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> Helpful Sites

Chapter Site:

<http://www.chap567.afsa.net/>
(*Under reconstruction*)

Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/afsa.hurlburt>
(*New*)

Chindit Share Point:

<https://teams.afsoc.af.mil/sites/AFSA/default.aspx> (*New*)

AFSA Site:

Chindit Upcoming Events

- Membership meetings will be held quarterly. Next Chapter 567 Meeting will be on 23 Mar @ 1500 in the 6SOS Auditorium. Please come out and be active in our local Chapter. Car Pool if possible please.
- Adopt A Highway- We once again have a piece of HWY 98 that is ours. Once a quarter we will meet to do a Highway clean up. Our next clean-up will be on 25 Feb @ 1330. POC SrA Nigel Bain 881-5263 or email at nigel.bain@hurlburt.af.mil.
- Grocery Bagging at Navarre Winn-Dixie. 26 Mar 1000-1800. Volunteers Needed. POC is SSgt David Thomas 881-5263 or email at david.thomas@hurlburt.af.mil.

Chindit Accomplishments for January and February

- Assigned new council positions: Historian, Sergeant at Arms and Comm Trustee.
- Briefed 2 ALS classes; ~120 students
- Approved and became proud sponsor for \$200 education voucher for all Hurlburt ALS Levitow winners; 7 per year
- Chapter will submit an AFSA NCO of the year for 2010. Had two outstanding nominees and the winner will compete at the Division level. We had no Airman nominees this year...2011 will be different...HUA!
- Held a commissary bake sale and raised \$180! Special thanks to the following: SSgt Mirtha Blanco, Sonia Saenz-Rayford, TSgt Anik Emery, TSgt Russell Lowe and TSgt Crystal Goff...couldn't have done it without your outstanding dedication!

Legislative Items of Interest

VA-HUD Report on Homeless Veterans. The *Providence Journal* reports "For the first time, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development have published the most authoritative analysis of the extent and nature of homelessness among veterans. According to their assessment, nearly 76,000 American veterans were homeless on a given night in 2009. You can view the entire VA-HUD report at: <http://www.hudhre.info/documents/2009AHARVeteransReport.pdf>

The Impact of a Government Shutdown. With a Republican-controlled House of Representatives in a budget-cutting mood and a Democratic-controlled Senate and President Obama disagreeing about the size of proposed cuts, the possibility looms for at least a temporary government shutdown. For more info, go to: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700111796/Memories-of-1995-haunt-GOP-as-shutdown-talk-grows.html>

SecDef Proposes 13 percent TRICARE Prime Increase, Annual Indexing in 2013 and Beyond. As reported in the *Air Force Times*, under a proposal from the Administration, TRICARE Prime annual enrollment fees for "working age retirees" would rise next year from \$230 to \$260 per person, and from \$460 to \$520 for families. To read more, go to: <http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2011/02/military-tricare-fee-increase-opposition-021511w/>

Percent 2012 Military Pay Raise. As predicted last October, the Administration budget request for 2012 included a proposed 1.6 percent military pay raise. This is based on a measurement of the Employment Cost Index (ECI) as measured from September to September (from 2009 to 2010).

****Upcoming Changes to Post-9/11 GI-Bill****

Fellow Chindits,

Attached is the latest news concerning our GI Bill benefits. There were a lot of changes made to this program. It is important we stay informed and up to date with ALL changes concerning our benefits. Please review the attached hyperlink to view these new implementations. http://www.gibill.va.gov/post-911/post-911-gi-bill-summary/Post911_changes.html

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