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Thanksgiving is bearing down on us.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Our next meeting is in January.

We just celebrated Veterans Day. It was great to see all the activities to celebrate Veterans by the American people.

On the subject of Veterans ó I attended an **Agent Orange** briefing for Vietnam Veterans. If you set foot in Vietnam for five seconds or a year you **earned** VA benefits for certain disabilities caused by Agent Orange. If you need information send me an email I will forward the materials to you. Some Vietnam Vets still don't know this please pass the word.

Recent Chapter Activities:

As mentioned at last meeting the Chapter was invited to attend the Naturalization Ceremonies in Jersey City. It was a fantastic ceremony.

Interesting fact 30 people sworn in 5 served in military. Do the numbers higher than the 1% of native born citizens.

Cole and I were able to attend. It was inspiring.

November State Meeting:

Howard knows how to run a meeting.

Great speaker --- B - 29 pilot Bob Vaucher, he did so much more than fly B-29's. Bob is now a Chapter member and we will try to have him speak at one of our meetings. Next time you watch a movie or news reel of the surrender of Japan and you see the air armada flying overhead ó Bob was lead pilot and was responsible for the formation of 550 aircraft.

New Members are a priority:

Laura Watson attended her first meeting as a new Chapter member. Great having her there I am sure she will be a strong contributor to chapter. Thanks to Susan for bringing her on board.

Another new member is Kevin Webster. He is another welcome addition and I look forward to seeing him at our next lunch. He and I have spent many hours flying together.

The Air Force Mission saves lives, when ground troops hear aircraft engines they don't even look up – not in 60 plus years has a ground troop been strafed by enemy aircraft. If you believe in the AFA and what we do please mention it to friends, relatives, and people you meet.

To quote our civilian leadership the Honorable Deborah Lee James.

Speak softly and have an Air Force that carries JDAMS and Hellfire missiles.

Over and Out,

Bill



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Please try to use our partners and when you do, let them know you heard about them through the Shooting Star Chapter and AFA.

If you could please let me know too. That will help in renewing partners.

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