



The Patriot



From the PANG President – Lane Chereskin

Very excited about the upcoming summer months. We have a ton planned for the organization and really looking for our members to get engage and make 2023 the organization's most successful year ever.

Over the summer we have 3 key events that we want to focus on. First is our annual member meeting on June 22nd. We will be hosting it this year at Shalimar Golf club. I look forward to all members and potential member making it out there to learn more about the organization, participate in our annual elections, and of course have some fun times and good food with fellow members.

On June 27th, the base will be hosting an event focused on 100 years of Air Refueling. This is an amazing anniversary to be celebrating and a great opportunity for the community to come to visit the Wing and get a closer look at the incredible work the unit is doing for the state and the country.

In July we are planning a family event on the 29th to give back to the Airman and their families. This event will bring the organization together at an Arizona Diamondbacks game and give them a chance to reconnect and spend some time with families and friends at a great day of baseball. Looking past the summer we have our Annual Jack Haskell Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for October 8th at the Legacy Golf Tournament. This is our largest fund raiser of the year and plays a critical role in support the Wing and its Airman. I ask everyone to take a minute to figure out how they can help make this event a huge success. Golfing in the event is fun and simple way to support but any help in finding sponsors, coordinating donations of raffle prizes, and of course volunteering at the event are all great ways to guarantee the events success. If every member does just one of those things. This will be the greatest event we ever hosted.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all the PANG members for their tireless work and efforts this past year. The PANG Patriots are granted a special privilege to support the Air National Guard Units and Airmen of the Greater Phoenix Area. Without active member and community partners we would not be able to make the impact we have for the past 2 decades. I feel very honored to have had a chance to lead this organization the last few years and am extremely excited about where we are heading. I challenge our members to continue to take things to the next level and find ways to further support the 161st ARW and all Phoenix's Air National Guard Members.

OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS JUNE 2023

President:	Lane Chereskin
Secretary:	Nick Bielinski
Treasurer:	Stephen Paluga
Board Members:	Nancy Bell, Scott Essex, John Greenway, Mike Stotts, John Murphy, Fred Gardea, Mark Phillips
Executive Director:	Ron Spear
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We're Growing!

Welcome to the new members who have recently joined our PANG Patriot mission:

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| ★Mike Crowe | ★Richard Barney | ★Tom Joynt |
| ★Mike Garrity | ★Collin McMartin | ★Mark Bodendein |
| ★Mark Bley | ★Raphael Garcia | ★Paul Murphy |
| ★Dave Petermeier | ★Mike Morgan | ★Kevin Schlabach |
| ★Caleb Mischung | ★Jim Cook | ★Randy Courtney |
| ★Keith Theall | ★Larry Englerth | |



Do you know someone who may have an interest in joining our ranks? Please email Executive Director, Ron Spear so he can contact them or direct them to the PANG website and follow the link for membership. www.pangpatriots.org/join

Recently, three new members toured the Goldwater Base at Sky Harbor. Left to right are Mike Crowe, Mike Garrity, Mark Bodendein, and Executive Director Ron Spear, who hosted the tour.

Commander Jessica Hastings briefed the group on current activities and shared a forecast of future growth and challenges.

For new members who would like to get a private tour of the Base, contact Executive Director Ron Spear to schedule a date and time. Email: Rspear777@gmail.com

Base Tour



Over 200 Airmen recently returned from a three-month deployment at Andersen Air Base in Guam. Numerous assignments and exercises occurred in this Pacific Rim region of the world. PANG members Nancy Bell and Ron Spear distributed sandwiches from That Place and beverages to the Airmen who arrived on a KC 135 aircraft. The grueling flight was over 13 hours and the fresh sub sandwiches were well received.

100th Anniversary of In-Flight Refueling

June 27th marks the 100th Anniversary of Military Refueling. To honor this occasion the 161st Air Refueling Wing at the Sky Harbor Goldwater Base has a great plan to recognize this accomplishment that has drastically improved the Military capabilities of this countries air defense.



Amazingly the 161st ARW has the oldest KC 135 Tanker in its fleet that was called into service in 1957. The plan is to pair this up with the oldest B52 from Barksdale Air Base in Arkansas and refuel it in the skies over Arizona. Much in the way of media will be covering this event. The PANG Patriots plan to attend to promote our Mission as well.

WE GET AROUND!

Car shows are a great way to allow us to meet new potential members and raise funds selling shirts as what occurred over the Memorial Day weekend at Ventana Lakes Community Car Show in Peoria.



We secured a free spot from the promoters to market our Mission and shirts. A new member, Tom Joynt, stepped up and filled out an application right on the spot!



CASY EVENT

What is CASY? The acronym stands for Civilian, Airmen and Soldiers of the Year. This annual event takes place at various locations and is attended by Army and Airforce National Guard Units. held during the two-day convention culminating with the presentation of the CASY Award. Prior to this event, the 161st held a special ceremony for the 161st Candidates and PANG was there to present a KC 135 Model Aircraft plus a \$100 check to each Recipient. Those Airmen were:



AMN Category: **SRA ETHEL R. REDOR (161st Logistics Readiness Squadron)**
NCO Category: **TSGT ROBERT S. THOMPSON (161st Medical Group)**
SNCO Category: **SMSGT HILARIO A. SANCHEZ, JR. (197th Air Refueling Squadron)**
First Sergeant: **SMSGT DAVID P. FLEMING (161st Mission Support Group)**
Command Chief Award: **TSGT JOSIAH A. VANDECRUZE (161st Maintenance Squadron)**
Honor Guard Member: **SSGT SCOTT M. FOSS (161st Force Support Squadron)**
Company Grade Officer: **1LT WESLEY J. PARRELL (161st Air Refueling Wing)**
Field Grade Officer: **MAJ JORDAN M. BIRT (197th Air Refueling Squadron)**

Pictured right are the recipients congratulated by Commander Jessica Hastings.



BRAG WITH SWAG!



Get 'em while they're hot! We have State 48 Copperhead T-Shirts in a wide variety of sizes from Small to XXXL and two colors: Feather Gray & Camo Green.

“Copperheads” is a nickname given to the 161st Air Refueling Wing many years ago that you will see referenced around the base.

\$20 gets you one of these exclusive T's. Use the QR Code at the right to order or visit www.pangpatriots.org

After your purchase, please email Rspear777@gmail.com with number of shirts ordered and a mailing address to send.



Membership Event!

On April 27th, the PANG Patriots hosted the first of two events that are included with your membership. President-Elect John Greenway organized the event held at Sasquatch Lodge in Tempe.

A silent auction raised funds along with a 50/50 raffle. Stay tuned for our next event that is free to active members!



Annual Meeting In June

WHAT: PANG Annual Meeting & Dinner

WHEN: June 22nd, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

WHERE: Shalimar Golf Club
2032 E. Golf Ave.
Tempe, AZ

WHO: PANG Members & Guests

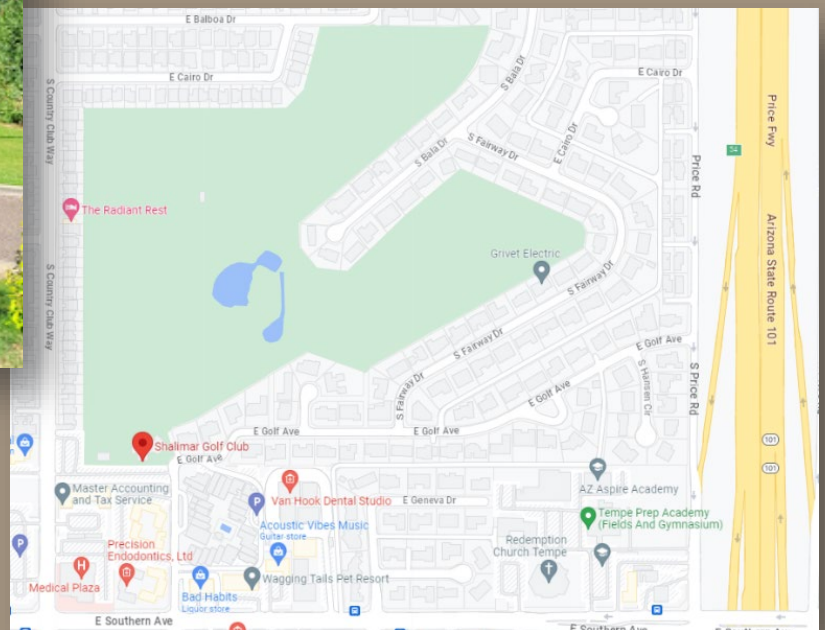
COST: \$40 per person, includes dinner and two drink tickets (beer & wine)



Dinner will consist of salad, baked Ziti, and dessert. Please let us know in advance if you have a dietary restriction or food allergy.

This event is open to all members and non-members. Part of the meeting is a brief business meeting to nominate and elect officers for the Board of Directors. For members interested in serving on the Board, please contact Executive Director, Ron Spear. This is not a free event for members. PANG will host a luncheon or dinner this fall that will be a no charge event like the membership event held earlier this year in April.

Go to Pangpatriots.org to register.





APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



I wish to apply for membership in the PANG Patriots with the understanding that the information given will also be used for base admittance/clearance.

Date: _____ US State that issued ID: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Full Name: [First, Middle (no initials, if none state "none"), Last] _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Name for Name Badge: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business or Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Check one: Self Employed Retired Name of Employer/Business: _____

Business or Employment Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business position or title: _____

Veteran: Yes No Branch of Service _____

Why do you wish to become a member of the PANG Patriots? _____

Applicant

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Membership is open to persons in the community in good standing, who possess a valid driver's license, and who have an interest in PANG Patriots. This application shall be regarded as an expression of the applicant's willingness to abide by the Patriots' Articles of Association if elected to membership. Articles of Association available upon request.

You can also join via our website: www.pangpatriots.org

A check must be submitted with this application:

- \$100.00 (full year) January-December
- \$200.00 Small Business Membership
- \$300.00 Corporate Membership
- \$50.00 Active Guard Membership

I wish to give an additional contribution of: \$ _____

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OFFICE USE ONLY: Date _____ Check No. _____ Amount Rec'd _____ Rec'd By _____

19TH ANNUAL

JACK HASKELL MEMORIAL

Charity Golf Tournament

Proceeds Benefit PANG Patriots

Legacy Golf Club

OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

7:30 AM Shotgun Scramble

*Entry Fee \$250 per player (\$125 Guardsman)
(includes: cart, golf, lunch, prize bag & awards)*

Proceeds to benefit the PANG Patriots & Phoenix Air National Guard members and families. Great Fun and a Great Cause!!

**You can register at pangpatriots.org/2023golftournament
Or, contact us at info@pangpatriots.org**

- Sponsors:**
- GENERAL:** \$10,000 (includes 6 foursomes, Lunches, Large Company Logo on Tournament Website, and Large Logo on Event Day Banner, 3 hole signs)
 - COLONEL:** \$5,000 (includes 4 foursomes, Lunches, Company Logo on Tournament Website and Logo on Event Day Banner and 2 hole signs)
 - CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT:** \$2000 (includes 1 foursome, Lunch, Small Company Logo on Tournament Website, Small Company Logo on Event Day Banner and 2 hole signs)
 - SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT:** \$500 (includes 1 Entry Fee, Lunch and Small Company Logo on Tournament Website, and 1 hole sign)

**Make Checks Payable to: PANG Patriots [a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity]
Mail to: PANG Patriots Attn: Stephen Paluga PO Box 32501 Phoenix, AZ 85064-3501**

- 1. Player: _____ Phone: _____
- 2. Player: _____ Phone: _____
- 3. Player: _____ Phone: _____
- 4. Player: _____ Phone: _____

(Note: **NO** ATM on-site)

I can't attend, but would like to sponsor a tee box: _____

