

January 8, 2024

Happy New Year!

Dear Members and Friends of AFCAC:

As the Interim Chair of AFCAC during the last part of 2023, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support of our organization in 2023. As you can see from the attached 2024 Calendar of events, which was prepared by PACAF for us, we are going to have many more exciting opportunities this year to educate and spread goodwill to our community.

Although the halt in the Senate Confirmation process wreaked havoc to so many of Air Force leaders and their families, we were blessed with General Wilsbach as PACAF Commander for an extra year. Now that the process is back on, he will be leaving us on February 9th, handing over his command to General Kevin Schneider, whom some of you are familiar with.

As newly elected Co-Chair, along with Teddi Anderson (Past Chair 2019-2020) and more activities, we are very excited about the year 2024 being able to expand our reaches of support to our Air Force.

For some of you who could not attend, here are the highlights of our member activities during the last year.

- September 15th - 76th Air Force Ball

This annual event was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort and was well attended by our members. The theme was “Remembering Vietnam-50 Years Later” and the guest speaker was General William Begert, former PACAF Commander, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff for the Air Force, who spoke about his experience as a Forward Air Controller during the Vietnam War.



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- September 22 and November 17th - AFCAC Airmen's Luncheons @ Waikiki Yacht Club
Started in 2021, this luncheon is to give PACAF Airmen opportunities to come out of the base and learn about civilian lives, at the same time, AFCAC members learn about Airmen's everyday lives. We are planning to have this luncheon bi-monthly this year.
- October 5th - Mahalo Bash @ Bellows Field Beach Park
This is an annual Airmen's family beach party held by PACAF. General and Mrs. Wilsbach and Chief Master Sergeant and Mrs. Wolfe attended this event. AFCAC contributed financially and also donated gift bags for Airmen's children. Special thanks to our member and President of Island Pacific Academy for sending us student volunteers. We could not bag and distribute those 400 goodie bags without their help.



- October 24th – Outstanding Airmen of the Year Ceremony @ Hickam



- October 25th – Fall Pau Hana @ the Pacific Club
Well attended annual event with General Wilsbach as our keynote speaker. Everybody enjoyed this casual networking opportunity with PACAF leadership.

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- November 11th – UH vs Air Force Football Game @ UH Manoa Stadium
We had a chance of distributing donated tickets to the Airmen. Also, General and Mrs. Wilsbach and Chief Master Sergeant and Mrs. Wolfe attended the game, invited to the UH President's Box. There was a F-22 formation fly-by at the start of the game, which was the second time for the day since they did one for Veteran's Day earlier.
- November 25th - Thanksgiving Day Meal Serving@ Hale Aina Dining Facility, Hickam
AFCAC members volunteered to help serve Thanksgiving meals to our airmen.



- December 3rd – Civic Reception@ PACAF Commander's Residence, Hickam
Community leaders including Steering Committee members of AFCAC were invited.
- December 7th - 82nd Remembrance "Attack of Hickam Field" Ceremony@ Hickam Field
Annual event held by the 15th Wing, attended by General Wilsbach. AFCAC presented a flower wreath.





Steering Committee

I would like to thank the following members for their time and effort in volunteering for AFCAC during the last year. Thank you for your service.

- Teddi Anderson – Interim Vice Chair
- Pam Cabrera – Secretary
- Charles Au – Treasurer
- Robin Campaniano
- Greg Dunn
- Francis Brewer
- Raj George
- Wade Gesteuyala
- Tomma Irvine
- Jan Kao
- Peter Luke

On December 15th, 2023, Ballots were sent out to all 50 members via email and by December 29th, we received 29 responses, which is more than the required quorum of 15(30%), with 100% affirmative votes, officially electing following new Steering Committee members. Congratulations to you all!

- Teddi Anderson – Co-Chair
- Sal Miwa – Co-Chair
- Jan Kao – Vice Chair
- Pam Cabrera – Secretary
- Charles Au – Treasurer
- Robin Campaniano
- Greg Dunn
- Francis Brewer
- Raj George
- Tomma Irvine
- Peter Luke
- Peter Pawling

Note: Wade Gesteuyal has resigned due to personal reasons

PACAF Liaisons

I would also like to recognize the following Air Force Liaison members who have been tremendous help for our effort. We will not be able to function without them. Thank you all.

- Tim Cashdollar



- Maj. Christopher “Casper” Merian
- MSgt. Genevieve Armstrong

Announcements

2024 Dues

The Steering Committee decided to increase the due from \$375 to \$400 starting this year. Emails with credit card payment link and an invoice will be sent to you. Dues are due as of January 1, so please make sure that your dues are paid.

DIBIDS cards

We should be working with PACAF staff to prepare for renewal of your cards and will be sending out notices out soon.

Thank you again for all your support for our organization and for our Air Force community.

Looking forward to seeing you again at our next event.
Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sal Miwa', is written in a cursive style.

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