

Note from AFA President -- 2009 Defense Bill summary and Opeds

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AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic Leaders, and DOCA members, if you haven't kept track of the 2009 Defense Bill, we have a briefing on the web which summarizes both the authorization and appropriation bills. It can be found at: <http://www.afa.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/IssueBriefs/budget.pdf>

Secondly, we have some exceptional op-eds/speeches on the website:

Secretary Gates – at the swearing-in ceremony of Secretary of the Air Force Donley:

http://www.afa.org/EdOp/SECDEF_Swearing_In.asp [It occurred at the Air Force Memorial – the first time this has happened!!]

Amb John Bolton – on Russia: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/edop_10-20-08.asp

Benjamin Bahney and Renny McPherson from RAND Corp: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/edop_11-9-08.asp

Frederick Kagan – on security (a very good piece): http://www.afa.org/EdOp/edop_10-31-08.asp

Finally, the staff of AFA had some fun comparing the age of Air Force aircraft ... with popular TV shows when they first came into the force. [Sometimes a picture is worth one thousand words]. The comparison is entitled "In contrast" and you can find it here: http://www.afa.org/media/reports/contrast_tv.asp [My favorite: The C-5 and Gunsmoke.]

[Please don't write to tell me the F-117 is retired – we know that.]

For your consideration,

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