Introduction:
The Semi-Annual Activity Report (SAAR) is a way for you to capture and show the activities that you have accomplished during the reporting period. State Organizations are required to submit Semi-Annual Activity and Financial Reports, complete Annual Activity and Financial Plans, and update their Officer Rosters each year to remain in good standing and be eligible for any available support funding. Your SAAR (approved by the Region President) is due to Field Services by 31 July, so its time to get started.

Preparation:

1) Before you even find and open a current State SAAR document, you should pull in some information.
   a) Pull up, or print a copy of your 2022 Annual Activity Plan from your organization’s Field Leaders Portal. If you need assistance getting to it, the good folks at field@afa.org can help.
   b) Make a list of the activities the State Organization accomplished over the past reporting period (in this case from 1 Jan - 30 Jun 2022). In addition to checking with your various VPs and Project/Program Managers you may wish to consider the following:
      • Previous Executive Council Meetings’ material and minutes
      • Newsletters, Social Media postings and emails to the Executive Council and Membership

NOTE: Sometimes events will fit across multiple areas. You are quite welcome to list an activity in more than one of the mission areas. For example, a school program where you talk about the mission of the Air Force or Space Force, provide a scholarship to an Airman’s or Guardian’s dependent, and recognize a CyberPatriot Team, would easily fit in three of the mission areas.
Mission Area Descriptions

c) Here is a brief summary of the types of activities that are envisioned in the four mission areas.

   (NOTE: these are illustrative. You are not limited to them.)

i. **Education**: This area is about youth education; encouraging them to pursue STEM studies, and assisting educators in the same endeavor; promoting/participating/supporting CyberPatriot and StellarXplorers; working with Civil Air Patrol (CAP), AFJROTC, and AFROTC units (to include Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings).

ii. **Advocacy**: The first thing that comes to mind is working with your legislators. This is important, but the “advocate” mission is much more. It includes state and local leaders and even the community at large. Our goal is to promote a community understanding of, and support for, a strong air, space and cyber defense. Conducting forums and presentations help in promoting that understanding.

iii. **Support**: Our Airmen and Guardians (current and former Active, Guard, Reserve, and AF/SF Civilians) and their families are making (or have made) sacrifices. We owe it to them to provide what support we can. Recognition and award programs, AFA’s Wounded Airman Program, and family support are examples of activities that could be captured in this area.

iv. **Communication**: We must communicate with our members to inform them of state organization activities, to invite or encourage them to participate, and pass on other important AFA information. Newsletters, social media and social events are some good examples. In addition, we must continue to reach out to prospective members.
2) With an idea of what you’ve accomplished over the past semester, you are now ready to head to your Field Leaders Portal and start your new State Jan - Jun Semi-Annual Activity Report.

a) At the top of your Field Leaders Portal, select Reports/Plans.

b) Then select, or tap on All Plans/Reports.

c) On the resultant page, select your state organization.
d) Now you need to select or tap on Reports/Plans. Yes...it’s not readily apparent!

e) On this page, since you are starting a new Activity Report, select the associated New button.

f) IMPORTANT: Once you have the blank report open, note that the report is in Draft status. Don’t change this until you are ready to submit your report for approval...we’ll cover that later.
3) As you begin filling in the blanks, remember to **SAVE** often.

a) Again, leave the document in **DRAFT** status until you are ready to submit it for approval.

b) Use the pull-down menu to select the current **Activity Report Period** (January - June 2022 in this case).

c) Now...go ahead and **load up** the name of who is submitting the report to the region president. Your state’s official email address should auto-fill during the submission process.
4) Time to lay in the information for each Category and Event. Here are some helpful guidelines:

a) EDUCATION is up first. Put some information in each space provided. Entering “None” or “N/A” (if your state organization didn’t do anything in a particular area) is preferable to leaving a Remark section blank. That way the reviewer knows you didn’t accidently skip an item.

b) Number or date each event.

b) Leave a blank line between each event (if there is more than one).

c) Remember…key points include date, event title, location, how many attended and impact. Also, don’t forget names and titles of important folks who were involved or attended.

d) You can also provide a remark when you’ve annotated “--None--” in the Accomplished box (e.g. Explain that an event was planned, but then had to be cancelled).
e) Now do the same thing for the ADVOCACY, SUPPORT and COMMUNICATION sections.

f) If you need to take a break, go collect some more information, or want to come back to it another day…

i. **Save** the report as a DRAFT one more time before you close it.

ii. To bring it up later, simply select **Activity Reports** from the Field Leaders Portal home page.
iii. Find your draft report, and select the numbered Activity Report link on the far left of the list.

iv. Then, find and select Edit and you can get back to work!

NOTE: Want a hard copy? Select Printable View, and then print it.
g) **Additional Comments:** There are times when you may want to supply additional information or clarification to your report. This section is where that can be accomplished.

h) The Approval Section for your report at the end of the form is reserved for the Region, and National-level approval process.
5) Once you have your SAAR submitted, your Region President will give it a review.

a) The Region President will either approve it with a “Yes” (sending it to the next level), or send it back for corrections/clarifications as required. (Requests for clarifications/additions should be clearly stated in the Region “Non-Approval/Need More Info” block.)

b) When the report receives a “Yes” from the Region President, the process is complete.

i) When you think you have finished the report, select State-Submit for Approval from the Submission Status pull-down menu, and then select SAVE.
c) If you are required to make corrections use the State - Re-Submit selection in the Submission Status pull-down menu after you’ve made the updates. Again, don’t forget to save!

d) Be pro-active...the Region presidents have a large number of plans to review. As the 31 July SAAR submission deadline approaches, a friendly phone call, text or email to your Region President may be helpful if the Region approved block does not say “Yes”.
Here is the procedure to review chapter reports when they come to you:

a) From your Field Leaders Portal, Select **Activity Reports**.

b) Select the **Activity Report of the Chapter you want to review**.

c) When the report comes up, give it a thorough review, top to bottom.

d) When you’re ready to approve the report, or send it back for one reason or another, select the State Approval **Edit Pencil**.

e) Then, open the **pull-down menu** and select what you want to do. Be sure to include appropriate remarks if sending it back.

f) Don’t forget to hit the **“Save” button**.

g) Now you can move on to the next chapter report.
NOTE:
If at any time you have trouble regarding the SAAR process, or have any questions regarding this instruction, contact AFA Field Services at field@afa.org.

Survey

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Can we make it better?

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