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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 30 May: Luncheon at **Les Salons de France-Amérique** with two guest speakers. The first will be **Louis Le Portz**, Commissaire Général of the SIAE, responsible for organizing the Paris Air Show. He will speak of his ambitions and expectations for the next Paris Air Show, 18-22 June 2007, at Le Bourget.

Our second speaker will be **Colonel Ernest Herold**, Chief of the U.S. Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC). His on-the-spot position makes him the most informed U.S. military representative to discuss the state of U.S.-French relations in the area of Defense Cooperation, a subject of particular interest to USAIRE members. We strongly encourage you to attend this very timely presentation.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

As reported in our February Newsletter, USAIRE will continue its Student Award Program in 2007 with the theme, **“Globalization / De-localizations – Challenges for the Aerospace and Defense Industry over the Next 20 Years.”** Cathay Pacific and Air France, as well as Air & Cosmos will be our partners for this 2007 Award. We have already informed the “grandes écoles”. Candidates are required to submit to a USAIRE jury a 1-page plan of their final 10-page document due in September. As in 2006, the winners will receive prizes at USAIRE'S annual Thanksgiving dinner in November. The 2006 Program proved to be an excellent initiative permitting industry executives to interact with the brightest of France's students who will become our industry executives of tomorrow.

We have welcomed the following new members since issuing our 15 March 2007 Membership Directory:

ASD Europe	François Gayet	Secretary General
Natexis Blochroeder	Christophe Quarante	Equity Analyst, Aeronautics & Defense

RECENT EVENTS

Monday, 2 April: As you all know from our previous message and USAIRE's website, our close friend and fellow Board member, **Philippe Gautier**, passed away on 28 March. He had been hospitalized since July 2006. Despite the negative prognosis, Philippe was an example of quiet courage to everyone. Funeral services were held on 2 April at the Chapel of the Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris. Philippe will be remembered by us as a professional and generous gentleman with an easy smile. He loved his golf game and was a key organizer of USAIRE's annual golf event. We have lost a loyal friend and will miss him.

Friday, 27 April: Luncheon, Hotel Marriott. Guest speaker, **François Bujon de l'Estang, President-France Citigroup & former French Ambassador to U.S.** Topic: **The new deal in Transatlantic Relations.** By his wide-ranging analysis, U.S. and Europe countries lack the leadership to deal with current world problems including the emerging Asia-Pacific competition. He feels that transatlantic relations, badly damaged over Iraq, are slowly improving. He stated a balance exists in that U.S. companies in France employ 585,000 persons and French companies in the U.S. employ 500,000.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President