



## **The AFCEA Value Proposition**

AFCEA connects innovative people, great ideas and vital solutions to advance the global security mission. We provide an ethical forum for military, government, academic and industry communities to collaborate, by sharing knowledge and looking ahead, so that technology and strategy align with the needs of those who serve.

## **Our Core**

We are a member-based, non-profit association for professionals, providing thought leadership, engagement and networking opportunities. Through our corporate and individual member structure, we focus on cyber, command, control, communications, computers and intelligence to address national and international security challenges.

AFCEA offers a variety of networking activities, conferences, symposia, expositions, the award-winning *SIGNAL* Magazine, mentoring and scholarships. Educational opportunities include professional development courses, approved continuing education sessions at events and documentation for continuing education certifications. Educational opportunities are also available through AFCEA's Preferred Providers.

## **We Are Unique**

AFCEA is unique among other defense, intelligence and service associations. A large and dynamic global chapter network, with more than 120 chapters, fortifies our continued growth. Integrating diverse regional and cultural backgrounds contributes significantly to the global aspiration. In addition to our U.S. headquarters, we have a dedicated office in Europe to support our international partnerships and chapters. Our membership includes nationally and internationally recognized experts in their respective fields.

In addition, our ethical forum is mandated within our bylaws, which prohibit lobbying. Our educational component, supported by our own Educational Foundation, offers more than \$2 million in scholarships annually. Our focus is on STEM education, but we also support a variety of other initiatives that help those who serve.

The association is also distinctive in its innovative approach to supporting early career individuals. The Young AFCEAN Advisory Council helps younger members gain leadership experience and make connections in our chapters, on our committees and on our board. Within the Intelligence arena, the Emerging Professionals in Intelligence Committee provides a foundation for younger individuals to learn, serve and make a difference in that community.

## **Our Heritage**

Through our established worldwide network of individuals, chapters and member organizations, AFCEA has led the ethical exchange of information for nearly 70 years, with roots that trace back to the U.S. Civil War.

In the 1850s, Lt. Albert J. Meyers, an assistant surgeon in the U.S. Cavalry, devised the Wig Wag systems using a signal flag to send messages.

In 1946, the organization he formed for signal flag communicators was absorbed into what became AFCEA through the efforts of Maj. Gen. Harold C. Ingles, Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff and a number of industry leaders.

AFCEA became International in 1979 with the establishment of chapters in Europe, Asia and Canada. Our members continue to be the thought leaders behind the new and creative solutions to some of the most challenging problems facing global security. The association was formed as the backbone in support of its members, and it has never strayed from this purpose.

## **Our Promise**

AFCEA will deliver unique opportunities, an inspired global community and an exceptional experience, whether you are deployed, serving at home or serving those who serve.



## **Why AFCEA?**

**Engage**—As a member of AFCEA, you will regularly interact with professionals who come from military services, government agencies, academia and our more than 1,600 corporate members, all serving the national and international security industry. You will be part of a broad-based and highly respected global organization that is unique in its reach and effectiveness, and you will have a voice in the robust exchange of ideas and continuing advancement of thought leadership that is AFCEA.

**Serve**—Through AFCEA International and its more than 120 chapters, you will find gratifying ways to make a difference locally, nationally and internationally and to advance your profession, your network and your career. AFCEA also offers an opportunity for members to help and serve others through outreach and participation in programs such as the Wounded Warrior Project and various community outreach programs. We provide an opportunity for members to serve something bigger than oneself.

**Associate**—AFCEA’s chapter-based structure means that you always have an established professional network, wherever your service or business takes you, worldwide. Our membership includes nationally and internationally recognized experts in their respective fields.

**Influence**—Including your AFCEA affiliation on your résumé or biography makes a strong professional statement and frequently leads to opportunities within your own organization as well as throughout the AFCEA community. Both individuals and corporations benefit from the association’s unparalleled reputation as a long-standing and valuable professional organization.

**Transform**—AFCEA’s scholarship programs enable you to be involved with the advancement of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) initiatives and could help you continue your own education. The AFCEA Educational Foundation offers a broad range of scholarship opportunities to its members and dependents of members.

**Learn**—Join AFCEA in exploring relevant issues and advancing and sharing your knowledge through targeted content, focused events, continuing education opportunities, AFCEA Preferred Providers and the connections you will make as a member of the prestigious and internationally recognized AFCEA network.

**Collaborate**—Expand your network and grow your career by serving on committees, holding leadership roles, participating in events or organizing fundraising activities.

**Save**—Earning free continuing education credits; receiving discounts on computers, courses and conference registration; and receiving a subscription to *SIGNAL* Magazine are some of the ways your AFCEA membership pays you back.

**Create Your AFCEA**—Your AFCEA experience is tailored to your interests and your time. We have an AFCEA experience available specifically for you and your organization.

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