right, there is a photograph of the U.S. Capitol building.

If anyone has a question pertaining to Congress, our legislative goals, or any other related information, please don’t hesitate to contact me at jllovakovic@gmail.com or on my cell phone at (435) 590-6106.

Treasury Report

From Bob Tomlinson



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2018 (Presented at the 2019 Division 6 PAC)

Income:

Administrative Support Payments	\$ 4,750.00
Fundraising	\$ 1,270.06
Division 6 Convention Income	\$ 13,246.44
Division Brochure Advertisements	\$ 1,513.00
Bank Interest	\$ <u>3.48</u>
Total Income:	\$ 20,782.98

Expenses:

Awards	\$ 1042.70
Contributions (AFSA Parade of Checks)	\$ 500.00
Conventions/Meetings	\$ 3,574.49
Fundraising Expenses (purchase items to sell)	\$ 1,350.00
Office Expenses	\$ 387.70
President/Division Convention Travel	\$ 2,189.10
Div 6 Convention Expenses (meals, rooms, hosp room)	\$ 10,039.31
Website/Internet Access Fees	\$ 373.85
PAC Advertisement and Travel	\$ 5,350.00
Convention Refunds (overpayments/cancellations)	\$ 320.00
Bank Fees:	\$ <u>70.00</u>

Total Expenses: **\$ 25,197.15**

Net operating cost for CY18 **(\$ 4,414.17)**

Beginning Account Balance 1 Jan 2018 (Checking & Savings) \$13,136.53

Minus Operating Cost for CY18 **- 4,414.17**

Balance on 31 December 2018 **\$ 8,722.36**



PROFESSIONAL AIRMEN'S CONFERENCE 2019

AUGUST 24-29
GRAND HYATT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
#AFSAPAC19

SPEAKERS

- CMSAF #5 Robert Gaylor
- Air Force JROTC Instruction Specialist: Mr. David Richerson
- SGM John Wayne Troxell, Senior Enlisted Adviser to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- SMSgt Misty Moreno, Shaw AFB - Guest of the Military Training Leader Workshop
- K9s For Warriors – Staff Sergeant Shilo Schluterman, USAF, Retired, and her Service Dog Javelin
- Andy Hyatt, K9s For Warriors Texas State Director
- Dr. Patricia Maggard
- Mark Tilsher - Guest of the 2019 EPME Conference
- CMSgt (Ret) Anthony Brinkley, On the Brink Consulting - Resiliency - Guest of the First Sergeants Worldwide Conference
- Leadership Perspective with the 12 Outstanding Airman of the Year Panel
- Legislative Forum w/Member of the United States Congress (TBA)
- Capt Anthony Richardson, AU Maxwell AFB/Gunter Annex - Guest of the Military Training Workshop
- CMSAF Kaleth O. Wright (AF/CCC) with his Resiliency Panel
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- AFSA M.A.S.S.C (Marines, Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Coasties) Hiring Event with American Freedom Foundation
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