

Sample Memorandum That Can be Sent to Base and Unit Personnel

TO: All Personnel

FROM: _____, Drive Chairman

SUBJECT: Reasons for Joining the Air Force Association (AFA)

Please take a few minutes to consider joining the nearly 150,000 member Air Force Association.

Why? Because AFA is our professional organization, and aside from the many personal benefits of membership, AFA membership strengthens our voice in Washington and improves our ability to serve as Air Force professionals.

And the cost is very reasonable, only \$36 for one year or \$90 for three years. These dues rates include a monthly subscription to AIR FORCE Magazine as well as a variety of other personal benefits (see below).

Benefits of AFA Membership

As the professional society of Air Force people, AFA's basic mission is to strengthen national defense by gaining Congressional and public support for Air Force personnel and resources. This helps both the country and Air Force people.

- Past accomplishments of the Air Force Association include across-the-board pay increases, transition services for personnel involuntarily separated from the Air Force such as health care, GI Bill, employment and relocation assistance, separation pay for enlisted personnel, enlistment bonuses, extension of the G.I. Bill, improvements in SGLI, retention of the commissary system, creation of the office of Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, degree granting authority for the Community College of the Air Force and a whole host of other less well known programs that improve the quality of life for those serving on active duty.
- Current objectives of the Association include working to ensure that members of Congress have accurate and up to date information on essential military programs to assure the best possible decision for the program, ensuring improvements to compensation and allowances for military personnel, and in general, continuing a strong Congressional commitment for our Armed Forces during a period of rapid international change and uncertainty.

As a large, national association, AFA also provides a wide range of more personal benefits for its members, benefits that are either not available from other sources or that are provided for AFA members at a lower cost. Among them are the following:

- A monthly subscription to AIR FORCE Magazine. This is the finest aerospace magazine in the world and no Air Force professional should be without it. If AFA membership provided nothing else, this benefit alone would be worth far more than the cost of annual dues.
- Résumé writing/critique service. This includes résumé preparation and/or critique.
- An Online Community.
- AFA Mastercard. Available to eligible members at no cost.
- Low Cost Insurance Programs. Sponsored by the Association, members are eligible for programs such as life insurance and TRICARE supplement coverage, among others, at rates that are unavailable elsewhere.
- Deep Discount Automobile Rental Cars. Discounts are available with Avis, Hertz, National, and Alamo car rental companies.
- Discounts on GEICO Auto Insurance. Discounts are available to AFA members and patrons in 32 states.

Please either begin, or renew, your AFA membership today. Just complete the attached membership application, indicating whether you are renewing or beginning a new membership, and give it to one of the unit representatives named below.

Do yourself, and the Air Force, a real favor . . .

. . . join if you're not a member,

. . . renew if you are a member!

Division/Branch representatives for AFA:

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