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POST-2022 MCAS MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

As many of you know, the TOPGUN Association (TGA) hosted a chalet at the 2022 MCAS Miramar Air Show and it proved to be another epic TGA event! As expected, it was a highly attended occasion and reflected the attention-to-detail and commitment to excellence that are foundational TOPGUN traits. As an added benefit, the Blue Angels were the best that we have ever seen. Their new FA-18s are larger, noisier, look better in formation and under the leadership of Brian “G” Kesselring (a former Bro), the demonstration was spectacular and flawless.



Your TOPGUN Association used this opportunity to acknowledge our sponsors, bring our members together to share our common heritage, and to attract new sponsors. It gives us great pleasure to say, “Mission Accomplished!” Through our new sponsors, we were able to raise $20,000 to offset the cost of the event.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Jim “Hawkeye” Laing and Geri “Bulldog” Stewart, we had a remarkable set-up and seamless execution for our guests. Special thanks to our weekend chalet hosts--“Proton”, “Condor”, “Hawkeye”, “Bulldog”, “Wigs” and “Viper”--who made our guests feel welcomed and took charge of all the coordination efforts throughout the event. Like TOPGUN, the TGA plays a team sport and together we can accomplish anything.

Many Old Bros were in attendance and our special guests included VADM Kenneth Whitesell (Chief of Naval Air Forces, aka “Air Boss”) and Medal of Honor recipient Britt Slabinski (Navy SEAL). As our President, “Proton” took the opportunity to brief the Air Boss on the mission of the TGA and the direct/indirect support that we have provided to TOPGUN and the members of the staff. Thanks to his discussions and the incredible work by the rest of the team in the chalet, the TGA now has support where it may make a difference.

At the end of the day, the overall experience delivered to our guests and execution by our team would leave very little ammunition for the “Murder Board”. We look forward to our next event(s) and will keep you all informed.

Respectfully submitted,
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“Condor”
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