

# Armed Forces ISPI Update

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## AFC Membership Skyrockets!

*Armed Forces Chapter (AFC) revitalization effort is fully underway.*

Over 85 people have current, paid membership in the AFC ISPI as of 31 January 2005. The Chapter was recently revitalized after a brief period of inactivity and declining membership.

The Armed Forces Chapter was founded in 1978 with a focus on human performance technology in military environments. The Chapter flourished in the '80's and early '90's, but struggled to maintain an active membership in the post-cold war era of shrinking military budgets.

Chapter leaders started a membership drive in November 2004 after informal e-mails circulated calling for revitalization. Just three short months later, AFC members are distributed as follows:

- ❑ 28 affiliated with the U.S. Navy
- ❑ 27 affiliated with various allied services and industry groups
- ❑ 15 with the U.S. Coast Guard
- ❑ 9 with the U.S. Department of Defense
- ❑ 3 with the U.S. Marines
- ❑ 2 with the U.S. Air Force
- ❑ 1 with the Canadian Forces

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## Mark Your Calendars

*AFC Plans Social Hour / Business Meeting at ISPI 2005 Vancouver Conference.*

AFC has secured a date, time, and location for our Annual membership meeting. The Chapter will meet at 7:30 P.M. on 12 April 2005 during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual ISPI Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The meeting agenda is still being finalized. It will include an opportunity for Chapter members to meet and greet each other, time for questions and comments with the new Chapter officers, and possibly some small group work sessions. The highlight of the evening will be the official installation of AFC ISPI new officers.

The AFC meeting will be held directly across from the main reception area. So top off your drinks, eat one last bite from the conference buffet, and walk across the hall at 7:30 to the AFC gathering. You'll be glad you did!



## AFC TREASURY UPDATE

As of 18 January 2005, the AFC had a total of \$3,975.64 US. The balance of the Chapter treasury accounts at this time was:

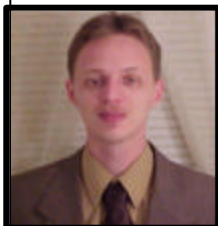
- ❑ \$1,793.98 US in the checking account.
- ❑ \$2,131.66 US in the savings account.
- ❑ \$50.00 in membership dues to be deposited.

These funds are currently in Key Bank, a regional chain. To facilitate future AFC business transactions and officer turnover, the secretary-treasurer is in the process transferring the funds to a banking chain with a national presence.

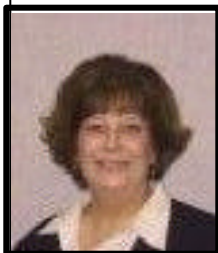
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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

### Committees Forming

The Executive Board has authorized a number of committees. Please review the list below and send a brief note to Sandra Ogden to volunteer for a committee.

- ❑ **Website**
- ❑ **ISPI Conference**
- ❑ **I/ITSEC Conference**
- ❑ **USCG Conference**
- ❑ **Marketing and Communications**

## President's Corner

### Creating Value for Our Members

During the first executive board meeting of the revitalized AFC on 13 January 2005, the Board decided to let the discount AFC membership fee of \$5 US expire at the end of January. The membership fee will return to \$10 US on 1 February 2005. Those few who paid \$10 will receive a \$5 credit toward your 2006 membership.

The Board's discussion of membership rates led me to reflect on the purpose of AFC and on my role as the Chapter President. AFC exists to provide value to our membership. The amount of value AFC can provide is tied closely to the desires of the membership, the amount of the membership fee, and the level of participation by the membership. I am very aware of budget limitations, and want to know of the desires and expectations of our members.

- What sort of AFC do you want?
- What role do you see yourself playing in creating AFC's value?
- Where do you want to be as a chapter at this time next year?

These are not rhetorical questions. I really want to hear from the membership about their goals, expectations, and willingness to participate in creating value. Please let me know your thoughts. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to maximize the collective benefit that we reap from AFC!