



# Flight Line

*Air & Space Forces Association*

**Chapter 105**



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## **From the Prez -**

I hope that you continue to enjoy your daily activities and count the blessings you have as an American. I also encourage you to become as involved as you can with your local AFA Chapter 105.

While we took a break from chapter meeting in July, your chapter leadership was still busy hosting The Loft Meal on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Marie Lankford, Vickie Jo Ryder, Bryan Foulk and Bill Goodall were there to help serve over 30 hungry airmen a dinner of pulled pork & chicken & rolls, cole slaw, chips, chocolate chip cookies and Marie Lankford's FAMOUS pineapple upside down cake. In addition, your chapter leadership attended the last three changes of command for 355<sup>th</sup> Wing units and TSgt Release Announcement Ceremony.

We held our August 25<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting where we heard a moving presentation by Gold-Star Mother Marsha Moon. Look elsewhere for an article. Chapter president Wally Saeger attending the CMSgt Carl E. Beck ALS Graduation on August 16<sup>th</sup>. August 26<sup>th</sup> found Exec VP Bryan Foulk and Wally attending two events representing the chapter. In the morning, they were at the U of A to attend the kickoff for the Defense Civilian Training Corps program to prepare students for civilian careers in the Department of Defense. Bryan & I finished that evening by attending the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony at the Westin La Paloma Resort.

September saw Bryan & Wally attending the AFA Convention, Sep 9-10, as delegates, and the Air, Space & Cyber Conference, Sep 11-13, as attendees. SW Region President, Alan Berg, was also supposed to attend both events but unfortunately came down with COVID and couldn't travel. See separate article on how you can access some of the sessions on video at the AFA website.

Our chapter meeting on Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> saw a presentation by Col Bill "Stroke" Tracy, USAF (Ret) on the "Capabilities and Mission Brief" of the "Greatest Air Superiority Fighter" of the modern era. Bill's presentation was both informative and

entertaining. See separate article for more details. Stroke's dad, Dick Tracy, attended to hear his son's presentation. Dick was a "cop" so his name was very fitting although he probably got a LOT of ribbing.

See the Calendar of upcoming events elsewhere in this newsletter to see upcoming events. As always, we will have a chapter meeting in October but none in November. Our final meeting of the year will be a joint lunch with the Daedalians Flight 12 to award scholarships to ROTC cadets from the University of Arizona.

While your chapter continues to be in good financial health, we need to continue raising funds to support chapter activities and fund the support we provide to our local airmen and their families; so please consider donating. If you are on Facebook, you can set up a fundraising event that directly supports YOUR chapter.

Chapter 105 is part of the Fry's Community Rewards Program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. See separate article in April 2022 newsletter to see how to join the program.

Unfortunately, our "Annual" golf tournament, our major fundraising event that was planned for October, had to be canceled due to circumstances beyond our control. We're looking to reschedule in the spring.

If you have any suggestions on other sources of funds please let us know. The more we can raise the more we can support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families.

We are always looking for members who want to be involved and everyone is invited to our Executive Committee meetings which are usually on the first Monday of the month unless it is a federal holiday. (See calendar elsewhere for specific dates).

Since we use email to stay in touch, please remember to let us know if you change your email address. AFA National is also dependent upon having your current email so you should let them know of any changes.

## **AFA Mission**

*Our mission is to promote dominant U.S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; to honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families; and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage.*

Wally Saeger, President



**Chapter's August Program**  
**Ms. Marsha Moon**  
**Gold Star Mother/Wreaths Across America**

Ms. Marsha Moon spoke at the August Chapter 105 General Membership meeting. Her focus was on being a Gold Star Mother, her son Christopher, and Wreaths Across America.



The cornerstone of Marsha's life and parenting is her faith in God. She was very involved in both of her children's activities and taught them strong values. Her bond was especially strong with Chris and their shared faith.

Chris knew his purpose in life. Even though he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves he wanted to be a sniper. After completing a semester of college, he started on his journey to fulfill his dream. He was assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne after boot camp followed by sniper school. Then came his first deployment – Afghanistan. Each phone call home ended with the request for his mom to “pray for his men.” As his deployment was drawing to a close, Chris and a buddy were tagged to remain behind and help transition their replacements in the 101<sup>st</sup>.

Chris was severely injured just before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He was medevac'd to Landstuhl, Germany where blood poisoning necessitated additional amputations of his legs. On the family's flight to Germany Marsha began singing a worship song silently to herself. As she looked out the window, she felt the weight on her heart lift and sensed Chris had passed.

To honor Chris a life size statue was placed at the baseball field at Cherry Field. It's not about his baseball prowess but rather a tribute to his character on the baseball diamond and on the battlefield.

Realizing hers wasn't the only loss. Marsha joined a Gold Star Mothers' group where she learned about Wreaths Across America. She was drawn by the Wreaths Across America mission – Honor – Remember-Teach. To Honor all veterans past and present, Remember our fallen, and Teach our younger generation where our freedoms come from.

Marsha's 2023 goal is to place wreaths at East Lawn Palms Cemetery where Chris is interred. She closed her presentation by inviting us to participate in the wreath laying ceremony at East Lawn Palms on Saturday, 16 December and challenging us to “Let's see the good in everything!”

For additional information about the wreath laying ceremony, visit [wreathacrossamerica.org](http://wreathacrossamerica.org).



See order form for wreaths on page 4

**Chapter's September Program**  
**Col (Ret) Bill “Stroke” Tracy**  
**Testing of the F-15 Eagle**

Our guest speaker for the September chapter meeting was Colonel Bill “Stroke” Tracy, USAF (Ret). Bill graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1990 and went to Williams AFB in 1991 for his initial pilot training. He did a brief stint as a maintenance officer (which was common shortly after the Gulf War) before returning to the cockpit in the F-15C where he became a Command Pilot and Weapons Officer. He was the 422<sup>nd</sup> Test & Evaluation Squadron F-15C Division Chief and the Commander of 59<sup>th</sup> Test & Evaluation Squadron. He served as the USAF Warfare Center Director of Test.

“Stroke's” presentation was on the F-15C Capabilities & Mission Briefing. During the briefing he covered the history of the F-15, the mission, specifications & performance, the evolution of the avionics, the weapons employed, a brief overview of the tactics, the strengths & limitations, and the future of the airframe. Obviously, this is too much to cover in an article so I will summarize it as best as possible.

The F-15 was designed to be a supersonic, all-weather, Air Superiority Fighter. It is supposed to execute offensive & defensive counter-air missions, neutralizing enemy air threats through combat operations or deterrence. The “Eagle” is the last American fighter designed for a single mission. Following reviews of proposals, the United States Air Force (USAF) selected McDonnell Douglas's design in 1969 to meet the service's need for a dedicated air superiority fighter. The Eagle first flew in July 1972, and entered service in 1976. The need for the F-15 was based upon the revelation that the Soviet Union had developed the MiG-25, which was designed as a high-speed, high-altitude in-terceptor aircraft capable of shooting down the XB-70 Bomber. The MiG-25 could reach speeds exceeding Mach 2.8.

Shortly after it's introduction, a highly modified F-15A, known as the “Streak Eagle” broke eight time-to-climb world records between January 16 and February 1, 1975. In setting the last of the eight records, it reached an altitude of 98,425 feet just 3 minutes, 27.8 seconds from brake release at takeoff and “coasted” to nearly 103,000 feet before descending. It was flown in its natural metal finish to reduce weight for the record-setting flights. These record setting flights were done to demonstrate the aircraft's speed & rate of climb capabilities to our nemesis at the time, the Soviet Union.

As another demonstration of US capabilities, an F-15A was used to launch a modified Boeing AGM-69 SRAM missile redesignated as the ASM-135 (Anti Satellite Missile). An ASAT (Anti-Satellite) test against a US satellite that was no longer useful was conducted on September 13, 1985, when Maj. Wilbert D. “Doug” Pearson, flying the “Celestial Eagle” F-15A 76-0084 launched an ASM-135 ASAT about 320 kilometers (200 mi) west of Vandenberg Air Force Base and destroyed the Solwind P78-1 satellite flying at an altitude of 555 kilometers (345 mi).

In Desert Storm (1991), F-15s achieved a 37:0 kill ratio while scoring 37 of 43 kills recorded during the war.

In Allied Force (1999), F-15s achieved a 4:0 kill ratio while scoring 4 of 6 kills, all of which were MiG-29s.

The record for the F-15s flown by all nations is 104:0; thus the F-15 community's claim as “The World's Greatest Air Superiority Fighter!”

## ***New Program to Help Recruit College Students to work for DoD***

The University of Arizona is one of four universities chosen to host the U.S. Department of Defense new **Defense Civilian Training Corps** program, designed to prepare college students for civilian careers with the Defense Department in acquisitions – acquiring, implementing and supporting new systems, supplies and services.

The program will provide students with tuition and fees reimbursement, a \$2,000 monthly living stipend, paid summer internship with the Department of Defense and employment with the department upon graduation.

The University of Arizona was chosen alongside Purdue University, Virginia Tech, and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to host pilot programs for the Defense Civilian Training Corps. Across the four universities, the two-year pilot program will consist of approximately 80 students set to graduate in spring 2025.

Bryan Foulk and Wally Saeger attended the kickoff for this program at the University of Arizona on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

For more information: <https://news.arizona.edu/story/uarizona-pilot-new-department-defense-training-program>.

### ***Funny historical fact:***

In 1942, Bell Aircrafts secretly built America's first jet, the P-59 Airacomet. Up until this point, a propeller was as important to a plane as tires were to a car. To keep this new project top secret, the P-59 was fitted with a fake propeller that it wore everywhere but in the air. One of the test pilots for the P-59 was a man named Jack Woolams. Jack didn't care one bit about this secrecy and made a hobby out of flying his jet as close to other planes as possible. To make these sighting even more special, he would dress up for the occasion. When men would go to the Air Force psychologist saying that they had seen a "loud, fast propellerless plane piloted by a gorilla in a derby hat, waving a stogie!" the psychologists would tell them, "That is impossible! How can a plane fly without a propeller?"



## ***"A Little Bit of History"*** **McDonnell XP-67 Moonbat**



The **McDonnell XP-67 "Moonbat"** was a prototype for a twin-engine, long-range, single-seat interceptor aircraft for the United States Army Air Forces. Although the design was conceptually advanced, it was beset by numerous problems and never approached its anticipated level of performance. The project was cancelled after the sole completed prototype was destroyed by an engine fire.

In 1940, the U.S. Army Air Corps issued Request for Proposal, requesting designs for a high-speed, long-range, high-altitude interceptor intended to destroy enemy bombers. The specifications were very bold, encouraging manufacturers to produce radical aircraft that would outperform any existing fighter in the world at the time.

McDonnell Aircraft, eager to begin manufacturing its own aircraft, responded to the proposal with an aircraft which would be powered by an unusual geared drivetrain with a single Allison V-3420 engine buried in the fuselage powering twin wing-mounted pusher propellers in the wings.



On 23 March 1944, flight trials started. U.S. Army Air Forces pilots finally got to fly the aircraft on 11 May 1944, and judged the cockpit layout fair and ground handling satisfactory, but deemed the aircraft underpowered due to its poor initial rate of climb, slow acceleration, and long takeoff roll, particularly when operating with only one engine. The aircraft was then fitted with two Continental engines.

### **General characteristics**

- **Crew:** one, pilot
- **Max takeoff weight:** 25,400 lb (11,521 kg)
- Powerplant:** 2 × Continental XIV-1430-17/19 twelve cylinder inverted vee liquid-cooled engine, 1,350 hp each
- Performance**
  - **Maximum speed:** 405 mph (650 km/h, 352 kn) at 25,000 ft (7,600 m)
  - **Range:** 2,385 mi (3,837 km, 2,074 nmi)
- Armament**
  - **Guns:** 6 × 37 mm M4 cannons (never installed in prototype)





**Theme: Find a Way to Serve**  
**Sponsor a Wreath Today for the**  
**2022 National Remembrance Ceremony**



Recognition of Military Branches

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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do we have permission to publicize your name?  
 Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous.

**WAA DONATION DEADLINE**  
**NOV 28, 2022**

| Sponsorship Levels                          | Price     | Qty | Total |
|---|-----------|-----|-------|
| Individual= 1 Wreath                        | \$15.00   |     |       |
| Family= 5 Wreaths                           | \$75.00   |     |       |
| Small Business= 10 Wreaths                  | \$150.00  |     |       |
| Corporate= 100 Wreaths                      | \$1500.00 |     |       |
| Wreaths Across America (A Non Profit Corp.) |           |     |       |
| Grand Total                                 |           |     |       |

Group ID: **AZ0007P** Location ID: **AZELPC**

**REMEMBER, HONOR & TEACH**  
**National Remembrance Ceremony – East Lawn Palms Cemetery**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America™ and mail to:  
 Wreaths Across America™  
 P.O. Box 249  
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623  
 On Memo: AZELPC/AZ0007P  
 Or if you prefer to pay with credit card go to [www.wreathsassamerica.org/AZELPC](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/AZELPC)  
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## ***MEMBERSHIP***

Tucson Chapter 105 AFA membership remains healthy at just over 1,000 current members. However, we have had quite a few members allow their membership to expire recently without renewal. If your affiliation is about to expire, or has recently expired, please consider renewing it as soon as possible at [afa.org/membership](http://afa.org/membership). Air & Space Forces Association is a voice for all Airmen and Guardians, and your continued support helps ensure your voice is heard.

Below is a list of new members to our Tucson Chapter over the last quarter. Welcome to all and thank you for helping support Air & Space Forces Association.

|                            |                          |                               |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Barry Eckel                | 1Lt John Moyer           | SSgt Bill Bradley             |
| Col Brian Grasky           | Russell Fleming          | Richard Cassalata             |
| TSgt Joseph Doyle          | TSgt Florentine Tirino   | Kyle Kloeckner                |
| SrA Logan D Art            | Capt Daniel Smith        | Maj (ret) Harry J. Walker     |
| Tanisha Jester             | MSgt Dana Garrett        | CMSgt Rob Christiansen        |
| SSgt Riley Schrader        | SSgt Samara Brown        | Capt (ret) C. V. Haynes       |
| A1C Arnoldo A Galindo      | TSgt Ashely C. Atwell    | TSgt (ret) Frederick L. Faust |
| Lt Co Paul Sheehy          | TSgt Elijah G Wootten    | Lt Col Douglas Alston         |
| SrA Eric N Ati             | MSgt Elizabeth Ferenchak | CMSgt Lorraine Perry Casucci  |
| SrA Pamela Rahlan          | Mr. Don D. Wright        | Col (ret) Jake Jacobsen       |
| CMSgt (ret) Charles Hollis | Mr. Tom Crofts           | Maj (ret) Alan D. Resnicke    |
| Lt Col (ret) Frank Assaf   | MSgt Deanna Bruce        | SMSgt Kenneth Wayne Bracely   |

## ***2023 Air, Space & Cyber Conference***

The Air & Space Forces Association held their annual Air, Space & Cyber Conference, September 11 – 13, 2023 at the Gaylord Resort, National Harbor, Maryland. It's estimated that almost 17,000 individuals registered to attend and at times it seemed that they were all there at once. There were keynote speakers, guest speakers & moderated panels on all three days.

The keynote speakers included: The Honorable Frank Kendall, Secretary of the Air Force; General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Staff of the Air Force; General Duke Z. Richardson, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command; General B. Chance Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations; Admiral Christopher Grady, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force, Roger Towberman; and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, JoAnne S. Bass.

In addition to the keynote speakers there were 48 panels and more than 170 speakers participating. So, there was a lot going on during the 3 days.

Videos and transcripts for all of these events are now available on the AFA website at: <https://www.afa.org/watch-read-2023-air-space-cyber-conference-sessions>

On Monday evening, the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Heritage Dinner was held to recognize the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. On Wednesday evening was AFA's USAF Birthday Celebration.

There was also an Exhibit Hall with more than 200 exhibitors which always seemed crowded when the area was open.

Since the event is in The Capital Region, it is easier for military and civilians assigned to that area to take time from work to attend. But there were plenty of individuals attending from across the Nation and around the world. There are few events where you can be walking or standing next to a young airman or a 3-star general.

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The four tenants of Air Superiority are:

- Offensive Counter Air
- Defensive Counter Air
- High Value Asset Protection
- Quick Reaction Alert

To achieve this, the F-15C is a large fighter (64' long with a wingspan of 43') with a maximum combat load of 58,000 lbs which includes over 30,000 lbs of fuel.

It is powered by two Pratt & Whitney F100-220 engines that produce over 50,000 lbs at maximum thrust. The Service Ceiling exceeds 50,000 ft although normal operations are at 30,000 to 45,000 ft. The aircraft was designed to be capable of 9g maneuverability.

The aircraft can reach 550 KCAS (calibrated airspeed in knots) and Mach 1.5 in AB (afterburner).

The aircraft's Combat Radius is 330 nm (Clean) while its Ferry Range is 1,500 nm with 3 fuel tanks. With air refueling, it has unlimited Global Reach.

The aircraft originally had a "standard" HUD (heads-up display) that provided basic information to the pilot when looking thru the windscreen such as airspeed, altitude, a horizon line, heading, turn/bank and slip/skid indicators, target designation indicator, and distance to target or way-point.

Improvements over the years have included the "Joint Helmet-Mounted Cueing System" which includes a mini-HUD located inside the visor, in front of the pilot's eye. JHMCS allows the pilot to look around and designate a target that is "off-boresight", that is not in front of the aircraft.

The radar has been upgraded to the APG-63V2/3 AESA (Active Electronically Scanned Array):

- 160 NM Search
- 120°Azimuth
- Auto-acquisition
- Electronic Protection
- Long-Range ID

To help protect the aircraft from external threats the Electronic Warfare capability consists of the following:

- ALR-56C Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) which provides 360° coverage against Air & Ground threats
- ALQ-135 Internal Countermeasures Set (ICS) which performs Auto Jamming against Air & Ground threats
- ALE-45 Counter Measures Dispenser (CMD) which provides the capability program the dispensing of chaff & flares

The F-15C can carry/employ a wide range of weapons:

- AIM-120C/D AMRAAM (up to 8)
  - Active radar missile, optimized for long range employment, launch & leave capability
- AIM-9X Sidewinder (up to 4)
  - Infrared Heat-Seeking, Short Range Dog-fighting, High Off Bore-sight Capable

M61A1 20mm six-barrel cannon fires 6,000 rounds/minute (940 rounds)

Eagle "Driver"

Standard Loadout is 6 x AIM-120D, 2 x AIM-9X, 20mm & ONE pilot

Basic Tactics is to launch 2, 4, or 8 Eagles in Tactical Line Abreast formation flying as high as possible for CAP/Ingress. Want to either Launch & Leave, letting the AM-RAAM missiles do their thing, or Launch & Decide, to see if any bad guys get thru and need further attention. **BOTTOM LINE:** Kill everything in our lane / Screen to protect Friendly assets.

Strengths:

- Very powerful radar
- Powerful, reliable Engines
- Maneuverability
- HOTAS (Hands On Throttle-and-Stick): placing the switches on the throttles and control stick so the pilot can perform essential functions without using switches located elsewhere in the cockpit
- Autonomous ID: Ability to identify potential targets (good & bad) without human intervention
- Combat Redundancy
- Training
- Single Pilot

Limitations

- Large Size
- Lack of Sensor Fusion like the F-35
- No parking brake

Future

The F-15Cs & F-15Ds have reached their service lives (and some exceeded) so are being retired. The F-22 was meant to be the replacement, but an insufficient number were purchased and the cost per flying hour is very high in comparison to F-15s.

The F-15E Strike Eagle is a dual-seat, all-weather multi-role strike fighter with Air-to-Air (A/A) and Air-to Ground (A/G) combat capabilities. The F-35 was also designed as a dual role fighter, but development delays have resulted in production delays such that the fleet size is not what it was expected to be at this point in time. This has resulted in the need to acquire the F-15EX Eagle II.

For more information on the F-15EX: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing\\_F-15EX\\_Eagle\\_II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_F-15EX_Eagle_II).



President Wally Saeger thanking Bill Tracy

## ***Community Partner Program***

For more than 40 years, businesses have been joining the Air Force Association to support both AFA National and local AFA chapters. Becoming a Community Partner is a great way to get your business involved with your local Air Force Community. Community Partners are partnership businesses that want to assist both AFA National and the local AFA chapters by becoming involved in Community efforts to support the United States Air Force.

By forming a partnership with your local AFA chapter, your business will help AFA fulfill their mission to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense. Any business or organization can become a CP and have two options for membership:

**Category One (CP I)** \$90.00 annually- Business can designate one person to receive AFA Membership and enjoy all benefits thereof.

**Category Two (CP II)** \$180.00 annually- Business can designate two people to receive AFA Membership and enjoy all benefits thereof.

Not only does a Community Partner receive all the benefits of an AFA membership, such as a variety of product and service discounts, insurance programs, and much more, but the partner will also receive the following upon joining AFA:

— Date Medallion

Wooden Plaque

8"x5" "Our Business Supports Our Troops" Window Decal

If your business is interested in becoming a Community Partner, you should first contact your local chapter.

For questions or for more information on the program, please contact: **Dave Carrell, [carrelldav@aol.com](mailto:carrelldav@aol.com), (520) 305-4407**

Have your business become a part of a great cause and show your patrons that you support our Air Force!

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520-648-5749

### *Upcoming Events*

We continue to schedule future “field trips” to different organization on base. If you have something specific you want to see please let us know! There are MANY events supporting our local Airmen and changes of command! As a Chapter, we try to attend all that we can. If you are interested in representing your AFA Chapter at any of these, please inform Wally Saeger (wsaeger@afatucson105.org) and he will coordinate it. You just have to show up and enjoy these traditional military ceremonies and gatherings. First come, first served!!

#### **Oct 2023**

- 2nd: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- 27th: Chapter Meeting, 1130, Dr Joshua Appel, American Legion Post 36

#### **Nov 2023**

- 6th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- 20th: Annual Dorm Feed, look for an announcement for volunteering
- 24th: No Chapter Meeting, Thanksgiving Weekend, Enjoy your Holiday

#### **Dec 2023**

- 4th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- 7th: Combined Scholarship Lunch with Daedalians Flight 12, American Legion Post 36

#### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

- Jan 8th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD (all welcome!)
- Jan 26th: Chapter Meeting, Subject & Location TBD
- Feb 5th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD (all welcome!)
- Feb 23rd: Chapter Meeting, Subject and Location TBD
- Mar 1st: Heritage Flight, DMAFB Flightline
- Mar 2nd – 3rd: Chapter 105 Sponsoring a STEM Camp for Teachers, DMAFB
- Mar 4th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD (all welcome!)
- Mar 22nd: Chapter Meeting, Subject and Location TBD

### *AFA's Mission*

***Our Mission is to promote dominant U. S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; to honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families; and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage.***

To accomplish this, we:

- **EDUCATE** the public on the critical need for unrivaled aerospace power and promote aerospace and STEM education for a technically superior and professional workforce to ensure national security:
- **ADVOCATE** and promote aerospace power to favorably shape policy and resourcing decisions to guarantee the strongest aerospace forces in the world:
- **SUPPORT** Airmen, Guardians, and the families of the Total Air Force and Space Force, including Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, civilians, families, and members of the Civil Air Patrol.