

Note from AFA President -- We must be prepared

AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic leaders, and DOCA members, as many of you know ... I received lots of emails - sometimes almost 600 per day. Many offer words of encouragement (some complain) and others talk about serious issues.

Sometimes I receive emails full of wisdom and born out of experience and service to our nation. I would like to highlight this one ... from a retired Chief Master Sergeant - CMSgt (Ret) William (Hack) Alexander, Iowa Park, Texas.

Several things to notice from this simple note. First the author is informed - not only about the Air Force - but all the Services. He talks with various groups about national issues. He is passionately in favor of a strong national defense, ... and he was a maintainer in the Air Force ... and struggled with aging equipment. Finally, he writes simply and in a straight-forward manner ... as only a maintainer and a chief would. I don't know him personally - but I think I would have liked to have had him in my squadron/group/wing. His words moved me ... and I secured his permission to put them on our website. You can find them here: [http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2009/edop\\_5-5-09.asp](http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2009/edop_5-5-09.asp)

For your consideration,

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