

Note from AFA President -- Cyber, Iran, Airpower

AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic Leaders, DOCA members, last week I ran across three interesting pieces. The first appeared in Foreign Affairs, is written by Gen (R) Wesley Clark and Peter Levin. It describes the nature and depth of the cyber threat to the US ... and offers prescriptions for our defenses. What it leaves out are the many policy issues that the Administration must face in order to be fully prepared. Let me know what you think of this piece. You can find a link to it on our website at: [http://www.afa.org/edop/2009/edop\\_10-23-09.asp](http://www.afa.org/edop/2009/edop_10-23-09.asp)

The second piece appeared in the Washington Times and discusses the after-effects of an Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear facilities. It gives a thoughtful analysis to the issues ... at the strategic level [which is generally hard to do within the limits of an op-ed page]. You can find a link to this piece on our website at: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/oct/22/timperlake-what-if-israel-strikes-iran-from-the-air/>

Finally, a piece in Armed Forces Journal attracted my attention. It was written by Phil Meilinger - a retired Air Force Colonel, who has a PhD in military history. In the piece he posits that it is Airpower that has drastically reduced civilian casualties in warfare. This is an important piece ... as the President and his national security team debate sending more troops to Afghanistan. If you have time to read only one of these three op-eds, I recommend this one. You can find a link to this piece on our website at: <http://www.armedforcesjournal.com/2009/07/4079006/>

For your consideration.

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