

## Report On 1/7/20 Meeting of South Bay Aerospace Alliance

The South Bay Aerospace Alliance (SBAA) held its bi-monthly meeting on January 7, 2020. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- The Los Angeles Air Force Base (LA AFB) announced that Lt. Col. Becky M. Beers will become its new Commander, with the installation set for July, 2020.
- The United States Space Force is the new space operations service branch of the U. S. Armed Forces and is one of the eight U.S. uniformed services. It is the sixth branch of the U.S. military and the first new armed service since the establishment of the independent U.S. Air Force in 1947. This newest military branch was created on December 20, 2019, and is headquartered in Colorado. There was some discussion as to whether the creation of a Space Force may be a potential threat to the LA AFB. However, there is no indication at this time that this should be a concern.
- There was a great deal of enthusiasm expressed for the Veteran's housing that will be built in Hawthorne by the Century Housing Corp., the same company that built the Villages at Cabrillo in Long Beach. The Hawthorne project will be 18 units of permanent, affordable housing for veterans, with supportive services.
- The 2018 National Defense Authorization Act allows each service branch to reimburse spouses up to \$1000 for re-licensure and certification costs resulting from relocations that cross state lines. Also, the DOD's Defense-State Liaison Office and Career Opportunities Program is working with Senator Allen to make it easier for military spouses to find a job in California.
- The SBAA is working on a South Bay Economic Impact Study which is hopes to unveil in a few months.

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