

Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

Community Connection



Commander's Comments

Happy New Year!

2009 is now upon us and as with everything at Eglin, it looks to be a banner year. 2009 will bring changes in base leadership and new faces to the Emerald Coast Community; however, our priorities will remain the same: **Improve quality of life for Eglin; enhance civic outreach; and make Eglin the premier installation for energy stewardship in all of DoD.** We look forward to continuing our partnership with all of the communities surrounding Eglin.

2009 Honorary Commanders Selected

Congratulations to our 2009 96 ABW Honorary Commanders. They are: Don Abrams, Tim Creehan, Dr Samuel Capra, Ed Coleman, James Curry, Dominik Damiano, Steve Essig, Cindy Frakes, Jeff Harris, Joseph Hart, Tim Hester, Justin Hill, Darrell Jones, William Leaman, Robert Maloney, Leah McGill, Michele Nicholson, Susan Shea, Nancy Stanley, Melina Stein, Jason Stokes, Bart Swan, and Alexis Tibbetts. A "change of command" is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 18th at 2:30 p.m. at the Armament Museum. More information will follow. Thanks again to everyone who submitted nominations.

CSAF Visit

The recent visit by AF Chief of Staff General Norton Schwartz to the Emerald Coast went extremely well. While here, the CSAF toured both Hurlburt Field and Eglin and each Eglin wing commander had an opportunity to brief him on issues affecting their respective wing.

Hennessy Visit

The Air Force Hennessy Traveling Team will be evaluating food service operations at Eglin Feb. 2-5. The four person team will kick off its evaluation with an in-brief Feb. 3. Eglin Food Service has a long tradition of find quality dining ... this is our opportunity to show it off to the rest of the Air Force.

Fisher House Groundbreaking Ceremony

Thanks to everyone who made the Fisher House groundbreaking ceremony a huge success. We are very

excited about Eglin's role in this endeavor and will keep you posted on the construction timetable.

Updates

BRAC Status

We anticipate a Record of Decision on the beddown of the Joint Strike Fighter sometime in early 2009. As a result of the delay in the JSF Record of Decision, certain projects at Eglin AFB, to include housing privatization and the Lifestyle Center, are on hold until a final ROD is signed. We will continue to work with both the Air Staff and community on this issue and keep you apprised of any new developments concerning the initial Record of Decision. A supplemental EIS will be conducted once the initial ROD is signed.

Deployments

If you would like to come out and help send off or welcome back our Team Eglin warriors, please call the Public Affairs Office and give them your name and e-mail address so we can ensure you are notified. We would like to see as many people come out and support this program. Thanks to the FWB MAC and airport officials for working with us on a designated reception area.

Upcoming Eglin Events

National Prayer Breakfast

12 February 2009/O'Club/0630

AFMC Family Day

13 February 2009

96 ABW Honorary Commanders "Change of Command"

18 February 2009/Museum/1430

96th Air Base Wing Awards Banquet

20 February 2009/O'Club/1800

Governor's Base Commander Forum

24 February 2009/Conference Center

Team Eglin Annual Awards Breakfast

25 February 2009/O'Club/0700