



Airfield 858

The newsletter of the Air Force Sergeant's Association - Chapter 858 Fall 2004

From the President

Greetings!

What a crazy summer! We had a great turnout at the last Quarterly meeting, and even got some new members!

As we're rounding out the year, it's time for my tenure as your President to end. I have been selected as a 1st Sergeant and can't seem to juggle the 2 positions very well. What this does is create a GREAT opportunity for someone to step up to the plate and become next year's President. It's an honor and a valuable experience for some lucky person. Elections will be held during the January meeting.

Hope to see you at the banquet!
Sherrill

WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

Mark your calendar **NOW** for the Winter Quarterly Meeting:

When: Saturday 8 Jan 2005

Where: 934th NCO Club Lounge

Time: 1645

Important voting for new Chapter Officers!!!!

Change of Address - Only YOU

can change it!

<http://www.afsahq.org/>

Chapter 858 website

CHECK IT OUT!!!

<http://afs858.home.att.net/>

2004 AFSA/AFA Banquet

AFSA Chapter 858 invites you to attend the 2004 AFSA/AFA Banquet.

Date: Friday, 12 Nov 04

Time: 1800 (Registration/Social)

Location: Royal Cliff Banquet Facility, 2280 Cliff Rd, Eagan, MN

Attire: Military personnel/Service Dress Uniform, Civilians/Business Suits

See the Registration form on the back of the newsletter and submit early! You must reply by 4 Nov 04!!!

E-Mail Newsletter

If you'd like to get the latest and greatest AFSA news even quicker, sign up to be on our e-mail list and have the Chapter 858 newsletter delivered to your own computer!

POC: Tami Besser: Tami.Besser@mortenson.com

934th Airlift Wing Family Day AFSA Participation a Success!

THANK YOU to those that worked the AFSA tent at Family Day! Our Auxillary ladies were out in force, making their Sno-Cones and popcorn. (The most popular item there based on the long lines!) And our VP, Russ Funaro and his wife, Bev were helping with the popcorn.

DFAS expands automated services for retirees and annuitants

Since Sept. 1, military retirees and annuitants have been able to obtain specific information through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS). When customers call 1-800-321-1080 (commercial 216-522-5955), they hear a new menu option to use this feature. Customers choosing to do so are asked to enter their social security number and Personal Identification Number (PIN). Customers can use the same PIN to access the IVRS that they use to access myPay. Retirees and Annuitants will be able to obtain specific account information in the following areas: * Correspondence address, Allotments, Certificate of Eligibility or Report of Existence, Deductions, Gross and net pay, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage, Federal and state taxes.

Customers without a myPay PIN, should visit the myPay website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

***Next Meeting: Saturday, November 20, 2004 - 1630
133rd Wing HQ Conference Room***

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Reservations
DUE NLT
4 Nov 04!!!!

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Chapter 858

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Dave Hammer

934th Membership Trustee –

Jody Knight

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William Cox

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Special Events – Allison Fieseler

Auxiliary Chapter Officers

President – Beck Bogardus

Vice President – Rose Hill

Secretary/Treasurer – Fern Schneider

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Important Websites

1st Hand Information!!!

Want to know how your Congress and your Senate are voting on issues? What to follow your local elected officials and see how they are voting on the separate issues?

Then the following two sites are where you need to go for the information!!!!

<http://www.congress.org/congress.org/home/>

This site even lets you sign up and receive periodic e-mails giving you the most up-to-date legislative/voting results

<http://www.congress.org/congress.org/megavote/>

One of the most important tools we use to track legislation is THOMAS (<http://thomas.loc.gov>), the Library of Congress' record of Legislative Information.

THOMAS allows us to check the complete record of all legislation introduced in the Congress and contains information going as far back as the 93rd Congress THOMAS can be confusing if you've never used it, but it is something worth knowing. The following guide should introduce you to the basics, but nothing is as effective as actually trying it for yourself.

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Name: _____
AFSA/AFA Member # _____

Number of Guests: _____

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