



# AFA Statement



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## AFA Statement on Air Force Restrictions of Public Outreach

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ARLINGTON, Va. – The Air Force Association recently became aware of the Air Force’s new guidelines that restrict public outreach. AFA is unaware of what specifically happened to cause the increased cautionary measures by the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs office.

“The Air Force sometimes needs to restrict information for security reasons, but this should be the exception and not the rule,” said AFA Chairman of the Board Secretary F. Whitten Peters. “The new guidance from the Air Force will prohibit the Air Force from telling its story, we are a country at war and we need to tell the nation the important work the Air Force is doing around the globe on a daily basis.”

“The Air Force, and all of DoD, needs to carefully protect classified information,” said AFA’s President, General Larry Spencer, USAF Ret. “However, the American public needs to know and understand their Air Force and what the shortfalls are. We must keep America’s Air Force strong and ready and to do so requires frequent and consistent communications with the public. I hope the Air Force completes its ‘reset’ training quickly so they can resume communications with those taxpayers who deserve to know how they can make their Air Force better.”

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