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President's Corner Lou Kridelbaugh, President

Holiday greetings:

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah. If this doesn't get to you in time, hope you had a great Veterans Day. Thank you for your service.

In September we had our chapter elections and General membership Meeting. The lunch was held at Mimi's Restaurant in Torrance. A few of us enjoyed a good lunch and some good conversation. We discussed some non "violent war stories" and what we might do to stimulate interest in chapter activities.

The election showed all incumbents "winning" another year at our positions. We received no write-ins. Some positions went unfilled due to lack of volunteers. Hopefully, our December lunch will be attended by a bigger portion of our membership. Please contact Gerry Dingman at 310-375-9501 to RSVP. Payment can be made at the restaurant but we need a head count to assure proper space for our group.

The first weekend in October we again participated in the Manhattan Beach Fair. We sold "Lemon Chill" again as a fund raiser for scholarships for ROTC and JROTC cadets. This year our booth location was in the back somewhat away from the traffic flow. Sales were down from previous years but the enthusiasm was still there. You should have seen Bill Hoenig dancing in the aisle to drum up business. If he could have done some break dancing I think that would have sparked more interest. My thanks to Bill Hoenig and Gerry Dingman for setting up our booth, working over the weekend and then tearing down the booth.

Also thanks to the many ROTC cadets who came out to support our activity. See another story on p 2 and pictures on p 4.

Our event with the best attendance, AFA Day at the Races, will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Santa Anita. Many of you have attended in the past and know what a great day it is. Great food, great comradery, great scenery, great horse racing. See page 4 for reservation information.

Have a great New Year and let's meet at the chapter functions in December and February!

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**Holiday Brunch
December 5th 2009**
RSVP to Gerry Dingman by
21 November, see page 3 +

Air Force Association Global Warfare Symposium and 38th Annual Air Force Ball

Thursday-Friday November 19-20 2008
Beverly Hilton Hotel
9876 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, CA 90210.
www.afa.org/events/NatISymp/2009/default.asp - more inside - >

AFA Update on LA Symposium and Ball

The 2009 Global Warfare Symposium will be held in Los Angeles, CA, on Thursday, November 19, and Friday, November 20, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

This annual symposium focuses on the global role of the Air Force in the world today and will feature topics ranging from the nuclear enterprise, cyberspace, expeditionary forces and space. We have invited multiple speakers from around the Air Force, industry, and government. As always, our national symposiums attract the top echelon of USAF senior management and commanders, the aerospace community and academia.

The Symposium will run on Thursday, November 19, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. On Friday, November 20, the Symposium will continue from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Annual Air Force Reception and Ball will be held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Since it is important for AFA leaders to have the opportunity to attend the symposium, a special "AFA Leader" registration fee for National Officers, Region Presidents, Directors, State and Chapter Officers and designees has been established. Registration is now open. Please go to <http://www.afa.org/events/NatlSymp/2009/default.asp> for more details.

If you plan to stay at The Beverly Hilton, please call the hotel directly to make reservations as soon as possible at (310) 274-7777 or 800-HILTONS. Mention the AFA symposium to receive the special symposium rate of \$255 (single or double) plus 15.37% tax and \$.45 CA Tourism assessment fee. However, the deadline to receive these rates expired on October 27. We suggest checking with the hotel for other accommodations.

Check the AFA website for the latest information on the symposium or contact the following people for additional details on specific functions:

Registration: Katie Storm, kstorm@afa.org or (703) 247-5848; **Hotel Information:** Meghan McClelland, mmcclelland@afa.org or (703) 247-5815;

Air Force Ball

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A Few Notes About Our Last Money Making Project

The Manhattan Beach Faire, October 3-4, 2009

Three Doolittle Chapter 121 members spent two full days at the fair selling Lemon and Strawberry Chill making a total of \$395.- for our endowment fund. Cool weather and an unfavorable location reduced our sales greatly. Gerry Dingman and Bill Hoenig set up the tent on Thursday afternoon, 2 October, and the Lemon chill delivery was accepted by Chris Meyers. Gerry Dingman and our President Lou Kridelbaugh opened on Saturday morning who stayed the whole day. ROTC Cadets from Loyola Marymount, USC and Bill Hoenig helped with the sales on that day. Sunday was covered by Lou Kridelbaugh; in the afternoon Bill Hoenig and a cadet from LMU finished the day; later, with the help of Gerry Dingman we took down the tent and signs and collected our share of the profit, \$395.-.

We thank the following USC cadets who helped us on 3 October: Evan Kopel, Isai Juarez, and Kenneth Mejia.

We also thank the LMU cadets assisting us on 3 October: Eric Aglubat, Ted Nicolas, Mariani Terrentez, Jason Ram and Mychal Will. On Sunday, 4 October, cadet Jason Ram helped through the whole day. See pictures on p 4.

Air Force Association Doolittle LA Chapter#121

You and your guests are cordially invited to the
General Doolittle Los Angeles Chapter 121

2009 Holiday Buffet Luncheon

to be held at: Grand World Buffet, 21557 S. Western Ave., #A Torrance, CA 90501

on Saturday, *December 5, 2009*

Gathering at 11:30 and Lunch at 12:00

Buffet Cost: \$12.00 Per Person plus tip

Come and enjoy Chinese, American, and Chinese Cuisine

*Over 150 fresh items include Mongolian Meat, Hawaiian Grill, Jumbo Shrimp,
Sushi, Crab Leg and much More ...*

Dress is California casual

RSVP to Gerry Dingman for "Head Count" by November 21st

SPECIAL NOTE TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CHAPTER 121

It came to our attention that some companies will match donations to our AFA Chapter 121. As you know we normally support seventeen JROTC units' outstanding cadets with a \$50 scholarship, and three ROTC outstanding cadets with \$200 scholarships each year.

Due to cutbacks to our money raising opportunities by the cancellation of the Torrance, Van Nuys and Hawthorne Air-Fair Days, we rely greatly on donations to fill our Scholarship Endowment Fund each year.

Please consider donating \$25, 50, 100 or more to the Endowment Fund and contacting your employer for possible matching funds.

Donations payable to "Doolittle Chapter Endowment Fund" are tax exempt.

Enclosed is my donation of\$_____

Name_____ Address_____ Ph:_____

Cut out and Mail to Gerry Dingman, 4439 Vista Largo, Torrance, CA 90505
(310) 375-9501

Treasurer, AFA "General Doolittle" - Los Angeles Chapter 121

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION GEN. DOOLITTLE—LOS ANGELES CHAPTER 121
2009—2010 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE—2009—2010

AIR FORCE SYMPOSIUM AND BALL, Beverly Hilton _____ NOVEMBER 19-20, 2009
HOLIDAY BRUNCH— Doolittle Chapter Celebrates the Holiday Season _____ DECEMBER 5 2009
Grand World Buffet, 21557 S. Western Ave., #A, Torrance, CA 90501, Ph: 310-328-8533
AFA DAY AT THE RACES—MILLION DOLLAR HANDICAP _____ FEBRUARY 27, 2010
Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia, CA

ALL AFA MEMBERS AND GUESTS—" DAY AT THE RACES"

Send your reservations—at \$48 each—by 13 February 2010

To Gerry Dingman, 4439 Vista Largo, Torrance, CA 90505

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS are held regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. in
THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT.
MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

NOTE: If you have any comments about The Briefing, and/or some proposed contributions please contact The Publisher at AFABill33@aol.com



LMU & USC cadets with Pres. Lou Kridelbaugh promoting Lemon Chill sales.



LMU cadet Jason Ram assisting President Lou Kridelbaugh in Lemon Chill sales.

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