

Note from AFA President -- Professional Development Section on Web

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AFA Members, Congressional staffers, civic leaders, and DOCA members, I am really excited about a new part of our website – it can be found at this link:

<http://www.afa.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/>

The first category is Airpower quotes (<http://www.afa.org/quotes/quotes.pdf>). We have 22 pages of quotes and are expanding it monthly.

Secondly, is the section titled: Portraits in Courage

(<http://www.afa.org/Portraits/default.asp>) We will put up a new portrait of an Air Force hero every week. [Thanks to SAF/PA].

Thirdly, is "Advice to any Airman"

(<http://www.afa.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/advice/default.asp>). Here some of our senior AFA leaders, drawing on their experience, have penned advice to some of our younger Airmen. I found much of this section fascinating – and I wish I had been so advised when I first entered the Air Force. Mentoring the force is a responsibility of all of us. Again – we will be adding to this section over time ... plus we will migrate many of these pages into Facebook – because ... that's where our younger members [plus Geri Sutter] hang out.

Fourth are our issue briefs. Here is where we will put more detailed information on defense and Air Force issues. New to this site is:

- A very complicated set of charts (http://www.afa.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/IssueBriefs/Why_AF_Needs_RECAP.pdf) which show why the AF needs to recapitalize its fleet of aircraft
- A briefing comparing the F-22 vs the F-35 (http://www.afa.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/IssueBriefs/F-22_v_F-35_Comparison.pdf)
- Finally, we have put up a briefing which gives you more details on the age of each type of aircraft. (<http://www.afa.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/IssueBriefs/AircraftInventory.pdf>). For you very experienced Airmen, it may seem trivial. But, we have had feedback from many staffers that this is the type of information they need.

As always, I look forward to your comments.

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