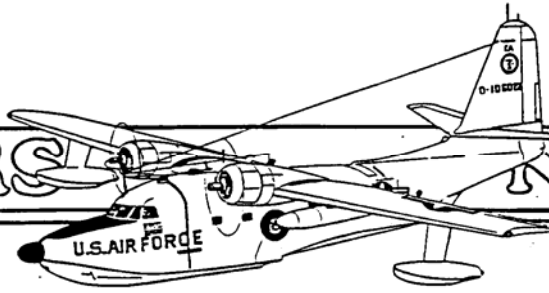


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Educational Scholarship Awards

A portion of your annual dues, as well as special donations and fund-raising proceeds, fund the 129th AHA Scholarship Fund. The Association is proud to provide scholarships to the following Wing members and dependents:

- ❖ SSgt Tamara Potier – 129th MXS
- ❖ TSgt Joseph A Harris – 129th MXS
- ❖ SSgt Fernando Wilkins – 129th
- ❖ Anthony DeAngelo – Dependent
- ❖ Angelina Martinez - Dependent

Congratulations!

The Prez Sez

The President's Column

LTC Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

I'd like to thank the membership for their election support. The Association's success is due to the dedication and efforts of the Directors and Officers. On behalf of the Officers, your confidence in our efforts is appreciated.

The Annual Lunch brought 100 members and guests together. The Association presented 5 scholarships to Wing members and dependents, and 4 Association memberships to the 2006 Outstanding Wing Airmen of the Year. Thanks to Col Bagdasarian for standing in due to the unavailability of the guest speaker.

The luncheon provided an occasion to honor Don Delucchi's Association service. The Board presented Marg Delucchi a plaque containing a 50th anniversary commemorative coin as a token of the Association's appreciation for Don's Board service and efforts establishing the Mercantile Store. Additionally, Marg received a dozen yellow roses as the Association's personal thanks.

The 50th Wing Anniversary Commemorative Coin is now available from Dondi's Mercantile Store. If you've not obtained a coin, this is an excellent time to procure a coin while there is a good supply. Ordering details can be found in the Mercantile Store section.

The Annual Wing Family Day will be held Sunday, June 4th. Col Bagdasarian has extended a personal invitation to Association members to attend the event. If you wish to attend Family Day, please contact Ken Moore at 510-656-1529 to arrange for tickets and the Day's schedule. Commemorative Coins will be sold at the Family Day picnic.

On pages 6 & 7 is a listing of websites for many different veterans' benefits. Be sure to review this list and keep it handy. It is a great resource for tracking down forms, answering questions, etc.

Jay

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AAFES matches lower prices

"Maintaining the strength of the exchange benefit in today's competitive retail environment is no easy task," said Lt. Col. Debra Pressley, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's chief of Corporate Communications, in calling attention to AAFES "We'll Match It!" policy to ensure customers get the best prices.

"It is only through proactive surveying and review that we can ensure AAFES prices are routinely lower than the competition," she said, explaining that the "We'll Match It!" effort works in two ways. First, if customers see a price differential of less than \$10 they can tell the cashier who will match it on the spot. Customers who report a price difference of greater than \$10 dollars need only to bring a current local competitor's ad to receive the reduced price. In either case the competitor's item must be identical to the item in the AAFES store.

"AAFES is committed to having low prices," said Colonel Pressley. "We'll Match It' is simply our last line of defense. After AAFES conducts national surveys and associates from the store level compare local prices, the customer has this program to make sure no one missed anything."

"We'll Match It!" promotes AAFES as a price leader with a pledge that retail stores will match competitors' current, local price on any identical stock assortment. In addition to this same-day pledge, AAFES also offers a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from AAFES and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or another local competitor (excluding unauthorized dealers and warehouse clubs).

Since AAFES has a dual mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and also generate earnings to supplement Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, there are exceptions to the "We'll Match It!" program, officials noted.

Except for the Exchange Catalog and aafes.com, stores cannot accept challenges from any catalog or website. Other exclusions include "gimmick" promotions, warehouse clubs, special order automotive parts, gasoline, automotive labor/service, double and triple coupons, clearance items, flat percentage off items and vending items.

AAFES matches lower prices - continued

AAFES officials pointed out that "We'll Match It!" is available every day of the year exclusively at AAFES facilities around the world. Purchases from the Exchange generate funds for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. In 2004, AAFES contributed more than \$242 million to MWR in support of youth activities, outdoor recreation, bowling facilities and other quality of life programs on military installations worldwide. (Courtesy of Army and Air Force Exchange Service)

129th RQW 50th Anniversary

Commemorative Coins

Now Available

Purchase your

Coins at the

Family Day

Picnic



Order through

Dondi's

Mercantile

Shop



**129th RQW 50th
Anniversary Coin**

(Actual Size)

