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Veterans' Night
November 13

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AFA 116 President's Message



Lee Greer, President receiving "Chapter of the Year Award" from Mike Peters, AFA FW Regional President and Joe Sutter, AFA Vice Chairman for Field Operations.

I am pleased to report that the Claude Farinha Gold Rush Chapter 116 was once again selected as the California State AFA "Chapter of the Year." This is the fourth consecutive year that the Chapter has received this recognition and is testimony to the hard work and dedication of the members of the Executive Committee and other volunteers who make things happen! Unfortunately, this is a small group and there are several areas of interest that are not being addressed. We need additional members to step up and assist! As Bob Barrow reminds us, "many hands make light work." We can use more hands. You will be receiving a

survey in the mail to see where you might be able to spend just a few hours a month to lend your expertise and energy. We look forward to hearing from you and having you join the dedicated team that continues to make Chapter 116 the best in California.

"WINGS OF HOPE" GOLF CLASSIC JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The "Wings of Hope" golf classic is at the Ridge Golf Course on 25 August. The field is filling, but there is still room for a few more golfers to participate in this fun event. Also, "ball drop" chances will be available until the day of the tournament. Last year's ball drop winner received a check for \$4,300! If you could use a little extra cash for gasoline this year, why not take a chance on winning – it could be you. Details for the tournament and the ball drop are on the "Wings of Hope" website at www.afa.golfreg.com. We can accept cash, checks, or credit cards for the tournament and the ball drop. Hope to see you there.





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Air Force selects Air Guard member 'Outstanding Airman'

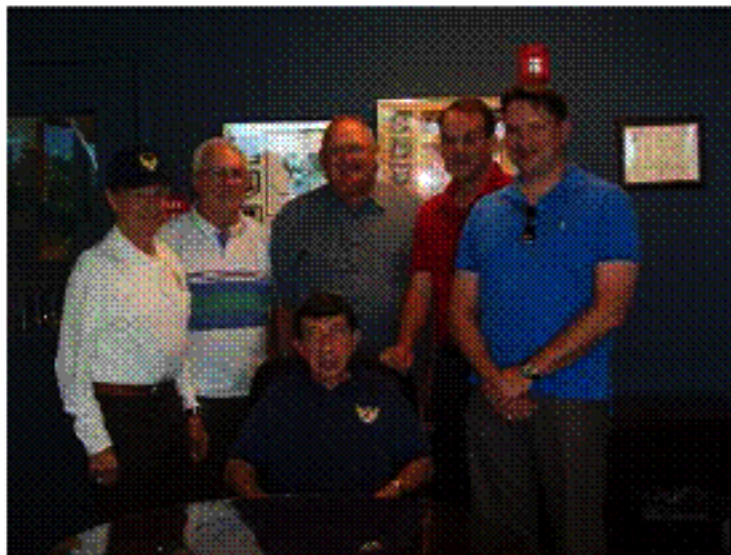
A California Air National Guard member was among the 12 Airmen announced by the Air Force Personnel Center in July as Air Force Outstanding Airmen for 2008.



Senior Master Sergeant Donna Goodno was selected from a group of 33 nominees that represented all Air Force direct reporting units, field operating agencies and Air Staff agencies. Officials said Sergeant Goodno distinguished herself as a supervisor for the California Air Guard's 147th Combat Communications Squadron in San Diego. She was nominated after earning Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the Air Guard nationwide. Prior to that she was recognized by her unit and the California Air Guard for her leadership, volunteerism in the community and her continuing education. Last year she earned three associate degrees after working on them off duty and between deployments for *Operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom*. She plans to attend San Diego State University this fall while working at her Guard base.

The Claude Farinha Gold Rush (Sacramento) Chapter of the Air Force Association offers SMSgt Goodno our heartiest congratulations on this major achievement, and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead!

CAFA Awards Committee



met in Sacramento on Saturday, May 31, 2008 to select CAFA's 2008 top performing military and chapter personnel.

Chapter 116 Visits "Wall of Heroes"



A group from our chapter visited the CA National Guard and we were very impressed with "The Wall of Heroes" which had been constructed by the Gold Rush Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officers Association. This project recognizes the Soldiers and Airmen of the CNG who have fallen in hostile actions while in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The CNG has had 22 Soldiers killed in combat in the Global War on Terrorism.

We also received an informative presentation and tour of the headquarters.

We appreciated the assistance of Brigadier General Mary J. Kight and her staff in setting up this tour for us.

CAFA 2008 Northern California Teacher of the Year



Anne Whitford
Bella Vista High School,
Fair Oaks, CA

We were very pleased that Mrs. Anne Whitford was selected as the CAFA Area 1, Teacher of the Year and received \$250.00.



AFA visits DGMC's McClellan Satellite Clinic

Bob Clawson, AFA Chapter 116 membership chairman, recently visited the David Grant USAF Medical Center's McClellan Satellite Clinic and met with Captain (RN) Rocky D. Hosie.



Capt. Hosie is the Nurse Manager at the McClellan Satellite Clinic and holds a dual master's degree in

nursing administration and business administration. Hosie said that the Air Force was something he always wanted to do, and throughout his distinguished, 14-year nursing career he never forgot the veterans.

As a member of a Critical Care Air Transport Team, Capt. Hosie helped to transport critically wounded soldiers serving in Afghanistan and other locations to better equipped health care facilities, earning the Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal for helping to save the lives of 13 wounded warriors.

At the McClellan Satellite Clinic, there is a Family Practice Clinic and a Women's Health Clinic on site with 26 people on staff, some who are currently deployed downrange. Capt. Hosie coordinates the daily activity and is busy going through patient lists to make sure everyone is being cared for either by the clinic or locally.

There are 6,450 patients on their lists maintaining either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Plus. The clinic has the distinct advantage of sharing the lab, X-ray and pharmacy with the Veterans Administration. The clinic's goal is to continue to grow and serve the active and retired service members and their dependants in the greater Sacramento area.

"The Sacramento area is very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff that makes sure the military families and retirees are being cared for by the McClellan Satellite Clinic," stated Bob Clawson. "If you are a TRICARE member, make sure that you have updated your TRICARE records with your current physician."

"If you have any healthcare issues, stop by your McClellan Satellite Clinic," added Capt. Hosie. "We can address health care issues through understanding, compassion, aggressive advocacy and superior service."

Those of us who use the clinic know it provides quality health care.

CALIFORNIA AFA STATE CONVENTION AT EDWARDS AFB

Thanks to the Pete Knight Chapter, community partners and sponsors for their hard work in hosting the 2008 CAFA convention and golf tournament. The tours and camaraderie were enjoyed by our participants.

Chapter 116 received the following awards:

**Golden Bear Award – Rich Taubinger
Edward A. Stern Award – Lee Greer
Sustained Outstanding Performance Awards:**

Phil Barger
Robert Barrow
Joe Battaglia
Stan Getz
Hugh Smith

**Exceptional Service Award –
SMSgt Jack W. Gruber**

**Meritorious Service Awards –
Ronald Azarcon**

Bob Clawson

Jan Clawson

Roger Rickard

Joel Stuckey

**Citations for Immediate Past Presidents
Fred Levien**

**Chapter of the Year Award with
Distinguished Achievement in
Aerospace Education, Overall
Programming, and Best Single Program:**

**Claude Farinha Gold Rush Chapter
#116**

**Outstanding Community Support:
SAFE Credit Union**

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