



### PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES AFFECTED BY PRESENTED COMMUNICATIONS PLAN - 2016

#### AFSA Bylaw 4 – MEMBERSHIP

**Change: to allow enlisted members of other uniformed services to be full voting rights members of the Association.**

**The proposed rewrite to the AFSA Bylaw 4, Section 1 is recommended as follows:**

**SECTION 1. COMPOSITION.** Membership in AFSA shall consist primarily of enlisted men and women (hereinafter referred to as enlisted personnel) of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and will be personnel in active, reserve, national guard, retired, or veteran status. Family members, commissioned or warrant officers, and other individuals may be members as outlined in Bylaw 4, Section 3 defining classes of membership below. Members are normally assigned to chapters, but may choose to be “unassigned” members.

**The proposed rewrite to the AFSA Bylaw 4, Section 3.a., 1 – 2 is as follows:**

##### a. ENLISTED MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Any enlisted person in active or retired status from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.
- 2) Former enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who, upon final discharge, were honorably discharged, and who were not commissioned in any component of the United States Armed Forces.

**The proposed rewrite to the AFSA Bylaw 4, Section 3.b., 1 – 4 is as follows:**

##### b. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Family membership consists of persons who, are 18 years or older, and in their own right are not eligible for Enlisted Membership; if eligible for Enlisted Membership, individuals may not join under the Family Membership class. The following persons are eligible for the Family Membership class:

- 1) Any spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter of persons eligible for the Enlisted Membership class.
- 2) Any widower, widow, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter of persons eligible at the time of death for the Enlisted Membership class.
- 3) Former widowers and widows of members in the Enlisted Membership class who remarry.
- 4) Any husband or wife divorced from a spouse who was eligible for the Enlisted Membership class at the time of divorce.

**The proposed rewrite to the AFSA Bylaw 4, Section 3.c., 1 – 3 is as follows:**

##### c. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Any commissioned or warrant officer of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.
- 2) Former commissioned or warrant officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who, upon final discharge, were honorably discharged, and did not complete their service obligation as an enlisted member.
- 3) Any individual not eligible for Enlisted or Family membership, upon application and approval of the International Executive Council. Criteria for such membership shall be set forth in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

If approved, the CEO has the authority and responsibility to change the language throughout all the AFSA Manuals to reflect the new membership.

#### AFSA Bylaw – THE PREAMBLE

**Change: to adjust language that reflects inclusion of enlisted members of other uniformed services and to simplify the preamble.**

With reverence for God and Country, and being ever mindful of our responsibility to aid in maintaining a superior defense for our beloved country, our interest in the welfare of persons who served and are serving in the Armed Forces, our devotion to our fellow enlisted servicemembers in fortune and distress and our reverence for the memory of our departed comrades, we unite to further the aims and objectives of this association.

#### AFSA Bylaw 1 – NAME, LOCATION, SEAL, AND COLORS

**Change: Rename the Air Force Sergeants Association to reflect inclusion of enlisted members of other services, and provide marketability of the Association.**

**The proposed rewrite to the AFSA Bylaw 1, Section 1 is as follows:**

**SECTION 1. NAME:** The organization name shall be the ARMED FORCES SERVICEMEMBER ASSOCIATION Inc. (hereinafter referred to as AFSA), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia.

**The proposed rewrite to the AFSA Bylaw 1, Section 3 is as follows:**

**SECTION 3. SEAL.** The AFSA seal shall consist of a circle with the official AFSA wings in the center symbolizing the wings of an eagle, our National Emblem, and the letters “AFSA” in the center of the wings, which refer to the Armed Forces Servicemember Association. The roman numerals “MCMLXI” will be below the wings, denoting the original 1961 corporate seal, surrounded by the words "ARMED FORCES SERVICEMEMBER ASSOCIATION", and five stars will be placed above the wings representing the five uniformed services with enlisted members.

*Note: The suggested context as listed above is not all inclusive to the entire 2016 projected bylaw updates.*