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*Air Force Sergeants Association Kittyhawk Chapter 751*

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## *Celebrating the Best of Kittyhawk Chapter 751*

*By CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia, Chapter Senior Advisor*

Every January, Chapter 751 celebrates achievements and camaraderie at their annual awards banquet. The event is a combination of the new and traditional. The annual ritual of handing awards to fresh faces, while familiar AFSA faces look on, is always a special time for the people who work hard to make the Chapter a success. The banquet itself is an example of the high caliber excellence that has become routine for Chapter 751.

Those that have been around AFSA can tell you that not all chapters celebrate their achievements the way Chapter 751 does. This year's formal affair had a Great Gatsby theme and was enjoyed by over 100 people. Many volunteers were guided by the Banquet Manager, MSgt Aura Hampton, toward realizing her fine, artistic vision for a gala event.

In many ways Chapter 751 has a family



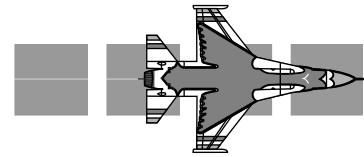
*A silent toast is offered in remembrance of the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action that were unable to attend.*

feel to it and the banquet is their occasion to welcome guests and showcase their best members.

Chapter 751 is pleased to announce the following 2016 award recipients: Airman of the Year: **A1C Chloe Ingram**, NCO of the Year: **TSgt Dominique Brown**, SNCO of the Year: **SMSgt Steven McCabe**, Member of the Year: **MSgt Aura Hampton**, President's Award: **SrA Jessica Carlton**, Volunteer Service Person: **CMSgt (Ret) Tom Donaldson**, Membership Achievement Award: **TSgt Jason Mann**, Lifetime Exemplary Service Award: **Mrs. Karen Denham**, Bandsman of the Year: **SSgt Ainsley Davis**, Honor Guard Member of the Year: **A1C Devin Wilgus**, Recruiter of the Year: **MSgt Jeffrey Kelloway**, and Reserve Member of the Year: **MSgt Nicholas Nickert**.



*Systems Go, from the Air Force Band of Flight, delivers outstanding entertainment to set the festive mood..*



## *A word from the President...*

*By SMSgt David McCoy, Chapter President*



I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the many volunteers who made 2016 so successful! It was not only one of the best years financially but also one of the best for people stepping forward and helping

the Chapter, the base, and the community. It is still amazing to see the sheer numbers of people willing to do more than is required, especially considering the size of our force.

I often make comparisons from year-to-year, whether it is volunteers stepping forward or any number of other things. In doing so, I noticed that when I entered service, for example, that our Active Duty force was roughly 535,000 strong. In 25 years, that same force had shrunk by about 42% to 311,000. Yet still, people are finding the time to volunteer. Even with 42 less Airmen per 100, you are still coming forward!

## *Going for the Record*

*By CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia, Chapter Senior Advisor*

President Dave McCoy has taken an opportunity in the article above to thank volunteers for making 2016 another successful year in the history of this Chapter. He highlights how volunteers continue to be generous with their personal time despite increasing demands from military duties. This trait is also found in the Chapter leadership.

President McCoy has started his fourth term as Chapter 751 President. As anyone who has been honored to serve in that position can attest, that is no small accomplishment. I currently have the

That may seem daunting but it proves a point. It proves that you are willing to do what it takes to ensure your community is being looked after. It shows that despite how insane the ops tempo gets, that you are not willing to let things just fall by the wayside. It means that you care, and not just when it is convenient, but rather when it really counts. Even when you are not able to do it yourself, you still seek out and find others who can. And again, for that I say "thank you."

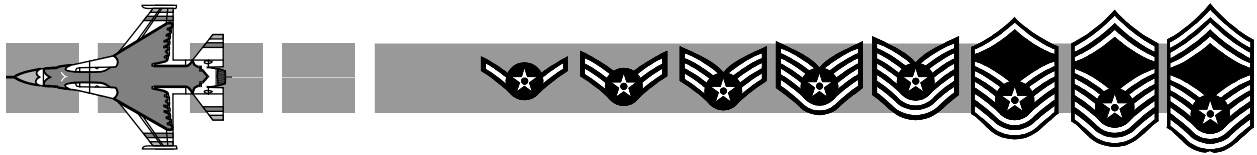
We are now entering a period of what appears to be growth for our force. With that, I ask for your continued assistance. Please share with those who are not yet accustomed to paying it forward, or backward as the case may often be. Show others that it is not merely about getting recognition but taking care of our own. Through many volunteer opportunities come leadership, mentorship, and esprit de corps. It is part of who we are as good citizens, as human beings, and most especially, who we are as Airmen!

"Thank you" in advance for your continued leadership, support, and friendship!

presidential longevity record with 39 months in that seat.

On April 1, 2017, President McCoy will surpass that mark. He has accomplished this after multiple assignments on Wright Patterson and then transitioning to civilian life after retiring from the Air Force. Making this accomplishment even more significant is that he simultaneously served on the Division 1 Executive Council, first as a Trustee and then in his current role as Vice President.

President McCoy "stepped forward" to serve this Chapter, leading by example.



## Thanksgiving Program 2016

By TSgt Dominique Brown, Chapter Trustee

The Annual Thanksgiving program is an extremely important program held every year to help out our Airmen who could use a little extra assistance around the holidays. At many Air Force bases around the world, it is traditionally a First Sergeant-run program, but here at Wright Patterson, we do things a bit differently. We at AFSA take the lead in raising funds and use the money raised to purchase \$25 Commissary gift cards.

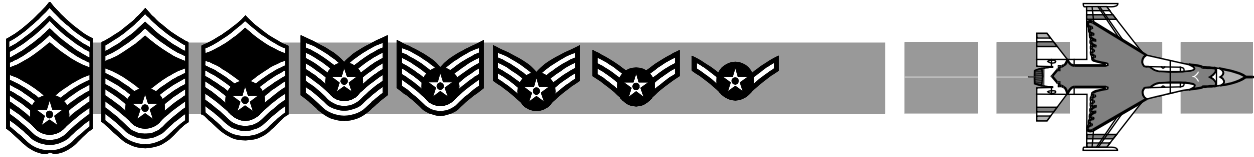
This year, I had the honor of being the Thanksgiving Program lead. This great program hits close to home for me, since as a young Airman, I was the recipient of such assistance. Leading Chapter 751's program was a wonderful experience where I was able to be a part of the giving and to witness the generosity of so many. We were able to raise a total of \$13,180 from local organizations and businesses, and with it we purchased 416 gift cards for the First Sergeants to

hand out to their Airmen.

A HUGE shout-out to all the following organizations, businesses, and individuals for their generous donations; we could not have had such success without you: Wright Patt Chief's Group, First Command Financial Services, Wright Patt Rising Six, Wright Patt First Sergeants Council, Wright Patt Top III, Wright Patt Officers' Spouses' Club, CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia, CMSgt (Ret) Charles Worm, CMSgt (Ret) Robert Newcombe, 711th Enlisted Council, 445th First Sergeants Council, 88th MDG Emergency Room Staff, SMSgt David McCoy, Riverside Research, MSgt (Ret) Don Roden, Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, Wright Patt Credit Union, MSgt (Ret) Mecca Brzeczek, American Legion Post 763 (Beavercreek), Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 256 (Troy), and Walmart Community Grants

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## *The Legislative Front - You and Your Disability Pay*

*By MSgt Samantha Kunzelman, Chapter Legislative Trustee*

I have been in the military for 19 years and 10 months and have never really given two thoughts about my disability or how it will affect my pay until I have grown closer to the notorious 20 year mark. Now the time has come and while I would not consider myself broken by any means, I still think about how even the small things can add up to some disability compensation.

There are three pertinent bills currently referred to Committees:

1. H.R. 303: To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or combat-related special compensation.

2. H.R. 333: To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50

percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

3. S. 66: To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

If you want to make a difference, please contact your Congressman and Senators and let them know to cosponsor and support these bills. You can go to <http://www.hqafsa.org/> to use AFSA's Legislative Action Center. This is a fast, easy way to tell your elected officials how you feel about issues important to you.

## *Dates Set for Community Involvement Opportunities*

*By A1C Chloe Ingram, Airmen Activities Coordinator*

The Airmen Activity Coordinators have projected several volunteer dates for the 2017 year for both the Adopt-A-Highway program, where Airmen meet up on a Saturday to clear litter from a section of Kaufmann Avenue, and Airmen Against Drunk Driving, where Airmen volunteer their Friday and/or Saturday night (2130-0300) to aid others in having a safe ride home.

Mark your calendars! Here are the projected dates:

For Adopt-A-Highway:

- April 1, 2017 @ 0900
- June 3, 2017 @ 0900
- August 5, 2017 @ 0900
- October 7, 2017 @ 0900

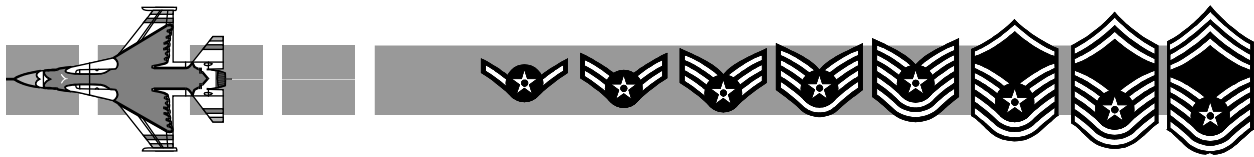
For Airmen Against Drunk Driving:

- March 10 & 11, 2017
- May 05 & 06, 2017
- August 18 & 19, 2017
- October 20 & 21, 2017

Did you know, volunteering with AADD counts for double the volunteer hours?

To volunteer for these events, or for more information, please contact A1C Chloe Ingram at 257-7919 or A1C Timothy Snead at 257-9464.





## *AFSA Division 1 Convention*

*By SMSgt David McCoy, Chapter President*

Our AFSA Division 1 Convention is quickly approaching. In fact, it's nearly here; literally! This year, we are lucky to again be the hosts of the annual convention and reunion. It is taking place right outside our front gate at the Hope Hotel.

The event will commence on March 23 with a tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force. This will be followed by a wreath laying ceremony in honor of our very own Sergeant Pilot and will conclude with our Speak-easy-themed party. The convention will run through Saturday, March 25. It will conclude with our very own Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (Retired) #8, Sam Parish, as our final guest speaker.

If you have never been to a division convention, I highly encourage you to attend. While we are a bit smaller than the International level, it is more comfortable too, and is an excellent opportunity to hear directly from people in the know when it comes to legislation, leadership, and even Air Force history. You may even have a chance to speak to our Sergeant Pilot, our International Vice President, or even the former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force!

So, you're thinking to yourself, "Self, I don't think I can afford to attend." Well, did you know that all the business meetings, training sessions, and events outside of the meals are absolutely free? That's right, you may attend any or all non-meal events at no charge. We will have legislative briefings, blended retirement briefings, and will get an opportunity to hear from the Air Force Enlisted Village.

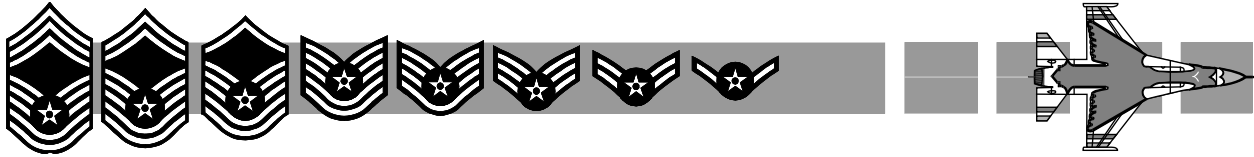
If you don't want to miss the camaraderie and esprit de corps that come with a formal event, consider attending one or more of the meals for just the cost of that meal. No need to pay the entire registra-

tion fee. We have the opening breakfast and awards ceremony on Friday, March 24, as well as the President's Dinner that same evening. The final event is the evening of March 25 with the Honors Banquet. This final event is where we will recognize our Airman, Noncommissioned Officer, and Member of the Year chosen to represent the Division at the International Convention and Professional Airmen's Conference.

If you've been to any Professional Military Education, you likely have heard how important it is to network. Well, this is no different and you will be networking on an entirely different level. You will meet other Airmen and their families from as many as seventeen other chapters from fifteen other states. And our Airmen, both past and present, represent nearly every period in our Air Force history. So, what are you waiting for? Come join the fun!

### **Known Chapter 751 Presidential History:**

CMSgt (Ret) Don Young  
CMSgt Brad Denham (\_\_\_\_ - Dec 93)  
SMSgt Christopher Stanley (Jan 94 - Dec 96)  
MSgt Phil Roseberry (Jan - Apr 97)  
CMSgt (Ret) John Merryman (May 97 - Dec 98)  
MSgt Laura Hoover (Jan 99 - Mar 99)  
SMSgt David Creech (Apr - Dec 99)  
TSgt Gary Moix (Jan 00 - Dec 01)  
CMSgt (Ret) Chuck Worm (Jan 02 - Dec 04)  
SSgt Jamie Cleveland, (Jan - Jun 05)  
SMSgt Joseph Tangherlini (Jul 05 - Sep 06)  
CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia (Oct 06 - Dec 09)  
CMSgt Joseph Tangherlini, (Jan - Jul 10)  
SMSgt James Fuenfgeld (Aug 10 - Apr 11)  
SMSgt Brian Tobin (May - Dec 11)  
SMSgt Donald Breitzkreutz, (Jan - Mar 12)  
SMSgt Al Braden (Apr - Dec 12)  
MSgt Jonathan Koonce (Jan - Jun 13)  
SMSgt Christopher Warsitz (Jul - Dec 13)  
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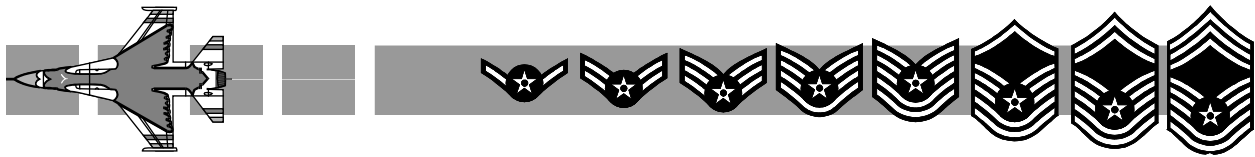
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## Holiday Celebrations

By TSgt Jason Mann, Chapter Trustee

It was another great year to celebrate the holidays at the Dayton VA. With the help of the Air Force Association, Kittyhawk Chapter 751 cooked and served hamburgers and hot dogs to the local veterans. The event took place on December 3 in the residence hall. Meals were also provided to the vets in the nursing home.

A special thanks goes out to the Air Force Band of Flight and to Santa for making an appearance.

A few DV's were also in attendance, including the 88th Air Base Wing Commander, Col Bradley McDonald, and Beaver Creek Mayor, Bob Stone.

The next VA event will be the summer picnic in June. If you would like to get involved, please contact TSgt Jason Mann at [jason.mann.1@us.af.mil](mailto:jason.mann.1@us.af.mil).



Top photo: Two generations of Veterans chat. Bottom photo: Santa Claus, a Chapter 751 member, takes a break.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Mar 10-11     Airmen Against Drunk Driving  
 Mar 23-25     Division 1 Convention, Hope Hotel  
 Apr 1           Adopt-A-Highway  
 Apr 29         Fisher House All American Evening  
 May 5-6        Airmen Against Drunk Driving  
 Jun 3           Adopt-A-Highway  
 Jun 3           Dayton VA Summer Picnic  
 Jun 16          AFSA Golf Outing  
 Jun 24-25     Dayton Airshow

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