



The 2010 FAOA Annual Black Tie Dinner with Ambassador Ryan Crocker



You are invited to join fellow soldiers and diplomats at the **2010 FAOA Annual Black Tie Dinner** with our special guest speaker **Ambassador Ryan Crocker**. Ambassador Crocker is one of only a handful of career Foreign Service Officers to receive the personal rank of Career Ambassador. He served

as Ambassador in Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait and Lebanon and was assigned to the embassy in Beirut during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the bombings of the embassy and Marine barracks. Recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Ambassador Crocker is currently Dean and Executive Professor at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

The dinner will be held on **20 May 2010** in the Elegant Main Dining Room at the [Army and Navy Club](#) in Washington DC. Registration is now open for members (at a reduced rate) and non-members through the [FAOA website](#).

Next Step: Joint FAO Mentorship Program

The Department of Defense is moving forward on establishing a more robust program to meet sustainment goals for FAOs across the services. The first step was the establishment of 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 and hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School (<http://fao.nps.edu>).

The next step is the Joint FAO Mentorship Program (JFMP), a web-based, bottom-up, joint effort to connect up-and-coming FAOs with seasoned counterparts. LTC Craig Vestal, FAO Program Director at Monterey, is coordinating this effort along with service proponents and needs your input. You can contact him at Jeffery.vestal@us.army.mil.

Air Force International Affairs Specialist Program – Command Opportunities

The Air Force currently has six command billets available to Air Force International Affairs Specialists (both RAS and IAS) with a further two likely in the coming months. Selection is made through the Command Screening Board (CSB) process and is open to all eligible IAS officers. IAS officers are eligible to apply for command positions in both their primary career fields and IAS. On 25 May 2010, the first-ever CSB for IAS command positions will take place to fill the following positions:

Lt Col C16F3C – Lackland AFB; CC
IAAFA Stud Sq; Spanish 2/2

Lt Col C16F3 – Lackland AFB; CC
DLIELC; any lang

The Colonel's Group will also fill the following:

Col C16F3L – Lackland AFB; CC
DLIELC; any lang

Col C16P4 – Maxwell AFB; CC
AU IOS; no lang

Application packages are due to saf_iapa_ias@pentagon.af.mil NLT COB Friday, 14 May 2010. For more information see the AFPC announcement message or contact [SAF/IAPA](#).

Joint FAO Skill Sustainment Pilot Program

Below are the next in-residence courses at the Joint FAO Skill Sustainment Pilot Program ([JFSSPP](#)) in Monterey, CA. These are advanced seminars on security policy and international politics taught by Naval Postgraduate faculty, followed by an in-region program to focus on regional issues. Selection is competitive and application is made through your service's FAO office.



Asia

21 June – 2 July

Africa/Near East

16 – 27 August

Eurasia

TBD