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**"PETE" KNIGHT CHAPTER SAYS "THANKS" TO IT'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS**



# Knight's News



1 April 2009

## Words From the (Old, New, Pro-Tem) President??

Members of the "Pete" Knight Chapter. Hi, I'm Cruiser the high Desert AFA tortoise. (I was born and raised on Edwards AFB.) Uh, I know you're expecting words from your Chapter President, but my Daddy (the newsletter editor) has been complaining for weeks the President hasn't been available to write the President's column for this quarter's newsletter. Just a few months ago Daddy was saying how good it was to have some "new blood" in the President's position. Next thing I hear is the new President Kevin has "orders" and is going to Texas. (What are orders? Is that like when I wait outside the back door until Daddy brings me my plate of fruit and vegetables??) Then Daddy said Uncle

Rex (the Vice President) was President, then asked to be Vice President again, but was voted in as President, but was on the road and was too busy to write a column. Daddy has been awful busy too. I hadn't seen him for weeks, but I overheard Mommy telling somebody on the phone Daddy was gone because of a Global Hawk. (I'm outside all the time and the hawks never bother me—what's he afraid of??) Then Daddy came home and he was complaining of being busy getting ready for "a Convention" and having to fix a web. (A web? Is my Daddy 'Spiderman'?) I don't know—I'm just tired of hearing him complain, so after crawling out of my burrow this morning I wrote a column using the juice from my blackberries.

I'm hoping Daddy will use it so I don't have to hear him complaining anymore. Hopefully next quarter the real President will have the article done on time. (Can I have some more berries now Daddy? I'm out of juice.)

Cruiser

(Guest Columnist—filling in for the President)



## "Pete" Knight Airplane Wash (sort of ; -)

Despite cold windy weather and the "Spring Chaos" most of us have in our work schedules, a few "die hard" "Pete" Knight Chapter members showed up at the monthly airplane wash days of the Joe Davies Heritage airpark in Palmdale. President Kevin Schmaeman and girlfriend Jamie showed up at the 10 January "wash", where we promptly decided it was too cold and too windy to wash. (Also the airpark folks were recommending against washing that day.



"Komrade Conrad" and Jennie Hernandez, and Webmaster Randy Kelly were the other stalwart "washers". Stalwart was the word, as the Hernandezes and Randy also showed up for the 7 February and 7 March "wash days", or "weeding and sweeping days" as it turned out. Chapter 294 wasn't the only short handed organization

as "Komrade's Kadets" were nowhere to be found either so he and Randy also did some touchup in the "Rhino's" parking spot. Unfortunately, NOBODY took any pictures, so we had to hire a starving and nameless artist to record the event. See page 4 for the second sketch. Said artist was only offered a cup of coffee for his work, so don't complain about the quality of the work ; -) Editors note: The artist told me in revenge he had embedded a visual joke in the artwork, but darned if I can find it. The Pete Knight member who can find it and tell the Editor will get a free AF Academy



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### Tonopah Aerospace Club Tours Edwards



Size does matter!! Tonopah students up close and personal with the "Alien" end of a Block 30I Global Hawk. (Don't ask—We'd have to shoot you.)

Ten students and advisors from the Tonopah Aerospace Club traveled to Edwards AFB for a tour on 24 March 2008. Ms Cindy Phillips, the Pete Knight Chapter "Greatest Aerospace Mom Ever" was their sponsor and host. They attended the 412tw/EWG tour of BAF, IFAST and flight simulators. The students also took a tour of the Edwards AFB flight line where they saw many of the airplanes currently flying at Edwards such as the F-22, the F-16, the Global Hawk, the



Tonopah students getting a closer look at the "innards" and power plant of the Global Hawk inside one of Edwards AFB's large hangars.

Marine helicopters, the T-38, the KC-135, the C-17, and the C-130. They also visited the Edwards AFB museum and it's collection of historic aircraft to include the A-10, the F-4, the B-52, the SR-71, the Flightline tour? "Ms Cindy" arranges and supports several of these type tours a year both as an AFA airpower advocate to provide opportunity for rural students to visit Edwards AFB, and more importantly, because she's such a nice person. After the visit, the "Tonopah Muckers" students and teachers sent "Ms Cindy" and the AFFTC Commander a nice thank you letter. Thanks again Cindy for a job well done: :-)



--Free Admission--

EAFB Museum Open  
Tuesday – Saturday 9 am.  
to 5 pm  
Please contact EAFB Public Affairs prior to your visit, to arrange base access.  
Phone: (661) 277-3510

Blackbird Airpark Open  
Friday – Sunday 10 a.m. to  
5 p.m.  
2503 E. Ave P. Palmdale

#### AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

The Air Force Association is an independent, non-profit, 501(c)3 civilian organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the role it plays in USA National Security.



NASA DRYDEN  
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#### SPIDERMAN WANTED ALIVE by WJPK Chapter

Got talent taking pictures, writing story lines and spinning webs? Have we got a job for you! We really really need a volunteer to feed us pictures and stories for our newsletter and website. Call or Email Randy Kelly if you're interested.

#### TIDBITS RETIREE INFORMATION?

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

#### VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE ORGANIZATIONS GROW - BE ONE

If you're not a Pete Knight AFA Member, call Randy Kelly (hm: 661-256-1616) email: [electricrow@pobox.com](mailto:electricrow@pobox.com)

## 2009 CAFA State Convention

The 2009 CAFA State Convention is planned for 28—30 May. This convention is hosted by the Bob Hope Chapter at the March Air Reserve Base just South of San Bernardino. Here is the latest information and schedule we have. We posted applications on our website <http://www.antelepevalleyafa.org>

### SCHEDULE of EVENTS (as of 20 April 2009)

#### 28 May 09, Thursday

##### **1400 – 1700 Check-In & Convention registration at MARCH INN (Lodging Office)**

March ARB Lodging @ \$ 40 – \$48/night based on room type

>>>>>> **March Inn Lodging Number: (951) 655-5241, ext 3812 <<<<<<<**

**!!! CALL and MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY ... CAFA Gp # 20170080589 !!!**

**I presently have 123 rooms ON BASE reserved for CAFA guests (Check-In NET 1400) ... BUT the base continues to provide rooms for many mobilized personnel ... I will not get room reservation confirmations until mid-late May 09. IF on-base rooms are not available, your reservations will be confirmed with the new Hampton Inn at government rates. UNLESS YOU TELL ME OTHERWISE.**

##### **Hampton Inn & Suites, Moreno Valley @ \$78 / night Single or Double**

12611 Memorial Way, Moreno Valley, CA 92553, 951-571-7788; Fax: 951-571-7789

**1800 – 2100 Welcome Reception ... 'Hap' Arnold Club, March ARB, Atrium & Main Bar**

#### 29 May, Friday

0630 – 0830 **Continental Breakfast ... 'Hap' Arnold Club Atrium**

0700 – 1600 **Convention Registration ... 'Hap' Arnold Club Atrium**

0700 – 0745 **Golf & Convention Registration at the Gen Old Golf Club**

**Cost: \$ 75.00** Green Fees, Cart, Range Balls, Lunch .. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place; Closest to the Pin (Par 3 front & back 9); Hole In-One prize. **DRESS: Shirt w/collar; no cut-offs**

0800-1430 **Shot Gun Start/Scramble** Lunch at Air Force Village West 1230-1430

0830 - 1130 **Non-Golfers ... Tour Options:** 1) Base & Tenant Tours: **(09-1130)** Static Aircraft (KC-135, C-17 & UAV/Predator; C-17 Simulator.

1130 – 1245 **Lunch**, Hap Arnold Club Atrium (Included in **Option A** or as an A La Cart)

1300 - 1600 Tours: Armed Force Radio & Television Studio Tour and AMOC

**1430-1700** Executive Committee & EFA Meeting ... Hap Arnold Club, Daedalian Room

1630 - 1800 **Leisure Time ... ALL**

1800 – 1900 **Cocktails (No Host Bar)** – March Field Air Museum

1900 – 2130 **CAFA Awards Dinner ... Guest Speaker ... Mr. Buck Buckwalter**

**DRESS:** California Business Casual

#### 30 May, Saturday 0630 – 0830 Continental Breakfast & Convention Registration, 'Hap' Arnold Conference Center

**0730 - 1130 CAFA Business Meeting ... 'Hap' Arnold Club Conference Center. DRESS: Casual**

0830 - 1130 **Non-CAFA Business Mtg Attendees ...**

**Tour Options: (09-1100)** Riverside National Cemetery. **DRESS:** Summer Casual

Bus transportation provided to/from RNC

1130 – 1230 **Lunch 'Hap' Arnold Club Atrium** - (Included in **Option A** or an A La Cart selection)

... CAFA Leadership ... Working lunch if agenda requires.

1230 – 1600 **CAFA Business Meeting ... 'Hap' Arnold Club Conference Center**

1600 – 1700 **Leisure Time .. ALL**

1700 – 1745 **Cocktails/Social (No Host Bar) ... Hap Arnold Club Conference Center**

1800 – 2130 **CAFA Military Awards Dinner ... Hap Arnold Club Conference Center**

Speaker: TBD **DRESS:** Service Dress / Business Suits

#### 31 May, Sunday Travel Home ... Lodging Check-out (NLT 1200)

**If anyone is interested in March ARB Outdoor Recreational Event/Theme Park Tickets (discounted) for Sunday, 31 May and/or the following week, please let Nancy know and she'll get you in touch with the right people to work your 'wish list.'**

Please call Nancy J. Driscoll, President #257 if you have concerns and/or questions. (951) 655-7156; FAX: -7926



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#### **Ms. Gail Knight**

##### **Individual Donors:**

- Albert and Cathy Hansen
- Mr. Rex Moen
- Mr. Randy Kelly
- Mojave Desert Bank
- Talbot Associates

## "PETE" KNIGHT CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 28 Apr 2009 -- Chapter Board meeting @ SAIC Rosamond, 6:00 PM
- 26 May 2009 -- Chapter Board meeting @ SAIC Rosamond, 6:00 PM
- 29-30 May 2009 -- CAFA Convention at March ARB
- 6 Jun 2009 -- Airplane Wash Day @ Joe Davies Airpark, Palmdale, 8:00 AM
- 23 Jun 2009 -- Chapter Board meeting @ SAIC Rosamond, 6:00 PM
- 11 July 2009 -- Airplane Wash Day @ Joe Davies Airpark, Palmdale, 8:00 AM (no backup)
- 28 July 2009 -- Chapter Board meeting @ SAIC Rosamond, 6:00 PM

## OTHER ROUTINE STUFF

### Do you know about the AFA Veteran Benefits Association?

AFA Veteran Benefits Association (AFAVBA) was created as a result of the consolidation of the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation to provide benefits to military Veterans and to AFA Members. AFA's programs will continue unchanged, but under the AFA Veteran Benefits Association name.

All AFA members are eligible to participate in these AFAVBA Programs. The Life and Accident Insurance Programs, however, require that you meet one of the following requirements:

1. Served or serving in the U.S. Military
  2. Spouse or Widow(er) of someone who served or is serving in the U.S. Military
- Ancestor or Lineal Descendent of someone who served or is serving in the U.S. Military. (This means you're the child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc., or the father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, etc. of someone who

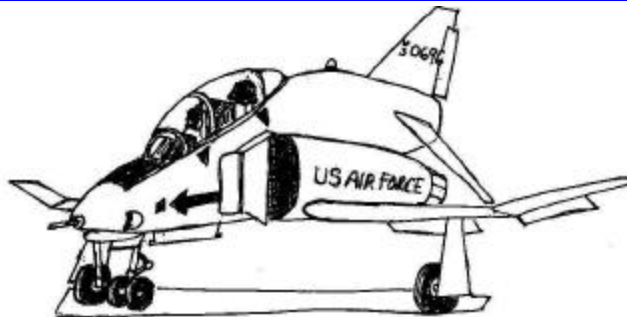
served or is serving in the U.S. Military. Aunts and uncles do not qualify.

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Other things you can get from AFA:

- Military member and spouse scholarships
- Vacation and rental car discounts

- Discounts on Dell and Apple computers
- Reduced rates on insurance
- Reduced rates on dental, pharmacy, vision and chiropractic services
- No origination fee mortgages and lower closing costs



**"Uh—has anybody seen my kadets nearby?"**

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#### **Member Benefit Magazine Highlights**

#### **\$50 Cash Back AFA Member Reward on Sprint/Nextel**

Whether you are an existing Sprint/Nextel customer or looking to switch to Sprint/Nextel, AFA members get a \$50 Cash Back Reward when you order or renew Sprint/Nextel through the AFA Wireless Center. Visit [www.afawireless.com](http://www.afawireless.com) or call a wireless solutions expert at 866-281-0004.

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#### **Many Vets May be Missing Out on Special Compensation**

Just because an Air Force veteran was not injured storming the beaches at Normandy does not mean he or she may not be entitled to receive combat-related special compensation, or CRSC. Many Air Force veterans may be missing out on hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars every month because they have not applied for the compensation. Go to <http://www.tricare.mil/> for more information.

### AFA Mission

- To **advocate** aerospace power and a strong national defense.
- To **support** the United States Air Force and the Air Force family.
- To **promote** aerospace education to the American People.



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