



FAOA News & Notes

Foreign Area Officers Association ♦ Board of Governors



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Premier! New Members-only Website

Beginning **1 January 2010**, the FAOA will roll out a new and improved website. We've heard your suggestions and brought back the membership database – now available on-line! In this secure, members-only area, you can:

- Review and update your own data and membership status
- Search the membership database
- Control what others can see of your info
- Email other members through anonymous email links
- Receive automatic event, renewal and system announcements

In addition to the above, we've moved the on-line Journals into the members-only area and are expanding the content. You can get RSS feeds of content and we have added a FAOA Forum and Blog.

So, check it out and let us know what you think!

FAOA Annual Dinner – 20 May 2010

Make plans now to join us for this premier FAO event here in Washington DC at the Army Navy Club. An evening of camaraderie with FAOs from all services—active and retired—industry leaders, great food, and a presentation by our guest speaker. **We need your help!**

We are in the planning stages now and if you are in the National Capital Region and are willing to serve on our Event Committee, please contact us through our website or the [FAOA President](#).



Is it Time to Update your Membership?



Has your FAOA membership expired? Is your contact information up-to-date? Your new Board of Governors is busy updating the FAOA to better serve its members and strengthen its advocacy role. Can we count on you to join us? You can renew your membership on-line. If you need to find out when your membership expires or update your contact information, please email our [secretary](#).

Is DoD FAO Training Missing the Mark?

Regional studies, language training, JMAS (for attachés), SAO training...is it enough? Is the DoD properly training its FAOs, or is it lacking? On our new website, the **FAOA Forum** asks this question and seeks your comments!

FAOA Journal

Your new Board of Governors is turning a critical eye to the Journal and seeking ways to reshape its content and appearance. Crucial to the Journal's success is content provided by you—past, present and future FAOs. We are always looking for your experiences, your research and your analysis of political and military issues, especially as it applies to the role of the FAO. Contact our Journal [Editor](#) with questions or content.

New FAOA Reading Room

Here's what we're reading. If you run across an interesting article or paper, send us a note! We're all in this together.



Is the DoD eclipsing the State Department as the lead agency for meeting national foreign policy objectives? In this working paper, Edward Burke argues that just might be the case. Read his *Leaving the Civilians Behind: The "Soldier-Diplomat" in Afghanistan and Iraq* to see if you agree.

Here's another look at the DoD's role in implementing foreign policy. Dr Derek Reveron, in *Shaping and Military Diplomacy*, examines the increasingly important functions of foreign policy and diplomacy and asks what the legal and policy implications might be.

And while we're considering the diplomatic role of the military, COL Tim Shea examines the overall DAT system and suggests where we are falling short. *Transforming Military Diplomacy* may have been written a couple of years ago, but many of the issues remain to be resolved.