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Dear Fellow Airman,

Whether you are in our United States Air Force as a **uniformed member**, a **civilian member** of the team, a **family member**, or **if you just believe** that our **Air Force must remain viable** in order to help protect our way of life and are willing to stand up for that, then in my mind, you are an “**Airman.**” Our nation is at a critical point in its history. We are faced with making difficult decisions, and unfortunately, our military is bearing the brunt of those decisions from our leaders in Washington. Now more than ever, it’s vital that our leaders hear the voice of reason and look to the future of our great Nation and ensure its survivability. **You can be part of that voice by being a part of the Air Force Association!**

AFA Texas is here to support the mission of the organization: **Educate, Advocate** and **Support**. In my words, that means to **educate** the public on the capabilities and critical role airpower plays; **advocate** for a strong national defense that includes dominant airpower; and **support** our Air Force members by ensuring that they have the tools they need to succeed and that their families have the support they need to live a lifestyle that our military volunteers deserve. We do that through various means: speaking engagements, OpEds, newsletters; fund raising activities; direct support to military units and their families through scholarships and morale/welfare assistance; support to wounded Airmen; extensive support to educational activities such as Aerospace Education, teacher recognition, CyberPatriot competition, and a number of other activities.

AFA Texas represents roughly ten percent of the membership of AFA. Even with those large numbers, we are always in need of member involvement. **If you are a member**, then I urge you to get involved and give some of your time to support an event. **If you are not a member, then I encourage you to become one!** Just by joining, you are demonstrating your support for a strong national defense through air, space and cyber power.

Sincerely,

Gary Copsey, President
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