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Facebook Now a Cyber Gold Sponsor for the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot Program

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Air Force Association today announced that Facebook, the world's leading social media website, has partnered with CyberPatriot – The National Youth Cyber Education Program.

“We are particularly pleased to gain the support of Facebook. Their global presence and outstanding reputation as world leaders in on-line technologies are enormously impressive. We look forward to working with them to extend CyberPatriot's reach, to inspire many more students across the world to explore STEM opportunities, and to educate youth on cybersecurity and online safety” said CyberPatriot National Commissioner Bernie Skoch. “Our generous sponsors provide the means for us to do our important work. Without them CyberPatriot could not exist.”

The 2014-2015 CyberPatriot competition registered more than 2,175 teams from all 50 states, Canada and DoD Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific. CyberPatriot is beginning its seventh competition season with a 40 percent increase in total registrations from last year, reaching thousands of students in the United States and beyond.

“CyberPatriot has shown great results by providing a diverse group of students throughout the United States and beyond with exposure to skills necessary to pursue careers in Information Security. Facebook strongly supports CyberPatriot in its efforts to expand the pipeline of infosec students needed to make the internet a safer place for everyone, and we're very excited to assist in these efforts,” says Director of Facebook's Security Operations Jennifer Henley.

Created by the Air Force Association, CyberPatriot seeks to inspire students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. Teams across the country, Canada, and from Department of Defense Dependent schools in other parts of the world compete in a series of online rounds to determine finalists for an all-expenses-paid trip to the CyberPatriot VII National Finals Competition in the nation's capital in March 2015. Over two thousand teams of students in all 50 U.S. states have registered for the 2014-2015 season of competition.

CyberPatriot, the nation's largest and fastest growing youth cyber education program, is AFA's flagship

STEM initiative dedicated to strengthening cyber skills among American youth. Students in the program gain valuable knowledge from the expertise of CyberPatriot's many supporters, including the Northrop Grumman Foundation, CyberPatriot's presenting sponsor. Other program sponsors include Cyber Diamond sponsors AT&T Federal and the AT&T Foundation, Cisco, Microsoft, USA Today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Cyber Gold sponsors URS, Riverside Research, Splunk, and Symantec; and Cyber Silver sponsors Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Leidos, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, and University of Maryland University College.

Find CyberPatriot on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CyberPatriot. For more information about CyberPatriot, please visit www.uscyberpatriot.org.

The Air Force Association is a non-profit, independent, professional military and aerospace education association. Our mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense, and to honor Airmen and our Air Force Heritage.

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