Meeting of the South Bay Aerospace Alliance

The South Bay Aerospace Alliance (SBAA) had its bi-monthly meeting on September 15, 2020. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Col. Becky Beers, the new commander at the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), was the guest speaker at the SBAA. She hopes to continue the close partnership the LAAFB has had with the surrounding community. Col. Beers stated that Friday September 18th is the birthday of the Air Force. There is a commemorative 24-hour torch relay planned. Usually this is a well-attended event. However, because of COVID-19, this year it will be held virtually, with streaming on the LAAFB's Facebook site.
- Fran Fulton, Economic Development Director of the City of Torrance, reported that Torrance has applied to be the headquarters of the new United States Space Command. If approved, the location would be the former Toyota Headquarters at 190th Street and Western Avenue. Ms. Fulton said the application is strong and has passed the initial screening. So far, Torrance has received wide support and encouragement, including from the Governor of California. Torrance's California competitors for the site are Lompoc, Vandenburg, and Palmdale. The selection will probably be made in January, 2021.

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