

Note from AFA President -- NASAx2, Posture Statement

AFA Member, Congressional Staffers, Civic leaders, and DOCA members, almost unnoticed in the Administration's budget announcement was a decision to not replace the Space Shuttle. This effectively ends the human spaceflight program - which has consequences for both NASA and DOD ... and the aerospace industrial base. One of our members (who asked that his name be withheld) wrote an op-ed on the subject. We put in on our website - you can find it at: [http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2010/NASAs\\_Constellation\\_Program.asp](http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2010/NASAs_Constellation_Program.asp)

Secondly, one of you sent me a fascinating link put out by USA Today [most of you might be interested to know that AFA has a partnership with USA Today to bring math and science education into hundreds of classrooms across the US]. The link is fascinating - it showed how the International Space Station was constructed. It makes one proud of the engineering and design talent of our nation to see how complicated, intricate, and important it is/was to oversee this program. You can find the link at: [http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss\\_timeline/flash.htm](http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm)

Finally, this week and last, Secretary Donley and General Schwartz testified on the Hill in support of the Air Force FY11 budget. Their statement, usually referred to as the AF Posture Statement, should be read by every defense professional. I read every one when I was on active duty - not only to see exactly what Air Force priorities were - but also to see where I could support the Secretary and the Chief in my own talks and op-eds. You can find the statement at: <http://www.posturestatement.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100223-010.pdf>

For your consideration,

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