



# FAOA News & Notes

Foreign Area Officers Association ♦ Board of Governors

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## FAOA Annual Dinner – Registration Open!



You are invited to join with fellow soldiers and diplomats for the **2010 FAOA Annual Dinner!** The dinner will be held on **20 May 2010** in the Elegant Main Dining Room at the Army and Navy Club in Washington DC. The FAOA will soon announce the guest speaker.

Registration is now open for members (at a reduced rate) and non-members through the [FAOA website](#).

## FAOA Webmaster and Secretary Departs

**The FAOA needs your help!** Our FAOA Webmaster and Secretary is set to depart for far-flung places and will not be able to continue his duties – mainly because of lack of consistent and open internet access. We are seeking an energetic officer to take on the duties of our webmaster.



### Requirements:

- 2-3 hours per week
- maintain/update website content
- maintain membership database (on website)
- manage membership correspondence/inquiries

### Qualifications:

- FAOA member in good standing
- solid word processing and web navigation skills
- no html coding required (all web-based)

If you are interested, please contact our current [webmaster](#) for more detail on the position. You do not need to reside in the National Capital Region to assume this position.

## FAOA Reading Room Recent Additions

Here's what we've been reading recently. You can find these and previous entries in the FAOA Reading Room under **FAOA Basics** at [www.faoa.org](http://www.faoa.org).

[\*\*From War Managers to Soldier Diplomats: The Coming Revolution in Civil Military Relations\*\*](#) by Tony Corn.

Another great article from the [Small Wars Journal](#), this is a **must-read** for the FAO community. Dr Tony

Corn turns a critical eye to the current state of civil military relations and theory; what is the true nature of today's military leader? Is he an **organizational man**? A **charismatic leader**? Is she a **professional soldier** or a **war manager**? Dr Corn argues the nature of today's "conflicts" -- extended campaigns, multinational and multi-organizational in nature involving a vast array of civilian, government and military actors, state-building, regime-changing, stability and security focused -- calls for a new focus on developing leaders who are at once **soldiers** (and all the tradecraft associated with the strategic, operational and tactical application of force) and **diplomats**, able to move seamlessly in the political realm.

*"Between the Soldier and the Diplomat, there is only a difference of degree. In terms of organizational culture, to be sure, Defense is from Mars, while State often appears to be from Venus. In terms of expertise, though, there is a continuum between their respective field, i.e. strategy and statecraft."*

## No Membership Update = No Journal Sent!

Every quarter the FAOA sends out nearly 500 copies of the *FAO Journal* at a substantial cost to the association. Since the FAOA is a non-profit organization, the Association can no longer afford to send out the *FAO Journal* to lapsed memberships or Lifetime members with stale contact information. If you have a Subscription, Bronze, Silver or Gold Lifetime membership, please login to the [FAOA website](#) and ensure your address and other contact information is current!

## Joint FAO Skill Sustainment Pilot Program

Be sure to check out the Joint FAO Skill Sustainment Pilot Program (JFSSPP). Sponsored by the Defense Language Office (DLO) in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, JFSSPP is the first DoD program to meet skill sustainment and professional development goals for all service FAOs. The JFSSPP offers both in-residence opportunities and distance learning through its new FAOweb portal <http://fao.nps.edu>.

