

From the Vice President MSgt. Michael Vosen

Hello fellow members! I am honored to represent our chapter as the new Vice President. I'm looking forward to working with Russ and the executive team to continue the growth and success of this great chapter.

Some of you may know that Russ Funaro is out on activation and he should be back some time in September. I will be holding the reigns while he is out. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Now a little about my self. I am Master Sgt. Michael Vosen, 27th APS A-Flight NCOIC and former First Sergeant and Training Manager. I've been apart of the Reserves in Minneapolis for over 19 years. I've been a member of AFSA for over 10 years. In my civilian world I'm currently a stay at home Dad. I've worked in the past as an Operations Manager and Engineer

It is my goal to help our chapter to become stronger with more members and to help motivate our membership to become more involved in both our local activities and through contacts with our legislators. It is our goal to provide our members with information to help them to get involved. Please see our web site, the division 8 web site and the AFSA headquarters web sites for all the details on what each of us can do to get involved. I'm looking forward to serve you. Let's make this a great year! I hope each of you has a safe and fun Summer!

AFSA HQ Update

TUESDAY, August 2, 2005:

This week the House is scheduled to consider H.R. 2863, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2006. The \$409 billion bill contains \$363.7 billion in base funding and creates a \$45.3 billion "bridge fund" to cover expenses for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. H.R. 2863 would fully fund the proposed 3.1% military pay raise, as well as the cost of enhanced insurance and death gratuity benefits previously approved in the FY 2005 wartime supplemental spending bill. It includes an increase of \$20 million for Military Family Advocacy programs to fight domestic violence, and restores \$30 million of Impact Aid funding (previously cut). The bill also includes funding for several new aircraft purchases by the Air Force including 25 F/A-22 aircraft (\$3.2 billion), and 15 C-17's (\$3.5 billion). AFSA will continue to monitor progress on the bill and report the final details once the outcome is known.

AFSA 858 Update 858 Barbeque

The June Chapter meeting was held at the 27th Aerial Port Squadron. Thanks to all of you that came, it was a lot of fun for all who attended. We had drinks, hotdogs and brats and we hope to have another barbeque with another unit hosting before the year's end. We also signed up new members. Thanks to Aerial Port for letting us use their facilities. Our next quarterly meeting will be at the Services Club on Sat. Aug. 13th at 1645hr. Refreshments and Pizza will be provided. All current members and those interested in joining, stop by!

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.

H.R.621 - Rep Beauprez, Bob (R-CO)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, and for other purposes.

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.

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

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On the Web

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

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Out of Town

- VP Michael Vosen Covers for President Russ Funaro while Russ is on TDY.

Legislative Update

- Contact your representatives to if you want to be heard.

2005 AFSA 858 meetings:

- August 13
- November 5
- November 12 – AFSA/AFA Banquet

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.

Cell - (651) 747-7122

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Recent Meetings:

June 4

- Barbecue at the 27th APS

Help us Find You

Please send us a message at afsa858@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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