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Arrive Alive

Your Air Force Association Cowboy Chapter 357 is proud to be a key supporter of the Arrive Alive Program on the base. This effort is gauged to assure our airmen have an alternative avenue to insure they are not in harm's way.



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 2012!

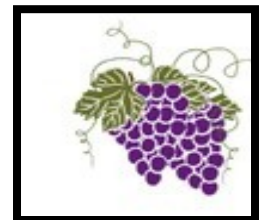
As we ventured into 2013, I was reminded of the monumental accomplishments of this chapter throughout 2012. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to everyone who made 2012 a very remarkable year, replete with unparalleled accomplishments and unsurpassed goals in support of our uniformed personnel. Our visibility in the public arena has reinforced our chapter to insure that our populace is aware of our continued need to support the efforts toward a strong national defense. The support I have personally enjoyed has been nothing short of incredible. Our membership, our military contingents and our phenomenal community partners have been the facilitators for an overwhelmingly successful year. See the following page for complete coverage of our Community Partners' Luncheon. It's always a fabulous event for all involved, and is a small way we can show our thanks to the business supporters in our community who make our mission possible.

Upcoming Greek Dinner



It was truly a pleasure to once again offer a Greek Dinner for 10 at the **Warren Spouses' Club Scholarship Basket Auction**. We will offer what we feel is an absolutely superb and unique culinary Greek Dinner to the generous purchasers of this dinner. This is an extremely worthwhile endeavor that benefits our children with scholarships to the school of their choice. It goes without saying that we are proud to participate in this great program. We are grateful and honored for the opportunity to not only showcase our heritage, but to assist our young people in furthering their education.

We thank **Stephan and Kay Pappas** for opening their beautiful home for this prestigious event!



Awards and Recognition

It was also our privilege to attend the **Wing Quarterly and Annual Awards** as well as the **Wyoming National Guard Annual Awards Banquet**. It is always a pleasure to honor these elite professionals. We continue to be amazed by the abundant amount of talent and expertise we witness at these events. We are proud to be the catalyst that assures tangible presentations to these talented men and women and our thanks go out to **Col. Christopher**

Coffelt and Major General Luke Reiner for including us in these great programs. We share their pride in these professionals and will continue our commitment to assure a resounding success. We are also very proud of our support of the NCO, Chief and Sgt. Major Induction Ceremonies. These young professionals are the best of the best, and we were honored to witness their inductions.



CONGRATS!

Community Partners' Luncheon

It was with a great deal of pride and profound humility that we honored our dynamic **Community Partners**. This premiere function was an overwhelming success enjoyed by attendees from all walks of life at the Holiday Inn.

We extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our dynamic speaker, the **90th Missile Wing Commander, Colonel Christopher "Boots" Coffelt**. He was an incredibly well-received speaker whose remarks were certainly on target and reinforced the profound difference our Community Partners make on a continuing basis. As our guest speaker, he assured that our phenomenal Community Partners were properly recognized and that they were aware of their monumental contributions to our programs. He stressed the importance of deterrence and was able to impart his vast knowledge to all who attended. Many comments were received on the program and the realization of the incredible job our uniformed personnel undertake on a daily basis.

We were humbled and honored by the attendance of approximately 90 percent of our Community Partners. They are indeed the supporting pillars for our many successes and certainly are the drivers behind each and every one of our programs.

We extend our profound gratitude to Col. Coffelt for taking time out of his very busy schedule to address our Community Partners and our military and civilian leadership.



Col. Christopher Coffelt, 90th Missile Wing Commander, addresses the crowd at the Holiday Inn.



Community Partners and local leadership, including **Mayor Rick Kaysen**, listen attentively to **Col. Coffelt's** message to the supporters of the Air Force Association.



Cowboy Chapter 357 **Secretary Gaylene Dizmang** and **Treasurer Rich Ames** greet and check in attendees of the Community Partners' Luncheon.

Out and About



Thanks again to our entertaining and riveting guest speaker - **Col. Christopher "Boots" Coffelt!**



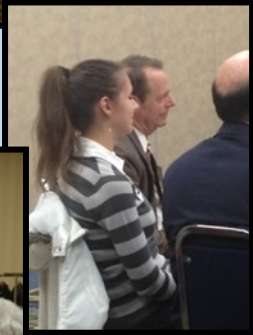
In support of our many local retired servicemen and women, AFA sponsored a table at the **Retiree Appreciation Day** held May 4, 2013, at the **FE Warren 90th Medical Group Base Clinic**.



Retiree appreciation day attendees help themselves to hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings in the 90th Medical Group clinic, F. E. Warren Air Force Base, May 4. (U.S. Air Force photos by R.J. Oriez)



Just a few of our **WONDERFUL Community Partner representatives** and military leaders enjoying the program.



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From President Irene's Desk.....

In closing, it is extremely important that we take a few moments to express the pride and humility we feel when we recognize our uniformed personnel. They live in a challenging and unstable world, and are the catalysts for the freedoms and lifestyle we enjoy. Their sacrifices assure that we continue to



enjoy our freedoms. Please make a concerted effort to interface with them whenever and wherever you can, and extend a friendly hand of thanks for all they do for us. Also, please remember the families they have left at home while they travel the world in the performance of their duties.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks. - Irene

... COWBOY CHAPTER PRIDE - 397 MEMBERS AND COUNTING!



President Irene gives Col. Christopher Coffelt a heartfelt thank you following his remarks at the Community Partners' Luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

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