2012 Constitution/OPM Changes
Approved by the Board, 20 March 2012

Background: The Board of Directors unanimously approved the following change to the Constitution at a telephonic meeting on 20 March 2012. This action requires ratification by the Delegates by a majority vote.

Constitution, p. 8
ARTICLE VIII
DUTIES OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 7. President. The President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned the office by the Constitution and the Operations and Procedures Manual and be responsible to the Chairman and Board of Directors for the competent discharge of duties and for the management and operations of the Association, the AFA Veteran Benefits Association, and the Air Force Memorial Foundation. The President shall be known as the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Rationale: A study of CEO duties and responsibilities indicated a typical Chief Executive Officer was responsible for the total operation of the entity, to include all aspects of its governance structure, strategic planning and the solicitation and approval of Board members as a voting member of a Board of Directors. This would include finances as it relates to sales or in our case dues – the authority to raise dues. Further the CEO was the principal representative and spokesperson for the entity establishing policy both internal and that to be effected to the external.

In AFA, our President does not have authority over all the governance structure, strategic planning or solicitation and approval of Board members. The authority to raise dues rests with the overall governance – the membership assembled in national convention. Our President does not make policy. And, while he is not the principal representative of AFA, the CEO title has created confusion outside the organization in requests for appearances and in invitations to social events. The Board voted on 20 March 2012 to remove the CEO title from the President by a unanimous decision of voting members present. This change must be ratified by the Delegates by a simple majority to remain in effect.

Associated OPM Changes: The Board also approved the appropriate changes to the OPM by deleting CEO in the President’s duty title on pages: I-18, III-12, III-15, and VI-24. Those changes do not require further Delegate action, but will be rescinded if the Delegates do not ratify the proposed Constitution change.