

# EAFB Civilian Military Support Group NEWSLETTER

October-November-December 2008

## Installation Banquet

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### 2008-2009 Officers

Aida O'Connor – President  
Mike Belzil – Vice President  
Danny Bazzell – Secretary  
Dr. George “Bud” Reams - Treasurer

### Incoming Directors

The incoming Directors for the term of 2009-2011 are as follows;

### 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 groups incoming to Edwards Air Force Base, and to consider service projects to benefit EAFB.**

Judy Bauer, John Fergione, George Fox, Al Hoffman, Chuck Medicus, Rex Moen, and Patricia Russell.

## 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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Judy Bauer	Chuck Medicus
John Fergione	Rex Moen
Patricia Russell	Pan Patel
George Fox	Andre Schillinglaw
Jan Fourr	Terry Scott
Cathy Hart	Robert Slade
Roger Hemme	Mark Thompson
Al Hoffman	James Welling
Bob Johnstone	

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.

the Center's mission. This just names a few of his many contributions he voluntarily provided to the 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 the normal call of duty and worked tirelessly behind the scenes with little to no recognition. For this reason, we call this honoree the “Unsung Hero”. This year's recipient of the Unsung Hero award is Dr. George “Bud” Reams. We have numerous events and projects underway throughout the year; all of which require many hours of effort to see to completion. Bud, without question was always there to donate his time regardless of what the project or need may have been. Bud's selfless efforts have provided the additional push needed when projects were stalled or when others were not available to step in and accomplish a task. 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 to say, without the team effort, enthusiasm and leadership by example, we would not have enjoyed the banner year we enjoyed.

## **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 Director's, 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 provided to our members enhancing their personal awareness of

## **Farewell to Steve Malicott**

Steve Malicott, longtime member and director of the Civ Mil Support Group and CEO of the A.V. Chamber of Commerce, will be relocating to Great Falls, Montana. Steve 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.

## **Vandenberg Civic Leader Tour**

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

The trip which as you know, was originally scheduled for October 9 and 10 has **been rescheduled for February 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 contact Danny Bazzell (661-948-7805) if you have any questions.

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