

Note from AFA President -- 4 Business items + Voting

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AFA Members, some business items for you to consider.

1. Mailings have gone out for Holiday/Christmas Cards. This year I bought 4 boxes. The one I chose was the Air Force Memorial card – with the logo: "Peace on Earth." If you want to order them, go to this link on our website: <http://www.holidaycardcenter.org/afa> and look for the AFA specialty card.
2. Your AFA needs members. We are embarking on a membership drive entitled: "Every Member get a Member." The drive lasts through December. Please consider gift memberships to friends and family members – which can also double as holiday gifts. This link on our website has more information: <http://www.afa.org/MembergetAMember.asp>
3. Our annual fundraising appeal and 2009 Calendar will be mailed to you later this month. I am excited about this year's calendar as it is focused on the Army Air Forces in World War II – and features such notable people/events as: Pearl Harbor, the Doolittle Raid, the Flying Tigers, North Africa Campaign, Tuskegee Airmen, Industry's contribution, Ploesti Raid, Wasps and Air WACS, Enlisted Aircrews, Flying the Hump, the invasion of Europe, and the Mission of the Enola Gay. I think you enjoy the calendar – each month is a history lesson in itself. And ... I thank you in advance for your ongoing philanthropic support! AFA needs your contributions to keep up our great work.
4. Benefits of being a member of AFA. Many have asked me why they should join AFA. Besides Educating the public on the importance of airpower, Advocating for a strong national defense and a strong Air Force, and Supporting the Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education – we have great benefits. They are located in a separate "organization" called the AFA Veterans Benefits Association. And every member can take advantage of our banking and insurance programs, our many discounts, and lots of other benefits. My favorites are: (1) the discounts ... at lots of stores ... when you shop online through us (2) discounts on rental cars and (3) the deals you can get on cruises and vacations (although ... I haven't yet let my spouse drag me away from work on any of them). Go to this website for more information: <http://www.afavba.org/aboutus/memben/default.asp>

Finally, we have an election that will occur on 4 Nov. I believe we should do everything in our power to get to the polls ... and if we are not able ... to get an absentee ballot. It is our civic duty to vote. I won't tell you for whom to vote – that is an individual choice ... and AFA must remain neutral as a condition of our non-profit status. But ... we should all plan to vote. Lest you think your vote will

not count ... my youngest son voted in 2000 in his first election ... in my home state of Florida. When I asked him what he learned in the process, he replied: "Dad, no one can ever tell me that a person's vote is not important. I plan to vote in every election for the rest of my life." Would that we all would do our civic duty.

For your consideration,

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