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## USAIRE NEWS – JUNE 2006

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#### RECENT EVENTS

**Friday, 2 June: “BORDEAUX EVENT”!** 22 representatives from USAIRE attended this unforgettable event. Upon our arrival at CEA-CESTA (Centre d’Etudes Scientifiques et Techniques d’Aquitaine), **Director Pierre Bouchet** welcomed us with a professional presentation of **Laser Mégajoule**. We were then given our rubber boots and protective helmets and taken to visit several buildings of this enormous site, still under construction. Due for completion by end-2010, this huge research center will be the world’s most powerful. It will serve to guarantee the reliability of France’s nuclear defense and will be available for the civilian research requirements of European countries.

Luncheon at the CEA chalet was followed by a visit to the **Domaine de Chevalier**, located in Leognan, capital of the Graves region. Our group received a detailed explanation of their vineyard property and how they process their outstanding wines. Upon our return to Bordeaux, we were divided into groups for a tour of “centre ville Bordeaux”. In the evening, the CCI of Bordeaux hosted a cocktail and dinner in the presence of **Monsieur le Prefet Francis Idrac** and several “responsables d’entreprises aquitaines du secteur aéronautique”. The entire organization, under the direction of the Bordeaux Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie, was an outstanding success and provided USAIRE useful networking contacts.

**Friday, 9 June:** Our Southwest Chapter held a luncheon in Toulouse. **Pierre Vellay, Air France Sr.VP New Aircraft & Fleet Planning**, was the guest speaker. His topic was Air France’s sourcing strategy for the selection of its potential suppliers and its vision of the airline market over the next 20 years. His excellent presentation was of special interest to USAIRE members.

#### Membership Directory Changes: Please update your Membership Directory with the following:

**Converteam:** Change email to **christian.girard@converteam.com** and add mobile 06.07.02.32.08.

**EADS Systems:** Change address to 12 rue Pasteur, BP76, 92152 Suresnes & telephone 01.42.24.26.07.

**Embraer :** New member. Contact is **Luis Fuchs, Sr.VP & Directeur Général** at 01.49.38.44.03.

**Lord Corp:** Change **Mr. Billoud’s** title to Aerospace Sales Director, Europe & Asia.

#### NEWS FROM THE BOARD

**Student Award Program:** The Program (see [www.usaire.org](http://www.usaire.org)) was launched in April among selected French “grandes écoles”. By end-May, 23 candidates/teams had submitted summary papers on, “My Vision of the Aerospace and Defense Industry 20 years from now”. Of these, 13 were selected by our jury and invited to submit their 10-page final papers by 15 September. Our Jury will then determine the winner(s) who will share our exceptional prizes of money and two free Cathay Pacific airline tickets A/R to Hong Kong. The winner(s) will also have the opportunity to present their papers at a USAIRE event.

**Annual General Assembly:** To be announced in September to plan composition of the Board, future events, dues revision, etc.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, 7 July:** Our **annual Cultural Event and Golf Outing** has been modified and on this date only our **Cultural Event** will take place. It will start with a convivial lunch to be followed by visits to the “Maison d’Emile Zola” and the “Château de Médan”. Details and registration information for the **Cultural Event** have already been announced in a separate mailing.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President

