



Airfield 858

The newsletter of the Air Force Sergeants Association—Chapter 858

Fall 2003

From the president

First of all, I'd like to welcome back TSgt Doug Altrichter, our Vice President, and all other members who have been deployed this last year. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say THANK-YOU!

We've been very busy over the last several months. Between our Krispy Kreme donut and dome fundraisers, we donated a total of \$1,200 to the 934th Military Ball Fund to be used to help pay the way for all first term airmen to attend this year.

We also sponsored four members from the 934th Airlift Wing, TSgt Jon Schmidt, SSgt Scott Inwards, SSgt John Herrick and SSgt Christian Krug, in the 7th Annual Air Force Marathon, held at Wright Patterson on September 21st. They placed 4th in the military division and out of 122 relay teams, they finished 22nd. Way to go guys!

Our next meeting will be during the 133rd's UTA on Saturday, October 25th. It'll be in the Wing Commander's Conference room at 1630. I look forward to seeing you there.

38 Day Annual Reserve Training Proposal

The House Armed Services Committee has included language, which will restate the number of training days a Reservist completes each year from 62 to 38 days. Traditional reservists currently perform 38 days a year (2 inactive duty days a month plus 14 annual tour days) and receive 62 retirement points plus 15 membership points. Individual Mobilization Augmentees currently perform 24 days a year (1 inactive duty day a month plus 12 annual tour days) and receive 36 retirement points plus 15 membership points. This change appears to do away with inactive duty training and converts all training to active duty days which would mean 38 retirement points plus 15 membership points—a significant reduction in pay and points. A letter has been posted to the ROA website at <http://capwiz.com/roa/home/> if you would like to write your Congressional member asking them to not support the reduction of training days. ROA has also posted a position paper on this subject at http://www.roa.org/legislative_affairs/pp_index.asp

Division 8 President

We lost a great division president, but gained a great International Vice President. Our new division president is CMSgt Mark Biedenbende and hopefully we'll have the opportunity to meet him soon. Good luck and best wishes to CMSgt Mike Carton, our former division president, in his new position at International!

AFSA/AFA Awards Dinner

The Air Force Sergeants Association and the Air Force Association will host a Joint Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, 14 November 2003, at the 934th Airlift Wing Officer's Club. The program will begin at 6:00 pm. Lieutenant General Bruce Carlson, Commander of 8th Air Force, will be the Keynote Speaker. Attire for the evening will be business suit for civilians, and service dress uniform for military. The cost for the event is \$25.00 per person for AFSA or AFA members and their guests, and \$35.00 for non-AFSA or AFA members. If you like, you can also sponsor a cadet or enlisted person to the dinner. Space is limited this year, so please order your tickets early. The cost for the event will be split between AFA and AFSA, based on the number of guests from each organization, so if you plan to attend, please order your tickets using the form below.

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Name: _____ Number of Guests: _____
AFSA/AFA Member # _____

I will sponsor ____ cadets/enlisted members @ \$25.00 each

Make checks payable to:

General E.W. Rawlings Chapter

Cost: \$25.00 for members and guests

\$35.00 for non-members

Mail check to:

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Bits and pieces for members

AFSA, Chapter 858, Dome Night

Thanks to all my die-hard dome fundraiser volunteers and they know who they are. We've done three over the last two months, two of which were on very short notice. I can't tell you how much I appreciate their support. We've used some of the money we've earned to have chapter shirts made, we've sponsored four runners in the Air Force Marathon and also donated \$600 to the 934th Military Ball Fund.

Newsletter E-Mail List

MSgt Tami Besser is maintaining our e-mail list, so if you have an e-mail address that we can send our newsletter to, please send your request to her at: tami.besser@mortenson.com. She will need your full name, e-mail address and zip code so that we can remove your mailing label from our list.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Well, believe it or not, we sold over 100 dozen donuts. (*And I was worried about getting the minimum order amount of 50 dozen?*) The \$600 we earned was donated to the 934th Military Ball Fund. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

934th Family Day

A big thanks to all the volunteers who worked the sno-cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines at the 934th Family Day event this year. The auxiliary ladies were very busy at the sno-cone booth giving away approximately 900 of them again this year. A special thanks to Paul Davidson for manning the popcorn machine all day and to Dawn Flipp, Casey Keller and Sherrill Beecher for helping with the sticky, messy cotton candy machine.

Polo Shirts and T-Shirts

We've received our first batch of polo and t-shirts. The polo's are of a good quality, with the AFSA wings and Chapter 858 stitched in silver thread. The t-shirts are black, with the same logo design as the polo shirts on the front, except chapter 858 is in red. In addition, the same design is screen printed on the back across the shoulders. They both look really cool and are definitely a must have! We initially planned to give the t-shirts to our volunteers and the polos to our officers and directors, but everyone who sees them wants one so we will probably be offering them for sale very soon.

Next Meeting: Saturday, 25 Oct 03, 4:30 p.m., 133rd Wing Conference Room