

Note from AFA President -- Martin, Skantze, and Brokaw

AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic Leaders, and DOCA members, I have three "op-eds" to bring to your attention.

The first, by General (Ret) Gregory S. Martin argues that the lens to measure DOD "rebalancing" of the force should be viewed over 20-30 years. He also argues that DOD's decision to terminate the C-17 and F-22 production lines; cancel the next Combat Search and Rescue Helicopter, the Presidential Helicopter, the multiple kill vehicle, the next generation bomber and the Transformational Satellite communication system; and moving the Airborne Laser program to a research and development effort delivered a potentially destructive blow to America's air and space industrial base. You can find the op-ed on our web at: [http://www.afa.org/edop/2009/edop\\_6-17a-09.asp](http://www.afa.org/edop/2009/edop_6-17a-09.asp)

The second op-ed, by General (Ret) Lawrence A. Skantze, notes that the Air Force is making a major contribution to the fights in Iraq and Afghanistan, but is not getting the credit it deserves from the media. He also notes the many stories of bravery from our Airmen. You can find the op-ed on our web at: [http://www.afa.org/edop/2009/edop\\_6-17b-09.asp](http://www.afa.org/edop/2009/edop_6-17b-09.asp)

The last piece, by Tom Brokaw, was written on 6 June of this year. I challenge all you to ask your children/grandchildren/spouse what of significance happened on 6 June ... in an earlier year. In the piece Mr. Brokaw cites the bravery and sacrifices of the "greatest generation." If you have not read his book ([The Greatest Generation](#)), I highly recommend it to you. The link can also be found on our website at: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124424941651290763.html>.

For your consideration.

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