



USAIRE NEWS – November 2005

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04 Nov: The USAIRE Board met to agree on the following **Standing Committee positions:**

Membership: Jack Finlay Guest Speakers: Jacques Pous
Social/Entertainment: JJ Steinberg, Dominique Gervais
Sports : Philippe Gautier, Pierre Assioun, Paul Kessener
Communications/Web Site : JJ Steinberg, Gilles Laivier
Board Members at large : Marc Chere, Lili Eigl, Marie-France Jones

17 Nov: Our SW Chapter hosted a **luncheon in Toulouse** with guest speaker Tom Williams, Executive VP Programs for Airbus. He spoke of the challenges ahead for the airline industry and specifically on the Airbus programs and its worldwide supplier base. The luncheon was well attended by USAIRE members and their guests.

25 Nov: Our annual **Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance** was held at the Hotel Marriott, Champs-Elysées. In a well-timed sequence, the guests applauded the Marriott chef and his kitchen staff and enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner, dance music and tombola with numerous prizes. The tables had beautiful flower displays and all the ladies received roses. It was an extremely convivial evening and all present agreed to mark next year's Thanksgiving event on their calendars.

Upcoming Events

Our Advisory Committee is assisting us to plan for 2005-06 luncheon events with high-level guest speakers on themes with an international focus.

Friday, 9 Dec: Luncheon w/guest speaker, Pierre-Eric Pommellet, 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

Total membership is now 84. The Board encourages all members to advise us of potential candidates for membership in the aerospace, defense and high-technology fields. We welcomed the following new members during November.

Nov	British Embassy	Defense and Air Attaché.
Nov	Engine Alliance	Joint venture between GE and P&W for the A380 engines.
Nov	Labinal	World leader in electrical wiring systems for aviation, space & defense.
Nov	NTX Research	Security software editor for information systems.

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