

FALL 2023

NEWSLETTER

**Air & Space Forces Association
Frank Luke Chapter #151**



HELLO FRANK LUKE CHAPTER MEMBERS!

We're excited to bring you the latest news, updates, and events from our Air Force Association Chapter.

This newsletter is your go-to source for staying informed about the remarkable work being done by our chapter, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved. Whether you're a longtime member or someone new to our community, we extend a warm welcome to you.

Thank you for being a part of our dedicated group of individuals who share a passion for air and space forces, and who are committed to advancing the cause of our nation's defense. Together, we can make a significant impact.

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of the Air & Space Forces Association Frank Luke Chapter 151,

I hope this message finds you well as we embrace the transition from summer to fall here in Arizona. It's an exciting time for our chapter, and I want to share some updates with you. First and foremost, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support and dedication to our local chapter. Our commitment to working alongside Luke AFB, its Community Initiatives Team, the Base Commander, and the airmen remains steadfast. We continue to explore opportunities to support our Air Force community and strengthen our bonds. Our chapter currently sits at over 1600 members!

We are thrilled to announce that our chapter is actively assisting with the 2024 Luke Days Airshow. I am working alongside the Active Duty volunteer Coordinator and I will be overseeing the Civilian Volunteers for the airshow. This event is a true showcase of Luke AFB's capabilities and an excellent opportunity for our chapter to get involved. In the coming months, we'll be reaching out to our local members for their support and participation. Additionally, we are proud to be supporting the West Valley Mavericks in their December event, The Patriot golf tournament. Collaborating with community organizations is an essential part of our mission, and we're honored to play a role in this event that gives back to our community.

The 2023 AFA National Convention was a resounding success, with many representatives from Luke AFB in attendance. It was an excellent opportunity to network, share ideas, and contribute to the broader Air Force community. Furthermore, it's a moment of great pride for us that the Senate confirmed Air Force General Charles Q. Brown Jr. as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on September 20th, 2023. He is the first Airman to serve as the nation's top military officer in 19 years, and his leadership is a testament to the excellence within our Air Force.

For the past three years, I have had the honor of serving as the Chair for Glendale's Stand Up for Veterans Event. We recently hosted this event, where we were able to assist over 600 veterans and their family members. This is a testament to the positive change we can bring when we as a community work together. Our Vice President of Veterans Affairs, Ed Logan, continues to be a force in the veteran community. He serves as the Chair of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce MVAC and remains deeply involved in the UAV. Ed recently attended the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, demonstrating our commitment to honoring and supporting our veterans.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our chapter. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Warm regards,

STEPHANIE MYER
Chapter President





Image Courtesy of Luke AFB

LUKE CELEBRATES AIR FORCE'S 76TH BIRTHDAY

Team Luke pulled out all the stops in celebrating the 76th birthday of the U.S. Air Force. Their festivities began with a splendid Air Force Ball held over the weekend in Litchfield Park. The celebration continued today with a patriotic flag-raising ceremony at Litchfield Park's City Hall.



Image Courtesy of Ed Logan

AFA FRANK LUKE CHAPTER ATTENDS THE LUKE AIR FORCE BALL

Air & Space Forces Association Frank Luke Chapter President Stephanie Myer and Past President Ed Logan attended the Air Force Ball. The event was fantastic as there were great speakers, entertainment, and opportunities to connect with others. They joined Luke AFB service members and their partners in celebrating the U.S. Air Force's heritage. The event included poignant moments of reflection, as well as opportunities to connect with fellow attendees, reinforcing the gravity of their commitment to the Air Force's mission.



Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer



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WEST VALLEY COUNCIL



Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer

Chapter President Stephanie Myer is a dedicated advocate for our community, regularly attending the quarterly West Valley Council meetings at Luke AFB.

These gatherings offer invaluable insights as Brigadier General Rueschhoff and West Valley community leaders provide updates and share crucial information directly from the base. The connection and open communication with our base leaders are vital, ensuring that we stay well-informed and maintain strong ties with Luke AFB, ultimately benefiting both our military and civilian communities. Stephanie's active participation demonstrates our commitment to fostering a robust partnership between the base and our local community.



Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer

ED LOGAN VP OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

"During the Viet Nam war Air Force Squadrons overseas helped their morale with occasional stress reducing parties and Party Suits were required dress.

At the recent Air Force Ball for Luke AFB, Ed Logan shows off the one he wore at Ubon Air Base, Thailand circa 1969-70. As a young Captain in charge of the Office of Special Investigations detachment (OSI), a tenant unit, he was allowed to wear all the squadron patches of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, as well as his OSI one. Ed says: no way I would fit in it now!"

10TH ANNUAL STAND UP FOR VETERANS EVENT

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Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer

FRANK LUKE CHAPTER REPRESENTED

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AFA Frank Luke Chapter President Stephanie Myer has chaired the event for the past three years. This event, which gathered over 80 veteran service organizations provided comprehensive support to veterans, active-duty military, and their families. It was a day filled with camaraderie, connections, and crucial assistance. There were more than 600 attendees that recieved helped!

We were honored to have Past President Ed Logan manning the AFA Chapter table, providing information about our chapter to veterans and their families. The event marked a decade of community support for our heroes, and its impact was truly profound. It was a day filled with gratitude, empowerment, and a promise of a brighter future for our veterans. Stand Up for Veterans continues to be a powerful expression of community unity.



Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer



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Image Courtesy of Luke AFB

LUKE AFB HONORS THE FALLEN AT 9/11 TOWER CHALLENGE

At the 9/11 Tower Challenge held on September 11, 2023, at the Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona, U.S.

Air Force Col. Keagan McLeese, 56th Fighter Wing deputy commander, solemnly administered the Oath of Enlistment to more than 20 new Air Force recruits. This significant oath symbolizes their unwavering commitment to uphold the U.S. Constitution. The swearing-in ceremony was part of the 9/11 Tower Challenge, a poignant event held in honor of the lives lost in the September 11, 2001, attacks.



Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer

2023 VAREP PHOENIX CHAPTER GALA

Stephanie Myer, our Chapter President, had the privilege of attending the Stars & Stripes Gala Dinner Veteran Charity Event on September 21st. It was a wonderful occasion to connect with prominent figures in the veteran community, and she was deeply appreciative to represent AFA at this charitable gathering.



Image Courtesy of Ray Strahl



Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer

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2024 LUKE DAYS AIRSHOW

Mark your calendars
for the return of
Luke Days on
March 23-24, 2024!



Image Courtesy of Luke AFB



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The 2024 Luke Days Airshow at Luke Air Force Base promises to be an exhilarating and unforgettable event. As a testament to the base's commitment to showcasing the prowess of the U.S. Air Force, this airshow will feature a dazzling display of military aircraft, aerobatic performances, and thrilling aerial demonstrations. Spectators of all ages can look forward to witnessing the incredible skills of pilots and ground crews, along with the chance to explore various aircraft up close. With a rich history and tradition of excellence, Luke Air Force Base is set to deliver an awe-inspiring experience that celebrates the past, present, and future of military aviation.

Our Chapter President, Stephanie Myer, is a member of the Airshow Committee at Luke AFB, and she's leading the effort to recruit and oversee civilian volunteers for the upcoming airshow. If you're eager to be a part of this fantastic event, Stephanie is your point of contact. Your participation is vital in ensuring the airshow's success and a great day out for everyone, so don't hesitate to reach out to her and get involved in this exciting opportunity to support our military base and enjoy a memorable airshow.



Image Courtesy of Luke AFB

2024 LUKE DAYS AIRSHOW MEETS WITH GLENDALE CHAMBER

At a recent meeting of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce MVAC, Luke AFB Public Affairs provided an update on the upcoming 2024 Luke Days Airshow and its logistics. The briefing shed light on the exciting plans and preparations for the event. Notably, our own Ed Logan, the VP of Veterans Affairs, holds the esteemed role of Chair for the MVAC.

3rd Annual Military Appreciation Ceremony

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THE PATRIOT

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The Patriot All-America Invitational is an exceptional 54-hole amateur golf event held at the Wigwam Resort, uniting 150 nationally recognized players from various NCAA divisions. AFA Frank Luke Chapter is a proud supporter of this event and is assisting the organization with volunteer efforts.

This remarkable championship is a collaborative effort involving multiple organizations, including the Arizona Golf Association, West Valley Mavericks, Golf Coaches Association of America, Women's Golf Coaches Association, and the Wigwam Golf Resort, all in support of the Folds of Honor Foundation.



Image Courtesy of West Valley Mavericks



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AZ VETERANS HALL OF FAME

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame event, a remarkable gathering, celebrated the induction of four distinguished Air Force veterans into the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2023. It was a truly great occasion, recognizing the outstanding contributions and service of these veterans to our state and nation.



Image Courtesy of Ed Logan



Image Courtesy of Ed Logan

Col Wanda Wright, USAF (Ret) inducted into HOF Class of 2023, Oct 13, 2023 at Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale AZ



Image Courtesy of Stephanie Myer

TRIPLE M MVAC

Triple M MVAC is all about helping our veterans and their families. They provide support, resources, and opportunities to make their lives better. Our Chapter President Stephanie serves as a board member and helps lead the committee on several events and projects.



Image Courtesy of Luke AFB

LUKE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Air Force Community Partnership Program members hold quarterly meetings. The program promotes collaboration between Luke Air Force Base and its neighboring communities to find shared solutions to common challenges.



Image Courtesy of Luke AFB

COMMANDERS SUMMIT

The summit provided a platform for leaders to discuss topics affecting military missions, from structural changes to external pressures. Brig. Gen. Jason Rueschhoff, 56th FW commander emphasized the significance of partnerships for mission success.

JOIN US FOR THIS COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY FRANK LUKE CHAPTER!



6th Annual

THANKSGIVING GET TOGETHER

Wednesday, November 22nd

West-MEC

5405 North 99th Ave Glendale, AZ

730am - 930am

Free to Attend!



Sponsored by AFA Frank Luke Chapter





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SINGAPORE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VISITS LUKE

We were honored to host a distinguished guest at Luke Air Force Base on October 6, 2023. Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Lawrence Wong, paid a visit to the 425th Fighter Squadron, a unit known as the Black Widows, and the 425th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. The Black Widows have been a steadfast presence at Luke Air Force Base since 1993.



Image Courtesy of Luke AFB



Image Courtesy of Ed Logan

Comprising a diverse team of over 100 Singaporeans and 30 Americans, the 425th Fighter Squadron stands as the Republic of Singapore Air Force's longest-serving overseas detachment. This year marks a significant milestone, as they celebrate 30 years of training in the United States.

Deputy Prime Minister Wong had the opportunity to meet with the leadership of both the 425th Fighter Squadron and the 56th Fighter Wing. U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Jason Rueschhoff, 56th FW commander, shared the importance of training alongside Singaporean partners, emphasizing, "Training alongside our Singaporean partners allows us to sharpen our competitive edge and secure common interests. Here at Luke, we're working with partners from around the world every day. We're working together early and often, laying the foundation for tomorrow's fighting force."

The fostering of relationships with partner nations not only strengthens shared defense capabilities but also encourages collaboration at all levels within the armed forces. The Airmen, their families, and our international partners at Luke AFB are committed to strengthening these long-term relationships.

MILITARY CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

On August 30, 2023, superintendents from the local school district convened with base leadership at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The purpose of the meeting was to explore collaborative strategies aimed at facilitating smoother transitions for military families.

These conversations are in harmony with the 56th Fighter Wing's commitment to enhancing the quality of life and the Department of Defense's priority of ensuring the well-being of service members and their families.



Image Courtesy of Luke AFB

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE WELCOMES UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AFROTC CADETS

Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, played host to over 30 University of Arizona AFROTC cadets on September 21-22, 2023, during a two-day immersive tour organized by the 56th Fighter Wing.



Image Courtesy of Luke AFB

The purpose of this visit was to provide AFROTC cadets with a firsthand understanding of Luke's vital training mission and operational activities.

During their visit, cadets had the opportunity to explore various facets of Luke Air Force Base, including the 61st Fighter Squadron, Luke's air park, the fire station, air control tower, and concluded their tour at the aircrew flight equipment facilities.

Maj. Fred Olson, an AFROTC Instructor, noted the transformational impact of such visits, stating, "It turns classroom lessons into real-world experiences. It creates excitement for what the future holds." This visit wasn't only about exploration but also about fostering connections with active-duty personnel, allowing cadets to gain valuable insights into the quality of life within the service. Maj. Greg Gai, Aircrew Flight Equipment flight commander, highlighted the importance of this engagement, saying, "Hosting the cadets at Luke gives us the opportunity to show them firsthand what we do here. It's about inspiring the next generation of Airmen."

By equipping future Air Force leaders with hands-on knowledge and insights, these visits play a pivotal role in strengthening partnerships within the community and beyond.



STEPHANIE MYER

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Stephanie Myer is a self-proclaimed Professional Volunteer with a strong commitment to serving her community and supporting military and veteran organizations. In 2018, Stephanie joined the Air and Space Forces Association Frank Luke Chapter #151 because it put her within a group that could make a difference for active-duty members and their families here at Luke AFB in Glendale, AZ.

She graduated from Arizona State University with degrees in Kinesiology and History-Medieval with a minor in Classical Studies. She was elected Vice President in 2019, continuing to contribute to the association's goals. She has been involved with several other military volunteer opportunities in the past in Alaska and Virginia. Stephanie Myer is a self-proclaimed Professional Volunteer with a strong commitment to serving her community and supporting military and veteran organizations. In 2018, Stephanie joined the Air and Space Forces Association Frank Luke Chapter #151 because it put her within a group that could make a difference for active-duty members and their families here at Luke AFB in Glendale, AZ. Alaska and Virginia.

Recognizing the importance of supporting military personnel and veterans, Stephanie became a member of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, where she also served on the chamber's board for two years. During her time as a board member and a member of the MVAC, she actively contributed to the local community and volunteered for several local events. She is also a fraternal sister of the Daughters of Scotia-Desert Thistle Lodge out of Phoenix, AZ. This volunteer organization helps fulfill her passion for all things Scottish. She also has her business Thistle River, where she makes Scottish and metaphysical items.

Through the Mayor's Military Mission, Stephanie has served as the Chair of the Stand Up for Veterans Glendale Event. She along with a large committee honor the contributions of veterans by hopefully making a meaningful difference in their lives. She also volunteers with many other organizations around the valley when she can, helping raise funds and being there as a support system when needed. Stephanie's genuine passion for serving her community, combined with her involvement in various organizations, has made her feel like she is contributing to society and making a difference.



ANGELO ROSSETTI

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

Angelo Rossetti has worked in the field of education since his graduation from the City College of New York, with his Bachelor of Science in education. His experience includes teaching at an academic high school, working as lead electronics instructor at a regional BOCES center, and working as manager and lead instructor for the didactic division of an international industrial supply Angelo Rossetti Chapter Vice President company. He later went on to work for, and then own, a consulting company that developed STEM and CTE laboratories for schools in the NYC metropolitan area.

In 2014, he applied his broad educational, business, and financial experience to become the owner of a financial services agency. The agency focuses on educators, school district employees, municipal employees, and first responders throughout Arizona, including the Phoenix metropolitan area. He is a certified Ramsey Solutions Financial Coach and the founder and lead coach of FPC Financial Coaching. As a member of SOFA he facilitates Financial Literacy Courses at schools, businesses, military facilities, and public venues. Besides his work at FPC Financial Coaching, he volunteers with several community groups including the Rotary Club of Buckeye, The Kiwanis Club of Buckeye, West-MEC Alliance, Air Force Association, Leadership West Alumni Council, Glendale Chamber of Commerce Business and Education Committee, Agua Fria Education Foundation, the Buckeye Elementary Educations Foundation, and the Buckeye Super Heroes, to name a few.



GINGER MCNAB

CHAPTER TREASURER

Ginger has an extensive professional background having worked in public accounting, hospitality, telecommunications and for the past 14+ years in the franchising industry.

She currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Massage Heights, a franchise concept with corporate headquarters in San Antonio, TX, which focuses on a commitment to support the well-being, by caring for the mind, body, and spirit, of everyone who visits a retreat. Ginger serves on the Board of Directors of the Massage Heights Family Fund, a non-profit organization.

Ginger previously served as Vice President of Finance for Lunchbox Wax Holdings, LLC and was the Corporate Controller for Massage Envy, LLC for 10+ years.

She is enthusiastic about accounting and franchising which offers her the opportunity to work with talented individuals and leaders within the industry. She loves all things football, especially college - "Go DAWGS", gnomes, family and her grand-daughter Harper-May.



DAVE SWOCK

CHAPTER SECRETARY



EDWARD LOGAN

VP OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Ed came to Tempe Arizona from NYC in 1958 to attend ASU, graduating in 1962. He entered the US Air Force from ASU's AFROTC, retiring in 1982 as a Lt. Colonel. He went on to serve as an executive in government agencies at the Federal, State, and County level in California and Arizona. He serves the Arizona veterans community as President of the Frank Luke Chapter of the Air Force Association, past Chairman of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (MAC), past Vice Chair of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce MAC, past Chairman of the ASU Alumni Association's Veterans' Chapter; and, as a member of the VFW, the Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO), and the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV).

As a result of his volunteering for veterans, Ed was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2020. He continues to serve the Arizona veterans' community as a Commissioner for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services.

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Who we are

The Fighter Country Talent Squad is a military music group that provides Luke Air Force Base Airmen, active-duty, reserve, retirees, family members, and veterans an opportunity to develop their musical skills together. It feeds our souls and makes us very happy to do what we do!



What we do

We provide live music in the community, Country, Classic Rock, R&B, Jazz, and lots of gentle acoustic sets for smaller venues/events. This volunteer initiative was started by Lt Col Roger Greenwood, an avid lover of music, to help reduce isolation for our military service members, to boost morale, and reap the therapeutic rewards that music can offer.



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We have several yearly and ongoing expenses to keep this 80+ member group going, such as phone service, print costs, repairs on musical instruments, and replacements. Any payments from gigs booked go directly to the military service members and their families.



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AFA Mission

Our mission is to promote dominant U.S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; to honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families; and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage.

Why Join AFA

- They support the interests of current and former members of the Air Force and Space Force and their families.
- Members gain access to resources, information, and networking opportunities.
- AFA promotes aerospace education, technology development, and national security.



AFA Chapters

The AFA has a network of local chapters across the US, each supporting the mission of the organization at the grassroots level.

AFA Support

AFA provides support to Airmen, veterans and their families through various programs and initiatives.

Community Partners

The AFA collaborates with other organizations, government agencies, and industry partners to advance its mission.