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Bringing the Heat

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Cover Photo: Tech. Sgt. Steven Hutchens, 944th Maintenance Squadron, explains the process for starting a F-35 Lightning II to Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller, commander of Air Force Reserve Command. Gen. Miller spent three days at Luke Air Force Base, home of the F-35 Lightning II, joining the 944th Reservists as they went through their monthly training events. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tyler Bolken)

The Helicopter View

From Dr. Julie Reese, 944th Fighter Wing director of psychological health

There are often unique stressors and challenges in various areas that are distressing and at times overwhelming in the lives of Airmen and their families. Most times, we are so close to the situation, involved with it, part of it, living it - that it is difficult to stand back from what is happening to see the full picture. This is when The Helicopter View is useful to help see the bigger picture more clearly. As the helicopter rises, what seemed so big on the ground, slowly becomes smaller and smaller, enabling us to focus more on the overall picture. These views are true for all of us as we travel through our journey of life.

An approach we can take is to ensure that we are taking a step back and not getting wrapped up in all the small stressors, which can feel overwhelming. Stepping back can also give us the resilience of approaching these situations with a clear mind and keeping our eyes on the final outcome and the bigger picture. Remember, behavior is nothing more than an unmet need. This means that we must not get distracted by the noise in front of us. Hover your helicopter high above the noise, and you will discover what the need is. While there are some situations in life we cannot avoid, maintaining a consistent and steady approach will support our success to our end goals.



Wing continues tradition of excellence

by Col. Bryan Cook, 944th Fighter Wing commander

Welcome to the February Unit Training Assembly and what a weekend we have planned. Every month I think we are going to have a chance to take a deep breath and catch up on all the things we need to get done to be ready then the UTA rolls in and it is completely jammed packed. This month we have our first of two three-day training events, we are standing up our 944th Maintenance Group and two Maintenance squadrons, hosting a Logistics Readiness Squadron assumption of command ceremony, and we get to recognize excellence over the past year with our annual awards banquet. It's another jam packed weekend for the 944th.

The months of February and March are all about readiness. As you know, over the last 26 years our force has turned from a fully functioning, ready to deploy force, into a "just-in-time

train when you are tasked" force. Well, those days are over. Part of serving in the Air Force was being properly trained and ready to Fly, Fight, and Win anytime, anywhere. We have lost that over the few decades due to the insurgent style war we have been fighting.

The Air Force and the Air Force Reserve Command have seen that the force needs a shot in the proverbial readiness arm. As part of that, the command has provided us two additional Annual Tour days for training geared towards our readiness. We are once again going to have the skills and training that we all need to match our Wing priorities to meet our mission!

This weekend will be filled with training—but I'm extremely proud to say, after more than 10 years we finally have our maintenance group back! The 944th has a long standing tradition in excellence in maintenance. It started in

1987 when the 944th Tactical Fighter Group was stood up here at Luke Air Force Base. In 2006 to 2008, we lost both of our jets and our entire MXG due to the Base Realignment and Closure Committee. It was a very difficult time for everyone in the 944th, especially for those who served before us. This is an extremely exciting weekend as we raise the flag once again on our maintenance group and we begin another chapter in our 944th heritage.

One of the most important things we get to do this weekend amongst the training and standing up new organizations, is recognizing our outstanding performers of the year. This year's annual awards banquet is going to be great. The committee has a tremendous Mardi'Gras theme, and we've had outstanding support from our honorary commanders and the 944 FW Booster Club. We could not have done any of it

without their dedication to our Airmen.

This year our guest speaker is a true American hero. He fought in two wars, flown 22 different aircraft and spent more than five years as a prisoner of war. When we preach about our wing pillars, the things that we rely on to support our mission and vision, he epitomizes our pillar of Heritage. Col. (ret) Tom Kirk is truly one of those great Americans that help build our Air Force and began the commitment to excellence that we all strive to do.

I hope to see you all at the awards banquet and please remember our fellow family members that are now deployed, and welcome back our Airmen from the Aeromedical Staging Squadron who have now returned. We are in for another great weekend, I hope to see you on the line. Keep "Bringing the Heat!"

Do the right thing when nobody is looking

By Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Malcom,
944th Fighter Wing command chief

Hello everyone and welcome to February in the desert. This is such a beautiful time to live (and/or drill) in Arizona with the perfect weather and Spring Training right around the corner!!! For our family out at our Geographically Separated Units or Detachments, I encourage you to find any excuse to get out here and catch a game.

January was a busy month saying goodbye to our brothers and sisters headed down range, while also welcoming our 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron family back home. I could not have been more proud of the mission focus our folks had before they left. I know they will do great things and represent the 944th proudly.

With our focus now primarily being on the mission at our home stations, I want to talk a little about

Integrity.

I know it may be hard to imagine, but I am a Facebook follower. I love seeing the great things our unit is doing, while also following our brothers and sisters at other units across the country. It is also a great way to stay connected to friends and family I do not get to see very often. The downside to social media is the instant gratification of venting something you are upset or irritated about. Unfortunately, instant regret usually follows. As seen in the news recently, posting your grievances to the world usually comes with consequences.

I interpret the word Integrity as "doing the right thing when nobody is looking". Is blasting someone or something on FB the right thing? Probably not. I would encourage you all to take a step back from your phone or iPad before you vent. We all have to deal with issues at work from time to time and need

a way to release our frustrations. For me, I like to run and work stuff out in my head or go for a walk with my dogs. They are great listeners. Either way, you need to find what works for you.

When dealing with the issue while at work, I strongly suggest we start having adult conversations with each other. This is a professional military organization and we need to start conducting ourselves in just that, a professional manner. It is not always easy to sit down face to face with someone and tell them how you feel (respectfully), but we need to get better at it and be open to the possibility that we are not always right and we can improve (especially me!). Having these conversations will make us better people and Air Force professionals.

I hope everyone has a great February UTA and I look forward to seeing you at the Awards Banquet.

February 2018 promotions:

Congratulations to the following 944th Fighter Wing promotees

From Airman Basic:

Ann Kevin Chieng, 924th MXS

From Airman:

A1C Luis Rico, 944th CES

From Airmen First Class:

SrA Brandon Harris, 414th MXS

SrA Karly Pena, 924th MXS

SrA Azlan Addleman, 924th MXS

SrA Hannah Goerl, 924th MXS

SrA Debany Talton, 944th ASTS

SrA Cameron Collins, 944th CES

SrA Jordan Coomber, 944th CES

SrA Anthony Desanto, 944th CES

SrA Sergio Garcia, 944th CES

SrA Rachel Montoya, 944th CES

SrA Jonathan Ohlhausen, 944th CES

SrA Psalm Simmons, 944th CES

SrA Bella Torres, 944th CES

From Senior Airman:

SSgt Matthew Langley, 924th MXS

SSgt Garrett McDowell, 944th AMXS

SSgt Daniel Gregg, 944th LRS

SSgt Alex Skaggs, 944th MXS

SSgt Damian Guardiola, 944th SFS

From Staff Sergeant:

TSgt Jeremy Vest, 414th MXS

TSgt Joseph Pare, 414th MXS

TSgt Russell Pratt, 414th MXS

TSgt Jared Mosley, 924th MXS

TSgt James Wilkins, 924th MXS

TSgt Jason Rollins, 944th AMXS

TSgt Kenneth Langford, 944th AMXS

TSgt Lakisha First, 944th FSS

TSgt Huntington Johnson, 944th AMXS

TSgt Samantha Whittle, 944th FSS

From Technical Sergeant:

MSgt April Bevins, 944th MXG

MSgt Jeremy Sutton, 944th SFS

MSgt Leah Taddei, 944th OG

MSgt Danielle Black, 944th FSS

From Master Sergeant:

SMSgt Holly Holcomb, 414th MXS

SMSgt Carlos Cabrera, 944th MXS

SMSgt Jean Thomas, 944th MXS

SMSgt Kenneth Heng, 944th MDS

Wing inducts newest Chief



(Top) Maj. Erica Lowe, 944th Maintenance Squadron commander, readministeres the oath of enlistment to Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Greene, 944th Maintenance Squadron munitions flight chief, during his induction ceremony Jan 6, 2018. (Bottom) Chiefs from the 944th Fighter Wing, congratulate Green for reaching the highest enlisted grade. Only one percent of the Air Force's total enlisted force can hold the top enlisted grade of Chief Master Sergeant. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder)

Reserve Commander visits 944th Citizen Airmen

Story by 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 944th Fighter Wing welcomed the commander of Air Force Reserve Command, Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller during the January Unit Training Assembly.

Gen. Miller spent three days at Luke Air Force Base, home of the F-35 Lightning II, joining the 944th Reservists as they went through their monthly training events. The visit started with a short stop to the 944th Security Forces Squadron where she was able to meet some of the Reserve Citizen Airmen's families who were out for a Family Day event.

"I look at all of you as our leaders," Miller told the security forces Airmen. "This is how you need to look at yourselves and know you can make a difference."

After the Family Day event, Miller, escorted by Col. Bryan Cook, 944 FW commander, walked around the 944th campus, meeting Citizen Airmen and spending time in their training classes.

She also visited the chaplains, the 944th Maintenance Group, 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, 944th Medical Squadron, and the 944th Operations Group.

During the visit, Miller took time to sit down with the wing's youngest Reservists and answered some of their questions at a luncheon on Sunday. Miller and the Reserve Citizen Airmen discussed their backgrounds personally and professionally, charitable work, aircraft, and self-improvement.

"It isn't just me, it is all of us," Miller said when speaking to the young group of Airmen. "None of us are in this alone. As young as all of you are, I look at you as our leaders. You can all make a difference."

Miller also talked to the Development and Training Flight, a program for civilians actively in the Air Force Reserve recruiting process and waiting on a Basic Military Training class date. While at the D&TF, she performed an enlistment ceremony and swore in the newest member of the 944 FW.

"As you're standing here getting ready to enter the Air Force, what I need from you is for you to be you," said Miller. "You wouldn't be standing here if it was not in your heart to be an Airman."

"It takes amazing Americans to stand up and say they want to be a part of this," she added. "This is what makes you great."

For nearly 70 years, Reserve Citizen Airmen have been the cornerstone of the successful defense of our nation by providing combat-ready forces to meet the needs of combatant commanders.

The Air Force Reserve is an integral part of the Total Force in mission areas such as the F-35 Lightning II.



Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller, commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, officially swears in an Air Force recruit Jan. 7, 2018. Additionally at the ceremony were members of the 944th Fighter Wing Development and Training Flight program, which is a program for civilians actively in the Air Force recruiting process. "As you're standing here getting ready to enter the Air Force, what I need from you is for you to be you," said Miller. "You wouldn't be standing here if it was not in your heart to be an Airman." (photo by Staff Sgt. Tyler Bolken)



Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, poses for a picture with Airman 1st Class Alicia Kube, 944th Maintenance Squadron. (photo by Maj. Elizabeth Magnusson)

Defenders get new commander

Photos and story by Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder, 944th Fighter Wing

Lt. Col. Amy Evans, outgoing 944th Security Forces Squadron commander relinquished command to Capt. Jonathan Warzeka, who is joining the unit from the 56th Security Forces Squadron, during a formal change of command ceremony held at Hangar 999, Jan. 6.

The ceremony was presided over by Lt. Col. Kip Schlum, 944th Mission Support Group deputy commander and prior 944 SFS commander.

“This is a very significant day because five years ago I was on this stage changing command of this same squadron to Amy (Evans) and today I get to change over the command to friend of mine that I worked with on active duty, Jon Warzeka,” said Schlum.



(Above) Lt. Col. Kip Schlum, 944th Mission Support Group deputy commander, passes the guidon to Capt. Jonathan Warzeka, 944th Security Forces Squadron incoming commander, during a formal change of command ceremony held at Hangar 999, Jan. 6, 2018.

(Middle) Capt. Jonathan Warzeka, renders his first salute to the Airmen of the 944 SFS after taking command.

(Top right) Capt. Jonathan Warzeka, 944th SFS incoming commander.

(Bottom right) Airmen from the 944th SFS return the salute to their new commander, Capt. Jonathan Warzeka.

Schlum praised Evans and her accomplishments during her tenure as commander.

Along with her accomplishments, she led the squadron to winning the distinction of being the 2016 United States Air Force Outstanding Security Forces Squadron “Air Reserve Component” and the 2016 Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Security Forces Tenant Unit of the Year Award, Schlum added.

Evans concluded her Air Force career with a retirement ceremony directly following the change of command.

After changing command over to Warzeka, he also praised Evans on the work she has done with the squadron.

“To the defenders of the 944 SFS, I am humbled and honored to join your team,” he said. “Lt. Col. Evans has established an environment that encourages and promotes a recipe for success... I urge you



to continue this momentum into 2018. I’m eager to command this amazing unit and I am excited for what the future will bring.”

As the 944 SFS commander, Warzeka will oversee more than 75 Airmen. The 944 SFS is tasked to develop, implement and complete state-of-the-art training and mobility preparedness ensuring that the unit is ready at a moment’s notice to support worldwide contingencies.



ASTS conduct mass casualty training

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Nestor Cruz, 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron conducted training Jan. 6, 2018 at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Nurses, pharmacy technicians, and flight doctors were among the squadron members who participated in the annual mass casualty training.

Capt. Chrystina Rutter, 944 ASTS medical readiness officer, helped tailor the event to meet the squadron's training needs.

"We took the basic skeleton from last year's training event and built upon that," Rutter said. "Our ultimate goal is true total force training."

To that end, ASTS members teamed up with Arizona Air National Guard Airmen with the 161st Air Refueling Wing to conduct the training. Together, the Airmen practiced loading simulated patients onto a k-loader and transporting them to a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft.

"This was the first time (performing patient loading and unloading operations) for some of our people," Rutter said. "I'd rather they learn in training than be thrown into a real-world situation."

Both teams worked together seamlessly, fulfilling every training item on the agenda.

"Overall, I think their performance was very good," said Col. Alfred Rossum, 944 ASTS commander. "I jumped in (as a simulated patient) so they could feel what it's like to carry a 215 pound man. To me, it's important to get that real-world feeling."

"The point of this training was simply exposure," Rossum added. "It's all about coming together as a team."



Tips for Fitness Assessment Success

By Staff Sgt. Shauntella Mack, 944th Medical Squadron

It's the beginning of the year! This is the time when life visions and goals are mapped out for the months ahead. Goals often focus on losing weight, eating better, working out, and - for us as Airmen - achieving our ultimate fitness goal: passing our physical test. For some, passing the Air Force Fitness Assessment may not be a challenge; however, there are some things that we can do to improve our fitness scores.

Let's look at some keys to success:

- A focus on regular exercise, good nutrition, and proper hydration can help you perform better with less chances of injury. Start by changing your mindset regarding exercise. The Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity a week; that's only 2.5 hrs per week. Consistent exercise throughout the year is better than intense training a week before your fitness assessment. Regular training will keep you in shape and reduce your risk of injury. It can also help with reducing stress.
- Your nutritional intake also plays a major part in having a fit lifestyle. Good nutrition comes down to eating a variety of foods with a focus on lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. Try to fill half of your plate with fruits and vegetables. The rest of what you eat should be a balance of whole grains and lean protein like fish and nuts. Remind yourself that you would like to feel satisfied, not stuffed.
- Drink water; water is a crucial nutrient that often gets overlooked. Avoid sugar-sweetened drinks like soda and energy drinks that contain a lot of extra calories. Choosing to prepare for your fitness test daily with healthy choices versus cramming a few weeks before can reduce the fear of failing and the risk of injury.

Visit www.choosemyplate.gov for tips on healthy eating.



Defining sexual Assault and Consent

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Sexual Assault is sexual contact characterized/accomplished by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

- The term includes a broad category of sexual offenses consisting of the following specific UCMJ offenses: rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy (forced oral or anal sex), or attempts to commit any of these acts.
- Punitive UCMJ offenses are listed in the Manual for Courts Martial under Articles 120, 120a, 120b, 120c, or 125 of the UCMJ; or attempts to commit such acts punishable under Article 80.
- At minimum, punishment for rape or sexual assault includes a mandatory dismissal or dishonorable discharge if found guilty in a general court-martial.

When it comes to sexual relations, the best way to prevent sexual assault is by obtaining consent from the other person. If you are an Airmen, always act in ways that are consistent with our core values. Don't engage in any sexual conduct with someone who does not or cannot consent. Consent is about communication. If you are unsure about consent, always ask, ensure you have permission to proceed or stop.

Consent as defined by the SAPR program is freely given agreement to the conduct at issue by a competent person. Additionally, DoD includes the following in the SAPR consent definition:

- An expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent (verbal or non-verbal)
- Lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from the use of force, threat of force, or placing another person in fear does not constitute consent.
- A current or previous dating or social or sexual relationship by itself or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the conduct at issue shall not constitute consent.
- A sleeping, unconscious, or incompetent person cannot consent.

A person does not give consent merely because they did not say "no" or did not fight back.

Consent is not automatic. Even if there was a prior sexual relationship, there is no automatic permission to have sex with them again.

Sexual harassment is not the same as sexual assault. Sexual harassment involves:

- Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

SAPR services are available 24/7, for all locations including deployed locations.
The Luke Air Force Base Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) can be reached at 623-856-4878
Ms. Evelyn mobile: 623-363-6590 or Ms. Latice mobile: 623-229-3691



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 or 877-995-5247

ART Top Dogs win DCC competition

By Staff Sgt. Lausanne Kinder, 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Reserve Technicians from the 944th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, also representing the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, took first place during the 4th Quarter 56th Maintenance Group Dedicated Crew Chief competition Dec. 5, 2017.

The winners were announced during the 56th Maintenance Group Quarterly Awards ceremony Jan. 17, 2018.

Crew chiefs from the 62nd, 63rd, 309th, 310th, and 425th AMUs also competed. The aircraft and crew chiefs representing each AMU were chosen by the section chiefs based on experience, knowledge, and appearance of both the aircraft and crew chiefs.

“Winning this competition demonstrates the level of experience and knowledge that our 944th maintainers bring to the 944th and 56th (1K MXG),” said Senior Master Sgt. Eric Jagodzinski, 944th AMXS F-35 crew chief section chief.

Tech Sgt. John Robinson, dedicated crew chief, Staff Sgt. Danny Spence and Staff Sgt. Andrew Martin, assistant dedicated crew chiefs, are all ARTs from the 944th attached to the 61st AMU thus representing both sections.

“It was a team effort, and while Tech Sgt. Robinson, Staff Sgt. Spence, and I are specifically assigned to the [F-35] aircraft, many people of all ranks from both active duty and reserves helped with all aspects of getting the jet ready,” said Martin.

Airmen work around the clock in three different shifts with specific duties to ensure the jets are mission ready 24/7.

“A lot of the DCC competition prep is having a solid knowledge of the current status of the aircraft and knowing what maintenance has been performed on the aircraft by any shop,” said Martin. “You must also show pride in your aircraft by way of keeping it clean and adding a personal touch that makes it your own.”

The team also had to take a written test based on aircraft maintenance knowledge and awareness going towards their overall score.

“The hope is that maintainers will continue to be recognized for the hard work and dedication they bring to the Air Force mission every day,” said Jagodzinski. “I also hope this encourages others to follow the example of these three gentlemen and give their best at whatever they do.”

Martin also expressed the pride he feels for being able to be a part of such a hard working team.

“For me it was a great experience because I looked at it as the Air Force giving me a 100 million dollar fighter jet and saying ‘make it your own,’” said Martin. “Being a reservist in an active duty unit and being assigned to an aircraft is a great opportunity to make the 944th stand out.”



(Above) Air Reserve Technicians from the 944th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, (from left) Staff Sgt. Danny Spence, assistant dedicated crew chief, Tech Sgt. John Robinson, dedicated crew chief, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Martin, ADCC, pose for a photo after the 56th Maintenance Group Dedicated Crew Chief competition Dec. 5, 2017. The team of reservists won first place against aircraft maintenance units from five other squadrons within the 56th MXG. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Caleb Worpel)



Civic Leaders get unique view of pilot training

By Maj. Elizabeth Magnusson, 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

944th Fighter Wing Reserve Citizen Airmen and 162nd Wing Arizona Air National Guardsmen partnered to offer civic leaders from Phoenix and Tucson a unique view of pilot training during an overnight trip to Gila Bend Auxiliary Airfield and the Barry M. Goldwater Range Jan. 18 and 19.

The tour included a visit to the Barry M. Goldwater Range at Gila Bend where the civic leaders watched F-16 and A-10 aircraft practice air-to-air and air-to-ground maneuvers as well as night bombing missions. Additionally, the group received in-depth briefings of the range and visited with the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight.

“The BMGR is a national treasure that can’t be duplicated or replaced anywhere else in this country,” said Col. Bryan Cook, 944th Fighter Wing commander, during his welcome remarks at Gila Bend. “While we are out on the range you will get a chance to see why it is so important in training F-16, A-10 and F-35 pilots here.”

Civic leaders also had the opportunity to learn about conservation efforts on the range regarding endangered animal species, such as the Sonoran Pronghorn

Antelope, and 56th Range Management Office protection of the more than 1,200 cultural and archeological sites.

“This was truly one of the most educational as well as fun events I’ve done in a long time”, said Gary Spadafore, Breakthru Beverage Arizona, Director of Education. “It was so great mingling with folks that are so dedicated and committed to keeping our nation strong.”

The range is used by active-duty, Guard and Reserve Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine units. It also features 1.7 million acres of open range including ground targets, radar control, tactical data link, large-scale laser target scoring system, “smokey” surface to air missiles to give pilots realistic training against air defenses and a recent addition has been a moving target system.

Luke and 162nd Wing F-16 Fighting Falcons along with Davis-Monahan and 944 FW A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft

practiced day and night bombing, rocket attacks, and strafing runs during the civic leader visit to demonstrate capabilities of the jets and the range.

“Our Honorary Commanders Tour to the Gila Bend

Air Force Auxiliary Field - with F-16 and A-10 Warthog both day and night practice bombing runs - was awesome,” said Terrie Frankel, author and Honorary Commander with the 944th Medical Squadron. “Every moment of our tour was perfectly planned. Thank you to everyone, including my fellow Honorary Commanders from both the 944th and the 162nd Wings for making this Honorary Commander’s tour a huge success! We took away remarkable memories that will last a lifetime.”

“This trip was a great way for us to showcase the Guard and Reserve missions and how they support our Active Duty partners,” said Cook. “Our partnership is based on our common mission and the tremendous support of our local communities.”



GARY SPADAFORE

944th Fighter Wing Honorary Commander

Full Name: Gary Spadafore
Commander assigned to: Chief Master Sergeant Jeremy Malcom
Place of business: Breakthru Beverage Ariz.
Duty title: Director of Education
City where you reside: Phoenix, Arizona
Where you were born/grew up: Detroit, Mich.
Family: Dr. Angela Shreves, wife; Sophia, daughter

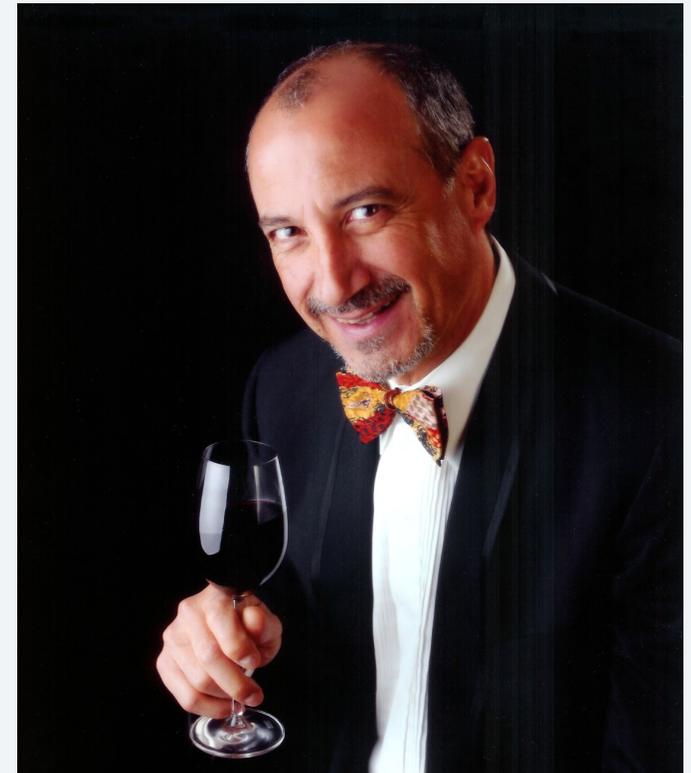
A little about Gary in his own words:

I moved to Arizona in 1972 to become a high school teacher. I substitute taught in Scottsdale for a year getting paid \$20/day when they called me. I got a job as a bouncer in a night club to augment my income. That began my career in the hospitality industry, including bars, restaurants and resorts. I have been with Breakthru Beverage for 30+ years. As Director of Education, I am responsible for the learning and development of our sales associates as well as our trade customers. My wife recently retired as an Internal Medicine physician with Thunderbird Internal Medicine. My daughter is a third-year medical student at University of Arizona in Tucson.

More words from our Honorary Commander...

My father was in the US Army Air Corps during World War II. My older brother was in the US Air Force during Vietnam. I feel that being an Honorary Commander is in some small way, following their example.

I am very proud to be an HC, and have been very impressed with the professionalism, dedication and commitment of every single person I've met.



What is an Honorary Commander?

An Honorary commander is a member of the local community who is assigned to each of the 944th Fighter Wing's five groups, 11 squadrons, wing commander, vice commander, and command chief. The program provides a great community outreach program and the ability to foster relationships between local and civic business leaders. For more information, contact the 944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 623-856-5388.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 14
Graydon Williams
Award Luncheon

-Club 56
-11:30 a.m.

MARCH 23
Booster Club
Golf Tourney

More information to
follow!

MARCH 17-18
2018 Luke Days

This FREE event is open
to the public. For more
information, visit
www.luke.af.mil





A-10s from Davis Monthan Air Force Base flyover the Barry M. Goldwater Range 2 during a recent civic leader tour. 944th Fighter Wing Reserve Citizen Airmen and 162nd Wing Arizona Air National Guardsmen partnered to offer the attendees a unique view of pilot training during an overnight trip to Gila Bend Auxiliary Airfield and the Barry M. Goldwater Range Jan. 18 and 19. (Photo by Lt. Col. Matthew Weisner, 162nd Wing Air National Guard)