



Air Force Sergeants Association

Airfield 858



What's Happening Fall and Winter 07

We continue to plan activities and events to get our chapter more involved with our communities. We are looking for volunteers to help out with all the events! Please contact Michael Vosen if you want to help out with any of the activities! The success of this chapter depends on volunteers! If you are unable to volunteer, help out by sending a donation!

- Aug 5, Leadership Team Meeting
- Sept 8, membership Meeting at the Services Club @ 1645hrs
- Sept 8 and 9, BX Shoe Shine fund raiser (volunteers needed)
- Sept 9 Family Day booth membership and event
- Family Readiness Center helpers
- Nov / Dec Membership Meeting and event
- February 2008 will be our annual Membership Meeting and elections for our leadership.
- Veteran Home visits
- Volunteers needed at the Servicemen's Center at the IAP
- Volunteers to help out with recruiting new members
- Open Positions: Secretary, Membership, Legislative, Newsletter, HELPERS!

What does AFSA mean to me!

I've been an active apart of AFSA for over 10 years, the more I get involved, the more I understand what they are doing for me and ALL members in the military. AFSA is an organization that helps out ALL air Force members and their families! They continue to educate our leaders on Capitol Hill on WHY they need to take care of the people in the military! Every year AFSA has fought to get us an extra 1-2% to our pay raises. Also making sure "they" don't take away our VA benefits, fighting for the protection of our wounded Vets and our VA hospitals, and making sure our families are taken care of. The list goes on and on! We all can do our part. Recruit new members, volunteer, join and support other professional military organizations. If we all do a little, it will make a huge difference! AFSA makes a difference! MV

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello, I'm Staff Sgt. Troy Novak, VP of AFSA Ch. 858. I been in the Air Force Reserves for nearly nine years and involved with AFSA for the last three. Currently I work in the Aeromedical Staging Squadron as a logistics specialist.

I wanted to take some time to share some of my goals and expectations for this chapter. From my experience, I realize there is a void between membership and involvement. In addition, a growing disparity between senior enlisted and first term airman. It is my personal goal to get the chapter membership together and foster a sense of belonging and accomplishment. The results of this should end in the membership belonging to a meaningful organization and friendships that promote enlisted culture and the commitment to the Air Force.

To accomplish to this task I need help, volunteers and ideas. Please feel free to contact me and share what you could do to enhance this organization. troy.novak@gmail.com

What's Been Happening!

Our Chapter has been very busy over the past few months!

We had a very successful awards and recognition banquet on April 21. Our Chapter, along with our partner organization the Rawlings Chapter of the AFA, recognized out top performers from the 934th AW, 133rd AW, 342nd Recruiting Squadron, MN CAP, ROTC and Jr ROTC programs. We had an excellent turn out for the event. We are planning for an even bigger event for next year! A BIG THANKS goes out to SMSgt Bob McGonigal (Ret.) and LtCol Vic Seavers (Ret) from AFA, for helping organize this co-sponsored event. A special Thanks goes out to AFA Ch 213 for their generous contributions for the event and to our chapter! Go to our web site (www.afsa8.org) for a link to pictures of the event and a list of the awardees!

- April and May, CAP and JrROTC award presentations at local area high schools
- June membership meeting: We planed out the Summer and Fall activities.
- May - July Sponsored a Summer Softball Team: Thanks Janell H. for taking the lead with this! Congratulations to the team for doing an excel job this season.
- July, 934th Golf Event was a bit of a wash out, but everyone had a good time! Thanks goes out to Russ F. for helping out at the last minute to run the Marsh Mellow Hit contest and present awards!

NEWS from AFSA HQ:

Our HQ continues to pursue improvement to our benefits and pay. Check out their NEW web page for updates! We all have NEW membership ID's, please go to the HQ web site to update information. (Change of address, phone #, e-mail address, etc.)

Bills on the Hill: Reserve and Guard early retirement, VA, Tri-Care, Special pay See AFSA web page for all the details. Please write or e-mail your Senators and Congress members, and VOICE your concerns! A promise was made to people who serve their country and the promise must be kept!

On the Web

Chapter 858 web site:

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

Division 8

www.afsa8.org

NEW UPDATED AFSA Headquarters: www.afsahq.org

Legislative Status: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

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



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2007 What's Happening

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- Sept. 8, Membership meeting
- Sept 9, 934th AW Family Day
- Sep 8/9 Shoe Shine
- Nov / Dec, Membership meeting
Holiday get together
- Feb 2008, Leadership Elections

What AFSA means to me

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

2007 Planned Events

From the VP

- Troy Novak

What's been happening

- *Monthly Leadership Team meeting*
- *April 21, Awards Banquet*
- June, Membership meeting
- June Golf Event
- Softball Team

AFSA HQ and Ch. 858 updates

- Bills on the Hill

Help us Find You

Please send us a message to AFSA HQ with all your current contact information (include email). And contact Chapter President

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Trustees

934th Legislative Trustee -
Open
133rd Legislative Trustee -
Thomas O'Keefe
ANG Membership & Affairs Trustee -
Dave Himmer
Boy Scout Trustee and Webmaster -
Dave Hammer
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Membership Retention Trustee -
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Vice President - Rose Hill
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