Arnold Community Council event draws huge crowd, new leadership

By Kathy Gattis
ATA Public Affairs

The large ballroom at the Manchester Collier County Conference Center was packed Oct. 10 as more than 400 AEDC, Arnold Community Council (ACC) and AEDC leadership gathered at the base for last year's AEDC retired Lt. Gen. David Deptula.

Organizers registered 292 people at the event – the largest fund-raiser for the ACC since the group was formed 11 years ago. There were a total of 40 sponsors…$500 (gold) and $300 (silver).

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An important part of the annual ACC event is the leadership changes. Outgoing President Steve Cope handed the gavel over to incoming President Ben Craig, but not before Cope talked about the accomplishments ACC made during the past year.

“We’ve been part of a major initiative with the formation of the Congressional Range and Testing Center Council through the Senate and the other national strategic value of ranges and other test facilities as well as the government civilian and contractor employees who operate them.”

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“Each year we take about 20-30 ACC members to visit the Capitol, our goal is to promote and support ACC, by visiting Congress and the Pentagon. We present ideas and concerns to make a difference to do business with AEDC, said Craig.

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AEDC stars in the spotlight

Josh Osborne (third from left), an Aeropropulsion Analyst with the Analysis & Evaluation Branch at AEDC is shown atop the J-6 Large Rocket Test Cell Dehumidification Chamber on Oct. 18 in an interview for an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) contracted video. Fourteen other AEDC professionals were also interviewed Oct. 17-18 at the Arc Heaters, the 7-foot combustion chamber facility. These professionals spoke about the mission, work environment, life/work balance and opportunities. A film crew from S22 Productions filmed the interview and AEDC will use the film to promote the facility and developing marketing platforms such as videos, websites, and brochures for the Air Force Acquisition community and the local community. 

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**Air Force Holds Convicted Sexual Assault Offenders Accountable, Sexual Assault Convictions Are Now On-Line**

By Col. Raymond Toth

AEDC Commander

Our organization directly involved. I encourage everyone to review the facts of the cases, and investigate the consequences of committing these crimes. When you see a situation that isn’t right, be a good wingman; men about the consequences of their actions. Sexual assault court-martial convictions from across the nation are now available online through this site. People can use the site to access information about sexual assault cases resulting in administration, convictions, or court-martial proceedings. These offenses are very serious and must be taken seriously. The Defense Supply Center, the Department of the Air Force, to include view- all military judges. These offenses are very serious and must be taken seriously. The Defense Supply Center, the Department of the Air Force, to include view-

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**AEDC School Supply Drive committee gives thanks**

By Col. Raymond Toth

AEDC Commander

Thank you enough to all that would fill your soul today as I declare full operation of the AEDC Back Pack and School Supply Drive. With all of us joining together as one, it’s made it a great success! The 5th grade science class at Fayetteville City Middle School received school supplies from the AEDC Back Pack and School Supply Drive. (Photo provided)

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By Claude Morse

Project Appleseed

COFFEE COUNTY, TENN. – Attend the local Project Appleseed Rifle Clinic on Nov. 9-10 at the Arnold AFB Rifle Range and give it a shot! To win the rifle, you must be a registered attendee in advance on-line to attend. Active duty military personnel, National Guard members, Reserve military members and active law enforcement personnel will be offered free (ID required). To register and receive for more information, please visit a clinic website at www.appleseedinfo.org. The primitive questions on the local clinic send an email to TNappleseed@ 19, 1775.

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AEDC Fitness Trail announces intermittent closures

The AEDC Fitness Trail will be closed for deer hunting Saturday – Sunday, Nov. 2-3, 2013. The trail will also be closed during the holidays which dates include Nov. 28-29, Dec. 25-31 and Jan 1-5, 2014.

By Larine Barr

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is advising consumers to stop using OxyElite Pro, a dietary supplement, because of suspected links to acute hepatitis.

The FDA, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration are investigating reports of acute non-viral hepatitis in Hawai i where 29 cases are linked to dietary supplement.

The FDA urges consumers to stop using the product while the investigation continues. Distributed by USP Labs LLC in Dallas, Texas, the product is sold nationwide in retail stores and on the internet.

“We are urging Airmen to stop using the product until the investigation concludes and results are confirmed,” said Col. John Oh, the chief of Health Promotion, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Air Force Surgeon General.

There have been a total of 29 cases of acute non-viral hepatitis with an unknown cause reported in Hawaii. Eleven of the 29 patients have been hospitalized with acute hepatitis, two have received liver transplants and one person has died. The CDC is also investigating other cases of liver injury nationwide that could be related.

Symptoms of hepatitis include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay or gray-colored stools, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, fatigue and jaundice. Reports online indicate that many Airmen have used OxyElite Pro to achieve muscle building.

“/We encourage Airmen to get educated on dietary supplement safety through Operation Supplement Safety, the Department of Defense dietary supplement education and safety campaign,” Oh said. Information about the campaign is found at: www.hprc-online.org/opss.

Visit this link for more information about the FDA warning:


FDA warns against dietary supplement

ATa presents donation to local school

ATA recently presented a $600 charitable Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) donation to the New Union Elementary School in Manchester for their robotics program. Pictured (left to right) are Becky Combs of the ATA Employee and Community Activities Committee; Eric Keith, New Union Elementary School Sponsor; and New Union Elementary School Principle Michelle Hummel. (Photo provided)

Flu vaccine available at the Medical Aid Station

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older as the first and most important action you can take to prevent flu. Flu vaccines will not be administered to children under age eight.

ATa contract personnel and AEDC DOD govern- ments civilians who are not TRICARE beneficiaries may receive the flu vaccine if they are 18 years of age or older as the first and most important action you can take to prevent flu.

ATa Flu vaccine clinic will be held on the 3rd floor of the Medical Aid Station.

The vaccine is administered on a first-come, first-served basis and supplies are limited.

Flu vaccines will not be administered to children under age eight.

Convenience hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. with extended hours from 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. the week before Thanksgiving and the week before Christmas.

If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you or your child stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.

Fevers should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.

When possible avoid close contact with sick people.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

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By Raquel March

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Thank you to all members and new members for making this a memorable night.
Faye Mathews, personnel assistant with the ATA Human Resources office, is the first female to celebrate a milestone of working at AEDC for 50 years. She attended a surprise 50 years of service celebration event in the Human Resources office with 19 other co-workers earlier this month.

When asked how it feels to work at AEDC for 50 years, she responded “blessed.”

When Mathews arrived at AEDC on Oct. 7, 1963 the complex was in the midst of multiple space tests. She has indirectly experienced AEDC breakthroughs in air and space superiority and computer technology.

Mathews’s first position was a clerk/stenographer in the Employee Relations Branch. She later served as a secretary for many different departments such as the Management Information Systems Center, the Plans and Analysis Group, the Contracts Administration Group and the Technology Group among others.

Many processes changed within the 50 years of Mathews employment at AEDC.

“One thing that has drastically changed from the time I started working at AEDC is how I perform my job in technology – typewriters to computers,” Mathews said.

At the years of service celebration event Mike Cunningham, the ATA Human Resources manager, spoke of how Mathews skills in many areas of human resources including benefits, employment, workers compensation, contracts, training, recruiting and others have been beneficial to AEDC.

Mathews will attend a Years of Service Recognition event with ATA General Manager Steve Pearson in December where she will receive a watch as an anniversary gift.
November Movie Schedule
Movie nights are Tuesdays at the Arnold Air Force Base with movie start time of 6:30 p.m. and dinner available for $5.

Nov. 5 – "Burbs" rated PG (3 hr. 16 min.) starring Nicolas Cage, Paul Giamatti and Maya Rudolph. A crop-dusting plane with a secret spell that can turn anyone into a creation-creature called a Smurfette — into real Smurfs. Nov. 5-9 at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 9 – "A Christmas Carol" (PG (1 hr. 45 min.) starring Matty and Maya Rudolph. It's time to get the Christmas season going. Out with the old, in with the new! Join in on the ALSF Christmas Caroling.

Nov. 21 – "Planes," rated PG (1 hr. 31 min.) starring Carlos Alazraqui, Dane Cook and Stacy Keach. A breathtaking plane with a fear of heights dreams of competing in a Problem in a famous around-the-world competition.

Nov. 28 – No movie due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Join Outdoor Recreation as they’re on the move toward the Gadsden Garden Trails Nov. 29 at Arnold Air Force Base in Tennessee. We will begin the trip at 9 a.m. at the Arnold Golf Course, sit the gorge and return by 3 p.m. Go on a hike through some with intermediate some areas. With ankle and knee support you can avoid any in- jury. A great way to enjoy the water and this scenic trip. Cost is $25 per person. Cost is $25 per person. See sign up deadline is Nov. 30.

Outdoor Rec inflatables!
There is an assortment of inflatables for almost every event and activity. Includes a huge backyard obstacle course, inflatable bungee ziplines, inflatable 10’ x 13’ slide, and a blow-up dog water toy. These are all only $10 per person. We also have a giant basketball hoop for sports in the option of badminton play. Bounce House for $75 per day. If you need a water toy then splash our Chain Double Wave/Dry slide will be the perfect addition. It’s all only $10 per person. Please call 454-6084. See sign up deadline is Nov. 4-6 to 4:30 p.m.

Hours of operation of the fitness centers provided by management office by appointment. Operations Monday through Friday 7-9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dinner: full menu available Thursday 5-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 5-9 p.m.; Main Bar: Thursday 5-9 p.m.; Friday 4-10 p.m. See sign up deadline is Nov. 11 and Nov. 29 after Thanksgiving Day lunch - Nov. 30. See sign up deadline is Nov. 28.

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A traveler, Wingo’s largest customer, as we will still be exactly the same. The rooms at Wingo Inn will face slight reductions. Due to historical occupancy rates, the reduction in availability will be virtually transparent to the customer, as we will still be at approximately 88% occupancy. Rooms will still be available for the Space Traveler, Wingo’s top customer base. While Wingo Inn will face slight alterations, there is absolutely no plan to close the facility, nor change the operation, with the exception of the 18 room downtown. Wingo Inn and the Services team strive to provide the best service and facilities possible to our guests and Arnold community, while meeting budgetary constraints. We are pleased to say that impact will be minimal, if even noticed by our customers, as staffing and service will remain exactly the same.

Wingo Inn right sizing to be implemented Nov. 1

The rooms at Wingo Inn will reduce from 36 to 22.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – As a result of the passed continuing resolution legislation, the Air Force is in the process of returning operations to normal shutdown status, to include the reinstatement of military tuition assistance.

The continuing resolution will fund the Air Force under the fiscal year 2013 sequester funding levels, which will enable the reinstatement of MiTA for Airmen.

“Effective immediately all Military Tuition Assistance applications for courses starting on or after Oct. 17 may be submitted,” said Col. Jeff White, Air Force learning division chief. “All previously approved MiTA requests for courses which began on or after Oct. 17 are reinstated.”

Looking to the future, the Air Force policy for courses that started Oct. 1-16 will be distributed as soon as it is available, White said.

Air Force officials urge members to continue monitoring www.af.mil and the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC), which can be found on the Air Force portal, for the most up-to-date information.

Also, an email will be sent through the Air Force Automated Education Management System, notifying members of the statement of their approved MiTA request for courses starting on Oct. 17 and later.

Currently, policy is being developed for courses that started Oct. 1-16, and information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

According to Air Force officials, the service will resume close to normal pre-shutdown operations, operating under the same constrained budget of FY13, according to the Air Force budget management and execution office.
