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AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic Leaders, and DOCA members, I haven't addressed you recently about the broader issues of national security ...

If you go to the AFA website ... at the upper right side - you will see the Education and Opinion button. Click on it, you will see some really good op-eds. Let me direct your attention to a few of them.

1. An article by Maj Gen Charles Dunlap, Deputy JAG for the Air Force - talks about how Air Power is the Unsung Hero in the Surge. It is an excellent run-down of the vital role airpower is playing in Iraq. You can find it at: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/edop_3-10-08.asp
2. A piece written by Cade, Fourth Class Tomczak, USAF Academy - was read into the Congressional Record by Sen Allard. It describes why a cadet ... or any young person ... chooses to serve our country. The wisdom it expressed also brought a tear to my eye. It is here: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/edop_3-9-08.asp
3. An Air Force Association briefing - I am told one of the first - which lays out why the Air Force needs both the F-22 and the F-35. A couple of the AFA leaders have commented to me how useful this has been in briefings to Rotary Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, etc. It can be found here: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/air_Dominance.pdf
4. A piece written by Senator Elizabeth Dole tells why our armed forces need at least 4 percent of GDP for defense. She eloquently states her case. The piece can be found here: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/edop_2-1-08.asp

For your consideration.

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