



# Air Force Sergeants Association

## Airfield 858

### What's Happening in 2006!

We are planning many fun and exciting events for this year. We need your help to plan and run these events! Please contact any member of the exec. team if you want to help.

- Dome nights (May 13 and June 15)
- Other fund raisers (on going if you have ideas, contact us!)
- May 6<sup>th</sup> Summer BBQ and membership meeting
- May 18-20<sup>th</sup> Division 8 Convention in Fairview Heights IL.
- Summer Softball Team members (May - Aug)
- July 15, 934<sup>th</sup> AW Golf event: Marshmallow tee off event
- August 5<sup>th</sup> 934<sup>th</sup> AW Combat Dinning out!
- AFSA Int. Convention, August
- September Family Day
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Membership meeting
- AFSA/AFA Banquet planned for May of 2007 (We need more volunteers to be part of the planning committee)

### Donations and Fund raising help needed

Our Chapter depends on donations and fundraising to cover the cost of newsletters, postage, events and sponsorships. This year, as you all know, postage has gone up which adds more costs to send out our newsletters. We need your support, and to be an "ACTIVE" member. We need donations to help support events, membership meetings, recognition programs, events and sponsorships for 2006. We sponsor a softball team (May -Aug), golf tournament (July), military ball (Aug.), Family day (Sep), recognition plaques, CAP and Jr. ROTC, Family Readiness Center and other miscellaneous donations to local organizations. We are a non-profit organization for donations. Check with your employers to see if they offer matching gift programs. We also need volunteers to run and help out with our fund raisers: dome nights (see details for times), golf event, membership drives, etc. Contact Michael Vosen if you would like more information or want to help.

### Message from the New President:

Hello! My name is **Michael Vosen**. I am a Master Sergeant (reservist) at the 934<sup>th</sup> AW, Minneapolis ARS, currently working as NCO of base Ground Safety. I've been a member of the 934<sup>th</sup> for over 19 years. I spent the last 19 years working as an Aerial Porter, Training Manager and First Sergeant. I have been a member of Air Force Sergeants Association for over 10 years.

I am excited about the opportunities we have this coming year for our chapter. I am depending on members to step up and volunteer. It is your chapter, and when we work together we can do some great things- but that takes time, dedication and a desire to serve. I need each of you to do some part. I need volunteers to help run events, do fundraising, mailings, recruitment, attend chapter meetings, just to name a few. If each of us does a little we can get a lot accomplished!

You can donate time or money to the chapter (see donation insert), volunteer, or write to your Congress members and Senators so they hear our voice! Even if you are retired, you can do a little to help out our great organization.

AFSA is a great organization whose goal is to take care of the Air Force people. They are OUR voice on Capitol Hill!

I am looking forward to continuing the great work of all of our past presidents and to continue to raise the bar to what our chapter can do for our members, our community and our organization.

Thank you for electing me to lead the chapter. I am honored to represent Chapter 858 as your President.

Let's make this the best year ever!

Thank you,

Michael J. Vosen

### NEW On the Web

**Chapter 858 web site:** Check out the new updates to our web site! Updates posted monthly, links to the other sites, more details and info on what's going on.

<http://afsa858.home.att.net> We also have a NEW e-mail address for you to keep in touch! [afsa858@hotmail.com](mailto:afsa858@hotmail.com)

**Please send us your e-mail address so we can send you our newsletters and save postage costs! This is ONE simple thing you can do to help out our chapter!**

**Division 8:** [www.afsa8.org](http://www.afsa8.org)

**AFSA Headquarters:** [www.afsahq.org](http://www.afsahq.org) Use this site to sign up your family and friends to be members. To get the latest and greatest on what AFSA is doing for YOU. Also available: DISCOUNTS for members at major retailers, such as Dell, IPOD, Verizon etc.

**Legislative Status:** <http://thomas.loc.gov> One of many sites you can go to contact your Congresspersons and Senators. All these sites have great links to other informative web sites. Another EZ way for each of us to help out!



**This year we want to accomplish more goals than ever. To do this we need your help. Please help us with our goals and donate or volunteer your time.**

**Return this with your information and donations**

Yes, I would like to help out and volunteer: please contact me at:

Yes, I would like to volunteer and I've enclosed a check. Please contact me at:

No I don't have time to volunteer, but I will donate. I've enclosed a check, payable to AFSA CH 858



**Please send correspondence to: Michael Vosen, 2211 Clearwater Rd. St. Cloud MN 56301  
Or call (320) 259 - 0228 or email [afsa858@hotmail.com](mailto:afsa858@hotmail.com) **Reminder: your donations are Tax Deductible!****

**AFSA Ch858 Meeting Updates**

The table below is what the executive team is currently working on during the monthly meetings at the 934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. Please contact Michael Vosen if you have any comments or suggestions.

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| Air Guard Contact Names and membership drive   | We are looking for more involvement with the Minnesota Air National Guard. Who is available to help recruit new members? Any ANG members interested?   |
| Fundraising – Community Involvement  | Please send ideas to the executive staff or e-mail your ideas to our new e-mail<br>Please have all information:<br>-What is it<br>-Where is it<br>-When will it happen<br>-Who needs to be involved  |
| <b>Events Coordinator</b><br><br><b>Dome Night FUNd-raisers</b><br><b>WE HAVE DATES!</b><br><b>We need this to help generate funds for our organization!</b> | <b>We are looking for an Events Coordinator. Take the lead on dome nights!</b><br><br><b>We have two dome nights planned for this Summer! Saturday May 13 (1500hr show-time), and Thursday Jun 15<sup>th</sup> (1630 show-time) We would like to get at least 10 people to volunteer for each night! I need people to commit!!!</b><br><b>(We earn up to \$60.00 per person for apx. 6 hours of work)</b><br><b>Please contact Michael Vosen for details and for training schedules</b><br><b>Again this is a great opportunity for you to be an ACTIVE member</b> |
| Combat Dining Out (934 <sup>th</sup> Aug UTA, 8/5)   | Gary Frick will represent AFSA 858<br>Check with Gary to see if you can help with the event.   |
| Softball   | Russ Funaro and Chuck Super are running the softball team this summer – May – Aug for the 934 <sup>th</sup> base: If you are interested in playing contact them or the Fitness Center  |
| T-Shirts   | Where can we get some made? Can we have anybody create a new design?<br>Are there any members who have contacts on this? Contact us!   |
| Getting Retirees more involved!  | We are looking for a group of Retirees to volunteer to help organize activities for our retired members! Plan special meeting coordinate events, etc.!!!!  |
| JROTC and CAP  | Awards – Johnson High School to be presented in May  |
| Golf outing in July  | Sherrill to confirm with Ronna Puck, also to buy items for contest. Chris will be the primary contact on this  |

**Legislative Update:**

AFSA is always looking after its members. This past year they have helped us get additional increases for our regular pay and retirement pay, fighting to protect our retirement pay and medical benefits, to name a few.

We all hear about the power of lobbyists on Capitol Hill. We need our numbers to increase to have a stronger voice on the hill, so we all need to recruit new members.

- ✓ They are still working the Reserve / Guard 55 retirement. Please contact your Reps and Senators!
- ✓ Several VA hospital issues and Medicare concerns for veterans
- ✓ BRAC concerns
- ✓ TRICARE programs
- ✓ Quality of life issues for both Active/ Res./Guard and Retired military members
- ✓ State of MN is working a bill to eliminate state taxes for military retirees (contact local reps)
- ✓ Check out the AFSA HQ web site for more details [www.afsahq.org](http://www.afsahq.org)
- ❖ We all can do our part by contacting (e-mail or write) your Congress members and Senators to let them know your concerns for military members and military retirees!

# *AFSA Chapter 858 and A858*

**Annual BB-Q / Picnic and Quarterly Meeting:**



**All are welcome!**

**Please come and find out why we all should be members of AFSA!**

**“What has AFSA done for me lately?”**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS**  
**(Beer and Soda)**

**FREE FOOD**  
**(Brats and hot dogs and chips)**

**When: Saturday May 6th at 1645 hr**

**Where: 27<sup>th</sup> APS Bldg. 710 (bay area) at the Minneapolis/St. Paul ARS, MN**

**Who: All current members and any who are interested in finding out more about Air Force Sergeants Association. Bring a friend to join!**

**What: Meeting and open forum to talk about the latest issues**

**We hope to see more of the Retiree come out and join in the FUN. Bring your family and friends!**

**See you there!**

## *AFSA Chapter A858 Updates*

Do you know that spouses, children, grandchildren and their spouses are eligible for membership to the AFSA Auxiliary? Right now AFSA is offering a discount on membership for a limited time.  
Did you also know that Auxiliary members count as part of our total AFSA membership?

***We are looking for volunteers for Family Day on Sept 10, 2006.  
Help with snow cones and promote AFSA Ch. 858 and AFSA Aux.***

We have been considering a holiday party for AFSA families, but we need someone to coordinate and volunteers for a committee. Anyone interested in the above items please contact Becky Bogardus or Rose Hill. Or e-mail [afsa858@hotmail.com](mailto:afsa858@hotmail.com)

**Please join us at the AFSA 858/A858**  
**Annual BBQ / Picnic and Quarterly Meeting**

**Becky Bogardus: Chapter A858 President**  
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## AFSA 858 NEWSLETTER

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### Inside

#### From the President

- Michael Vosen

#### AFSA HQ updates

- Contact your representatives if you want to be heard.

#### 2006 AFSA 858 meetings:

- May 6, 2006 @ 1645hr
  - Free food & beer
  - BBQ @ the Port
- Meeting Updates
- Legislation updates
- Auxiliary Updates

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

### 2006 Planned Events

#### Recent Meetings:

- Notes from Nov. Dec and Jan. meetings

#### Donations and Fund-raisers help needed:

#### What's happening for 2006

- Dome nights, May and June
- May Membership meeting and BBQ flyer
- Summer Softball team
- Golf event
- Combat Mil Ball
- Sept. Family Day
- Nov. Membership meeting

#### Help us Find You

Please send us a message: [afsa858@hotmail.com](mailto:afsa858@hotmail.com) with all your current contact information (include email). Thanks for all the recent new information – we continue to update our records.

-If you have a change in address contact AFSA HQ

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