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Important Dates

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- 4 Northeast Region Meeting
Newburgh, NY
- 4-8 Team of the Year
Arlington, VA
- 18 Region Presidents Meeting
Dallas TX



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Actions Taken by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met recently in Orlando in conjunction with the Air Warfare Symposium and Central Florida's Air Force Gala which was the 25th year for these events. Several information briefings were presented, most notably an "off the record" with USAF Chief of Staff Gen Norton Schwartz. Without violating that, he did offer thoughts on how AFA and the Air Force can work more closely and that the nation will be facing some tough choices as we head into the budget cycle.

In addition to the CSAF, the morning focused on a number of committee reports, several of which resulted in BOD actions:

Transformation Review Team (TRT). The TRT was appointed last year to provide an assessment of the progress of the implementation of the *afa21* Tax Status and Governance changes approved by the delegates. John Politi provided a summary of the team's review which included seven new recommendations, each of which have been assigned to the EXCOM or the Vice COBs to work, with staff assistance, over the next few months.

Constitution Committee. Ed Garland provided recommended changes to the Constitution and OPM necessary to (1) implement the delegates' decision to retain a separate secretary, including appropriate term limits and expanded duties of the secretary; (2) implement the BOD-approved TRT

recommendation to allow appointment of up to two BOD members to serve on the EXCOM; (3) Incorporate a new, President Evaluation and Compensation Committee (PECC) and eliminate *afa21* transition procedures no longer necessary in the documents. **The BOD approved** these changes.

President's Report: Mike Dunn provided a written report and significant input to the afternoon dialogue on the AFA focus areas. See below.

VCOB Reports: Both VCOB, Field Operations Jim Lauducci and VCOB, Aerospace Education Sandy Schlitt provided written reports on the activities of the Field Council and AE Council, respectively. In addition, Sandy introduced the members of the *CyberPatriot I Team* and thanked them for a very successful concept demonstration. The BOD approved in concept the plans for a Phase II cyber competition, to expand to a national competition with regional sub-competitions next year.

Budget Report. Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair Steve Lundgren discussed the 2008 Budget results. Not surprisingly, investment income was far below budget which resulted in a reduction of net assets by 15 % (mostly unrealized capital losses). Accordingly, the 2009 budget projects sharply reduced investment income, and we made some additional reductions in travel and other expenses already this year that I reported

to you earlier. Performance to budget will require close scrutiny in 2009, and the Finance Committee has this at the top of their agenda.

Strategic Planning Committee: Scott VanCleaf provided an update on the SPC actions for 2009 and a set of performance measures to help the BOD assess how well we are meeting our goals and objectives. Thanks to the work of Ray Turczynski, we have a first cut at measures in four areas: Educate, Advocate, Support, and AFA Operational Performance (membership, development, finances, etc). The BOD endorsed this approach, and we will see if the measures provide useful, actionable information to the BOD.

Membership Committee. Justin Faiferlick summarized the MC activities, highlighting those actions that are part of the membership strategy. There is a pilot program in work with the ROTC Detachment at the University of Central

Florida to target parents of ROTC cadets.

Development Committee. Co-chairs Jerry White and Buster Horlen outlined the 2009 Development Strategy and Lois O'Conner provided all BOD members training on contacting AFA donors. Each BOD member will be given a short list of donors who are near them, and are asked to contact each and thank them for their support of AFA. Feedback on the contact will be provided to Lois.

As has become a tradition at the February BOD meeting, we had the distinct pleasure at lunch to be joined by five outstanding ROTC cadets from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. Thanks to the generosity of an "unnamed donor", each cadet was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The BOD conference call in late January took care of a number of routine business items and allowed the Board to focus the entire afternoon on discussion and dialogue on our four focus areas:

1) Increase efforts to educate the public and key policy makers of the criticality and uniqueness of aerospace power -- now and in the future

- Mike Dunn described the 2009 plans for the Mitchell Institute, including publishing at least six studies, executing a fundraising program, attracting new authors for studies and reports, building a stand-alone web site, and conducting a number of small meetings, seminars, and working dinners.
- Other efforts by a group of AFA-led airpower experts are beginning to gain traction, as "AFA" is more frequently quoted in the press and on radio. Mike Dunn has done at least a dozen radio shows over the past three weeks. The AFA web site has a growing number of op-eds, briefings, etc.

2) Become a more effective advocate for the 21st Century Air Force, particularly at the grass roots level

- The initial Airpower Advocates group of 20 is expanding, and now includes several BOD members, and a number of AFA state presidents have provided names to join the effort per Mike Dunn's request.

3) Reverse the Association's declining membership

- Mike Dunn and Jim Simpson provided an update on the membership strategy. The "every member get a member" campaign last year resulted in approximately 330 new members, but many of those likely would have been recruited by chapters in any event.
- We are gaining members as a result of the LA Symposium and the Air Warfare Symposium registrations, and from donors to the AF Memorial who are not already AFA members.
- Joe Sutter challenged each director to recruit five new members before the September Convention. Similar challenges were issued between the two VCOBs and their councils, and to each committee chair for their committees. VCOB, FO Jim Lauducci is planning something as well with the RPs.
- There was considerable discussion concerning AFA's "value proposition" as it relates to membership. This is an element of the overall strategy, and we agreed we need a small group to address this. Joe Sutter will work with Pete Hennessey and others to better define the task and some timelines soon.
- The Corporate Member Program (see below) has great promise to produce not only additional revenue, but new members as well.



The logo for the Air Force Association Newsline. It features a large, bold, black letter 'N' on the left. To the right of the 'N', the words 'Air Force Association' are written in a smaller, sans-serif font. Below 'Air Force Association', the word 'Newsline' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. A horizontal line is positioned below the 'Newsline' text.

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4) Grow the Association's financial resources to allow us to better accomplish our mission

- A considerable amount of time was spent on this area. The prospects for significant investment income do not look good, and we will need to grow existing business line profitability and develop new revenue sources. Mike Dunn described several efforts to reduce expenses, including a new vendor and conference registration process, eliminating the formal transcripts for BOD meetings, etc.
- In December, the Executive Committee approved transitioning the Industrial Associate (IA) program into a Corporate Member program, modeled after the very successful one used by the Association of the US Army (AUSA). The program is rolling out now, and we will begin to see results later this year and into 2010. It should generate additional profitability over the IA program. Each Corporate Member will receive 50 individual memberships as part of the package, which will add new members we would not otherwise reach. The clear consensus of the BOD was support for this effort.
- Several new and existing revenue opportunities were discussed, including the AFA building, *Cyber Patriot*, expanded development efforts, and others. Buck Buckwalter provided a short history of the AFA dues structure. Chairman Sutter asked Steve Lundgren to form a small team to look at the data from a financial viewpoint and report by mid-summer on dues revenue in relation to overall income, expenses, the consumer price index, etc.

The meeting concluded with a short BOD continuing education

program led by Judy Church, which focused on principals of good governance and ethical practices for charities and foundations. All in all, AFA is in full accord with the best practices for nonprofit governance.

AFA's 2009 National Convention and Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition

The Air Force Association's 2009 National Convention and Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition are scheduled September 12-13 and 14-16, respectively. The convention and conference will be held at our new location, the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center on the Potomac, in National Harbor, just across the river from Alexandria and minutes from downtown Washington, DC.

Speakers for 2009 include the Secretary of the Air Force, the USAF Chief of Staff, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and other top Air Force, government, and aerospace industry leaders. Our national conference attracts the top echelon of USAF senior leadership, including the commanders of every USAF command.

The Technology Exposition will feature aerospace exhibitors from around the world that will display and demonstrate the latest breakthroughs in air and space technology. The exhibits at AFA's Technology Exposition highlight the most current developments in aerospace technology and education.

Registration and reservation information will be provided in next month's *Newsline*. And, the latest information will continue to be posted online.

Message from Joe & Geri Sutter

This past week I had the opportunity to again visit the Gaylord National Hotel, the site of our '09 Convention and Conference. Geri was with me and I can summarize our impression in a word: WOW!

The exhibition halls and meeting rooms are first class, state-of-the-art facilities which will enhance the whole package -- board, committee, and convention meetings; Air and Space Conference; the technology exposition; and the dinner events.

The Gaylord National is a "destination resort" complete with beautiful pools, spa, indoor and outdoor gardens, a variety of dining options, and shops. We really enjoyed the salads and burgers at the "National Pastime" sports grille -- casual, with a 30 foot video wall and dozens of flat screens all around. The prices for the hotel are identical to what we would be paying this year at the Marriott (and virtually the same as last year's prices for those staying two-to-a-room). And the meal prices should be very close to last year as well.

We walked to the adjacent retail shops where you could find many choices of great food -- from Ben and Jerry's ice cream to McCormick and Schmick's seafood. The water taxi ride to and from Old Town Alexandria was great. It docks right at the hotel and provides convenient access to the restaurants, Torpedo Factory Art Center, and other shops in Old Town.

From Geri: "For those of you deciding on whether or not to bring your spouse: do it!! You will both have a great time. And I personally recommend the fresh guacamole (made right at your table) at the Rosa Mexicano."

Below are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that will assist you in planning to attend this event.

FAQ for AFA Delegates: Moving to the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

1. Why are we moving? Nearly five years ago, the Marriott Wardman Park notified us that they were planning to convert a section of the hotel to condos, which would have removed too many sleeping rooms from our contracted block. Sleeping rooms and meeting space of the quantity and size that we require must be contracted years in

advance to secure dates, space, and rates. Coincidentally, the Gaylord National was being constructed and was beginning to look for business. We signed the ten-year contract in June 2005. Please visit the hotel website for more details about the hotel (<http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-national/>.)

2. How much will the rooms cost?

AFA's only room block will be at the Gaylord. Please keep in mind that AFA's pricing for meals and sleeping rooms depends on us being able to fill our room block. Delegate rooms will be at the government per diem rate, as in previous years. In September 2009 that rate will be \$233 single/double plus tax (roughly \$280) for all delegates and government employees (2008 prices were \$201 single/\$230 double). The government per diem rate is the lowest rate available, and it would have been the same rate had we stayed at the Marriott Wardman Park (although for those staying two-to-a-room, Gaylord will actually be cheaper because they do not charge for the second occupant). Included in the \$280 per night charge is an amenity fee that covers high speed internet in your room, 2 bottles of water in your room each day, fitness center access, newspaper, and local/toll free telephone calls. **Reservation instructions will be provided in the May issue of *Newsline*.**

3. What about transportation, directions and parking?

- **From airport?** The Gaylord is accessible primarily by car, taxi, or shuttle bus. Just like at our previous location, AFA will not provide transportation to/from any of the area airports. However, the Gaylord is operating an express shuttle to/from Reagan National Airport. It departs every twenty minutes from the Gaylord's front door and every twenty minutes from baggage claim. It runs between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and costs \$18 one-way, per person or \$32 roundtrip, per person. To make shuttle reservations, please call 800-660-8000. Super Shuttle is the same

cost; however, it might make additional stops and not go straight to your destination. A taxi will cost approximately \$20 one-way from Reagan National.

- **What if we want to take the METRO?** The preferred METRO stop to use is the King Street Station in Old Town Alexandria, which is across the river from the hotel. There is a free trolley from King Street METRO to a commercial water taxi (\$8 each way for a 20-minute trip; it runs daily 10:50am – 11:15pm from Old Town; more details at <http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/>). AFA will run a free shuttle between the King Street Station and the Gaylord on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Will AFA provide shuttles?** AFA will provide shuttles on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from the following four locations: Andrews AFB, Bolling AFB, King Street Metro, and the Pentagon. A shuttle schedule is being fine tuned and will be posted on our website shortly. The Gaylord offers a shuttle from the main entrance of the hotel to the Old Post Office (1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW) and Union Station (H Street & 2nd Street). The shuttle runs continuously between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. seven days a week. The cost is \$13 one-way, \$20 roundtrip or \$49 for an unlimited 3-day pass. Stop by the hotel's Tour Transportation Desk to purchase tickets.
- **Need directions?** Please visit <http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-national/directions-transportation/#map> for assistance.
- **Parking costs?** There is plenty of parking available at the Gaylord. AFA will have discounted self parking at \$10 per day at the hotel. During check-in, please make sure to communicate you are with AFA in order to get the discounted parking rate on your hotel folio. (Our local delegates that just come for the day, you will need to stop by AFA Registration for details.) Valet

parking is available at \$28 per day at the hotel.

4. What else is in the National Harbor neighborhood? Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center is one of the anchors to the whole National Harbor project. National Harbor is nearing completion and will be home to over 500,000 square feet of office space, over a dozen shops and a dozen restaurants, two art galleries, a marina, and much more. Please visit their website for more information (<http://www.nationalharbor.com/>).

5. Will the AFA schedule be the same as last year? Yes, the same schedule is planned for both the AFA National Convention and the Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition. Delegates can expect meetings on Saturday and Sunday, Field Awards Dinner on Saturday evening, Wreath Laying at the Air Force Memorial on Sunday morning, Outstanding Airmen Dinner on Monday evening, Congressional Morning Reception on Tuesday morning, and the Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday evening. The full agenda can be found online.

6. What about the meals: will they cost more or about same? Delegate ticketed meals, unlike previous years, will not increase this year. When it comes to restaurants, there are four hotel restaurants that are staggered in their pricing, as well as a dozen restaurants within short walking distance of the hotel.

7. What else do I need to know? Send your questions to (bbuckwalter@afa.org). Those will help us think of some of the answers we need to add to this list of FAQ's.

Congressional Morning Reception September 15

The 2009 Congressional Morning Reception (formally known as the Congressional Breakfasts) will be held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**. The exact location and time have not yet been finalized.

Members of Congress and their staff will be able to find individuals from their respective states and districts stationed at designated regional tables and can meet with individuals one-on-one during this event. Key materials can also be distributed to Members of Congress and Capitol Hill staffers during this morning session.

After the reception, individual AFA state and region members will disperse throughout the Capitol complex and attend meetings with their respective Representatives and Senators as well as key staffers. These meetings will be pre-scheduled in coordination with your local Congressional Morning Reception representatives and Samantha Dravis of the AFA Government Relations staff. These meetings will give delegates an opportunity to discuss relevant issues in a quality format, far more than can be done at the breakfast reception.

The reception and meetings are critical to helping demonstrate that AFA is a grassroots organization, and are very useful in helping convey the Air Force/AFA message from a grassroots constituent perspective. This also reinforces to Association members that we value their interaction with government leaders and provides an additional benefit for members participating in the National Convention.

In order to participate in this program, please designate a Congressional Morning Reception representative per usual and have this individual contact Samantha Dravis of the AFA Government Relations staff—703-247-5800 x4805 or sdravis@afa.org.

Duties for this activity include the following:

1. Contact your Congressional Delegation and invite them to the morning reception. Invitations should be both mailed and faxed, followed up by telephone calls to check in with each office about the Reception.
2. Contact each office within your Congressional Delegation and

request meetings with the Member or Defense Legislative Assistant to discuss AFA top issues. Meetings can take place anytime after 9:00 a.m. It is up to your own group to decide how many people attend these meetings from your state/region group.

3. Invite and encourage your local AFA members to participate in the Morning Reception program.

AFA Promotes Aerospace Education through Junior ROTC Grants

The grants of \$250 each are provided to JROTC instructors for varied uses that promote any Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) activity or materials, as the building blocks of aerospace education and future development. The grants are often used for group activities such as field trips to aerospace museums. In other instances, the grants fund textbooks and classroom materials that assist the teacher in making these foundational subjects interesting and challenging.

AFA provides these grants twice yearly. AFA strongly advocates education in these crucial subject areas to develop the future leaders and skill sets of the 21st Century. Expertise in these crucial fields is a requirement to sustain the pace of U.S. aerospace development and economic vitality.

“We appreciate the nation’s JROTC instructors and what they mean to the development of aerospace leaders of the future,” said S. Sanford Schlitt, Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education. “We know these instructors are doing a great job, and we are pleased to provide a little extra encouragement with this grant.”

“Our nation’s future economic vitality and national defense expertise starts with early development in classrooms and great programs like

JROTC,” said Mike Dunn, President of AFA. “Strengthening aerospace education will continue to be a part of our daily and long term mission at AFA.”

Grant recipients:

William E. Fischer, Jr., Westland High School, Galloway, Ohio
Michael K. DuBrule, Karns High School, Knoxville, Tennessee
Ricky L. Johnson, North Middle High School, North, South Carolina
Brian Brown, Battle Ground High School, Battle Ground, Washington
Glenn J. Larsen, Medina Valley High School, Castroville, Texas
Valerie J. Lofland, Naugatuck High School, Naugatuck, Connecticut
Paul R. Richardson, William Byrd High School, Vinton, Virginia
Craig W. Savage, Inola High School, Inola, Oklahoma
Thomas E. Graves, Mount Zion High School, Jonesboro, Georgia
Thomas D. Shamburger, Sickles High School, Tampa, Florida

For more information, contact: Lynette Cross at 703.247.5800 ext 4807 or lcross@afa.org.

AFA Awards Aerospace Education Grants to Civil Air Patrol Squadrons

AFA today announced twenty grants promoting aerospace education for hundreds of students through Civil Air Patrol squadrons.

These AFA grants, \$250 each, are awarded four times each year, twice to units and twice to educators. The next application deadline for educators is March 31, and the next deadline for CAP units is set for June 30. These AFA grants were distributed to 20 squadrons for use in any Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) activity or materials that promote aerospace education.

“AFA believes strongly in the importance of aerospace development,” said S. Sanford Schlitt, Vice Chairman of the Board, Aerospace Education.

“These grants increase the visibility of the aerospace career field at the right time in a student’s education.”

“AFA is pleased to invest in the next generation of aerospace innovators,” said Mike Dunn, President of AFA.

The Air Force Association advocates education in these crucial subjects to develop the skills necessary for 21st Century jobs in fields sustaining U.S. air power. Use of the grants includes purchasing textbooks and materials, or activities such as field trips to aerospace museums.

Squadrons receiving AFA Grants are as follows:

Santa Cruz Co. Composite, Nogales, Arizona
Bellingham Composite, Bellingham, Washington
Colorado Springs Cadet, Peterson AFB, Colorado
Wright Brothers 282nd Aero Composite, West Carrollton, Ohio
Milwaukee Senior Support, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Jon E. Kramer Composite, Palo Alto, California
Voyager Squadron 120, Victorville, California
Arundel Composite, Millersville, Maryland
Glenn R. Martin Composite, Baltimore, Maryland
Green Mountain Composite, Hinesburg, Vermont
Condor Composite, Perry, New York
Winchester Composite, Winchester, Virginia
Vanguard Composite, Freehold, New York
Muskegon Composite, Grand Haven, Michigan
Niagara Falls Composite Sq. #1, Niagara Falls, New York
Rio Del Fiero, Wichita Falls, Texas
Crystal Lakes M.S. Cadet, Pompano Beach, Florida
Pineland Composite, Jackson, New Jersey
Offutt Composite, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
Worcester Cadet, Worcester, Massachusetts

Grant background: Application deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. The June and December cycles are for CAP units and the March and September cycles are for educator grants. An application form can be downloaded online or requested from HQ CAP/ED. Completed applications should be faxed to HQ CAP/ED at (334) 953-4235 or mailed to HQ CAP/ED, 105 South Hansell St, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332. For more information about applying, please contact Civil Air Patrol Headquarters, Education at 334-953-7572 or send an E-mail to aeadmin@cap.gov.

For more information, contact: Lynette Cross at 703.247.5800 ext 4807 or lcross@afa.org.

Air Force Excellence Scholarship

The Air Force Association is currently accepting applications for the Air Force Excellence Scholarship. Applications must be received by our office no later than April 30, 2009.

U. S. Air Force service members; spouses and dependent children (under the age of 23) of active duty and Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard personnel may apply for the AFA-FCEF Air Force Excellence Scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll, full time or part time in the fall of 2009 in an undergraduate or graduate program of studies leading to an Associates, Bachelors or Masters Degree at an accredited college or university.

The Air Force Excellence Scholarship was created by the Air Force Association in partnership with the First Command Educational Foundation. Visit <http://www.afa.org/ae/aid/afexcel.pdf> to download the 2009 Scholarship application

Increase AFA Awareness ... and Membership

Consider launching a “Bring Your *AIR FORCE Magazine* to Work” campaign.

When you display the Magazine, your colleagues not only get to enjoy a great publication but you directly contribute to AFA’s commitment to educate others about the Air Force and the critical role of airpower in our nation’s defense. You also increase their understanding of the Association and its mission. Often people who are familiar with the magazine don’t realize what else the Association does. Here’s a chance to let them know.

It’s also a wonderful opportunity for you to show how your chapter activities support the local community, be it military, civilian or both. Also consider including a brief flyer that sets out your chapter’s projects and accomplishments.

Finally, it can help in your membership recruitment. It gives you an opportunity to talk to people about your commitment to your chapter. From there it’s a small step to provide them with an application, or the website, and encourage them to join. To help with this, be sure that each magazine has something affixed to it that clearly provides pertinent chapter information.

For more than 60 years, *AIR FORCE Magazine* has stood at the top of the world’s publications in the fields of air and space power, aerospace technology, and defense. It is a one-of-a-kind magazine -- a visually striking, in-depth, professionally produced publication devoted exclusively to coverage of the United States Air Force. Thus, *AIR FORCE Magazine* should be the first magazine available in the office of any aerospace professional or AFA member.

Thanks to Jim Diehl and Marti Ribeiro, Gerrity Chapter #215. (Check out the full story at www.afachapter215.com/jan09.pdf and

“Membership Ideas” at <http://www.afa.org/members/MembershipIdeas.asp?pm=s> for more great membership suggestions).

A Suggestion from AFA’s Membership Committee

Many of our Chapters have JROTC units in their area. Forming a relationship with these units offers an opportunity for Chapters to attend and sponsor events for the cadets. At these events, there is an opportunity to approach parents about both individual and Community Partner memberships in AFA.

Often, if the Chapter is seen as a supporter of their children's academic and leadership development, parents are much more inclined to get involved!

Sylvia French (1938 – 2009)

AFA is sad to announce the passing of Sylvia French on March 6, 2009. Sylvia was an integral part of the AFA family – both the staff and the Field – for almost 20 years, until her retirement in December 2003. Her work for all of those years was in support of the volunteers in AFA’s Field organizations at the region, state and chapter level and the Delegates’ Sessions of the AFA National Convention. In many ways she was the single repository of knowledge about the Field. Everyone knew that if you wanted to know the answer to certain questions you had to “ask Sylvia.” Over the years many AFA volunteers became close friends, and there was very likely no one else on the AFA staff who touched as many of those who served AFA in the Field as she did.

Sylvia relocated to Ruther Glen, Virginia, and thoroughly enjoyed her retirement including the opportunity to serve as a volunteer docent at a local historical residence until her health declined in recent months. She is survived by a son and a daughter as well as two grandchildren. Information about the arrangements has not been released by the family.

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Are you in the job market? Need help with your résumé? Our career consultants can prepare a professional résumé or critique your existing résumé. Unlike many writers who prepare résumés, AFAVBA’s consultants know the military—they’ve served! They can be immensely helpful in presenting the value of military experience.

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- Full Résumé Preparation \$160
- OF612 Government Résumé Preparation \$225

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Thank You for All that You Do!

April is National Volunteer Month. All of us at AFA headquarters would like to thank all the officers and members of the chapters, states, and regions for all the work that you do not only during the month of April but throughout the year. Your efforts are crucial to the success of the Air Force Association. (And, this would be a great time for you to thank all your own volunteers, especially at the chapter level.)

AFA Exhibits at NSTA Conference

AFA hosted an informational booth last week during the National Science Teachers Association’s National Conference, held in New Orleans, March 19-22nd. During the four-day conference, over 500 attendees visited the AFA booth and took away information on local chapters, grant and scholarship opportunities, as well as membership. Ann Sagle and Hurlburt Chapter member Jeri Martin manned the booth. Jeri’s temporary duty costs and attendance fees were covered by the Hurlburt Chapter. Bill Yucuis, AFA Central Florida Chapter Vice President was also in attendance, sponsored by USA Today. Bill and his school were winners of the USA TODAY 2008 No Boundaries competition.

On Saturday, AFA and USA TODAY held a 90-minute joint workshop for attendees. Also in attendance, were a number of AFA members, former chapter and state teachers of the year, and former AEF Board members. This was AFA’s fifth year participating in this event. Held annually, the National Conference attracts over 8,000 STEM educators.