



## AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

Serving the *TOTAL FORCE* and Their Families –  
Past, Present and Future Since 1961

### About AFSA

The Air Force Sergeants Association ([www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org)) is a federally chartered, 501C(19) nonprofit organization representing the professional and personal interests of Airmen, veterans and their families. AFSA has 100,000 dues-paying members and is the largest solely enlisted military association. The members are organized in 131 chapters throughout the world. The chapters provide professional development, opportunities for community involvement and a strong sense of fraternalism.

AFSA's mission is to advocate for improved quality of life and economic fairness to support the well-being of the U.S. Air Force enlisted Airmen, veterans and their families. To achieve this mission, AFSA works closely with the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense.

### History

AFSA was founded in 1961 by four U.S. Air Force noncommissioned officers who recognized the need for an organization to represent the voice of all enlisted personnel to America's elected and military leaders. Over the past five decades, AFSA has built a reputation as a stalwart advocate for U.S. Air Force enlisted members and their families. AFSA represents its members by advocating for its members' interests, ensuring the military and veteran benefits its members earned with their service to the nation are maintained. As a federally chartered Veteran Service Organization, AFSA is endorsed by U.S. Congress to represent Airmen, veterans and families on Capitol Hill.

### Structure

AFSA's headquarters is located in Suitland, Md. The association is governed by an 11-person Executive Council which consists of elected presidents from seven geographically organized AFSA divisions, as well as an international president, a senior advisor and two trustees representing uniformed Airmen and veterans, respectively. Six of the divisions are located throughout the United States, and one in Europe.

### Legislative Priorities

Specifically focused on issues that affect enlisted Airmen and their families, AFSA regularly meets with members of U.S. Congress and U.S. Air Force senior leaders to advocate for fair and equitable benefits that matter to today's Airmen and their families, and to veterans. Legislative priorities include:

- Pay raises
- Tuition assistance
- Healthcare
- Cost of Living Adjustments
- Transition programs
- Care for family members/survivors
- Education benefits

The complete 2015-2016 Legislative Platform can be found at [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org)

### Membership

Three membership categories are available and open to:

- Active Membership: Enlisted members currently or formerly in the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserves.
- Family Membership: Family members of active members.
- Associate Membership: Commissioned officers, Department of the Air Force civilians and Civil Air Patrol cadets.

To join, visit [Join AFSA](#) or call 301-899-3500.

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