

## **AFA National Nominating Committee Seeks Qualified AFA Members for National Office**

The Nominating Committee will meet on May 9, 2015 to select candidates for AFA national officer and national board of director positions to be presented to the delegates to the AFA National Convention in September for election.

AFA's Board focuses on setting policy and strategic direction for three organizations: AFA as well as the AFA Veteran Benefits Association (AFAVBA) and the Air Force Memorial Foundation (AFMF). It is particularly important that the Association find candidates with the following characteristics:

- A capacity to govern with vision, think strategically and understand the business management of the three organizations for which the Board is responsible.
- A willingness to give freely of their time, talent, and treasure and to personally support the fundraising and development objectives of the Association. Every board member will be assigned to and be expected to actively serve on a committee.
- An understanding of and ability to work in a hybrid organization with a unique relationship between committed volunteers at all levels and the professional staff.
- An understanding and appreciation of the AFA mission, vision, values and history, including the legacy represented by the Air Force Memorial

All officer positions are for one year terms and open to any member. The incumbent Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations, and Treasurer are eligible to run again - the Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education, and National Secretary are not.

National Director Board positions are for three years. One position is limited to candidates from the West Geographic area consisting of the following states/district/territory: CA, HI, Guam, AK, ID, OR, WA, CO, UT, WY, NM, AZ, and NV. In addition to the National Director, West Area, AFA will hold a special election to replace the National Director, Central Area, as the previously elected National Director the Central Area, Dave Dietsch, was elected to be the Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations in September 2014. The position is limited to candidates from the Central Geographic Area consisting of the following state/territories: IN, KY, MI, OH, IL, IA, KS, MO, NE, MN, MT, ND, SD, WI, AL, AR, LA, MS, TN, TX, and OK. Those interested in either geographical position are advised to consult with the appropriate state and region president. Contacts are available on the Web at <http://www.afa.org/afafieldleaders/regionpresidents>.

There are two National Director positions to be elected on an "at-large" basis. These are open to any member from any state.

A snapshot of AFA's mission and current leadership team is available on the web at <http://www.afa.org/about/afaleadership>. Descriptions of the duties and responsibilities of these offices are in AFA's Operations and Procedures Manual.

## **Deadlines:**

Anyone who plans to run for one of these offices MUST indicate their intention to do so no later than February 28th and submit their name and other required materials to the AFA Nominating Committee.

A one sentence e-mail or letter to the Committee through the staff contact, Shannon Aud ([saud@afa.org](mailto:saud@afa.org)), stating their name and the position for which they intend to run is sufficient. This will help the Nominating Committee conduct both its search and deliberative functions efficiently and in a timely manner.

The remainder of the requirements must be submitted to the AFA Nominating committee no later than March 13, 2015. These include one or more formal recommendations for candidates for these positions, candidate biographies, and any additional information and endorsements candidates wish the Nominating Committee to see.

## **Additional information for prospective candidates:**

Prospective candidates **must** ensure a recommendation on their behalf has been submitted to AFA National. Recommendations can be via an AFA Form (see below) or via personal e-mail (or letter) to the Chairman of the Committee (through the AFA staff). A recommendation form can be found [here](#).

Forms are also available in the "Library" section of the "Field Resources" area of the AFA web site.

Each prospective candidate **MUST** also submit a signed AFA biographical form and answer a question concerning whether they have ever been convicted of a crime. Their signature gives AFA permission to conduct a background check and is also consent to serve in the position, if elected. Additional sheets may be attached as desired. THE PHYSICAL FORM WITH A SIGNATURE MUST BE RECEIVED via mail or fax. The form can be found [here](#).

In addition to these required materials, prospective candidates may also elect to include a written biography and letters of endorsement. Any material received by the due date will be included in the package given to the Nominating Committee for their consideration.

ALL material should be sent to the Nominating Committee in care of Air Force Association Field Operations Department. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Aud at [saud@afa.org](mailto:saud@afa.org) or by telephone at (800) 727-3337 ex. 4896.

Individuals selected by the committee to be sent forward to the delegates will also be required to provide a brief personal biography for inclusion in *Newsline* and the August issue of *AIR FORCE Magazine* and a high quality "head shot" photograph for the Magazine as well.