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## **From the Prez -**

Welcome to July 2022 and the summer with rising temps and some Monsoon rains. While we can always use the rain, just remember that heavy rains can cause flash flooding so be aware of that danger and DON'T enter running water on streets. Every year we have cars and people swept away by water that appeared to be safe to try and cross.

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.

In case you missed it, the AFA rebranded itself as the Air & Space Forces Association on April 7, 2022. While the name was changed to include the nascent Space Force, to reflect our heritage it was decided to retain the AFA initials. You can find more about this process on page 2 of the May 2022 issue of the Air Force Magazine.

For our April meeting we journeyed to the 355<sup>th</sup> Security Forces' Military Working Dog kennel and training area. After box lunches from Subway, we were treated to demonstrations by MWD Ootter and his handler SSgt Quinten Lequieu. The visit was facilitated by the Kennel Master, TSgt Joshua Reid who was assisted by SSgt Colton D'Agostino and MWD Caro. See separate article.

Due to Memorial weekend, we didn't have a meeting in May but I attended the Community College of the Air Force Graduation on Thursday May 12th to present Pitsenbarger Scholarships to SSgt Jaime Marquez and SSgt Natasha Marshall. See separate article.

I had the distinct pleasure of recognizing our 2022 Chapter 105 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Pamela Barrett, of the Innovation Academy on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. See separate article.

On the same day, I attended the first quarterly awards ceremony for the 355<sup>th</sup> Wing and associate units.

Change of command season got started on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> when Major Levi B. Cass assumed command of the 48<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron from Lt Col Ryan M. Pearce. If you've never attended a Change of Command Ceremony, it is a unique experience and one that dates back to July 3, 1775 when General George Washington drew his sword under an elm tree in Cambridge, Massachusetts to assume command of the Continental Army.

Our June 24<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting was held at a new location, American Legion Post 36 located on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, just east of Craycroft. A newer member of our chapter, Bill Foraker, gave a presentation of the inner workings of the EAA AirVenture which is held annually in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The event has an almost 70-year history and was attended by over 600,00 people in 2019. See separate article.

One aspect of COVID-19 has been the use of distance learning for many courses and AFA has adapted to that for the CyberGenerations course. The CyberGenerations course is aimed at seniors and is intended to emphasize the need for cyber security both online and on your phone. You can access the course at: <https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/Special%20Initiatives/Virtual-Workshop.aspx>. If you haven't already experienced an email, web-based, or phone scam, you're lucky but I can almost guarantee that your time is coming. Take some time and be prepared.

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. If you use Amazon, consider making YOUR chapter the recipient of a donation every time you make a purchase by using Amazon Smile. You can get started at: <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>

You'll need to designate Air Force Association Tucson Chapter as the recipient of your donation. It doesn't affect the price you pay and we receive 0.05% of all eligible purchases. Thank you for your help.

Chapter 105 is now 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.

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 falls on a federal holiday. (See calendar elsewhere for specific dates).

For a list of all known events, see the events calendar later in this newsletter.

And remember, we are all: *Airmen for Life*

Wally Saeger, President

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## Chapter's April Program Tour of Military Working Dog Facility at D-M AFB

The U.S. military uses dogs in all branches of the service. Dogs are trained for specific jobs, including tracking, explosive detection, patrol, search and rescue, and attack. Their work is invaluable, and it's no wonder that these dogs are precious resources.



SSgt Quinton Lequeiu/MWD Ootter

In fact, they're in such high demand that there is currently a scarcity of trained Military Working Dogs (MWD). According to Air Force statistics, the number of dogs is about 38 percent lower than during the height of the war in Afghanistan. Caring for these dogs in the field is a major concern.

Typically, a dog's handler has been completely responsible for his care, including veterinary first aid should the dog be wounded in the field. Now, the Department of Defense is taking steps to ensure that these canine heroes get the care they need, both immediately in the field and beyond.

All military working dogs and their handlers are trained at the 341<sup>st</sup> Training Squadron located at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

A research and development program has been established at Lackland Air Force Base to study improved body armor and gas masks for military working dogs. The Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service is a subordinate unit of the Army Public Health Center that is responsible for health care for the approximately 900 dogs/puppies at Lackland Air Force Base. That team includes 14 veterinarians, 23 technicians, and six non-medical support personnel.

About 10 percent of military working dogs for the Department of Defense are bred at Lackland. The rest are purchased from approximately 30 vendors stateside and overseas.

Thank you to TSgt Joshua Reid, SSgt Colton Agostino/MWD Caro, and SSgt Quinton Leguieu/MWD Ootter for the tour and briefing.



Tucson Chapter Members and USAF Personnel/MWDs

Bill Goodall photo

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## Chapter's June Program Bill Foraker—EAA AirVenture

Our June meeting featured a presentation by chapter member Bill Foraker on EAA AirVenture, or Oshkosh to the old-timers. AirVenture is the largest aviation fly-in gathering in the world, but it defies classification. There are 13 air shows in 7 days, 2 giant fireworks displays, over 700 vendors with booths, tents, and other displays, 11,000 aircraft, typically 600,000 people from over 60 countries, lots of military presence, over 350 warbirds (where else can you see that?), showplanes, vintage aircraft, ultralights, helicopters, aerobatic aircraft, seaplanes, 12,000 sites for camping with your airplane, and over 1,000 workshops and forums, all run by over 5,000 volunteers! Phew!



It's also actually 5 airports all operating concurrently within 2 NM, and each with its own controllers and procedures. If it sounds pretty impressive, IT IS!



Foraker has worked at the fly-in for 15 years, first in Warbirds and now in Air Operations. He described how the event is segmented into sections for fly-in camping, vintage aircraft, Warbirds, homebuilt aircraft, ultralights and rotocraft, aerobatic aircraft, and aircraft parking. He showed pictures of the areas and described what happens in each.



But Oshkosh is about so much more. If you've been, you know it has helped launch entire movements across the aviation industry, like the popularity of ultralights in the 1970s. It's been a driving force in nurturing homebuilt aircraft development. Oshkosh has introduced countless people to new aircraft designs by Burt Rutan and other aviation icons.

Foraker began and ended the presentation with a short video that highlights what AirVenture is. If you have other groups who might be interested in his show, he is glad to present it. He also has a presentation on Air Shows - Planning and Execution. Foraker has worked airshows around the country for over 25 years.



## AFJROTC & CAP 2021 AFA Outstanding Cadet of the Year Awards

I had the privilege of presenting one CAP and one AFJROTC AFA Outstanding Cadet of the Year awards. Unfortunately, I was not able to do the same for a cadet in the Tucson Neotoma Squadron due to a scheduling conflict.

The first presentation was to C/TSgt Peyton Kahl of the Yuma Composite Squadron 508 in Yuma Arizona. This presentation was done by ZOOM on April 6th. According to the CAP Squadron Commander, 1st Lt Albert Ustaszewski, CAP, C/TSgt Kahl's performance is the epitome of outstanding leadership as he continuously volunteers for all squadron events such as Red Cross blood drives, Wreaths Across America, color guard duty, and many more. As such, young cadets could not have a better role model to look up to.



C/TSgt Peyton Kahl after receiving his AFA Outstanding Cadet of the Year Award from 1st Lt Albert Ustaszewski, CAP. Chapter President Wally Saeger participated by ZOOM.

The second presentation was to Cadet Parker Jeong, a junior at Nogales High



Chapter President Wally Saeger presents Cadet Peter Jeong with his AFA Outstanding Cadet of the Year certificate.

School, on April 21st in the Nogales HS auditorium. According to the information I was supplied by Lt Col Scott Roxburgh, USAF (Ret), Cadet Jeong excelled in his role as the group commander of Unit-952AZ. He was pivotal in directing his unit to an "exceeds standards" during their HQ AFJROTC unit review earlier this school year. Lt Col Roxburgh ranked Cadet Jeong as his #1 of 111 AFJROTC students at Nogales High School. In addition, Cadet Jeong is active in track and field and leads the Nogales AFJROTC unit in community service, recruiting, and management of the cadet corp.

## Spring 2022 CCAF Pitsenbarger Scholarship Winners

On May 12th, I had the privilege of honoring the Spring DMAFB Community College of the Air Force 2022 Pitsenbarger Scholarship winners at their graduation ceremony at the DMAFB Community Center. The winners were SSgt Jaime Marquez and SSgt Natasha Marshall.



AFA Chapter 105 President Wally Saeger presents SSgt Natasha Marshall with her check for \$750 Pitsenbarger Scholarship sponsored by AFA National. Also participating is the 355th Wing Vice Commander, Col Paul Sheets.

The Pitsenbarger Scholarship is for \$750 for the recipient to use in pursuing an undergraduate degree of their choice. SSgt Marshall's scholarship was sponsored by AFA National while your Chapter 105 sponsored the scholarship for SSgt Marquez.

## "A Little Bit of History" Fisher P-75A Eagle



The Fisher P-75 Eagle was an American fighter aircraft designed by the Fisher Body Division of General Motors. Development started in September 1942 in response to United States Army Air Forces requirement for a fighter possessing an extremely high rate of climb, using the most powerful liquid-cooled engine then available, the Allison V-3420. The program was cancelled after only a small number of prototypes and production aircraft had been completed, as it was no longer required in its original role, could not be quickly deployed, and possessed no significant advantages over aircraft already in production.

In October 1942, the contract for two prototypes, designated "XP-75", was signed with the Fisher Body Division of GM. The design concept was to use the outer wing panels from the North American P-51 Mustang, the tail assembly from the Douglas A-24 (SBD), and the undercarriage from the Vought F4U Corsair in a general layout much as in the Bell P-39 Airacobra with the engine located amidships with the contra-rotating propellers driven through extension shafts. At an early design stage, however, Curtiss P-40 Warhawk outer wing panels were substituted for the P-51 panels.

In mid-1943, the need for long-range escort fighters became more urgent than fast climbing interceptors so a decision was made to order six more XP-75 airplanes modified for the long-range role. At this time, an order for 2,500 production aircraft was also let, but with the stipulation that if the first P-75A was not satisfactory the complete order might be canceled.

At the time, General Motors was busy in several projects towards the war effort, including the mass production of several different aircraft types, among them the Grumman TBF Avenger. Some sources claim that the P-75 was the result of a scheme to get General Motors out of being forced to build Boeing B-29 Superfortresses; the P-75 project being a "high-priority" project to help GM avoid the added strain of Superfortress production. The "Eagle" was given extensive media coverage prior to its first flight, being trumpeted as a "wonder plane".

### General characteristics

- **Crew:** 1
- **Length:** 40 ft 5 in (12.32 m)
- **Wingspan:** 49 ft 4 in (15.04 m)
- **Height:** 15 ft 6 in (4.72 m)
- **Gross weight:** 19,420 lb (8,809 kg) **Max takeoff weight:** 18,210 lb (8,260 kg)
- **Powerplant:** 1 × Allison V-3420-23 24 cylinder coupled V-12 liquid-cooled piston engine, 2,885 hp (2,151 kW)
- **Propellers:** 6-bladed contra-rotating propeller

### Performance

- **Maximum speed:** 433 mph (697 km/h, 376 kn) at 20,000 ft (6,096 m)
- **Range:** 2,050 mi (3,300 km, 1,780 nmi)
- **Service ceiling:** 36,400 ft (11,100 m)

### Armament

- **Guns:**
  - 6 × .50 caliber (12.7 mm) wing mounted machine guns
  - 4 × .50 caliber (12.7 mm) fuselage mounted machine guns
- **Bombs:**
  - 2 × 500 lb (227 kg) bombs

## ***162nd Wing (ANG) hosts families, celebrates Month of the Military Child***

April 5, 2022

By Maj Angela Walz

162nd Wing

TUCSON, Arizona – After a three-year hiatus, the 162nd Wing held its annual Family Day celebration at Pima Community College's Desert Vista Campus on April 3. Guardsmen had the day to build camaraderie and celebrate their families with food, drinks, live entertainment, vendors, jumping castles, pony rides, a homerun derby and more.

"My priorities are 'faith, family, service,' in that order," said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Butler, 162nd Wing Commander. "I've learned the value of a strong family support system. Our Family Day is about thanking our families for the sacrifices they make every day for their service member."

The day began with a cornhole tournament and tug-of-war competition, and finished up with home run derbies for different age groups. One of the main stops for younger children was the pony ride, while older kids enjoyed the Stormtroopers characters that were on hand for photo opportunities. Kids of all ages enjoyed the video-gaming truck and plethora of food vendors that were on hand to serve lunch.

"Today is a great day to celebrate," said Mike Hoeve, 162nd Wing Airman & Family Readiness Coordinator. "April is 'Month of the Military Child' so this is an especially fitting way for us to thank the kids and their families who support our members day in and day out. Service is a sacrifice that is not only given by the members, but it is also assumed by the family members who allow that to happen," she said.

Your AFA Chapter 105 donated \$200 to help defray the cost of this event.



## ***162nd Wing (ANG) AFA Junior Airman of the Year for 2021***

The 162nd Wing (ANG), held its annual awards ceremony on April 2nd at the Morris Air National Guard Base in Tucson AZ. The ceremony was officiated by the wing commander, Brigadier General Jeffrey Butler, with his command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Terry Oliver.



During the ceremony, Chapter Vice President, Bryan Foulk, presented the AFA Junior Airman of the Year to Staff Sergeant Ricardo J. Islas of the 214th Attack Group

## ***Benefits, Resources available to Veterans of OIF, Southwest Asia Theater of Operations***

March 20, 2022, marks the 19th anniversary of the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). This anniversary provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices of those who served in a conflict that lasted nearly nine years and claimed the lives of nearly 4,500 service members and left over 31,000 wounded. If you served in OIF, and have a disability or illness as a result, you may be eligible for VA benefits and services.

### **Additional presumptive conditions related to particulate matter exposure:**

Those who served in OIF, or the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations and other locations, may now be entitled to compensation for medical conditions presumed to be related to exposure to fine particulate matter.

Veterans and survivors who believe they may be eligible for compensation for asthma, rhinitis or sinusitis that emerged within a 10-year period after separation from military service are encouraged to file a claim for benefits.

Those who served in the following locations are presumed to have been exposed to particulate matter and may be entitled to the new presumption:

Southwest Asia Theater of Operations beginning August 2, 1990 to the present.

Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning September 19, 2001, to the present.

The Southwest Asia Theater of Operations refers to these locations and the air space above them.

Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, The neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, The United Arab Emirates, Oman, The Gulf of Aden, The Gulf of Oman, The Persian Gulf, The Arabian Sea, The Red Sea.

For more information on the new presumptive conditions, visit the Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures—Public health page.

VA is committed to providing Veterans with the medical care, benefits and services they have earned. For the most up-to-date list of service-connected disabilities, please check Exposure To Specific Environmental Hazards / Veterans Affairs (va.gov).

### **File a disability claim:**

If you have an illness or condition related to particulate matter, exposure or any other military environmental exposure, we encourage you to file a claim.

If you were previously denied service connection for any of the new conditions but had symptoms manifest within 10 years of military service, you will need to file another claim. Be sure to use VA Form 20-0995, "Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim" when filing. The claim form should include the name of the diagnosed medical condition. If you have additional questions about the claim process, visit VA.gov or call 1-800-827-1000.

To learn more, visit [www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/](http://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/).



## Chapter 105 Teacher of the Year for 2022

I had the privilege of presenting Mrs. Pamela Barrett her award as Chapter 105's Teacher of the Year on Friday, May 13, 2022, at The Innovation Academy in Oro Valley. Mrs.



Chapter President Wally Saeger presents Mrs. Pamela Barrett with her 2021 Chapter Teacher of the Year certificate.

Barrett is a 2nd grade teacher who has taken the concept of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education to a new level by introducing it to her students when they are young.

Mrs. Barrett has been a teacher for nine years and has been in her current position for the last three years. Mrs. Barrett is an Army Veteran and a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

According to her principal, Michael McConnell, Mrs. Barrett puts an emphasis on

the 5e's of STEM learning; engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate. Students in Mrs. Barrett's class are problem solvers who use critical and creative thinking skills and her classroom is truly a learning laboratory. Her students make incredible academic progress each year simply because they are excited and engaged. Their excitement was evident when I was there for the presentation.

Mrs. Barrett is the lead of the Veteran's Day Program. She reaches out to Veterans in our community to learn about and from them. Veterans are invited for a Veteran's Day breakfast and performance.

Pamela Barrett was an easy choice to be your chapter's 2022 Teacher of the Year.

In addition to a TOY certificate and pin, Mrs. Barrett received checks for \$250 from AFA National and a matching check for \$250 from Chapter 105.



Who wouldn't be smiling? Pamela received two checks totaling \$500. Left to right is Innovation Academy principal Michael McConnell, Pamela Barrett, and chapter president Wally Saeger.

### Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

In 1919, the Tucson Chamber of Commerce aviation committee established the nation's first municipally owned airfield at the current site of the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. The rapid increase in aviation activities meant a move in 1927 to the site which is now Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. After the City of Tucson acquired land southeast of town for a runway in 1925, Charles Lindbergh, fresh from his nonstop crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, flew his *Spirit of St. Louis* to Tucson in 1927 to dedicate Davis-Monthan Field, then the largest municipal airport in the United States.

Military presence at the field began when Sergeant Simpson relocated his fuel and service operation to the site on 6 October 1927. He kept a log containing names of the field's customers, including Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Benjamin Foulois, and Jimmy Doolittle. Doolittle, awarded the Medal of Honor for his 1942 Tokyo raid, was the first military customer at the field on 9 October 1927.

## DM-50 A History and Overview

The DM-50 is a non-profit service organization formed in 1986 by a diverse group of 59 Tucson business and civic leaders (Buck O'Rielly, Jim Click, Dorothy Findley) to prevent a BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) as DMAFB was placed on the BRAC list. The efforts over the years have worked as the Base is still here and continues to have a large economic footprint. (3rd largest employer in Pima County)

As the DM 50 grew it expanded to further enhance and strengthen the relationship between Davis-Monthan Air Force Base ("DM") personnel and the civilian population of the region. To improve the quality of life for the service personnel and their families in ways that would demonstrate the respect and appreciation this area has for our military's service to the nation. The DM-50 was expanded to 70 members in the spring of 2005 and currently has over 100 members. The group also functions as an advocate for the base and attempts to assist in bridging relationships between DM and the commercial, political, educational, and social leadership of Tucson and Pima County.

Since its inception the DM-50 has been instrumental in facilitating over \$38,500,000 in financial support to sponsor or directly fund dozens of initiatives on base. Sometimes through government money, grants or actively fundraising for a project. Such as new lockers for Borman Elementary school on base, or all the road expansion and intersections for the new back gate (Valencia and Wilmot)

Each year the DM-50 hosts a picnic for the entire DM installation. Personnel and their families enjoy food, beverages, games & entertainment, including a fabulous car show. Car seats and bike helmets are given out at this time as well. Usually over 4,000 attend.

DM50 also sponsors an annual tailgate with food, hats, UA band, drinks & a football game on top of that. This event takes place on the mall of the University of Arizona for 3,000+ Airmen and families

Quarterly, DM-50 members serve dinner to Airmen in the quad dorms at the Loft (which is a function of the Base Chapel). It is a way to connect with the young Airman and provide great food and show them our support and thanks for what they do.

DM-50 works with the Conquistadors to sponsor and help put on a Military Salute concert every year at the Tucson PGA golf tournament.

The DM-50 also funds a Commander's discretionary account (the "Kachina Fund") by hosting an annual golf tournament and providing other funding as needed. In excess of \$4,00,000 has been placed in this fund over the years and has been used to support needs as the Commander sees fit to help the Airmen on base.

We host dinners and receptions for senior change of commands for the 355<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> AF that include the Mayor of the City of Tucson, other political leaders, and business and educational leaders. DM-50 works with the community and the base to be certain that the long term interests of the base are protected and not compromised by encroachment or conflict over noise, safety and other issues.

Current president of DM-50 is Linda Morales.

## ***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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### *Upcoming Events*

As we continue to adjust to the “New Norm”, we look 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!!

#### **July 2022**

- 11th: No Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
- 24th: Chapter will serve homecooked meal at the Loft, in the dorm area of DMAFB, if interested please contact Wally Saeger
- 29th: No Chapter Meeting

#### **Aug 2022**

- 1st: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, 355th Operations Group Conference Room (all welcome!)
- 19th: Chapter Meeting 1130. Subject TBD, American Legion Post 35, 5845 E 22nd St.

#### **Sep 2022**

- 12th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD
- 17th: DMAFB 75th Anniversary Air Force Ball, More details to follow
- 17-18: AFA National Convention, Gaylord Convention Center, National Harbor, MD
- 19-21: AFA Air & Space Conference, Gaylord Convention Center, National Harbor, MD
- 23rd: Chapter Meeting, 1130, Subject and Location TBD

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

- Oct 3rd: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, 355th Operations Group Conference Room (all welcome!)
- Oct 24th: Chapter Meeting, Subject and Location TBD
- Nov 7th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD (all welcome!)
- Nov 25th: No Chapter Meeting, Enjoy your Thanksgiving
- Dec 5th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, 355th Operations Group Conference Room (all welcome!)
- Dec 23rd: No Chapter Meeting, Enjoy your Holidays

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***Air & Space Forces Association Means Americans for Air Power***

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#### ***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.