

September 2010

SPACE LINES



From the President...

When I wrote this letter, I tried to tap in to how I was feeling 12 months ago. Last August, I was trying to find space for the items from the remaining two boxes still in the basement. I needed to schedule appointments and find a new dentist, orthodontist, and eye doctor. I needed to determine what *Dickies* were and where to purchase pairs for Alex to attend Dana Middle School. But mostly, I needed to manage the stress I felt, as I obsessed about my kids' transition into new schools.

Last month, I still had to schedule the dentist, orthodontist and eye appointments. I still had to purchase the school clothes and supplies. Alex was transitioning to high school. But why didn't I feel the same level of stress I felt a year ago? I think it's because I now know who to call, where to go, and how long it will take to get there.

Our main goals this year for the LAAFSC board are to work as team players with LAAFB and Tierra Vista; to offer our members fun things to do and see; and to inform on the "who to call," "where to go," and "how long it will take to get there."

The first step towards this goal will be evident at **September's Super Sign-Up Party** on 9 September. We've invited base agencies and service organizations to set up information/sign up booths for our spousal community (newcomers in particular), to get up to speed quickly on the opportunities available to all branches of service. Of course, our membership will be able to chat and sign up for all the fun activities our club has planned for upcoming months!

Information will be provided throughout the year by word of mouth and by means of our electronic communications channels. We plan to inform, not only what's going on within the LAAFSC, but within our military community. We plan to update our website calendar with base-wide events that are available for our families. I don't consider this as free advertising or as an endorsement...I see it as arming our members with information to empower them to make the most out of their LA experience. I believe once you know who to call, where to go, and how long it will take to get there, you can exploit all that sunny California has to offer!

I hope to see all of you for some food, fun, and friendship at the Community Center on Fort Mac on Thursday, 9 September at 6:30! Please let us know you're coming by emailing Cara at reservations@laafsc.com.

Cheers!
Katie



The Los Angeles Air Force Spouses' Club

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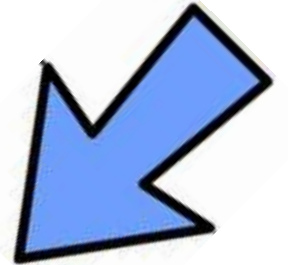
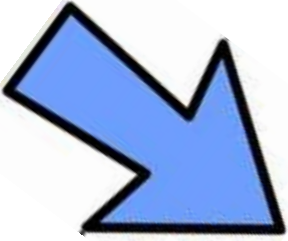
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Co-chairs, etc. need not attend board meetings unless they are standing in for the chairperson. They may vote only if standing in for the chairperson. Co-chairs are appointed by their chairperson.

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LOS ANGELES
AIR FORCE *Spouses' Club*



Super Sign Up Party

Come Join Us!

6:30 p.m. Thursday

9 September 2010

Fort MacArthur

Community Center

Come by to find out who we are, what we do and how to join!

For more info: www.laafsc.com

RSVP to reservations@laafsc.com by September 2nd



Information from our committee chairs



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO SPREAD CHEER

BINGO-loving, laughing, service oriented persons willing to devote time to giving back to our Vets!

If you fit the above description we welcome your participation at our monthly VA Hospital Visits!

The first Wednesday of each month members of the Spouses' Club and the base visit the Long Beach VA Hospital Spinal Cord Injury Ward. We have a great time playing BINGO, serving snacks, and enjoying the company of our fellow Veterans.

*Please join us; you'll be glad you did
Contact: Pat: va.hospital@laafsc.com*

Lunch Bunch

Hey Everyone,

Hope all of you had a great summer. I can't believe it is almost over... for some... It has flown by and a new year will be underway before we know it. My name is Michelle M. and I am the Vice-President of the spouses club. I have also organized Lunch Bunch for the past couple of years and would WELCOME a new volunteer to head up this committee. It is simply so much fun. You just pick a new restaurant each month and send out evites and we all *show up, eat, and spend* time together. Let me know if this sounds like something you would be interested in doing. SO FUN!!!

Our first lunch bunch for the fall:

September 16, 11:30 at Neil's on 5th Street in San Pedro.

You can sign up at the Super Sign-up or
Contact me at :

lunchbunch@laafsc.com...



Bunco Babes!!!

Hi everyone, I am Jen and I will be heading up the Wednesday night Bunco Group again this year. Last year was fun and I am hoping with a little more organization on my part this year will be even better! We are a fun group and everyone is welcome to play, we have no set commitment, you can come when your schedule allows. It costs \$5 to play and we ask that you bring something sweet or savory to share with everyone. We play on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, with a few changes around the holidays. I am looking for a volunteer to be a "second in charge" to help with setup on the nights we play. At the patio party I will have the dates that we are playing each month and a signup sheet for people to volunteer to be a host for a night. The host would be responsible for arriving early to help set up, providing drinks and ice, also bringing a small gift for a prize at the end. I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the patio party and getting this fun group running into the fall! Please send me an email if you have any questions email me at: Wednesday.bunco@laafsc.com. I will see everyone at the patio party September 9th! Jen

Thrift Shop

Happy Fall, well, almost Fall!

It's time! Time for the little ones to hop back on those buses, time for the lunches to be packed and it's time for the Thrift Shop to open it's doors on **15 SEPTEMBER!** The store is open on Wed and Thurs, 0930 hrs -1330 hrs. We are located at LA AFB, Bldg 229. Do you have a couple of hours or one day a month with nothing to do? We are still adding onto our every growing list for enthusiastic people to volunteer! It's easy to do...just call the Thrift Shop at (310) 653-6255 or email Thriftshop.manager@laafsc.com. In addition to meeting new people and reconnecting with current friends, you can consign those unwanted items laying around your home and make a bit of pocket change. Don't wait! Call us now! We are located:

Los Angeles AFB,
Bldg 229, near the CDC (Child Development Center)
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 0930hrs-1330hrs.

We're thrilled to have a wonderful spouse and mom to be our Thrift Shop Accountant. **Becky Owens** has taken lots of accounting courses and is excited to practice what she's learned by keeping our thrift shop on a budget! Welcome, Becky!

OUR THRIFT SHOP NEEDS YOU

We are looking for enthusiastic members to join our great team so we may continue our mission to raise funds for college scholarships. Benefits to volunteering:

- making new friends
- escaping your every day routine
- first pick on incoming items
- consigning YOUR own items and get a 80/20 split!

Volunteer hours vary and can be most accommodating to "mom hours". Please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to tell you more information.

The thrift store will be getting a new carpet! The store is currently being completely packed in preparation for the new carpet to be installed by 1 September. **Volunteers** are needed to assist in the packing. If you are available for a "one time" volunteer, please contact me at thriftshop.manager@laafsc.com.

Also new : Are you PSCing? Need to "Spring Clean"? Want to get rid of unwanted items? The Los Angeles Air Force Spouses' Club Thrift Store now has **THREE Donation Drop-Off Sites** available to you

1. Los Angeles AFB, Thrift Store, Bldg 229, Near the CDC (Container located outside of Bldg 229)
2. Pacific Heights Housing: 2593 Onizuka Circle, San Pedro, CA
3. Fort MacArthur, Tierra Vista Housing Office, Bldg 31, San Pedro, CA.

Items too large to fit? Contact Thrift Store Manager, Michelle N. to make other arrangements. For further information about the Thrift Shop, volunteering or the distribution sites, please feel free to contact me at thriftshop.manager@laafsc.com.

General Treasurer

I am Kimberly Teague and I have the pleasure of serving our club this year as the General Treasurer. My husband Roger and I have been stationed here for 4 years. I have two kids in college. My son Brett is a sophomore at the Air Force Academy and my daughter Kayla will be a freshman attending the University of San Diego. Over the years, I have held several board positions including serving twice as President. I believe in this organization and look forward to serving in a different role.

We hope that you will join us for the sign-up party. During this time, we will be voting on our budget for the upcoming year. It is important that you come so you can help shape how our money will be spent.

Thanks, Kim T.



Introducing...Your Member-At-Large!

Hello, and welcome to a new membership year! I'm your Member-At-Large, and as such, get the opportunity to attend many meetings on base on your behalf. These boards review issues with the organizations which provide services to you as a military family member: Clinic, Commissary/BX, School Liaison, etc. I send all LAAFSC members highlights on a regular basis--watch your inbox for "News You Can Use." I also liaison with agencies across the base; if you have issues with any base entity (Housing, security, Services, etc.), please don't hesitate to drop me a line!

On a personal note, I'm a native Southern Californian. I grew up in San Diego and went to school at USC. This is our family's second tour here at LAAFSC—we've lived both on- and off-base. If you have ANY questions about the local area and getting settled in, please let me know! I'd be happy to give you a spin around the "gems of Pedro," a tide pool tour, or help you find a local mechanic, library, vet, hiking trail, or whatever. I hope you come to enjoy this area as much as I do!

Hope to see you soon!

Nancy H

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Hospitality / Outreach Committee

The Hospitality Committee provides aid and comfort to Spouses Club members in times of need and/or celebration. The Outreach Committee provides for non-club members in extraordinary circumstances. Depending on the circumstance, we can provide appropriate gifts such as meals, cards, floral arrangements, fruit baskets or childcare just to name a few. If you would like to help out fellow spouses by providing items when needed please sign-up for the Hospitality / Outreach Committee at our Super Sign-up Event or you can contact me at hospitality@laafsc.com. Also, don't forget to e-mail me when you hear of any needs that this committee can provide for.

So far this summer we have provided meals to two spouses and back in June we had a great response from the club in gathering items for the Robinson family who were dealing with a very tragic situation. Thanks to club members we were able to provide a wonderful array of items for the husband, children and escorts. Torrance Memorial Medical Center really stepped up and donated formula, nipples and other items for the baby and for their generous donation the SC decide to make a donation to the hospital.

It's been a great start to the year as the committee chair and I look forward to working with you all to bring some comfort or joy when requested. See you at the September Super Sign-Up!

Wanda R.

Hospitality / Outreach Committee Chair



THE GOURMET CLUB

Come and join in the fun of the Gourmet Club. I will be hosting September's event and the theme will be "Fall's Favorite Dishes." Any dish or drink that are your favorite works We will be meeting monthly, starting on Tuesday, September 21 at 7pm at my home, to share in the fun of trading new recipes, learning different food cultures and sharing yummy dishes. Please feel free to suggest any ideas and thoughts on themes or nights that are better for you.

Volunteers are needed to host our meetings; therefore, locations of the events will be at various members' homes. We love to meet new people, so bring a friend to join in. For more information, you may reach Cara at gourmet@laafsc.com. Hope to see you!



South Bay Spouses

Hi, my name is Lola V. and I'm excited to be the chair for the South Bay Spouses' sub-club. I work in El Segundo, so the gatherings I plan will be in the evenings and weekends. It would be great if we got another volunteer in the El Segundo area who would like to organize weekday events.

The first South Bay Spouses gathering is at *Cozymel's* restaurant on 2171 Rosecrans Avenue, El Segundo, on Saturday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. Folks in the San Pedro and other areas are welcome to join us!

To register for South Bay Spouses, or to RSVP for 11 September, email: south.bay@laafsc.com. Or, stop by and see me the September Super Sign-Up. I will organize a contact list of those who are interested in participating and email scheduled outings directly, as well as in *Spacelines*.

CARD SWAP



Card Swap Club is getting a location and day change! Join us on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at my home (310 W 31st ST, Fort Mac) to swap handmade cards. Children welcome and a light brunch is provided. Our first card swap of the year is September 16th! For more info, contact Katy at card.swap@laafsc.com. Thanks! Katy

Base Yard Sale

Saturday, 2 October

8 am to 12:00 pm

Fort MacArthur Parade Grounds

The Ft. MacArthur semi-annual yard sale will be held on Oct 02, 2010 from 8:00 am until 12:00pm. Vendor qualifications: Active-duty military, dependants, military reserves, and retirees. Cost per reserved table is \$20.00. To reserve a table e-mail your request to Courtney at baseyardsale@gmail.com before Sept. 30. The general public (w/ a valid ID) is invited on Fort MacArthur for this semi-annual event. The line is usually down Pacific Avenue, waiting for 8 a.m. to arrive! Profits support our general Welfare Fund.



From our Newcomers Chair...

Greetings and Peace,

Let me take this time to introduce myself. My name is Erika D. and I am the Spouses' Club, Newcomers Chair. My job is not only to welcome newcomers to our community, but to also be a wealth of information for the newcomer regarding the San Pedro and Los Angeles areas.

We all understand the stress of moving to a new location. You know the drill: new doctors, new dentists, new grocery store chains, and who to trust for babysitting. Therefore, if you have new neighbors or know someone who has new neighbors, please share my information with them. I would love to welcome them to the community and provide the information they could use. Also, everyone is welcome to be an extension of the welcome committee by picking up a newcomers' packet from me to deliver personally. Your help is most appreciated!

My email address is newcomers@laafsc.com. I hope to see you all at the September Super Sign-Up!

Ciao, Erika D. Newcomers Chair

FSS Gift Card Program for Newcomers!

Are you new to LA? Our Services group is offering a 20% Discount Card for Newcomers so families may take full advantage of all the opportunities available within our military community. While supplies last, a discount card is available to newcomers for purchases at El Segundo Club and Lounge, the Fort MacArthur lounge...outdoor recreation...and tickets and tours. Your discount card will be honored at other military installations as well. Expiration dates will be strictly enforced. There are four ways to obtain a gift card for this new and exciting program:

1. Gift Cards available through the Lodging Office at Air Force Inns on Fort MacArthur. Those eligible:
 - Lodging guests on official orders (card expires upon checkout)
 - New Tierra Vista Residents. (card expires in 60 days)
2. Gift Cards available through Airman Family & Readiness in El Segundo. Those who are eligible:
 - Newcomers (card expires in 60 days)
 - Deployed Active Duty/Family (card expires in 120 days)

From the Membership Chair...

Welcome to a new membership year with the LAAFSC! My name is Marjorie, and I am a Coast Guard Spouse. We have been in the Los Angeles area for three years. I am honored to be part of the LAAFSC for the 4th year. If you are new to the area, you should consider joining the spouses' club. I think you will love it! It's a great way to get to know people and to get out of the house and have some fun! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available, if you are interested.

This club does so many wonderful things for the community. The club is open to spouses of all ranks (enlisted and officer) and from all branches of the military! As a member, you are entitled to attend any of our socials or sub-club events. You are also entitled to a hard copy of our Membership Directory. It's full of all kinds of useful information.

We have great news regarding our **Membership Directory**. This year, you will be able to purchase extra copies for a small fee! Many people have said how wonderful it is to have this awesome reference guide available. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could have an extra copy for your car and home? I keep mine in my glove compartment in my car and it has come in handy SO many times! The directories will be delivered to your home in early November. We are planning to do photos for the directory again this year. Someone will take your photo at the Super Sign-Up Party, so don't forget your make-up! This is optional of course.

If you are interested in joining the LAAFSC, the best way to do it is to attend our Super Sign-Up Party! We will have plenty of membership forms available. To avoid a line, click on this link: http://laafsc.com/aboutus/2010-2011_LAAFSC_Membership_Form.pdf, to download the form, fill it out, and mail it with your check to the address on the form.

If you have any questions regarding membership with the LAAFSC, please contact me at membership@laafsc.com.

Marjorie L.
LAAFSC Membership Chair



Attention Tierra Vista Residents!

Badges for Pedestrian Turnstiles Now Available for Fort MacArthur Residents!

Security Forces are now issuing MacArthur Turnstile Badges to eligible persons that reside on Fort MacArthur. Eligible residents include military personnel, military spouses, dependents (ages 12 and up), as well as civilian residents (ages 12 and up) who have a current lease with Tierra Vista Communities on Fort MacArthur.

Residents must first obtain a letter from the Tierra Vista Communities office for proof of residency. The badge issuing station will be located on Fort MacArthur at Building 56. The hours of operation will be Mon/Wed/Fri from 1100-1900 hrs, beginning Friday, 16 July 2010.

A digital picture will be taken. There will be a seven day delay from the time you have your photo taken to when you receive your badge. You'll be responsible for picking up your badge when it's available.

Residents possessing an LAAFB *swipe badge* from the LAAFB main base will not need to have a separate turnstile badge...the main base badge will be compatible with the new Fort MacArthur turnstiles. Please note: escorting and *piggy-backing* through turnstiles is prohibited except for guardians of children younger than 12.



Book Club

It was a dark and stormy night. But that was of no consequence to the figures that made their way to the door, a carefully wrapped parcel tucked under an arm or carried in a satchel.

But wait...we don't have stormy nights here. No matter – we still gather with a book protectively tucked under an arm. We took the summer off from meeting, but not from reading. The book club meets once a month for a discussion. We like to read a variety of genres, and are open to suggestions. Even if you don't finish the book, we hope you'll show up, but **spoiler alert**, we will discuss the ending!

Our book for October will be *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Told from the point of view of Enzo, a lab terrier mix, this novel has love, tragedy, and the thrill of the racing circuit. It's available from the library, and bookstores, and in paperback and audio as well. We haven't set a date for our first meeting yet, but we'll have it by September Super Sign-up. If you won't be able to make the Super Sign-up or if you have questions, please email Donna at book.club@laafsc.com.

We hope you'll join us. Happy Reading!

Attention Tierra Vista Residents:

Don't forget to change your air filter every 30 days. If you need a replacement air filter, contact Tierra Vista Maintenance Department at (310) 241-6194 or visit Self Help at Bldg 78 2400 Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90731.

Editor

This is a new position for me. I hope I can give you the same wonderful newsletter Michelle I. treated you to every month!

I would love to have a few people to help me proof read. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. See you September 9th at the SUPER SIGN UP PARTY!!!!
Brenda

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CRAFT CLUB

Hello Crafters! I am SO looking forward to getting back into the fall routines because this means I will actually be organized enough to work on my craft projects! If your projects have been piling up over the summer, and you need a chance to work on them, come on over and join us.

We have LOTS of table space, great snacks, and tons of fun conversation. You'll have HOURS of kid-free time! If you are wondering what kinds of projects you can bring to work on, here are some examples: scrapbooking, sewing, quilting, painting, knitting/crocheting, etc. You can bring whatever you need to get done.

We meet two days a month on the same weekend. We usually start Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and go until 7:00 p.m. and then on Sunday from 12-5. You can come and go whenever it's convenient for you. There will be more details at our Super Sign-Up Party.

If you have questions or you'd like to be on our email list, email Marjorie at crafters@laafsc.com. Stay tuned for upcoming dates!



Save the Date!!!

Sneak Peek

Spooktacular Potluck

The sneak peek for October Social is Oct. 28th at Donna Sheridan's Home- Please bring a dish of your choice and everyone is welcome to wear a costume because there will be a costume contest.



Our club donated a book bag full of school supplies to the End of Year Jubilee on 28 August.



Recent Thank You's From:

Rainbow Services (\$1500)
The Marine Mammal Care Center (\$250)
Air Force Jr ROTC (\$500)
The Fisher House in San Diego (\$1500)
USO, Los Angeles (\$1000)
Cub Scout Pack 665
Community and Senior Services of Los Angeles (\$1500)
CGOC (\$1,000)
First Shirts Council (\$2000)

Recent Thank You's from Scholarship Recipients:

Kristine Ueda
Patience Contry
Brittany Radke

RESERVATIONS

Please read your *Spacelines* each month and mark the RSVP deadlines on your calendar. It is important that the Social Committee has an accurate number of attendees by the deadline as most events require an advance headcount for catering. Also, remember that if you RSVP for an event, a meal has been ordered for you. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please let the Reservations Chair know BEFORE the RSVP deadline. After that date, you have the option of finding another member who would like to attend in your place AND NOTIFYING THE RESERVATIONS CHAIR OF YOUR REPLACEMENT or you may send the amount for the event to the Reservation Chair. Remember, if you RSVP for a guest, you are also responsible for that cost. Reservations will be accepted at Reservations@laafsc.com. We look forward to seeing you at our social events. Cara.

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>VA Hospital Visitation</i> 6:30pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 SUPER SIGN UP PARTY!!!! <i>Ft. Mac</i> 6:30	10 	11 <i>South Bay Spouses</i> Dinner at Cozymel's 6:00 pm
12	13	14	15 Thrift Store Re-opening	16 Lunch Bunch San Pedro 11:30 Card Swap 9:30am	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Gourmet Club</i> <i>Spacelines input due</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Bunco Babes</i> 7:00	30		<i>October 2nd Garage Sale</i> Ft. Mac

