

AFA's 2012 National Convention, Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition

September 14-19 - Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
National Harbor, MD

The 2012 AFA National Convention, will be held in National Harbor, MD, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center from September 15-16. Please [click here](#) to see the current delegate agenda, which does have some changes this year to the scheduling of the pre-convention meetings.

Our Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition will begin on Monday, September 17, and run through Wednesday, September 19. This is truly a one-of-a-kind event where the Air Force Association brings together Air Force leadership, industry experts, and academia from around the world to discuss the issues and challenges facing America, the aerospace community, and our US Air Force today. At this time, the confirmed speakers include: Leon Panetta, Secretary of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Columnist Charles Krauthammer; and noted New York Times reporters Thom Shanker and Eric Schmitt.

Important Reminders Regarding Potential Delegates

Who can be a Delegate? – Any voting member affiliated with a chapter can be a Delegate for their state if duly selected as a Delegate by the State President. (Cadets may not serve as Delegates.) All individuals who plan to represent their chapter on the state delegation must coordinate with the State President since the State President is responsible for selecting Delegates in accordance with the AFA National Constitution. The State President must provide a preliminary delegate roster to AFA Headquarters, c/o Kari Hahn, by **August 15**. The official roster of selected Delegates must be presented to the Credentials Committee on Saturday, September 17.

What is a Delegate required to attend during the Convention? – Delegates must attend the business session on Saturday, the Region Caucus held on Saturday night and the business session on Sunday. You should plan on attending the Congressional Morning Reception on Tuesday morning and the individual appointment with your Members of Congress if scheduled.

To ensure you have the accommodations and tickets you want to have, you must do two separate things:

FIRST – Register for the Convention and/or the Air & Space Conference

If you will be serving as a delegate to the National Convention, you **MUST** register and pay your delegate fee. AFA Delegates should use the on-line registration process to register. Please visit our main event webpage at <http://www.afa.org/events/conference/2012/default.asp>. Select the registration button on the right to register under the 'AFA National Convention Delegates' section in order to receive the special AFA Delegate rate. **NOTE: Convention delegates are selected by the state president for each state. Delegates must have a current AFA membership and be affiliated with a chapter within the state they represent. (Cadets may not serve as Delegates.)**

SECOND – Make your hotel reservation

The Air Force Association worked tirelessly again with the Gaylord to get a further discounted rate for our delegates. We need your support in booking this rate so we can negotiate a similar deal for future years. For Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, the hotel has agreed to a \$156 rate plus tax (roughly \$181 with

tax). The hotel is only offering us a limited number at this rate so don't delay in making your arrangements. On nights other than Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the AFA is again able to extend the government per diem rate of \$226 plus tax (roughly \$262 with tax). Included in both rates is the resort fee, which covers high speed internet in your room, 2 bottles of water in your room each day, fitness center access, newspaper, and local/toll free telephone calls. If you have any questions about your hotel reservations, please contact Sarah Piggott at spiggott@afa.org. Please make your reservations now to ensure you get these rates. Reservations will be accepted on a first-in basis until the block is full or until **Friday, August 24, 2012 by noon**, whichever comes first. To reserve your hotel room, you must first register for the Convention/Conference. At the end of the registration process, your Internet browser will display a registration confirmation page. Scroll to the bottom of the page to click the button 'Make a Hotel Reservation' and then input the appropriate information. **NOTE: Do not call the hotel directly; this is the only avenue available for you to make your hotel reservation at this rate. Please also note that this rate will only be extended to convention delegates.**