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SUBJECT: Support for Military Associations

Air Force members may enjoy many benefits through their interaction with various military associations and other professional groups. In both the profession of arms and numerous occupational professions, these organizations support, promote and develop the interests of our Armed Forces and military professionals. Military associations fall into a variety of categories and include the Air Force Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Reserve Officers Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Officers Association of America.

Throughout the years, military associations have provided numerous forums that foster military professionalism and development. In addition, these groups work to increase awareness of our mission with the American public and foster strong and mutually beneficial relationships among government, industry and civic leaders. At both the national and local chapter levels, these organizations also offer a variety of services to assist Airmen and their families, including Wounded Warrior programs, educational scholarships, youth activity camps and transition assistance services.

On occasion, military associations may ask for help in disseminating information about their activities or seek logistical support for their events and programs. Requests for installation access and logistical support by military associations are often supportable and give our Airmen a convenient means to gain knowledge about important programs and benefits. The facts and circumstances of each contact with a military association will dictate whether and how Airmen should respond. Please seek advice on particular circumstances from your servicing legal office or the Air Force Ethics Office (SAF/GCA).

Military associations represent an important dimension of our country's strong interest in national defense. We encourage your involvement with military associations to the extent allowable by Department of Defense and Air Force policies.

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