

N Air Force Association Newsline

September 2008

Important Dates

September

- 1 Labor Day
AFA closed
- 13-14 AFA National Convention
Washington, DC
- 15-17 Air & Space Conference and
Technology Exposition
Washington, DC



The Air Force Association mission is to:

- *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 and the Air Force Family*

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Global Warfare Symposium

**Thursday, November 20 –
Friday, November 21, 2008**
**The Beverly Hilton | 9876 Wilshire
Blvd | Beverly Hills, CA 90210 | 310-
274-7777**

The Air Force Association's 2008 Global Warfare Symposium will be held in Los Angeles, CA, November 20-21, 2008, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. This timely symposium will coincide with the conclusion of Los Angeles Air Force Week.

AFA has changed the emphasis of this annual symposium from Space to Global Warfare to include the important role the Air Force plays in the world today and **has increased this annual single-day event into a two-day symposium.** We have invited multiple speakers to inform our audience on a range of topics such as UAVs and cyberspace. As always, our national symposiums attract the top echelon of USAF senior management and commanders, the aerospace community and academia. Invited speakers include:

General Carroll H. "Howie" Chandler
Commander
Pacific Air Forces

Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula
Deputy Chief of Staff
Intelligence, Surveillance and
Reconnaissance

Lt. Gen. E. P. Smith, USA (Ret.)
Director
Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies

Lt. Gen. John T. "Tom" Sheridan
Commander
Space Missile Center

Dr. Rebecca Grant, President
IRIS Independent Research

General C. Robert "Bob" Kehler
Commander
Air Force Space Command

General Kevin P. Chilton
Commander
United States Strategic Command

The Symposium will be held on Thursday, November 20, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and will continue on Friday, November 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Annual Air Force 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. A registration form is enclosed.

If you plan to stay at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, 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 \$245 (single or double) plus taxes, which are currently 14.05% plus a 1.37% surcharge. You may also visit: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/LAXBHHH-AFAT-20081118/index.jhtml>, to make your reservations online. The deadline to receive these rates is October 20 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:

Registration

Katie Storm
kstorm@afa.org or (703) 247-5848

Hotel Information

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Air Force Ball

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Convention Room Change

The Region Presidents Meeting and the Executive Committee Meeting will be in Maryland A instead of Congressional.

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Region & State Presidents Meeting October 17-18 Arlington, VA

The 2008 Region and State Presidents meeting will be held October 17-18 in Arlington, Virginia. As in the past, there will be an informal reception on October 16 for all who arrive early. The business meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. on October 17 and 18.

All region and state presidents (those serving another term, as well as the newly elected) are invited and will be reimbursed for attendance. Please contact Mary Nauheimer with the names of all new presidents as soon as possible. Please mark your calendars with these dates; details will be provided as plans are finalized. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Simpson (ext. 5856 or jsimpson@afa.org) or Mary Nauheimer (ext. 4821 or mnaheimer@afa.org).

You asked for Dental Insurance ... and now we have it!

AFA's Veteran Benefits Association has contracted with MetLife to provide AFA members with an excellent dental insurance plan. This is advance notice that the details will be available on AFA's website in late September. Effective October 1, you will be able to call the AFAVBA MetLife Dental Insurance customer service at 866-838-0874. **The open enrollment period is available only from October 1 through October 31.**

AFAVBA's MetLife Dental Insurance includes:

- Special Enrollment Period from 10/1-10/31/08
- Protection against the rising cost of dental care
- Choice of Basic or High Coverage
- Flexible Dental Insurance benefits
- Coverage for preventative, basic & complex procedures
- Less paperwork
- Real-time claims processing

- 24-hour customer service

Effective October 1, you may call the AFAVBA MetLife Dental Insurance customer service at 866-838-0874 for further details. A MetLife representative will gladly answer your questions. Details will be available on AFA's website in late September. Again, the enrollment period will only be October 1 through October 31. Look for the details in late September on our website.

IRS Update – Group Exemption Request

We still have not received approval and the case worker still maintains that all is on track. We have engaged our new tax attorney, and with his concurrence, the President/CEO signed out a letter to the Commissioner of IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities requesting assistance. We expect to hear something back by Convention time.

IRS Update – IRS Form 990 or “e-Postcard”

There are still States/Chapters experiencing difficulties in filing the IRS Form 990N. We have a revised recommendation in that case: “Don't continue to try to file a 990-N at all now!”

That may seem cavalier, but our rationale is:

- 1) There is no penalty for not filing at all until May 2010, and the IRS recognizes they have a huge problem with the form. If the chapter's EIN is not immediately recognized in the data base, it will be a long hassle (we have examples of situations still not resolved after six months), and ultimately it should soon not be necessary; because...
- 2) Our long-awaited (c)(3) group exemption should be granted soon, and the group exemption filing will remove any 990-N requirement for the chapters

covered under the group. We may be a little overly optimistic about the group exemption approval, but we have plenty of time to revise this guidance once the existing database difficulties are worked out and before May 2010!

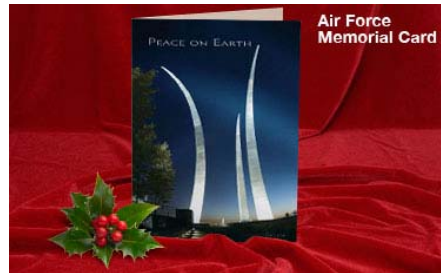
Election Year Cautions

One of the easiest ways for a chapter or individual AFA member to harm AFA as a whole is to violate the prohibition on intervening in a political campaign. There can be **NO** suggestion that AFA, as a tax-exempt organization, endorses **ANY** political candidate for **ANY** elective office (and this prohibition is exactly the same whether the organization is a (c)(3) or (c)(19).)

That does not mean that AFA members are prohibited from exercising their rights as citizens to participate in political activity, but rather that the organization cannot be portrayed as favoring one candidate over another. The IRS publishes more than sufficient guidance to make the defense: "I didn't know" not even remotely credible. It is worth your time going to the website: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/article/0,,id=184731,00.html>. The first link on that page (<http://www.stayexempt.org/minicourses/campaigns/player.html>) is a 16-min discussion with slides and voice that outlines all you'd even need to know about permissible and non-permissible activities. Slide 17 in that presentation discussing permissible personal activities is among the most valuable.

Air Force Memorial Card

This year's AFA Holiday Card Line includes a very special card depicting the Air Force Memorial with the words, "Peace on Earth". All 2008 AFA Holiday card purchasers get free personalized return address labels and free decorative holiday seals. All orders for three or more boxes receive up to 4 lines of personalized imprinting. Visit www.afa.org/cards for more details and to order.



AFA LEADER & FOREIGN AIR ATTACHE REGISTRATION FORM

AFA 2008 Global Warfare Symposium & Air Force Ball
Thursday, November 20 — Friday, November 21
The Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, CA

Rank	First Name	Middle	Last Name
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Title _____

Chapter/Embassy _____

Address _____

City	State	Zip
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Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:
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● **Global Warfare Symposium Registration**

- ▶ 2-Day Symposium Registration \$200 each.....\$ _____
Includes symposium sessions on 11/20 –21, coffee breaks on both days and a continental breakfast on (11/21).
(Attire: **Business Suit/Service Dress**)

● **Air Force Ball**

- ▶ Individual Ticket \$300 each.....\$ _____
(Attire: **Black-Tie/Mess Dress**)
Spouse/Guest Name _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

- Check (payable to AFA)
- Charge to:
- AMEX Expires: _____
- VISA Credit Card#: _____
- M/C Cardholder's Name: _____
Please print name as it is on credit card.

Signature: _____

Please mail registration forms to: **Air Force Association, Attention: Katie Storm, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209-1198 or Fax: (703) 247-5830. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Katie Storm at (703) 247-5848, or E-mail: kstorm@afa.org.**

NO refunds for cancellations made after Friday, November 14, 2008. A \$25 non-refundable processing fee will be charged for cancellation.

Registration