

## Armed Forces Service Center at MSP

#### Serving Those Who Serve

Rick Dale

**Chairman and President** 

#### AFSC Mission and History

- The AFSC is an "all-free" lounge located at the MSP International Airport for active-duty military personnel, their dependents. Military retirees and dependents are welcome.
- The AFSC is a one-of-a-kind facility supported by a volunteer workforce and contributions from veterans' organizations, corporate and personal contributors.
- Since opening in November 1970 well over 1,000,000 service members, dependents and retirees have passed through the center.
- Prior to COVID the center had been open 49 1/2 years, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.





Located on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the end of C Concourse and beginning of A & B Concourses









### AFSC Additional Services

- Since October 2006 "Troop Greeters" have welcomed over 350 military charter flights (>89,000 combat troops) and over 1,200 military charter buses (>46,000 troops).
- Annually escort more than 2,000 Minnesota recruits through the ticketing and security pass-through process as they leave for basic training.
- Host families of fallen service members to be plane-side when their military family member returns to MSP. Since 2020 over 40 families.
- Assist local NG and Reserve units with family reunification events following deployments.
- Assist wounded service members in transferring from MSP to the local Veterans' Hospital.

#### **AFSC Needs and Contacts**

- Volunteers
- Financial Support
- Debra Cain, Executive Director, dcaindirector@mnafsc.org
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  - Donations
  - Volunteer

# Thank You!

