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From the Prez -

Happy Spring. I thought we had skipped spring and gone right to summer with those record temperatures in March. I'm glad we've experienced more "normal" temperatures recently; let's hope they last for a little while.

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.

2026 got off to a start with our January meeting and a presentation about the University of Arizona Army ROTC Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) Mission to Poland led by Lt Col Rich Ingleby (Army ROTC). The presentation was done by Dr. Jesse Stephen. See separate article.

February was busier as preparations for the Southwest Teachers STEM Camp ramped up, the 355th Wing held its Annual Awards February 20th, the Annual Heritage Flight was held February 26 – March 1, and the STEM Camp was held February 28 – March 1.

March was busy starting with Wally Saeger presenting awards at CAP Neotoma Composite Squadron on Sunday, March 22nd followed by the Chapter Meeting on March 27th and an ALS graduation that evening. The month culminated with the Chiefs Recognition Ceremony on March 28. For good measure, Bryan Foulk and Wally journeyed to the U of A AFOTC Det 020 at 0630 hours on March 24 to present two AFA Scholarship \$500 checks to cadets Bryce Hollywood and Dennis Klein. The funding for the checks was provided by Bryan Foulk.

Chapter member Deborah Blattstein was the guest speaker for our March chapter meeting. Her presentation highlighted parts of the Civil Air Patrol's history including its formation, events that shaped what it is today, and important individuals and their contributions. See separate article.

See the Upcoming Events for events for the upcoming two quarters.

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 pay and send a check to cover your meal. Your check should be made payable to AFA Tucson Chapter 105 and mailed to AFA Tucson 105, PO Box 15057, Tucson AZ 85708. Thank you

AFA has a new membership category, Mission Membership, which is free. To learn more about it and the paid membership options see the separate article in this newsletter.

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; 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.

Chapter member Abraham Blattstein was instrumental in getting your chapter registered in the Wreaths Across America donation program. In doing this, we became eligible to receive \$5 for every wreath purchased by anyone designating the chapter as the recipient. We'll get details out in an email soon for 2026.

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

Since we use email to stay in touch, as does AFA National, please remember to let us know if you change your email address.

Wally Saeger, President

AFA Mission

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Chapter's January Meeting

The January chapter meeting was a presentation by Dr. Jesse W. Stephen, the Chief of Innovation and Research and the Deputy Director for Partnerships and Innovation at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). In these roles Dr. Stephen provides leadership and oversees programmatic efforts to recover and identify unaccounted Department of Defense personnel listed as prisoners of war or missing in action from designated past conflicts, from countries around the world. Dr. Stephen is located with the University of Arizona although he works for the DPAA.



The presentation covered the University of Arizona Army ROTC Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) Mission to Poland. Lt Col Rich Ingleby (Army ROTC) and ROTC cadets went to Poland the summer of 2025 to excavate a B-17 crash site. Dr. Stephen was the archeologist for the dig but did not make the trip.

The U of A contingent augmented the site "dig team" that had been in place for several years, providing extra muscle and learning how to conduct a demanding and exacting task. The U of A team lived on the economy which exposed them to local culture. Lt Col Ingleby had several goals for the experience:

Overall, an experience that instills the Army Values and Warrior Ethos in our future officers Selfless Service / "I will never leave a fallen comrade"

Cadets hung the MIA flag each day (without me asking)

Opportunity to discuss leadership lessons between cadre and cadets
New, less-experienced person joining an established team (i.e. new 2LTs to their platoons)

Cultural exposure – crucial for Army leaders
Language, customs, close interaction with Polish team members

Development of (mission-focused) work ethic

Greatly enhanced university relations
The whole campus seems to have seen that article – massive positive feedback

The result of the trip was a satisfaction of a job well done and an urge to go back in 2026.



AFA Tucson Chapter 105 President Wally Saeger presents the CAP Outstanding Squadron Cadet of the Year Award on behalf of the AFA to C/CMSgt Kyan Tran of the CAP Neotoma Composite Squadron 109 at the squadron's annual awards ceremony, March 22, 2026.

Chapter's March Meeting

Our March meeting saw one of our own chapter members giving a presentation on the Civil Air Patrol. Deborah Blattstein, a Major in the CAP, gave an overview of the history of the CAP and key people that were influential in its development and ultimate success. For those who don't know, the CAP is the official auxiliary of the USAF and takes on many missions that help the USAF fulfill its mission.



Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally funded, 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and serves as the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Founded Dec. 1, 1941, to mobilize the nation's civilian aviation resources for national defense service, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that is a cost-effective force multiplier for Air Force-assigned missions.

Debbie is a mission qualified pilot and the director of the Arizona CAP Wing Counterdrug Program. She is also a FEMA Regional Level Incident Commander and a Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine. She is a retired doctor of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Her presentation covered the early days of CAP when Gill Robson was the intellectual founder and Major General John F. Curry was the first commander of CAP. The airplanes flown by CAP volunteers were their own or made available by their owners; today they are supplied by the USAF and flown by CAP Senior members.

Initially, the CAP aircraft were unarmed while conducting surveillance for German submarines along American coastlines. Innovative CAP pilots started arming their aircraft with munitions like the AN-M30 100-pound general-purpose demolition bomb. While not sufficient to sink a submarine, the bombs could cause sufficient damage for the German submarines to stop their attack on a surface vessel and even be attacked by a larger American vessel or aircraft.

Another WWII role was towing target sleeves for aircraft and even artillery target practice. This enabled Army Air Force pilots to do other more war-related tasks.

The current CAP serves many missions including as "Target of Interest" to train the AZ Air National Guard and for MQ-9 escort mission. CAP's 44LIMA aircraft provided photos of the World Trade Center the day after it was struck on 9/11. That aircraft is on display in the National Museum of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

To conclude her presentation, Debbie showed a slide of a typical mission track flown during a potential/actual apprehension of illegal aliens/drug runners along the Arizona/Mexican border.



"A Little Bit of History" Bell P-59 Airacomet



STARBASE Arizona began the new year with a huge celebration, marking a significant milestone—20 years of inspiring students through STEAM education. Since 2006, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has proudly provided a home for STARBASE Arizona.

The program hosted a special event to highlight its many accomplishments and to express gratitude for the strong partnerships formed over the years. These include the continued support of Davis-Monthan leadership, partner schools throughout the Vail and Tucson areas, and several community organizations.

Guests were given the opportunity to see STEAM in action. Thirty students from the Vail Unified School District participated, fully engaged in the engineering design process. The room was filled with rich discussion as teams worked together to design a strong and effective safety restraint system for the famous Lt. Eggbert. The shared excitement was evident as each prototype was tested, engaging everyone in attendance.

A STARBASE Arizona showcase room was set up, allowing guests to tour several missions. Interactive sound buttons featured recordings of former STARBASE students explaining key concepts, describing the learning process, and sharing what they enjoyed most about each experience.

Guests also had the opportunity to see first-hand the important role Davis-Monthan plays in briefing students on career pathways and their connections to STEAM.

The success of STARBASE Arizona today reflects the meaningful contributions of previous staff whose commitment and vision helped establish a strong, enduring program. Their influence continues to be felt in the classroom. Seeing several former staff members return for the 20th celebration was a true highlight and a meaningful moment for all in attendance.

STARBASE provides incredible opportunities for STEAM learning by creating a classroom environment where students see themselves as scientists, technologists, engineers, artists/designers, and mathematicians—while also embracing their roles as innovators and leaders.

We don't just study STEAM; we engage students in hands-on, minds-on learning.

This milestone for STARBASE Arizona represents more than the passage of time—it reflects meaningful relationships, a shared vision for STEAM education, and a collective belief in the potential of every student.

STARBASE Arizona deeply appreciates the continued investment in our program and the belief in the important work we do. Here's to many more years of inspiring STEAM learning—together.

Please contact Kristine Impellizzeri for volunteer opportunities. sb.arizona@dodstarbase.org

The **Bell P-59 Airacomet** is a single-seat, twin jet-engine fighter aircraft that was designed and built by Bell Aircraft during World War II. **It was the first jet produced in the United States.**

Because the British were more advanced in jet engine development, they donated an engine for the United States to copy in 1941 that became the basis of the General Electric J31 jet engine used by the P-59 a year later. Bell produced a combined 18 prototype and test aircraft; because the plane was underpowered, the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) was not impressed by its performance and canceled half of the original order for 100 fighters, using the 50 completed production aircraft as trainers. The USAAF would instead go on to select the Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star as its first operational jet fighter. Although no P-59s entered combat, the aircraft paved the way for later generations of U.S. turbojet-powered aircraft.

General characteristics

- **Crew:** 1
- **Length:** 38 ft 10 in
- **Wingspan:** 45 ft 6 in
- **Height:** 12 ft 4 in
- **Max takeoff weight:** 13,700 lb
- **Fuel capacity:** 356 US gallons

Powerplant: 2 × turbojet engines, 2,000 lbf thrust each

Performance

- **Maximum speed:** 413 mph at 30,000 ft
- **Cruise speed:** 375 mph
- **Range:** 375 mi
- **Service ceiling:** 46,200 ft

Armament

- **Guns:**
 - 1 × 37 mm M10 autocannon
 - 3 × .50 cal AN/M2 Browning heavy machine guns
- **Rockets:**
 - 8 × 60lbs
- **Bombs:**
 - 2 × 1000lbs Mark 65

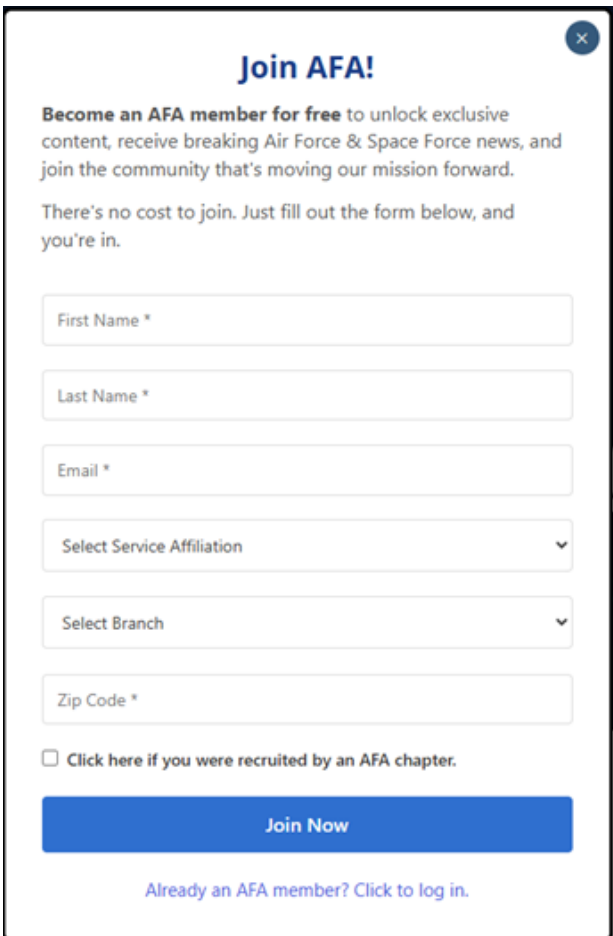
Air & Space Forces Association Announces New Membership Category: And It's Free!

Anyone! Whether you're Active-duty, Guard, Reserve, a veteran or a family member, or just a supporter of the Air Force and Space Force, you're invited to join the AFA Mission. The recently announced "Mission Membership" is AFA's free, digital-first membership tier designed to bring more Airmen, Guardians, families, and supporters into the AFA community.

Mission Membership is your entry point into AFA. It provides essential access to news, updates, and community engagement at no cost (yes, once again it is free!). Your no-cost membership includes receiving the Air & Space Force *DAILY REPORT*, Access to AFA Webinars, AFA's twice annual Tech Expos, research reports and policy papers, shopping discounts, and the opportunity to participate in field activities hosted by the local Tucson Chapter such as our monthly meetings and lunches.

AFA also offers paid membership options such as Life Membership that include additional benefits like the print magazine, event discounts, and long-term recognition. As AFA continues to expand its offerings, more enhanced membership options will become available.

If you, your friends or family members would like to take advantage of this offer, go to [Join AFA - Air & Space Forces Association](https://afa.org/join) and input your data. It's quick and easy. Also, please be sure to click the box at the bottom of the page saying that you were recruited by an AFA chapter.



The screenshot shows a registration form titled "Join AFA!". The text reads: "Become an AFA member for free to unlock exclusive content, receive breaking Air Force & Space Force news, and join the community that's moving our mission forward. There's no cost to join. Just fill out the form below, and you're in." The form includes input fields for "First Name *", "Last Name *", "Email *", "Select Service Affiliation", "Select Branch", and "Zip Code *". There is a checkbox labeled "Click here if you were recruited by an AFA chapter." and a blue "Join Now" button. At the bottom, it says "Already an AFA member? Click to log in."

afa.org/join



DoD-sponsored STARBASE Arizona, on DMAFB, celebrated their 20th Anniversary, Wednesday January 7, 2026. Marie Lankford and Wally Saeger attended OBHO Tucson Chapter 105

2026 Southwest Teachers STEM Camp

Tucson Chapter 105 did the groundwork for and hosted the 3rd Annual Southwest Teachers STEM Camp conducted at DMAFB Feb 28 – March 1, 2026. The STEM camp was conducted under the auspices of the Air & Space Force STEM Outreach Office that provided the funding for the supplies purchased for use during the camp and for the teachers to take with them when they left.

Unfortunately, this prohibited us from charging a nominal registration fee or using the USAF funds to pay for things like snacks, T-shirts, meals or transportation. This meant that Chapter 105 organizers had to scramble for donations, which fortunately SARSEF (Southern Arizona Science and Engineering Fair) and the local Tunnels to Towers-Tucson foundations pledged donations to help cover these costs.

The local groundwork fell to Tucson Chapter 105 to secure support from the 355th Wing leadership and the use of various DMAFB facilities. Due to the great relationship between the chapter and the wing, this was not a problem. The 355th Wing School Liaison, Elizabeth "Betsy" Fleming, was instrumental in securing the use of the Youth Center, sending out information on the STEM camp to local school districts, procuring school buses from a local school district (TUSD), and preparing the all-important Entry Authorization List for all of the teachers and participants without access to DMAFB. Without her attention to detail and willingness to go WELL beyond her normal duties this camp would not have been possible.

Months of preparation went into planning what was going to be taught and what supplies were needed. This planning was a team effort between Michael Vargas and Natalie Woods of the Air & Space Force STEM Outreach Office, Nancy Parra-Quinlin from Mesa AZ, and Ty White from Wilcox, AZ. Michael, Nancy and Ty are all past Arizona AFA State Teachers of the Year as well as AFA National TOYs. Natalie Woods is serving a year as an Einstein Fellow.

All of the local preparation fell on the shoulders of Chapter 105 members Marie Lankford and Vickie Jo Ryder. These ladies arranged for the use of the Ramada by Wyndham Viscount Suites for lodging and the dinner Saturday night, snacks on both Saturday and Sunday, and lunch on Saturday. They even came back on Sunday to help clean up the DMAFB CMSgt Carl E. Beck Airman Leadership School which the STEM camp had been granted the use of on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's events were all conducted at the ALS and centered on activities such as hands-on training and presentations. Everything was geared to providing the teachers with training that could be brought back and applied to their classrooms. There was even a presentation by two DMAFB officers and a CMSgt about how STEM education applied to their career fields.

Saturday night ended with a dinner at the Viscount Suites and a presentation by Anjani Polit from the University of Arizona and her roles in the OSIRIZ Rex Project. She gave a similar presentation last year and both were very much a hit with those in attendance.

Sunday saw the teachers participating in several activities around DMAFB. First, the teachers got the chance to visit Heritage Flight and walk on the flightline to get up close to the participating modern demonstration aircraft including the F-16, F-22 and F-35. They could also experience getting close to vintage aircraft like the P-38, P-51 and the F-5. While doing this, they could talk to the ground crew supporting the various aircraft.

Next was a stop at STARBASE, the DoD sponsored STEM education program for fifth grade classes from participating school districts. The instructors led the teachers through a theory of straw rocket construction and data gathering when the straw rockets were launched. The teachers then actually launched straw rockets, collected the data, and did the data analysis. Thank you STARBASE staff for coming in on Sunday to make this event a success.

The teachers were then bused a short distance to the dining facility. Each teacher was given \$10 to go through whatever food line they desired. Once they had their food, they proceeded to a U-shaped set of tables where seven airmen from different organizations across DMAFB were eager to tell their individual stories about their career fields and how STEM played a role. The teachers found this both enjoyable and enlightening as to what the Air Force had to offer.

The final stop of the day was back to the ALS for a rotation through classrooms where they learned about CAP flight simulators, CAP aerospace education educator membership and the kits available, what SARSEF, thank you Julie Euber, is about and what AFA has to offer for STEM education.

The volunteers from the U of AZ, Kody Robinson, Eva Roybai and Henry Woods added their energy to make things happen throughout the weekend; hopefully they gained as much as they gave.

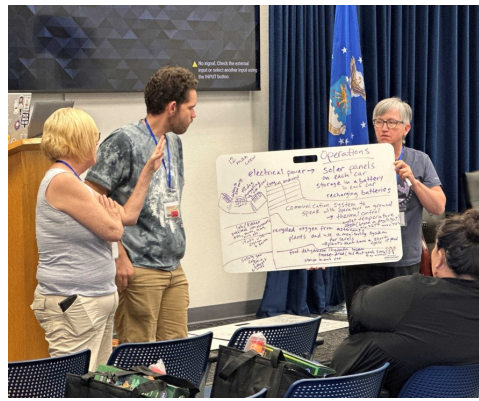
Looking at the after-action surveys, the STEM camp was a total success. For the 23 teachers that attended it's estimated that over 2,200 students will be impacted by the teacher's participation. Kind of hard to argue with results.

Thank you to everyone that participated but especially those that made it happen.

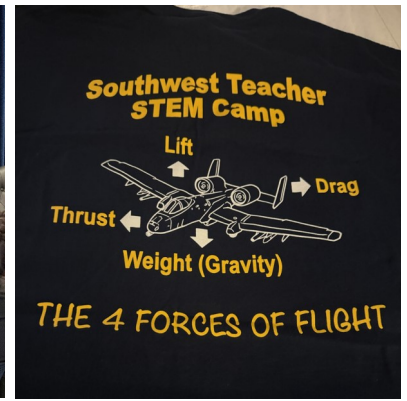
STEM Camp



Chapter 105 President Wally Saeger opens the 2026 Teachers STEM Camp by welcoming the teachers to the DMAFB Airman Leadership School on Behalf of the 355th Wing Commander, Col Jose Cabrera, Saturday February 28th.



Teachers present their design solution to establishing a space settlement on the first day of the Teachers STEM Camp at DMAFB, Saturday February 28th.



The back of the t-shirt that each teacher and camp staff received and was asked to wear on Sunday, March 1st.



The guest speaker for Saturday night's dinner was Anjani Polit from the University of Arizona, Lunar & Planetary Laboratory, was commissioned as an Arizona Space Marshall by the Arizona Space Commission. Presenting the commission was Michael Vargas.



2026 Teachers STEM Camp participants, staff and ground crew gather in front of the Red, White & Blue F-16 demonstration aircraft participating in the Heritage Flight at DMAFB, Sunday March 1st.



A teacher flies a PB-based simulator during the Sunday afternoon session for the Teachers STEM camp at DMAFB



2026 Teachers STEM Camp participants listen to a STARBASE teacher present data recording and evaluation of straw rocket launch data that the teachers will have to accomplish shortly.



Teacher participants, Camp Staff and presenters gather for a final group picture.

Ty White, part of the Teachers STEM Camp Staff, presents Bournlli principles to teachers participating in the camp on Sunday at the Airman Leadership School at DMAFB.



Betty C. 'Tack' Tackaberry Blake

Betty C. 'Tack' Tackaberry Blake was a pioneering member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) and part of the first training class, 43-W-1.



Born October 29, 1920, in Hawaii when it was still a U.S. territory, Blake developed an early fascination with aviation. At fourteen she began flying, and in 1935 she met Amelia Earhart during a visit to the University of Hawaii. After Earhart's talk, Blake was invited to the airport to see the aircraft she would fly the next day, an experience that helped inspire Blake's future in aviation.

Blake earned her pilot's license through the University of Hawaii's Civilian Pilot Training Program and flew tourists around the islands. On December 7, 1941, she witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor from her home above Honolulu. Determined to serve, she applied to the Women's Air Ferrying Service but was initially rejected for lacking fifty flight hours. Soon afterward, Jacqueline Cochran invited her to join the first class of the Women's Flying Training Detachment.

Blake graduated on April 24, 1943, at Ellington Field in Houston as part of the historic class 43-W-1. Assigned to Long Beach Army Air Base in California, she ferried newly built aircraft from factories to military bases across the country. During her service she flew a wide range of aircraft, including B-17s, B-24s, P-38s, P-39s, P-40s, P-51s, and transports such as the DC-3.

On one ferry mission in a DC-3, a skeptical sergeant insisted on riding in the cockpit during take-off. After Blake executed a smooth landing at their first fuel stop, he admitted it was the best landing he had ever experienced.

After the WASP were deactivated in 1944, Blake continued flying in civilian roles and remained closely connected to aviation. When she passed away on April 9, 2015, she was the last surviving member of the pioneering WASP training class 43-W-1.

Learn more: <https://cafriseabove.org/betty-c-tackaberry-blake/>



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 2026

- 6th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, MXG Conf Rm, Bldg 5500, DMAFB (**New location**)
- 17th: Doolittle Raiders Toast, 1430 Tucson Time, Virtual, More info to follow
- 24th: Chapter Meeting, Tucson Military Vehicle Museum, 1130, American Legion Post 36

May 2026

- 4th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, MXG Conf Rm, Bldg 5500, DMAFB (**New location**)
- 10th: LOFT Meal, more details to follow
- 22nd: No Chapter Meeting, Enjoy your Memorial Day Weekend and remember what it stands for

Jun 2026

- 1st: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, MXG Conf Rm, Bldg 5500, DMAFB (**New location**)
- 26th: Chapter Meeting, Subject and presenter TBD, 1130, American Legion Post 36

SAVE THESE DATES/DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jul **TBD**: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, MXG Conf Rm, Bldg 5500 (**New location**)
- Jul 24th: No Chapter Meeting
- Aug 3rd: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, MXG Conf Rm, Bldg 5500, (**New location**)
- Aug 28th: Chapter Meeting, Subject TBD, 1130, American Legion Post 36
- Sep TBD: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, TBD
- Sep 25th: Chapter Meeting, Subject TBD, 1130, American Legion Post 36

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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.