



Air & Space Forces Association
General Bernard A. Schriever Chapter 147
Los Angeles, CA





From the President



Happy Holidays to all AFA Schriever Chapter #147 members and families!

We have certainly ended 2024 on a high note, with the extremely well-attended and successful Schriever Space Futures Forum and Space Force Ball in mid-November! A heartfelt thanks goes out to AFA National’s new President, General (ret) Burt Field, for attending and supporting both of our Chapter’s big fall events.

We also were awarded a \$1000 grant from AFA National’s Forces & Families (F2) which doubled our contribution to the Gold Star Families Luncheon, to show the families of fallen servicemembers that we will always remember and care about them.

The results of the Chapter ballot are in and your votes have been recorded – below are the Chapter Officers/EXCOM and Board Members for 2025:

Chairman: Tav Taverney

President: Scott Beidleman

Vice President: Jeff Stutz

Treasurer: Steve Pluntze

Executive Secretary: Lorene Avendano

Past President: Laura Pope

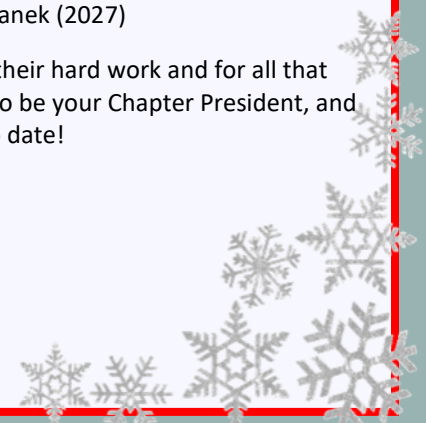
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Jason Baker (2025)	Christina M. Agnew (2026)	Joseph F. (Joe) Boyle (2027)
Kirsty Bland (2025)	Christopher A. (Chris) Beres (2026)	Michelle Dale (2027)
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Mark F. Williams (2025)	Arnold H. (Arnie) Streland (2026)	Thomas (Tom) Vanek (2027)

As the outgoing Chapter President, I want to thank my officers and Board members for all of their hard work and for all that we accomplished to support our Air and Space Forces over the last 2 years! It was an honor to be your Chapter President, and I know Scott and his Officers and Board will continue to surpass even all that we have done to date!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,

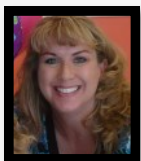
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Category 2



Category 1



EDUCATION GRANTS



Steve Pluntze presenting a check to Richmond Street Elementary school Principal, Carie Oulashian for their STEM programs.



Steve Pluntze presenting a check to the El Segundo High School Activities Staff. CYBERPATRIOT



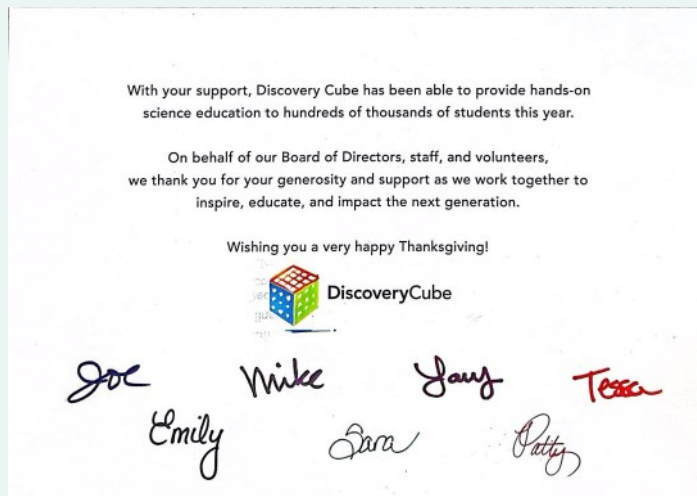
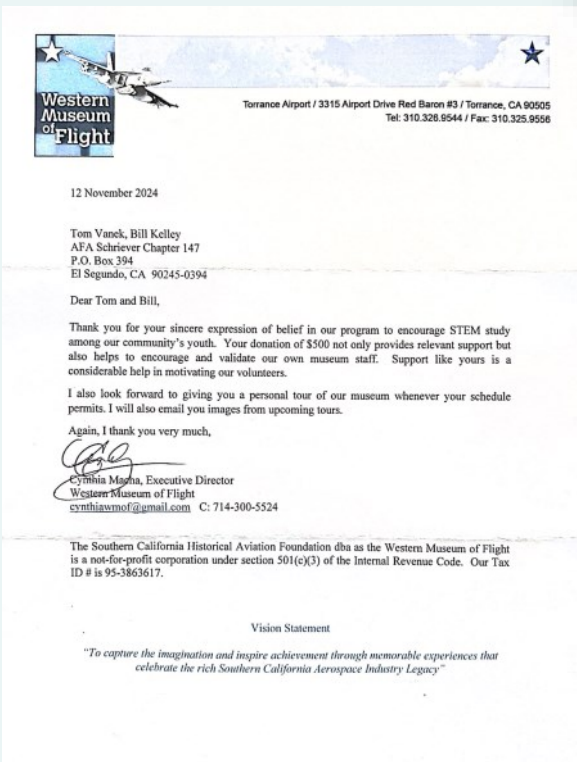
Hello Tom and Bill,

I'd like to thank you for your generous donation to our South High STEM programs. Since you are a part of the Air & Space Forces Association, we decided to use it to support two of our student team programs, both of which you likely know very well. These are StellarXplorers and Cyberpatriots, both created by AFA. We have two dedicated teachers and multiple teams of students who compete in these competitions. Below are some pictures from both who happened to be gathering yesterday. We'll apply your donation toward their entry fees.

Thank you again, both for your support and for being behind two incredible programs.

Sincerely,

Jim Evans
Principal, South High School
Torrance Unified School District





November 26, 2024

Tom Vanek
PO Box 394
El Segundo 90245

Dear Tom Vanek,

Before our year at the museum comes to a close, please know how much your support has meant to all of us – the school children, volunteer staff, interns, trustees, and the visiting public.

2024 has been a benchmark year, setting the stage for even more exciting developments coming in 2025:

- We have a dynamic new website which increased our visitorship, school tours, and private events;
- We hosted both the Torrance and Palos Verdes Chambers at events promoting the museum;
- We inaugurated our Kids Aerospace Discovery Zone which has been enormously popular with families and proved its worth as an educational play area;
- We welcomed more than 10,000 visitors through our hangar doors from the local area and around the world;
- We expanded our Kids Love Aviation Science program to include Homeschoolers, as well as serving children, high school students, and adults with special needs;
- We have cooperative learning activities with Da Vinci Connect High School, Hawthorne High School Engineering and Manufacturing, and Cal State University Fullerton Educational Talent Search;
- We launched the Corporate Council Membership Program and have already added two new aerospace members;
- Our Celebrity Lecture series, sponsored by The Torrance Refining Company, continues to be one of our most popular programs serving the community, attracting enthusiastic audiences every month.

Our Kresa Challenge Match, which will continue in 2025, exceeded its Year One goal by more than 20% thanks to the great generosity of our Patrons and Members. This important support from Mr. Kresa – surely an enduring icon of Southern California aerospace – allowed us to focus directly on our plans for improvements as well as setting the stage for other leadership investments. We want to thank and acknowledge, Sue and Al Frew, who were inspired to step up with additional major support. Our Corporate Members and many other contributors have stepped forward to add their help. We are humbled and grateful to each and every donor.

Finally, we have begun a modernization project that will continue in 2025. To start, we have redesigned our reception area and museum store to improve access and upgrade the visitor experience to ensure everyone leaves with a clear and powerful understanding of the aerospace legacy of Southern California.

As 2024 draws to a close and we look toward a new year full of continued growth, I invite you to consider contributing a year-end gift. Your generosity will directly support the museum's educational programs for children and students, and our museum's continuing role as the keeper of aviation and aerospace legacy in our community.

On behalf of all of us at the Western Museum of Flight, I thank you for believing in us.

The Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation dba as the Western Museum of Flight is a not-for-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Tax ID # is 95-3863617.

Cindy Macha, Executive Director
Western Museum of Flight



Executive Reception



Space Force Ball

November 15, 2024

Beverly Hilton



National Anthem
Mr. Jeff "Skunk" Baxter



Missing Man Table to represent all services.



Schriever Fellowship Award
Mr Cordell A. DeLaPena
Program Executive Officer for Communication and Navigation Satellites





Thomas D. White Space Award

Major General (retired) Thomas D. "Tav" Taverney, USAF
Chairman of the Board of the Schriever Chapter of the AFA and of the SSC Heritage Foundation



Space Force Leadership Participation

Gen Michael A Guetlein, Vice Chief of Space Operations, USSF



Space Force Ball General Chair

Mr. Jason Aiken, General Dynamics
Mission Systems

Fight Tonight Awards

Lt Gen Phillip Garrant
SSC Commander



The Party All Stars



Celebrating the Space Force 5th Birthday!



The Space Force Cake



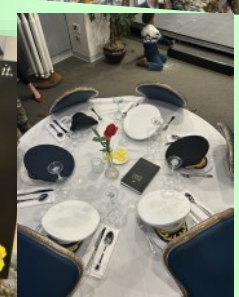
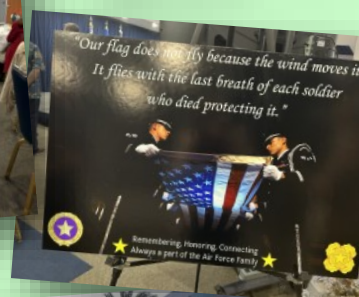
Support to Airmen and Guardians

LOS ANGELES AFB
MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS CENTER
AIR FORCE FAMILIES FOREVER LUNCHEON
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Meet & Greet
- Opening Narration
- National Anthem
- Invocation
- Opening Remarks
- Lunch
- Dove Release Ceremony in the Courtyard

You are more than welcome to join us at Jingle Mingle

★ REMEMBERING, HONORING, CONNECTING ★
★ ALWAYS A PART OF THE AIR FORCE FAMILY ★



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