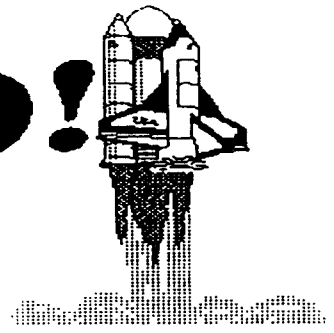




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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Steve LaPoint



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Fellow AFA Chapter 293 Members:



**Veterans Day**



Greetings to you all from your AFA #293 NEWLY elected President,

After four and a half months of remodeling, Regina and I are finally in our restored Cape. It is in Watchung so the distance and time is an issue but.....here we go!

I want to take a line and thank Stewart Zitzner for his past service as Chapter President...he left large shoes but small pants to fill!! Thanks Stew!

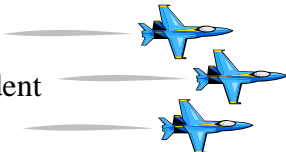
Another thanks to all those who try to attend the monthly meeting breakfasts, dinners, etc that our chapter attempts to put together. I know after my almost 25 years of "service", the AFA is one way I can keep my hand in the game...serving others, reaching out to those who need, and just being there as a friend and supporter!

I hope I meet the expectations of those who have elected me to this position. Grieg, your new VP, also hopes to make and keep this chapter a strong, vibrant organization. This can only be done with the help, support, ideas and actions of our members...YOU!

Please feel free to call us anytime and email as well. The website and [AFA.org](http://AFA.org) has loads of information and assistance to help all of you. Almost as good as google!

God Bless you all as we move from summer to fall...be careful, no texting while you drive, and let's get ready for a great Holiday Season!

Thank You,  
Steve LaPoint, President  
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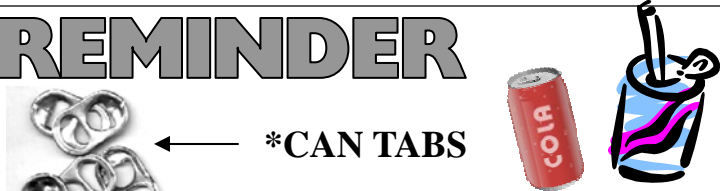


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# Happy Holidays



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Winter Time is Coming!*

Greetings all from your NEW AFA #293 Vice President,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for inviting me into your organization.

From the first time I spoke to the group in June 2010, everyone in the group made me feel so comfortable and like part of the 293 family. I thought the installation dinner was absolutely wonderful and continued with that welcoming atmosphere. I enjoyed very much participating with the group for the first time as Vice President and it will be my goal to continue with the warm inviting atmosphere as we have our monthly meetings, group discussions, organizational activities and charity events as well as trying to grow our family with newly invigorated membership drive.

I am confident that between Steve and myself that we will continue to add to our family and to all the activities that the group supports. Steve and I have very similar thoughts and vision for our chapter. In fact Steve once said, *"I would challenge you all to reach out to a neighbor, a friend, or an AFA member and find what it is you can do to help them if and when they are in need. We need to join hands as a nation and as a community to better our lives and make our "reason for living" a true purpose for being"*. It is this concept of service that Steve and I value as a way of life both within the military and within our community. We live by the Air Force core values, *Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do*. These values serve as our anchor and their adoption by one and all, binds us together.

Many of you know that I have been a member of the Air Force for over 30 years now and continue my service with the Air National Guard for the first ever National Guard Contingency Response Group. In my free time I am an instructor for the Expeditionary Center on Fort Dix teaching Combat Skills, Special Weapons and Tactics to airman deploying overseas.

I am honored to be part of the Air Force Association and our Chapter 293. It will be my mission to help our Chapter be the best that it can be to better our community, our state and our country. I look forward to the meetings and activities that we have planned throughout the year as well as the end of year Christmas party. It is my sincere desire to contribute to this group, to make it stronger and serve our community.

Thank you all for your support.

Respectfully,

Grieg J. Moore, SMSgt, USAF

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**Air Force Association**



...THE FORCE BEHIND THE FORCE



# PAST ACTIVITIES ON THE GO!



By Your President

## ***JULY 2011***

- ▶ Friday, July 1st and Thursday, July 21st - 8:30am - We had our breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ.
- ▶ Monday, July 4th ~ Independence Day. Hope everyone had a great fourth of July.
- ▶ Thursday, July 28th - 7:00pm - We had our regular Chapter Meeting and our guest speaker was Rudy Tervooren of Visiting Angels, we had a great turn-out and a wonderful meeting.



## ***AUGUST 2011***

- ▶ Friday, August 5th and Thursday, August 18th-8:30am-We had our breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Saturday, August 6th ~ 10:00am ~ We had our State Meeting @ McGuire Air Force Base, we had a wonderful turn-out
- ▶ Friday, August 19th ~ 2:00pm ~ We had our AFA Picnic at Norm's House, 193 Taft Ave., in Hamilton, we had a good turn-out and a super time was had by all that attended.
- ▶ Thursday, August 25th-There was no regular meeting this month.



## ***SEPTEMBER 2011***

- ▶ Friday, September 2nd & Thursday September 15th ~ 8:30am ~ We had our breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Monday, September 5th ~ Labor Day. Hope everyone had a great Labor Day!
- ▶ Wednesday, September 21st ~ 7:00pm ~ We had our Installation Dinner for our New Officers for 2011 - 2012 @ Town & Country Restaurant, in Bordentown. It was a great night and good time.
- ▶ Thursday, September 22nd ~ We had our regular Meeting @ 7:00pm and our Round Table Meeting @ 7:30pm, it was a good turn-out.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS ... FOR 2011

## Happy Holidays!!



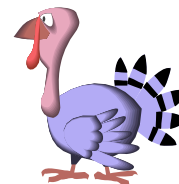
### OCTOBER 2011

- ▶ Friday, October 7th, and Thursday, October 20th—8:30am—Breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Monday, October 27th—7:00pm—Regular Chapter Meeting.
- ▶ Monday, October 31st—Happy Halloween!!



### NOVEMBER 2011

- ▶ Friday, November 4th and Thursday, November 24th—8:30am—Breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Saturday, November 11th—Veteran's Day
- ▶ Thursday, November 17th—7:00pm—Regular Chapter Meeting with guest speaker Mayor John Bencivengo of Hamilton Twsp.
- ▶ Thursday, November 24th—Happy Thanksgiving to All!!



### DECEMBER 2011

- ▶ Friday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 15th—8:30am—Breakfast @ Pat's Diner, located on S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
- ▶ Friday, December 2nd—After Breakfast @ Pat's Diner, we have TOYS FOR TOTS
- ▶ Sunday, December 11th—Christmas Party @ Town & Country (see flyer)
- ▶ Thursday, December 22nd—7:00 pm—Regular Chapter Meeting.
- ▶ Sunday, December 25th—Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!



### FUTURE GUEST SPEAKER

November 2011 - Mayor John Bencivengo of Hamilton Twsp.



# 2011 Annual Installation & Awards Dinner



Jerry Iacona & Maj. Stephen LaPoint Ret., our new Chapter President enjoying themselves along with other members seated at our Annual Installation & Awards Dinner 2011.



Other Chapter members enjoying themselves at our 27th Annual Chapter Installation & Awards Dinner 2011

# 2011 Annual Installation & Awards Dinner

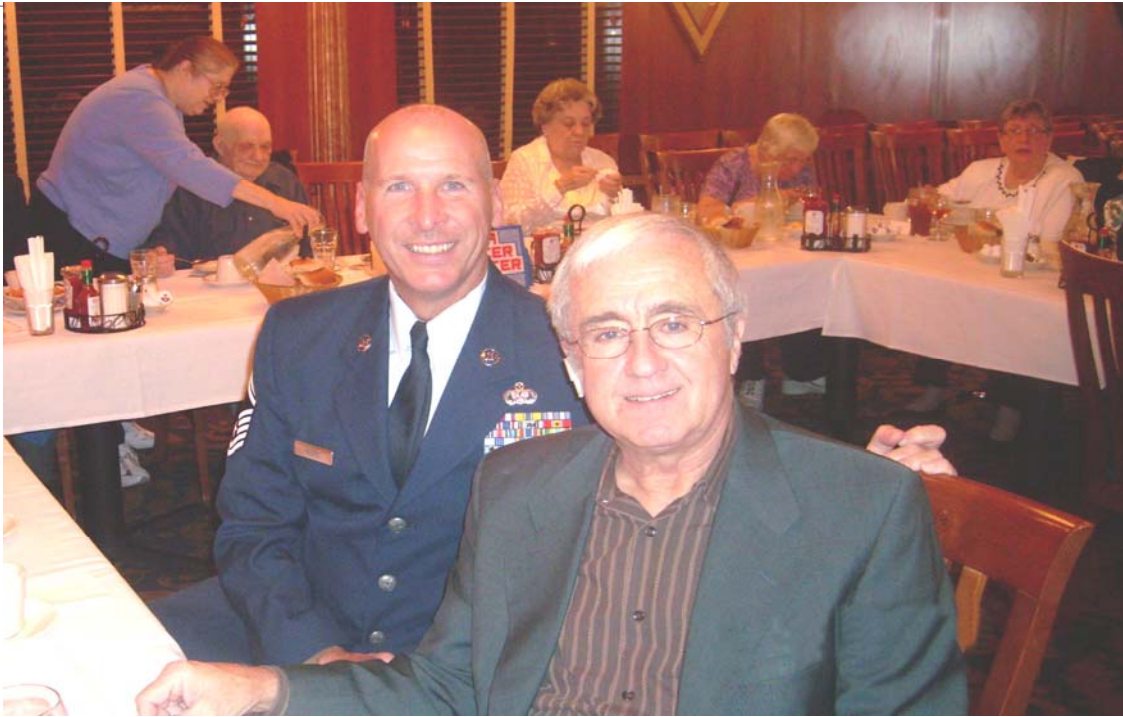


Left to right, outgoing Chapter President Stewart Zitzner presenting the Chapter charter to Newly installed President Stephen LaPoint, Marcy Johnson, Treasurer, Grieg Moore, Vice President, Jo Bair, Secretary and Installing Officer Norm Matthews, Past AFA State President, at our 27th Annual Installation & Awards Dinner held at Town & Country on Rt. 130 in Bordentown, NJ on September 21, 2011.



An outstanding service award presented to Stewart Zitzner, outgoing Chapter President by our New President Maj. Stephen LaPoint, AF Ret., congratulating Stewart on a job well done.

# 2011 Annual Installation & Awards Dinner



A few laughs together are Grieg Moore, Vice President and Brother-in-Law to Stewart Zitzner, Past President



Medal of Merit distinguished awards presented by our Past Chapter President Stewart Zitzner, center to left –right, Steve Lipski (Jr), Jerry Iacona, Past State President Norm Mathews, & Jo Bair Chapter Secretary & Newly elected State AFA Vice President



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

NJ AFA Mercer Chapter #293

Sunday, December 11, 2011

1:00pm - 4:00pm

TOWN AND COUNTRY DINER

Route 130

Bordentown, NJ

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$26.00 Per Person (Except Prime Rib - \$31.00)**

*(Meal served with Fruit Cup, Pasta, Garden Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Bread & Butter, Non-alcoholic Beverages & Dessert.)*

Oven Roasted Turkey \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib of Beef - \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Parmigiana \_\_\_\_\_

Fish of the Day \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Francaise \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Virginia Ham \_\_\_\_\_

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