



Air Force Sergeants Association

Airfield 858

From the President MSgt. Russ Funaro

What a pleasure this has been to return and get back into the swing of things, here are the highlights over the past quarter;

I returned from an active duty trip to SW Asia, always nice to serve but even better to return. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to VP Vosen for doing such an outstanding job for our chapter in my absence. It is great to have such support for us to go to when deployments call others of us away. We had a wonderful showing for the annual family day picnic and again our auxiliary was there in full support providing snow cones. Thanks to Rose, Becky, Fern and all who helped! We also had our usual popcorn booth in full swing, thanks to everyone who participated in staffing the booth for both ventures. We are very grateful for the help you give us.

Our softball team took first place during the regular season and we took 2nd place in the playoffs. SMSgt Chuck Super was the player coach. We are looking forward to another enjoyable season next year.

Please support our chapter by volunteering for future Dome nights. Our chapter's coffers are shrinking and we need funding to continue to provide the level of service that our chapter has taken on.

We are going to have a quarterly meeting during the November UTA in the Civil Engineering building after Saturday evening sign out please plan on attending. See posted flyers. And lastly please attend our annual AFSA/AFA awards dinner this year it is being held at on Nov 11th at 1800 at a cost of \$30.00 for members and \$35 for non-members of AFSA and AFA. See our Ch. 858 Web site for more details and the registration forms. Registration and the money is due by Nov. 1, 2005

AFSA HQ Update

October, 2005:

Notes from AFSA HQ:

These are some of the Bills AFSA is working on for all members of AFSA!

HR 199 Protection of the National Guard and Reserves Education Act. HR 783 /S639 Retirement age from 60 to 55. We need to continue the grass roots fight on this! HR 1169 Pay Updates and Benefits, S32 Guard and Reserve Enhancement Bill, S460 Armed Forces Military Family Bill of Rights.

The International AFSA Convention held in Dallas TX this past August. It was a great success. The Legislative agenda for this next fiscal year was approved by the voting members along with recognition of Outstanding Airman of the year winners. Our Chapter 858 had two members who attended the meeting. Our past two Presidents, Vicky Kuntz and Sherrill Beecher, brought back updates and some great ideas for the growth of our chapter! Thanks for representing our chapter!

AFSA Ch858 Meeting Updates

August meeting we were given a presentation by Vicky Kuntz and Cheryl Beecher on what they learned from the International AFSA Convention in Dallas. We organized for the Family day. Septembers meeting we planned for the AFA/AFSA Annual Banquet.

Our next meeting will be at the CE Bldg 744, on Sat. Nov. 5th at 1645hrs Refreshments and munchies will be provided! All members are welcome and bring a friend to join!

Dome Nights

Our Chapter depends on Dome Nights for financing. Please take time from your busy schedules to help us raise money. We use these funds to help offset costs for meetings and donations and recognition plaques. Contact Allison Flieseler for details.

What's Happening

Legislative Update

AFSA is currently supporting eleven bills that apply to Guard/Reserve members. Two of the bills are reviewed below:

S.639 & H.R. 783 - Sen Corzine, Jon S (D-NJ) Rep Saxton, Jim (R-NJ)

Title: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

It's important that the Nation send the right message to the troops during times of war. The bottom line is that the authorization bill provides the military quality-of-life enhancements our service members and their families need. Its time to put some additional pressure on the Senate to make sure they take care of business. Each and every AFSA member should contact their two senators and insist that the defense authorization bill is duly addressed, and passed, by the Senate prior to the end of the current session.

Go to <http://thomas.loc.gov> to see the in-depth information and status. Continue to contact your Congressional Representative along with Senators Dayton and Coleman to ask for their support. These contacts are the keys for us in getting improvements to our pay and benefits!

If you have questions, contact AFSA 858's Legislative Director or Exec team.

Legislative Status:

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

AFSA Headquarters:

www.afsahq.org

Division 8

www.afsa8.org

Chapter 858 website

<http://afsa858.home.att.net>

All these sites have great links to other informative web sites!



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2005 AFSA 858 meetings:

- November 5 @ CE Bldg 744 for meeting and refreshments
- November 11 - AFSA/AFA Banquet
- January 2006 Elections

All chapter meetings are held Saturdays at 1645 at the 934th AW Services Club or see flyers for changes to meeting locations.

2005 Events

Upcoming Dome nights:

Please contact Allison Flieseler to signup for training and upcoming events.

We are planning to do one this Fall!

Cell - (651) 747-7122

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Recent Meetings:

- Notes from August and Septembers meetings
- Updates from the International Convention

Help us Find You

Please send us a message at afsa858@worldnet.att.net with all your current contact information (include email).

Thanks for all the recent new information - we will be updating our records soon.

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