

# N Air Force Association Newsline

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## Important Dates

### January

- 1 New Year's Day  
AFA Closed
- 18 Martin Luther King Day  
AFA Closed



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*Educate the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation*

*Advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense*

*Support the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education*

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## Air Warfare Symposium February 18-19

AFA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Air Warfare Symposium & Technology Exposition will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Speakers at the symposium include top Air Force, government and aerospace industry leaders. Please go to our website at [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org) for full details and the latest information.

Registration is now open at [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org). Click on the Air Warfare Symposium Orlando logo on the right hand side of the screen and choose the 'AFA Leader' registration category to register.

AFA is pleased to extend our internal rate of \$158 single/double per night, plus applicable taxes. Reservations will be accepted on a first-in basis until the block is full or until **Tuesday, January 13, 2010, by noon**, whichever comes first. **To reserve your hotel room, you must first register for the Symposium.** At the end of the registration process, your Internet browser will display a registration confirmation page. **Look for the 'Make Hotel Reservation' button** – click that button and then input the appropriate information. NOTE: Do not call the hotel directly; this is the only avenue available for you to make your hotel reservation at this rate. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Carver at [ecarver@afa.org](mailto:ecarver@afa.org) on ext. 4877.

If you have any questions regarding the symposium, please contact Katie Storm (ext. 5848) [kstorm@afa.org](mailto:kstorm@afa.org)

For questions regarding the golf outing please contact Jim DeRose at (407) 356-0461 or e-mail: [james.l.derose@lmco.com](mailto:james.l.derose@lmco.com).

For golf pairings, sponsorships and/or merchandise donations contact Bob Ceruti (407) 365-1519 or e-mail: [receruti@bellsouth.net](mailto:receruti@bellsouth.net).

The chapter will host its annual black-tie dinner on Friday, February 19. The contact for this event is Tommy Harrison at (407) 886-1922 or e-mail: [tgharrison@aol.com](mailto:tgharrison@aol.com).

### CAP, JROTC and ROTC Cadet Award Packages

The Air Force Association provides an award package consisting of a medal, ribbon and certificate to each Civil Air Patrol Squadron, JROTC unit and ROTC detachment each year for their outstanding cadet of the year.

This year, the process has changed slightly. For JROTC units and ROTC detachments, we have received data files from ROTC HQ. We will automatically send each an award package in the second half of January,

2010. We will also send a paper notice to each chapter affiliated with the zip code of the units and detachments. An e-mail will be sent to each state president and region president. In the case of a unit or detachment not having a chapter nearby, we will send the paper notice to the state president.

Civil Air Patrol Squadrons will still need to request an award package. They can do so by sending an e-mail to Lynette Cross at [lcross@afa.org](mailto:lcross@afa.org). The e-mail needs to have the name of the squadron and all the contact information of the requestor, including the address to which the award package is to be sent. AFA has worked closely with CAP HQ to have a notice sent to each squadron, telling them how to request an award package and asking that they do so in the December-January timeframe.

Please direct any questions about cadet award packages to Lynette Cross at [lcross@afa.org](mailto:lcross@afa.org) or ext. 4807.

### Region & State Presidents Meeting, October 22-23, 2010

The 2010 Region and State Presidents meeting will be held October

22-23 in Arlington, Virginia. As in the past, there will be an informal reception on October 21 for all who arrive early. The business meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. on October 22 and 23. If you have any questions, please contact Buck Buckwalter (ext. 5803 or [bbuckwalter@afa.org](mailto:bbuckwalter@afa.org)) or Mary Nauheimer (ext. 4821 or [mnauheimer@afa.org](mailto:mnauheimer@afa.org)).

### AFA National Nominating Committee seeks qualified AFA members for national office.

The committee will meet at the end of April 2010 to select candidates for AFA national officer and national board of director positions to be presented to the delegates to the AFA National Convention in September for election.

AFA's Board focuses on setting policy and strategic direction for three organizations: AFA as well as the AFA Veteran Benefits Association (AFAVBA) and the Air Force Memorial Foundation (AFMF). It is particularly important that the Association find candidates with the following characteristics:

- A capacity to govern with vision, think strategically and understand the business management of the three organizations for which the Board is responsible.
- A willingness to give freely of their time and talent, to actively serve on committees and to personally support the fundraising and development objectives of the association.
- An understanding of and ability to work in a hybrid organization with a unique relationship between committed volunteers at all levels and the professional staff.
- An understanding and appreciation of the AFA mission, vision, values and history, including the legacy represented by the Air Force Memorial

The Committee will be looking for candidates that have specific expertise in certain areas, including finance and budgeting, strategy and

planning, and development and fundraising.

All officer positions are for one year terms and open to any member. The incumbent Secretary is eligible to run again. AFA seeks new individuals to fill the positions of Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations, Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education and Treasurer.


National Director Board positions are for three years. One position is limited to candidates from the Central Geographic area consisting of the following states: MT, ND, SD, MN, WI, IA, NE, KS, MO, IL, OK and TX. In addition to being from this geographic area, candidates must have demonstrated field leadership experience. Those interested are advised to consult with the appropriate state and region president. Contacts are available on the Web at <http://www.afa.org/members/rgnstlst.asp>

There are two National Director positions open to be elected on an "at-large" basis. These are open to any member from any state. In evaluating potential candidates the nominating committee will consider field leadership experience and geographic dispersal.

A snapshot of AFA's mission and current leadership team is available on the web at <http://www.afa.org/AboutUs/default.asp>. Descriptions of the duties and responsibilities of these offices are in AFA's Operations and Procedures Manual at <http://www.afa.org/members/OPM.pdf>.

#### Deadlines:

Anyone who plans to run for one of these offices MUST indicate their intention to do so not later than February 28<sup>th</sup> and submit their name and other required materials to the AFA Nominating Committee. A one sentence e-mail or letter to the Committee through the staff ([mnauheimer@afa.org](mailto:mnauheimer@afa.org)) stating their name and the position for which they intend to run is sufficient. This will help the Nominating Committee conduct



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both its search and deliberative functions efficiently and in a timely manner.

The remainder of the requirements must be submitted to the AFA Nominating Committee not later than March 19. These include one or more formal recommendations for candidates for these positions, candidate biographies and any additional information and endorsements candidates wish the Nominating Committee to see. (More information is below.)

#### **Additional information for prospective candidates:**

Prospective candidates **must** insure a recommendation on their behalf has been submitted to AFA HQ. Recommendations can be via an AFA Form (see below) or via personal e-mail (or letter) to the Chairman of the Committee (through the AFA staff). A recommendation form is enclosed. Forms are also available in the "Library" section of the "Field Resources" area of the AFA website.

Each prospective candidate **MUST** also submit a signed AFA biographical form and answer a question concerning whether they have ever been convicted of a crime. Their signature gives AFA permission to conduct a background check and is also consent to serve in the position, if elected. Additional sheets may be attached as desired. **THE PHYSICAL FORM WITH A SIGNATURE MUST BE RECEIVED** via mail or fax.

In addition to these required materials, prospective candidates may also elect to include a written biography and letters of endorsement. Any material received by the due date will be included in the package given to the Nominating Committee for their consideration.

ALL material should be sent to the Nominating Committee in care of Field Services/ Headquarters. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Nauheimer (Ext. 4821).

Individuals selected by the committee to be sent forward to the delegates will also be required to provide a brief personal biography for inclusion in *Newsline* and the August issue of *AIR FORCE Magazine* and a high quality "head shot" photograph for the Magazine as well.

#### **National Aerospace Awards**

Award recipients for 2009 are listed at <http://www.afa.org/AboutUs/nawards.asp>. January is the time to begin a new National Aerospace Awards program year! We have already issued 2010 National Aerospace Award Guidelines to the many POCs who solicit nomination packages. Most POCs will have suspense dates for submission of nominations to them in the first quarter of 2010. POCs are to submit award packages to AFA HQ by May 1, 2010.

From time to time we receive suggestions from our chapters about providing instructions on our website covering application procedures. AFA HQ does not because AFA is the final step in a long process for Air Force awards. Nominations are solicited from MAJCOMs, FOAs (field operating agencies) and DRUs (direct reporting units) via instructions defined by the Air Force (e.g., AFI 36-28). Once the Air Force has selected either the final recipient or the top three nominations for an award program, their information is sent to AFA HQ. AFA's National Aerospace Awards Committee meets in June of each year to plan the award ceremony which is conducted during the opening ceremonies of AFA's annual Air & Space Conference.

When we receive an inquiry on how to apply for this or that specified award, we provide the inquirer with contact information for the POC for that award program. Lynette Cross, Manager of National Aerospace Awards for the Air Force Association, is available to provide information and contacts on our many Air Force level awards. She can be contacted on ext. 4807, or [lcross@afa.org](mailto:lcross@afa.org).

#### **AFA Scholarship and Grant Opportunities**

##### *The Air Force Association Spouse Scholarship*

This scholarship is designed to encourage Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees. The application process runs from January to April, 2010.

##### *The Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship*

The Jodi Callahan Memorial Graduate Scholarship provides financial assistance and recognition to an active duty Air Force full time guard or reserve (officer or enlisted person who is pursuing a Master's degree in a non-technical field.) The application process runs from January to June.

##### *Pitsenbarger Awards*

Pitsenbarger Awards provide a one-time grant of \$400 to selected top active duty, guard and reserve enlisted personnel graduating from the Community College of the Air Force who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Grants coincide with the CCAF graduation ceremonies held each spring and fall.

##### *Grantham University Scholarship*

This full four-year scholarship for an active duty dependent, an AFA member or a dependent of an AFA member incorporates furthering education in the study of science, mathematics, technology or engineering through distance learning. The application process runs from April through mid-June.

##### *The Lt Col Romeo and Josephine Bass Ferretti Scholarship*

This scholarship was made possible by an endowment provided by Lt Col and Mrs. Ferretti, long time supporters of the Air Force Association and advocates of education. The late Lt Col Ferretti served in the Air Force for

more than 23 years and Mrs. Ferretti was a high school teacher. The application process runs from January through June. Visit our website for more detailed information at <http://www.afa.org/afef/aid/scholars.asp>.

#### *AFROTC Scholarship*

This scholarship program was created by the Air Force Association in partnership with the First Command Educational Foundation to provide two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$5000 each to highly qualified AFROTC cadets, coming into their junior or senior year in the fall of 2010 and committed to course of study in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

#### *Air Force Excellence Scholarship*

This scholarship program was created by the Air Force Association in partnership with the First Command Educational Foundation to provide five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$3000 each to students to have achieved academic excellence and contributed to their community in a significant way.

#### *Four Year Degree to Grantham University*

Grantham's online degree programs are purposely different from some other online degree programs. Grantham has modeled its online programs so they can be completed from anywhere Internet access is available. Grantham does not require students to log-on to the Internet at specific times or days or to appear at the University for exams.

### **Region Review: The Northeast Region**

The Northeast Region encompasses the States of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania and has a total of 26 Chapters and 6,460 members. Our region, like other regions, saw the loss of several Air Force Bases since the 1990's and today the only remaining bases are McGuire AFB in Wrightstown, NJ and

Stewart ANG Base in Newburgh, NY. There are however Active, ANG and Air Force Reserve units in the Region such as:

- 108th Air Refueling Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ
- 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ
- 177th Fighter Wing, Egg Harbor Township, NJ
- 105th Airlift Wing, Newburgh, NY
- 111th Fighter Wing, Willow Grove, PA
- 171st Air Refueling Wing, Coraopolis, PA
- 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, PA
- 106th Rescue Wing, Westhampton Beach, NY
- 107th Airlift Wing, Niagara Falls, NY
- 109th Airlift Wing, Scotia, NY
- 174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, NY
- Eastern Air Defense Sector, Rome, NY

These units provide opportunities for AFA Membership along with the many Civil Air Patrol Squadrons in the region. We have a renewed focus on recruitment, aerospace education, and leadership development. An example of our outreach is New Jersey's Capriglione Chapter #190; they are very active in supporting via scholarships, speakers and routine personal contact, the USAF ROTC Programs at Stevens Institute of Technology (the fourth-oldest technological university in the United States) located in Hoboken, Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and the NJ Institute of Technology, Newark. The Capriglione Chapter has established the Sal Capriglione Scholarship in honor of Sal Capriglione, an Army Air Force veteran of WW II.

Chapters in New York and Pennsylvania have similar outreach programs for the USAF ROTC and Junior ROTC. Also Chapters throughout the three States remember our Veterans by routinely visiting VA Hospitals.

NJ's McGuire Chapter #360, provides food for our Airmen Families in need during Thanksgiving and

Christmas. Other Chapters do this as well.

During the past year New Jersey and Pennsylvania have developed their our websites; NJ is [www.njairforceassoc.org](http://www.njairforceassoc.org) and PA is <http://afa-pa.wikispaces.com/> The Northeast Region continues to enthusiastically support the mission statement of the Air Force Association.

*Submitted by: Bob Nunamann, Northeast Region President*

### **Jim Simpson Retires**

After nearly 23 years of AFA service, Jim has decided to "graduate" to the grandkids and golf course. Needless to say, all of us far and wide will miss Jim's presence, service, and advice. When he came onboard in 1987, he was under the tutelage of Max Keeney and the late, Dave Noerr, both of whom were experts on "the Field." In 1998, Jim took responsibility for all of what has encompassed Membership, Insurance, Member Services, and the Field.

Since this newsletter goes to the field, we need not explain to you how important Jim's service has been to AFA – you have seen him in action firsthand. Jim has guided us through several reorganizations and has provided leadership and advice every step of the way.

Since Jim's knowledge and expertise cannot be replaced, we are going to try to fill this void a number of ways. Susan Rubel, Director of Member Services, will remain in place. Judy Galbreath, Membership Director, will also be responsible for Field Services. Buck Buckwalter, Executive Vice President, will be the liaison for the Field Council.

Jim is taking some well-deserved leave and will be in the office the week of January 11 which will be his last week at the helm of Membership Operations. Please join all of us in wishing him and Eileen a healthy and happy retirement.

## **Joanne Greene Retiring after 29 Years**

Joanne Greene, a 29 year employee of AFA's Membership Operations Directorate, is retiring effective January 28. Joanne began her AFA career in 1980 in the Washington, DC headquarters office. Max Keeney hired her to work with both the membership and insurance programs. Those departments have been reorganized numerous times, but Joanne has remained a loyal, outstanding employee. Many of you probably worked with her if you hold any AFA insurance coverage, as she has had various insurance management positions. She has been a stable, excellent AFA employee and we are going to miss her dearly! We wish Joanne a healthy and happy retirement, and we know she will enjoy her grandchildren all the more.



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I wish to recommend the following individuals for the office indicated. Letters of consent and biographical data for each are attached, or will be provided as soon as possible.

**NAME**

**OFFICE**

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**Chairman of the Board**

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**Vice Chairman of the Board  
Field Operations**

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**Vice Chairman of the Board  
Aerospace Education**

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**Secretary**

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**Treasurer**

**National Director**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 19, 2010**