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- ★ Leadership opportunities within your chapter, division, and AFSA;
- ★ Up-to-date information about the hot items that interest you;
- ★ A powerful organization of enlisted people like you fighting for your needs and your quality of life.

AFSA keeps its members informed through its Capitol Hill Update line (5pm to 8am EST, M-F and weekends), SERGEANTS magazine (published seven times per year), AFSA's Weekly Electronic Newsletter, its web site, and many other special publications. If you want to know what's happening on the issues that affect you, AFSA is the source!

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WHAT HAS AFSA DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

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the professional and
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and Air National Guard
active, retired, and
veteran enlisted
members and their families.**



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AFSA LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES & VICTORIES

The following is a sampling of AFSA's recent legislative accomplishments and initiatives we have underway to improve and protect your quality of life. For more information about these and other issues, go to www.afsabq.org or call (800) 638-0594 and ask to speak with someone in our Military & Government Relations Directorate.



AFAD: AFSA played a key role in the following gains for Air Force Active Duty members: A pay raise of 3.5-percent in January of 2006; statutory authority to ensure that future military wage increases are comparable to private sector wage growth as measured by the Employment Cost Index; an increase in the Basic Allowance for Housing to reduce average out-of-pocket housing expenses; the provision that increased the death gratuity to \$12,000, made it tax free, and indexed it to annual military pay raises; codified the commissaries as a legally protected benefit; tax exemptions for BRAC-related Homeowner Assistance Plan payments; permanent authorization of Family Separation Allowance and Imminent Danger Pay at increased levels (\$250 and \$225, respectively.) AFSA is currently fighting for: Improving and protecting healthcare benefits; retaining commissary benefits for Air Force members and their families; increased PCS weight allowances; and continuing to fight for education benefits, especially an MGIB enrollment opportunity for all serving members who are not currently enrolled.

AFRC & ANG: AFSA gained the following victories for America's citizen Airmen: Further healthcare improvements and an extension of several special pays and bonuses; authorization for National Guard and Reserve members to use the commissaries; improved healthcare and commissary access, and increased time limit for use from 10 years to 14 years for the SR-MGIB.

RETIREES: AFSA aggressively led the fight to make the government live up to the lifetime healthcare promises made to retirees. Some of AFSA's victories in recent years include: TRICARE for Life, which eliminates the need for Medicare-eligible retirees to purchase a Medicare Supplemental Policy; the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy program, and dramatic steps forward in restoring retirement pay for retirees with service-connected disabilities. AFSA also helped to prevent DoD from forcing disabled veterans to choose between treatment at MTF's or VA hospitals and fought off DoD plans to charge retirees for medicines at military clinics.