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(210) 565-2660

Air Force Awards and Decorations

Monday - Friday
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Chapter Celebrates Air Force Birthday with Local Vets

AFA Celebrates Air Force's Birthday with veterans at Chula Vista Veterans Home

Photos courtesy of Gene Alfaro



This is an annual event for the Chapter in support of our local veterans and is much appreciated by all. The BBQ menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, salads, chips, and an Air Force birthday cake. We also had a full selection of beverages including beer and wine.



Spending some time with these men and women is always an amazing experience. Most willingly share their life experiences and their stories that are the most interesting glimpses into our history...should be required of all high school kids to spend some quality time with these folks from our greatest generation. ❖

Visit our Chapter Website

Our website (<http://sandiegoafa.org>) is continually updated with the latest information on chapter activities as well as the latest national news from the Air Force

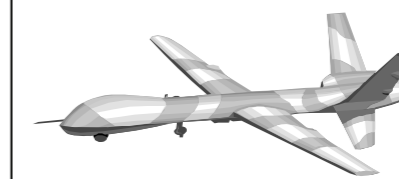
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Our next Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, 26 January 2010 due to the Holidays.

Predator Facility Tour

Tour the Predator Production Facility in Poway

On Saturday, November 14, we were offered a unique opportunity to tour the new General Atomics-Aeronautical Systems Incorporated's Predator/Reaper facility in Poway, CA. Our host was Air Force Materiel Command's 703 AESG Det.3.



The tour took about 2 hours and included the Aircraft Production and Integration areas. Det 3 also had their store open for purchases. Many thanks to our hosts for a very informative day. ❖

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Association. Plus we have links to our sister chapters across the western United States. If you have an article you'd like to submit, please send it to us at sandiegoafa@gmail.com

We also update our calendar with dates and times of special events and include any updates to the dates and times for our monthly chapter meetings, so please check it often.

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Chapter 118 Golf Tournament

Due to popular demand, we are considering bringing back our annual golf tournament next spring (March-April 2010). If you are interested in helping with this great event, please contact Dick Jeffreys rjeffreys2@san.rr.com, or call 858.829.3799. ❖



Chapter Meeting Notes:

At the August 25th meeting, Community Partner plaques were presented to General Atomic's Chris Seat and SAIC's Duke Ayers.

Afterwards we listened to Col Martin Wojtysiak describe his participation in developing SAC (Strategic Airlift Capability) at Papa Air Base in western Hungary.

Europe is short of SAC, and Papa Air Base provided an ideal facility for SAC. Papa had been a Soviet fighter base during the cold war, but had not been used since. The base support functions still existed but were underutilized.

A number of European nations subscribed flying hours to support three C-17s that would carry Hungarian registration.



This location provides a convenient refueling and maintenance base for participating countries airlift, especially for airlift headed to or from current areas of conflict.

In August of 2008 Col Wojtysiak delivered the first C-17 to Papa Air Base, with the last two being delivered this year. It is expected that this will grow to three or four Squadrons in the coming years. ❖

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Air Force Sergeants Association

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Annual Christmas Luncheon Best Western 7 Seas

411 Hotel Circle South
San Diego CA 92108
619-291-1300

19 December 2009

Cocktails	12:00
Lunch	12:30
Raffles	2:00



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*** We will have bins for Non-Perishable Food and Toy collections.***