

Freedom Through Vigilance Association

Business Plan

Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA)

Non-Profit Alumni Association of the Former United States Air Force Security Service and its successor Commands and Agencies

I. Executive Summary

The **Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA)** exists to unite former and current members of the USAF Security Service and its successor Commands and Agencies, promote camaraderie and advance understanding of signals intelligence and national defense contributions. In other words, *to keep its finger on the pulse of the Command's heritage*. As a nonprofit, FTVA will pursue social, humanitarian, and educational programs to serve its members, their families, our active-duty members and the broader public.

II. Mission Statement

To honor, preserve, and perpetuate the history, legacy and professional ethos of the United States Air Force Security Service through fellowship, community service and educational outreach.

III. Organizational Structure

Board of Directors:

Composed of former USAFSS officers and enlisted alumni

Officers:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

Directors:

History, Social, Hall of Honor, Newsletter, Past President, Picnic, [Golf Tournament](#)

Committees:

- **Membership and Outreach Committee**

Responsible for recruiting, engagement, reunions, regional chapters and communications.

Connected Goals:

- Member Support (Website management, communications)
- Annual Reunions and Commemorations
- Regional Chapters

- o Newsletter and “Storytelling” Initiatives
 - o Veteran Networking Platform (w/other Command alumni groups)
- **Historical and Heritage Preservation Committee**
Oversees documentation, archives, exhibits and partnerships to protect the USAFSS legacy.
Connected Goals:
 - o Heritage Preservation and Public Education
 - o Public Speaking and Awareness
 - o Newsletters
- **Humanitarian Support Committee**
Provides aid, wellness initiatives and community volunteering programs.
Connected Goals:
 - o Member and Family Support
 - o Veteran Health and Well-Being
 - o Community Outreach and Volunteering
 - o Fallen Eagles Program
- **Educational Programs Committee**
Administers scholarships, mentorship and career development resources.
Connected Goals:
 - o Scholarship Programs
 - o Mentorship and Career Development
- **Vigilant Partners Committee**
Builds relationships with external stakeholders (e.g., corporate sponsors, allied organizations, donors) to sustain financial and strategic support.
Connected Goals:
 - o Fundraising Campaigns
 - o Corporate Sponsorships
 - o Grant Applications
 - o Public Awareness Partnerships

IV. Programs and Goals

A. Social Goals

Annual Reunions and Commemorations

- Host yearly gatherings at historically significant sites (e.g., former USAFSS bases)
- Promote Hall of Honor nominations / submissions
- Conduct memorial services honoring fallen members
- Coordinate unit reunions to reinforce camaraderie

Regional Chapters

- Establish and support local chapters to increase participation and accessibility
- Organize quarterly social mixers and networking events

Veteran Networking Platform

- Develop a secure online portal for members to connect, share memories, and collaborate (FTVA website)

Newsletter and Storytelling Initiatives

- Publish a quarterly newsletter featuring personal stories, historical articles, and member spotlights (“Remain in Touch”)
- Leverage social media to publish aperiodic updates, announce meetings, promote camaraderie

Steward Committees:

- Membership and Outreach
- Historical and Heritage Preservation

B. Humanitarian Goals

Member and Family Support

- Create an Emergency Relief Fund for members and families in crisis (natural disasters, health emergencies)
 - Leverage unit CCMs, First Sergeants for areas where FTVA can best support
- Provide direct assistance, referrals and peer support

Veteran Health and Well-Being

- Partner with veteran service organizations to offer resources for PTSD, disability claims and mental health counseling; provide guidance, support, direction for those in need
- Organize wellness workshops and seminars

Community Outreach and Volunteering

- Establish a “FTVA Gives Back” program encouraging members to volunteer in local communities
- Support initiatives like Wreaths Across America and veteran housing projects

Steward Committees:

- Humanitarian Support

C. Educational Goals

Scholarship Programs

- Offer annual scholarships for descendants of USAFSS members pursuing higher education.
 - Create scholarship competitions at Chapters
- Prioritize fields connected to cybersecurity, linguistics, and intelligence studies

Heritage Preservation and Public Education

- Develop an online archive of declassified historical materials, photos and oral histories through the FTVA website
- Collaborate with museums and historical societies to curate exhibits about USAFSS contributions to national defense (National Cryptologic Museum, USAF Museum)

Mentorship and Career Development

- Create mentorship opportunities linking experienced alumni with veterans transitioning to civilian careers.
- Host career readiness workshops focusing on translating military experience to civilian employment.

Public Speaking and Awareness

- Deploy speakers to schools, civic organizations, and veterans' events to share the USAFSS story and inspire public appreciation

Steward Committees:

- Educational Programs
- Historical and Heritage Preservation (for public education components)

Funding, Sponsorships and Strategic Alliances (cross-cutting):

Steward Committee:

- Vigilant Partners

V. Funding and Revenue Model

Primary Funding Sources:

- Membership dues (annual and lifetime)
- Individual donations and bequests
- Annual (or more frequent) fundraising events (e.g., dinners, golf tournaments, auctions)
- Corporate sponsorships (especially from defense sector stakeholders, Vigilant Partners))
- Grant applications for veteran-focused initiatives

Budgeting Priorities:

- Administrative overhead kept to a minimum
 - Website, website management, membership tracking, newsletter publication
 - Majority of funds directed to programs and scholarships
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VI. Evaluation and Impact Measurement

Annual Assessments:

- Track membership growth and engagement metrics
- Evaluate program participation and satisfaction surveys
- Publish transparent financial reports
- Report scholarship distribution and beneficiary stories

VII. Implementation Timeline

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 and Beyond
Goals Set by BoD	Goals set by BoD	Goals set by BoD

VII. Conclusion

The **Freedom Through Vigilance Association** is uniquely positioned to preserve a critical chapter of Air Force and national security history while supporting those who lived it, as well as those who are *currently* living it. Through a focused blend of social connection, humanitarian service and educational outreach, the FTVA will serve as a beacon of remembrance and pride for generations to come.