

TOP ISSUES FOR 2015

This Association is especially proud of Air Force men and women—Active, Guard, Reserve, Civilian, Retirees, and Veterans—for their sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

PREPARING AND SUPPORTING AIRMEN; CARING FOR VETERANS & RETIREES

- Recognize military and veteran benefits are earned through years of service, sacrifice, and in many cases, personal injury and disability. TRICARE for Life is a national obligation to retirees, long ago promised.
- Support our veterans by providing expedient and accurate disability compensation processing, community-based education, employment assistance, timely access to healthcare, and greater assistance to combat homelessness during and after their transition to civilian life.
- AFA applauds Air Force leadership for taking the sexual assault issue head on and supports its constant vigilance.

REBUILD FULL COMBAT READINESS

- Encourage Congress to end sequestration and strengthen USAF air, space, and cyber forces.
- Provide the Air Force the ability to make and implement strategic choices in force structure and installations to consolidate resources and protect a quality force.
- To return to full-spectrum readiness we must fund necessary readiness components, such as flying hours, weapons system sustainment, and training like Red Flag.

INVESTING IN AIRPOWER

- Promote early and continued education in science, technology, engineering, and math to stimulate the development of the next generation of aerospace engineers, scientists, and technicians conducting future research and development.
- Support science and technology funding necessary to support a robust industrial base.
- Continue efforts to maintain a robust defense industrial base necessary for meeting national defense objectives.
- Encourage strong aviation capabilities in our partner nations to enable successful, sustainable security within their borders and contribute to regional stability.

RECAPITALIZE THE AGING FLEET

- Recognize the vital nature of the KC-46A program and give it unqualified support to ensure prompt fielding in sufficient quantity.
- Acquire the new long-range strike bomber that can penetrate, survive, and engage adversary systems as soon as they are located.
- Urge the Administration and Congress to commit to keeping the F-35 program on track and, if possible, move to a faster and more efficient production rate.

SECURING SPACE AND CYBERSPACE

- Secure the Air Force role in gaining and maintaining cyber superiority by ensuring access and freedom of maneuver in cyberspace.
- Invest steadily and strategically in space capabilities and recognize the US must retain clear superiority in this critical mission area.

STRENGTHEN THE NUCLEAR MISSION

- Urge our national leaders to support programs and policies for future improvement of our nuclear deterrent.
- Sustain delivery systems and warheads for the foreseeable future, but just as importantly, the nuclear support equipment and infrastructure.
- Improve the culture for personnel within the ICBM force by making changes in training, testing, and accountability within the missile community

