



Air Force Sergeants Association

Airfield 858

From the President MSgt. Russ Funaro

Dear AFSA associates
Of all the titles I hold none is more cherished than that of Husband. In the last 4 months I have almost lost my wife due to her health issues. With that said, I have decided to focus my time being the best and most supportive spouse I can. For many years my wife has spent many weekends alone and doing without while I was away on military duty. I have recently retired from the USAF Reserves and I will no longer be as active in chapter activities. Being your President this past year has been one of the proudest things I have ever had the pleasure of doing during my time in the military. I will be available on occasion but only in a limited role. I know we have outstanding leadership in the pipeline with very exciting ideas on where to take our chapter in the upcoming year. I throw my entire support behind these new individuals as outstanding people of high character.

I wish you all the best in the future and I look forward to seeing you at the quarterly meetings.

Yours in AFSA
August R (Russ) Funaro

Reminder: We will be having our Winter quarterly meeting at the Services Club on Feb. 4th, @1645 hr. for all members and those who would like to join. We will be holding elections for our executive position; please attend if you are interested in pursuing one of the positions! (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Awards and other committee leaders) We would like to see our retirees come out and join in the activities. You all are an important part of our chapter.

Hope to see you there!

[AFSA HQ Update](#)

January 2006:

Notes from AFSA HQ: One of the big concerns AFSA is voicing is our dropping membership numbers over the past couple of years. We all can do our part in recruiting new members and to make sure we renew our own membership. Every one of us should be trying to get at least ONE new member to sign up before Summer. Talk with your fellow Air Force friends to see if they are members. Registration forms are available on-line at AFSA HQ, www.afsahq.org. People can also register with a credit card on-line!

[AFSA Ch858 Meeting Updates](#)

We had a good Chapter meeting back in November to discuss the upcoming year. There were many new ideas brought up on where we should go for this next year.

Membership and Fundraising are the two top priorities. We discussed if we want to put in for a future division convention. We will be looking into options. The AFSA/AFA Banquet event was held in November. We recognized many of our top performers. See photos posted on our Chapter 858 web site.

[Donations and Fundraising help needed](#)

Our Chapter depends on donations and fundraising to cover the cost of newsletters, postage, events and sponsorships. Because of the lack of fundraising events for 2005, we are in dire need for donations from our members to fund events and sponsorships for 2006. We sponsor a softball team, golf tournament, military ball, Family day, meeting's refreshments, recognition plaques, 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 fundraisers: dome nights, doughnut sales, golf event, etc. Please contact Michael Vosen (VP) if you would like more information or would like to help!

[What's Happening for 2006](#)

We are planning many 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!

- Dome nights (TBT) We need a volunteer to coordinate and take the lead on this fundraiser
- Other fundraisers (on-going)
- May Membership meeting
- Summer BBQ and meeting
- Summer Softball Team
- September Family Day
- Nov. Membership meeting
- AFSA/AFA Banquet planned for May of 2007 (We need volunteers to be apart of the planning committee)

[Legislative Update](#)

AFSA is still supporting eleven bills that apply to Guard/Reserve members. The Guard/Reserve Retirement bill is still being reviewed. Please visit the AFSA HQ web site for more details on ALL of the bills they are working up on Capitol Hill! Go to <http://thomas.loc.gov> to see the in-depth information and status.

On the Web

Chapter 858 website

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

Division 8

www.afsa8.org

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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AFSA 858 NEWSLETTER

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From the President

- Farewell from Russ
- Reminder of Feb. meeting and elections of chapter leadership

AFSA HQ updates

- Contact your representatives if you want to be heard.

2006 AFSA 858 meetings:

- February 4, 2006 @ 1645hr
 - Executive elections
- Meeting Updates

All chapter meetings are held Saturdays at 1645 at the 934th AW

2006 Planned Events

Recent Meetings:

- Notes from Nov. Dec and Jan. meetings
- ### Donations and Fund-raisers help needed:

- We need your help

What's happening for 2006

- Dome nights, TBD
- Other fundraisers TBD
- May Membership meeting
- Summer BBQ event
- Sept. Family Day
- Nov. Membership meeting

Help us Find You

Please send us a message at afs858@worldnet.att.net with all your current contact information (include email). Thanks for all the recent new information – we continue to update our records.

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934th Legislative Trustee –
Jeff Williams

133rd Legislative Trustee –
Thomas O'Keefe

ANG Membership & Affairs Trustee –
Dave Himmer

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934th Membership Trustee –
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