



Airfield 858

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

From the president

Thanks to Chief Master Sgt. Thomas O'Keefe for volunteering to be our 133rd Legislative Trustee and Chief Master Sgt. Dave Himmer for being our 133rd Membership Trustee. The 133rd has really stepped up to the plate in support of our chapter. O'Keefe is also going through training to be one of our dome managers, along with Master Sgt. Sue Malecha from the 133rd.

Also thanks to Tech. Sgt. Jody Knight for volunteering to be our 934th Membership Trustee. I'm very happy to say that all of our open positions are now filled.

I had originally planned to have our July quarterly meeting during the ANG UTA, but that's not going to work out this time, so I will try to have our October meeting during the ANG UTA. Our July meeting will be during the 934th's UTA, Saturday, July 12. It will be at the NCO Club at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be fairly short and then we'll go outside to the NCO Club's patio, which is across the street from the club, for refreshments. Hopefully it won't rain, but if it does, we'll keep the entire meeting inside. Master Sgt. Sherrill Beecher, our Secretary and Awards Trustee, is celebrating her promotion to Master Sgt., so she is contributing to the cost of the refreshments.

So come to the meeting and then stay and help us celebrate Sherrill's promotion.

Retiree Trustee

Our Vice President, Tech. Sgt. Doug Altrichter, would like to elicit more involvement from our retiree members. If you would be interested in being our Retiree Trustee, give me a call at (612) 330-7193.

Upcoming 934th Annual Family Day

The 934th Airlift Wing Family Day event is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. We will again provide sno-cones and popcorn. I would also like to have a cotton candy booth this year if someone would be willing to help me make that happen.

Last year our auxiliary officers worked the sno-cone booth and gave away over 900 sno-



cones. We need to man the booths from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, so I'm hoping I can get some volunteers to help me.

I would like to get six people to run the popcorn machine for one hour each, and two people to run the sno-cone machine for one hour while the auxiliary officers take a lunch break. Please call me at (612) 330-7193 if you can help.

Newsletter emailing

Senior Master Sgt Dave Hammer has volunteered to create and maintain our e-mail list.

So if you have an e-mail address that we can send our newsletter to, please send your request to him at afsa858@worldnet.att.net. So far we've only received 17 requests.

Military records available for copy

Do you know where your DD-214 (Record of Military Service) is?

Do you need copies of other military records?

You can request copies from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. Check out the following Website for information: http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/.

If you don't have access to the Internet, you can contact them by mail at: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Street, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.



New editor needed

Retiree RJ Bruno, our newsletter editor, will be resigning as editor of our quarterly newsletter. If anyone is interested in taking over, please let me know ASAP so I can have someone lined up before our next one is due out in October. Thanks again to RJ for doing such a great job for us this last year.

Website of the Year

There is talent among our members, as is evident by the recognition we've received for our Web site and newsletter.

Thanks to Senior Master Sgt. Dave Hammer, our Webmaster, our Web site was named Division 8 Web Site of the Year.

Mike Carton, Division 8 President, said our site is a pleasure to visit and is very informative. He also said our members are assured of knowing what is going on and what activities are on the calendar.

And thanks to Retiree RJ Bruno, our newsletter editor, our newsletter was selected as the AFSA Newsletter of the Year Runner-Up. I feel very fortunate to have both Dave and RJ in our chapter.

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Bits and pieces for members

Dome FUNdraiser!

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked our dome fundraiser in May. It was a lot of fun and we earned over \$700. Lt Col Lohman and I finished our dome manager training so we are now official dome managers.

We will be planning another one in August and I will need about 12 people so if you can help, send me an e-mail so I have your address and can let you know when we have a specific date.



Legislative Update

Legislation to lower the minimum Guard and Reserve retirement age from 60 to 55 continues to progress well. H. R. 742 has 116 sponsors and S. 1035 now has 6 sponsors.

Legislation which would provide an MGIB enrollment opportunity for personnel who declined benefits under the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) has also gained modest support. That bill, H.R. 879, now has 26 sponsors.

Bills which would adjust the basic annuity amount for surviving spouses age 62 and over include H.R. 548, and S. 451. These bills have 253 and 28 sponsors respectively.

For more information on pending legislative issues, visit our website at <http://afsa858.home.att.net>.

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.

Pictures

"A picture tells a thousand words." Thanks to Col Kristin Rudin for volunteering to help us organize our pictures.

She will submit selected pictures to the Sergeant's Magazine and will put together a photo album that can be viewed at our quarterly meetings.



International Convention

The International Convention is being held at the Rio Hotel, in Las Vegas, August 17-21.

Registration is \$135.00 per person and the room rate is \$82.00 per night.

If you are interested in attending, please contact and let me know.

Next meeting: Saturday, July 12, 5:00 p.m., NCO Club