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What's New

Check out the AFA web site at www.AFA.org and the Local Chapter web site at www.afalasvegas.org

Regular Features

Upcoming Events

Salute to Community Partners



Upcoming Events

April 6, 2015 - Honor Guard Lunch, Nellis Club

April 25, 2015 - Annual Golf Tournament, Legacy Golf Club

June 5-6, 2015 - Southwest Regional Conference, Wigwam Resort, Litchfield, Arizona

Note: All events Nellis AFB unless otherwise noted.



“HONOR THE HONOR GUARD” LUNCHEON

April 6, 1100 at Nellis The Club

The Honor Guard members and their spouses are the guests of honor. This annual luncheon is held to show our appreciation for the Nellis Honor Guard and the outstanding service it provides to the community, the Air Force and most importantly to the families of our departed comrades. Over the last year, this group has performed 419 funerals for retirees and veterans of all the military services. In addition, they have performed military and civilian color guard details totaling 364. These details include, but are not limited to, flag folding details, sword cordons and parades. Each and every one of these details was performed with extraordinary precision and class.

The Nellis Honor Guard team is made up entirely of volunteers and we commend them for taking on this enormous challenge. Their units must also get credit for maintaining high standards of readiness while their co-workers perform these important services.

The Thunderbird Chapter cordially invites its members, spouses, Community Partners and Team Nellis to join us in this “Red, White and Blue” event. **RSVP to Pete Gillespie at (702) 452-9522 no later than Thursday, April 2. The cost is \$14.00 for club members and \$15.00 for non-members.**

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WHAT IS CYBERPATRIOT?

We cannot just talk about how our youth is not opting for science and engineering disciplines – we have to do something about – inspire them – usually in different ways than what intrigued older generations. Bring on CyberPatriot, part of the National Youth Cyber Education Program. There are three main programs within CyberPatriot: the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, AFA CyberCamps and the Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative – get them when they are young... CyberPatriot was conceived by our Air Force Association to inspire high school students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future – and, it is working.

Your Thunderbird Chapter is going all in to introduce CyberPatriot (CP) to the Las Vegas school system. The championship rounds for CP VII have just finished as we ramp up for CP VIII

Our previous efforts have focused on JROTC and CAP units in the local area. Widening our focus, we mailed a packet of recruiting materials furnished by AFA National to all 46 High School principals in Clark County. Packets were also sent to all members of the board of Trustees and the school district Superintendent. Follow up emails highlighting CP success stories provided by the AFA National-Community partners are also going out on a regular basis.

Immediate response has been mixed-to-positive. The Superintendent directed the district Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department to be the lead agency to bring CP on board. Within the district, Computer Science falls within the guidance of CTE which makes them a logical place for CP. The immediate good news is funding for CP will be available to those schools that are interested in participating.

The School Trustees also have asked the District School-Community Partnership Program to look at areas where this program could be of assistance. The School-Community Partnership Program is now a CP advocate and asset in helping schools become involved.

To date, we have several schools that are in the planning stages and one definite commitment to participate in CP for the 20015-16 year. With the culmination of this year's CP championship round, we will begin a second phase to introduce the district Middle Schools to CP competition.

Like most of our chapter endeavors, CP will require a team effort (read Individual and Community Partners) to be a success. We are going to need network-technology mentors to work with teams as they prepare for the competition rounds. Your time commitment is minimal with most support compatible with on-line systems – but your gratification from making a difference will be HUGE. We should expect a steep learning curve the first year with team support being a defining element. But, most of all we need your help.

Please contact me at Robertsdesk53@gmail.com, or Bob Hale at BobHale@cox.net.

2015 Air Force Association Golf Tournament



Legacy Golf Club

130 Par Excellence Dr.
Henderson, NV 89074

Saturday, 25th April
0730 Shotgun Start



AFA is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. We promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense, and to honor Airmen and our Air Force Heritage. To accomplish this, we:

- EDUCATE the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security.
- ADVOCATE for aerospace power and STEM education.
- SUPPORT the total Air Force family, and promote aerospace education.

The AFA Thunderbird Chapter uses golf tournament proceeds to support the local community in Las Vegas, Nellis AFB, and Creech AFB. Some examples:

- AF Wounded Warrior Program
- ROTC scholarships
- Honor the Honor Guard luncheon
- LV Rotary "Wetzel" Awards
- Cyber Patriot
- Aviation Nation Air Show
- PAC-12 Basketball Tourney tickets to Nellis/Creech Airmen
- Base awards programs for Airmen
- "Adopt a Family" holiday support

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Come join the AFA Thunderbird Chapter for our annual fund raising event!

Format: Four-person team "Shamble" format. Each person will tee off and the team will select a drive, then each person will play out the hole with their own ball from the selected drive location.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$125 per person. You can put together a team or enter as an individual. The entry fee includes green fee, cart, range balls, entry into course events, tee prizes, and lunch following play.

Prizes: Team prizes and individual prizes for long drive and closest to pin.

Raffle: Drawings for many donated prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Sponsorship

"Platinum" - \$2500

Includes up to 8 player spots, hole sponsorship with logo, lunch sponsorship, AFA Community Partner dues for 2015, and opportunity to place table at the event

"Gold" - \$1000

Includes 4 player spots, hole sponsorship with logo, advertising recognition, and 2015 AFA Community Partner dues.

"Team" - \$500

Includes 4 player spots



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Event Registration

Registration deadline: 15 April 2015

Register online: www.afalasvegas.org (active 15 Feb)

Register by phone: Jimmy Clark – 702-610-1482
Herk Herculson – 702-458-4173

Register by Mail:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Options

- Platinum Sponsor \$2,500
- Gold Sponsor \$1,000
- Team registration \$500
- Individual registration \$125

Golfer Names

Make Check payable to “AFA Thunderbird Chapter”

Mail to: Jimmy Clark, 2555 Hampton Rd., Unit 5303, Henderson, NV 89052



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2015 Southwest Region AFA Conference

**June 5th - 6th, Located at the Beautiful
Wigwam Resort and Spa Litchfield, Arizona**

Welcome to the Air Force Association's 2015 Southwest Region Conference. The Southwest Region, comprised of over 6,000 AFA members from Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada come together in this annual event to discuss, share and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our Airmen in the region.

This year's conference features panels, presentations and speakers that highlight the AFA's mission to educate, advocate and support a strong U.S. Air Force. Please plan to join your host, the Arizona AFA, at the historic Wigwam Resort on 5-6 June 2015.

**Joe Marvin
President
Arizona AFA**



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Or To Register For The SW Region Conference**