



Air Force Sergeants Association

Airfield 858

2008 Happy New Year for 2008

We are planning even more fun and exciting events for this year. We need your help to plan and run these events. Please contact Michael Vosen if you want to help. Please come and be an active member and give back to our community.

- Feb. 2, 2008 @ 4:45pm Membership night
 - Bring a new member
- Feb.2, @ 5:00pm Ch 858 Leadership elections and appointments
- AFSA/AFA Banquet April 26, 2008
 - We need volunteers to help with this event. We are also looking for corporate sponsors to offset costs
- April 24 - 27 Div. 8 Convention
- Summer Softball team
- June Membership meeting and Summer BBQ get together
- June 7, Shoe Shine fund raiser
- August 934th golf event
- **Professional Airman's Conference: San Antonio TX Aug 24 - 27, 2008 Chapter 858 ROAD TRIP?**
 - Veterans Home visits
 - September Family Day
 - September Military Ball

On the Web

Chapter 858 web site:
<http://afsa858.home.att.net>

AFSA Headquarters:
www.afsahq.org

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

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and a Happy New Year to all!

This is my last note to you all as your chapter president. I've enjoyed the past three years leading this great chapter. It's now time to pass the reins to our next leader and leadership "Exec Team". We will be holding our next membership meeting and leadership elections on Saturday, Feb 2, 2008 at the Services Club at 4:45pm, Minneapolis MN ARS.

We have another exciting year planned for our chapter and for AFSA as an organization. To start, I'm looking for our next leadership team! ALL positions will be up for filling (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees, etc.) To make this organization run well, we need people to step up and make a difference! The leadership team is what makes the chapter tick. Taking on a leadership role for our chapter is a great way to expand your leadership and management skills, and this is a great way to give back to the organization. This is also an opportunity for a new leader(s) to take the organization to the next level. Please come and see what we have planned for 2008 and put your name in the hat to be one of our new leaders.

Our chapter is also taking the lead on the annual awards banquet. (See flyer, page 3) We will need many volunteers to help with the event. This is our opportunity to give thanks and recognition to our top performers in our region. Please register for the event soon and put the April 26th banquet, on your calendars. If you don't have the time to help out, you can help with a small donation to our chapter or to the banquet.

This organization is about helping our people and helping our communities! We all can do a little as a representative of AFSA in conjunction with other organizations and events. As an example, for our February membership meeting, we are doing a FOOD SHELF DRIVE. (See flyer page 3) Each of you can volunteer in your own communities as representatives of AFSA. You can always send a donation to help out the organization.

Thanks for being a member! "Let's make a difference"

SMSGt Michael J. Vosen

AFSA Chapter 858 Recruiting and Retention of our AFSA Members

AFSA and Ch 858 membership is down: We are currently down to 958 members in our chapter. We once had over 1100 members. I am looking for help from all our membership to see if you all can recruit ONE new member this year. Buy a one-year membership for your troops or fellow veterans. Recognize your top performers with a membership. Ask your fellow veterans if they want to join. Ask your spouse if they want to join AFSA Auxiliary. (Their numbers count also!)

See the HQ AFSA web site to print registration forms or to register on line, or call 1-800-638-0594 and ask for membership.



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

Activities planed this year: **Annual Awards Banquet**, CAP and Jr. ROTC Recognition, OAY Recognition Plaques, AFSA Division 8 and AFSA International Conventions, Airman and Family Support center

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

No I don't have time to volunteer, but I will donate. I've enclosed a check. Award Banquet Sponsorship, Chapter, Event, etc.



Please send DONATIONS and correspondence to: Michael J. Vosen, 2211 Clearwater Rd. St. Cloud MN 56301
Or call (320) 259 - 0228 or email mjvosen@hotmail.com

[AFSA Ch858 and HQ AFSA Updates](#)

Minneapolis VA hospital visit: Thanks to all those who braved the December snow storm to spend a little time and give some holiday cheer to our wounded veterans. They really appreciated the visit! We WILL be going again this spring. We will send out a message with the date and time for future visits. We encourage all our members to take a little time to visit with our veterans and the Veteran Homes. Thank you, Troy, Steve and Dave for setting up the visit.

AFSA/AFA Annual Recognition Banquet: April 26, 2008

Over the past few years AFSA and AFA has held a joint recognition banquet to recognize top performers in the local area for the Air Force Reserves, Air National Guard, JrROTC, ROTC, CAP, Recruiting and other local area programs. We need your help. AFSA Ch 858 and the General Rawlings Chapter of AFA is work together to plan this major event. To help offset the cost for the event, we are looking for "Sponsors" to buy tables. We are asking members to talk with their employers, and units, and ask them to sponsor a table. The cost for sponsorship is \$250.00. The sponsorship gives the donor two free tickets to the banquet and table recognition. The money generated by the sponsorship helps to pay for the award winners and their guest and the plaques and certificates. You can also sponsor awardees with a donation of \$25.00.

See registration and donations forms

The **Division 8 Convention** is scheduled for April 24 - 27, 2008

Spring Jr.ROTC and CAP awards presented at local schools. We need volunteers to present awards, certificates and medals.

934th AFSA Summer Softball Team: May - July, We are always looking for players

Summer AFSA Picnic and membership drive: June 08

The **AFSA Professional Airman Conference** is scheduled for Aug. 24 - 27, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. We would like to send a team to represent our chapter in the voting process at the meetings. If you have never been to one of the conventions, you have got to go. Contact Michael Vosen if you are interested. (ROAD TRIP, ANYONE?)

Change in Your Status: Reminder to all AFSA members, if you have any change in your status (ie address change, phone number change, e-mail updates, etc.) please contact HQ AFSA to update record. Call:1-800-638-0594 (ask for membership)

[Legislative Updates and REMINDERS! Contact your REPS!](#)

It's a brand new year, with elections around the corner. AFSA has a long list of items they are working. See the Sergeants magazine from Sept. 07 for a list of top items of concern or go to the AFSA Web site at: www.afsahq.org. Please send e-mail or letters to your Senators and Congress members and voice your concerns on what you feel is needed to help support the needs of military members, retirees and veterans. This is an ELECTION YEAR; what are your candidates going to do for you??

All items AFSA has pursued in the past have to be reintroduced to the House and Senate this session. NOW is the time to contact your Legislators and voice your concerns on what they need to do to help out all current Service Members, Reservists, Guard, Retirees and Veterans. The people in the military have been asked to do more and more, with even more time away from our families. Our leadership needs to understand the commitment and sacrifice we make as volunteers for our country and they need to look after our needs. (Pay, Medical, Retirement, VA, Families etc.)

For information on how to contact your Senator and Congressperson go to: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

You can also go through the HQ AFSA web site: www.afsahq.org

Don't forget about your State Level Reps. Go to www.leg.state.mn.us for Minnesota, <http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/core> for Wisconsin and <http://www.iowa.gov/state/main/government.html> for Iowa



AFSA Chapter 858 and A858

Membership Meeting and AFSA CH 858 Leadership ELECTIONS!

*AFSA Food Shelf Drive
Goods and \$\$\$ will be accepted!*

Free Refreshments and Food

When: Saturday Feb. 2nd at 1645 hr. (934th UTA)

Where: Services Club Ballroom

Who: All current members and any who are interested in finding out more about Air Force Sergeants Association!

***AFSA and AFA Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet (60 years of the US Air Force)
April 26, 2008***

American Legion Post 225, Forest Lake MN

We are looking for corporate sponsors

\$250.00 to sponsor a table (The business gets two free tickets to the event)

Contact Michael Vosen for more details

We are also looking for HELP and Donations for the event

Come join us to thank all the awardees!



**ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER REGISTRATION FORM
American Legion Post 225 Banquet Facility 355 Broadway, Forest Lake MN**

26 April 2008 1800 – 2115hrs

Please complete and return with payment NLT April 20, 2008

***Mail to: Vicky Kuntz
14858 County Road 30
Elk River MN 55330***

Please circle your affiliation:

AFA AFSA ROTC JROTC CAP Active Duty GUARD RESERVE or GUEST:

Please reserve _____ seats @ \$25.00 per seat. Total = \$ _____ enclosed

Name (please print clearly) _____ Unit _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

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AFSA 858 NEWSLETTER

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Plans for 2008

On the Web

From the President

- Thanks!

2007 AFSA 858 UPDATES

- Dec 2007 VA hospital visit
- Feb 2, 2008 Membership meeting
 - Chapter leadership elections
 - Food shelf collections and donations
 - Free food and drinks
- Apr. 26, 2008 AFSA /AFA 2008 Awards Banquet
- Div 8 Convention
- CAP and JrROTC Awards
- AFSA International Convention

Donations and Fund raisers:

- We need your help

AFSA HQ and Ch. 858 updates

Contact your representatives if you want to be heard

Chapter meeting and elections

AFSA /AFA Banquet flyer and registration

Help us Find You

Contact AFSA HQ to let them know your change of address and your e-mail address or a change of e-mail (MAJOR cost savings to our chapter!)

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