



4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2006

### Chapter Officers

- President  
John Symington
- Vice President  
Al Caldwell
- 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee  
Ralph Appleby
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee  
Lena Grenier
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trustee  
Peter Millette
- 4<sup>rd</sup> Trustee  
Lyndsey Hooper
- Senior Advisor  
Joe Cloutier
- Treasurer  
Al Caldwell
- Secretary  
Anne Sowers
- Airmen Activity Council  
Connie Dunlap

### Auxiliary Officers

- President  
Anne Sowers
- Vice President  
Peggy Caldwell
- 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee  
Shirley MacGregor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee  
To be appointed
- Senior Advisor/Treasurer  
Peggy Caldwell



### **News From The Chapter President**

This has been a very busy summer for us and I'd really like to thank everybody who has volunteered their time to support our Chapter and AFSA.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to our recently elected officers in the Chapter and Auxiliary. From the Chapter standpoint, Al Caldwell was elected as the Chapter Vice President replacing Phil Schiavo. It is going to be great having Al Caldwell serving as Vice President bringing his leadership skills as the past Division 1 President and is something I'm really looking forward to. As many of you know, Al has a great deal of integrity and a passion for what he believes in. Lena Grenier was elected as the Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee replacing Larry Pittman. She is also currently the top recruiter in the Division!! Simply put, she personally has more recruits alone than the other Chapters in our Division have in total. Lena is also a person with quite a bit of drive and passion and is a welcome addition to our Chapter Officer team.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Larry Pittman and Phil Schiavo for their leadership over the years serving in many different capacities. You are true patriots and the Chapter extends a debt of gratitude to you. Thank you!!



### **News From The Auxiliary President**

Congratulations to all newly-elected Officers. For the first time in more than 20 years Brenda and Larry Pittman's names are absent from our list of Chapter Officers. Brenda's transfer has come through and they really will be moving to North Carolina the beginning of November.

Brenda and Larry, thank you both for the countless time and effort you've put in to making this chapter so successful. You were instrumental in making our move from Pease Air Force Base transparent to those members who lived out of the area and to the many organizations we supported. Our Bingo fund-raiser worked with Larry as manager and Brenda as treasurer, two of the most time-consuming jobs. Your friendship has meant so much over the years. You will be missed.

## LENDING A HELPING HAND

Both the Chapter and Auxiliary will be providing a Thanksgiving Basket to a military family this year. We will also each be helping out a military family at Christmas. If you would like to help out with either a donation of money to add to the allocated amount or items, please contact Anne Sowers at [asowers1@verizon.net](mailto:asowers1@verizon.net).

### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

Al Caldwell

Many thanks to the Chapter for selecting me as their Chief Delegate to the International Convention in Sparks, NV. The Convention was held at the John Ascuaga Nugget Hotel/Casino in Sparks. Needless to say it was a good time and a good Convention.

The convention agenda was a lot different from years past and because of this it was a little confusing at times. Business was conducted as usual albeit a little different from convention's past. One of the hottest topics that was brought up was the "Reorganization of AFSA", the leadership wants to do away with the Division concept and divide the organization into regions. These regions would not have any elected representation at Headquarters, but would be overseen by someone appointed by the Int'l President. There would be no Division Conventions, only the International Convention. Needless to say there is a lot of opposition to the proposal as there was a few years when this same proposal was brought up. It was voted down before and I would hope it goes away this time. Another change was to change the title of the Executive Director to CEO, why this change was so important I don't know.

We had some interesting speakers through the week and we got to hear the new Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. CMSAF McKinley is a very good speaker and will be good for the Air Force and AFSA.

All in all it was a good convention and as always it was good to see old friends and meet some new folks in our Division.

If you have an opinion regarding the "reorganization" or the Executive Director's title being changed to CEO please contact AFSA Headquarters at: 5211 Auth Road, Suitland, MD 20745 or email at [staff@afsahq.org](mailto:staff@afsahq.org)

### ELECTIONS HELD

Elections this year were for the Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee. Former Chapter and Division I President Larry Pittman conducted the elections.

#### Chapter Elections

Al Caldwell was nominated for Vice President.

Lena Grenier was nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee.

#### Auxiliary Elections

Peggy Caldwell was nominated for Vice President.

All nominees were voted in unanimously.

A motion was approved that the Auxiliary 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee position would be changed to an appointed position.

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**  
**PLEASE JOIN US AT 6P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING TO STOP IN AND SAY**  
**“FAREWELL” TO BRENDA AND LARRY PITTMAN**

**AIR FORCE MEMORIAL AT THE NH VETERANS CEMETARY**

AFSA Chapter 155/A155 and the local Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter are collaborating on a project to place an Air Force Memorial Monument at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, New Hampshire. Last month, the project team consisting of Louis Emond (NH AFA Chapter President), Ed Josephson (past NH AFA Chapter President) and AFSA Chapter 155 President John Symington visited the cemetery and picked the site that the monument will be placed on. The site is visible from the main entrance, the Chapel and is adjacent to the Marine Corps memorial at the Cemetery. At present, a design team is coming up with a proposal for the project

**NEW HAMPSHIRE AIR NATIONAL GUARD (NHANG)**  
**TRADITIONAL MEMBER OF THE QUARTER**

Each year in June, our Chapter sponsors the NHANG Traditional member of the Quarter Program. This program recognizes the outstanding contributions made by traditional guardsmen in the accomplishment of the Guard's mission. This year, we had the honor of sponsoring our own SrA Aaron McCarthy who was selected for this quarter. Chapter 155/155A Membership Coordinator TSgt Lena Grenier, who works with him and submitted him for the award, made the presentation. SrA McCarthy is a Financial Management Journeyman stationed at Pease Air National Guard Base. Congratulations Aaron!

**2006 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The William Sowers Memorial Scholarship for continuing education is awarded to Paige Frohn, daughter of Paul R. & Susan Frohn. Paul is a Life Member of AFSA, and a Traditional Guardsman with the 157 Civil Engineering Squadron, NHANG. Paige is attending Stonehill College in Easton, MA, and planning on a degree in business marketing. The Neal Powers Memorial Scholarship is for a person attending post-secondary education for the first time and is awarded to Molly Lawrence, daughter of CMSgt James "Jamie" Lawrence. Jamie is a full-time technician with the 157th Military Personnel Flight, NHANG. Molly is a well-rounded student, active in many extra-curricular activities while maintaining high honors in her studies. Molly will be attending Lesley University in Cambridge MA. Congratulations to our two scholarship recipients!!! We wish them well as they pursue their educational goals!

**AIRMEN ACTIVITIES COUNCIL**

Congratulations go out to SrA Constantia "Connie" Dunlap of the 157th Military Personnel Flight on her selection as AFSA Chapter 155's Airman Activities Council (AAC) Chair. The position of the AAC was created specifically to provide a direct link between Airmen and the elected leadership of AFSA, and to ensure that the views and concerns of Airmen received the attention of the council. This position also provides invaluable leadership experience for younger members. The Chapter is looking forward to working with Connie to expand this important program for our Airmen. She is a very energetic person who is getting things done.

*Hitler built a fortress around Europe, but he forgot to put a roof on it.*

*— Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 8 – VA Bingo - Manchester
- 9 – Columbus Day observed
- 20 – Chapter Membership Meeting 6:30
  - ❖ Farewell for Brenda & Larry Pittman
- 27 – Veteran's Home Volunteer meeting
- 29 – Daylight Savings Time ends

### November

- 7 – Election Day
- 8 – General Membership Meeting 6:30
- 11 – Veteran's Day
- 12 – VA Bingo – Manchester
- 23 – Thanksgiving
- 20 – Veteran's Home, Volunteer meeting

### December

- 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 10 – VA Bingo - Manchester
- 13 – Chapter Membership Meeting 6:30
- 18 – Veteran's Home Volunteer meeting
- 22 – Winter Begins



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