



FIGHTER COUNTRY FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



LUKE AIR FORCE BASE

Luke Air Force Base is the largest fighter wing in the United States Air Force. Since its founding in 1941, Luke has trained more than 61,000 pilots. Today it trains 75% of the world's F-35 pilots. Luke is home to the 56th Fighter Wing, the epicenter of air power, with more than 300 fighter pilots and 100 F-35 maintenance technicians trained each year. In addition, Luke AFB trains fighter pilots from Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore and Denmark.

Luke is also home to Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Reserve units. The base population is approximately 8,000 military members, plus 16,000 family members. With about 1,200 civilian workers at Luke and 80,000 military retirees in the surrounding communities, the base serves a population of more than 127,000. Luke Air Force Base's annual economic impact in Arizona is \$3.88 billion and growing. In addition, Luke personnel volunteer over 100,000 hours in the surrounding communities. Luke is and will continue to be a major economic engine and community asset.



FIGHTER COUNTRY

Business and community leaders in Maricopa County founded Fighter Country Partnership (1993) and Fighter Country Foundation (2006) to support the Men, Women and Families of Luke Air Force Base. We believe that quality of life for the Luke community is vital to the success of Luke's ongoing mission.

In addition to community advocacy, Fighter Country supports the base community through programs in Morale and Well-Being, Culture and Tradition, and Mission Sustainability. Fighter Country Foundation played a pivotal role in the effort to retain Luke Air Force Base during difficult economic times. Fighter Country is certainly one of, if not the most successful military base community support organization in the United States.



MISSION, VISION & VALUES

OUR MISSION

Support the Men, Women, Families, and Mission of Luke AFB.

OUR VISION

Fighter Country Foundation will be the leader in the Valley of the Sun in enhancing the Morale and Well-being, Culture and Tradition, and Sustainability of Luke AFB.

VALUE PROPOSITION

Build long-term positive relationships between the Luke AFB Community and the Valley of the Sun.

WE WILL:

- ▶ Be the primary non-governmental liaison between Luke AFB and the Valley of the Sun.
- ▶ Provide enhanced quality of life for Luke's families.
- ▶ Tell the story of Luke AFB and its local, national, and international impact.
- ▶ Honor and serve the Men and Women who protect us and our Country.



PROGRAMS

RESILIENCE

- Marriage Retreats
- Single Parent Retreats / Events
- Family Retreats
- Single Airman Events
- Youth Center Summer Camp Programs
- 550th Fighter Squadron Camping Retreat
- Yoga & Fitness Classes
- Deployed Family Functions
- Haboob Havoc
- Dinner & Dash Date Nights
- 161st Air Refueling Wing Chief & Shirts Appreciation Events
- 161st Air Refueling Wing Family Day



PROGRAMS

RESOURCES

- Women's Leadership Development Series
- 56th Fighter Wing Resilience Fair
- Airmen Against Drunk Driving
- Airman Leadership School Scavenger Hunt
- Back to School Bash
- Dorm Dweller Summer Bash
- BlazerBox Deployed Packing Party Events
- Luke Professional Development Program
- Gatorade "Operation Refuel" Hydration Program
- 1st Sergeants Food Pantry



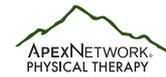
PROGRAMS

HOLIDAY SEASON

- Dorm Dweller Holiday Party
- Operation Warmheart
- Luke Chaplain's Holiday Party
- Fiesta Bowl Parade
- Family Gift Card Support
- Squadron Holiday Support
- Operation Angel Tree
- Operation Santa
- Patriot All-American Deployed Care Packages
- Thunderbolt Thanksgiving

PARTNERS

Fighter Country Foundation is very fortunate to have amazing relationships with businesses and organizations in the community. We are proud to work very closely with them to provide programs and services that enhance the quality of life for our military members and families at Luke Air Force Base.



The Kemper & Ethel Marley Foundation





EVENTS

FIGHTER COUNTRY FOUNDATION HONORARY COMMANDERS GOLF CLASSIC

This single event has propelled Fighter Country Foundation into a class of its own. We could not have successful Golf Classic events without the consistent and amazing support we get from PING and the Wigwam Resort. Since 2010, we have had thousands of businesses, community partners, and volunteers make this one of the most unique, fun, and rewarding events to be part of. The success of this event has led to the addition of facility renovation projects and massive organizational growth.



EVENTS

LUKE DAYS OPEN HOUSE & AIR SHOW

The largest one-day event in Arizona is the Superbowl. The largest two-day event is the Luke Days Air Show. With typically more than 400,000 in attendance over the two-day event, Luke Days demonstrates the Air Force's continuing progress in building the future of air power with military and civilian air acts.

FCF supports Luke Days by providing food and beverages at the Commanders' Chalet to include over 600 First Responders. Blue Blazers become an extension of Luke's Protocol Team to support transportation for all of Luke's distinguished visitors, which include elected officials, senior military leaders, civic leaders and thousands of Luke ambassadors.



EVENTS

PATRIOT ALL-AMERICA INVITATIONAL

The Patriot All-America Invitational, which features PING All-Americans from the previous season in NCAA Divisions I, II and III, as well as All-Americans from the NAIA, NJCAA and AJGA ranks, takes place at the Wigwam Golf Resort in Litchfield Park.

At the opening ceremony, each golfer receives and carries a commemorative PING golf bag that bears the name and branch of a fallen or wounded hero from their hometown or school. The players carry the bag and honor that service member throughout the week. Upon conclusion, the bags are shipped back to the player's school where they are auctioned off with the proceeds benefiting the Folds of Honor charity.

Additionally, all of the golfers have the opportunity to visit Luke Air Force Base. During their visit, the players witness a POW/MIA flag folding ceremony and attend a dinner, hosted by FCF. The flag from the POW/MIA ceremony is flown in an F-35, and FCF encases it as a trophy for the top mens and womens golfers. FCF also provides models of the jets for top finishers.



EVENTS

FIESTA BOWL PARADE

Fighter Country Foundation has been part of the Fiesta Bowl Parade for almost two decades. Blue Blazer Squadron members carry the American flag in front of hundreds of Luke Airmen and their families. As we celebrate Luke Air Force Base and Patriotism in front of more than 100,000 fans, Airmen get the opportunity to hand out American flags to patrons during the 2-mile track.

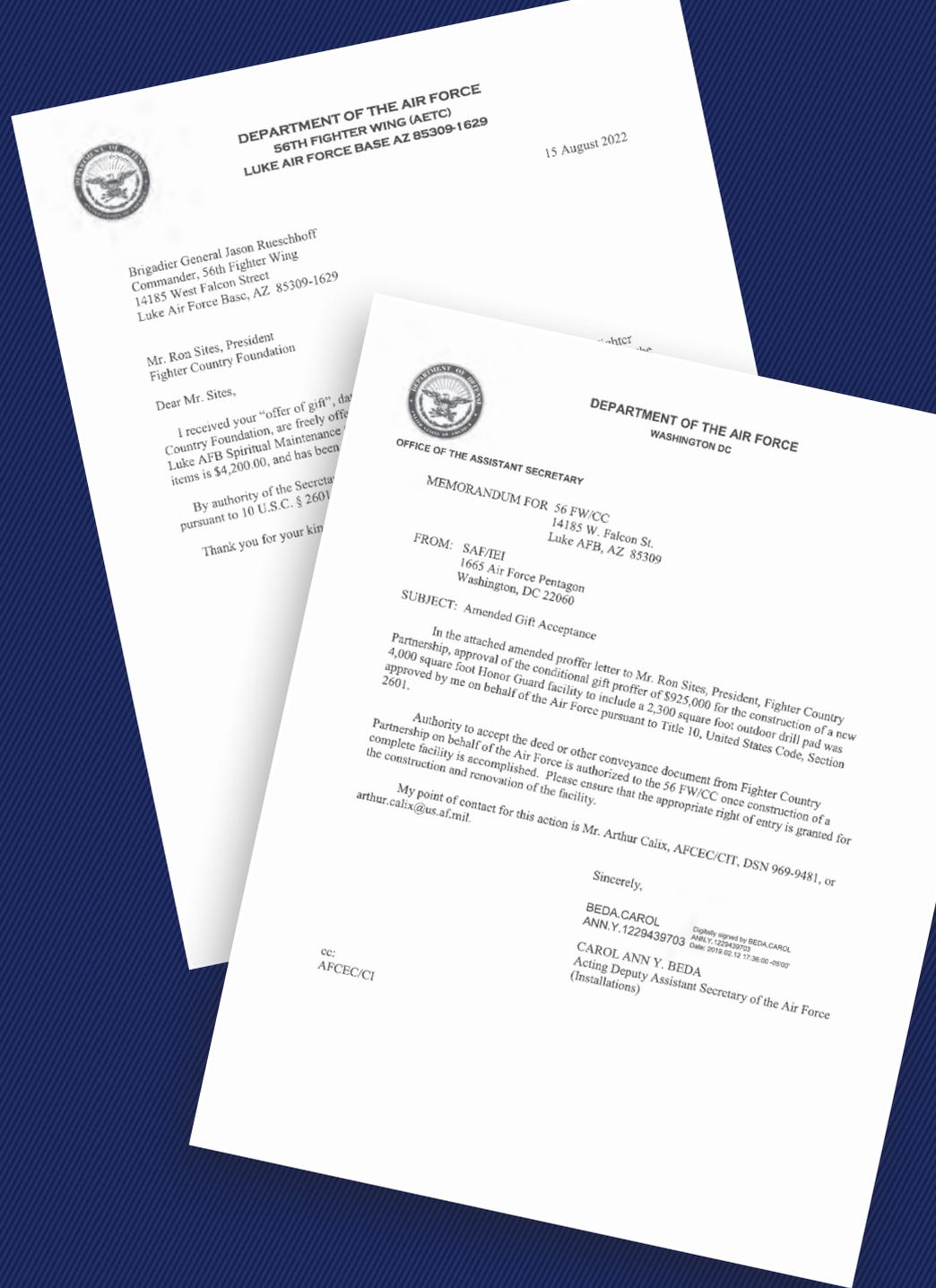
Luke Air Force Base provides vehicle entries to the parade, which include a fire engine, a Security Forces patrol car, and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Humvee. It has become one of the most humbling and honorable events to be part of as the crowd provides a standing ovation for the military members and their families along the entire route.

PROJECTS

In order for FCF to legally construct and renovate facilities on an active-duty military installation, they must follow a process to gain approval from the Department of Defense and the Air Force.

FCF first sits down with Luke Senior Leadership to share the concept of the project to gain their support. Once support is achieved, FCF puts together a document package which contains an Offer of Gift Legal letter that defines the project, along with a scope of work, site plan, and rendering. This package is delivered to the Luke Judge Advocates for review.

Depending on the Value of the gift, projects either can be approved at the Luke level or must be approved by the Secretary of the Air Force and Congress.



PROJECTS

Luke Firehouse #1 Renovation –	\$380,000
Flightline Kitchen –	\$225,000
Luke Chapel Kitchen –	\$172,000
Spiritual Maintenance Hydration Center –	\$10,000
CDC Toddler Playrooms –	\$50,000
CDC Kitchen –	\$100,000
CDC Staff Break Room –	\$50,000
FCF/Coyotes DEK Hockey Rink –	\$585,000
Security Forces Guard Mount Room –	\$800,000
61st Fighter Squadron Heritage Room –	\$40,000
62nd Fighter Squadron Heritage Room –	\$80,000
310th Fighter Squadron Heritage Room –	\$17,000
308th Fighter Squadron Heritage Room –	\$15,000
63rd Fighter Squadron Heritage Room –	\$35,000
Civil Engineering Heritage Room –	\$35,000

309th Fighter Squadron Heritage Room –	\$60,000
69th Fighter Squadron Locker Room Renovations –	\$12,000
1st Sergeants Food Pantry –	\$178,000
Dorm Complex Gas Grills –	\$58,000
Luke Honor Guard Training Facility –	\$2,900,000
Total –	\$ 5,803,000



PROJECTS



Luke Firehouse



Luke Firehouse



Flightline Kitchen - Before



Flightline Kitchen - After

PROJECTS



HELP DRIVE OUR MISSION

THE SOUND OF FREEDOM LICENSE PLATE

FighterCountry.org/Plate



BY THE NUMBERS

79+ ANNUALLY

FCF Programs for Airmen & Families

13,000+

Military & Family Members
Impacted Annually

\$5,803,000

Current & Completed
Renovation Projects

\$20.1 MILLION

Total Revenue Generated 2011-2025

5,900+

FCF Sound of Freedom
License Plates

250+

Community Businesses
Supporting Through FCF



BLUE BLAZER SQUADRON

The Blue Blazer Squadron (BBS) is an alumni association of graduated Honorary Commanders from Luke Air Force Base and becomes the membership for Fighter Country Foundation. The BBS provides support for the men and women of the installation and serves as the prominent volunteer force representing FCF in the community. The BBS, at times, may be called upon to provide their personal and professional resources and talents through FCF, as mutually agreed upon, and be ready to serve at a moment's notice when the need arises.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

IMPACTING

- Special Needs
- Financial Barriers Removed
- Readiness
- Health & Well-being

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS, MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

“Thank you so much for the opportunity to come to the zoo. We appreciate the much-needed family time that we would otherwise not be able to afford. We have two adult autistic kids, and they enjoy these types of things. It was a great day for all.”

“If this event wasn’t created, my family and I would not be able to even come to the zoo with the recent increase of prices. As a large family with four kids, it’s often hard to find affordable things to enjoy together. Overall, it has been very nice, and the weather was absolute amazing.”

“It was more than just a spa day. It was a reminder of the importance of rest, self-care, and being poured into – after so often pouring out for others.”

“This marriage retreat is having such a strong impact on my relationship with my wife for the better. This leaves a positive mark on our readiness as a family to serve our country.”

“We wouldn’t have done this on our own and are about a week away from our second child being born, so this is much-needed quality time to invest in our marriage.”

“My husband loves cars and racing prior to joining the AF and seeing him able to join and do something like this was great. This reminded me how much we both enjoy being part of each other’s interests and activities. We met another couple as well during the event.”

