



Airfield 858

The newsletter of the Air Force Sergeants Association—Chapter 858 Spring 2003

From the president

I was re-elected president for another one-year term during our January membership meeting, so I guess you'll be hearing from me for another year. I think it's good for any organized group to have fresh leadership every few years, so I'm hoping someone else will step up to the plate next year. For the most part, all other officers and Trustees are the same as last year.

I was happy to be able to have our last member meeting during the ANG UTA in January, but was disappointed that we didn't have a bigger turnout. Although I attended the November and December ANG First Sergeant's meeting to remind them about the meeting and give them flyers for the meeting, we only had three or four new attendees.

I plan to have our July meeting during the ANG UTA and hope to be able to have it outside so we can have beer. For some reason, more people attend when there's free beer.

Looking out for you

AFSA represents the interests of past, present and future military personnel. The association lobbies on behalf of its members for pay raises, cost-of-living increases, and many other benefits, including reducing the retirement age to 55.

AFSA also offers member benefits in health, travel and insurance discounts, scholarships and access to a federal credit union. Taking advantage of one of these discounts can pay for your membership. Plus it's a great way to meet new people and to support an organization that supports you.

Division convention coming in April

The Division 8/9 Joint Convention will be April 25-27, at St Joseph, MO, at the Ramada Inn. Advance registration is \$70 and on-site registration is \$75. The room rates range between \$60 and \$70. Our Vice President, Doug Altrichter, was planning to attend this year's convention until he was deployed three weeks ago. If you would like to attend, please let me know ASAP. The chapter will reimburse you for the registration fee.

Division award winners will be announced during the convention. I have submitted award packages for our

web site and newsletter this year.

Newly retired Tech. Sgt. RJ Bruno has done a fabulous job with our newsletter this last year. And I was very happy that she agreed to continue doing it for us even though she has retired from the Reserves. And Senior Master Sgt Dave Hammer, our webmaster, continues to do a great job keeping our web site current and looking good.



Newsletter mailing options still in the works

Unfortunately, the quote from the publishing company who mailed our Winter 2003 newsletter didn't include postage, so we ended up spending more than I had anticipated. As a result, we are back to the drawing board for ways to lower our mailing costs. One thing that I hope will help is obtaining a bulk-mailing permit. With help from our Division President, Mike Carton, and AFSA International, I think I have

everything I need to submit our application. So, hopefully we will be able to use it for our next newsletter. Another thing I would like to do is e-mail the newsletter to as many members as possible. If you have an e-mail address that I can send the newsletter to, please send me an e-mail letting me know and I will add your name to my e-mail list. My e-mail address is Vicky.Kuntz@genmills.com.

AFSA president looking for member help

Okay, I'm really getting desperate now.

I still need someone from the 133rd to be our ANG Legislative Trustee and another person to be our ANG Membership Trustee. In addition, Mark Davidson, our previous 934th Member Trustee, has resigned this year, so I



also need a 934th Membership Trustee, and I still need someone to be our Awards Trustee.

The time commitment for any one of these positions is fairly minimal. Not that anyone should do it for this reason alone, but being an active contributor to any professional military association does provide some good bullet points on EPRs, and award and PEP packages.

If you'd like to talk about any of these positions, feel free to contact me at (612) 330-7193.

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AFSA little update bits and pieces

Dome Night FUNdraiser!

Our funds are running low, so I'm going to be planning a few dome night fundraising events. I hope to be able to do three during the Twins baseball season, but will be using smaller crews. I'm in the process of being trained as a financial manager for these fundraisers, so I want to start with smaller groups. Group sizes will be either 9 or 12, with one financial manager and one inventory manager. If you are interested in being trained as a financial or inventory manager or participating in this event, please let me know. I really need someone to go through the training to be an inventory manager, so if you're interested please call me and I will talk to you about getting trained.



Change of Address

If you have moved or temporarily relocated and want to continue receiving this newsletter and the Sergeant's magazine, you can call AFSA, International at (800)638-0594. They provide me with mailing labels, so if you change your address with them, I will have your current address too.

Smile!

If you see me or another member taking pictures during chapter events, please smile because you may find your picture in the Sergeant's Magazine. I hope to start submitting pictures of our events on a regular basis.



Upcoming Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be Saturday, April 5, at 4:30 pm, in Building 760, Room 192. I will be inducted as President and we will watch a short video entitled "Why AFSA for the Air Reserve Components?"

Whether you are currently a member or not, please come and join us and bring a friend. There will be a Trustee meeting following the general membership meeting.

Next meeting: Saturday, April 5, 4:30 pm , in Building 760, Room 192