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DALLAS, TX, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Airpower Foundation](#) is proud to announce a series of events in September that will highlight our nation's veterans and bring awareness to veteran mental health.

"We are so excited and honored to share the amazing ways that the Airpower Foundation is involved in our communities near and far to support our military of the past, present, future, and their families," says Airpower Executive Director Melissa Kithas. "As we move into September and commemorate the 25th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, we are clearly reminded of one powerful theme that is ever present: freedom is never free. From the lives that are given to protect our freedoms, to our actions that honor their sacrifices - the debt is ongoing, and it is our responsibility to always honor the cost of freedom. We hope you will join our mission and get involved to honor our heroes and create a meaningful impact in the lives of those who have served our great nation."

September 5th, 2026

Airpower kicks off the month of September with the Ride to Remember, an opportunity to participate in a community motorcycle ride, which will be followed by an after-party with poker, food, raffles, and more. "Hosted by the Leathernecks MC Confederation, this patriotic motorcycle ride and poker run raises funds for the Airpower Foundation while helping bring attention to the urgent mission of ending veteran suicide—one mile at a time." The money raised at this event will be directed to provide a service dog for a veteran.

[For more information, click HERE.](#)

September 11-13th, 2026



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A time of remembrance, honor, and support. The Celebrity Softball Classic held at the Frisco Roughriders baseball stadium is more than a game, it's a tribute. "Twenty-five years after September 11th, we come together to honor the heroes we lost, stand with those who continue to serve, and remind a new generation what American resilience looks like." Gates open at 4:00 PM and the first pitch is at 6:30 PM.

For more information, click [HERE](#). Veterans can access free tickets by clicking [HERE](#) and using Coupon Code: csctx26

September 13th, 2026

Airpower Foundation is proud to provide volunteers to

support the Patriot Games, annually held at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. The Patriot Games are an opportunity for the 301st Fighter Wing to partake in a series of sporting events. While closed to the public, the event is designed to honor service members, celebrate community, and develop comradery amongst each other.

September 20th, 2026

The Texas Rangers are hosting a Veteran Appreciation Night that serves to honor the brave men and women who serve and have served in the United States Armed Forces.

"For over 10 years Airpower has partnered with the Texas Rangers Baseball for a very special Military Appreciation Day to honor the brave men and women who serve and have served in the United States Armed Forces. Through this opportunity Airpower is able bring members of the military and their families together as a way to say thank you for their service and sacrifice. Airpower is honored to invite a special guest to throw out the first pitch and to provide a veteran to sing the national anthem. Come for a day at the ballpark and celebrate our military."

[The First Pitch is at 1:35 pm. For more information, click HERE](#)

September 25th, 2026

As the incoming prospective Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Captain Engel will lead an installation that plays a vital role in supporting our service members, military families, and the many commands that make NAS JRB Fort Worth an important part of the North Texas community.

The Airpower Foundation welcomes Captain Engel to Fort Worth and looks forward to building upon the strong partnership between the base and the community in support of military members, veterans, and their families.

The Airpower Foundation also extends sincere gratitude to Captain Beau Hufstetler for his outstanding leadership and service as Commanding Officer, as he retires and looks forward to the next chapter of his life. Captain Hufstetler has been instrumental in strengthening morale and welfare for service members on base while also building meaningful and lasting relationships between NAS JRB Fort Worth and the North Texas community.

About Melissa Kithas

Melissa Kithas is a nonprofit executive, strategist, and community leader with more than 25 years of experience in business development, organizational leadership, fundraising, and mission-driven initiatives. As Executive Director of the Airpower Foundation, she leads programs and partnerships focused on honoring, supporting, and empowering military service members, veterans, and their families through innovative solutions, strategic collaborations, and meaningful community engagement.

Melissa's leadership experience extends internationally, where she has been involved in leadership development, community infrastructure initiatives, and economic development efforts designed to strengthen organizations, empower communities, and create sustainable growth. These experiences have shaped her ability to navigate complex challenges, build collaborative partnerships, and develop strategies that create lasting impact across diverse communities and cultures.

A passionate advocate for veterans, military families, and those who serve, Melissa is dedicated to creating meaningful experiences that unite communities and ensure the sacrifices of our nation's heroes are honored and never forgotten.

About Airpower Foundation

Airpower Foundation: The Airpower Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to support our military of the past, present, and future and their families. For over 27 years, the Foundation has proudly honored the men and women who selflessly serve our country.

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