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AFA Langley Chapter Salute To Air Combat Command and Team Langley May 19-20, 2010

The CAF Airpower Symposium and Air Force Association Langley Chapter's annual Salute to Air Combat Command (ACC) and Team Langley will be held on 19 – 20 May, 2010. This event is attended by over 300 military leaders and aerospace industry members and serves as a primary forum to exchange information between the Air Combat Command staff and industry partners.

Registration and an opening breakfast will be held at the Langley Officers' Club, Langley Air Force Base on Wednesday, 19 May 2010, followed by the Combat Air Forces (CAF) Airpower Symposium where CAF Commanders, Air Force Secretariat, Air Staff and ACC staff will present and discuss topics of mutual interest. This year's symposium theme is "Win Today and Prepare for Tomorrow." We are honored to have General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, as the keynote speaker. General William M. Fraser III, Commander Air Combat Command, will moderate a panel of CAF, AFRC and ANG commanders addressing "CAF After The Quadrennial Defense Review." Major General Tom

Andersen, ACC Director of Requirements, will lead a panel on Recapitalization and Modernization with representatives from the acquisition, logistics/maintenance and scientific communities. A third panel topic and panel composition is in the works with the subject yet to be determined. Following the CAF Airpower Symposium there will be a reception at the Langley Officers' Club open to symposium attendees and Langley AFB military members.

On Thursday, 20 May 2010, there will be a golf outing at the Langley Air Force Base Eaglewood Golf Club with play on the Raptor Course. On Thursday evening May 20th the Langley AFA Chapter will host the 18th Salute To Air Combat Command and Team Langley Gala at the Hampton Convention Center and will feature the Air Combat Command's Heritage of America Band. This year's gala program will highlight the 90 year relationship between Langley AFB and the City of Hampton, and recognize Hampton's 400th Anniversary.

Langley Chapter Reception, 19 May 2010, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Langley AFB Officers' Club – Socialize with Symposium participants, Langley AFB personnel, and aerospace industry members

Invitational Golf Tournament, 20 May 2010
Shotgun Start at 9:30 a.m.
Eaglewood Golf Club
Playing on the Raptor Course
Captain's choice – Prizes

Salute to ACC and Team Langley Gala, 20 May 2010, 6:30 to 10 p.m.
Hampton Convention Center
Reception and Dinner

ACC's Heritage of America Band providing entertainment

For more information and registration go to <http://www.meetingspots.net/acc2010.htm>.

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From The President

Here I sit on St Patrick's Day amazed that it is already March and time for the spring issue of The Langley Crier! Where has the time gone? The Chapter is off to a good start in 2010 as you will see from the chronicle which follows.

We had some changes in the lineup as we started the year. Our VP for Membership, Ron Kieklak, received a short notice change of station and left the area for Barksdale AFB LA. Ron did a great job with the membership and we are sorry to see him leave. Rick Jones has stepped forward to take the reins of membership and I thank Rick for volunteering to assist the Chapter. Steve Mosier asked to be replaced as our VP for Military Relations as he retired from The Boeing Company this past January. Although Steve will remain an active chapter member, he felt it was time for some new blood. We thank Steve for his long and faithful service to the Langley Chapter! Replacing Steve will be JJ Blessing who has been our point man for the Air Power over Hampton Roads air show for the past several years. Welcome JJ! Finally, on the Aerospace Education front, Randy Hobbs has turned over the reins of the Community College of the Air Force recognition program to Jim Hass who is a CCAF graduate.

As in past years, we have two major events fast approaching—the Combat Air Forces Airpower Symposium and the Langley AFA Chapter's Salute to ACC & Team Langley which will be held 19-20 May 2010. This will be the 45th year we have "saluted" the men and women from ACC and Langley AFB. We will also honor the 400th Anniversary of the City of Hampton and the city's 90 year affiliation with Langley AFB. Stan Stevens is leading this year's event and he'll have more to say later in the Crier.

Some Chapter highlights since our last newsletter—

- Col Brad Butz, 480th ISRW Vice Commander spoke at the luncheon in January
- Supported the HQ ACC, 633 ABW/1 FW and 480 ISRW quarterly awards luncheons
- Sponsored a Transition Careers Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Fair at the Langley Officers' Club in January
- Bronze Sponsor of the USO of Hampton Roads Annual Gala 2010
- Recognized Tom Wozniak, recently appointed to the AFA Veterans & Retiree Council
- Supported financial requests from the HQ ACC Top 3 for their Awards Banquet, Quilts of Valor, and Friends of Family Support
- Recognized our Community Partners at our February Chapter luncheon; Teresa Bosch organized a Community Partners' Fair

How To Get The Crier

Though we are working hard to make sure that the "Crier" gets the widest distribution, some of our membership are still not receiving our Newsletter. We have put together a schedule which will publish three Crier Newsletters a year. This schedule should get the word out on all upcoming events in plenty of time to plan, register, etc.

Our mailing is based on the computer generated label list we get from AFA National. If National knows where you are, then the Crier can be mailed to you. If your Air Force Magazine is getting to your current address, then the Crier should make it there as well. If you need to change your address, please see the comment on the index page of your Air Force Magazine or use the Email address: "Information@AFA.com" or call toll free at 1-800-727-3337. In the interim, all Langley Chapter AFA information is now being posted on our own Website at: "<http://www.afalangley.org>"

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Chapter Officers 2010

John Murphy	President
Stan Stevens	Executive Vice President
Jimmy Ruth	Secretary
Bob Allison	Treasurer
Jerry Levesque	VP, Aerospace Education
Jerry King	VP, Communication
Teresa Bosch	VP, Community Partners
Tim Howard	VP, Government Relations
Rick Jones	VP, Membership
JJ Blessing	VP, Military Relations
Harley Hammond	VP, Awards & Recognition
Vince Wisniewski	VP, Veterans Affairs

- Lt Gen Bill Rew, ACC Vice Commander, spoke at our March luncheon
- Supported the HQ ACC Annual Awards Dinner and presented
- Contributed \$3000 to the Officers' Spouse Club scholarship program to be used for Langley AFA Chapter Scholarships
- Represented the chapter at the Virginia State AFA meeting in Front Royal, VA

Remember our monthly luncheons are held on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to all. Please contact Renee Smith at 757-838-7980 #4 or renee.smith@pw.utc.com if you would like to attend.

John Murphy

State AFA Drill Competition

By George DeFilippi

The 5th Annual Virginia AFA Air Force JROTC State Drill Championship is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 at Atlee High School in Mechanicsville, VA. We are currently anticipating the largest turnout ever for the event. Of the 32 schools in Virginia with AF JROTC programs, 30 have indicated they will attend. We will have members of the U.S. Air Force Drill Team as Judges for the event, and they will perform a short program (15 minutes) between the end of the competition and prior to the Awards ceremony. The Drill Team Committee has invited Gov. Bob McDonnell and State Adjutant General MG Bob Newman, USAF, to attend. Gov. McDonnell has pledged to make Virginia "the most Veteran



Friendly" State in the Country. An invitation to cover this event has been extended to the AFA Air Force Magazine, but if you have any influence with them, exert your pressure. We like to say our Virginia Annual Drill meet is the

PREMIERE AF JROTC Drill Meet in the Country. That might be arguable but what that heck! We hope many of you will come out to see these fine young people compete. If you like more details on the Drill meet contact Chip Moran [800-296-1516, or chip.moran@yahoo.com].



Langley Air Force Association Awards Program

by Harley Hammond

The Langley Air Force Association Chapter supports quarterly and annual awards programs for the major organizations on Langley AFB. This program now recognizes over 110 airmen and civilian personnel annually. We assist in recognizing award winners from Headquarters Air Combat Command, the 1st Fighter Wing, the 633rd Air Base Wing, the 480th Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Wing and the 192nd Fighter Wing (VA ANG). The Chapter presents award winners in each military category (airman, noncommissioned officer, senior noncommissioned office and company grade office plus the civilian professional category) a \$50 cash award. Additionally, the Chapter sponsors the distinguished graduate program for the Langley AFB Airman Leadership School (ALS) and provides plaques for each winner. We also present quarterly and annual winners and the ALS distinguished graduates a free one-year AFA membership. Furthermore, we are happy to be able to provide a monetary donation to each organization to help defray annual awards banquet expenses. A Chapter member attends each event to personally congratulate the winners whenever possible.



Congressman Rob Wittman to Speak on April 13

First Congressional District Representative Rob Wittman will speak at the Langley AFA Chapter Membership Luncheon on Tuesday April 13th at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Hampton. This will be the Congressman's third visit since taking America's First District seat in December of 2007. On the Armed Services Committee, Rob serves on the Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, Readiness and Military Personnel Subcommittees. We appreciate his willingness and time to speak to our Air Force personnel, veterans and community partners. Please join us for what promises to be a rewarding opportunity.

AFA Radar Screen

Tim Howard – VP Legislative Affairs

As a new year begins, I have listed the top AFA issues for 2010 and what your AFA is doing to ensure TRICARE is not adversely affected by any new health care bill. I have concluded with four important issue papers submitted with a one line synopsis.

AFA Top Issues for 2010

- Support Our Airmen – AFA will strongly oppose any effort to change TRICARE.
- Recapitalize the Aging Fleet – begin the new tankers.
- Strengthen the Nuclear Enterprise – caution the Administration & Congress against nuclear weapon reductions.
- Secure Space and Cyberspace – develop the next generation of cyber security experts and capabilities now; increase emphasis and robustly fund space capabilities.
- Develop USAF People; Educate Airpower Professionals – invest in technical education to continue building a foundation; expand national programs encouraging the study of science, technology, mathematics, and engineering.
- Investing in Airpower – support a minimum defense spending of 4% of the gross domestic product; urge DOD to establish a strategic plan for a robust defense industrial base and steps needed to maintain that robustness.

Health Care

Your AFA is a member of The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of 34 nationally prominent, uniformed service and veteran's organizations representing more than 5.5 million retired and active service members and their families including the Guard and Reserves. The TMC has written directly to the Speaker of the House of Representatives urging no reduction in Medicare and military TRICARE physician payment rates. Also stated were the cuts being extremely problematic for millions of TRICARE beneficiaries who reside in areas where there is not a large military population or military hospital, and the last thing they need to worry about is whether a sick spouse or child can find a doctor to treat them.

AFA Issue Papers

- The Next Generation Bomber – global reach and global power is the ability to yield strategic effects by striking targets anywhere and anytime and is the core mission of USAF's long range strike fleet.
- Recapitalizing the USAF Fleet – modernizing the legacy fleet and acquiring new aircraft is a US Air Force efficiency and effectiveness element
- Air Force Aerial Refueling – this is critical to our ability to project and sustain assets around the globe.
- Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance – the ability to find, fix and track targets and items of interest is one of the most critical capabilities the USAF provides to the joint team. Visit <http://www.afa.org/grl/AF101/afpapers.asp>



Several of our Community Partners were honored at our Feb 9 meeting.

House Approves Legislation to Protect TRICARE

Washington, D.C.—Today, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) delivered the statement below on the House floor urging his colleagues to support his legislation, H.R. 4887, which would explicitly state that TRICARE and nonappropriated fund (NAF) health plans meet all of the health care requirements for individual health insurance currently under consideration by Congress (watch video of the floor statement here:<http://armedservices.house.gov/video/TRICAREaffirmation.wmv>). While beneficiaries of these programs will already meet CARE Affirmation Act would provide clarification by changing the tax code to state it in law. The bill was approved by a vote of 403 to 0.

“Madam Speaker, it is a commonly known fact that I oppose the health care reform bill as it exists currently and will vote against it tomorrow. But, my duty as the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee compels me to ensure that the health care of our brave service men and women, our military retirees, and all of their family members is protected if the bill does indeed pass.

“In the health care bill currently under consideration in Congress, TRICARE and the Non-Appropriated Fund health plans, the programs that provide health care for these individuals, will meet the minimum requirements for individual health insurance coverage, and no TRICARE or NAF health plan beneficiary will be required to purchase additional coverage beyond what they already have.

“However, to reassure our military service members and their families and make it perfectly clear that they will not be negatively affected by this legislation, my bill, H.R. 4887, explicitly states in law that these health plans meet the minimum requirements for individual health insurance.

“Our brave men and women in uniform provide us with first-class protection, and it is our obligation to provide them—and their families—with first-class health care in return. Every day, our troops risk their lives to stand up for us on the battlefield, and I now ask my colleagues—no matter what your position may be on health care reform itself—to join me in standing up for our service members and their families.

“Nobody knows what the fate of the health care bill will be tomorrow, but by supporting H.R. 4887, we will at least know that we have protected those men and women who sacrifice their lives to protect us.

“We must affirm for our military service members and their families that even if the health reform bill passes, the coverage provided by TRICARE and the Non-Appropriated Fund health plans will be properly defined in law as meeting the minimum requirements for individual health insurance.”

House Armed Services Committee

Ike Skelton, Chairman

<http://armedservices.house.gov>

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Col Butz spoke at our Jan 10 meeting.



LTG Rew spoke at our Mar 9 meeting.

Air Force Association Taps USAA for Financial Services ***USAA named preferred provider for banking and financial products***

SAN ANTONIO - More than 121,000 Air Force Association members now can take advantage of a comprehensive suite of financial services from one of the nation's highest rated* financial services providers, thanks to an agreement just signed with USAA.

USAA, a leading financial services provider for the military community, now is the preferred provider for checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit and investment products - all delivered with USAA's award-winning customer service.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome USAA as a benefit partner," said AFA President and CEO Mike Dunn. "This relationship will enhance our banking and investment products in the years ahead with a company that millions of military members and their families have come to rely on during a tough economic time. One thing's certain - USAA has an 88-year-record of financial strength and support for those in uniform and we're glad to be on the same team."

For USAA, the agreement is a natural evolution of its ongoing efforts to help facilitate the financial security of members of the U.S. military and their families.

"The Air Force Association and USAA share a common goal - taking care of those who serve this great nation and their families," said retired Chief Master Sgt. Eric Benken, USAA Air Force programs manager and the 12th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. "Both organizations understand the complexities of military service and recognize the courage and sacrifice of those who wear the uniform."

Benken, a life member of AFA, believes that together, AFA and USAA "will continue to provide members a legacy of tremendous value and customer service."

The agreement with USAA fills the gap left when AFA's former provider, Waterfield Bank of Germantown, Md., was closed March 5 by the Office of Thrift Supervision. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has been appointed as receiver and AFA is recommending its members utilize USAA for deposit accounts effective immediately.

Those who want to learn more about USAA can call (800) 531-8722 or visit usaa.com. To learn more about AFA membership, call (800) 727-3337 or visit www.afa.org.

About AFA

The Air Force Association (AFA) is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation. AFA publishes Air Force Magazine, conducts national symposia and disseminates information through outreach programs. It sponsors professional development seminars and recognizes excellence in the education and aerospace fields through national awards programs. AFA presents scholarships and grants to Air Force active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and their dependents; and awards educator grants to promote science and math education at the elementary and secondary school level. Additionally, AFA publishes a wide range of materials on www.afa.org.

About USAA

USAA provides insurance, banking, investment and retirement products and services to 7.4 million members of the U.S. military and their families. Known for its legendary commitment to its members, USAA is consistently recognized for outstanding service, employee well-being and financial strength. USAA membership is open to all who are serving or have honorably served our nation in the U.S. military - and their families. For more information about USAA, or to learn more about membership, visit usaa.com.

* Ranked highest named bank on Forrester's 2010 Customer Advocacy Ranking; Superior rating from IDC Financial Publishing; Office of Thrift Supervision Outstanding Community Reinvestment Act Rating; Highline Banking Data Services Top 25% of peer group. With \$31.8 billion in deposits, as of June 30, 2009, USAA Federal Savings Bank is 23rd largest bank in the nation.