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## DEVELOPING LEADERS

CMSAF# 18 Kaleth O. Wright



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Membership, plans and services

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# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



**AIRMEN MEMORIAL BUILDING**

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## A MESSAGE FROM AFSA HEADQUARTERS

Keith A. Reed, Executive Director

In keeping with our tradition, 2017 was anything but boring: It was filled with many challenges and great successes. I would like to recognize our outstanding Battle Buddies on the Headquarters staff who made unlimited possibilities possible: Mark, Morgan, Teresa, Johnathan, Michelle, Yolanda, Judy, Jammie, Jimmy, John, Sydney, Ashley, Juanita, Jen, Brenda, Andy and Fran, all of whom stepped up and showed true dedication and commitment to our great Association.

The International President, our Legislative Team and I spent many hours with the White House, Veterans Administration, DoD officials and with congressional members and their staffers discussing the many and varied issues affecting our members and their families. During these meetings and whenever afforded the time and/or opportunity, the AFSA made it very clear to all that when our government makes a promise, written or implied, that it should keep its promises by providing our members and their families with the benefits they were promised, just as we keep our promises to defend this Great Nation.

It is my honor to serve as your Executive Director. As the Headquarters staff and I continue to work closely as a team to accomplish our primary mission of improving the quality of the lives of you, our members and your families, we do so on the foundation laid in 1961. Moreover, on this solid foundation, we lead the Headquarters with a vision of how the AFSA will be—a leaner, more poised Association prepared for the 21st century.

By birth and upbringing, I'm a product of a time when gasoline was sold by the gallon, but by cents not dollars; when

the remote functions were performed by humans (i.e., the kids); when a "hog" and a "deuce and a quarter" were cars, not an animal or money; when coffee was instant and travel took forever; when "call waiting" and "three-way" meant something totally different. A time when there were only four television networks which, oh by the way, all ended broadcasting at midnight with the playing of the National Anthem. Growing up, we enjoyed the awesomeness of Pong by Atari. We felt that by placing the right "English" on the control that we could out serve our opponent.

Now, I stand on the shoulders of some outstanding leaders to lead the Air Force Sergeants Association International Headquarters into the 21st century. The AFSA stands at the threshold of unlimited opportunities. We are pushing forward to provide new and outstanding benefits and services to our members and their families—full membership to all who have served; partnership with The Enlisted Foundation; Veterans' disability claim assistance; financial readiness training; and professional development units during the AFSA's Professional Airmen's Conference.

CMSAF Wright said it best when he said "I would venture to say that this is the premier professional development opportunity in our Air Force for any enlisted Airman. ... Continue to attend events like the (AFSA PAC) and continue to make yourself a better Airman."

Through life experiences, I know that I alone cannot make all the necessary improvements or changes to move the AFSA into the 21st century—but TOGETHER WE CAN! Today, I'm pleased to announce the development of the "21st Century Members Council." If you love the AFSA as I do—as we all do—and you are willing to be "all in" to ensure that the AFSA is here for your kids and grandkids, join me and serve on the Council.

The 21CMC will consist of about 7 to 10 members. Selections will be announced during the Professional Airmen's Conference. Please send your contact information (name, cell phone, personal email) to [21CMC@hqafsa.org](mailto:21CMC@hqafsa.org)

The 21CMC's message to you is: Join -- Be a Part and Find Out!

Technology continues to be woven throughout our lives. Information is shared at lighting speeds from one corner of the globe to the next. Staying up to date with all the things that are important to you is generally a click away. To be able to meet this information demand, most communication is in a digital format. Our magazine is now in a digital format. This allows AFSA to reach even further than before and reinforces the message that AFSA is an organization that is looking to meet the needs of the 21st Century member. As we continue to explore additional ways to enhance the membership experience, we need to ensure that we can reach as many of our members as possible.

In 2017, Headquarters began encouraging our membership to update personal email addresses in the system. While we understand that it is easier for uniformed members to use their military email address, it is increasingly harder to have “outside” email delivered to military email addresses.

As we continue to improve IT functionality and maintain a forward-thinking process, you, our members, will always remain at the center of our focus. We strive to enhance your member experience and strengthen communication with you to deliver the message of AFSA.



**COMMUNICATIONS AFSA Magazine**

*Communication, an informed membership and an active membership committee are keys to the success of an organization. AFSA fulfills these critical functions by distributing information through its AFSA Magazine, legislative bulletins, newsletters and through successful social media communications. Beginning with the 2017 Summer edition, AFSA Magazine is now available as an on-line publication only. Please add or update your personal email address in your AFSA membership information to ensure receipt.*

The AFSA Magazine was published four times this past fiscal year. The 2016/17 winter edition, featured leadership advice from the former Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medical Services and Therapy Dog programs.

The Spring edition featured the 18th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Kaleth O. Wright and his focus on taking care of, and developing our Airmen, the 2016 AFSA Annual Report and our Heritage and History.

Our first *EMagazine*, the Summer edition highlighted the Air National Guard and their readiness to meet any challenge, our International Convention award recipients, and the “Eye on Washington” legislative news and updates from Capitol Hill, the VA and the DoD.

The fall AFSA Magazine provided an in depth overview of the International Convention programs, award honoree’s and the Servant Leadership theme. The Air Force Reserve history and critical mission for today’s national defense was highlighted as its cover story.

**AFSA MAGAZINE**

The *AFSA Magazine* is AFSA’s premier publication and is used to inform members, congressional representatives, Department of Defense and Veterans Administration officials, and the public about the issues, topics, events and actions affecting Air Force enlisted members and their families. AFSA Magazine is the only magazine dedicated solely to Air Force Active Duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command enlisted members—active duty, retired and veteran—and their families. AFSA Magazine reports on AFSA’s legislative efforts; Air Force, VA and DoD news; AFSA member activities; and other special features to let readers know what our Airmen, of yesterday and today, did and continue to do to keep our nation safe and ensure our democratic way of life.



## YOUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS

Your AFSA leadership advocates, educates and legislates in Congress and with military and local leaders to keep you protected and up-to-date on issues, laws and regulations that strongly affect your earned benefits, services and family support.

Your membership gives you access to career and professional development resources, educational scholarships, local and global amenities; opportunities to join others to give back within your local military communities, plus Mission Partner discounts, rewards and membership perks.

We are pleased to provide you with the following Membership Benefit Guide and list of current membership benefits and services.

### Membership is for Everyone

AFSA currently offers three membership categories for:

- **Active Membership:** U.S. Air Force enlisted (active, retired, or former U.S. Air Force enlisted of the AFAD/ AFRC/ ANG)
- **Family Membership:** family members of active members.
- **Associate Membership:** commissioned officers, Department of Air Force Civilians and Civil Air Patrol members, Mission Partners and Corporate Sponsors.

Give the gift of membership. Share the benefits of AFSA with Airmen, friends, family and co-workers. To join, renew or share a gift membership, visit [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org)

### Legislative Representation

Our legislative priorities are specifically focused on issues that affect the enlisted corps and their families. The AFSA Military & Government Relations

representative regularly meets with members of the United States Congress and United States Air Force senior leaders to advocate for fair and equitable benefits that matter to today's Airmen, Veterans and their families.

Our Legislative priorities include:

- Military Health Care
- Military Pay and Benefits
- Military Families
- Education
- Caring for Survivors' Military Benefits & Programs
- Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve
- Veteran/Retiree Benefits

To view the complete AFSA Legislative Platform, visit [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org).

### AFSA Communications and Subscriptions

Get connected now. Communication for an informed and active membership and legislative committee are key to the success of our organization. AFSA fulfills these critical functions by distributing information through the AFSA website and social media outlets, the *AFSA Magazine*, legislative bulletins, newsletters and other important and timely publications.

### **AFSA WEBSITE AND MEMBERSHIP PORTAL**

Your first stop for AFSA membership and mission information is the AFSA website. Visit "About Us" for our history, objectives, leadership, division and





chapter locations. Select the “Member Log-In” tab to update your information, access the AFSA Chevron Store and more. [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org).

### **AFSA SOCIAL MEDIA | FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM**

We’re very social and you’re invited to join in to comment and share our posts and special membership information. [facebook.com/AFSAHQ](https://facebook.com/AFSAHQ)  
Twitter & Instagram: @AFSAHQ

### **AFSA E-MAGAZINE**

*AFSA Magazine* is AFSA’s premiere publication and is used to inform members, congressional representatives, Department of Defense and Veterans Administration officials, and the public about issues, topics, events and actions affecting the Total Air Force enlisted members and their families. Published quarterly, the *AFSA Magazine* is available as an online publication and is sent directly to members via email. To ensure delivery, a personal email of record (not .mil) is preferred. Visit the AFSA website, [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org), to update your contact information or subscribe via email to [afsacomm@hqafsa.org](mailto:afsacomm@hqafsa.org).

### **AFSA E-NEWS, AFSA HEADLINE ROUNDUP, WASHINGTON REPORT AND AFSA LEGISLATIVE CALL TO ACTION ALERTS**

These important eNewsletters provide headlines from a variety of news sources, inform members about AFSA legislative activity with elected officials, senior Air Force leaders, the Department of Veterans Affairs and other government leaders. Subscribe now by emailing to [afsacomm@hqafsa.org](mailto:afsacomm@hqafsa.org).

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER**

AFSA’s Legislative Action Center is a hub of information about all things legislative. On this site, members can search for and communicate with their elected officials, sign up for action alerts, search for legislation by key word, and take part in the latest AFSA advocacy or survey campaigns. To subscribe, visit [votervoice.net/AFSA/home](http://votervoice.net/AFSA/home)

### **Educational Support: Scholarships**

AFSA and the Airmen Memorial Foundation (AMF) joined together to conduct a scholarship program to financially assist the undergraduate studies of eligible dependent children of the enlisted Total Air Force members. AFSA, AMF (including the CMSAF Scholarship Program),

and AFSA International Auxiliary award scholarships valued from \$500 to \$3,000 to students attending an accredited academic institution. (See page 47.)

### **Educational Support & Professional Development**

#### **AFSA SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Educational Support & Scholarships: Applications for the upcoming academic year are available between January 1 and March 31. Completed application packages with all required documents can be sent to AFSA Headquarters NLT March 31. After March 31, applications are ineligible for consideration.  
800-638-0594 | <http://www.hqafsa.org/scholarships.html>

#### **BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY \$1,000 AFSA MILITARY TUITION WAIVER**

A Preferred AFSA Mission Learning Partner, Bellevue provides AFSA members with a \$1,000 Military Tuition Waiver, a Personalized Degree Plan, and will also waive the application fee for each student.

402-557-7632 | [bellevue.edu/prospective-students/military/militarypartner](http://bellevue.edu/prospective-students/military/militarypartner)

## YOUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS

### COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

A Preferred AFSA Mission Learning Partner, and one of the nation's top online universities, CSU offers AFSA members a 10% tuition discount and will waive the application fee (\$25 value) through the learning partnership.

251-981-3771 | [columbiasouthern.edu/tuition-financing/partnerships](http://columbiasouthern.edu/tuition-financing/partnerships)

### EKNOWLEDGE FREE SAT & ACT COLLEGE TEST PREP PROGRAMS

The eKnowledge SAT/ACT Prep Project with AFSA enters its 13th year assisting students and families. A value of \$350 waived. Students pay only \$14.99 for the cost of streaming, student support, customer support, shipping, and materials.

951-256-4076 | [eknowledge.com/allAccessLandingPage.php?coupon=292520F63C](http://eknowledge.com/allAccessLandingPage.php?coupon=292520F63C)

### FELA FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM/VALOR

FELA, Financial Education & Literacy Advisers (FELA) offers a complimentary, online financial education program known as Life Cents for VALOR for AFSA members and their families. Signing up is quick and easy, and you have the opportunity to win gift cards, books and more. Visit the website: [valorusa.org](http://valorusa.org)

### TRIDENT UNIVERSITY

A WASC-accredited, 100% online university, offers AFSA members and their families a 15% discount for bachelor's degrees and 27.5% for master's/MBA degrees under the military TA program. Trident will waive the application fee (\$75 value) and there is no cost for textbooks. 800-579-3197 | [trident.edu](http://trident.edu)

### WALDORF COLLEGE

A Preferred AFSA Mission Learning Partner. Provides AFSA members and their

families with a 10% discount on Waldorf online degree tuition. In addition, you, your spouse and children qualify for a \$500, one-time scholarship towards first-year tuition costs.

877-267-2157 | [waldorf.edu/about/partners](http://waldorf.edu/about/partners)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT AFSA ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

The AFSA International Convention is held annually and is host to the Professional Airmen's Conference. Members and guests learn about issues affecting the U.S. Air Force and our national security. The Conferences feature educational forums, keynote speakers and program participants are chosen from from senior congressional, DoD and Air Force military leaders, educational centers, supporting joint services trainers, as well as Enlisted Leadership groups.

The 7 AFSA Divisions and 127 Chapters hold annual conferences at local levels to provide a wide range of educational, mentoring and professional development opportunities, community support and awards. The Annual Conferences and Convention are a great way to meet, greet, network and celebrate with your peers.

Become an active member within your local Chapter and Division to learn about upcoming Conference dates, enroll in our social media and watch our website for the International Convention, its location and registration information. [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org)

**To ensure delivery of important AFSA membership information, please share/register your PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS (not.mil) within your membership contact information.**





"Resources" tab to download a copy of the insurance certificate.

### **LEGAL SERVICES - LEGALSHIELD**

Prepaid legal services plan that includes access to your credit report (or consumer credit disclosure), consultations, expert restoration and more. No matter how traumatic, no matter how trivial—whatever your situation, we are here to help.

866-288-5229 | [legalsshield.com](http://legalsshield.com)

### Home and Auto

### **AUTO BUYING PROGRAM - THE VETS-CARS GROUP**

We help Veterans buy cars. The Vets-Cars Group is a Veteran-owned and -operated company dedicated to providing AFSA members and their families with a respectful and superior automobile purchase and ownership experience.

405-355-8387 | [vetscars.com](http://vetscars.com)

### **HOME & AUTO INSURANCE - USAA**

Protect what's important to you with affordable insurance from USAA. As an AFSA Mission Partner, USAA offers top-rated coverage at low rates.

877-499-2372 | [usaa.com](http://usaa.com)

### **HOME BUYING/SELLING - THE TAYLOR MADE TEAM AT KELLER WILLIAMS PREFERRED PROPERTIES**

A team of seasoned real estate professionals dedicated to providing AFSA members and their families with exceptional, personalized service throughout the entire buying and selling process. Upon request, will provide a free consultation and a dedicated realtor in each state.

800-741-1642 | [taylormadeteamdmv.com/afsa/](http://taylormadeteamdmv.com/afsa/)

### Employment and Job Placement Assistance

#### **AFJROTC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Interested in becoming an AFJROTC Instructor? Employment opportunities for recently retired or retiring Air Force members.

866-235-7682 | [airuniversity.af.mil](http://airuniversity.af.mil)

#### **MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP**

AFSA member spouses can connect for targeted recruitment, employment and educational solutions. [msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil](http://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil)

#### **EASTER SEALS - VETERAN STAFFING NETWORK PARTNERSHIP**

Provides supportive services to prepare veterans and their spouses to become job ready. [veteranstaffingnetwork.org](http://veteranstaffingnetwork.org)

### Finance and Insurance

#### **CREDIT CARDS - AFSA USAA REWARDS VISA SIGNATURE CREDIT CARD.**

An AFSA Mission Partner. Get the card that supports the Air Force Sergeants

Association (AFSA) and helps AFSA's mission to advocate improved quality of life and economic fairness for Air Force enlisted members and their families.

877-499-2372 | [usaa.com/afsavisa](http://usaa.com/afsavisa)

#### **IDENTITY THEFT - INFOARMOR'S PRIVACYARMOR**

Start monitoring and protecting your identity. InfoArmor uncovers identity fraud at the source to detect more fraud sooner, including unauthorized account access, fund transfers, and password resets. Receive a free instant quote or enroll online.

800-789-2720 | [orders.infoarmor.com](http://orders.infoarmor.com)

#### **INSURANCE - MERCER CONSUMER**

Health, Life, Dental, Cancer, Long-term Care, Travel and Pet Insurance. An AFSA Mission Partner, Mercer offers a variety of insurance options to fit you and your families' needs.

800-882-5541 | [afsainsurance.com](http://afsainsurance.com)

#### **INSURANCE - ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT**

Your AFSA membership entitles you to a FREE \$1,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Certificate. Please visit the AFSA website at [hqafsa.org](http://hqafsa.org) (Member login) under the



## YOUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS

### **FAMILY SUPPORT DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD**

AFSA members and their families will save an average of 20% on prescription drugs not covered by insurance and as much as 50% on select generic medication when ordering by mail.

800-882-5541 | [www.afsainsurance.com](http://www.afsainsurance.com)

### **TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS) PARTNERSHIP**

TAPS offers compassionate care to all those grieving the loss of a military loved one. We are proud of our AFSA/TAPS Mission Partnership and encourage our members to contact TAPS when in need.

800-959-8277 | [www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)

### Shopping Discounts

#### **APPLE SYSTEMS**

AFSA members and their families can save anywhere from \$20 to \$200 on MacBook, MacBook Air, MacBook Pro, iMac, Mac Pro, Mac mini, iPad, iPad Pro and iPad mini. Be sure to request your AFSA member discount when calling Apple.

877-377-6362 | [apple.com/  
us\\_epp\\_248960/shop](http://apple.com/us_epp_248960/shop)

#### **AZIGO CASH-BACK ONLINE SHOPPING MALL**

AFSA members and their families can earn lots of cash back for shopping at your favorite stores such as Kohl's, Target, Nordstrom, Zappos, Sephora and more. Shop and earn cash today! [afsa.  
partnersmall.com/customPage/0/home](http://afsa.partnersmall.com/customPage/0/home)

#### **DELL COMPUTERS**

AFSA members and their families can save on select Dell products.

800-695-8133 | [dell.com/afsa](http://dell.com/afsa)

#### **FLOWERS FROM FTD**

AFSA members and their families save 20% on floral and gift purchases.

800-736-3383 | [ftd.com/ufs20/](http://ftd.com/ufs20/)

**(use promo code 4578)**

### Subscriptions – Military News

#### **AIR FORCE TIMES**

Subscribe to the *Air Force Times* at the price of \$39.95 for 52 issues. With this exclusive offer, you'll save 76% off the newsstand price. As an AFSA Mission Partner, the *Air Force Times* will also donate \$5 to AFSA for every paid subscription.

800-368-5718 | [offers.airforcetimes.  
com/afsa/](http://offers.airforcetimes.com/afsa/)





## Travel, Hotel and Car Rental Discounts

### **GREAT WOLF LODGE**

AFSA members get 20% off Great Wolf Lodge's best available rates! Clear your calendar, pack your swimsuit, and head to any of Great Wolf Lodge's eleven Resorts.

800-905-9653 | [greatwolf.com/](https://greatwolf.com/)

**(use promo code AIRF207A)**

### **HOTEL DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

AFSA members and their families can receive savings that exceed 50% and average 10-20% below-market on all hotels around the world.

800-892-2136 | [travel.localhospitality.com/afsa/travel-afsa.html](https://travel.localhospitality.com/afsa/travel-afsa.html)

**(use pass code "AFSA2"  
[upper case])**

### **ENTERPRISE RENTAL CAR**

AFSA members and their families can receive discounts from Enterprise/ National and Hertz. In most cases, rates are lower than those available with a government ID card.

800-261-7331 | [legacy.enterprise.com/car\\_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=028&refId=AIRFCST](https://legacy.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=028&refId=AIRFCST)

**(use promo code NA16w01)**

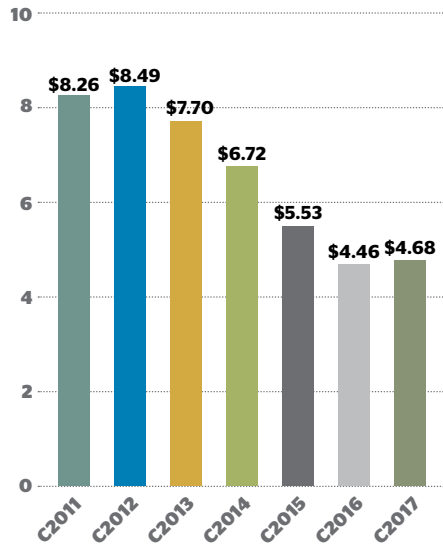
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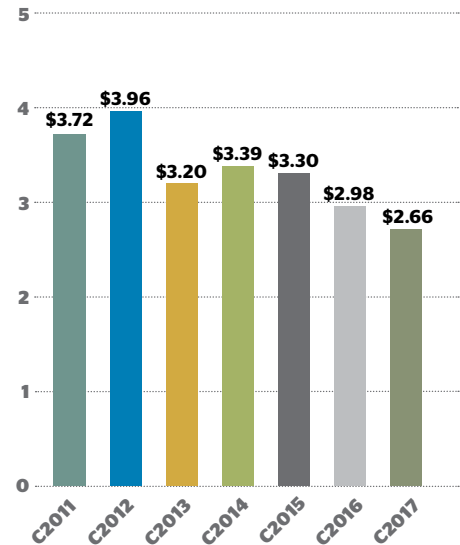
800-654-6511 | [hertz.com](https://hertz.com)

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**COMBINED ASSETS**  
(in millions)

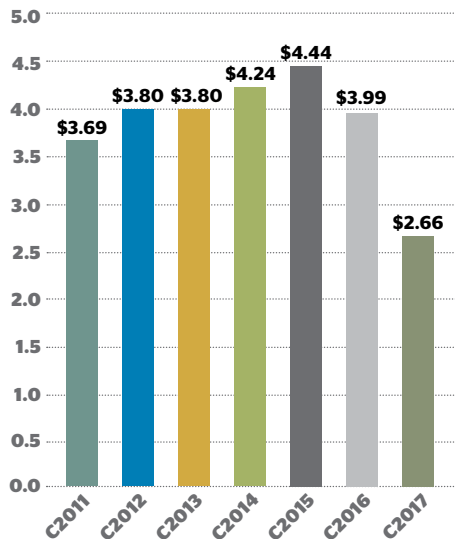


**COMBINED REVENUE**  
(in millions)

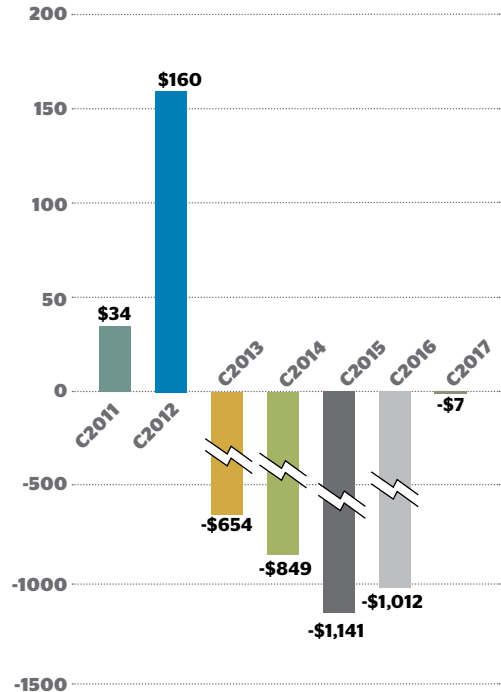


- The C2011-C2012 figures represent an accounting year beginning January and ending December.
- The Air Force Sergeants Association has implemented a new accounting period effective January 2011.
- In Combined Net Income, negative values not to scale.

**COMBINED EXPENSES**  
(in millions)



**COMBINED NET INCOME**  
(in thousands)



“Taking care of our own” is not just a slogan with AFSA members; it is a core value. AFSA members “take care of their own” by participating in the AFSA International Charities Programs. The charities consist of programs to which members and non-members can donate funds to help enhance the quality of life for enlisted Airmen and their families and to maintain the Airmen Memorial Building that stands as a tribute to Airmen of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Below is a synopsis of the programs.

**AFSA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The AFSA has distributed over \$879,100 dollars in scholarships. Air Force dependent children pursuing undergraduate degrees are eligible for scholarships. Each person pursuing a scholarship must have a valid sponsor. Sponsors must be enlisted members currently serving (active duty, Air National Guard or Reserve), retired, or a Veteran of the Air Force. The scholarships awarded are from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to students attending an accredited academic institution. The amount and total number of scholarships awarded are dependent upon funds available. In addition, AFSA conducts a program to financially help members with a valid need of assistance to enhance their income potential through formal education and/or training. The AEG program is designed for members to obtain effective education and/ or training to acquire improved marketable skills.



**AIRMEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1983, the Airmen Memorial Foundation (AMF) is a not-for-profit charitable and educational assistance

organization. The organization provides funds for worthy causes such as scholarships to enlisted Airmen’s children younger than 24 years of age. Of special note, the AMF also manages, at no cost, other scholarship programs such as the Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force Scholarship program. To date, the AMF and its managed funds has awarded over 864 scholarships, totaling over \$1 million.

**THE AIRMEN MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND**

Built by AFSA members, the Airmen Memorial Building (AMB) is so named to represent and stand as a

living monument to not one, but to all enlisted Airmen. The AMB houses the Air Force Sergeants Association International Headquarters, The Enlisted Foundation and the Airmen Memorial Foundation. DC Office. Donations help ensure this enlisted memorial is maintained and operated in a manner in which all Airmen can be proud.

**THE ENLISTED FOUNDATION**

The Enlisted Foundation (TEF) was established in 2017 for the mutual welfare of members of the armed forces and their families; to include educating others on quality of the lives of enlisted members servicing in the armed forces.



The Air Force Sergeants Association founded the Airmen Memorial Foundation (AMF) in 1983. What started as a museum activity evolved into the Airmen Memorial Museum (AMM) and was incorporated as a stand-alone entity in 1988. The AMF then became a leader in philanthropic and educational endeavors focusing on current and former enlisted Air Force Active Duty (AFAD), Air National Guard (ANG), and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) members' dependent children.

In December 2017, approval continued for AMF participation in the fall 2018 Combined Federal Campaign. This was the AMF's 35th year as the only all-enlisted-focused charity (#10517) in the national charity drive. Funds derived from this participation will support the Foundation's extensive educational activities. In CY 2017, the AMF provided administrative and financial

management services to the two educational funds listed below.

**1. The Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force (CMSAF) Scholarship Fund**, which provides scholarships to active-duty and retired AFAD, AFRC and ANG enlisted members' dependent children. In CY 2017, the CMSAFs Scholarship Committee Chaired by CMSAF #8

Sam Parish, selected 11 AFAD, ANG, and AFRC dependent children to receive scholarships totaling \$16,500. These academic-excellence scholarships brought the 30-year CMSAF program's cumulative total to 292 grants worth \$416,500. Among the major contributors to this worthwhile program are the worldwide military conferences, the graduating classes of the Senior NCO Academy, other enlisted Professional Military Education organizations and groups where one of the former CMSAFs conducted speaking engagements around the world.

The 2017 Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force Scholarship Program awarded 11 totaling \$16,500. The top scholarship—The CMSAF Paul W. Airey Memorial Scholarship—goes to Tristan W. Boling. She will continue her education at The University of Alabama At Birmingham.

**\$3,500 CMSAF Paul W. Airey Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by GEICO®**  
Tristan W. Boling

**\$2,500 CMSAF Scholarship**  
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**\$2,000 CMSAF Scholarship**  
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**\$1,500 CMSAF Scholarship**  
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Michael Thomas Sheehan

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Meredith Nicole Phillips

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Christine Mariah Fisher

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Jeffrey Michael Richardsons

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Anne Elizabeth Hobby

**\$1,000 CMSAF Scholarship**  
Bethany Layne Lovell

**\$1,000 CMSAF Scholarship**  
Brandon Michael Lundmark





## 2. The Airmen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The CY 2017 AMF Scholarship Committee met in June 2017 and selected 24 AFAD, ANG, and AFRC enlisted members' dependent children for awards totaling \$33,500. The Veterans United Home Loans Academic Excellence Scholarship was the top scholarship at \$3,000. The Julene Howard Memorial Scholarship and Richard Howard Scholarship, established by CMSgt (Ret.) Richard Howard, The Sharon Piccoli Memorial Scholarship, established by AFSA Past President Geno Piccoli; and the Sergeant James R. Seal Scholarship, established by Mrs. Emma Seal were the top "named" awards at \$2,000 each. In addition, the AMF awarded additional sponsored scholarships: five \$1,000 scholarships

sponsored by the United Services Automobile Association (USAA), five \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by the Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO), five \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by the First Federal Bank of Kansas City, one \$2,000 Academic Excellence Scholarship, and two \$1500 Academic Excellence Scholarships. These scholarships brought the total AFM scholarship awards to 607 worth \$733,500.

### AMF Scholars

The 2017 AMF Scholarship Program awarded 24 scholarships totaling \$33,500. Without the support of the gracious donors and sponsors, the AMF would be unable to grant the number of scholarships provided to deserving recipients each year.

### \$3,000 Veterans United Home Loans Academic Excellence Scholarship

Abigail Marie Leonard

### \$2,500 Academic Excellence Scholarship

Taylor M. Spann

### \$2,000 Richard Howard Scholarship

Heather C. Sulier

### \$2,000 Julene Howard Memorial Scholarship

Emily Noel Wright

### \$2,000 Sharon Piccoli Memorial Scholarship

Brandi Ann Walker

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