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HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow AFA Chapter 293 Members:

This is our first issue of "**Off We Go**" for the new year 2011.

I wish you and your family members all of the best in the upcoming year.

One of my goals for this year is to make personal telephone contact (Don't worry I won't be calling collect) 😊 with each and every member of my chapter. During the course of the year most, if not all, of our contact is through mail, E-mail, magazines etc. In the interim if you have any items of interest/concern please feel free to call me at 609-586-8984.

God Bless you and God Bless our great nation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank You,
Stewart Zitzner, President



REMINDER



← *CAN TABS



Remove the can tabs for charity & turn them in with your cans. Thank You.

Happy New Year 2011



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



To all my friends, fellow veterans (and spouses) and members of AFA #293:

Wow....I was going to write you all regarding the end of 2010...but instead I want to look forward to 2011!!! Reflection is a good thing because that is how we learn and make the changes and move forward like we are supposed to.

God has blessed us all. The nation has awakened like never before and people are speaking out. No longer content to sit on the sidelines, we Americans want our elected official to be responsible....and held accountable!

I retired last year after 24 years and 51 weeks in the active and reserve Air Force. 22 years and nine days spent on active duty...and I wonder if anyone misses me. The job can be done by others.... but I sure do miss them.

Now I find myself serving in other capacities. That is why we are all here on this earth...to serve!! I pray 2011 is the year we all learn how to better serve...serving others more than ourselves. The AFA is one way we can give back to those who have served, are presently serving, and really make a difference in someone's life. Being there when a loved one is lost, giving a ride to someone who no longer gets around without some help, or giving up a morning or afternoon to "serve" someone else is what life....and 2011 should be about.

May you all have a blessed Christmas Holiday and a safe New Year. I look forward to serving and serving with you all next year.

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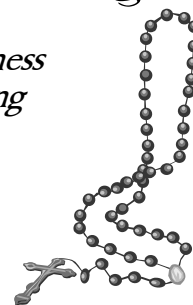


In Loving Memory

*It is with a deep sense of sadness
that we announce the passing
of our members*

**STEVE LIPSKI
BOB PETT**

*Our condolences and
deepest sympathy
go out to the families.*



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2010

ACTIVITIES ON THE GO!

2010

By Your President

OCTOBER 2010

- ▶ Friday, October 5th and Thursday, October 21st - 8:30am - We had a great breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Monday, October 18th - 1:00pm - Chapter #293 - We had a special invitation to attend the Vineland Vets. home in Vineland, NJ, we visited the Veterans, played bingo & served refreshments, prizes were given out to the winners. We had a great turn-out and everyone had a wonderful time.
- ▶ Tuesday, October 26th - 1:00pm - We attended a Community Education and Outreach Program at Cedar Gardens in Hamilton, NJ. We learned a lot of useful information and had a great time.
- ▶ Thursday, October 28th - 7:00pm, we had our regular meeting with guest speaker Janis Blackburn, Captain of Spirit Airlines & a member of our Chapter #293, we had a good time and great turn-out.
- ▶ Saturday, October 30 - 9:30am Coffee, 10:00am. We had our New State AFA Officers Installation Meeting & lunch at The Sons of the Shillelagh Hall, 815 16th Ave., Belmar, NJ - We had a great time and a good meeting and lunch.

NOVEMBER 2010

- ▶ Friday, November 5th & Thursday, November 18th - 8:30am - We had a good breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Thursday, November 11th, Veteran's Day
- ▶ Thursday, November 18th @ 7:00am, this was our rescheduled date for our Chapter Meeting with Guest Speaker LtC Francine Main of the 108th GMRS/CC-USAF-ANG-McGuire AFB, NJ. We had a great time.
- ▶ Thursday, November 25th -THANKSGIVING DAY! We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER 2010

- ▶ Friday, December 3rd & Thursday, December 16th - 8:30am - We had a great breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Sunday, December 12th - 1:00pm-4:00pm - We celebrated our Chapter Christmas Party at Town & Country Diner in Bordentown, NJ. We had a wonderful party thanks to Jo Bair.
- ▶ Thursday, December 16th @7:00pm - This was the rescheduled date for our Chapter Meeting with Guest Speaker - Williard W. Cupit, Member of Chapter #293. We had a great time!
- ▶ Saturday, December 25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS! We hope everyone had a beautiful Christmas.
- ▶ Friday, December 31st - **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS ... FOR 2011 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

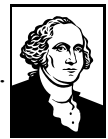


JANUARY 2011

- ▶ Friday, January 7th and Thursday, January 20th - 8:30am - Breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Thursday, January 27th - 7:00pm - Regular Chapter Meeting.


FEBRUARY 2011

- ▶ Friday, February 4th & Thursday, February 17th - 8:30am - Breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Monday, February 14th - Happy Valentines Day! 
- ▶ Thursday, February 24th - Regular Chapter Meeting, 7:00pm, Guest Speaker - Lothar E.G. Olszewski, TSgt, Retired. (Chapter #293 Member)
- ▶ Monday, February 21st, President's Day & Tuesday, February 22nd, Washington's Birthday.



MARCH 2011



- ▶ Friday, March 4th & Thursday, March 17th - 8:30am - Breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Thursday, March 17th - Happy St. Patricks Day 
- ▶ Thursday, March 24th - Regular Chapter Meeting - 7:00pm, Guest Speaker - Lee Weitz, Community Christian Choir. (Lee wants to coordinate a patriotic concert for this summer).

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

April 2011 - Dr. Edward D. Laub, MDVIP, Hamilton Internal Medicine (Community Partner)

May 2011 - Andrew White, Professional Drummer (Played on original Beatles recording of Love Me Do) (Chapter #293 Member)

*One of our Chapter members, 1st Lt. Robert E. Feilbach donated \$100 to our Chapter.
We are most appreciative of his generous donation.*





Our Chapter visited the Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland, New Jersey on October 18th. We spent the day with the Vets, playing Bingo, giving out prizes and having a spectacular day! !

Steve LaPoint called out the numbers!

THANKS FOR A MEMORABLE VISIT VETS!!

BINGO



Community Partner Award

Dr. Edward B. Laub & Staff receive their Community Partner Award for becoming a member of our Chapter #293

(left to right)

Barb Starkey, Dr. Edward B. Laub, Sue Lebeda & Diane Rea

WELCOME!!

Certificate of Appreciation



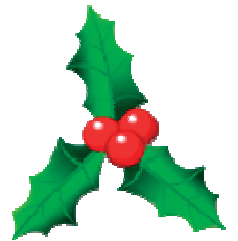
AFA President Stewart Zitzner presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Guest Speaker Lieutenant Colonel Francine A. Main on November 18, 2010



AFA President Stewart Zitzner presented a Certificate of Appreciation, in October 2010, to Guest Speaker Janis Blackburn - Captain of Spirit Airlines and also a Chapter #293 member.



2010 Christmas Party



Dream Come True



A Dream came true for AF Veteran David Moon, at the NJ Veterans Home, in Vineland, New Jersey. David received a leather bomber jacket that was sent to him by one of our Chapter #293 members, Retired AF Major Steve LaPoint. David Moon was extremely grateful and happy. It was a very touching moment.

TRIANGLE OF HAMILTON - YOUR ONE-STOP PRINT SHOP 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Staff Members: Carolyn, Tracy, John, Gary, Nick & Bob



The printing company that is responsible for the design and printing of our Chapter #293 newsletter, as well as other projects.

Their Holiday Open House was on December 20th from 4-7pm and was a complete success! Chapter member Norm Mathews was in attendance for this happy event.

For Our Chapter Members Review

AFA CHAPTER #293 Budget 2010-2011

INCOME

AFA National Rebates	\$400.00
Aluminum & Miscellaneous Scrap	500.00
Bank Interest	3.00
Chapter Christmas Party	1,000.00
Chapter Officer Installation Dinner	700.00
Chapter Picnic	200.00
Community Partners	1,800.00
Donations	500.00
Marine Toys For Tots	200.00
Memorial Day, MCVV (Flags for Cemetery)	60.00
Miscellaneous Income	300.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,663.00

EXPENSES

Chapter Awards	\$600.00
Chapter Christmas Party	900.00
Chapter Film & Developing	25.00
Chapter Incorporation Renewal Fee	25.00
Chapter Officer Installation Dinner	700.00
Chapter Parades	100.00
Chapter Picnic	150.00
Chapter Treasurer Expenses	30.00
Community Partner Fees	900.00
Hamilton Square Presbyterian Church -Room Donation	420.00
Marine's Toys For Tots Donation	150.00
Newsletter "Off We Go" - Postage	250.00
Newsletter "Off We Go" - Printing	763.00
Sunshine - Get Well/Birthday/Sympathy Cards Postage	50.00
Trenton Area Soup Kitchen	50.00
Vineland Veterans' Home Visits	200.00
MCVV Homeless Vets Dinner	150.00
Miscellaneous Donations	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,663.00

11/18/2010

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Please Support Our Community Partners!

PRESS RELEASE

"NICE SHOT IN THE ARM"



Pictured to the left are members of the Chapter #293 Air Force Association of Mercer County, NJ, presenting over \$400 worth of items for "Toys for Tots" to the Marine Battery G 3rd Battalion 14th Marine Base located on Scotch Road in West Trenton.

We hope we brightened some children's Christmas this year!



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