



The Patriot



From the PANG President – John Greenway

Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well and filled with excitement about the prospects for 2024. As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the unwavering support of donors like you who have enabled us to continue our mission of serving our military community with compassion and dedication.

We are delighted to share with you an update on our activities during the fourth quarter of 2023, made possible through your generous contributions.

Meals for the 161st: Throughout the fourth quarter, we had the honor of providing some great meals for the brave men and women of the 161st squadron. With your support, we were able to ensure that our service members had access to great meals during Thanksgiving as well as during an all-base meeting where we served nearly three hundred members of the 161st. We know good meals bolster their strength and resilience as they carry out their duties with courage and dedication and your generous donations helped make this happen!

Sponsorship of the Squadron Holiday Party:

This holiday season, we had the privilege of helping to sponsor the squadron holiday party for the 161st. It was a joyous occasion filled with laughter, camaraderie, and heartfelt moments of gratitude. Your donations helped create a festive and memorable event for our service members and their families, allowing them to celebrate together and forge cherished memories during this special time of year. Your generosity and compassion have made a tangible difference in the lives of our military personnel, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support. Whether through providing meals, sponsoring events, or offering vital resources and assistance, your contributions have touched the hearts and lifted the spirits of those who serve our country selflessly.

As we embark on a new year filled with hope and possibility, we remain committed to our mission of supporting our military community and specifically, the members of the 161st in meaningful ways. With your ongoing support, we look forward to continuing our efforts to honor,

serve, and uplift those who sacrifice so much for our nation.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and kindness. Together, we are making a positive and lasting impact on the lives of our service members and their families.

With heartfelt gratitude,
John C. Greenway, President



Hey! Re-Up for 2024!

Membership fees are due on or before April 1st. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, Just go to www.pangpatriots.org and follow the membership portal for details and application sign up.

Veteran Employment Transition (VET) Program

Thank you for your service! As we step into 2024, the Wells Fargo Veteran Transition (VET) Program team is diligently gearing up for an exciting year ahead! The Wells Fargo Veteran Employment Transition is an 8-week Spring & Fall paid program that targets experienced talent open to US Military veterans and those currently serving in the National Guard and Reserve Only. Veterans selected for the program start as Program Associates with the majority being promoted (based on performance) into various mid and senior level full-time positions across the Wells Fargo enterprise.

If you or a US Military Veteran you know is interested, consider applying for the VET Program. Important Dates and Application Details:

- Visit the VET Program website to register for our upcoming webinars that provide information on the program and participating business groups.
- Join our Talent Community to stay informed on the application poster period and other details.
- Application opens February 5, 2024
- First round screens verify your eligibility and preferences
- Final round interviews: March 2024
- Program dates are May 1, 2024 – June 21, 2024

President Greenway and Chairman Lane Chereskin representing PANG who donated school supplies to children from the Wing and other organizations.



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Holiday Gala Recap

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SPRING SOCIAL

Get ready to usher in the spring season with PANG's much anticipated Spring Social! You are cordially invited to join us for an evening of camaraderie, networking, and fun at the 161st Air Refueling Wing Copperhead Club on March 14th, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

This is an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow members of our community, share experiences, and forge new friendships. Whether you're a longstanding member or new to the scene, your presence will add to the vibrancy of our gathering. Here are the event details:

Date: March 14th, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Venue: 161st Air Refueling Wing Copperhead Club

Agenda: Food, beverages, special brief on the 161st, and a TBA special event!

Please RSVP by March 8th to ensure we can accommodate everyone comfortably.

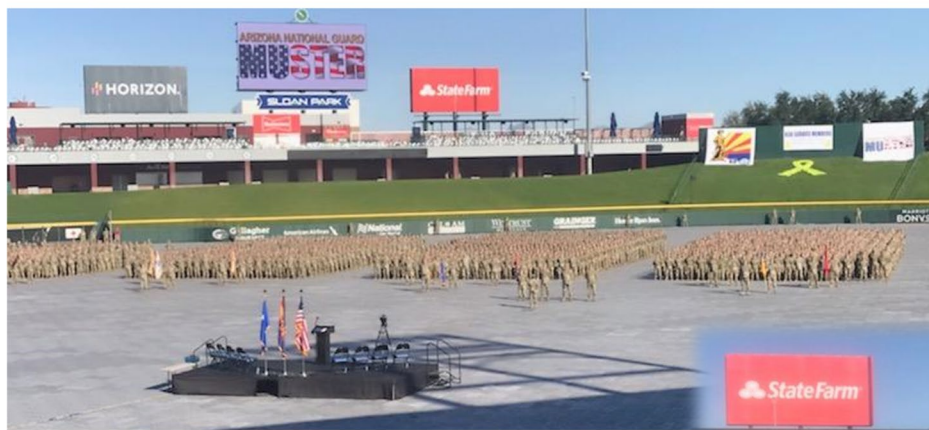


We look forward to seeing you there and making this Spring Social an evening to remember!



MUSTER EVENT

Every few years the Arizona National Guard gathers all of the troops for an event. This past December it was held at Sloan Stadium in Mesa, Arizona. PANG manned a booth and distributed information about our Mission and also sold a ton of our Stated 48 T's which were very popular among all that gathered.



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Airmen of the Year Award

On January 6th, 2024, the Airmen of the Year Awards were presented to the following individuals:

Airman: SrA Robert Merritt 161st Security Forces Squadron, Noncommissioned Officer: SSgt Christian Chavez 161st Operations Support Squadron, Senior Noncommissioned Officer: SMSgt Jason McIntyre 161st Security Forces Squadro, First Sergeant: SMSgt Jason Brennan 161st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Command Chief: TSgt Benjamin McLaughlin 161st Security Forces Squadron Company Grade Officer: Capt. David Campos 161st Medical Group, Field Grade Officer: Lt Col Eugene Lenzi 197th Air Refueling Squadron

PANG Patriots contributed the funding of the Model Planes and a monetary gift to each Airmen.

