



Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)

“The Air Force Enlisted Organization Dedicated to the People behind the Stripes”







Dear AFSA and AFSA International Auxiliary Member: **Renew your valuable AFSA membership today!**

We noticed your membership in the **Air Force Sergeants Association** is about to **expire**. Please complete the attached application to renew. Your Association needs your support!

Strength in Numbers: From promoting and protecting the quality of life of the **Total Air Force** enlisted personnel and their families -- to fighting to keep our legislators informed and accountable – your individual membership allows us to champion your benefits and entitlements on Capitol Hill, throughout the DoD, Veterans Affairs, and other government agencies.

QUESTION: Is my AFSA membership an investment in my future? **ANSWER:** Yes! Talk about bang-for-your-buck! Your valuable membership dollars go a long way! As one of the Nation’s most trusted organizations, *your AFSA fights for you* and ALL Air Force families. Here are a few key initiatives AFSA has -- and will continue to -- battle for:

What Did AFSA Do for <u>You</u>	Impact on <u>You</u>	What is Happening This Year
<p>PAY: AFSA Fought hard to increase the active duty pay raise for FY09 from 3.4% to 3.9% and won! There are many pay and benefit issues impacting Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Retirees, and Veterans to address this year as well!</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFSA will fight to close the gap with civilian sector pay and for active duty pay and COLAs to maintain a fair standard of living. • AFSA will prevent attempts to modify or amend the current active duty military retirement system. • We will fight to reduce the Guard and Reserve retirement age to 55 years old. • Provide concurrent retirement and disability pay (CRDP) regardless of VA service-connected disability level.
<p>HEALTHCARE: AFSA fought hard to ensure there were NO TRICARE cost increases in the FY09 budget. We won the battle—this year. We need you -- and strong membership numbers -- to win next year!</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress is looking for ways to increase TRICARE and costs and charge for prescriptions. AFSA will resist! • We will continue to fight to preserve the past promise of healthcare for life. You earned it – we fight for it!
<p>COMMISSARY: The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) proposed a re-pricing plan in 2004 that would have increased costs to military members. AFSA fought and won to ensure NO changes this past year!</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFSA continues to fight hard to ensure commissary AND BX privileges remain a privilege. We are winning but need your help in the fight! • The DeCA proposed re-pricing plan is still alive! AFSA will resist any attempts to reduce these benefits!
<p>CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: AFSA included a number of initiatives to improve Child Development Center support. Help us help your Air Force families!</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize CDC expenses for enlisted members. • Adjust hours of operation to accommodate mission requirements. • Allow 30 days each year during which the military member may remove their child from the CDC without having to pay for the period of unused service.

Success is simple math: the more members we have -- the more Congress listens -- and the more you gain!

Don't let your voice be silenced! Take a moment and renew your valuable AFSA membership NOW!