

# AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION TOP ISSUES FOR 2010

## **SUPPORTING OUR AIRMEN**

- The Air Force Association salutes all of our troops for their service.
- The Air Force Association will strongly oppose any effort to change TRICARE.

## **RECAPITALIZING THE AGING FLEET**

- Begin the production of new tankers.
- Continue acquisition of the C-17, modification of the C-5B/Cs, and gain the flexibility to retire the older C-5As.
- Increase the production rate of the F-35.
- Retain CSAR as a core Air Force mission and replace the CSAR helicopter.
- Take the necessary steps to ensure Long-Range Strike capability is sustainable.

## **STRENGTHENING THE NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE**

- Provide a life extension program that ensures safe, reliable, and secure nuclear weapons to deter, assure, and provide stability.
- Caution the Administration and Congress against large nuclear weapon reductions that will undermine our security.

## **SECURING SPACE AND CYBERSPACE**

- Place an increased emphasis on space capabilities and robustly fund this critical mission area.
- Focus on developing the next generation of cyber security experts and capabilities now.

## **DEVELOPING AIR FORCE PEOPLE; EDUCATING AIRPOWER PROFESSIONALS**

- Invest in technical education to build the support foundation the nation needs.
- Continue and expand national programs encouraging the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

## **INVESTING IN AIRPOWER**

- Support a minimum defense spending base of four percent of the national gross domestic product.
- Urge DOD to establish a strategic plan to define the elements of a robust defense industrial base and the steps needed to maintain that robustness.

