

Friends of Edwards Air Force Base

A Coalition of Organizations, Groups & Entities That Love and Support Edwards Air Force Base

Purpose

The purpose for organizing the "Friends of Edwards Air Force Base" is to bring together all of the existing community organizations that have a vested interest in Edwards. The specific purpose is to cooperate in making large special events at Edwards Air Force Base a **SPECTACULAR SUCCESS**. Thus demonstrating in a very positive way that "The Community Supports Edwards Air Force Base". The proposed 2007 event would be the Air Force Ball on Friday, September 14, 2007. The AF Ball celebrates the 60th Birthday of the United States Air Force.

Cooperation

Organizations have representatives meet on a monthly basis. Organizations let the "Friends" know their planned activities that enhance the mission of Edwards Air Force Base. They help prevent any conflicts or communicate any potential conflict that Edwards' events may have with other planned activities. Organizations also support the Edwards' Event by planning activities to coincide with or enhance it. Edwards Air Force Base Representatives update the "Friends" on key issues and events. Organizations support events, activities and key issues by informing their members in their communiqués (newsletters, bulletins, e-mails, etc.)

Membership

Membership is limited to representatives of community organizations, government institutions, and offices of elected officials in order to prevent competition with Coalition members for members from businesses. Each organization designates one or two of their members to be their official representative. It is suggested that one of the representatives of organizations be either the Chairman of the Board, President, Executive Director or CEO. For government institutions, it is suggested that an elected official and/or the senior manager represent them. It is desired that the representatives for elected offices be the elected official and/or their representative. See the attached for suggested Organizations that will "hopefully" participate in the Coalition.

Meetings

Friends of Edwards Air Force Base meet at 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce office at 554 West Avenue I, Lancaster, CA 93534. (Phone 661-948-4518)

2007 Air Force Ball

The 2007 Air Force Ball will culminate a year long, Air Force wide celebration of "Heritage to Horizons, Commemorating 60 Years of Air and Space Power."

"Friends" of Edwards would be the "Community Support Committee" to help in two important ways. First would be in securing sponsorships and second in the invitation of community members to attend the Ball. The William J. "Pete" Knight Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) would send out letters to secure sponsors to be hosts of the Ball. Note: AFA has done this for several of the Edwards Air Shows. The "Friends" would help by reviewing the list of potential sponsors and suggest additional names. Organizations would encourage their members to attend the Ball. Invitations would be prepared and given to those organizations willing to stuff, address, stamp and send invitations to members of their organizations.

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