# **AFGE Local 618**

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#### **YOU Make a Difference**

There is more to being a union member than just paying dues for benefits and getting representation, in fact some members go their entire career without needing any representation. And as nice as all the benefits can be

By being a dues paying member, YOU are a voice for the workforce, YOU help to create new policies, YOU help to enforce rules and regulations that improve the overall workplace.

YOU are a voice and are an intricate part of your local. We could not do our jobs without YOU.

We have many opportunities for you to engage in YOUR local. Please check out the union bulletin board hanging in the hallway leading to the training classroom on B side breakroom.

There are positions within the local that we have never taken advantage of and we would love to get these positions filled so we have a large voice on pressing issues

Collectively YOU have a HUGE voice, without YOU and others like you, we would not have the numbers of voices we need in creating a better workplace environment for everyone. Your input does matter.

#### **Union Benefits**

Join Today! By using these money-saving programs,
AFGE members can save more than the annual cost of
their dues.

#### Just a few of the benefits available

**Auto Buying Program:** Auto Buying Service including RV's, boats, motorcycles, commercial, agricultural, more.

**Firestone Tire and Auto Care Discounts:** Save 15% on all maintenance, repairs and tire purchases from leading tire brands.

**AT&T Discounts:** Save with union member discounts from AT&T, the only nationwide unionized wireless carrier.

**Cash Back Shopping:** Get up to 40% cash back at 5,000+ stores.

Flower, Chocolate & Gift Discounts: AFGE members save 25% with satisfaction guaranteed.

**Hershey Park Tickets:** Exclusive AFGE member discounts on park admission.

**Tickets at Work:** Discounts on movie tickets, theme park admission, shows and performances, ski lift tickets, and more.

**Union Sportsmen's Alliance:** An exclusive hunting and fishing club by and for union members, retirees and their families!

**Williamsburg, VA:** AFGE members receive up to 20% discount off admission.

**AFGE Union Plus Mortgage Program:** Buy or refinance a home and get special union benefits, hardship assistance available.

**Auto & Home Insurance Policies:** AFGE's group program provides AFGE members with access to insurance coverage for personal insurance needs at a discount.

**Home Heating Oil Discounts:** Save money on home heating oil and claim a \$100 rebate on efficient home heating equipment.

**Propane Discount:** Sign up and get a \$50 voucher for propane and \$100 towards purchase of a new tank. No delivery or low-usage fees.

**Quicken Mortgage Savings:** AFGE members receive exclusive mortgage savings of up to \$1,250 from Quicken Loans



#### Member of the month:

Sara Russ: Vice President IND Local 618

Sara started with TSA in June of 2016. And then joined the ATLAS team in early 2017 becoming one of the 1st TSO-BD's at IND. In August of 2021 Sara became an LTSO and ATI. She fell in love with training and shaping the officers at IND. And shortly after that in March of 2022, took a fulltime STI position to focus on helping every officer at our airport be the best they can be.

In January of 2022 Sara also took on the role of union VP at IND. Sara uses her VP position to make sure that every officer is aware of their rights for representation and the benefits that the union can offer. She is very passionate about protecting her TSA family and making sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally. Sara is not afraid to stand up for what is right no matter what the consequences could be.

https://www.afge.org/member-benefits/

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AFGELOCAL618.ORG

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## **Important Union Information**

### Please make sure to keep your AFGE profile updated

If we do not have your current information we cannot properly inform you of important meetings and events that you are invited to.

Please check your mailing address, phone number and email address.

If you have never logged into your account with AFGE please schedule a time to stop by the office and we can help you with creating it as well as where to find important info like benefits

## Why is keeping my Info current so Important?

Email, Phone, home address and Local posting areas (Bulletin Boards)

These are the Main sources for us to keep you informed of upcoming meetings and events. We will only use your email and phone when there is something we believe you need to be informed about immediately.

Your home address is important for us to have current for when E-Board elections happen so we can mail you the nomination forms.

We will be having several meetings between now and the end of the year that YOU as a member have a say and a vote in how things go.

We will need to make adjustments to our Bylaws to reflect the new dues and some other issues that have never been addressed, this will happen this month and you will be invited to that meeting

The Budget Meeting to discuss and vote upon our 2024 operating budget will be held sometime in November. Again you have a say and voting privileges