



For the past two years, we have had the pleasure of working closely with Brigadier General Noel “Tom” Jones who has provided exemplary leadership of Luke Air Force Base and has been an important figure throughout our community. Next month will mark the end of an era as the Base will host a change of command ceremony to say goodbye to General Jones and welcome a new leader to Luke Air Force Base, Colonel Kurt F. Neubauer.

Colonel Neubauer is currently the Commander of the 11th Wing, Bolling Air Force Base in Washington D.C. He has served in numerous operational flying and staff assignments. He is a command pilot with over 3,350 flying hours in the F-16, including combat operations over Iraq. We look forward to establishing a positive and productive relationship with Colonel Neubauer in the future.

Luke Air Force Base makes an extremely significant contribution to the security of our nation, the economy of our state and as an extremely valuable community partner. As an effort to recognize the critical impact the West Valley Partners invite you to a reception for the release of *Luke Forward*, an 8 minute documentary highlighting the base’s impacts on our nation, state and communities and its long term mission capabilities.

The reception will be held on June 26, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the University of Arizona College of Medicine at 550 East Van Buren in Phoenix. Parking will be located west of Seventh street. You can RSVP for the event by contacting Anne Finch at 623-930-2260 or afinch@glendaleaz.com.

Luke is the largest fighter wing and the only active duty F-16 training base in the world. Luke has over 8,000 employees and contributes nearly \$2 billion to the state’s economy. All Arizona cities benefit financially from our military operations in many ways, including their contracts for goods and services and the military and civilian personnel who buy homes and make purchases at various businesses throughout our communities. Luke Air Force Base also has a very strong presence through community outreach activities. The Base contributes nearly 100,000 community volunteer hours annually.

Keep an eye on Glendale Channel 11’s program guide for times that the *Luke Forward* documentary will be airing. I think you will enjoy learning more about the future and significance of Luke Air Force Base.

Thank you taking the time to read my “Glendale Bulletins”. Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most

timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.

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