



PAUL REVERE CHAPTER WINS KEY AWARDS AT NATIONAL 2011

Under the leadership of Chapter President, Joe Magnone, our exceptional Chapter won the Outstanding Large Chapter Award and the Extra Large Chapter Jack Gross Membership Award. The Paul Revere Chapter was recognized at the national awards ceremony on September 17, 2011, at the Gaylord National Hotel, Maryland.



Paul Revere Chapter Officers and Members Celebrate two National Level awards (Best Large Chapter and Jack Gross Award (for increased membership). Pictured (left to right) are: Irene Biddy, Paul Zauner, Heidi Aronofsky, Keith Taylor, Edie Singleton, Joe Magnone, Amanda Gustafson, Stephen Smiaroski, Nino Amoroso, Alan Shoemaker, Marian McGovern, and Marlene Jarvis

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I. Presidents' Message

I look forward to leading the exceptional Paul Revere Chapter and its' membership the next two years. It has been a pleasure to work with Joe Magnone, the past four years and our chapter keeps a dynamic ops tempo in completing so many efforts and programs, such as caring for Veterans, educating the community on AFA, recognizing educators and maintaining an active presence of support at Hanscom Air Force Base, Electronic Systems Center and within the community of Boston and the suburbs.

We have a great team, lots of energy and we will continue to move out strongly in 2012. All hands in; let's move out!!!

Keith M. Taylor
President
Paul Revere Chapter

II. Upcoming Chapter Activities

Chapter Fun Run: Dust off those running shoes and prepare for the second annual Paul Revere Chapter Air Force Association Fun Run, Veterans Day, 11 November 2011. The Fun Run is held to recognize, thank, and support military personnel deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as their families. The 5K walk, 5K run, and 10K run courses begin on the Bedford VA Medical Center, 200 Springs Rd in Bedford MA. Last year we had over 400 participants. This year we anticipate over 600 participants. Sponsorships are sought and will be recognized in news releases, on-course signage, and in the official race program. What a great way to enjoy the cool New England weather and commemorate this important date (11/11/11). More info will follow in the next newsletter. You can register online at <http://www.afafunrun.com> Feel free to contact Mr Ryan Laferty, or Lt Erin Kendall, the race directors, at afafunrun@gmail.com Questions regarding sponsorships may be directed to keith.taylor@mantech.com or heidi.aronofsky@ngc.com

7:00 AM: Registration & Check-In Opens
10K Start Time: 9:00 AM
5K Start Time: 9:15 AM

Chapter Christmas Party: Marian McGovern reported that the Chapter Christmas party will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Boston/Bedford Glen on Friday 2 December.

Veterans' Christmas Party: 16 December, Lowell MA. Contact Richard Codling for more information.

III. Chapter News

Chapter Officer Elections: The Chapter recently held elections for Chapter officers. Keith Taylor is the new President. Amanda Gustafson is the new Vice President. Paul Zauner is the new treasurer. Jamie Thurber is the new secretary.

IV. Veterans' Activities

Vettes to Vets: On Sunday, September 25th 2011, the Paul Revere Chapter held its annual "Vettes to Vets" picnic at the Bedford VA Medical Center, Bedford, MA. With a bright, sunny, fall day, the Paul Revere Chapter (PRC), with the cooking support of the Hanscom Sergeants Association, prepared and served up a delicious barbecue for area Veterans. This was the eighth annual Veterans' Barbecue on the Bedford, Massachusetts Veteran Administration grounds, which over 370 Corvettes were on display. This event is also widely known as the Vettes to Vets event.

Chapter, Veterans Affairs lead, Dick Codling led 60 volunteers from PRC and from the Hanscom Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) to help make this event a success. 1,300 Veterans and volunteers were served a delicious meal of sausages, hamburgers, salads and wonderful sheet cakes decorated in red, white, and blue with lettering "Bless Our Veterans". The chapter contributed over 200 hours in planning and working and \$1,600 in funds to purchase food, drinks and paper products for this great event.

Wonderful patriotic music filled the air by an all Veteran band; singer Jimmy Cate sang God Bless America and members of the North Shore Corvettes Club and members from other New England, New York and Canadian clubs caravanned onto the VA common with over 370 Corvettes for the Veterans to enjoy.

Many thanks go to TSgt Kristin Hays, SMSgt Gene Brandt, SSgt James Caruso, SSgt Catherine Hreben, Chief Rainy and the Hanscom Sergeants Association for leading the cooking and driving logistics. Many thanks to Ron Morneau, Jim Smith, and Karen Blandini in organizing the Corvettes and their many donations of personal products for the Veterans.

Event organizer, Richard Codling, reported that AFSA served over 1,500 Sausages, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, 45 gallons of hot baked beans, 1,600 dessert serving, 200 pounds of potato salad and lots of snacks and cold drinks. Total attendance was estimated at over 2,000 of which about 1,500 went thru the two food serving lines. 377 classic Corvettes from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and Canada formed up for viewing and awards on the Bedford VA hospital center field—The total cost of the food and supplies was nearly \$4,200, plus the AFSA cost for three grills, propane, ice, and coolers. The volunteer contributions from the Corvette members was over \$3,800. Excess cakes, sausages, and hot dogs were given to two VA groups (i.e. VA Hospital and Lowell VCCC). Other food items were taken to "The Chelmsford Pantry" for distribution to needy families.

The Vettes to Vets club also contributed over \$50,000 to the Veterans' Hospital plus many thousands of dollars worth of brand new clothing and personal items. Mr Ron Morneau,

president of the Vettes Club stated, “Your Association along with the Sergeants Association have been such fantastic partners to our Vettes to Vets gang for this extremely successful event to honor and help those who have given up so much to protect our freedoms. When we see how much all of you put into helping the hospital, it only serves to energize us all the more.

“I am real happy to hear that my Corvette friends were generous in helping to defray the cost of the food.

“Here is hoping we all have the energy to keep this great partnership going in support of this important mission.”

What an incredible event, and what an incredible outpouring of support from the Paul Revere Chapter, the AFSA, and the Corvette Club.



Members of the Air Force Sergeants' Association (AFSA) pose with Joe Magnone, then President of the Paul Revere Chapter



The crowd gathers for the annual Vettes to Vets picnic

at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Bedford MA



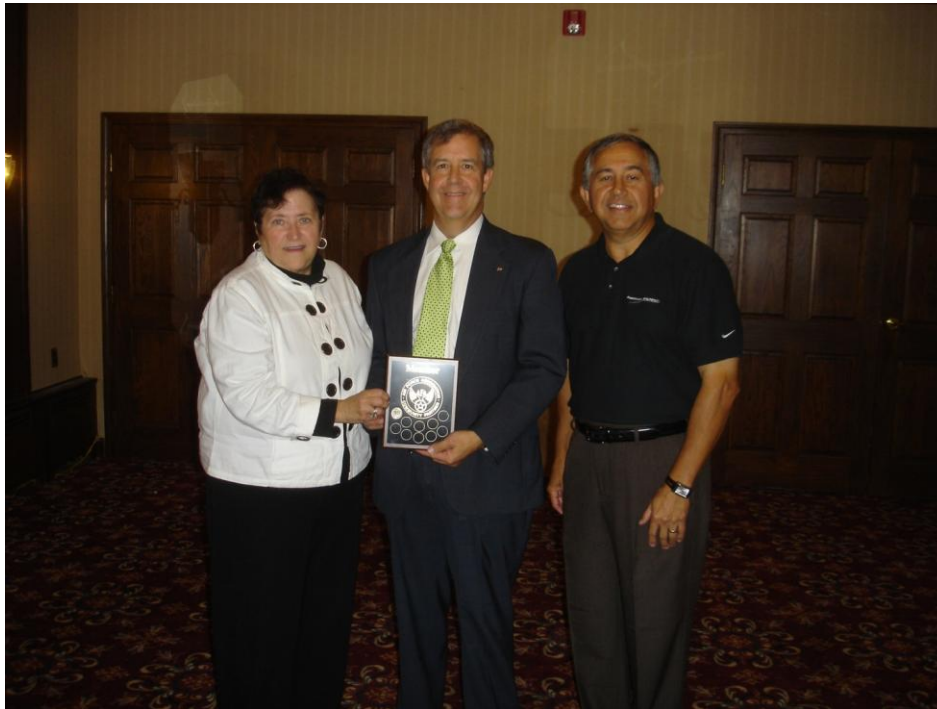
Volunteers and patrons make their way around the food venues

V. Community Partners

The Paul Revere Chapter of the Air Force Association is pleased to announce its current 2011 Community Partners. If your company is interested in supporting the worthwhile activities of the Paul Revere Chapter, contact Ms Irene Bidby at lbiddy@aol.com

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WYLE ASSOCIATES



Irene Biddy presents Robert “Bobby” Kennedy of the Technology Service Corporation (TSC) receives his Community Partner recognition with Chapter President Joe Magnone



Irene Biddy presents Stephen Smiaroski, of the Pelican Corporation with a Community Partner plaque. President Joe Magnone assisted.

Programs Committee: The AFA Paul Revere Chapter Program Committee needs your help. The committee works in conjunction with Hanscom Air Force Base Electronics Systems Center in the planning and implementation of symposiums such as the Command, Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C2ISR) Symposiums and the Cyber Symposiums. The committee also implements special programs and activities such as the Annual AF Chief of Staff Scholarship Dinner and Golf Tournament.

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Communications: Ben Dunay is the new Chapter Vice President for Communications. Ben will be taking over from Steve Henning in putting out our quarterly newsletter. If you have information or photos to include in the newsletter let Ben know: ben@sixthreetech.com or bendunay@gmail.com

Membership: Renee Doucette is our Chapter Vice President for Membership. If you have any input or questions regarding membership, contact Renee or Keith Taylor.

Chapter Website: Ben Dunay (ben@sixthreetech.com or bendunay@gmail.com) is the point of contact for the Chapter website (<http://www.paulrevereafa.org/>). Ben is working to improve the website and make the site more dynamic. All Chapter Program Chairs are reminded to continue generating content for the site and provide it to Paul Zauner. If you have any input regarding the site, or suggestions for improvement, contact Ben Dunay, new Chapter Communications Vice President.