



## USAIRE NEWS – October 2005

### Recent Events – Upcoming Events – News from the Board

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**7 October:** First luncheon of USAIRE's new year in Paris with guest speaker Bernard Loth, VP & General Manager of Rockwell Collins Subsidiaries in Europe, speaking on "How to Achieve Transatlantic Partnerships through Industrial Presence in France." A good turnout of USAIRE members and guests attended this interesting presentation.

**7 October:** USAIRE Board's Annual General Assembly. Events of 2004-05 included Thanksgiving, a summer garden/golf outing and a field trip to Dassault Aviation's Bordeaux manufacturing facility. We also saw a significant increase in our membership from 63 to 76. Plans for 2005-06 include similar events plus luncheons with high-level guest speakers on themes with an international focus.

Officers of the USAIRE Board were elected: President, **Michel Dubarry** of Rolls Royce; Executive VP, **Jacques Pous** of Northrop Grumman; VP, **JJ Steinberg** of Aeromaritime; Treasurer, **Gilles Deschars** of Raytheon; SW Regional VP, **Yves Gallety** of Rockwell Collins; Belgium Regional VP, **Robert Draper** of Aerostrategies and Secretary General, **Michele Messaoudi** of Raytheon.

Invoices for the annual dues have been sent to all members. Paid dues entitle members to two free invitations to our Thanksgiving dinner on 25 November. Please reply quickly to the invitation recently e-mailed. Members in good standing will also receive e-mail notices of all future USAIRE events.

#### Upcoming Events

**Friday, 17 Nov:** Our SW Chapter **luncheon in Toulouse** with guest speaker Tom Williams, VP Programs for Airbus. All USAIRE members are welcome.

**Friday, 25 Nov: Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance** at the Hotel Marriott, Champs-Élysées. Dress code: Cocktail. Paid-up members are entitled to two free invitations to this major social event.

**Friday, 9 Dec: Luncheon** w/guest speaker, Pierre-Eric Pommelot, VP Thales Avionics - Business line A.M.A, VP of South West Aerospace Valley & President of Bordeaux Aquitaine Aéronautique et Spatial, speaking on the Aerospace Valley.

**Friday, 27 Jan: Luncheon** w/guest speaker, Etienne de Poncins, Directeur de Cabinet of Catherine Colonna, Ministre Délégué Affaires Européenne, speaking on European Defense.

**Thursday, 23 Feb: Tour & Luncheon** at the French Senate with guest speaker, Sénateur du Cher, Serge Vinçon, "Peut-on Construire une Europe de la Défense sans Europe Politique?"

#### Other News from the Board

We welcomed the following new members during October. Total membership is now 80. The Board encourages all members to advise us of potential candidates for membership.

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| Oct | A.T.Kearney          | Global Management Consulting Firm.                                    |
| Oct | Lockheed-Martin      | The LMOSC division of Maritime Systems & Sensors.                     |
| Oct | Sikorsky (UTC)       | Designs, builds and provides after-sales support for helicopters.     |
| Oct | Thales International | Multi-division company for defense, aerospace, security and services. |

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