

Individual Benefits

As an AFA member, you will have opportunities to develop leadership skills and confidence by serving in key positions and on committees within your chapter. You will help the Air Force by supporting adequate air power for national defense. You will become more knowledgeable on the issues affecting the Air Force, and your nation's security. If you desire, you will have opportunities to progress to increasing levels of responsibility in the Association.

Other Benefits

Group insurance programs, dental and other medical discount programs, banking center, platinum credit card, online brokerage, travel services, car rental discounts, employment assistance, education assistance, identity protection, electronics products discounts, access to members only online community and more.

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The Force Behind the Force

What's In It For Me?

*The
Air National Guard*



Air National Guard

The Air Force Association is an independent nonprofit organization that openly and strongly supports the United States Air Force and its components, and the need for air power as a strong factor in our nation's defense. AFA earns its support from a Total Air Force, including the Air National Guard.

The Air Force Association is a vigorous advocate of the dedicated, mission oriented, quality people who comprise the United States Air Force... Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Veterans, Retirees, and their Families.

AFA is the professional military association of the Air Force Community. As equal partners in the Total Force, both the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve are an integral part of our association. They hold offices, work on committees, and serve at all levels from the top down. In short, AFA's basic mission is focused on national defense. With this as one of its main tasks, AFA strives to deal with matters regarding all Air Force personnel. Specifically, through its Government Relations department, AFA has proven to be a strong voice for Guardsmen, heard by the Pentagon and Capitol Hill. Through its monthly publication, Air Force Magazine, and numerous symposia and seminars, AFA has brought the concerns of Guardsmen into the public eye.

You may have thought that AFA was only for the active duty; maybe only for the active duty officers – well think again! Today's Air Force Association supports every facet of the Total Air Force: Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Veteran, Retiree, and Civil Air Patrol member.

In today's military environment of high operations tempo and increased contingency tasking, civilian employees and members of the Air National Guard are being counted on like never before to support the Total Force in accomplishing its mission. This situation has been exacerbated by years of budget cutbacks that have pared the active force down drastically.

Guardsmen help develop annual policy and guidance for our association by serving in key positions. They also provide input through the Air Force **Air National Guard Advisory Council**. As quoted by the Guard Council:

"It is one of our few chances to talk to leaders on a national level on behalf of the members of our respective organizations. The AFA's support of the reserve components is superb and says volumes for the total force."

This council meets several times during the year at major AFA events to hammer out issues of particular concern to the reserve component of the Air Force. These issues are then addressed in our Annual Statement of Policy and Top Issues.

Benefits of Joining AFA

The magazine has a long and colorful history, having been in existence since before there was either an Air Force or an Air Force Association. Over the decades, AIR FORCE has evolved into one of the world's foremost defense publications.

□ Award winning monthly journal unmatched in total force coverage with up to date editorial comments on issues of the day to include congressional issues and issues concerning space, technology, and military preparedness for our nation.

□ Annual issues of particular importance including an annual "Almanac of the US Air Force," a heavyweight compendium of facts and figures about Air Force people, equipment, budgets, bases organizations, leaders, heroes and a lot more. Each year, the Air Force orders hundreds of extra copies for its personnel to use as basic desk reference.

□ In 2005, AIR FORCE launched its innovative, ground breaking "Daily Report" news product on the AFA website, opening a highly

promising venture in the defense information field. It provides a daily (Monday through Friday) roundup of news about the Air Force, airpower, and national defense.

□ Whether the subject is Air Force operations, programs, policies, history, or heroism, AIR FORCE Magazine is widely seen as the trusted authority by the defense community.

□ National symposia with key briefings by Air Force leaders.

□ Meetings at local and national levels where AFA speaks out on issues of importance to the Air Force.

□ Housed within AFA, the Baker Institute is the public policy and research arm of the organization. Activities of the Baker Institute include advocating for H.R. 758 to establish an interagency aerospace revitalization task force, a new study highlighting the Air Force and the Cold War and the publication of a series of Baker papers on important defense and aerospace issues.

□ So that we may recognize the best of the best, AFA honors the outstanding achievements of men and women throughout the United States Air Force, government, academia and the aerospace industry with awards, fellowships and scholarship programs. Nominations are solicited by the Air Force, members and leaders of AFA, and other organizations with a deep interest in aerospace activities. A complete list of the awards and recent recipients can be found at www.afa.org.