

Air Force Security Forces Association – 38th National Meeting – 24-29 September 2024

REVISED LETTER

1 April 2024

AFSFA members and guests, welcome to Pensacola Beach, Florida! This year is our 38th year as an association and thanks to your constant support as a member, AFSFA has continued to grow both in size and reach ... over 30,000 past and present members and now 50 chapters in the US, the Pacific, and Europe. Our reputation as the professional voice of the Air Force's single largest enlisted career field continues to get stronger and more respected every day.

The NW Florida Chapter is our host chapter and they have set the stage for another superb AFSFA National Meeting. The AFSFA National Meeting will be on the beach! The Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach Gulf Front, 14 Via de Luna Dr, Pensacola, FL 32561 will host us 25-29 September 2024. Room reservations opened up on 1 April. You can make reservations by calling [the hotel 850-932-5331](tel:850-932-5331), with group rate "AFS" to get the meeting rate. You can also go online at: [HOTEL RESERVATIONS](#). Room rates are guaranteed up to 25 August 2024, after that our special rates will not be available. If you have not made your hotel reservation, do so now! The group room rate is \$179 for Sound Side or \$199 for Gulf Side (single and double occupancy) plus taxes; does NOT include breakfast. Same rates available three days prior to and three days post meeting (based on availability) and includes free Wi-Fi, as well as free on-site parking. There is no hotel shuttle to the airport, so Uber and Lyft are highly recommended.

The Wednesday small batch tour, [for up to 33 registered attendees](#), will take us to NAS Pensacola, FL to visit The National Naval Aviation Museum, enjoy a gourmet box lunch, and then St. Michael's Brewing Company for tour and beer tastings.

Thursday morning options include: the early morning golf tournament or the three free professional security training seminars worth continuing education credits. Certificates will be provided, and the seminars are free to members and Defenders in the Pensacola area. You will want to arrive Wednesday evening for either event. Also on Thursday, members will start picking up their registration packets outside of the Hospitality Room (Nevis Meeting Room), in the St. Croix Hall, on the 2nd floor at 1500, with the Meet and Greet Social starting at 1800. All meetings, the Meet and Greet Social, the Banquet, and Hospitality Room will be on the 2nd floor.

Both Friday and Saturday morning General Membership meetings typically run from 0800 to 1200ish hours and are open to registered members, spouses, and guests. Following the Friday morning session there will be a visit with the SFS at Hurlburt Field and lunch, and the buses will get folks back to the hotel around 1700. Friday evening and Saturday afternoon are open with no events planned.

Our Annual Banquet and awards ceremony is on Saturday evening and starts at 1730. It's full of great food and unbeatable fellowship. At 0900 on Sunday, we will gather and pause to remember our Fallen Defenders and then ... we will reluctantly say our goodbyes until the next year.

Throughout most of the weekend there is a Hospitality Room in the hotel for all to relax in and enjoy ... also known as the "war story room" and you want to make sure you don't leave home without your coin! But just in case you did, or you want to start your Christmas shopping early or you need something new for your "I love me wall", the AFSFA Country Store and many of the chapters will have lots of memorabilia for sale.

This year, for our members who cannot join us this year physically, we will also be having a virtual attendance option. It will include the Meet and Greet Social on Thursday evening, both Friday and Saturday General Sessions, and the Banquet Saturday evening. This will allow live viewing, as well as viewing after the event.

If you have attended more than one National Meeting, you know prices change from locations and years. AFSFA strives to select a safe, comfortable, and quality environment for the meeting site. Unfortunately, nothing is getting cheaper. While some prices have increased slightly, we strongly believe you are getting a great value for the price.

Hope to see you'all there!

John W. Probst, Colonel (ret), USAF
AFSFA Executive Director

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (REVISED)

Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach Gulf Front 14 Via de Luna Dr, Pensacola, FL 32561 (850) 932-5331

Hotel Reservations: Call the hotel (850) 932-5331 and use group code “AFS” to get group rate which is available until 25 August 2024. Or use this link: [HOTEL RESERVATIONS](#).

Rate: \$179 Sound Side; \$199 Gulf Side (rooms are single & double occupancy, plus tax). Rate available from 21 September – 2 October 2024, depending on availability at time of reservation. Rates include free WiFi, and free on-site parking. Breakfast NOT included. **All guest rooms are non-smoking.**

Check-in time: 1600; **Check-out time:** 1100

Cancellation of Hotel Room: Deposits are refunded/credited only with 72-hour notice prior to arrival date, per hotel policy.

Breakfast: Buffet breakfast is available at hotel from 0630-1030 at Riptides Sports Grill *for \$18.95/per person*. Hospitality Room will have some breakfast options available for registered participants.

Shuttle Service: There is NO hotel shuttle to the airport, so Uber and Lyft are highly recommended. Prices vary between services, but range between \$35-\$50 per one-way from airport to hotel. Nearest airport to hotel is Pensacola International Airport (PNS). Airlines flying into PNS are: American Airlines, Delta, Frontier Airlines, Silver, Southwest, Spirit, and United.

Meeting Registration: **EARLY BIRD** Registration until 10 May 2024. Regular Registration is 11 May – 11 September 2024. ***ALL** meeting cancellations must be made in writing and mailed or emailed. A full refund will be issued on cancellations on or before 3 September 2024. 50% penalty will be assessed on cancellations postmarked or emailed dated 4 September – 11 September 2024. **NO refunds issued after 11 September 2024.**

Meeting Attire: Daytime is casual. Banquet is business casual (open collar shirt).

Hospitality Room: Room will be stocked with light snacks and beverages, as well as some breakfast items. **ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST STAY IN HOSPITALITY ROOM, PER HOTEL POLICY.**

Country Store: This is a great time to shop for Christmas.

Challenge Coin: *Do not leave home without it.* The Country Store will have them for sale, as well.

Wednesday OPTIONAL Tour: 0800-1630. Tour of The National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL with gourmet lunch, followed by St. Michael’s Brewing Co. tour with beer tastings, and additional beverage purchase available. **Limited to a maximum of 33 people. This is NOT included in the full package option.**

Golfers: See Golf Tournament Registration Form.

Registration Packet Pick-up: Thursday 1500-1800, outside of Hospitality Room in St. Croix Hall, 2nd floor.

Meet and Greet: Thursday, 1800. Hors D’oeuvres and lots of good company. **CASH** bar.

SFS Visit: Friday, 1130-1700. Includes a lunch and plenty of bottled water.

Banquet: Saturday, 1730. Great food and unbeatable fellowship. Photos (1730-1900) and **CASH** bar as well.

Professional Security Training Sessions: Thursday, 0800-1200. Three professional training sessions will be offered (CEU certificates available for those who require certification for their security positions). These sessions are FREE to both AFSFA members and currently serving Defenders, a \$50 savings!

Industry Displays: Thursday 1200 until Saturday after Banquet. AFSFA corporate sponsors and partners with booth demos and displays.

Agenda: An updated agenda will be in your registration packet.

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Wednesday, 25 September

- 0800-1630 OPTIONAL TOUR of Naval Air Museum, Pensacola, FL, lunch, and then St. Michael's Brewing Company tour and beer tastings (**meet in Lobby at 0800**)
- 1200-2300 Hospitality Room open (Nevis Meeting Room)

Thursday, 26 September

- 0800 Chief Howard Redd Golf Tournament (**meet in Lobby at 0700**)
- 0800-1200 Professional Security Training Sessions (Guadeloupe Meeting Room)
- 0800-1800 Hospitality Room open (Nevis Meeting Room)
- 1200-2000 Industry Day booth displays & demos (St. Barts Meeting Room)
- 1500-1800 Registration packet pick-up (St. Croix Hall, outside of Hospitality Room)
- 1800-2000 Meet and Greet with *cash* bar (St. Barts & Guadeloupe Meeting Rooms, as well as Balcony)
- 2000-2300 Hospitality Room open (Nevis Meeting Room)

Friday, 27 September

- 0700-1200 Hospitality room open (Nevis Meeting Room)
- 0800-1100 General Session (Guadeloupe Meeting Room, overflow in Antilles Meeting Room)
- 1130-1700 Hurlburt Field Security Forces Squadron visit, including a lunch (**meet in Lobby at 1115**)
- 1700-2300 Hospitality Room open (Nevis Meeting Room)

Saturday, 28 September

- 0700-1730 Hospitality Room open (Nevis Meeting Room)
- 0800-1200 General Session (Guadeloupe Meeting Room, with overflow in Antilles Meeting Room)
- 1200-1500 Board of Directors and Chapter Best Practices Session (Antilles Meeting Room A)
- 1730-1900 Photos taken for Memory Book (2nd floor)
- 1730-1900 Social hour with *cash* bar (Outside on Balcony, weather permitting)
- 1900-2100 Banquet (Outside on Balcony, weather permitting)
- 2130-2330 Hospitality Room open (Nevis Meeting Room)

Sunday, 29 September

- 0900-0930 Service in memory of Fallen Defenders (Antilles Meeting Room)

IN A NUTSHELL:

Thursday

Arrive at the Holiday Inn NLT 1700, unless you plan on attending the Wednesday optional tour, play in the golf tournament Thursday morning, or attend the training sessions Thursday morning. Wednesday optional tour is from 0800-1630, departing from lobby. Golf tournament departs from Lobby at 0700. Security Training Sessions run from 0800-1200 on 2nd Floor. Pick-up registration packet from 1500-1800 on 2nd Floor. Meet & Greet from 1800-2000 on 2nd Floor, cash bar available.

Friday

General session from 0800-1100 on 2nd Floor. Meet in the lobby and depart from hotel at 1130 for Hurlburt Field Security Forces Squadron visit and lunch; returning at 1700. Evening is free.

Saturday

General session from 0800-1200 on 2nd Floor. Afternoon is free for meetings, sightseeing, etc. Photos and social from 1730-1900 on 2nd Floor and Balcony, weather permitting, cash bar available. Banquet from 1900-2100 on Balcony, weather permitting.

Sunday

Service in memory of fallen defenders from 0900-0930 on 2nd Floor.

Handy cell phone numbers: John Probst 505-414-2166; Joe Rector 301-885-7845; Erica Fisher 781-799-2148

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Registration Form (REVISED)

Please return this before 11 September 2024, so we can get you properly registered.

Member's name: _____ Name you want on nametag: _____
Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____
Name(s) for spouse/guests: _____

	<u>Price per</u>	<u>Total Number</u>
	<u>Individual:</u>	<u>of Individuals:</u>
1] Member/Family Members Discount Package EARLY BIRD PRICING: Includes memento, Meet & Greet, use of Hospitality Room, General Sessions, SFS visit & lunch, and Banquet. Does NOT include Wednesday Naval Aviation Museum/brewery tour/lunch. ***PRICING GOOD UNTIL 10 MAY 2024 ONLY	\$185	_____
2] Member/Family Members Discount Package: Includes memento, Meet & Greet, use of Hospitality Room, General Sessions, SFS visit & lunch, and Banquet. Does NOT include Wednesday Naval Aviation Museum/brewery tour/lunch. ***PRICING FROM 11 MAY 2024 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2024	\$200	_____
<u>“A la carte” items:</u>		
3] Naval Aviation Museum/brewery tour/lunch: (Wed, 25 Sept) NOT included in #1 or #2 above. Limited to 33 individuals (Naval Aviation Museum – tour, gourmet box lunch, and St. Michael’s Brewing Company – beer tastings and tour)	\$105	_____
4] Meet & Greet only: (Thur, 26 Sept evening) Hors D’oeuvres & Cash Bar Included in #1 or #2 above.	\$80	_____
5] Hurlburt Field SFS Visit only: (Fri, 27 Sept) Lunch Included in #1 or #2 above.	\$60	_____
6] Banquet only: (Sat, 28 Sept evening) Buffet & Cash Bar Included in #1 or #2 above.	\$70	_____
7] Morning attendance only: (Fri & Sat morning General Sessions and Hospitality Room use) Included in # 1 or #2 above.	\$45	_____
8] Virtual attendance only: (Social, Friday & Saturday General Sessions, and Banquet)	\$25	_____

****** Non-AFSFA Member Pricing:** Add \$5 to *each* activity or \$15 to either Discount Package \$ _____

Checks: Please make checks payable to AFSFA. **TOTAL** \$ _____

Credit cards: We can accept only American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

Card number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount \$ _____

Completed registration forms may be scanned and emailed to: afsfaprime@outlook.com or mailed to: AFSFA, PO Box 683, Helotes, TX 78023.

*****Refunds: All cancellations must be made in writing and mailed/emailed to afsfaprime@outlook.com**
- 50% penalty will be assessed on cancellations postmarked/emailed dated 4 to 11 September 2024
- No refunds for cancellations postmarked/emailed on or after 12 September 2024

We look forward to seeing you in Pensacola Beach, FL!

To be completed by AFSFA National Headquarters Staff ONLY:

Date received: _____ Amount received: _____

Candidates for Board of Directors

REPRODUCED COPIES NOT ACCEPTED

Deadline for returning ballot: 14 September 2024

**Please mark your ballot and return it to:
AFSFA HQ, PO Box 683, Helotes, TX 78023**

*****Even if you do not attend the national meeting, please vote!**

Board of Directors: (select three candidates, one of which can be a write-in)

Wayne Cox Keith Goodenough Phil Schwartz _____

AFSFA 2024 Chief Howard Redd Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday, 26 September 2024, 0800

Deadline for sending in entry: 11 September 2024

A.C. Read Golf Club
1440 Murry Rd, Bldg 3495 NAS Pensacola
Pensacola, FL 32508

Tournament Contact: Dan Mancini

Email: dmancini51@cox.net

Entry fee: \$70.00 per person

Entry includes golf cart, green fees, three drink tickets, lunch after the round, and prizes. This will be a four (4) person best ball tournament. **You may pay by check or credit card. Make checks payable to AFSFA and mail to: AFSFA HQ, P.O. Box 683, Helotes, TX 78023.**

Card number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

****For those staying at the AFSFA National Meeting hotel, golfers will assemble
in the hotel lobby at 0700 sharp to drive themselves to the course.**

Player name: _____ Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Building your own team? List the names of those you would like to play with. Otherwise, we will pair you with other players.

Hall of Fame (HoF)
Nomination Form

Name: _____ Chapter/National position (if any): _____

Years as AFSFA member: _____ Confirmed by/date: _____

Narrative explaining why individual should be inducted into AFSFA HoF (limit to 200 words):

Nominated by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

AFSFA Statement and Purpose

PURPOSE: Publically recognize the value of significant contributions to AFSFA. Refer to AFSFA Policy Statement 2021-001.

PROGRAM: AFSFA has established a Hall of Fame (HoF) to recognize members who have made significant and continued contributions to AFSFA. The AFSFA Board of Directors (BoD) carefully reviews all nominations each year. Although there is no minimum annual number of inductees, and the BoD may decline to select any nominee not meeting the criteria, generally not more than three (3) inductees are selected per year.

CRITERIA: To be eligible for consideration for the HoF, a Nomination Form must be used by the nominating member. The nominee must have been a member in good standing for at least ten years. The information contained on the form will be verified by the HQ Staff prior to BoD consideration. While noteworthy military service accomplishments are admirable, the AFSFA HoF considers only contributions to the association at the chapter, regional, or national level. Conversely, the BoD will not consider volunteer activities or service to other veteran, civic, or other public service organizations not affiliated with or sanctioned by the AFSFA. The BoD is charged with evaluating the nomination based on the nominee's significant and continued contributions in service to the AFSFA and not solely at the level the service was performed.

REVIEW PROCESS: The AFSFA BoD will review all submitted nominations at the Annual Meeting, in a closed session of the Board. Nominations will be disclosed to the BoD by the Executive Director (ED) and discussed. The nomination disclosures and reviews will not be recorded or disclosed to the public or membership. The ED will determine the discussion format and voting. Following discussions, only duly elected and appointed Directors and elected Officers will vote on the nominations. Newly elected directors may be present during deliberations but may not participate nor will they have a vote. The ED participates in deliberations but does not have a vote. The BoD has the final decision for nominee selection, but there must be at least a 2/3 majority of votes for selection of any nominee. There is no right of review of the BoD decision.

RECOGNITION: HoF selectees will be recognized at the Annual Meeting closing dinner with a medallion presentation and their names will be added to the HoF traveling plaque, AFSFA Website, and SF Magazine.

PAST HoF INDUCTEES: 2008-Nick Keck; 2010-Jerry & Lucille Bullock; 2011-Gary Allison, Dave Coulie, Bob Egger, Kent Miller, Pete Piazza, John Probst, John Renfroe, John Rybczyk; 2012-Jack Brokaw, Shellie Larios, Bobby Poland, John Wood; 2013-Lee Chambers, Ed Johnson, Ted Whitlock; 2014-Dean Connor; 2015-Wayne Cox, Scott Castillo; 2016-Joe Rector, Willie Phillips, Hart Guenther; 2017-Bob Christy, Phil Henning, Jim Saulnier; 2018-Garry Jefferson; 2020-Larry Breazeale, John Lynch; 2021-Russ Spicher, Cal Stickley; 2022-Joseph Mitchell, Marie Shadden, David Zdunski; 2023-Karl Blinkinsop, Chuck Trovarello, Sally Uebelacker-Shaw, David Van Pay

Col Jerry M. & Dr Lucille Y. Bullock Service Award (BSA)
Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Chapter/National position (if any): _____

Narrative explaining why this couple/family should receive the AFSFA Col Jerry M. & Dr. Lucille Y. Bullock Service Award (limit to 200 words):

Nominated by: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

AFSFA Statement and Purpose

PURPOSE: The AFSFA Col Jerry M. and Dr. Lucille Y. Bullock Service Award (BSA) program is established to commemorate the Bullock’s 32 years of selfless dedication to the Air Force Security Forces Association, AFSFA members, Security Forces of the active duty, reserve and guard components, and SF retiree communities. Refer to AFSFA Policy Statement 2018-001.

PROGRAM: AFSFA has established the BSA to recognize couple/family that has made continued and significant contributions to the AFSFA. The AFSFA Board of Directors (BOD) carefully reviews all nominations each year. There may not be more than one AFSFA couple/family recognized/selected per year and the Board may exercise its option to make no award, if in their sole determination there are no nominations that meet the spirit and intent of this award.

CRITERIA: To be eligible for consideration for the BSA, a Nomination Form must be used by the nominating member. The information must be as complete and relevant to AFSFA operations as possible. While noteworthy service records are admirable, the AFSFA BSA considers only members with continued and significant contributions to the AFSFA.

REVIEW PROCESS: The AFSFA BOD will review all submitted nominations at the Annual Meeting, in a closed session of the Board. Nominations will be disclosed to the BoD by the Executive Director (ED) and discussed. The nomination disclosures and reviews will not be recorded or disclosed to the public or membership. The ED will determine the discussion format and voting. Following discussions, only duly elected and appointed Directors and elected Officers will vote on the nominations and award selection by the Board requires a simple majority. Neither the ED nor any yet-to-be-appointed BOD member has a vote. The BOD has the final decision for nominee selection and there is no right of review of the BOD decision.

RECOGNITION: Recognition of all nominees and announcement of award winners will be presented at the AFSFA Annual Meeting banquet. The BSA award winners will be presented an engraved crystal plate and their names will be added to the BSA plaque at the AFSFA national headquarters.

PAST BSA AWARDEES: 2018-Bob & Anna Egger; 2019-Wayne & Cathy Cox; 2020-Scott, Karol, Nicole & Alexandra Castillo