

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE..**Dave Richardson, USAF Col (Ret); (H: 937-5680); [didgie@comcast.net](mailto:didgie@comcast.net). Dave Richardson, (H: 937-5680); [dmlrjr@msn.com](mailto:dmlrjr@msn.com)--It's time to put all of our members on a guilt trip. We failed to get enough participants to hold our Chili Cook-off so we had to cancel. That event and our upcoming Golf Tournament are our only fund raisers to support Chapter programs like the Civil Air Patrol, Operation Kids Christmas, Airman's Attic, Donations to Support the Families of Deployees, and our grants to Community College of the Air Force Distinguished Graduates. We have a board which meets every month, the second Thursday at 1130 at the VAFB Retirees' Center (all members are welcome). This board plus a few other volunteers tries to represent you, the members. Please let us know if you think we are not representing you or would like us to do something else with our time. We have come to rely on our Community Partners to fund a lot of our activity and sponsor our events but without participants in our Chili Cook-off or Golf Tournament, we will fail. We, as a chapter, cannot continue to support the active duty force without your support. Earlier this year, I wrote about reducing the number of newsletters mailed out each year. I have changed my opinion that electronic notification was a way to reduce cost and still be effective since less than half of our members provided e-mail addresses. Hopefully, you have found the information provided by John Ransome, our editor and publisher, to be informative and useful. If you come across any information which you think would be useful to our members, please send it to him.

Thanks for your support.



Dave Richardson

**2008 CHAPTER EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- Golf Tournament - 15 Aug**, Chair is Vaughan Hopkins
- VAFB's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball - 4 Oct**
- Community Partners Thank You Lunch - 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr (Oct):**

**CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS VIA E-MAIL**

**On Hold**--It appears most members desire a hard copy of our quarterly newsletter so it will be mailed as in the past.

**BASE EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS**

**Hot info!** Use 734-4117 from your cell phone for base emergency calls for ambulance, police, or fire; 911 will send the call to off-base services. If at a base number like 605- or 606-xxxx, then 911 will reach base emergency services.

**HOT<>>HOT<>>HOT**

**39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AFA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Friday, 15 August 2008**

**COSTS:**

- Individual (\$70 MRGC Members) \$80
- Sponsorship of Hole + 4 Golfers \$420
- Sponsorship of Hole + 2 Golfers \$265
- Sponsorship of Hole + 1 Golfer \$135
- Sponsorship of Hole Only \$105
- Shared Sponsorship of Hole Only \$55

**INFO:**

1. Includes Green Fee, Cart, Lunch & On Course Beverage
2. **1100** Check In; **1130** Lunch; **1230** Start; **1700** Awards
3. Drawings throughout the day

4. Marshallia Ranch, Scramble Format, Low Net, Closest to Pin, Longest Drive, Hole-in-One Prize on all Par 3s; Silent Auction & Door Prizes

**For info or signups** call: Denise LaLiberte, 606-2538, [denise.laliberte@ngc.com](mailto:denise.laliberte@ngc.com), **before 8/8/08**

**Please make checks payable to:**

**AFA, PO Box 5315, Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437**  
Includes Green Fee, Cart, Lunch & On Course Beverage

**PLAY GOLF, HELP SUPPORT THE AFA CHARITIES**  
OKC, Angel Tree, Airmen's Attic, & CAP

**Goddard AFA Chapter #266 Elected Board**

**President:** Dave Richardson, USAF Col (Ret); (H: 937-5680); [didgie@comcast.net](mailto:didgie@comcast.net)

**Vice President North:** Norm Marous, USAF CMSgt (Ret); (O: 6-5474; H: 937-5660, C: 452-9025); [n.marous@att.net](mailto:n.marous@att.net)

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**Treasurer:** Don Anderson; (H: 473-0629); [donpa@linuxledgers.com](mailto:donpa@linuxledgers.com)

**GODDARD CHAPTER NOTES**

Monthly Chapter Meeting: Monthly, the Second Thursday, 1130 at the Retiree Center. Future meetings: 14 Aug; 11 Sep; 9 Oct; 13 Nov; & 11 Dec.

**39TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Vaughan Hopkins 606-7007, Tournament Chairman. I hope you all signed up for the your Chapter's 39th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on 15 August 2008; again playing at Vandenberg's beautiful Marshallia Golf Course. Very seldom does one have the opportunity to contribute to such a worthwhile event with all proceeds raised used to support many local charities like OKC, Airmen's Attic, & the Civil Air Patrol along with donations made to our deployed military members and their families. Last year's tournament was the biggest AFA fund raiser of the year so please mark 15 August on your calendar and plan on joining us for an afternoon of fun. Additional information will be provided, as we get closer to tournament time.

**VOLUNTEERS MAKE ORGANIZATIONS GROW**

**CHAPTER DONATIONS TO DATE**

- A \$900 check to OKC
- A \$750 check to the Airmen's Attic

**CHAPTER NOTES**

- Jr ROTC at Cabrillo High School is still on hold as there are no funds to support this
- Your Chapter recently hosted the AFA Area II quarterly meeting at the Retirees' Center. Everyone was impressed with the base, our Retirees' Center, and of course, your Chapter's efforts

~~2008 CHILI COOK-OFF~~ Canx'd

**Denise LaLiberte** (6-2538 or [denise.laliberte@ngc.com](mailto:denise.laliberte@ngc.com)).. Denise reported the event was postponed until next year due to late responses of volunteers, teams, and sponsors. She wants everyone to start getting ready for next years fun event. If you were a sponsor and sent in your monies, I will return it to you or you may forward it towards our golf tournament; please let me know. Thanks for your continued support of all AFA events.

#### **GODDARD CHAPTER WEB SITE**

**Chuck Spice**, Webmaster, [charles.spice@vandenber.af.mil](mailto:charles.spice@vandenber.af.mil) (w: 5-4005 or h: 276-4784). I'm always seeking information to publish. [www.AFA-Goddard.org](http://www.AFA-Goddard.org)

**Congrats to Chuck**--MSgt Chuck Spice recently graduated from the "Senior NCO Academy" as a "Distinguished Graduate"; in the top 10% of his class of 332 other Senior NCO's. As a senior officer stated, "WOW, Superb! I'm not suprised."

#### **TREASURER'S NOTE**

Donald Anderson (473-0629) [donpa@linuxledgers.com](mailto:donpa@linuxledgers.com)--

#### **CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**

Larry Gooch (hm: 934-3135): [penlargo@aol.com](mailto:penlargo@aol.com). Only you can make the chapter grow, bring in a new member or two.

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Larry Gooch (hm: 934-3135): [penlargo@aol.com](mailto:penlargo@aol.com). If you see a business displaying an AFA Community Partner Plaque, please thank them for supporting the Air Force and this chapter. If you know of any businesses wanting to become involved, please send their names and phone numbers to me and I'll make contact to help them become community partners.

#### **HAVE FUN, VOLUNTEER TIME TO HELP OTHERS**

##### **VICE-PRESIDENT NORTH**

**Norm Marous** (O: 6-5474; H: 937-5660, C: 452-9025); **Norm** supports the CP membership North of VAFB. [n.marous@att.net](mailto:n.marous@att.net)

##### **VICE-PRESIDENT CENTRAL**

**Charles Ammons**, MSgt; (606-5595); **Charles** supports all the Community Partners on VAFB. [charles.ammons@us.af.mil](mailto:charles.ammons@us.af.mil).

##### **VICE-PRESIDENT SOUTH**

**Vicki Rodrigues** (O: 6-5689; H: 740-2856). **Vicki** supports all the CP South of VAFB. [Vicki.rodrigues@vandenber.af.mil](mailto:Vicki.rodrigues@vandenber.af.mil)

#### **AEROSPACE EDUCATION**

Kris Andrews, (h) 733-0942; (w) 606-0891; (c) 757-7473..The chapater recently presented a \$500 Student Scholarship to Benjamin Li from Cabrillo High School.

[Kris.Andrews@vandenber.af.mil](mailto:Kris.Andrews@vandenber.af.mil)

#### **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

##### **Phil Dinter**

The Chapter's Teacher of the Year, **Phil Dinter** of Lompoc High School was selected as the State's AFA Teacher of the Year. His original nomination to the Chapter was made by his principal, Art Diaz. In part, the nomination follows. "Phil is among the finest high school teachers in the state of California, serving the Lompoc Unified School District as a teacher and mentor for the Space, Technology, and Robotic Systems (STaRS) Academy. The one-of-a-kind pre-engineering program is aligned specifically to the aerospace industry where students participate in an integrated core curriculum of English, Math, and Science plus a technology elective. The program, now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, is funded by a partnership between the California Department of

Education, the Lompoc Unified School District, and thru business & community support. As required by the grant, more than 50% of the students are considered "at-risk" of dropping out of high school as determined by test scores, grade point average, attendance, motivation, and economic status. With plenty of support (including tutoring, mentors, and internships) and motivational activities (like guest speakers, field trips, and job shadowing), the success rate has been profound. Last year, all (100%!) of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade students passed both parts of the California High School Exit Exam and all (100%!) of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade students graduated. 13 students completed Advanced Placement courses and 26 earned college credit through articulation agreements with the community colleges. Half of the graduates completed coursework necessary for entrance to the University of California or the Cal State University system. 93% are either attending college (2-year or 4-year) or enlisted in the Air Force; and these are students of whom almost 60% were "at-risk" of dropping out of school. Phil Dinter was instrumental in the success of this program from the early stages in the late 90's when he developed (and continues to develop) curriculum for a course called Engineering Design. He continues to teach Beginning Drafting and even added regular after school sessions of drafting and manufacturing for middle school students. Because of Phil's enthusiasm for new technologies, love of young people and dedication to the pursuit of excellence in education, the STaRS Academy is a shining example of how one teacher can make a difference.

#### **THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION**

**The Air Force Association**, an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)(19), civilian organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation. [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

#### **WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS**

Be part of a national campaign to show support for American Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, and Sailors serving our country, wear red clothing items each Friday; let them know you care.

#### **13-17 SEP 2008 AFA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

**Fri, 12 Sep;** Region Presidents Meeting, Executive Committee  
**Sat;** Board of Directors, Credentials Registration, Preliminary Business Session, Field Awards Dinner, Delegate Caucuses  
**Sun;** Continental Breakfast, Memorial Service/Wreath Laying AF Memorial, Business Session, Official Delegate Buffet Lunch  
**Mon;** Continental Breakfast, Opening Ceremonies, Aerospace Technology Exposition Open, Lunch, Conference Address & Workshops, Delegate Workshops, OAY Reception & Dinner  
**Tue;** Delegates Congressional Morning Reception, Professional Development Workshops, Conference Address & Workshops, Four Star Forum , Lunch, Conference Address & Workshops  
**Wed;** Continental Breakfast, Conference Address & Workshops, Lunch, Conference Address & Workshops, Air Force Anniversary Reception & Dinner.

#### **CIVIL AIR PATROL**

Lt Col Lisa Tuggle, (606-6170 M-F); after hours or emergency; (606-478-2438) [Lisa.tuggle@vandenber.af.mil](mailto:Lisa.tuggle@vandenber.af.mil). Composite Sq 101 meets on VAFB, 1st & 3rd Wed in B9360, rooms 215 & 216, from 1830 to 2100; phone during meetings is 606-1184. On the 2nd & 4th Wed; meet at the SM Airport, Hangar #1 on the

north side, upstairs from 1830 to 2100; large hangar with the rotating beacon; phone during SM meetings is 346-2955.

### HOW TO JOIN THE CAP

Potential members of the Civil Air Patrol are urged to attend meetings prior to joining. For information call LtC Lisa Tuggle.  
**E-mail:** sq101@cawg.cap.gov **Local CAP:** www.cap101.org  
**National CAP:** www.cawg.cap.gov

### UNITED BLOOD SERVICES

Blood donations recently took a decided dip, raising concerns for local blood center officials. If you are over age 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds, please donate blood at the Blood Center in Santa Maria, Mon thru Fri or at a nearby blood drive. For the next three months, United Blood Services is holding its Toyota Prius Drive to Save Lives Giveaway. One lucky winner will win a new 2008 Toyota Prius. Give blood at a United Blood Services Central Coast center or blood drive through 30 Sep and you could be a winner. Blood Donors after donating can double their odds by depositing a second chance entry at any Gold Coast Toyota Dealer. For more info:

[www.UnitedBloodServices.org/CentralCoast](http://www.UnitedBloodServices.org/CentralCoast).

### SOMEONE READS THE NEWSLETTER

To Dave Richardson, just a short note to thank you for putting me on your newsletter mailing list. Since we only have two Chapters in the State of Alaska, I am able to keep in touch with my folks pretty easily. However, I did get some great ideas on things we can try and do here. Also, I think I should put out a newsletter that lists all of the different contacts people might be interested in having at their finger tips. Thanks for sharing your State efforts with me. Butch Stein, President, Alaska AFA.

### REMEMBER THE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT RETIREE INFORMATION

[www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire)

**Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents**, 2008 Edition is now available. Downloadable at:

[www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf](http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf)

### US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

- **Santa Maria Community Based Outpatient Clinic:** 1550 East Main St, SM, CA 93454, Phone 805-354-6000
- **San Luis Obispo Pacific Medical Plaza:** 1288 Morro Street, Ste.200, SLO, CA 93401, Phone 805-543-1233.
- **Santa Barbara Community Based Outpatient Clinic:** 4440 Calle Real, SB, CA 93110, Phone 805-683-1491.

### JOINT RETIREES ACTIVITIES OFFICE (RAO)

**Chief Norm Marous** (Ret) is the volunteer Director, 6-5474. Located in the BX area, B10364; open Mon-Fri, 1000-1400 (cookies & coffee to help socialize); meet the third Thursday of each month at 1300. Volunteers are always welcome along with guests; they offer friendly computer training. To find info on Mortuary Affairs call 6-3653. [retirees.office@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:retirees.office@vandenberg.af.mil)

### RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

- Retiree Appreciation Day--A base's Annual Event will take place on Fri, 7 Nov at the Pacific Coast Club
- The Base Hospital--looking for volunteers to assist in the refill pickup office and many other areas

- Legal Office has new hours--Legal assistance on a walk-in basis will be 0900-1000 on Mon and 1300-1400 on Wed. Notary services and claims assistance on a walk-in basis 0900-1200, Mon thru Thu; in doubt, call 606-6200

### AFA BANKING CENTER

To open a checking or savings account, call 800-229-9505 or on the web; [www.afabankingcenter.com](http://www.afabankingcenter.com).

**Military Officer's Association of America**--Joseph Komenda Jr, President (922-0429)..MOOA, PO Box 5244, VAFB 93437. Schedule: **16 Aug** - Annual Picnic at Cocheo Park, VAFB; Sep - Lunch at Marshallia, "A Salute to Veterans".

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1356**--SMSgt Spencer Spriesterback (5-0794)..AFSA meets the second Tue, 1130, at the PCC; all personnel are welcome. Another contact is MSgt Bruce French (6-3226); [Bruce.French@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:Bruce.French@vandenberg.af.mil)  
**Company Grade Officer Council**--Lt Annette Rivas (6-1185)..Check the CGOC web: [intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/cgoc](http://intranet.vandenberg.af.mil/cgoc).

**Noncommissioned Officers Association**--TSgt Najera (6-1318)..NCOA meets the third Fri, 1500, at the PCC, all invited.

**Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team**--Sra Precious Torres (5-6556)..The VEAT meets the third Tue, 1330 at the PCC. VEAT is open to E-1 thru E-6 individuals.

**Vandenberg Top-3 Organization**--MSgt Martineau (5-0838) or MSgt Bedell (6-0076)..Top-3 meets the second Thu, 1200 at the Vandenberg Center. Meetings open to all SNCOs.

**Vandenberg Cruizers Car Club**--TSgt Walden (734-5669).. meets first Wed, 1800 at Auto Hobby Facility. All car/truck/bike enthusiasts are welcome to attend.

**Remember, monthly board meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu at the Retirees Activities Office and start at about 1130.**

**Support your Chapter and make it Grow!**

### AF RESERVE IN-SERVICE RECRUITER

**TSgt Molly Ditzko** (606-2704), 30<sup>th</sup> MSS/DPMISR, 1031 California Ave, Ste C-205, VAFB, 93437; building 11777.

### SM MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Dick Weber (922-8758). Hrs: 10-4, Fri, Sat, & Sun or call for an appointment; tours are available; 3015 Airpark Dr. SM 93455

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**Pass and Registration Office**--30 SFS/S5SP (6-1853)..Still located in B11777, C111 and is closed on the fourth Thursday for training, as is most of the rest of the base; like the hospital.

**VAFB Gate Hours.** The Santa Maria, Solvang, South, and Timber Lane Gates are open 24 hours a day. The Utah Gate is open from 0600-2200, everyday. The Lompoc Gate is open from 0600-1900, everyday. (30 SFS/SFOP, 5-2585)

**You're welcome/invited to monthly Board Meetings**, held normally the Second Thursday, 1130 at the Retirees Activities Office. Call ahead and there may be something to eat.

**Base Public Tours**--(6-3595)..Tours are conducted once a month, second Wednesday. Show time at the Main Gate is 0945. The tour lasts from 1000 to 1200; Cameras, video-cameras, and binoculars may be brought.

**Family Support Center:** Sally Galligan (6-0039) **Loan Closet and Airmen's Attic** in Bldg 8339 (corner of 8th and New Mexico). Hours: Mon & Wed (1000-1400) or call 6-5484.

**Call for Volunteers:** The Vandenberg Family Advocacy Program is seeking volunteers from the military and civilian community. Contact Ms. Georgia Thompson, Program Assistant, 606-8217 or e-mail 30MDG.FAP@vandenberg.af.mil

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**VAFB Clinic Closure**--The 30th Medical Group is closed the fourth Thu for training. For urgent needs please call 606-CARE or (888) 252-3299. Info: CMSgt Cathy Johnson, 6-6884.

**Comments & Suggestions** concerning this newsletter are always appreciated. Send short articles to me, 1122 Weymouth Ct, Santa Maria, CA, 93455. You may write, call, or e-mail **john ransome**, 937-8828. artgalry@verizon.net

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