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New Year's Resolutions

New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes.

Here are a few expert tips to see that your resolution actually makes a difference:

1. Create a Plan
2. Create Your Plan IMMEDIATELY
3. *Write Down* Your Resolution and Plan
4. Think "Year Round," Not Just New Year's
5. Remain Flexible



Most Popular Goals: (AFA Version)

- Pay Off Debt(s) – (Become a lifetime member with money saved)
- Save Money -- (Make it easier to pay for lifetime membership)
- Get Fit—(Walk to the membership meetings)
- Eat Right – (Come to a membership meeting and eat BBQ)
- Get a Better Education (participating in AFA functions makes you smarter....it's true)
- Drink less Alcohol – (use the money toward AFA gear)
- Quit Smoking — (use the money saved to buy AFA Christmas cards)
- Reduce Stress Overall -- (get more involved with AFA Chapter activities)
- Reduce Stress at Work – (see above)
- Take a Trip – (visit the AFA headquarters, AF memorial and DC)
- Volunteer to Help Others-- (Please come help with AFA functions)
- Lose weight -- (if you do all the above, you wont have time to eat)

Upcoming Events

January 1st – New Year's Day

January 14th – General Membership Meeting at Noon at Wilber's Barbecue, Hwy 70 East. Executive Committee Meeting at 1130 am.

January 19th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 14th – Valentine's Day

February 16th – President's Day

February 18th - Executive Committee Meeting at Noon at Wilber's Barbecue

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 18th - Executive Committee Meeting at Noon at Wilber's Barbecue



2009 General Membership Meetings:

Wed, Jan 14

Wed, Apr 15

Wed, Jul 15

Wed, Oct 14

At Wilber's BBQ at
Noon

Chapter News

Congratulations to our new Officers for 2009:

Mike Hartsfield – President
Janie Best – Vice President
Margaret Slade – Secretary
Ginger Huff – Treasurer

If you have recommendations for a meeting place and time (lunch or dinner) for future General Membership Meetings please contact Ginger Huff at 919.722.5571 (Work) or 919.288.1527(Home) with the information.

National AFA News

NEED TO CONTACT AFA MEMBER SERVICES? Contact them via e-mail at service@afa.org or call 1-800-727-3337 and select "3" for service. 703-247-5853 (fax)

AFA Announces 2008 Frank M. Andrews Scholarship Recipient

The Air Force Association is pleased to announce the selection of James Neat as the 2008 recipient of the \$5,000 Falcon Foundation Scholarship, which honors the memory and extraordinary career of Lieutenant General Frank M. Andrews. Neat attends Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama, and is originally from Pasadena, Maryland.

New Law Authorizes Veterans' Salutes during National Anthem

Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month. The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to members of the armed forces while not in uniform



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AFA Benefits

AFA Members Receive Online Shopping Discounts and Rebates

Earn rebate money for the online shopping you already do! More than 400 "Best in Class" online retailers are offering special rebates to you, including Barnes & Noble, Brooks Brothers, Clinique, Dicks Sporting Goods, Drugstore.com, E-bay, Gap, iTunes, Kohls, Macy's, New Egg, Nordstrom, Orbitz, PetSmart, QVC, Safeway, Sears, Target, United Airlines, Walmart - and many, many, more.

Each of the merchants provides a different rebate to members - anywhere from 1-20%, but the average is 4%. This rebate is in addition to any regular promotions they may be having. Sometimes you'll get extra coupon savings from the AFA Mall. Receive rebate checks every quarter as long as you have \$10 or more in your account. You're dealing directly with the retailer when you're doing your shopping, but starting at the AFA Mall earns you rebate dollars from 1-20% of your purchase.

Here's what to do:

1. Visit the AFA mall at <http://shop.afa.mallnetworks.com> .
2. Click "Enroll" in the upper left corner and provide your mailing address (for receipt of your rebate checks) and selecting a login and password.
3. Click over to any of the participating merchants and start your shopping and earning your rebate money!
4. Bookmark <http://shop.afa.mallnetworks.com> and start your online shopping there every time you shop. This is the only way for the merchants to track that you earned rebates through the AFA Mall.



President's Day is
February 16th

Message from the President

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health and spirit. It's shaping up to be an extremely busy year. The first order of business will be the general membership meeting on Jan 14th at Wilbers. The meeting will start at 1200. Please try to come out, enjoy a great meal and hear about upcoming events. Next will be the awarding of three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students bound for or already enrolled in college. The deadline for applications is

usually around the end of March. April 25 & 26 will bring the 2009 Wings of Wayne Airshow, in which we will have a membership/information booth. June will bring STARBASE (The Science and Technology Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration Program) to Greenwood Middle School. We hope to sponsor and help with the children again this year. June will also bring the AFA North Carolina State Convention to Goldsboro.

More info will be coming out on all the events. We will also have numerous JROTC award banquets, Right Start and the Teacher of the Year program. Like I said, it's going to be a busy year! Please try to come out and support the chapter. None of these events happen without the help of numerous individuals that work behind the scenes. Thank you to all that have stepped up.

See you Jan 14th!!
Mike



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If you are interested in being a Community Partner or know of someone who would like to be one please contact Ginger Huff at 919.722.5571 (Work) or 919.288.1527 (Home). Applications on also available on our website: www.esn.net/sbafa

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