



The Patriot



From the PANG President – John Greenway

Dear Friends of the PANG Patriots,

I am thrilled to share with you the incredible success of the 19th Annual Jack Haskell Golf Tournament and Charity Auction on October 8th. This year's event exceeded all expectations, leaving a lasting impact on our community and those in need.

The golf tournament, held on October 8th, brought together over 120 avid golfers and enthusiasts from near and far. With perfect weather and pristine course conditions, the day was marked by competitive spirit, camaraderie, and a shared commitment to making a difference. Participants showcased their skills and sportsmanship, making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

The charity auction that followed the tournament was a remarkable success. Generous donors, local businesses, and the community rallied behind our cause, contributing an impressive array of items and experiences. The live and silent auctions saw enthusiastic bidding, raising substantial funds for the PANG Patriots and the 161st ARW.

I am delighted to report that the 19th Annual Jack Haskell Golf Tournament and Charity Auction raised over 25 thousand dollars for our mission. This incredible achievement is a testament to the unwavering support and dedication of our sponsors, volunteers, and attendees. The proceeds will go directly towards supporting the mission of the PANG Patriots and 161st Air Refueling Wing, making a meaningful difference in the lives of those they serve.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved, from our sponsors and donors to our hardworking volunteers and dedicated participants. Your collective efforts have helped us achieve a remarkable milestone in our mission to give back to the community and make a positive impact.

As we look forward to the 20th Annual Jack Haskell Golf Tournament and Charity Auction, I am excited about the potential for even greater achievements and a more significant impact on the causes we support. I invite you to join us once again next year and be a part of this wonderful tradition.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to another successful year of giving back and making a difference!

Sincerely,
John C. Greenway, President

Welcome

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

★David McNichols

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



Hey! Re-Up for 2024!

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

Haven't joined yet? A special first year dues at half price for your first year. See our website for details. We also have included an application in this newsletter if you aren't comfortable with online registration.

In Memoria



Pang Member, Michael Garrity, pass away earlier this month. Mike recently joined Pang and truly enjoyed our events.

He proudly served this country in the US Navy as a radio navigator on TF Trader Planes. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

PANG - A CALL TO ACTION!!

Pictured on the 1st page is the new paint scheme for the 161st ARW

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The PANG Patriots achieved another remarkable success in their initiative to provide support to our friends at the 161st ARW. On November 13th, we were given the opportunity to buy lunch for 300 members for their Wing Safety Down Day. The Copperheads maintain a 24/7 mission to support AMC, USTRANSCOM, USSTRATCOM, and AETC along with their primary duties of Homeland Defense. Due to the Ops Tempo of the last couple years with global unrest and the additional missions they've been tasked to support, it was time to take a day to reflect on the spectrum of safety as they conduct their military duties.

After a quick trip to Costco and Target, PANG Volunteers were able to satisfy the hunger of these servicemen and women who spend their days serving our country and the great state of Arizona.

The lunch was a big success, and the best result was not only nourished bodies, but it also fostered a sense of camaraderie and gratitude with the military community, showcasing the positive impact that collective efforts can have on morale and unity.

161st Copperhead Holiday Gala

PANG is proud to be the primary sponsor of the 161st ARW holiday dinner party this year.



It will be held on Saturday, December 9th at the Hilton Cavasson Resort in Scottsdale. Cocktail hour 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. A limited number of tickets are available for PANG members. Cost is \$60 per person.

If you are interested, please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/161st-copperhead-holiday-party-tickets-681891765627?aff=oddtcreator>



The entire Arizona National Guard will be gathering for training on Sunday, December 3rd at the Tempe Sports Complex, known as MUSTER.

The MUSTER Event is an all-hands-on deck event. PANG will be manning an information table at this event and Volunteers are needed.

If you would like to participate in this daylong event, please contact Executive Director, Ron Spear at rspear777@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's winners of the 161st ARW Diversity Awards with funds provided by the PANG Patriots.

- TSgt Melissa Kitchen won \$50 Individual Award
- MXG CSS (Maint. Commander's Support Staff) won the Group Award of \$150.



19th Annual Golf Outing

The 19th annual Jack Haskell golf outing was a HUGE success! The PANG Patriots raised over \$25,000 to support our mission!! Mike Scotts, Golf Chairman stated "I feel that this outing was our biggest ever. We are so much looking forward to hosting it next year when we will be celebrating our 20th year!"

THANKS to all of the sponsors and participants and a big thanks and honorable mention goes to Nextiva Phone Systems who served as our Charter Sponsor.



Presidents 2024 Forecast

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to share with you the remarkable success and future plans of our organization, the PANG Patriots, as we look ahead to 2024 and our continued commitment to supporting the 161st Air Refueling Wing (ARW).

Over the past year, PANG Patriots has achieved significant milestones and growth. We are proud to report that we have successfully organized a series of events that not only showcased the dedication and capabilities of our members but also garnered substantial community support. These events have helped us raise awareness about the vital role of the 161st ARW in our region and strengthened our ties with the local community.

Our membership has seen a remarkable increase, both in terms of active participants and passionate volunteers who are eager to contribute to our cause. The enthusiasm and dedication of our members have been instrumental in our achievements, and we are confident that our organization's impact will continue to grow in the coming year.

Looking ahead to 2024, we have ambitious plans to further our mission. Our foremost objective is to host more events that not only celebrate the 161st ARW but also provide an opportunity for our members to engage with the broader community. We believe that fostering these connections is essential in strengthening our organization's reach and impact.

Additionally, we are actively working on expanding our membership base, reaching out to individuals and organizations who share our commitment to supporting the 161st ARW. We firmly believe that a stronger and more vibrant membership will allow us to amplify our efforts and provide even more assistance to our dedicated servicemen and women.

Moreover, our goal is to increase the assistance we offer to the 161st ARW. We are in the process of developing specific initiatives to provide additional support, whether it be through financial contributions, resources, or other means that can help improve the lives and work of those who serve our nation.

In closing, we are excited about the future of PANG Patriots and the positive impact we can have on the 161st ARW and our community. We hope for your continued support and collaboration in this endeavor, and we look forward to working closely with you to achieve our shared goals in 2024.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our plans further, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at RSpear777@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
John Greenway
President