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Dear Mr. Frank:

This is in response to your letter of February 23, 2015, formally requesting the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) be designated as a national military association pursuant to DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5410.19, Enclosure 10, Attachment 1.

After a careful review of AFSA's charter, purpose, bylaws, officers, membership, and chapters, it was determined that AFSA is non-commercial in nature, national in scope, and focuses its efforts on the entire Department of the Air Force (including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and veteran activities). Therefore, AFSA meets the criteria for inclusion in the policy as a national military association. AFSA will be listed in the next published policy update; however, authorized support, pending availability, for AFSA's annual conference or convention is effective immediately.

Permissible administrative support must be related directly to official conference events and should be of a reasonable duration, generally no more than two weeks before and one week after the officially announced dates of the conference or convention. Administration support may include functions such as typing, filing, photocopying, distribution processing, telephone answering, and accounting duties.

Other authorized military support is restricted to a period beginning one day prior to the opening of the annual conference or convention and ending one day after its closing. This support, pending availability, may include the limited logistical support as prescribed in the DoDI 5410.19, and outlined below.

- Limited air and ground transportation within the bounds of law and regulation.
- Limited communications support such as use of portable radio and cellular phones, communication systems management, message distribution, and automation services.
- Medical support may be provided only to support emergency and lifesaving functions.
- Security support may be provided if local civilian resources are not sufficient as evidenced by official requests for assistance from local civilian law-enforcement agencies.



The use of personnel and equipment must be at no additional cost to the Government, and all logistical support must be incorporated into legitimate and scheduled training missions. While on duty status, military Service members are restricted to performing duties that relate directly to their designated military specialties.

These guidelines do not affect requests for DoD speaker(s) or other community outreach support that may be authorized or available for non-governmental organizations. Support such as a musical ensemble and color guard for a patriotic opener may be requested using the DD Form 2536, "Request for Armed Forces Participation in Public Events (non-aviation)."

Please feel free to contact my policy experts, Ms. Adrien Starks, 703-695-6290, or Ms. Caroline Wilson, 703-695-2036, if either can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your continued service and support of our airmen and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "René C. Bardorf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

René C. Bardorf
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for Community and Public Outreach

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