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## \*\*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*

- Apr 27 – AFA Mile High Chapter to present AFA National Junior ROTC Outstanding Cadet Award to successful awardee in Arvada
  - Apr 28 – AFA Mile High Chapter members James Adams and Stephanie Borecky will present \$500 chapter scholarship (\$100 from CAEF) to CSU outstanding cadet of the year
  - May 4 – Air Force ROTC Awards Ceremony at the University of Colorado
  - May 6 – AFA co-sponsored duck race fundraiser
  - May 9 – Mile High monthly meeting \*
  - May 19 – Armed Forces Day Luncheon with Gen. Lance Lord (ret) as guest speaker
  - June 13 – Mile High monthly meeting\*
  - June 19 – NDIA/AFA golf tournament
  - July 11 – One of Mile High’s original members from the 1950s will provide AFA127 history briefing
  - Aug 11-12 State AFA Convention, Pueblo CO
- \*AFA Mile High Chapter monthly meetings are held at Buckley AFB, 460 SW HQ, Bldg. 1030, Rm. 103

## President’s Corner

By Capt Ronald Geurts

Wow, we made it through another three months. I am proud to share with you a portion of the things AFA 127 accomplished and excited to share with you a glimpse of what the next three months holds in store for us.

- AFA 127 met with both of the ROTC units at CU and CSU. Our meetings included a 45-minute unclassified SBIRS briefing, pizza for the AAS, and several hours of one-on-one

discussion about AFA, membership benefits and general mentoring. What a blast.

- AFA 127 provided \$720 to the Arnold Air Society from CU Boulder to attend their national conclave (NATCON) in Florida.
- AFA 127 is presenting AFA National cadet medals to three local high school AFJROTC squadrons.
- AFA 127 purchased enough flags to present each graduating ROTC cadet (Det 90 and 105; CSU and CU) with a U.S. Flag (\$1,000).
- AFA 127 presented four briefings to the Professional Enhancement Courses at Buckley AFB for ALS, NCO, and SNCO airmen.
- AFA 127 provided financial support to the Buckley AFB basketball team to attend a tournament at Ft. Bliss, Texas.
- AFA 127 co-sponsored the UVC state awards banquet in April. Our honored guests included four ROTC cadets from CU and CSU plus several retired AF members.
- AFA 127 attended and presented the AFA sponsored award at the annual Buckley AFB Awards ceremony.
- AFA 127 attended the state AFA Quarterly Meeting in Colorado Springs.
- AFA 127 nominated and recommended the wife of a local member for an AFA National \$1,000 college scholarship.
- AFA 127 sponsored a grant to "Hearts Across the Miles" for \$50.
- AFA 127 attended the highly successful fundraiser for "I Have a Dream" as a special guest of Lockheed Martin. The "I Have a Dream" is a national non-profit foundation dedicated to helping under-served children complete high school, with the promise of college tuition assistance.

- AFA 127 attended several of the most recent Metro Defense Council meetings with local area businesses and military units from Buckley. AFA 127 is offering to sponsor one of these meetings in the future in order to expand the community's understanding of what AFA is doing for the community.
- AFA 127 continues to meet weekly with our local and national senate and congressional staff members to inform them on the issues important to our members.
- AFA 127 has recruited two new corporate members: Mass Mutual Financial Group and Wells Fargo Bank. Thanks, and special recognition goes to both of these firms.

The three most notable events coming up soon are:

May 6 – AFA co-sponsored duck race fundraiser  
 May 19 – Armed Forces Day Luncheon with Gen Lance Lord (ret) as guest speaker (see [www.aurorachamber.org/downloads/impact-Apr06.pdf](http://www.aurorachamber.org/downloads/impact-Apr06.pdf) or contact me directly).  
 June 19 – NDIA/AFA golf tournament

**DUCK RACE:** AFA is a co-sponsor of the Estes Park Duck Race scheduled for pre race activities at Nicky's Resort (Hwy 34 just west of Estes Park) starting at noon on Saturday, May 6. Several members will be on hand at 10:30 for a breakfast brunch, off the menu, and then to see the activities or help with "duck race security." Everyone is invited and encouraged to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance at nearly 500 prizes. Anyone who buys a ticket from AFA and wins a prize also wins \$20 from AFA.

The funds raised go to support the CSU/UNC AFROTC program. It helps pay for a scholarship and the purchase of U.S. flags flown over the capital in the name of every newly commissioned officer and given to that new second lieutenant at their commissioning. Our goal is to sell 75-100 \$20 tickets, so we will receive about \$19 back from each ticket for our cadet fund.

You do not have to be present to win, and winners will be notified by mail. Some of the major prizes include seven days at Riviera Maya, Mexico; three days at Disneyland; two days in Las Vegas; romantic getaway for two at the Broadmoor; an Amtrak trip to the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs; and hundreds of other prizes.

If you want to purchase a ticket, let me know by e-mail/telephone, and we can do business in person or by mail.

I will personally buy breakfast for any AFA 127 members who buy a raffle ticket and join us at Nicky's at 10:30.

Please feel free to call me at 303-470-7333 or e-mail me at [rgeurts@qwest.net](mailto:rgeurts@qwest.net) if you have questions or comments.

### **NDIA and AFA annual golf tournament**

The Inverness Golf Club and Hotel, Denver Tech Center, will host the 2006 National Defense Industrial Association and Air Force Association golf tournament Monday, June 19. The format is a four person scramble. Awards will be given for the longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line, hole in one and more. Registration starts at 7 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 7:30. A formal lunch and awards presentation will follow. To register or to learn more, please visit [www.defensetournament.folreg.com](http://www.defensetournament.folreg.com). Early registration ends May 29.

#### **UPDATES:**

**Our \$5,000 Title Sponsor is: McKenna, Long & Aldridge's Law Firm**

**Brig. Gen. Edwards, Commander of the 140th Wing, Colorado Air National Guard will be playing.**

**The grand prize for one of the hole-in-one competitions is a new Cadillac.**

### **Buckley to host air show**

The Buckley AFB Air Show is postponed until 2007.

#### **Correct E-Mail Addresses a Must**

The chapter leadership continues to provide the most accurate and current information to all members via a few different mediums.

In order to ensure the use of e-mail is productive, members must ensure the chapter has correct addresses.

Unfortunately, like any database, the e-mail database is only as good as the accuracy of the information. Currently the chapter has less than 30 percent of the total membership on our e-mail register. Increasing the registered e-mail addresses reduces postal costs for mailing a hard copy newsletter.

An e-mail from interested member: *Has the Mile High AFA chapter ever told us how much it costs to print and mail the newsletter? There are more and more people with computers, even us old folks in our late 70s and 80s. Cost must be close to \$1 a copy. Actually, the raw cost is around \$.60 each. This does not include the eight to 10 hours it takes to print, collate, staple, address and mail.* Please send correct e-mail addresses to Ronald Geurts at [rgeurts@qwest.net](mailto:rgeurts@qwest.net).

### University of Phoenix Scholarship

In recognition of the bravery and support spouses provide as their loved ones are protecting the United States of America, University of Phoenix (UOP), Colorado Spring Campus and the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to provide one military spouse with a scholarship valued at \$5,000 to attend UOP to pursue a bachelors or masters degree. The scholarship applications must be postmarked by May 19.

### Colorado Freedom Memorial

Chapter members may be interested in checking out the Colorado Freedom Memorial Web site at <http://www.cfmf.net/>. The Colorado Freedom Memorial will honor all the military men and women from Colorado who have lost their lives defending our country. There is no memorial like it in America.

### Chapter officers

Please call your Mile High Chapter leadership and let them know how you can help. Let them know how they can support you and your programs and call them for times and events because they would love to see you.

The Mile High Chapter officers are:

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### Chapter Acknowledges Community Partners

Community partners are civic organizations that extend their support to the Air Force and nation by accepting membership as an Air Force Association community partner.

They add great value and strength to the overall national defense while ensuring local chapters have the foundational support of the business community.

Mile High Chapter officers and members wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the current community partners:

**North Aurora Business Association**  
**eBlueprint**                      **Freeman Company**  
**Mass Mutual Financial Group**  
**Aurora Chamber of Commerce**  
**Wells Fargo Bank**                      **Holiday Inn DIA**

Chapter leaders ask all members to show support and appreciation by an expression of thanks and through their patronage.

### Mile High History

A new movement within the chapter is developing. We have a member, whose membership dates back to the 50s, who is collecting memorabilia and paper collectibles of our chapter history, our local Air Force history, and those stories we do not want to forget. Anybody who thinks they have something to contribute, please call me. This member has agreed to present his collection to the chapter in six months. That should be a great time to reminisce about the good ole days, eh?



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