

I wanted to discuss a couple of ongoing programs through the Glendale Office of the Mayor. I hope that you will take the time to learn more, tell others, and get involved in these opportunities.

Luke Forward

The United States Air Force announced in July 2010 that Luke Air Force Base was its preferred alternative for the F-35 training mission. A preferred alternative is a tentative selection which the Air Force believes best fulfills its mission, taking into consideration environmental, operational, technical and other factors.

The announcement that Luke was selected is only the start of a 12-18 month Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. In other words, we have only just begun to bring the F-35 mission to Luke.

We anticipate the release of the draft EIS in June or July 2011. Public comments, which are critical to the process, will start 30 days thereafter. The final EIS will likely be released in the Fall with a Record of Decision coming in late 2011 or early 2012.

Please continue to champion Luke as the home to the F-35 mission by visiting www.LukeForward.com and registering your support. As a member of the Luke Forward team, you will receive timely updates and invitations throughout the EIS process.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission

The Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) consists of 50 high school students who live within Glendale's boundaries. MYAC provides students with an opportunity to feel the reward that comes from community service and volunteerism. MYAC also allows members to share ideas on how city government can be more responsive to issues that affect young people in our community.

MYAC has many traditional community service projects and fundraising opportunities that they carry out each and every year. Each year, they organize one original project based on a need they see in the community. MYAC also has their own monthly television show on Glendale Channel 11 called *Teens Today* where they discuss youth-related issues.

Applications for MYAC are currently on the City of Glendale website, www.glendaleaz.com and are due June 2, 2011. You can find more information about MYAC by looking on the website or calling my office at 623-930-2260.