



## USAIRE NEWS – MAY 2007

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, 29 June:** Our Southwest Chapter will host a luncheon at the Hotel Sofitel, Blagnac airport, with guest speaker, **Rainer von Borstel**, Sr. V.P., Center of Excellence, Cabin and Cargo Customization, Airbus Deutschland. He will describe how cabin architecture and service to passengers are essential to achieve an aircraft's commercial success. All interested USAIRE members are encouraged to attend.

**Friday, 6 July:** Our next event in the Paris area is the annual cultural outing combined with our golf tournament at the Paris International Club (P.I.C.) in 95560 Baillet-en-France. For non-golfers, the cultural tour will include a guided visit to the Château d'Ecouen followed by lunch in the 17<sup>th</sup> century Château Maffliers. In the afternoon, there will be a guided visit to Royaumont Abbey and its park. Afterward, all participants will join the golfers for cocktails and dinner at the P.I.C. This summer's event, offering the choice of a cultural or golf outing, promises to be exceptional. Members and their guests can sign up using registration forms available on our website, [www.usaire.org](http://www.usaire.org).

**Second half September:** This is a tentative time for our luncheon and guest speaker **Jacques Barrot**, Commissaire Européen aux Transports. Luncheon will be followed by our Annual General Assembly.

#### NEWS FROM THE BOARD

We will continue to highlight in our Newsletters USAIRE's Student Award Program for 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 been advised of the following change since issuing our 15 March 2007 Membership Directory:

**DGA Defense Christophe Burg                      Directeur    New telephone: 01.45.52.55.70**

#### RECENT EVENTS

**Wednesday, 30 May:** Luncheon at Les Salons France-Amériques with two guest speakers. The first was **François Roudier**, Deputy Managing Director of the SIAE, responsible for organizing the Paris Air Show. He spoke of the plans and organization of the next Paris Air Show, 18-24 June 2007, at Le Bourget. It will include over 2,000 exhibitors: France 44%, USA 24%, UE 20%, also Israel and Russia.

Our second speaker was **Colonel Ernest Herold**, Chief of the U.S. Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC). He spoke of the state of U.S.-French relations in Defense Cooperation which, from a low point in 2004, has been improving ever since. France spends 2% of its GNP on defense and is a major economic partner of the U.S. **Col. Herold** is optimistic that a new era of improved transatlantic cooperation is unfolding with emphasis likely to be on research and missile defense.

Michel Dubarry, USAIRE President

