



THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

The Force Behind the Force

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WHO WE ARE

The Air Force Association is a non-profit, independent, professional military and aerospace education association.

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THE AFA MISSION

Our mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force, a strong national defense, and to honor Airmen and our Air Force Heritage. To accomplish this, we:

- **EDUCATE** the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security.
- **ADVOCATE** for aerospace power and STEM education.
- **SUPPORT** the Total Air Force family, and promote aerospace education.



AFA Vision



The Air Force Association will be the premier professional military and aerospace education association in the nation – dedicated to dominant air, space and cyberspace power, a strong national defense, supporting the men and women of the United States Air Force, and world-class aerospace education.

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AFA Values



- Integrity First
- Service Before Self
- Excellence in All We Do
- Independence and Non-Partisanship
- Diversity and Inclusiveness



Questions ...

The U.S. Air Force was founded in September 1947.

When was AFA founded?

The AFA first meeting was in November 1945, and AFA was founded in February 1946, as directed by Gen Hap Arnold to Gen Jimmy Doolittle. Among its founders were Cpl Julian Rosenblatt, Jimmy Stewart, Ron Reagan, Jack Warner.

Generals, colonels, second looies, top-kicks and buck privates are all just plain "Mister" in AFA."

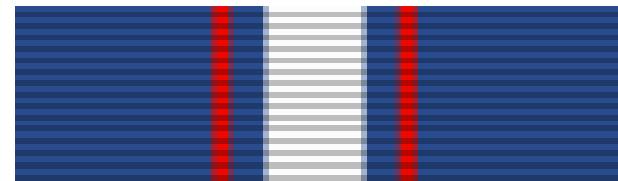
(AFA's first President, Jimmy Doolittle, May, 1947)



Questions ...

**What organization founded and sponsors the
Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year Program?**

**The Air Force Association in
1956 and continues
sponsoring it today with a
program to provide huge
recognition for the work our
Enlisted Force is doing...**





Questions ...

What organization was instrumental in founding the Community College of the Air Force?

The Air Force Association, through “Project Utah” in 1967, spurs accreditation of the Community College of the Air Force.



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Questions ...

Who sponsors the Pitsenbarger Awards for our CCAF Airmen?

The Air Force Association has awarded over \$1.5 million in individual awards to outstanding graduates of the CCAF to use as they wish.



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Questions ...

These towering spires of the magnificent Air Force Memorial dominate the skyline in Washington DC. Who is responsible for creating the AF Memorial?

That's right – it began as another AFA project. The Air Force Memorial was dedicated in 2006.





Questions ...

What organization created the largest National High School Cyber Defense Competition?

The Air Force Association created CyberPatriot that grew to over 1,000 teams in all 50 states, Canada, and overseas DoDDS high schools in just three years!



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AFA IS ...

The **ONLY** professional military association that advocates for **ALL** Airmen: Active, Reserve, Guard, Civilians, Retirees, Veterans, Industry Partners and their families

Quality of life and service plus pay and benefits thru AFA and partnerships with the Military Coalition but ALSO, weapons systems support, equipment, force modernization, National Security Strategy, and more.

AIR FORCE Magazine, Mitchell Institute, Airpower Advocates, Daily Report, Airmen Heritage Archive, National Aerospace Awards, Scholarships and Grants, CyberPatriot

AFA is about All the issues, for All the Air Force, All the time!

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HOW AFA WORKS

- Through individual contacts with the Air Force, Congress and the media
- In conjunction with the Military Coalition and other interested groups
- Indirectly, through its network of members and chapters at the grass roots and their contacts with their representatives in Washington



AFA HAS TOP LEVEL SUPPORT



- USAF Chief of Staff
- Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force
- Director, Air National Guard
- Chief, Air Force Reserve



AFA HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS



- Founded 1946 to advocate establishment of an independent Air Force
 - First President -- Jimmy Doolittle
 - Air Force established in 1947
 - Inaugurates the Outstanding Airman of the Air Force Program (1956).
 - Continues to sponsor the event -- now an official AF program
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AFA HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS



- Arnold Air Society affiliates with AFA
 - September 1954
 - AAS, the professional organization of AFROTC joins AFA, the professional organization of the Air force
 - AAS Cadets recognized as cadet members of AFA and AAS leadership represented on AFA Board of Directors



AFA HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS



- Aerospace Education Foundation undertakes “Project Utah” (1967) which helps establish the Community College of the Air Force
- *AIR FORCE* Magazine article “The Forgotten Americans of the Vietnam War” ignites national concern for POW’s (1969)



AFA HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS



- AFA special report “The Smithsonian and the Enola Gay” exposes a lack of balance in the proposed presentation of a major event in American and aerospace history. Secured a change in plans. (1994)
- Sponsored “Air Force Fifty” celebration and worldwide conference of Air Chiefs. (1997)



AFA AND THE AIR FORCE MEMORIAL



- AFA Board of Directors establishes Air Force Memorial Foundation (1991)
 - To construct a memorial to honor the people of the USAF and its precursor organizations
 - Included key participation and support by Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)
 - Memorial dedicated October 14, 2006
 - AFMF affiliates with AFA April 2007
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RECENT AFA ACHIEVEMENTS



- AFA achieved or helped to achieve...
 - Legislation to repeal REDUX retirement plan
 - Increases in pay, allowances and COLA's
 - Improvements in quality of life including more child development centers and enlisted housing
 - Enactment of improvements to care of active and retired including TRICARE for Life



RECENT AFA ACHIEVEMENTS (cont.)



- Repeal of the Dual Compensation law
- Enactment of Limited Concurrent Receipt
- Increase in Montgomery GI Bill stipend
- Transferability of GI Bill benefits
- And others



AFA BENEFITS

- AIR FORCE Magazine delivered each month
 - THE professional journal of the Air Force
- National Symposia
 - Air & Space Conference, Air Warfare Symposium, Global Warfare Symposium, CyberFutures Conference and CyberPatriot Championships
- National Councils/Committees/Advisors
 - Represent all portions of the Total Force
 - Offer guidance on appropriate AFA initiatives



AFA BENEFITS

- AFA Chapters
 - Carry the AFA message at the local level
 - Grass Roots contact with Members of Congress
 - Support Air Force people and mission at the local, community level
 - Base, ROTC, JROTC etc.
- Insurance Programs (administered through AFA Veterans Benefit Association)



AFA BENEFITS

- Members eligible for AFAVBA group insurance plans
 - Decreasing/Level Term Life
 - Senior Whole Life
 - Long Term Care
 - Accident, CancerCare, Dental
 - TRICARE & Medicare Supplements
 - Auto and Home Insurance



AFA BENEFITS

- Other Benefits
 - AFA USAA Rewards World Master Card[®]
 - AFA USAA Banking
 - Car Rental Discounts
 - Resume Assistance/Career Center
 - Shopping, including Dell, Microsoft, Online Mall, AFA merchandise
 - Travel/vacation rental discounts
 - Legal assistance thru MetLaw[®]



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- For more information on ...
 - Membership
 - Organization
 - Benefits
- And archived articles and information from AIR FORCE Magazine



Home at last

**She remembered...
...for all those months....
...she remembered...
...and never once forgot you...**



We remembered too. For over 60 years we've faithfully represented you to Congress and to the American Public

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We're glad you're home too!



While you were gone we...

- Made over 500 visits to Capitol Hill fighting for your benefits
- Provided support to your family
- Worked to expand your family's educational opportunities
- Worked to improve your living conditions

Faithfully representing you for over 60 years to the Congress and the American Public

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We Didn't Forget!



She didn't forget...
...not once...
...for an entire year...

Neither did we...for over 60 years...
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and to the American Public

