

Note from AFA President -- McChrystal Report, Airpower Advocates

AFA members, the news this week includes the initial report from GEN McChrystal on Afghanistan. Many news agencies are commenting on it ... "interpreting" it for us. I thought you might like to see the report itself. You can find it on the Washington Post website at: http://media.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/documents/Assessment_Redacted_092109.pdf?hpid=topnews

Caution: the file is 66 pages long ... and it is the redacted version and is unclassified.

Secondly, AFA needs to strengthen its grass roots advocacy. We have created a group I call Airpower Advocates [... and no ... I abbreviate it as APA ... not something else]. These advocates are available to talk to local civic groups - Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. They build strong ties with the local press. They occasionally write op-eds or letters to the editor. And they are a resource for Congressional MLAs and liaison with the local Congressional offices. I try to keep them informed on Airpower issues ... and we frequently teleconference with as many as are available.

You can read a bit about it at:

http://www.afa.org/members/commtools/Grassroots_Communicators_Responsibilities.pdf

Right now we have about 50 APA members spread throughout the country. That is not enough ... give our mission and our membership. I would like to get about 200 more of you to volunteer for this program. For those of you who are interested in the program, please notify Chet Curtis by email at: CCurtis@AFA.org

And ... to be a full APA member, it is probably best if you are not on active duty ... as we sometimes differ slightly from official Air Force positions ... However, if you are a good communicator, we would have you do part of the APA mission ... talk with local civic groups. If you are interested, email Chet Curtis.

For your consideration.

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