

Military Affairs Committee



Ron Wilson, Chairman

Mission Statement:

To continue a long-standing tradition in our community of cultivating and enhancing a positive relationship between the business community and local military personnel.

Goals:

- Provide a link to encourage communication among the military, and the Valdosta-Lowndes County business community through the interaction of military personnel and the business community.
- Recognize Moody's annual contribution of over \$448 million to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Community.
- Provide opportunities to the business community to participate as a sponsor for Red Carpets, educate Moody newcomers about Valdosta-Lowndes County at Right Start Briefings, attend Airman of the Quarter ceremonies, participate in Super Sports day and provide the committee members the opportunity to tour Moody AFB.

2011 Military Affairs Committee

Joe Sandley, ADT Security Services, Inc.

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Phil Youngblood, *American Legion Post 13*

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Bruce Bailey, *Colquitt EMC*

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Red Carpet Events @ Ocean Pond

- Since 1965, the Red Carpet committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been welcoming newcomers at Moody into the Valdosta-Lowndes County community by rolling out the symbolic "Red Carpet" of friendship at Ocean Pond gatherings.
- We have hosted two Red Carpet Parties at Ocean Pond in 2011, welcoming the New Senior Leadership to the base. In addition, we presented going away gifts to departing Senior Commanders. It is always a fun time for all; all the guests are treated to a traditional southern dinner, and fellowship.



To view more photos visit our photo gallery on the Chamber's Web Site
www.valdostachamber.com or click link

<http://www.valdostachamber.com/photo-gallery.htm>

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Right Start Program

- We attended 12 Right Start Presentations and Information Fairs so far this year. These are scheduled every other Tuesday at Moody AFB. We are able to provide a presentation highlighting the Valdosta area, and what the community has to offer to enhance the Quality of Life at Moody.
- During the information fair, we provide answers to any questions the new folks have, and hand out the welcome packets the Chamber members pay to be a part of.
- What a win-win situation for Moody and the Community.

How are we rated?

Chamber Briefers rating:

March: 27 surveys

15 exceeded expectations

9 met expectations

April: 23 surveys

17 exceeded expectations

2 met expectations

May: 15 surveys (14 out of 15)

10 exceeded expectations

4 met expectations

June: 22 surveys

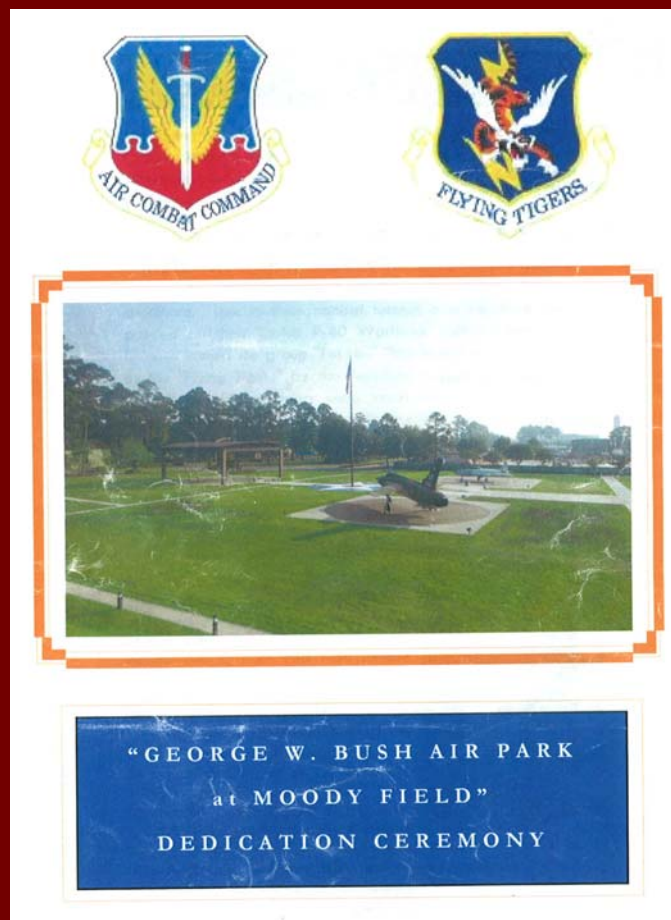
10 exceeded expectations

12 met expectations

Change of Commands

- We have had several changes in the leadership at Moody so far this year. As I always say it is sad to see the old regime leave but it helps us to meet a new group of leaders.

“George W. Bush” Air Park dedication Ceremony



Quarterly Awards

- Several committee members attended the Quarterly Awards in honor of the Airmen and Civilians at the base who have excelled in their jobs.



Base Tour



- **MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Eleven members of the Military Affairs Committee sit down to watch a Moody mission video during their base tour May 2. The video showed them what Moody's aircraft are capable of doing. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Melissa K. Mekpongsatorn) (RELEASED)**

To view article go to the following link:

<http://www.moody.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123254320>



Community Blueprint

The Chamber's Military Affairs Committee was instrumental in the kickoff for the Community Blueprint project.

About the Community Blueprint

There is universal support for our warriors and families, and nonprofit services have grown and improved in communities across America. Still, there remain significant gaps that can only be filled by more focused planning and coordination. To address these gaps, several leaders from nonprofits, government and academia created an online Community Blueprint that helps local leaders assess and improve their community's support for military families. The blueprint offers a growing database of advice on suggested practices for setting priorities, adopting strategies that work, and building coalitions to implement those strategies.

Blueprint focus areas:

1. Behavioral Health
2. Education
3. Employment
4. Family Strength
5. Financial/Legal
6. Homelessness
7. Reintegration
8. Volunteerism



Community Blueprint

Under each of these key headings will be five to seven Suggested Practice Actions that local leaders can implement.

The Community Blueprint initiative is led by a coalition that understands that no one organization has all of the answers. For the initiative to be successful, it will take collaboration, coordination, and focus.

For more information visit the Chamber website (www.ValdostaChamber.com/communityblueprint) for printed articles

Questions: