

2018 146th Wing Association Member Survey

As of 4/3/2018

1. Please rate / comment on your satisfaction with communications:

83 Satisfied - 6 Neutral & six comments

Stellar

Always informative and current

Excellent timely production. Intersting

The board does a great job

Very satisfied, the organization makes superior efforts to keep us informed

Timely and to the point...Rate high

2. Frequency of Newsletter - Content ideas

84 Quarterly & 5 Other

3. How can we improve our Laughlin, NV Reunions?

(6) responses

Only one reunion in Laughlin per year.

Perhaps request from the members to submit ideas of issues to be discussed or informed about.

Aquarius casino hotel would be nice.

I regret I have not yet attended.

Move it back to room we had for many years. I stopped coming when it moved.

Haven't gone yet

The meeting room at the Colorado Bell was not good because of the distance from the Edgewater. All Ok now with the return to the Bell. Otherwise, I think the reunions are fine.

4. Please comment on the quality of the regular semi-annual Association Lunches & Meetings - Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

(22) comments

n/a to me (I LV in NC)

We are unable to attend as we live out of the area but the meetings and lunches look good and wish we lived closely enough to attend.

I live in Michigan so it is a bit difficult to particpate

I like them very much !! It gives me a chance to say Hi >

Some folks show up at these events because it does not require a 4 1/2 hr drive!!!!

I've never attended but hear it's well liked.

Put agenda out earlier than a few days.

Never attended. Don't know how to get there and if I'd be allowed on base. I have no military ID of any type.

Ok, however they seem to lack focus and purpose

Look, just getting together with all these great and honorable people outweighs anything. Seeing the remaining members brings hope and good cheer.

Re-schedule the lunch at Yolanda's and the Sea Bee Musium

WISH I LIVED IN S. CA. AND NOT ND, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE TRIPS ETC.
Sorry I have not attended any of the current meeting so can not be of any help.
Again, haven't really been to but one. I think we should get involved with the combat dining out though. Itâ€™s meant to bring back the family side of our heritage and the Association is all about our legacy.
Distance ---retired--are enable to attend.
Too distant for me to attend. Continue them, though, for those who can attend.
After 2018 ... I think we'll have to consider having ONE major Wing Association meetings in Laughlin, NV instead of TWO .
Luncheon meetings in our local area (Organized) ... would be a good idea to keep the Wing Association
I think they are great!
I infrequently go to meetings and only if they are within and hours drive from Ventura County.
Nice to meet and greet old friends
I haven't ben able to make any meetings the last couple of years. Heart problems continue to plague me. Have moved to Prescott, AZ during January 2018.
I regret I have not yet attended.
At my age, (94 yrs), I cannot conceive of any thing more active than the present arrangements.

5. Frequency of meetings each year?
14 Quarterly - 18 As opportunities arise - 7 As is - 50 Fine as is

6. Provide Feedback as to how we can help increase 146th Wing Association Meeting participation:
(23) responses
More dynamic speakers
Only thing I can think of if Laughlin is not on drill weekends.
Allow for dues via credit card (checks take forever to clear)
Create internal committee across both organizations to recruit and promote organization
The Newsletter is terrific. We also need to create a better "brand." By that, we need to e-mail, and snail mail more notice of events, and also continue to do things like the Iowa, and other such military treasures and tours.
1. More frequent visits to the base during UTA's?
2. Coordinate with the Chief's council or 1st Sgt's to help spread the word to the airman?
All you can do is send emails
Find ways to incorporate younger and currently serving 146th members participation
Incentives...
My problem is the smoking.
If members can make them, they will be there. All I can say.
More on base meetings because that's where the full timers are.
Do it over UTA weekend to get current reserve members
Possible to make a 5-10 minute announcement at an ANG weekend meeting?
It seems like there is always something already on my schedule by the time I hear about a meeting
How can we get participation from new members? Dosen't the new wing commander owe the rest of us something?
Have more active local projects and greater joint work wi the CAF at Camarillo Airport.
Offer charter bus transportation

Make it enticing for younger members with drawings, free fee entry for a year, include younger members to help and participate in Stand Up and Downs with senior members

What your. Doing is fine

Have most events close to the base and on a weekend

Announcement and reminders, I seem to miss the meetings. I am not sure if I have read all the announcement and they are scarce (only one notice) or if I have n't received them. The only meeting I can say I often well announced with reminders sent is the Laughlin meeting.

Encourage social activities that gets old, young, active, retired mingled

7. What can we do better to retain members?

(24) responses

Give members to the opportunity to mingle and hang out at luncheons or other events.

I recalled my days in 146th on my on and went to website and ended up joining even though I live far away. So the website worked for me

More interesting topic relevant to younger member.

Good question. I believe the younger crowd needs to input suggestions.

You're doing OK

Include the vet tix.org web link and NBVC MWR web link or NBVC MWR weekly flyer , Numerous opportunities for great MWR activities including free sneak previews to movies .All first run movies are free at NBVC theatre . Weekend trips via MWR too. Special days for DFAC entry for retirees are overlooked / unknown

Give them a reason or purpose to stay

It should be easy. One, establish a basis--be it credit cards, or paypal, to make membership dues easier. The paying by outdated checks is discouraging in an age of online purchases. Also, with that, include automatic renewals, like most magazines and organizations now have. This is a great organization, and it needs a jolt of enthusiasm, and awareness of just how great the organization is. Scholarships to the deserving, sponsoring events, and most important, getting press coverage would go far to retain members. Besides that, is vanity. Taking pictures of members is a great incentive to get others off the couch and joining and staying with the

Perhaps have board members directly email or call those members who haven't renewed their dues or haven't been attending and find out what gives?

Perhaps some members want to attend but may be to ill or unable to drive to the meeting or reunions?

Maybe members living near by these people may volunteer to pick them up and bring them to the meetings?

Continue to try and sign up Air Guard troops

Become more active with issues/concerns/needs of current 146th members and their families.

Speakers of real interest

Keep up the good communication and get all members to answer simple questionnaires.

Not sure yet.

Market yourself to members and their families by offering an online merchandise site that allows for families to spread the word of the Air Guard, while at the same time making a member proud that he served and is still a part of the Guard.

Ideas are small back window car decals, embroidered Golf shirts, hats, shirts for kids and grandkids, blankets, beach towels, etc., you get the idea. Slogans for kids could be like "My Dad(or Mom)"proudly served with the California Air National Guard" and then have a 130 with it. You could also set it up generically so that it would say just Air National Guard and market it out to all Guard units throughout the country with profits going to scholarships. Just thoughts, guess i'm still a marketing man, ha.

Wow that's a tough one. I don't believe people leave because they are dissatisfied with the Assoc. Sometimes I wonder if as our members get older they forget to pay dues. Being able to pay dues through the web site I believe will make a big difference.

Lay off any political expressions, including cartoons.

Encourage more events with current active duty ANG and USAF, and CAF members

Maybe a car and motorcycle show at the base in Pt Mugu

Ask for their input, younger members

I don't know

I would need to attend more meetings to render an intelligent opinion.

Constant problem with all organizations.

It seems that listing in the Newsletter the names of those attending the reunion would be of great interest. This was done in the past but was probably a lot of work. As many members read the Newsletter but don't attend the reunion, they would see old buddies names & think-- I better attend.

8. Please recommend / suggest guest speakers or topics of interest for future meetings:

(16) responses

VA or other individual who can help with Benefits

Veterans Claims training, Job resources for vets, ...

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Been out of touch so can't help here.

Perhaps what Dan has mentioned: getting inside scoop from each group cc.

Charles Bolden, NASA Administrator, Ret.

Invite military manufactures to talk on their product and upcoming R & D. Also invite local congress representatives for their views on defense and veteran affairs.

Someone from the space program.

I missed the trip to Van Nuys Airport, remember the weather wasn't great I wonder about a redo.

Post SGLI insurance options

Representatives and organizations that help seniors and their needs relating to medi care, government programs, housing, legal planning and help

I have a close friend, BG (RET) George Cannelos, who's a Navy Vietnam Veteran and retired Adjutant General for

Encourage and inform members how to take advantage of space available benefits.

Life insurance carriers

A speaker on the history of the 115/195th from inception to present

9. Should the association consider new types of activities for members, active Wing personnel or sponsoring other opportunities as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization?

(20) Comments

Sure

Change is always for the better

Yes as previously mentioned

Absolutely. We need to contact the Wing and sponsor a luncheon for the actives and the retirees. We need to think about an award to the Airmen of the year, and other such opportunities to promote the Association. Why is the Association such a well-kept secret? It shouldn't be, and the 501(c)(3) status is very liberating as to what can be done.

I suggest support causes that directly support current 146th members and their families.

Field trips
Senior information for seniors
Luncheons
More Casino Fun

It would not hurt to try a few new activities.

Work with the up and coming Rising Six (E-6s and below of the Wing).

There are corporations who will support membership activities to 501(c)(3) organizations. Form a committee to explore that in the Oxnard area. Also, this might be something to explore in the Laughlin area during meeting dates. Possibilities would then be reported at Board Meetings.
Definitely, corporations will make product donations for "raffle" drawings at the Laughlin reunion meetings. Also, it is necessary to advise all members that their dues and donations are tax-deductible items for most Fed and State filings.

I'm not privy to today's operational requirements for the guard but a training flight to Andrews AB for the Alumni with a bus charter to the Vietnam Memorial would be a rewarding trip for all.

WILL DISCUSS at future Board Meetings .

Many American Legion and VFW organizations have seriously dwindling membership. Maybe we could team up with them to help with military funerals, Memorial Day ceremonies, Veteran's Day, etc. That may not be a problem in Southern California yet, but it certainly is here in Nebraska.

Yes as suggested in prior questions (see Line item 52 on Formatted tab)

Send out an email and have it voted on.

Yes

Only if the members call for it

I'm just sorry I live so far away and it's too costly to make some of these events....Ellen Lawson from Alaska

Continue fundraisers such as the Casino Night

Yes

Getting young active members to join has problems. One of the greatest attractions of the Reunions is getting to see old friends. Active personnel see the friends frequently. To me, using funds to improve the base, such as the mounted aircraft models is the way to go. Benches, plaques, tables, walkways and such would improve the base. Don't know if this is something the 501c allow.

10. Please rate your satisfaction with the most recent election for Board Directors and Officers.

77 Satisfied - 5 Neutral

11. How did you vote during the last BOD election?

(89) Responses

60 - Online

16 - Email

13 - Paper Ballot

12. Interest in Admin

Pending

13. Any interest in serving on a committee?

Four (4) Responses

Scholarship - John Rocke

Social - Mary Jean Stevenson

Social - John Rocke

Social - Didn't provide name

Two (2) Comments

Committee Comments

Monique - Currently have hands full as is but definitely in the future.

Sandy Sheftz - form a committee to work on another 50 yr VanGuard book