

SAN DIEGO AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 118



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AFA Chapter 118 Members,

Please forgive this second copy of our newsletter, we had some issues with the first version we emailed.

A Note from our Chapter President

For those of you who have not been keeping up with the goings on of Chapter 118, you've missed some pretty interesting stuff in the last 6 months or so. We finally managed to convince Gerry Chapman to regale us with his World War II story. I'm sure most of you do not know that Gerry is a veteran of the guerilla campaign in the Philippines. Well, he is, and his talk about how an 18-year old kid became a wartime leader and contributor to Allied victory in the Pacific was truly inspirational. We presented an award to the Airman of the Quarter at the California Air National Guard Combat Communication Squadron. We had a monthly meeting in conjunction with the Civil Air Patrol San Diego Cadet Squadron 144 at the California Air National Guard Combat Communication Squadron facility. It was a real treat watching those kids go through their drills, and it was unexpected how much they appreciated our insight into Air Force life. Some of us had the opportunity to present AFA awards to some really deserving young folks at the SDSU ROTC awards ceremony and at local JROTC award ceremonies. One of our own, Leanne Babcock, graduated from SDSU this spring and became a 2nd Lieutenant in June. A number of us attended her commissioning ceremony.

We selected Ms. Keri Rose, a teacher at the School of Science and Technology in San Diego, as our Teacher of the Year for 1 May 2007 through 30 April 2008.

I know for sure that I am not covering half of what we have been doing these last 6 months. Hopefully most of you check out the website every now and again to see what we are doing and what is coming up next. If not, you should. In addition, I hope that you read your monthly Air Force Magazine, and that you are on the mailing list for Air Force Magazine Online Daily Report. It's important for us to keep up on what is going on with our Air Force during these difficult times so we can react appropriately when necessary.

Because so many of our members belong to and participate in different veterans' groups, we don't usually do veterans' appreciation events as a chapter. However, in September we are going to host, along with the Air Force Sergeants Association, a cook out at the Chula Vista VA Home. I encourage all of you to try to make this outing on



Saturday, 20 September. And, as far as veterans' support events, I'm sure that I don't have to remind you all of Stand Down.

Besides this newsletter, our [website](#), and our occasional general audience e-mails, I keep a short e-mail list of about 50 or so members who tend to be a little more active in chapter activities. I communicate with the folks on this short list concerning items that pop up during the month and might be of interest to the chapter. If you would like me to add your name to that list, just send me an e-mail at fran010106@yahoo.com.

Well, that's enough from me. Come out and see us at a monthly meeting sometime soon, and enjoy the rest of this newsletter. But, most importantly, stay healthy and enjoy this marvelous life in beautiful San Diego.

Fran Keenan
President, AFA Chapter 118

Get involved in your local AFA Chapter

Come to one of our monthly Chapter meetings and get involved with your local San Diego Chapter. The meetings are a great way to meet your fellow AFA members and learn what's new, you may even discover a long lost friend, it happens all the time. We're involved in numerous activities in the community to promote Air Force issues and support educational initiatives. Your involvement can be as light or heavy as you want it to be, no pressure. From time to time, we schedule guest speakers to speak to the members on current issues or to provide a personal perspective of events in our military history. We also partner with local chapters of other military organizations to leverage our combined networks and talents. So, plan to attend one of our future meetings. Dates and locations can be found on our [website](#).



Lt Babcock receives CAFA Meritorious Service Award

2Lt Leanne Babcock was selected to receive the Meritorious Service Award from the California Air Force Association (CAFA). This award is given annually to recognize important service that merits CAFA recognition. It is awarded for accomplishments during the current operating year or for accumulated accomplishments over a period of several years. Congratulations to Lt Babcock for her continuing and significant contributions to our local

Chapter.

AFA Scholarships Available & Awarded

AFA 2008 Spouse Scholarships: AFA has announced eight scholarships totaling \$20,000 to assist spouses of Airmen pursuing a college education. The scholarships are awarded to spouses of Airmen from Air Force active duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. AFA also considers academic achievement of a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA and other factors, including recommendations and community activities. Click [here](#) for details.

AFA Announces Excellence Scholarship Recipients AFA announced a total of \$15,000 in scholarship funds awarded for the 2008 AFA-FCEF Air Force Excellence Scholarship for 2008. This year's five recipients will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship. The scholarship was created and administered by the Air Force Association in partnership with First Command Educational Foundation, which provided the funding for the award. Click [here](#) for details.

Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition

Be a part of the Air Force Association's Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington DC September 15 - 17, 2008. This is truly a one of a kind event where AFA brings together Air Force leadership, industry experts, academia and current event specialists, from around the world to discuss the issues and challenges facing America and the aerospace community today. Register today online at www.afa.org.

Three days of addresses, forums and workshops

- Secretary of the Air Force
- Four Star Forum host by CSAF
- Command Chief Master Sergeants Forum hosted by the CMSAF
- Dale Brown, Best Selling Author

- An Emergent Russia
- Panel on Airpower Lessons Learned in Vietnam
- Combat Medicine
- How Next President Can Win the War on Terrorism
- Special Operations
- Air Dominance the Essential Element
- Kill the Messenger: Why Good News Goes Bad

The exhibits at AFA's Technology Exposition highlight the most current developments in aerospace technology and education. No where else will attendees find more than 130 of the most exciting aerospace exhibitors assembled to display and demonstrate the latest breakthroughs in air and space technology.

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San Diego AFA Chapter Member,

Thank you for your continued membership in our chapter and the Air Force Association. Your membership helps support the missions and objectives of the AFA in addition to the many organizations our chapter proudly associates with. As your V.P of Membership I am here to assist you with maximizing the most from your membership, retaining you as a member, and keeping you updated with what our active members accomplish. I also provide outreach on an individual basis if you are interested in becoming more active even if you are unable to attend meetings, there are many opportunities available.

Our chapter supports the following organizations and Air Force installations: AFROTC Detachment 075 at San Diego State, Silver Wings & Arnold Air Society, Civil Air Patrol Squadron 144, 147 Combat Communications Squadron, just to name a few. A full list of community partners, pictures, and calendar of events is listed on the chapter website: www.SanDiegoAFA.org.

Most recently our chapter was awarded the James A. McDonnell Award at the Silver Wings/Arnold Air Society National Conclave in March for providing the most support for Silver Wings out of any AFA chapter nationwide.

My goal is to help each member connect with an area of interest they specialize in or have a passion for. We boast an impressive 800+ members, imagine what our chapter could contribute if each one of us took initiative, we would make a powerful impact!

In order to help you get involved with our many projects, organizations, and programs please contact me at 503-330-1832 or LBabcock@rohan.sdsu.edu.

Respectfully,

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"The Force Behind the Force"

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