



July Report

The mission of the Military Affairs Committee is to build and maintain bridges of understanding and cooperation between military and civilian communities within Tucson and Southern Arizona. The Primary emphasis of the MAC is to sponsor recognition programs where outstanding military personnel receive awards.

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Upcoming Luncheons

11 August 2011– 1130 E.D. Jewett Award winners, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron, lunch, brief and tour

8 September 2011

13 October 2011

Don't Forget!

Spread the Word! Let other people know about the great things MAC does for our local military and the community!

Invite other members of the Chamber to join us!

Thank you for your support and all you do for our community!

55th Electronic Combat

Group former Commander, Col Dean Worley, shared with MAC in May of the ongoing missions which they have been a part of. The group has been deployed to ten locations since 9/11 and has the Air Combat Command's most deployed fixed wing aircraft.

They are responsible for Air Operations, Ground Operations, Maritime, Amphibious Special Tactical Deception and Electronic Warfare Support and just returned from Operation Odyssey Dawn. We were then treated to a tour of a HC-130 and met some of the crew which work diligently to help keep our country safe. Col Worley left DMAFB soon after for Maxwell AFB to share his knowledge as an instructor at the Air War College.



Former US Navy Seal

Nelson Miller shared with MAC at the June luncheon some stories of his experiences in the Navy Seal



Team. He shared events in which his team acted as leads in military missions and of hostage rescues, including that of Jessica Lynch. He mentioned while her rescue was well known, they performed those types of missions routinely. Nelson was a part of the Seal Teams for 17 years before retiring and taking over ownership of the Trident Grill here in Tucson.

Operation Otter-pop

MAC was honored to visit AMARG in June where we offered Eggee's to over 200 men and women working in the hot desert heat. Thank you to Col Pat Kumashiro for inviting us out. Everyone there at AMARG does important work and we were proud to share a bit of it. MAC



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also visited Davis-Monthan AFB in June and July with Otter Pops and cold bottled water. What a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to our local military for their service.

A special thank you to Radisson Suites Tucson, Doubletree, Perimeter Bicycling, Fry's Food and Drug (Speedway and Pantano), Wal-Mart (Speedway and Kolb), The Cake Club and Ben Buehler-Garcia for your donations. We wouldn't be able to do this without you. We are looking for donations/sponsors for our future visits to our local airmen. Please contact Ellen for more information at (520)241-3649

MAC Shirts

MAC Shirts, which you see on the above pictures, are available for sale for any interested. Cost is \$30.00. Please contact Ellen.

Honorary Commander Program at DMAFB

DMAFB is currently looking for potential Honorary Commanders for their squadrons. MAC is fortunate to be the only organization open to have more than one member participate. This is an opportunity for us to learn what our local military does by being involved. To be eligible, you must not be prior military or have been an Honorary Commander.

Farewell

It's been a busy summer with Change of Commands at DMAFB. We want to tell all of our new Desert Lightning family and friends welcome.

MAC is grateful to have been part of your farewells, retirements, and fini-flights. Until next time... We thank you for your dedication and service.



Col Brian Hastings fini-flight (above). From left, Col Billy Thompson, Col Eddie Kostelnik, Col Pete Hofelich and Col Dean Worley (right)

