

## 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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**What's  
In It  
For Me?**

*The  
Enlisted*



## The Enlisted

The Air Force Association is an independent nonprofit organization that openly and strongly supports the United States Air Force, its components, and the need for air power as a strong factor in our nation's defense. AFA earns its support from individuals of both the Air Force and civilian communities. It is a stalwart advocate of the dedicated, mission oriented, quality people of the Air Force ... Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Civilians, Veterans, Retirees and their Families.

Many *Enlisted* members believe that AFA is an "Officers Association". In 1947, our first president, Jimmy Doolittle, said "Generals, colonels, second lieutenants, top kicks, and buck privates are all just plain 'Mister' in AFA. While I have been elected to head up AFA, Meryll Frost, ex-Sgt, is a vice president and John Biehn, a former private, is one of the directors". Jimmy Doolittle could very well make a similar statement today. In short, AFA is an organization for *all* Air Force personnel. Everyone is needed and welcome!

AFA's basic mission is focused on national defense. With this as one of the main tasks, AFA strives to deal with matters pertaining to all Air Force personnel. Specifically, AFA has proven to be a strong voice for Air Force members at the Pentagon and Capitol Hill. Through its monthly publication *Air Force Magazine*, and numerous symposia and seminars, AFA has brought the concerns of *Enlisted* members into the public eye.

Many Air Force people (including present and former *Enlisted* members) have and continue to make valuable contributions, often in leadership positions allowing them to know the needs, concerns and aspirations of Air Force people not only throughout the continental United States but overseas as well.

The enlisted help develop annual policy and guidance for our association by serving in key positions. They also provide input through the Air Force *Enlisted Advisory Council*. This council meets several times during the year to hammer out issues of particular concern to the Enlisted men and women of the Air Force. These issues then are addressed in our Annual Statement of Policy and Top Issues.

*"AFA, along with several other organizations, is the voice of the Enlisted force on the Hill...AFA's success with Air Force issues to include the retirement system, the Montgomery GI Bill, and TRICARE, to name a few."*

*--the Air Force Enlisted Council*

## 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.

- AFA participates in awards ceremonies of Air Force units at all levels of Command. The most prestigious award ceremony is the *Outstanding Airmen Reception and Banquet* held at the annual AFA Convention in Washington, DC where the Air Force's 12 most outstanding airmen are recognized and honored.
- 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 Eaker Institute is the public policy and research arm of the organization. Activities of the Eaker 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 Eaker 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](http://www.afa.org).

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.

## AFA Programs and Events of Interest