



## DEFENDING THE QUALITY-OF-LIFE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1961



The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) is a federally chartered Military and Veterans' Service Organization representing the professional and personal interests of our members, Total forces, and their families.

With 7 Divisions and 125 Chapters worldwide, our members come together to make a difference within their own communities.

With reverence for God and Country, we work with our nation's Congressional and Military Leaders on Capitol Hill, and within the DoD and VA.

At its core, our mission is, and will always be, to improve the quality of life and support the well-being of all military personnel and their families.

## 2026-2027 PROPOSED

# LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

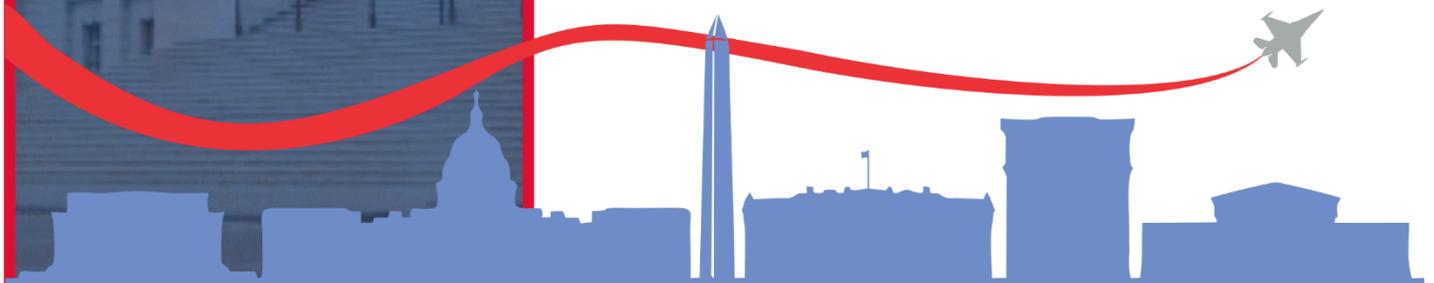
This platform of legislative objectives serves as a "blueprint" for testimony and advocacy efforts, in conjunction with responses dictated by day-to-day events.

At the over-arching level, our mission encompasses seven major groups of focus - within each focus group are the important issues to AFSA's 75,000+ members.

However, in understanding our Nation's current fiscal situation, success in each of these areas will not always be defined by what is gained. Rather, success will be determined at the level of which a benefit is preserved or from gaining a portion of our objective.

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# OUR 7 MAJOR FOCUS GROUPS

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**MILITARY HEALTHCARE**

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**VETERAN/RETIREE AFFAIRS**

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**BENEFITS & PROGRAMS**

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**MILITARY FAMILIES**

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**EDUCATION**

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**CARING FOR SURVIVORS**

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## What's On Our Radar?

### Military Pay, Benefits, and Programs

**Maintain pay comparability and protect non-pay QoL benefits.**

- Support full military pay raises in line with current law.
- Protect and strengthen BAH, COLA, special pays, leave policies, commissaries, exchanges, and MWR programs.
- Improve Regular Military Compensation to reflect real-world economic conditions.
- Expand bereavement leave and allow voluntary leave transfer between service members.
- Strengthen oversight of privatized military housing and enforce the tenant bill of rights.

### Veteran & Retiree Healthcare and Benefits

**Honor service by delivering timely, comprehensive, and equitable care.**

- Improve access to VA healthcare, reduce claims backlogs, and fully fund ancillary support programs.
- Extend concurrent receipt to all disabled retirees, ending the unjust offset of earned benefits.
- Support full implementation of the PACT Act to ensure veterans exposed to toxic substances receive timely and complete benefits.
- Expand access to Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for treatment of persistent TBI and PTSD/PTSI.
- Strengthen suicide prevention efforts through research, treatment access, and caregiver support.
- Ensure women veterans receive equitable access to high-quality, gender-specific care.



## Military Healthcare

### Protect access, affordability, and readiness of the military health system.

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- Preserve earned TRICARE benefits and oppose fee increases and higher pharmacy copays.
- Expand access to healthcare benefits to not fall behind private sector and other federal employees
- Ensure any military medical billet reductions or MTF restructuring do not reduce access or shift costs onto families.
- Allow pre-tax payment of health, dental, and long-term care premiums to reduce out-of-pocket burden.
- Expand access to TRICARE Reserve Select, including for Air Reserve Technicians.

## Military Families

### Reduce systemic stressors that harm readiness and retention.

- Expand access to affordable, high-quality childcare aligned with operational realities.
- Strengthen military spouse employment programs and eliminate PCS-driven licensure barriers.  
Promote policies that accommodate military lifestyles, including tax and payment flexibility.
- Preserve Impact Aid to ensure military-connected children receive consistent educational support.

## Education

### Protect and modernize education benefits for service members and families.

- Fully fund MiITA, MyCAA, and GI Bill programs and preserve benefit transferability.
- Ensure all components of the Total Force have equitable access to federal tuition assistance.
- Improve credit transfer and prior learning recognition to reduce time-to-degree and cost.
- Focus on empowering the Airman for future success before, during and after transition.

## Caring for Survivors

### Ensure survivors are not penalized for their sacrifice.

- Allow surviving spouses to receive the full final month of retired pay.
- Permit DIC recipients to remarry at age 55 without loss of benefits.
- Protect survivor benefits from offsets or erosion under budgetary pressures.

## Air National Guard & Air Force Reserve

### Deliver benefit equity without reducing compensation value.

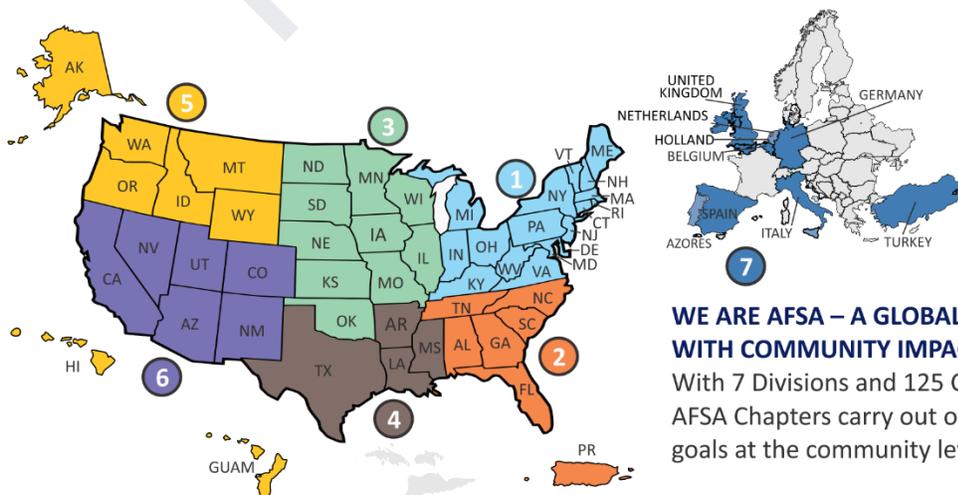
- Credit all post-9/11 active-duty service toward Guard and Reserve early retirement.
- Reduce the retirement age and remove caps on creditable inactive duty points.
- Expand education benefits for Guard members and dual-status technicians.
- Reform duty status authorities to ensure compensation, benefits, and protections match service performed.



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