

Note from AFA President -- CSAF on CBS news, Nat. HS Cyber Defense Comp

AFA member, Congressional Staff Members, Civic Leaders, DOCA members, last Sunday I caught the AF Chief of Staff, General Norton Schwartz on CBS's "This Week in Defense with Vago Muradian"

I think Gen Schwartz did a great job in answering some very tough questions. We highlighted one comment in our AFA Daily Report:

Air Force of the Future:Ten years from now, USAF's key competencies will include airlift and aerial refueling, domain control, global strike, and intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance, according to Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz. "Domain control" is the ability to exert control not only in the air and space realms, but "to some extent, cyberspace," thereby allowing joint forces to operate "freely and without difficulty from adversary actions," said Schwartz during his appearance on *This Week in Defense News*, a CBS TV new show, Sept. 5. He underscored the importance of the Air Force's global strike capability, which, as he put it, enables the United States to keep "targets, wherever they may be on the planet, at risk," while keeping ahead of advances in potential adversaries' air defenses.

However, I think the entire piece is worth your time. You can find it at: <http://www.defensenewstv.com/> [Click on latest episode ... or if viewed later than Sunday, past episodes]

Secondly, I have sent you notes on our National High School Cyber Defense Competition. The last one [http://www.afa.org/PresidentsCorner/Notes/Notes_9-4-10.pdf] had one or more broken links to it ... as we decided to go live with a new web site shortly after the note went out. [My apologies]. You can find the listing for which High Schools have signed on at: http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/about/Documents/Team_Reg1Sept2010.pdf [Recommend you bookmark this site.]

We update this listing every evening M-F. We have about 350 teams as of this writing. Registration will continue until 8 Oct. Please help get the word out to your local high schools.

Finally, I have been systematically briefing members of Congress on CyberPatriot. One question I often get is: How did AFA move from 8 teams in Feb 2009 to where we are today? The answer is both simple and important. A lot of people—including you, our members—are working hard to make *CyberPatriot* a success. And underpinning it all is a collection of generous sponsors who are making it all possible. Our Presenting Sponsor Northrop Grumman; along with Founding Sponsors SAIC, the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security at the University of Texas-San Antonio; and our Strategic Sponsors Raytheon, Microsoft, General Dynamics, and AT&T have made significant contributions to improving cyber security awareness and our nation by making CyberPatriot a reality. We thank them. Also, a special thanks goes to the Air Force Research Laboratory for their assistance and in-kind support.

For your consideration.

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