



**Department of Minnesota  
October 2025 Unit Mailing  
Armed Forces Service Center,  
Jean Walker Chairman**

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC), the longest running private nonprofit for traveling military, located at the MSP Airport since 1970.

I will have some Operation Donate flyers at my bifold along with more information on the AFSC, who they are and what they do for our military.

If you ever have any questions on the AFSC, please feel free to contact me either by email or cellphone, below is all my information.

**FAST FACTS  
Armed Forces Service Center**

- The Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC), has been at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport, since NOV 22, 1970, with no USO affiliation. To support the long-standing mission of our nonprofit, visit [mnafsc.org](http://mnafsc.org).
- Founded by Mrs. Maggie Purdum as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit, 8 months after her son died in a plane crash in Vietnam. The AFSC is the longest running private military airport lounge.
- Relocated inside security at the MSP Terminal 1, OCT 2018. The large facility offers free food, beverages, TV lounge, computer, CAC reader, luggage storage, dining room, playroom w/TV, separate bunk rooms for men and women with a crib, 3 bathrooms, lactation station, shower and a separate refrigerator for military guests to store items during their stay.
- Located inside security at the MSP Terminal 1, with free food, beverages, a TV lounge, computer, printer, CAC reader, luggage storage, dining room, playroom, separate bunk rooms for men and women w/a crib, three bathrooms, lactation station and a shower.
- Pre-pandemic the AFSC was open 24/7, since 1970. Currently, the daily hours of operations are 8:00 AM- 10:45 PM. The lobby is available 24 hours a day for traveling military, dependents, retirees and veterans. Free refreshments are available during open hours.
- Over 1 million military guests assisted to date. In addition to the Center volunteers, we have a group of volunteers that double as Troop Greeters. Post 9/11, they have assisted over 500 military charter flights, deploying/ returning troops, wounded military and the arrival of fallen military at MSP. We also support the weekly departure of recruits joining the military, Twin Cities Honor Flight, Snowball Express, Training Troops, and Holiday Block Leave.
- Troop Greeter Program started in OCT 2006, after we received a satellite call from a Marine officer in Iraq, requesting support for 310 troops returning to HI. MSP was their first touchdown on U.S. soil.

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# OPERATION

# DONATE

On NOV 22nd, we will celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the Armed Forces Service Center, the longest running private nonprofit for traveling military, located at the MSP Airport since 1970.

Your charitable contributions are needed to support our longstanding mission. *Any donation from \$55, \$5,500., or \$55,000. is appreciated.* Thank you in advance for your funding consideration. Please go to [mnaafsc.org](http://mnaafsc.org)