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Important Dates

October

23-25 North Central Region
Meeting
Minneapolis, MN

30-31 State and Region
Presidents Meeting
Arlington, VA



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is to:

*Educate the public about the critical role
of aerospace power in the defense of
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*Advocate aerospace power and a strong
national defense*

*Support the United States Air Force, the
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IRS Exemption Approved!

It's here!!!! We received a call Thursday, 24 September 2009, saying the Group Exemption was awaiting final approval if we (AFA) would agree to an effective date of 8 February 2007. We, of course, returned the acceptance of the date immediately. On Tuesday, 29 September, we received the signed letter granting a group exemption from IRS!!!

The 8 February 2007 effective date is to our advantage. In the case that any donors to Field units formed the impression that donations to States/Chapters were tax deductible, that in fact is now the case for donations made after 8 February 2007. Field units who have received recent significant donations or contributions may wish to contact the donor and provide appropriate documentation for the donation (noting exclusion of the fair market value of any tangible benefit given in conjunction with the donation).

We ask that States and Chapters not embark upon any major fundraising efforts until you receive, understand, and comply with additional guidance we will provide to all field leaders and which will be a subject of training for Region/State Presidents on 30/31 October 2009. We've waited this long – it is important we take the extra care to make sure we do this right. In any case, now all of AFA will be operating under 501(c)(3) status!

2009 Convention Report

The convention business sessions were attended by 207 delegates representing 39 State Delegations and the District of Columbia. In addition to the election of National Officers and Directors (list follows), the delegates reviewed the 2010 Statement of Policy and Top Issues. These policy papers are available on our web site. They were also briefed on the AFA Strategic Plan for 2010-2011 which was approved by the Board of Directors on September 12. The delegates also considered and acted on one Field Resolution and supported the recommendation to non-concur by both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. They also approved a number of changes to the AFA

Constitution that removed provisions included to govern the AFA 21 transition process that are no longer necessary.

Finally the delegates ratified an action by the Board of Directors to raise the association's dues not to exceed 25% (specifically 1-year; \$36 to \$45; 3-year: \$90 to \$110; Life \$500 to \$600). Exact implementation dates and phasing of categories are to be determined by the staff, but in no case earlier than June 2010. Additionally, the Field Council was directed to study appropriate adjustment in rates of payments to field organizations and the Association was further directed to form a Dues Committee every three years beginning

in 2012 to review the dues structure and report their findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

National Officers (elected to a one-year term)

Joe E. Sutter
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2nd Term Chairman of the Board

James R. “Jim” Lauducci
Alexandria, VA
2nd Term Vice Chairman of the Board,
Field Operations

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Sarasota, FL
3rd Term Vice Chairman of the Board,
Aerospace Education

Joan Sell
Colorado Springs, CO
1st Term AFA Secretary

Steven R. Lundgren
Fairbanks, AK
5th Term AFA Treasurer

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National Directors elected for three year terms

At-Large – **Larry Lawson** (Atlanta, GA)

At-Large – **William R. Looney, III** (Garden Ridge, TX)

West Geographic Area – **Wayne R. Kauffman** (Agoura, CA)

Newly Elected Region Presidents

Central East – Jeffrey Platte (VA)

Far West – Richard Taubinger (CA)

Florida – James Connors (FL)

Great Lakes – John McCance (OH)

New England – John Hasson (MA)

North Central – James Simons (ND)

Rocky Mountain – Grant Hicinbothem (UT)

Southwest – John Toohey (NM)

Texoma – David Dietch (TX)

Continuing Region Presidents

Midwest – Frank Gustine (IL)

Northeast – Bob Nunamann (NJ)

Northwest – Fred Rosenfelder (WA)

South Central – Mark Dierlam (AL)

Southeast – Don Michaels (GA)

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Update on LA Symposium and Ball

The 2009 Global Warfare Symposium will be held in Los Angeles, CA, on Thursday, November 19, and Friday, November 20, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

This annual symposium focuses on the global role of the Air Force in the world today and will feature topics

ranging from the nuclear enterprise, cyberspace, expeditionary forces and space. Special guest, noted author Neil Sheehan, will talk about his book, “A Fiery Peace” about General Bernard Schriever and will have a book signing afterwards. We have invited multiple speakers from around the Air Force, industry, and government. As always, our national symposiums attract the top echelon of USAF senior management and commanders, the aerospace community and academia.

The Symposium will run on Thursday, November 19, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. On Friday, November 20, the Symposium will continue from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Annual Air Force Reception and Ball will be held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Since it is important for AFA leaders to have the opportunity to attend the symposium, a special “AFA Leader” registration fee for National Officers, Region Presidents, Directors, State and Chapter Officers and designees has been established. Registration is now open. Please go to <http://www.afa.org/events/NatlSymp/2009/default.asp> for more details.

If you plan to stay at The Beverly Hilton, please call the hotel directly to make reservations as soon as possible at (310) 274-7777 or 800-HILTONS. Mention the AFA symposium to receive the special symposium rate of \$255 (single or double) plus 15.37% tax and \$.45 CA Tourism assessment fee. You may also visit: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/LAXBHHH-AFTT-20091116/index.jhtml> to make your reservations online. The deadline to receive these rates is October 27 or until the group block sells out, whichever comes first.

Check the AFA website for the latest information on the symposium or contact the following people for additional details on specific functions:

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Air Warfare Symposium February 18-19, 2010

The Air Warfare Symposium is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, and Friday, February 19, 2010, at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida. Speakers will include top leaders of our U.S. Air Force. Please mark your calendars and watch for details in *Newsline* and on AFA's website.

CyberPatriot II – Soon in a high school near you

On 7 November 2009, in 44 states, D.C., Japan, and Korea, roughly 200 teams of AFJROTC and CAP high school students will gather around a computer, enter a password, and begin the largest live high school cyber defense competition ever conducted. AFA's *CyberPatriot II* is still in "proof of concept" stages, but 7 November will be a giant leap – and on 26 September an important milestone reassured us that the leap was possible.

The technology for this remarkable initiative is being provided by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), a Founding Partner of *CyberPatriot*. Four teams from two schools, Metro HS in Columbus, OH, and Choctawhatchee HS in Fort Walton Beach, FL, downloaded a virtual image, unlocked the contents using the password provided at the start of the exercise, connected their systems to a scoring server in San Diego, CA, via a web interface, and then proceeded to compete. Their goal was to remove the vulnerabilities that were pre-configured in the Competition Image. The ability to securely connect hundreds of schools simultaneously via the internet and conduct cyber defense exercises opens the door to more routine games for everyone.

This BETA test was conducted to prove the technology and procedures

in preparation for the actual *CyberPatriot II* competition in November. At that time, 200-plus schools will compete in Qualification Rounds using the same basic technology and procedures. The top 25 schools will again compete remotely to determine which eight will travel to Orlando in February for the final Face-to-Face Round.

The winning BETA test team is: Metro High School Team Three, Code Name BACON; achieving a score

Suggestion for your next Newsletter – submitted by the Membership Committee

Here's a little note you might want to copy in to your chapter newsletter. Results aren't guaranteed but perhaps "Someone New" will respond to the message. It was adapted from a note in a church bulletin:

Obituary for Someone Else

We were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years. And for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a report to file or a meeting to attend, we all said, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, we assumed this wonderful person would continue to do as they always had: "Someone Else will step up." The truth is everybody expected too much of Someone Else and usually just took them for granted.

Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember - we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

of: 100% in 01 hour and 44 minutes and 13 seconds; Congratulations!

Midwest Region Profile

The Heart of America is not blessed with many permanent Air Force bases. We do, however, have National Guard installations, which yield good members and meeting sites for programs.

Strong organizations do exist at Scott AFB and Offutt AFB. Visions programs at both are large in numbers and effectiveness. Their scholarship programs are models for all chapters to emulate. The AFA chapters can grow stronger if they work with other veteran organizations to achieve a goal. Under AFA leadership many combined their efforts in Missouri to sponsor a Memorial Day dinner with General Richard Meyers as the guest speaker.

Unusual activities are not uncommon in the AFA, but providing leadership for the training of Civil Air Patrol Cadets to fly gliders and other aircraft is unique. Members of the Chicagoland-O'Hare chapter, Tom O'Shea and Ron Westholm train young cadets to fly gliders in a special training program at Mattoon, IL. Tom is the Executive Director of the program.

The Midwest Region held their annual conference in Galesburg, IL. In order to stimulate interest and attendance, a Banquets Dance with award ceremonies was held the first night. The fun night prepared the members for the next day's session. This was held at the Illinois National Guard Readiness Center. This Army Center allowed the AFA to see how the Army functions. Tours were a part of the day's session. Training and AFA discussions brought the members back to the reality of their responsibilities as AFA members.

Having Trouble Deciding What to Give this Year?

Give Honorary Fellowships for the Holidays.

AFA Fellowships were created as a way for Chapters or individuals to give a special award while helping to continue the philanthropic programs and outreach of the Air Force Association. Fellowships are a way to honor and recognize a group or individual while also helping to support the philanthropic mission of AFA.

Each year the following contributions can be arranged for appropriate presentations:

H.H. Arnold Fellow:.....\$5000

Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Fellow:\$2500

Jimmy Doolittle

Educational Fellow:.....\$1000

Ira Eaker Historical Fellow:.....\$1000



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