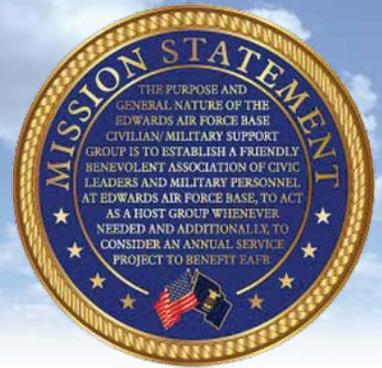




Civilian Military Support Group NEWSLETTER



President's Remarks

by Al Hoffman



Allen Hoffman

As we are closing in on the Holiday Season, nearing the end of a very busy 2017, I wanted to lead off by expressing my sincerest gratitude for our Civ-Mil Officers, Directors, Members, and Supporters. All of you have contributed significantly towards making 2017 a very good year for this organization, one which we were able to effectively continue our mission in supporting our Military Service Members

and their Families on Edwards AFB. I would like to share a couple of sentences regarding Civ-Mil from a recent e-mail received from MSgt Patricia Rivera, First Sergeant, 412th Operations Group: *"Thank you for your unyielding support of the Airmen and Events at Edwards Air Force Base. My love and appreciation for Civ-Mil is beyond words."*

Civ-Mil has made a difference. You each have made a difference. So a super big Thank You to all!

We held our annual Installation Banquet and Ceremony on Thursday, October 12th, in the Grand Ballroom at University of Antelope Valley (UAV). This was actually a two-fold event in that we also hosted 18 members of the Air Force Materiel Command's Community Liaison Program (CLP) from around the US for dinner and some outstanding networking. The CLP representatives departed our Aerospace Valley not only with a much better understanding of Edwards AFB, but of Civ-Mil and just how strong a bond exists between our Military and Civilian communities. General Ellen Pawlikowski, AFMC Commander, was our special guest for the evening affair. She was accompanied by members of her staff from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

During the CLP and Installation Dinner Affair, we installed the Class of 2020 for the Board of Directors: John Fergione, Cam Martin, Lisa Moulton, Richard Spann, Scott Cummings, Cathy Hart, and myself. Our Officers were also reaffirmed that evening: President, Allen Hoffman; Vice President, Rhonda Nelson; Secretary, Matthew Winheim; and Treasurer George "Bud" Reams. Brigadier General Carl Schaefer officiated the actual Installations.



Civ-Mil President Al Hoffman, AFMC Commander General Ellen Pawlikowski, and Civ-Mil Vice President Rhonda Nelson at the CLP / Installation Dinner Affair on October 12th.



Air Force Materiel Command Commander General Ellen Pawlikowski talks with Donna Termeer, representing LA County District 5 Supervisor Kathryn Barger, and Colonel Angela Supleison, Air Force Test Center Vice Commander at Civ-Mil's CLP and Installation Dinner Event on October 12th.

We welcome two new Directors as part of the Class of 2020: Scott Cummings, of the AV Mall, and Cathy Hart, from AV College. They are great additions to the Board of Directors. But we said farewell to two outstanding, long-term Directors that evening. Both Julie Swayze and Terry Landsiedel have been integral members of our Board, and both have never hesitated to volunteer to assist with our events. Though not seated on the Board of Directors, we certainly welcome and look forward to their continued involvement with Civ-Mil.

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Terry Landsiedel was honored as our Unsung Hero for this year. I refer to Terry as our “quiet storm,” as he is generally quiet, low-key. However, he had never hesitated to jump in and help out wherever needed. Terry is one of our perennial bartenders...each year at the annual BBQ, you will find Terry and Pan Patel behind the bar serving all of us with a big smile. We also recognized our Members – yes plural this time around – of the Year during the evening. Bob and Michele Slade are our “not-so-quiet storm” -or in Michele’s case, the “purple storm” - within Civ-Mil. You know when they’re around, not just by hearing and ‘feeling’ them volunteering to help out with everything, but also by results. Without Bob and Michele there would not have been two decades of BBQs. They are everywhere, helping out with all of our events. They have contributed so much of themselves, never seeking anything in return. So for Bob and Michele, for Terry, the recognition is very much deserved. Thank You from all of us.

Speaking of recognition and Thank You, I would indeed be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to our CLP / Installation Dinner Affair Committee, led by our very capable Vice President, Rhonda Nelson. Rhonda and the team organized and executed a very good event with over 150 in attendance...all in relatively short order. Well done!



Edwards AFB celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Supersonic Flight. General Ellen Pawlikowski addresses the crowd. Also on stage Ms Vickie Yeager, retired Brigadier General Chuck Yeager, retired Brigadier General Bob Cardenas, and Mr. David McBride, Director of the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center.

Our Thursday evening event was a kind of kick-off or lead-in to weekend festivities on Edwards AFB celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Supersonic Flight (and 70th Birthday of the US Air Force). On Friday the Test Wing held an Anniversary Celebration featuring aviation legends, and retired Air Force Brigadier Generals Chuck Yeager and Bob Cardenas. There were plenty of exhibits and demonstrations by various units as well as all sorts of aircraft to see on the ground and in the air. Fly-overs included B-1B, F-16s, F-22, F-15, and F-35. Friday night was the Air Force Ball, a grand chance for guests to dine and dance among the SR-71, F-35, F-22, and X-15 mock-up. Such a fun formal event was hosted by AFTC Commander, Major General David Harris, and 412th Test Wing Commander, Brigadier General Carl Schaefer.



Civ-Mil was well represented at the Air Force Ball on October 13th in Hangar 1600. L to R: John Fergione, Mike Belzil, David Norris, US Representative Steve Knight, Cathy Hart, Scott Cummings, Brigadier General Carl Schaefer, Ed Knudson, Al Hoffman, Les Uhazy, Bob Slade, and George Nagy.

Saturday, 14th, was the Run / Walk with History along Edwards’ historic Lakebed and flightline. Well done to team Edwards for two days of education, inspiration, and fun on the Base.

Speaking of fun on the Base, with the Holidays rapidly approaching, there are all sorts of fun events lined up for the Airmen, other Military Members, and their Families – especially children – on the Base. We are including the best listing we have going to print with this Newsletter. A couple of noteworthy ones are Cookies with Santa at the Airman’s Attic on Saturday, December 16th. The Edwards Top 3 Association will be spreading Holiday Cheer with pictures with Santa for the kids, cookies and milk and best of all presents. Civ-Mil’s generous \$500 donation will ensure that there are presents and cheer to go around. This event runs from 10 am-1 pm. Airman’s Attic, long supported by Civ-Mil with various projects, is located between the Post Office and the Edwards Thrift Shop on Kincheloe Avenue.

Civ-Mil has also provided \$1000 in financial support to the First Sergeants Association and the Airman & Family Readiness Center (AFRC) for Hearts Apart. This important holiday event is for Families of deployed Service Members. There will be a holiday meal, games, presents from Santa Claus, and “tons of fun.” Festivities get underway at 5 pm on Monday, December 18th at the AFRC.

There is so much more. Winterfest on Friday evening, December 1st, complete with live musical entertainment, Christmas Card Lane, and the tree lighting ceremony; and Sailor Santa, a fun excursion on a fire truck through Base Housing by Santa and his helpers from the US Navy on Friday, December 15th. Be sure to check out the flyers for these events or contact Civ-Mil at info@eafbcivmil.org for details.

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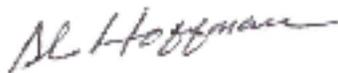


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The Edwards AFB Civilian-Military Support Group is part of a very supportive, kind, Antelope Valley Community that readily assists the Group in meeting its mission. Look at the diverse collection of sponsors that were onboard for our CLP and Installation Dinner Affair. Our sponsors kept our organization from having to take from our Treasury to put on this event, which by the way, got great reviews by General Pawlikowski and Brigadier General Schaefer as well as CLP guests from different parts of the country. Local businesses get involved. Hilton Garden Inn will be collecting toys for the Edwards AFB children throughout December as part of the Angel Tree project inside the BX. The Antelope Valley Mall is partnering with Civ-Mil to help raise funds and provide services to the Edwards AFB Community. AV Mall is a strong supporter of our American Military. On Tuesday, November 21st, Civ-Mil, via our President, went Live on Facebook sitting with Santa inside his winter cottage at center court inside the Mall. I was able to have a discussion about our organization and its importance, especially at this time of year, with Santa and Tricia Granger, the Mall's Marketing Manager. For every LIKE, COMMENT, or SHARE of our video on Facebook, the Mall will donate \$1 (up to \$5000) to Civ-Mil. Such fun. Such a good way to help raise money for Civ-Mil and our Warriors with their Families on Edwards.

With that said, it's time to wish everyone out there all the very best for SAFE and ENJOYABLE HOLIDAYS!

We are looking forward to a great 2018.



Allen Hoffman
President



Civ-Mil President Al Hoffman discusses the organization with Santa Claus and Tricia Granger, Marketing Director for the AV Mall on Tuesday evening, November 21st.



U.S. Air Force photo by Michelle Thomas

By Michelle Thomas, 412th Test Wing Public Affairs / Published November 07, 2017

AFTC vice, veterans share stories at annual ball

Colonel Angela Suplisson, the vice commander for the Air Force Test Center, looks through old photographs from the rocket sled testing program at Edwards AFB with retired Master Sgt. Marvin Houston during the annual Veteran's Military Ball organized by Coffee4Vets at the University of Antelope Valley in Lancaster, California, Nov.4. Coffee4Vets invited the vice commander to be the keynote speaker at their annual military ball celebrating local veterans. Houston, a veteran of both WWII and the Korean war, retired from Edwards AFB in 1966 after more than 22 years of service and shared many of his experiences with the colonel and others who attended the four-hour affair.

2017 Civ-Mil Board Installed

By Mike Belzil

The Civ-Mil Annual Installation Banquet was held at the Grand Ballroom at the University of Antelope Valley in Lancaster on Thursday evening, October 12, 2017. The event was well attended by more than 150 Civ-Mil members, Edwards AFB leaders, special guests, spouses and friends. More than 30 individual donors, elected officials, businesses and companies were acknowledged for their sponsorship of the event. The program included an annual report to members on Civ-Mil accomplishments over the past year by President Al Hoffman. The event also provided insight for visiting guests on the mission and contributions of our group.

Among the honored guests were more than 20 representatives of the Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) Community Liaison Program (CLP). The AFMC commander, General Ellen Pawlikowski, hosts periodic gatherings of the CLP members to update participants on key developments across AFMC and the Air Force. The installation dinner made a very positive impression on the CLP members, as they heard first-hand, from both the Civ-Mil president and the 412th Test Wing Commander, Brigadier General Carl Schaefer, of the impact Civ-Mil has on the quality of life for base residents

The agenda for the evening was to install the incoming officers and board members elected at the end of the summer and recognize departing directors. The evening was also an outstanding

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Directors Host BBQ Appreciation

By Bud Reams

Earlier this Fall, Civ-Mil directors hosted a very special thank you for our host of the 2017 Civ-Mil BBQ held annually at the Hacienda Lane Ranch. The dinner was held at the Stinking Rose Restaurant in Beverly Hills. A special group escorted Frances Lane and Ken Firsich to the evening celebration in recognition for more than 26 years of hosting the Civ-Mil barbecue. The annual gathering is one of the Civ-Mil organization's annual fund-raising events. The barbecue is held each July and is well attended by Civ-Mil members, Edwards Air Force Base leadership and elected officials. The Air Force Test Center commander, the 412th Test Wing Commander, the EAFB senior staff and numerous elected officials at the national, state, Los Angeles County and Kern County levels, and their representatives, are traditional attendees. The hosting party at the Stinking Rose included Bud Reams, Bob Slade and his wife, Michele.

A grand time was had by all. There was spirited conversation during the delicious dinner and special treats. The evening concluded with a toast to the success of the Civ-Mil Barbecue fund raiser and deep appreciation for the generosity of Ms. Frances Lane.

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testimonial to the importance of partnership between the base and the community. Following welcoming comments and introductions, later in the evening, the incoming board members and Civ-Mil officers were installed by General Schaefer. The Civ-Mil directors for 2017 are: Scott Cummings, John Fergoine, Cathy Hart, Al Hoffman, Cam Martin, Lisa Moulton and Dick Spann. The 2017 officers are: Al Hoffman, President; Rhonda Nelson Mays, Vice President; Matthew Winheim, Secretary; and Bud Reams, Treasurer. Special recognition was given to departing directors Julie Swayze and Terry Landsiedel for their many years of service and commitment. Terry was also recognized with the 2017 Unsung Hero Award and Bob and Michele Slade were honored with the 2017 Member of the Year Award.

The evening concluded with the singing of the Air Force song. Thanks to outstanding preparation by Rhonda Nelson Mays and her planning committee as well as strong sponsorship and presence of Civ-Mil members, base leadership and elected officials, the installation banquet provided an outstanding opportunity for members to socialize with base leadership. Spirits were high,

and our president ensured an entertaining event for all in attendance. Feedback over the days following the banquet confirmed all in attendance had a most enjoyable evening.

New Director Spotlight

– Scott Cummings

The United States Military has always been important to me growing up at Dover Air Force Base, in Dover, Delaware. Since moving to the Antelope Valley in 2008, it was always my intent to assist the fine men and women of Edwards Air Force Base. Over the past five or so years, being the General Manager of the Antelope Valley Mall has given me the opportunity to provide some assistance with programs offered at Edwards AFB. The Edwards Air Force Base Civilian – Military Support Group has provided years of support to Edwards AFB; and becoming a member and now a newly elected director will fulfill the intent I had since moving to the Antelope Valley. I am proud of the men and women of our military and Civ-Mil organization. This organization's dedication with its members and directors will only continue the vision the organization's founder (Aida O'Connor) envisioned more than twenty-five years ago.

Thank you Edwards Air Force Base and the vision of Aida O'Connor's Edwards AFB Civilian-Military Support Group, for allowing me to assist in my small way.

New Director Spotlight

– Cathy Hart

Cathy Hart is the Dean of Antelope Valley College's Palmdale Center and Extended Learning as of May 2017. She oversees the operation and staff at the newly opened center in addition to managing multiple programs for the college including Corporate and Community Services and Incarcerated Student Education.

Prior to her current role with AVC, she was an Account Director for Southern California Edison's Local Public Affairs department. She led public affairs support to internal Edison business units and developed plans and strategies to keep government and community stakeholders informed and engaged on major issues, programs and projects on behalf of the company.

In her 10-year career with Edison, Cathy also served as Northern Region Director for Local Public Affairs and led a team of field-based region managers in North Los Angeles, Kern, Tulare, Inyo, Mono, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. She worked closely with a team of cross-functional experts within the utility focused on raising the bar on grid reliability in the region and paving the way for the grid of the future. Cathy started her career with the Edison company as a local Region Manager for Local Public Affairs in the Antelope Valley.

Prior to SCE, Cathy held positions with the Antelope Valley Board of Trade as executive director and in marketing with the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. She and her husband, John also owned and operated a generator rental company serving the motion picture industry for 13 years.

Cathy enjoys dance and Zumba and is a certified indoor cycle instructor. She has three grown children and four grandchildren.

Cathy holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from California State University, Bakersfield, and master's degree in Public Policy from New England College, New Hampshire.

F-22 CTF celebrates 20th birthday of Raptor first flight

Kenji Thuloweit
Edwards AFB, Calif.



Air Force photograph by Jennifer Correa

Members of the F-22 Combined Test Force and special guests pose for a photo in front of one the CTF's F-22 Raptors at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The CTF held a ceremony Oct. 19, 2017, to commemorate the first flight of the F-22.

The F-22 Combined Test Force at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., held a ceremony Oct. 19 to commemorate the first flight of the F-22 Raptor.

The first flight of the first F-22 aircraft took place Sept. 7, 1997. The fighter took off from Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Ga., with F-22 chief test pilot Paul Metz at the controls.

The F-22 CTF continues to test systems upgrades and modernization projects on the fifth-generation fighter.

According to the Air Force, the F-22 Raptor's combination of stealth, supercruise, maneuverability, and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, represents an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities. The Raptor performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions allowing full realization of operational concepts vital to the 21st century Air Force.

The F-22 engines produce more thrust than any current fighter engine. The combination of sleek aerodynamic design and increased thrust allows the F-22 to cruise at supersonic airspeeds (greater than 1.5 Mach) without using afterburner — a characteristic known as supercruise. Supercruise greatly expands the F-22's operating envelope in both speed and range over current fighters that have to burn a lot of fuel using an afterburner.

Mission Statement

The purpose and general nature of the Edwards Air Force Base Civilian-Military Support Group is to establish a friendly, benevolent association of civic leaders and military personnel at Edwards Air Force Base, to act as a host group whenever needed and additionally, to consider an annual service project to benefit EAFB.



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&
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- ❖ Thursday, November 30th: Fundraiser @ BJ's Restaurant I Santa Claus n Palmdale. Bring the flyer (which BJs will make available shortly, and BJs will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Edwards Top 3 Association.
- ❖ Friday, December 1st: Winterfest & Tree Lighting with Christmas Card Lane on Edwards AFB. 4-8 pm. Ice Skating, Carriage Rides, and a Live Band. Tree lighting at 5:30 pm and Band begins at 5:45 pm.
- ❖ Thursday, December 14th: Holiday Dorm Dinner @ Oasis Community Center in the Stripes Lounge on Edwards AFB. The Edwards First Sergeants Association and Top 3 join forces to serve a holiday meal to dormitory residents (junior enlisted, E1 – E4).
- ❖ Friday, December 15th: Sailor Santa. Santa Claus travels through Base Housing. US Navy VX-9 Detachment's Santa and helpers will be handing out presents along the way.
- ❖ Saturday, December 16th: Cookies with Santa @ the Airman's Attic. The Edwards AFB Top 3 will be helping out Santa with photos with the kids, cookies and milk, and presents!
- ❖ Monday, December 18th: Hearts Apart sponsored by the Edwards First Sergeants and the Airman & Family Readiness Center. This event is for the families of deployed Service Members. Holiday meal, games, presents from Santa – and fun! 5 pm.
- ❖ Throughout December: The Angel Tree will be in BX until just before Christmas. The Hilton Garden Inn in Palmdale is also accepting toy donations for the children of Edwards AFB through December.



Edwards AFB Civilian Military Support Group

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Membership Type: Individual Corporate New Renewal

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Upcoming Events

- 1. Civ-Mil Spring Mixer 2018**
Location TBD
April/May 2018
- 2. Civ-Mil Annual BBQ 2018**
Hacienda Lane Ranch
July 2018