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From the Prez -

Happy Spring. As we progress through 2025, I hope 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.

Ken Schanke started off our 2025 members chapter meeting with a presentation on the *River Rats*, the informal name for the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association. See the separate article.

As usual we didn't have a chapter meeting in February due to the Heritage Flight taking place 1-3 March. AFA was again invited to be spectators on Friday 1 March along with DMAFB AD & Family members.

Your Tucson Chapter 105 again was heavily involved in the planning and conduct of the 2025 Southwest STEM Teachers Camp that took place on DMAFB 2-3 March. This was the second such camp conducted for STEM teachers on DMAFB. See the separate article for more details.

DMAFB hosted their biannual airshow, "2025 Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona, 22-23 March. It is estimated that 100,000 people attended the 2-day event. There were 16 aerial demonstrations to entertain the crowds culminated by the USAF Thunderbirds performing in their first airshow of the 2025 season. In addition, there were almost 50 static displays for the crowd to observe; including the newest aircraft in the USAF inventory, the EA-37B "Compass Call" stationed at DMAFB as part of the 55th Electronic Combat Group. The EA-37B, to be assigned to the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, is replacing the venerable EC-130H of which only five remain in the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron.

DMAFB personnel and families had a chance to get a sneak preview and avoid the crowds on Friday, 21 March by being permitted to access the airshow area.

Part of the activities was a STEM area that was available to Tucson area schools and was organized by Elizabeth "Betsy" Fleming, the DMAFB School Liaison Officer. Several hundred students had the opportunity to participate. Thank you to the volunteers and outside organizations that made this event possible.

We did hold a chapter membership meeting on 28 March where our guest speaker was Jerry Bryant. His presentation was on the Women Airforce Service Pilots. During his presentation, he displayed his passion for the subject and provided many details on the how & why. See the separate article which barely scratches the surface of his presentation; you should have been there.

Speaking of chapter membership meetings, if you RSVP and are a NO-SHOW we are still responsible for your meal. If you don't prepay, please be considerate of those who do and send a check to cover your meal. Your check should be made out to AFA Chapter 105 and mailed to AFA Tucson 105, PO Box 15057, Tucson AZ 85708. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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.

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.

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.

Wally Saeger, President

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.



Chapter's January Meeting **River Rats** Ken Schanke

Our January guest speaker, Ken Schanke, had a unique 21-year USAF career retiring as a major in 1982 with over 5,600 flying hours. He amassed those hours in B-57s (62-66, 1,000+ hours), C-130s (66-69, 2,000+ hours) and F-4s (69-80, 2,000+ hours including 239 combat missions from Ubon, Thailand). His time in B-57s included nuclear sampling missions while his time in C-130s included airborne listening post missions. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.



Like the Air Force Association, the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association is a nationally chartered Veterans service association made up mostly of air crew members from all services. It began in South East Asia in 1967 with a series of tactics conferences held by the fighter wings in Thailand with the purpose of decreasing combat losses and increasing bombing efficiency over the highly defended skies of North Viet Nam, particularly around Hanoi and Haiphong located in Route Package Six. At one of the meetings, a large banner "Welcome Red River Valley Fighter Pilots" was displayed, and the name stuck. The original criteria for membership were to have flown but a single mission across the Red River into Pac Six.



By 1969 commanders like Robin Olds, Scrappy Johnson, and Larry Picket were back stateside serving at Mc Connell AFB in Kansas. They felt the organization was too good to let die, so they incorporated as a 501-C(3) association dedicated to the support of the families of those who did not return. They held practices reunions but vowed to not hold a real reunion until all the POWs were returned. The charter made all POWs life members of the new group. When the POWs were returned in 1973, Las Vegas, with the help of H. Ross Perot held the first real reunion with over 5,000 members present. Since that time we have hosted yearly reunions usually rotating East coast, Central, and West coast. Tucson has hosted three such reunions.

We have collected and awarded over 3 Million dollars to over 1600 scholarship recipients over the years. We vowed to take care of our own and we have. Currently if any aircrew member from any service is lost in training or combat accident, a part 529 scholarship fund is created and managed in the name of the child or children.

In the late 1990s we formed the Air Warrior Courage Foundation. It consists of a board of directors but has no members. The River Rats provide the leg work to make it happen. We provided many needed services and assistance to the wounded warriors from Gulf Storm and other wars in the Middle East. It still continues mostly at the hospitals in Washington DC and San Antonio.

As we can no longer qualify by flying over the Red River, we changed our membership criteria to "Have flown or are currently flying any US Military aircraft as a designated aircrew member". Note it does not say rated aircrew, so flight engineers, scanners, loadmasters, flight nurses, boom operators, as well as pilots and navigators can join. We also started an auxiliary membership for all the others who do not qualify as aircrew. Membership information is available on line at www.river-rats.org and current dues are set at \$45/year. Lifetime membership is also available.

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Chapter's March Meeting **Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)** Jerry Bryant

Jerry Bryant was our March guest speaker, and he gave an insightful presentation on Women Airforce Service Pilots or the WASP. Jerry's interest in the story of the WASP was piqued by his visit to the National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, Texas.



The idea of military aircraft training for women originated with Jacqueline Cochran in 1941 as World War II began to escalate. The idea was rejected by General Henry "Hap" Arnold, so Cochran took 25 women pilots to England to ferry airplanes in March 1942. These ladies in the British Air Transport Auxiliary were affectionately referred to as "ATA-gals".

In the meantime, in early 1942, Nancy Harkness Love's pilot skill caught the attention of Col. William Tunner. Love convinced Tunner that using experienced women pilots was a good idea which led to the formation of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS). Love recruited 30 experienced female pilots of which 28, "The Originals", graduated training and Love became their commander.

When Cochran learned of Love's WAFS, she returned to the US and confronted Gen. Arnold demanding that she be given the opportunity to form a segregated unit of women pilots who would not only ferry aircraft but would also perform other non-combat jobs such as towing gunnery targets and test flying newly repaired aircraft. Arnold granted Cochran's request and formed the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD) under her command.

In September 1942, Gen. Arnold approved a program to train women pilots to fly military aircraft and formed an experimental squadron under Air Transport Command, the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) led by Nancy Harkness Love.

In August 1943, the WAFS and WFTD were merged to create the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) with Cochran as the director of the program and Love as the head of the ferrying division.

The first class of 28 recruits arrived at Howard Hughes Municipal Airport in Houston on November 16, 1942, to be introduced to the "Army Way". The second group arrived in December. By the time the third group arrived a month later, flying conditions were becoming increasingly overcrowded and dangerous so another location was needed.

The decision was made to move the WASP to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. It became the only all-female WASP base and all flight training from primary to advanced was conducted there, or auxiliary fields in the immediate area.

The women pilots were considered civilians under the Civil Service program, so they didn't have the same benefits as members of the military. They were required to pay their way to Sweetwater, Texas for training and if

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Highlighting Our Community Partner Aero Club of Arizona

In 1986, Green Valley, AZ boasted more than 200 service, social and professional clubs. Except for airplane modelers, none of the clubs were tailored to residents who might



have a consuming interest in aviation and space flight. Thus, three retired veterans of the aerospace industry founded the Aero Club of Green Valley, now named the Aero Club of Arizona, to fill what they had

perceived as a real need.

It all started over coffee at Safeway in 1986. Bob Johnson, Jim Greenwood and Milt Getker each a confirmed aviation buff, met there regularly to swap stories of their flying experiences. Soon other aviation industry retirees joined the "hangar sessions" until the group got so big it had to find a new location.

The Club's purpose: preserve America's aviation heritage, offer a vehicle for kindred spirits to share their common interests and promote greater understanding of the history and future of human flight.

The Club held its first annual membership meeting on January 17, 1988. The main speaker was Col. Ralph D. "Hoot" Gibson, USAF (Ret), a Korean jet ace and former Air Force Thunderbird leader.

Since then, the Club has earned an enviable reputation for the quality of its informative and entertainment programs.

Programs are educational and feature a wide range of aerospace subjects from flight testing to flight safety.

Club membership is an impressive cross-section of people who either worked in some facet of the aerospace industry or simply have an affinity for flying machines.

It's a good rule for folks who have had professional careers in the armed forces flight training, aircraft manufacturing, air operations, aircraft services, federal regulatory agencies and commercial airlines. It also includes hard core aviation enthusiasts who never piloted an airplane.

Monthly programs featuring prominent speakers have already replaced the original quarterly forum and are open to the general public. Members, of course are always encouraged to bring guests to the ACA's monthly meetings. Also, the Club joins the Tucson chapter of the Air Force Association for special tours and events in which there are mutual interests.

Over the years ACA has supported a number of worthy causes related to aviation, especially those involving young people. And it will continue to do so as long as funds are available. ACA currently supports four high school Junior ROTC programs

As for the organization's future, it continues to be bright as long as members have the dedication and imagination to make good things happen. After all, aviation is their passion.

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"A Little Bit of History"

Bell UH-1 Iroquois



The **Bell UH-1 Iroquois** (nicknamed "Huey") is a utility military helicopter designed and produced by the American aerospace company Bell Helicopter. It is the first member of the prolific Huey family, as well as the first turbine-powered helicopter in service with the United States military.

Development of the Iroquois started in the early 1950s, a major impetus being a requirement issued by the United States Army for a new medical evacuation and utility helicopter. The Bell 204, first flown on 20 October 1956, was warmly received, particularly for the performance of its single turboshaft engine over piston engine-powered counterparts. A stretched version of the Iroquois, first flown during August 1961, was also produced in response to Army demands for a version that could accommodate more troops.

The Iroquois was first used in combat operations during the Vietnam War. It was used for various purposes, including conducting general support, air assault, cargo transport, aeromedical evacuation, search and rescue, electronic warfare, and ground attack missions. Armed Iroquois gunships carried a variety of weapons, including rockets, grenade launchers, and machine guns, and were often modified in the field to suit specific operations. In total, around 7,000 Iroquois were deployed in the Vietnam theatre, over 3,300 of which were believed to be destroyed.

The Iroquois was originally designated **HU-1**, hence the *Huey* nickname, which has remained in common use, despite the official re-designation to UH-1 in 1962. Various derivatives and developments of the Iroquois were produced. A dedicated attack helicopter, the Bell AH-1 Cobra, was derived from the UH-1, and retained a high degree of commonality. In US Army service, the Iroquois was gradually phased out following the introduction of the Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk. However, hundreds were still in use more than 50 years following the type's introduction. In excess of 16,000 Iroquois have been built since 1960.

General characteristics

- **Crew:** 1–4
- **Powerplant:** 1 × Lycoming T53-L-13 turboshaft
- **Maximum speed:** 127 mph
- **Range:** 318 mi
- **Service ceiling:** 12,600 ft
- **Armament** various including:
 - 7.62 mm machine guns
 - 2.75 in (70 mm) rocket pods

Heritage Flight 2025

Davis-Monthan AFB

Feb. 28 - Mar. 2, 2025

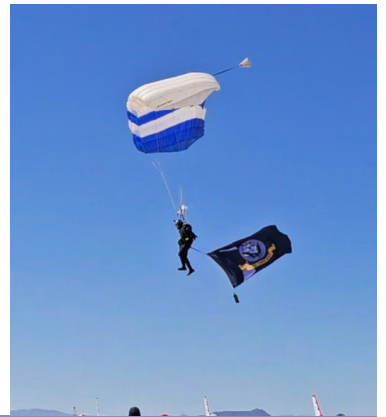


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March 22-23, 2025



ESA for Bryan Foulk

Tucson Chapter 105's, Bryan Foulk, was awarded an AFA Exceptional Service Award for his outstanding service at the chapter, state and national levels of the Air & Space Forces Association.



Bryan Foulk and
Chapter President
Wally Saeger

At the chapter level, Bryan served as the chapter's executive VP where he continually provided sage input for chapter-level decisions and provided support for chapter activities despite a busy civic and personal schedule. He also filled the VP for Government Relations position, maintaining an active relationship with government entities within Chapter 105's area of responsibility.

At the state level, Bryan filled the position of VP for Government Relations, ensuring that AFA's views were represented at the

state level.

Finally, at the national level, he accepted a position on the Advocacy Subcommittee where he was deeply involved in researching, drafting and finalizing many of the aircraft and personnel related inputs that were included in the 2023 and 2024 NDAA's. His connections at all levels of the Air Force from the unit to the MAJCOM to the Air Staff, as well as appropriate Congressional staffers, helped him get information invaluable to the crafting of the inputs.

His commitment to the AFA is demonstrated daily by his willingness to devote countless hours and freely spend his personal resources.

Well done Bryan and richly deserved.



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they washed out, they had to pay their way home. Room and board of \$1.65 per day was deducted from their monthly pay of \$174.50. They even had to pay for their uniforms.

There were 25,000 women who applied but only 3,000 of them had their pilot's license. Of those, 1,830 women were accepted after they met the criteria and passed a physical. There were 18 classes conducted and in less than 2 years under Jacqueline Cochran and Nancy Love's supervision, 1,102 WASP flew over 60 million miles in 78 different types of aircraft including the fastest pursuit planes and the heaviest bombers.

There were 38 killed in service. The military did not pay for services or transportation so their fellow WASP would take up a collection to send them home on a train with an escort.

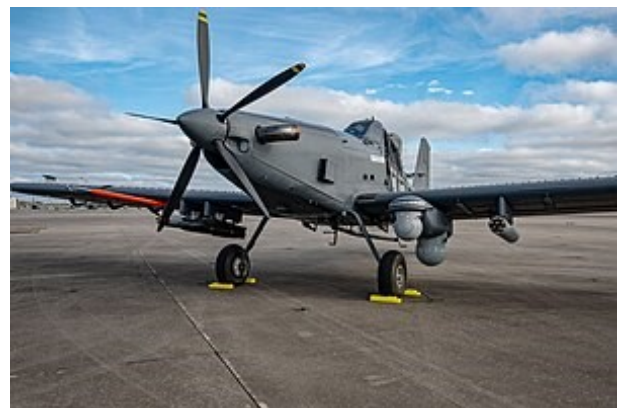
Because the war was winding down and men were returning home, the WASP was deactivated in December 1944. At the last graduation ceremony on December 7, Gen. Hap Arnold told the newly trained WASP, "you and 900 of your sisters have shown that you can fly wingtip to wingtip with your brothers."

To learn more about the WASP, their training and what they accomplished go to <https://www.waspmuseum.org/>

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all the others who do not qualify as aircrew. Membership information is available on line at www.river-rats.org and current dues are set at \$45/year. Lifetime membership is also available.

Membership benefits include being able to attend reunions, wear the log material and buy it thru our country store, receive a quarterly "MIG SWEEP" magazine with news and stories, receive a bi-weekly e-mail "RATNET DIGEST" with current news, access to our members database to locate old friends, and make your children and grand-children eligible for the scholarship program. We are always looking for new members, and even if you do not join, contributions to our programs are always accepted.



OA-1K Skyraider II

2025 Teachers STEM Camp-Another Success

Your AFA Tucson Chapter 105 sponsored the 2025 Teachers STEM Camp held March 2-3 on DMAFB. The camp was attended by 25 teachers from around Arizona and one flew in from the state of Washington. The weather cooperated for the most part although the wind kicked up Saturday afternoon resulting in lots of dust in the air and grounding the tetrahedral kites constructed by the teachers (and the aircraft participating in Heritage Flight).



Teachers & Staff

This was the second year for this event and the planning, and the bulk of the teaching, was conducted by three AFA National Teachers of the Year, Mike Vargas (2019), Nancy Parra-Quinlan (2022) and Ty White (2024). Chapter president Wally Saeger was responsible for coordinating the activities on base while Marie Lankford and Vickie Jo Ryder coordinated myriad activities such as lunch and snacks on Saturday at the Youth Center, the Saturday evening dinner at the Desert Diamond Casino, as well as being on hand throughout the day to help with any last-minute details. Also assisting on Saturday, were chapter members Bill Foraker and Bill Goodall, who also took lots of pictures. Elizabeth "Betsy" Fleming, the DMAFB School Liaison Officer was invaluable in getting the word out to school districts, collecting the personal information from the attending teachers to get them access to the base, and securing the rental of a school bus and driver from Sahuarita School District to support the 2-day event.



Nancy Parra-Quinlan

Saturday was conducted at the DMAFB Youth Center and included teachers constructing tetrahedral kites and hot air balloons. Too bad it was too windy to fly the kites, but the teachers successfully "flew" their hot air balloons in the Youth Center's gym using hot air blowers. Jamie Vought gave a presentation on DoD STEM teacher resources while Mike Vargas provided an overview of Air Force STEM activities. Svea Andersen, a STEM Specialist with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), provided a lesson on cryptograms. The teachers then got a chance to



Svea Andersen

participate in small groups to learn several Bernoulli activities using "blasters", Bernoulli bags, hair dryers and ping pong balls, and a magnet rail gun. For their final activity of the day, led by Nancy and Ty, the teachers formed teams to compete in a Space Settlement Design Competition where teachers worked in teams to design a MarsUV for extended living and research on the surface. They practiced communication, collaboration, planning and solving challenges as a team

Saturday concluded with a dinner that the guest speaker was Anjani Polit, the OSIRIS-Apophis Explorer Deputy Principal Investigator and previously the OSIRIS-REX Mission Implementation Systems Engineer, Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, University of Arizona. Her presentation started with the OSIRIS-REX mission, short for Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, and Security - Regolith Explorer, was a NASA mission that successfully collected a sample from asteroid Bennu and returned it to Earth on September 24, 2023. That mission then morphed into OSIRIS-



Anjani Polit

Apophis Explorer. The **OSIRIS-APEX** mission will reprise the discoveries of the OSIRIS-REX spacecraft at a second asteroid, Apophis.

An hour after Apophis's dramatic close approach to Earth on April 13, 2029, the OSIRIS-APEX spacecraft will use Earth's gravity to put itself on a course to rendezvous with the asteroid to begin an 18-month campaign of investigation and discovery. The teachers that attended found the presentation fascinating and were full of questions; in fact, we had to cut them off or risk being there all night.

Sunday started early with a 7:00 am departure for the base with the initial stop being the flightline for Heritage Flight; an annual event where vintage aircraft like the P-51 and P-47 get certified to fly in formation with modern USAF demonstration team aircraft like the F-16, F-22 and F-35. Unfortunately, the flightline closed earlier than we planned for, so the teachers didn't have the opportunity to get close to the aircraft parked on the flightline waiting to fly. The teachers did get a chance to see several aircraft flying in formation before departing for the next stop, STARBASE.

STARBASE is a DoD Youth Outreach Program aimed at 5th graders from the Tucson metropolitan area. Students participate in challenging "hands-on, minds-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering & Art/Design, and Mathematics (STEAM). Upon arrival, the teachers were given an overview of the theory of rockets and what they were going to do with their bottle rockets. Based on experience from last year's Teachers STEM Camp, the staff of STARBASE pre-assembled the bottle rockets that the teachers then launched from a parking lot. After a great visit, the teachers then headed to the DMAFB Dining Facility.

At the dining facility, the teachers were provided with \$10 to purchase their food and proceed to some reserved tables to eat lunch. At each of the tables were volunteer airmen & one civilian to talk with the teachers about their jobs in the Air Force and what role STEM plays in their day-to-day work activities.

The final stop was the CMSgt Carl E. Beck Airmen Leadership School (ALS). ALS is the first professional military education that young Air Force airmen receive in their military career. The teachers were split into groups and proceeded through four classrooms. In each of the classrooms someone had a presentation or demonstration. Ron Marks from the Civil Air Patrol talked about the rocketry education program available from the CAP. Nancy gave an overview of CAP STEM resources, Aerospace Education Member (AEM) memberships, and Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) and Aerospace Education Excellence (AEX) programs for teachers. Mike & Ty helped the teachers experience the wonders of flight simulators that utilize ordinary laptops. Finally, Wally

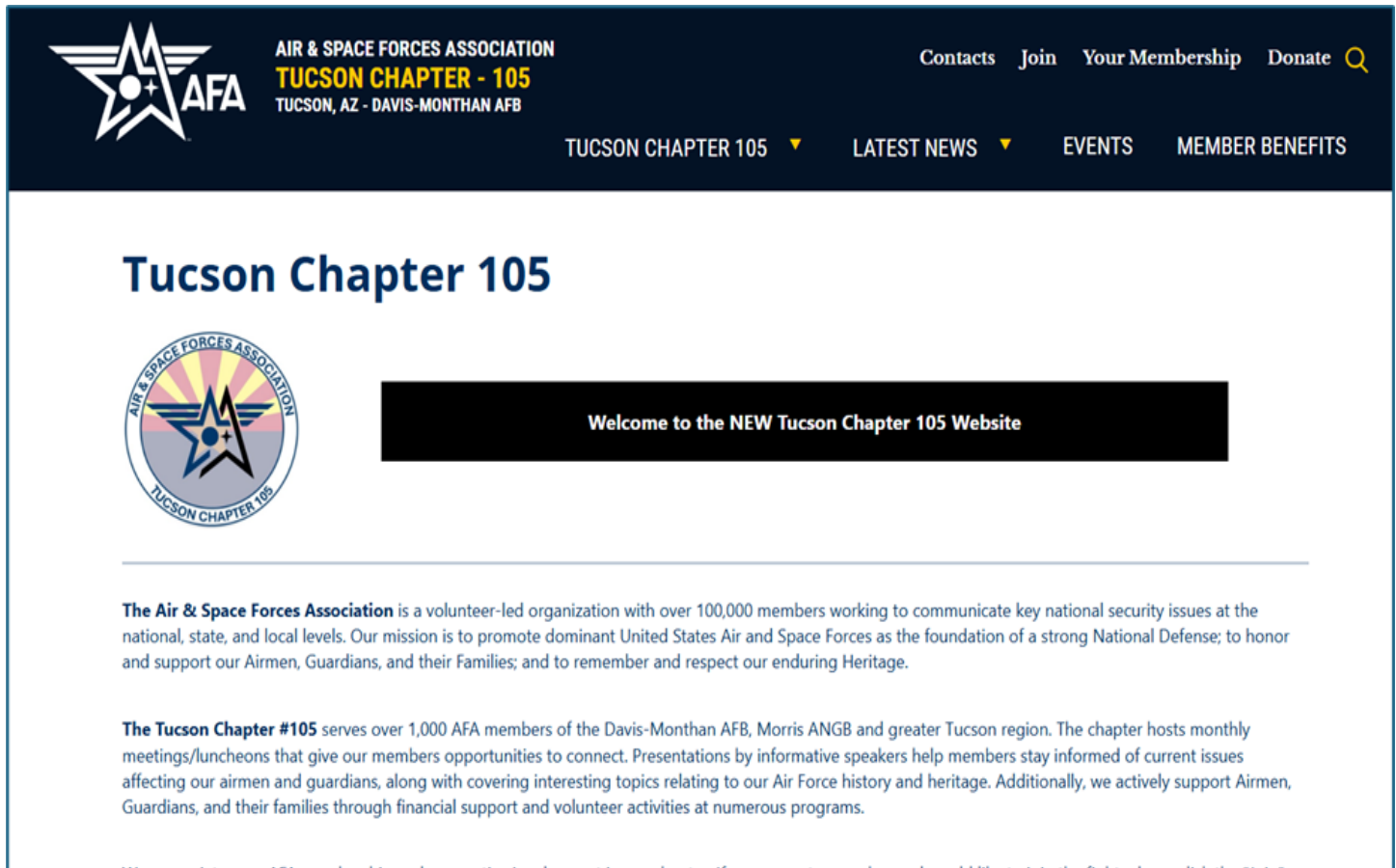


The Teachers

showed how AFA supports STEM and how to find the relevant information on the AFA website (afa.org). At the end, the teachers gathered in the ALS auditorium for Q&A and group pictures before boarding the school bus back to DDC and their vehicles to head home after hopefully a fun-filled, educational 2 days.

THE TUCSON CHAPTER 105 AFA WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK AND A NEW ADDRESS

<https://tucson.afa.org>



Visit the site at [https://tucson.afa.org/](https://tucson.afa.org) or scan the QR code below and let us know what you think. If you have any suggestions for content or layout, please send them to membership@afatucson105.org



MEMBERSHIP

We have quite a few new members and transferees into Chapter 105 this quarter. Thank you all for helping support our Air & Space Forces Association mission, and we look forward to meeting you at a chapter event in the near future. Watch your email for announcements regarding the monthly meetings and other AFA opportunities. Welcome!

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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, (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

We hope to schedule future “field trips” to different organization on base while conducting chapter meetings at the American Legion Post 36 off 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!!

Apr 2025

- 7th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- 25th: Chapter Meeting, TBD, American Legion Post 36

May 2025

- 5th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- 23rd: No Chapter Meeting, Enjoy your Memorial Day Weekend

Jun 2025

- 2nd: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- 27th: Chapter Meeting, Presentation by Scott Marchand, Pima Air & Space Museum, American Legion Post 36

SAVE THESE DATES/DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jul 7th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD
- Jul 25th: No Chapter Meeting
- Jul 27th: Loft Meal, More details to follow
- Aug 4th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- Aug 22nd: Chapter Meeting, Subject TBD, American Legion Post 36
- Sep 8th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, OG Conf Rm, DMAFB (all welcome!)
- Sep 18th: US Air Force Birthday, 78 years young
- Sep 19th: POW-MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 22-24: Air, Space & Cyber Conference, National Harbor MD

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.