



## Air Force Association

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
CHAPTER 115  
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### Chapter Happenings/Activities

#### SGV Chapter 115 Noticeable at CAFA Convention:

The annual California Air Force Association (CAFA) State Convention was held on May 28-30, 2009, at March ARB, located in Riverside CA. SGV Chapter Councilmember Martin Ledwitz, was re-elected as CAFA President, while Chapter Treasurer, George Williams, was re-elected as CAFA Secretary.

Additionally, SGV Chapter 115 received the Special Consideration Award – Veterans Support. Other Chapter members received awards as follows:

Name	Award Received
Marjorie Beckmann	Exceptional Service Award
Martin Ledwitz	Golden Bear Award
Gregory R. Telle	Meritorious Service Award
Hoorik Davoudian-Telle	Meritorious Service Award
James Thomas	Meritorious Service Award
George Williams	Sustained Outstanding Performance

A new CAFA Vice President for Area III was also selected. Louis Kridelbaugh, President of General Doolittle Chapter 121, was elected by a nearly unanimous vote.



George Williams accepts the Special Consideration Award – Veteran’s Support for SGV Chapter 115 from CAFA President Martin Ledwitz (L), and BG Eric Crabtree, Cmdr, 4th Air Force, AF Reserve Command, March ARB, CA.

#### Chapter Members may Nominate Individuals to Receive AAIA:

The Chapter is still continuing its effort to provide an Aviation Awareness Incentive Awards (AAIAs).

The Award is presented to individuals in order to recognize their contributions, and/or interest, in support of aviation-related activities. The award includes a certificate from the Chapter, a one-year membership to



the Air Force Association (AFA), and a one-year subscription to Airmen’s Magazine.

Any member of SGV Chapter 115 is authorized to nominate a person for an AAIA (*including Middle School, High School, and College students*). Send (via email) all nominations to [george.williams@sce.com](mailto:george.williams@sce.com):

Name of Individual:	Rank (if applicable):
Address:	Phone Number:
Date of Birth:	Email Address:
Justification (may be one sentence or one paragraph):	

**In Memory of Marjorie Beckmann:** SGV Chapter 115 is mourning the death of one of its most cherished members, Marjorie Beckmann, who passed away peacefully on Sunday night July 5, 2009.

Marjorie served the AFA in several different capacities and positions, including Chapter Councilmember, Secretary, President, and the State’s Vice President of Government Relations. She helped to improve the image of the SGV Chapter 115, and stimulated councilmember participation.

Marjorie also served as SGV Chapter 115’s representative at Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (JROTC) functions, and her involvement in Chapter activities helped to motivate other’s interest in the AFA. Marjorie was an essential component of the Chapter, serving as a liaison with Congressional representatives (including Congressmen David Drier, Adam Schiff, and Congresswomen Grace Napolitano, and Hilda Solis – who recently was named as U.S. Labor Secretary).

Marjorie was well-loved and a good friend to many people, and she will be sorely missed.

Beloved long-time SGV Chapter 115 member, Marjorie Beckmann, will be buried with honors (next to her husband - Robert Beckmann), at Arlington National Cemetery, in Riverside, CA., on July 15, 2009, at 10:30 am.



## Notices & Meetings

**Chapter Meeting:** The next scheduled joint dinner meeting of the California Air Force Association (CAFA) San Gabriel Valley Chapter 115, and the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Chapter 42, will be held at Domenico's Italian Restaurant (251 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA) for the 3rd Quarter of 2009 on the date listed below:

*Wednesday - September 16, 2009*  
*SGV Chapter 115 meets at 6:00 pm*  
*Combined meeting at 7:00 PM*



*All meals are a la cart*

*Reservations Requested:*  
*Contact COL Mike Schirm (818-846-4322)*

*No meetings are held during July, August or December*

## Chapter Officers

President:	James Thomas	626-302-3932
Treasurer:	George Williams	626-302-3020
Vice President:	Paul Willis	626-791-0809
Secretary:	Vacant	

### Council Members:

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## Community Partners

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Larry LaBine (President of F&EPI) provides services, particular to military veterans. Larry's contact information is as follow:

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**Stepman, Pinonnault & Associates, Inc.** is one of Chapter's important Community Partner members. The organization is proficient in providing Air Quality Services; Consulting Services; and Risk Management & Analysis.



Regulatory Specialist Marcie Stepman, and Technical Manager John Pinonnault are both experts in their field. Their contact information is as follows:

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Attorney Samuel Ledwitz provides excellent legal services, particular to military veterans. Sam's contact information is as follow:

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