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SEIDEL CHAPTER

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March 2017

"Washington DC - LIFE IN THE FAST LANE"



U.S. Congressman
Pete Sessions

The Seidel Chapter is honored to host U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions as our guest speaker on March 13th at 11:30am at the Canyon Creek Country Club. Congressman Sessions will relate his experiences during the first days of the Trump Presidency. He will provide a forecast on the US Defense budget and force structure. Congressman Sessions will also provide a review and give his thoughts on the future support for our Veterans. You do not need to be an AFA member to attend. See Reservation Coupon below. This is an event you do not want to miss.

In 1996, the people of Dallas and the 5th Congressional District sent Congressman Sessions to Washington, DC to represent them in the United States House of Representatives. In 2002, Congressman Sessions began representing the 32nd Congressional District, created from redistricting. In 2016, the people of the 32nd Congressional District called him back to Congress for his eleventh term.

Congressman Sessions is a stalwart defender of U.S. homeland and national security interests, as well as the men and women who defend them. As the parent of a child with Down syndrome, he is a passionate advocate for people with disabilities. Congressman Sessions also believes that taxpayers deserve results from their government, and he has pursued common-sense, market-based reforms to help government operate more efficiently. He serves as the Chairman of the powerful House Committee on Rules. In 2008 and 2010, he was elected by the House Republican Conference as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

THIS QUARTER'S PROGRAM

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When:
Monday, March 13, 2017
11 :30 am — Gathering and Social Hour
12:00 pm — Luncheon and Presentation

Menu:
Entrée: Chicken Florentine
with Salad and Dessert

Where:
Canyon Creek Country Club
625 West Lookout Drive
Richardson, TX 75080

Directions: From George Bush Turnpike go South on Custer Parkway to West Lookout Drive. Turn right (West). Drive two blocks and Canyon Creek Country Club is on the left.



RESERVATION COUPON

Please reserve the following number of tickets for the March 13th AFA Quarterly Meeting

- _____ Individuals @ \$25.00 each.
- _____ Military in Uniform @ \$20 each.
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Message from Seidel Chapter President



Happy 2017! My name is Paul Hendricks and I am the new President of our Air Force Association Chapter. It was a great honor to be selected as your President. I have been a life member of the Air Force Association for longer than I can remember. Over the last two years I have served as the Executive Vice President for our Seidel Chapter. I have enjoyed the time serving while meeting with our members. When I was offered the opportunity to serve as President of this great organization, I was overjoyed!

I am a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel with 20 years of service. I am also retired from the Boeing Company with 21 years of service managing major defense programs. Since retiring I have found my calling to support community programs, including support for our Veterans and their families in our communities. I will look forward to discussing these efforts with you in the near future.

One of my goals as President of our Chapter is to encourage increased membership participation in our AFA Chapter activities. Our Executive Committee is working hard to identify events and activities that will generate your interest and support. I would sincerely appreciate your feedback and suggestions to help grow our active participation and potentially grow our membership. With your support, I am sure this will be possible. Please send me your thoughts and recommendations: pmh1004@sbcglobal.net.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2017. This will be a luncheon meeting and will be held at the Canyon Creek Country Club. We are honored to have the Honorable Congressman Pete Sessions to be our speaker! Congressman Sessions represents the US 32nd Congressional District. He is an outstanding and extremely enthusiastic speaker! He will provide his insight into the first days of the Trump Presidency and reviews on Defense and Veteran activities. This will be a great meeting to attend!!



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Do you shop on Amazon? If so, we have good news! The Seidel Chapter is now enrolled in the Amazon Smile Program. Amazon Smile allows you to help us fund CAP Cadets scholarships for Flight Academies, the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, Youth Leadership Conferences and other youth education programs. If you would like to help to provide funds that are so meaningful to the young people, please sign up with the Amazon Smile Program. It does not cost you a dime.

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Air Force Chief of Staff Outlines His Perspective on the Future of American Airpower

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein outlined his perspective on the future of American airpower and how Airmen “deployed in place” play a vital role in today’s Air Force during his discussion at the American Enterprise Institute Public Forum in Washington, D.C., Jan. 18, 2017.

Since the beginning of the Cold War, Airmen have been in a state of deployment. Today, nearly 200,000 Airmen are “deployed in place,” providing nuclear deterrence, command and control and access to space, all supporting combat missions globally. During his remarks, Goldfein reflected on the fact that since the introduction of the nuclear enterprise, no two nuclear powers have gone to war, and while conventional conflicts continue to take place, the nuclear deterrent has ensured stability.

“We have Airmen right now, as we speak, defending the homeland, and that nuclear deterrent underwrites every military operation on the globe” Goldfein said.

The nation’s nuclear triad is composed of three legs: nuclear missiles, nuclear capable aircraft and nuclear submarines, each essential for different reasons, and each needs to be modernized, Goldfein said as he held up an 8-inch floppy disk as one example of outdated technology the nuclear triad operates with.

Goldfein went on to talk about the Air Force’s commitments to operating in space. “We’ve been a steward of space since 1954 when a guy named Bernie Schriever started developing the rocket enterprise that has expanded now to the point where we as an Air Force are responsible for 12 constellations,” Goldfein said. Goldfein further explained how vital “deployed in place” Airmen at Schriever AFB, Colorado, are to the joint force because of the global effect space provides, and he went on to remind the audience that the Air Force’s work in space impact not just the military, but everyone.

The general then highlighted the 35,000 Airmen “deployed in place” who work in the cyber domain taking care of all the ones and zeroes the Air Force collects and turning it into quality information for the joint warfighter.

Bringing it closer to home, Goldfein pointed out that “right now, as we sit, we have got Airmen on alert at the four corners of the globe, and that there are Airmen right now at Joint Base Andrews, (Maryland), who are on alert ready to defend the homeland—to scramble if required ... all of these Airmen are contributing to the homeland defense.

“It’s important to understand that these are Airmen that I would not deploy forward if a contingency accrued,” Goldfein continued. “Because they are doing their mission at home ... when you want to talk about striking forces in the fight against (the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant), securing the homeland or providing all of this capability, the reality is you can’t find a mission the joint force performs where an Airman is not engaged and is essential for success.”

Throughout the Air Force’s 70-year history, the service has adapted resources to mission requirements; however, that trend stopped about 25 years ago, the general said.

According to the general, most of America still remembers the Air Force during Operation Desert Storm. It was a time when there were 134 fighter squadrons across the total force from which the Air Force deployed 34 squadrons to execute Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Now there are only 55 fighter squadrons total.

“Missions have grown and I predict they will continue to grow; space, cyber, ISR and nuclear – these are not going to go down,” Goldfein said. “So we’ve had 50,000 Airmen leave the Air Force while missions have grown. So we have a math problem ... where we sit today as an Air Force is we are too big for the resources available, but far too small for what the nation demands of it and what the joint force requires.”

The general made clear that it’s time to once again adapt resources to bring them in line with not only today’s requirements, but those of the 21st century.

Earle North Parker Essay Contest Winner

The Seidel Chapter—Dallas wishes to congratulate Joe Cheshire of Wakeland High School in Frisco as the 1st place winner of the 2017 Seidel Chapter Earle North Parker Essay Contest. The subject for this year’s contest is: “New Long Range Strike Bomber – Is it needed?”

His analysis concluded, “A new long range strike bomber is indeed necessary in order to serve as peacemaker but also be able to take the fight to the enemy if necessary. Continual advancement in military technology is what will keep us safe as a nation and allow us to sleep at night knowing our country has done its very best to protect us.”

In addition to the \$500 prize he will receive for winning our chapter contest, his outstanding essay has been submitted to the Texas state committee to compete in the state contest. The AFA-Texas Earle North Parker Essay state winners will be awarded scholarships for \$2,000 for 1st place and \$1,000 for 2nd place. Please, wish Joe good luck!

Coming Events

Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
February 9, 2017

Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
March 9, 2017

Seidel Chapter Quarterly Membership Meeting
March 13, 2017

Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
April 13, 2017

Seidel Chapter Executive Council Meeting
May 11, 2017

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