



Civilian Military Support Group NEWSLETTER

August - September - October 2008



Kern Supervisor Don Maben Installs Board: George Fox, Judy Bauer, John Fergione, Pat Russell, Chuck Medicus, Al Hoffman, Rex Moen,

Installation Dinner

On October 2nd, 2008 the EAFB Civ/Mil Support Group gathered together for an evening of fun, food and fellowship and to install the incoming Directors and Officers for the 2008-2009 year. Special thanks to Maj. General David Eichhorn AFFTC/CC for being our keynote speaker and giving us a great overview of the current happenings at EAFB.

Prior to the dinner, the guest were entertained with a slide show of the Civ-Mil Support Group in action thanks to the work of director Bob Slade.

Honorary Commanders Announced

A significant part of the evening's agenda was Gen Eichhorn's announcement of EAFB Honorary Commander appointments for 2009. Civ Mil and community leaders were paired with commanders and other senior base leaders to promote mutual interaction. In total, 20 community leaders were appointed to one-year terms. The Honorary Commander Program will offer a great opportunity for to gain insight into EAFB operations. In return, community leaders will work to establish deeper relationships with base leaders. The program has the goal of fostering cooperation, trust and esprit de corps.



John Fergione & Col. Leuallen

New Officers

The new incoming officers were Aida O'Connor, president; Mike Belzil, vice president; Danny Bazzell, secretary; Dr. George "Bud Reams, treasurer.



Installing the new officers was Major Gen Eichhorn.

New Board

The incoming Board of Directors of Class of 2011 includes Judy Bauer, John Fergione, George Fox, Al Hoffman, Chuck Medicus, Rex Moen, and Patricia Russell.

Installing the new board was Don Maben, Kern County Supervisor.

Three distinguished members presented with
HONORARY LIFE TIME DIRECTORS

Clyde Bailey - Tom Craft

Roger Persons (Posthumously)

Baskets are \$25.00 each



HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS

For Military Families

We're looking for donations of cash. Several hundred will be produced, your participation is greatly appreciated.

sent to:

EAFB
P.O. Box 812
Lancaster, CA 93584

Contact:

Terry Scott - 256-3507



BBQ - Can You Say B E E F !!

VANDENBERG TRIP

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have found it necessary to reschedule our trip to Vandenberg AFB.

The trip was originally scheduled for October 9 and 10, 2008 and has been rescheduled for February 12 and 13, 2009.

If you have already paid for the trip in advance we can do one of two things;

1. Hold your money as payment in full for the February trip.
2. Refund your money in full on request.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed.

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We apologize for this inconvenience and hope you will join us in February for this exciting tour.

Edwards AFB Civ/Mil Support Group MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Mike Belzil

During this past year, Mike has performed and given to the Edwards AFB Civ/Mil Support Group above and beyond all expectations. His contributions were in an effort to provide not only the Civ/Mil Group Board of Directors, but also our membership overall, the finest quality service possible. Through his personal efforts, we have increased member communications, established greater accountability of membership records and increased our membership significantly. During this period he was also the cornerstone in the continuing success of the Honorary Commanders Program and was the leader of the successful Air Force Flight Test Center Historic and Archeological Tour. The tour enhanced our members' personal awareness of the Center's mission. This just names a few of the many contributions he voluntarily provided to the Edwards AFB Civ/Mil Support Group.



Mike Belzil



MALICOTT RELOCATES TO MONTANA

Steve Malicott, a director of the Civ Mil Support Group and also CEO of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, will be relocating to Great Falls, Mont. Malicott explained that his wife has family in Great Falls, and with all the moving while in the Air Force, it was time to relocate on her behalf. Steve, through his unselfish and untiring commitments to the board and EAFB, will be sorely missed. Best of luck, Steve, in your future endeavors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. December 7th 2008 – Christmas Open House
@ EAFB Invitation to Follow
2. February 12th & 13th 2009 –
Community Leaders Tour & Vandenberg A.F.B.
3. October & November 2008 –
Membership Drive:
Sign up early to get Pass Bass to follow
4. November & December 2008–
Holiday Gift Baskets

2009 IS OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Membership Drive Takes Off!

The 2009 EAFB Civ-Mil Support Group Membership Drive began October 1, 2008. New and returning members should return membership forms as soon as possible. If you were an “early renewer” through previous correspondence, nothing further is needed—and thank you for joining early! Our membership has grown significantly over the past year, and the directors continue to strive to ensure the highest value for membership. We are rapidly closing in on our goal to grow to 150 members! Payments should be made to EAFB Civ/Mil and mailed to PO Box 812, Lancaster, CA 93584.

Our annual membership fee structure remains the same as last year: Renewal or New Individual Membership: \$60; Joint Membership (husband-wife membership): \$100; Corporate Membership: \$125

Upon receipt of payment, members will receive a membership certificate and card, Civ-Mil vehicle sticker, and, for new members, a Civ-Mil challenge coin. Additional coins can be purchased through our organization at a cost \$5 each. EAFB officials will issue base passes (good for members only, no passengers, no spouses, etc.) by separate correspondence. The passes will be valid throughout 2009. If you have any questions regarding membership, please call our Membership Chair,

Mike Belzil, at 661-202-0934.



BBQ WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, 150 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BEAUTIFUL EVENT. FUN, FRIENDSHIP, GREAT FOOD & SUPER RAFFLE PRIZES.

Edwards AFB Civ/Mil Support Group UNsung HERO OF THE YEAR George “Bud” Reams

Each and every Civ/Mil volunteer is very special to us. The Edwards AFB Civ/Mil Support Group could not be successful without the dedication and efforts of all our volunteers. However, each year we select one individual who has gone above and beyond what we could ever hope for in their volunteerism. This year, the Group chose Bud Reams for this honor. We have numerous events throughout the year and some require more volunteer efforts than others. For example, Bud has without question, always been there regardless of what the project or need may have been. Many volunteers contribute greatly to all our successes every year. However, over the years Bud’s superior leadership and selfless efforts provided the additional effort needed when others were not available. His personal contributions to the Civ/Mil Wall and years of work in maintaining it are but an example of the many things he has done to support the mission of the Air Force Flight Test Center and the Civ/Mil Group. The personal time and efforts volunteered went well beyond all expectations and were a major factor in the accomplishments of our organization. Suffice it to say, without Bud’s team effort, enthusiasm and leadership by example, we would not have enjoyed the banner year we enjoyed.



BOARD DIRECTORS

Aida O’Connor : President
Mike Belzil: Vice President
Danny Bazzell : Secretary
George “Bud”Reams : Treasurer

Judy Bauer
John Fergione
Patricia Russell
George Fox
Cathy Hart
Roger Hemme
Al Hoffman
Bob Johnstone

Chuck Medicus
Rex Moen
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Andy Shillinglaw
Terry Scott
Robert Slade
Mark Thompson
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MISSION

“The purpose and general nature of this organization is to establish a friendly, benevolent association of civic leaders and military personnel at Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB), to host incoming groups, and to consider service projects to benefit EAFB.”