

Note from AFA President – CSBA, Sec Clinton, Gen Loh

AFA members, Congressional staff members, civic leaders, DOCA members, Washington is awash with lobbyists and articles on the Super Committee. The leadership in DOD, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Air Force are concerned about the effect of another \$450+B cut of defense ... on top of the present \$450+B cut that President Obama has already ordered. The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA) has done a short background piece to try to shed some light on sequestration and the impact on DOD. You can find the piece at: http://www.csbaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/2011.11.02-Five-Defense-Sequestration-Facts.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=New+CSBA+Brief+Five+Facts+about+Defense+and+Sequestration&utm_content=New+CSBA+Brief+Five+Facts+about+Defense+and+Sequestration+CID_48ce820068900329e7bf0d1a7bc121a0&utm_source=Email+Campaign&utm_term=Read+More

Secondly, Sec STATE Clinton has a piece in Foreign Policy which I found interesting. In it she argues “the future of politics will be decided in Asia, not Afghanistan or Iraq, and the US will be right at the center of the action.” As I read the piece, I was reminded of a famous quote from General of the Army MacArthur: “The history of the world for the next 1000 years will be written in Asia.” The piece is long – 18 pages on my printer. You can find it at: http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/10/11/americas_pacific_century?print=yes&hidecomments=yes&page=full.

Finally, Gen (Ret) Loh has a piece that was published in the El Paso Times. It has the added benefit of being both concise and pithy. We have it on our website at: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2011/Military_Spending.asp

For your consideration.

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