




AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION WRITTEN REPORT

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Initiating Activity Name and Title: James E. Lokovic, Legislative Trustee		Date: 21 March 2022
Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee		Meeting to be Presented: <input type="checkbox"/> March <input type="checkbox"/> August <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>April</u>
PART I – COMMITTEE MEMBERS/DIVISIONS REPRESENTED (if applicable)		
Name and Position		Name and Position
AFSA Division 6 Legislative Trustee		
Division 6 Regional Director for Chapters		
1163, 1311, and 1328		
PART II – REPORT		
CY 2021 FULL-YEAR LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE REPORT 1 January – 31 December 2021		
<p>1. Provision of Information/Significant Benefit Issues. Throughout the year, I provided legislative and benefits information to Division 6 Chapters, and AFSA chapters and members throughout the association. I answered numerous questions about benefits and directed members to appropriate sources when required. I referred any issues (benefit matters) that required immediate legislative attention to our AFSA Headquarters legislative team.</p> <p>One issue that arose in CY 2021 was the extraordinary financial challenges PCSing military members/families faced as they arrived at new duty locations due to significant increases in the cost of housing across the country. Arriving PCS members were having to pay exorbitant costs for housing they could find off base, along with nonavailability of on-base housing. The work done by our Division and AFSA HQ in communicating these challenges to Congress, DoD, and the Air Force contributed to DoD's decision where 56 different locations received a temporary increase in their Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). It also led to intense Congressional oversight of the housing reimbursement situation in general – all of which led to the eventual incorporation of items in the FY 2022 NDAA to closely examine changes required and the appropriate way to reimburse military members and their families for their housing costs.</p> <p>Another significant issue had to do with TRICARE non-reimbursement for infant cranial helmets. Brought to my attention by AFSA member Tanya Sipos, I worked with her, AFSA</p> <p>This report was presented to the membership/executive council/committee at a meeting held on the date indicated below:</p>		
Meeting Date	Submitter's Typed Name	Submitter's Signature
3 April 2022	James E. Lokovic	



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Legislative Policy Advisor Matt Schwartzman, and affected families – resulting in a major AFSA campaign to collect information and work to get TRICARE reimbursement for these health-essential helmets.

Successfully worked with Matt Schwartzman and a Division 5 Chapter President to rectify an injustice done in VA/DOD reimbursement of a surviving dependent, resulting in compensation for the dependent.

2. AFSA Division 6 Legislative Updates. I published 66 AFSA Division 6 Legislative Updates which were distributed throughout Division 6, to leaders of the other divisions, to current and past members of the AFSA International Board of Directors, to key members of the staff at AFSA Headquarters, to members throughout the association who have requested them, to all past AFSA and Auxiliary International Presidents, and to the current and every past Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. The updates provide current legislative information and ideas about conducting chapter-level legislative programs – including how to properly and effectively communicate with elected officials

3. Legislative Briefings, Meetings, and Outreach Efforts. During CY 2021, I conducted numerous briefings and attended dozens of virtual meetings throughout our association – all centered on promoting understanding of AFSA's legislative programs, the impact our association has on military/retiree/veteran/survivor benefits, and on promoting AFSA membership efforts. Here is a summary of a few of those actions:

- a. Attended 20 chapter general membership meetings, providing legislative briefings/updates.
- b. Attended 12 Division 6 executive council meetings and several Division 6 PAC planning meetings. Attended/participated in 10 April Division 6 Virtual PAC.
- c. Delivered 11 full one-hour legislative/benefits briefings to chapters inside and outside the division, to division leaders, and even to a one-hour Town Hall Meeting for Al Udeid Air Base personnel with International President Kerry Wright.
- d. Provided chapter training for several Division 6 chapters.
- e. Participated with AFSA Legislative Policy Advisor Schwartzman in numerous informational meetings, issue-specific meetings, and in Legislative Awareness Week activities and panels.

4. Regional Director Efforts. As regional director for Chapters 1163, 1311, 1328 all year, and Chapter 1330 from January through August, I sought to ensure the reports of these chapters were correct and on time. I also worked to quickly pass on information from our Division leadership as requested. (end)