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Here are some quick reminders on AE programs for 2017....

Teacher of the Year Chapter and State window for nominations is now open through April 30th!!!! So now's the time to start your selection process if you haven't already done so. Remember...National will support only one (1) Chapter or State TOY. If your chapter or State presents multiple awards, e.g., elementary, middle, high school levels, we hope you'll continue this but through local sponsorships. And, let's hope 2018 enables us to expand!

Last month we promised some ideas on Pitsenbarger Awards. We know this program is important to our Enlisted community and, while financially we had to limit the National support for the awards this year to one (1) per class per base. Here are some ideas on how Chapter and State organizations can enhance their local base program:

- Contact the Base Education Officer to explore their needs for graduates and/or the graduation ceremony
- provide additional award(s) at \$400 through chapter or state funding or local sponsorships like Community Partners and include those sponsors in the award programs
- provide refreshments (cake, cookies, punch) for all ceremony attendees
- present a chapter and/or state certificate of recognition

And, last but not least...the new AFA AEROSPACE EDUCATION SCHOOL window decals and accompanying certificate will soon be available for you to recognize the schools in your area that have AFA programs. This includes: Teacher of the Year (all levels), Educator/AFJROTC/CAP Grants, CAP ACE Program, CyberPatriot, and StellarXplorers. You can request a decal for each participating school in your area. And you then download the CERTIFICATE, fill in the name of the school, your Chapter and/or State name, and the date and print it out. More guidance will follow on how to access the decals and certificates. You can buy packages of very nice blank certificates at local office supply stores to print the information on the certificate. Then present it to the school, perhaps a faculty or PTA meeting, and recognize the teacher and/or program for which the school has become an AFA AEROSPACE EDUCATION SCHOOL!

A big tip of the hat goes to Utah AEF for sponsoring the AFA Aerospace Education School Decal recognition program.

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