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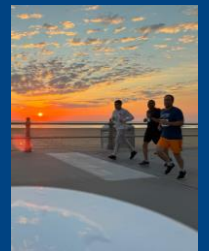
On the Front Cover

The Virginia Beach Convention Center at Night. Host of the SAFE Symposium 2024 Events from Monday, 21 October's AATDAG Meeting thru the 3-day Symposium itself.



On the Back Cover

The Virginia Beach 5k Run comes on Wednesday morning at our SAFE Symposium this year. Crisp and Cool just right to get that new personal record on your 5k run. Join us!



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President's Message

By Nicole Stefanoni | SAFE Association President

Hello SAFE members!

It is that time of year when the SAFE Board of Directors are making final preparations for the annual Symposium and hopefully you have already made arrangements to attend. Just like previous years, we have quite the week planned out. Monday will offer the Joint Services Industry Day and the SAFE Golf Tournament. Tuesday is our formal opening day, and it will begin with our morning presentations that will include a riveting life story from our Keynote Speaker, Chris “Elroy” Stricklin. The SAFE Awards ceremony will wrap up our morning and this is something that I always look forward to. Honoring those who have contributed something special to the community we serve is so important, and I hope that our attendees help us in celebrating those individuals. As the week moves on, make sure you have a schedule to reference so that you don't miss a thing! We'll have additional networking events, such as the evening reception on Tuesday and our SAFE 5K Run Wednesday morning. The exhibit hall will be filled with our industry partners and their latest offerings, and of course there will be technical sessions happening throughout each day.

After serving on the SAFE Board for the last few years, I've become accustomed to September being the month that things seem to “get real”. The countdown to our big annual event speeds up and we begin prepping for the Board of Directors to change hands – naturally, it can feel a bit overwhelming at times. This year is a bit different for me though. While my brain should be focusing on the final weeks ahead, I can't help but reflect on the past year. I am really proud of the things that the Board has accomplished. For starters, we finalized a project started last year by our previous President, Kevin Divers, which was partnering with Waldorf University and offering to our members the Al Loving Scholarship. Our Information Management committee has made strides in updating our brand and researching new platforms for information exchange – you may have already noticed the updated look of our Newsletter and we're planning on some other new changes being released next year! It is a publishing year for the SAFE Journal, so the Journal & Editorial committee were hard at work and the Nominations committee was successful in recruiting a few new faces for the Board. Not to be left out, the Symposium and Science & Technology committees hit another home run in the planning of events for our Symposium. A recent and important accomplishment by the Board was getting our Constitution and Bylaws updated to propose to our membership – while this is not final yet as the general membership will need to vote on the proposed changes, it should be recognized that the Board aims to strengthen our impact and to do that, we need to work on our foundation that is represented by our Constitution and Bylaws.

Of course, this is just a short summary of what the Board members do throughout each term – I only have so much space to write it all! I thank my fellow Board members for volunteering and committing their time. While I have enjoyed my time this year, I am excited to hand-off the presidency role to our incoming President, Steve Bromley. I'm confident that the Board will continue to accomplish great things under Steve's leadership, and I believe he is the right person to take the seat next!

I can't finish a newsletter article without mentioning you - our membership. Year after year, you continue to show up and support the SAFE Association. Thank you. In return, we hope you feel supported by the Association in your mission. Combining our efforts, expertise and determination to work towards a collective goal is something we all can take pride in. I look forward to seeing the collaboration in Virginia Beach this year!

President Elect's Message

By Steve Bromley | SAFE Association President-Elect

I have heard and had so many conversations of late which centered on... "I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone by!" Well, here we are, on the verge of another SAFE Symposium (our 62nd), another fiscal year, and another opportunity to learn, to grow, to achieve something more.

My name is Steve Bromley, and I have the honor to lead the SAFE Association as President for the coming year, thanks in large part to the support of the Association membership. For those of you who have not met me, I am a U.S. Air Force Aircrew Life Support/Aircrew Flight Equipment retiree who was fortunate enough to have worked on 17 different aircraft while on active duty and have since worked on many more.

Since my USAF retirement in 2006, I have had the opportunity to work for some great companies, all of which are SAFE corporate sustaining members, as either a Product Manager or Program Manager. I am currently the Program Manager for Mustang Survival and Patten Inflatables, both part of the Wing Group of companies, where I primarily lead the Integrated Aircrew Ensemble (IAE) program at Mustang Survival and have oversight of all life preserver, life raft, and anti-exposure/dry suit product lines for both companies.

Since the day I joined this community in 1986 until today, I have constantly learned and grown both professionally and personally regardless of where I was and what I was doing. This cannot be the case without change... a word some fear, a word some embrace, but a word that is inevitable. How we approach change is as important as how we approach anything in our lives. For the SAFE Association, change starts with new ideas, thoughts, and opportunities. Embracing this ideology, I hope to inspire some change for a better association in the coming year.

As you will come to see, we have several new people joining the Board of Directors this year, volunteering their time, bringing new ideas to the table, all with the goal of improving our association and our community. I would like to thank my soon-to-be predecessor, Nicole, for the outstanding work she did in her role as President over the past year. Additionally, I would like to extend a hearty thank you to the entire board, many of whom I have served with in various capacities over the past several years. Without their unwavering support, our association would not flourish. I want to encourage others reading this to consider volunteering in the future as well. Please feel free to grab myself or any other Board member should you have any questions or interest in serving. I also wish to thank the various government services and agencies for their continued support of the SAFE Association and allowing us the opportunity to host their Industry Days and other collocated events. These specialized events allow the SAFE Symposium to serve multiple needs for anyone in attendance.

And finally, I would be remiss if I did not extend my heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to our Corporate Sustaining Members as well as all our industry partners who attend, exhibit and support the various functions and activities surrounding the SAFE Symposium. You are truly the backbone that allows us to put on such a fine event! I would like to leave you now with this parting thought, the SAFE Association and all of its members have a singular vision in protecting and saving lives. Sometimes we get caught up in the day-to-day details, but in the end we all have a common goal, to protect and save lives. I look forward to another challenging year, this time as President, and will do my best to inject some positive change throughout the association. So, until I see you all in Virginia Beach, please stay SAFE!

Science and Technology Report

By Glenn Paskoff | Science & Technology Committee Chair

Welcome, everyone!

There are just a few weeks until the 2024 SAFE Symposium. As always, the Technical Program will address the most critical current topics within the field of aviation protection, safety, and performance. Complementing the many technical sessions, there will be a U.S. Department of Defense tri-service Science and Technology panel and a U.S. Department of Defense tri-service Safety Centers panel.

Throughout the week, there will be numerous diverse presentations covering topics such as biomechanical response to vertical impact and acceleration, dynamic modeling methods, aircrew life support equipment, anthropometric studies, and enhanced training methods. Although not intentional, a definite theme emerged when sorting through the submitted abstracts, and that was optimization of the human.

Briefings will cover subtopics of this theme such as the impact of noise on human performance, the development of anthropometric databases and tools to optimize the design of aircrew equipment and clothing, the effects of nutrition and hydration, enabling female aircrew, the modernization of aircrew training to optimize operational safety, and the prediction and prevention of injury.

Other areas of aviation performance and safety that will be discussed at the symposium are aircrew accommodation, aircrew life support systems, helmets, chem/bio equipment, new and novel test methods, ejection system performance, and oxygen systems.

Finally, we are proud to announce that a new issue of the SAFE Journal will be available this Fall. Printed copies will be available at the SAFE Journal booth during the symposium, so be sure to stop by.



Association Development Developments

By Kevin "Dumpster" Divers | Association Development Committee Chair

Please attend our General Membership Meeting held at our Symposium this month. You will have a great opportunity to make changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the SAFE Association to bring more recognition and professional growth opportunities to our membership. What I am most excited to see pass is what would start a Fellows and Associate Fellows Program that allows our membership to be recognized for their work in the preservation of human life. We have had a Senior Fellow membership category but now we present a case to help members achieve an elite title of Fellow or Associate Fellow that clearly recognizes their contributions to their field and to the SAFE Association. We hope you take the time to be part of the voting process that brings this program along. Thank you all for what you do and we look forward to seeing you in Virginia Beach!

Corporate News

EAST/WEST INDUSTRIES APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Ronkonkoma, N.Y., June 20 2024 —East/West Industries, a leading global aerospace supplier since 1968, is pleased to announce the promotion of Senior Director of Product Development, Michael Vetter, to Vice President. This promotion is a testament to the trust in Mike Vetter's outstanding leadership, his 19 years of engineering and business experience with a proven track record of delivering results in an evolving and challenging aerospace industry.

"Mike has been instrumental in securing critical long-term programs and driving the company's growth and is an integral part of our Executive Team," said Teresa Ferraro, President, and CEO of East/West. "During his nearly two decades of industry experience, he has played a vital role in the design, testing, and development of innovative lifesaving systems and has made essential contributions to East/West's success. Mike's extensive industry knowledge, along with his valued interface with customers, provides comprehensive solutions to achieve our customer's goals."



In his new role as Vice President, Mike will continue to be responsible for the Engineering and Business Development groups, executing organizational goals, and deploying strategies to broaden East/West's reach. In addition to his work at East/West, Mike has committed himself to developing the next generation of engineers through his roles in the Long Island Stem Hub at the Cradle of Aviation and Rutgers Mechanical Engineering Mentorship program. Mike graduated from Rutgers University in 2005 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

"It has been an honor and pleasure to be part of East/West's growth and success. I appreciate the opportunity to take on new responsibilities and am excited to continue East/West's 55-year history as an executive leadership team member," Vetter said. "As we continue to diversify and evolve as an organization, East/West is poised to continue to bring innovative cost savings solutions to our customers, and as always, "Saving Aircrew Lives is Our First Concern!"

About East/West Industries East/West Industries, Inc. is a global leader in the design, development, and manufacturing of aircraft seating systems and other critical components for military aircraft crew safety in fixed and rotary-wing aircraft. It is celebrating over five decades of saving aircrew lives.

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GENTEX IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH FOLDS OF HONOR



FOLDS of HONOR

The Folds of Honor Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of fallen and disabled military service members and first responders. Founded in 2007 by Lt. Col. Dan Rooney, a former F-16 fighter pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, the organization's mission is to honor the sacrifice of military families by empowering them through education.

Folds of Honor's scholarships help fund education at various levels, from kindergarten through post-secondary schooling, for the dependents of U.S. military personnel. Since its inception, the foundation has expanded to include support for families of first responders as well, and it has awarded thousands of scholarships.

FOLDS OF HONOR COLLEGIATE

The Folds of Honor Collegiate is an annual college golf tournament that brings together top collegiate golf teams to complete while supporting the mission of the Folds of Honor Foundation. The event showcases high-level competition and raises awareness and funds for Folds of Honor's educational scholarships for the families of fallen and disabled military personnel and first responders.

The Folds of Honor Collegiate is held annually at American Dunes Golf Club in Grand Haven, Michigan. This year, Gentex Corporation contributed by creating 2 customized PURSUIT helmets that were given to the men's and women's individual champions, creating one of the most unique trophies in college golf, while also elevating the event.

To learn more about Gentex Corporation, visit www.gentexcorp.com.



ATTENTION CORPORATE MEMBERS:

The SAFE membership is eager to hear about what is going on with your organization! Members want to hear about anything new...like job openings, internal promotions, new products, recent contract awards, accomplishments, plans, and patents. It is up to you! Please consider sending articles for future SAFE News editions.

Send to: admin@safeassociation.com

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SWITLIK WINS MAJOR DEFENSE CONTRACT FOR ANTI-GRAVITY SUITS



In a significant development for defense logistics, Switlik, based in Trenton, New Jersey, has secured a substantial contract with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The contract, valued at up to \$29,394,639, marks a major milestone in the field of aerospace and military equipment. This award is set to provide the U.S. Air Force and Navy with state-of-the-art anti-gravity suits over the next four years.

Key Details of the Contract

- **Contract Type:** Firm-fixed-price, Indefinite-Delivery/Indefinite-Quantity
- **Duration:** Four years, ending August 6, 2028
- **Monthly Volume:** up to 600 anti-gravity suits
- **Military Services:** U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy
- **Appropriation Type:** Fiscal 2024 through 2028 defense working capital funds
- **Contracting Activity:** Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (SPE1C1-24-D-0053)
- **Contract Value:** Up to \$29,394,639



This contract is particularly noteworthy because it represents a multi-year buy for CSU-13 B/P and CSU-15 B/P anti-gravity suits, with Switlik now being the sole supplier to the Department of Defense (DoD). Switlik has become the exclusive provider of these highly specialized suits, highlighting its unique position and expertise in the industry.

The Suits and Their Uses

Under this contract, the U.S. Air Force will be outfitted with the CSU-13 B/P anti-gravity suits, while the U.S. Navy will receive the CSU-15 B/P models. These suits are critical for the operational capabilities of both branches, providing essential support for pilots and personnel in high-gravity environments.

Stay tuned for further updates on this development.

Corporate News

EAST/WEST INDUSTRIES, INC. SELECTED FOR FUTURE LONG-RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT

RONKONKOMA, NY, August 23, 2024 - East/West Industries, Inc., a leading global supplier of solutions designed for military and commercial rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, has been selected by Bell Textron Inc., a Textron company, to equip the U.S. Army's Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) with their state-of-the-art Troop and Gunner Seats. "This opportunity is a significant milestone for East/West, and the team is honored and proud to contribute to the development of such an innovative and advanced aircraft," said East/West's CEO/Owner and President Teresa Ferraro. Ferraro continued, "East/West's Gunner and Troop Seats will play a crucial role in ensuring the protection of the aircraft's occupants so that crew and troops can conduct their duties safely and effectively."



About East/West Industries: East/West Industries, Inc., a certified Woman-Owned, Small Business (WOSB & WBE) in Ronkonkoma, New York (Long Island), is a recognized leader in designing and manufacturing lifesaving equipment for the aerospace community, celebrating 56 years of saving lives.

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Tiger Performance Products, Inc.
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INDIVIDUALS

- Quarterly SAFE Newsletter
- Proceedings from the SAFE Annual Symposium
- All Symposium-related mailings
- Reduced Symposium registration cost.
- Access to members only area of the SAFE Association website
- Voting privileges for your SAFE Board of Directors
- Submission information for our Annual Awards Program

CORPORATE MEMBERS

- Same as Individual Membership above
- Corporate listing and description of products and services on SAFE Association website with link to company website.
- Reduced registration and exhibit space fees for the SAFE Annual Symposium
- Free use of the SAFE Newsletter to deliver news releases - such as personnel changes, new products, new office locations, and contact information
- Corporate Membership includes a Primary and Secondary Corporate Representative

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ZERO-G COMFORT

BEST HELMET LINERS AND EAR SEALS AS WELL AS HELMET FIT ADD-ONS IN THE INDUSTRY

Pro Flight Gear has the right mix of helmet liners (best performing liners during impact testing) and ear seals with our Zero-G Line of products that not only make your helmet the most comfortable it has ever been, but also the most protective from impact and noise in how it attenuates not only impacts to the helmet but attenuates the noise around a helmet before it gets to the ear.



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Reminder to All SAFE Members:

It is important that the SAFE Association has your current contact information so we can contact you and distribute SAFE products, such as the Newsletter. Periodically, please go to the “Member Login” at the top, right corner of the SAFE Association web page. When the SAFE Directory appears, click on “**Update Your Profile**” at the top, left. Please review your personal information and, update anything needs to be changed, and click on “**Save Profile**” at the bottom of the page. Your efforts are much appreciated!!

Wright Brothers Chapter has a New President in Ken Robinson



President: Ken Robinson
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Mr. Mark Gruber



Mr. Ken Robinson, III

The Wright Brothers Chapter recently changed Presidents from long-time President of the Chapter in Mr. Mark Gruber (SAFE Association Lifetime Member) and Mr. Ken Robinson. We thank Mr. Gruber for his long-time dedication and service to the SAFE Association and in particular the Wright Brothers Chapter. He carried the Chapter through the Pandemic and successfully fought hard to give the Chapter life and in the Industry we all know him as a friend and hard worker for the warfighter and getting things done right!

We welcome Mr. Ken Robinson as the new Chapter President. A seasoned Program Manager with over 9 years of success leading all phases of diverse technology projects; over 8,600hrs in DoD Program/Project Management (focus in Acquisitions and Operational Test & Evaluation). Lauded for his expertise in acquisitions, development, requirements, testing, and implementation. The chapter remains in great hands and we look forward to hearing about it's success!

UPCOMING SAFE BOARD MEETING

MEETING	DATE	LOCATION
SAFE BoD 1 st Qtr Meeting (FY25)	25 October 2024, Friday 9am – 5pm	Double Tree Inn Virginia Beach, VA

If you wish to attend virtually, feel free to contact the SAFE Association Administrator, Stacy Stuber (admin@safeassociation.com for details)

NEXT SYMPOSIUM

MEETING	DATE	LOCATION
62 ND Annual Symposium	October 22 – 24, 2024	Virginia Beach, VA

FUTURE SYMPOSIA

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
63 rd Annual Symposium	November 4 – 6, 2025	Mobile, Alabama
64 th Annual Symposium	November 3 – 5, 2026	Mobile, Alabama
65 th Annual Symposium	October 26 – 28, 2027	Reno, Nevada
66 th Annual Symposium	November 7 – 9, 2028	Reno, Nevada

Information Management

By Lauren Divers | Chair, Information Management Committee

SAFE's Information Management committee is working hard to create content that is relevant to our members. If you are interested in seeing anything particular, please let us know! We are always looking for content from our members to either post or put in our newsletter. We are looking for updates, articles on products success, SAFE-related news, etc.

If you are interested, please contact the IM Chair at info-mgt@safeassociation.com and we will get you plugged in (pun intended).

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

This year in Virginia Beach we are looking to increase booth visits for you all ahead of time. If you have any products or anything in particular you want to showcase at the Symposium, please let us know so that we can start highlighting you all on the Social Media. Please limit your request to 100 words and good quality photos and videos so that our audience can see your amazing content. Contact info-mgt@safeassociation.com with your photos and story and we will get it posted!



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Human Factors / Aircrew Flight Equipment Doings Elsewhere

By Kevin Divers, Association Development Committee

Aerospace Medical Association: AsMA will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1-6, 2025. 95th Aerospace Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting “Innovation” Registration – [LINK](#)

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES):

The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, founded in 1957, is the world’s largest scientific association for human factors/ergonomics professionals. HFES provides education, builds connections, and advocates on behalf of the human factors/ergonomics field—from students to researchers, and industry practitioners—and fosters collaboration across the spectrum of professionals to drive forward advances in human factors and ergonomics because HFES believes that the seamless connection between humans and systems, and the connection between research and application, is vital to keeping all human beings safe.

HFES will hold its annual meeting, called “ASPIRE,” on 12-17 October in Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 2,000 researchers and practitioners attend this annual meeting. In addition to technical sessions, a Job Fair is always held and there are lots of networking opportunities. Other professional meetings are also held in conjunction with HFES, e.g., SAE International G-45. [International Annual Meeting \(hfes.org\)](#)



SAFE Journal

By Dr. Camille Bilger, 2024 Journal and Editorial Committee Chair

THE SAFE ASSOCIATION JOURNAL ACCEPTS MANUSCRIPTS SUBMISSION ALL YEAR ROUND!

We accept:

- Original research articles
- Literature reviews
- Technical reports (example shown on the side)
- Short Communications/ Case studies (~4 pages)
- For example: acquisitions need or operationally observed challenges)
- Letter to the Editor: a short form of communication, to comment objectively on a previously published article.

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Where to Eat in Virginia Beach

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Freebee Virginia Beach

The City of Virginia Beach has partnered with Miami-based Freebee ride share service to provide residents and visitors to the oceanfront a new free public transportation option.

Download the Freebee mobile app available on the App Store or on Google Play. Users in need of accessibility accommodations or who do not have a smartphone, can call 855-918-3733 to request a ride.

Black and White Cabs of Virginia Beach

P: (757) 855-3334

Yellow Cab of Virginia Beach

P: (757) 460-0605



VIRGINIA
IS FOR
LOVERS

As the 2024 SAFE Symposium approaches, we thought we would reach out to some local SAFE members for recommendations on restaurants, bars, and just some fun places to visit outside of Symposium hours. Here are some options to consider:



ORION'S ROOF
GARDEN & DINING

- [Orion's Roof | A Place Like No Place Else \(orionsroofvb.com\)](http://orionsroofvb.com)

Pretty cool and worth it for the view...head there for Happy Hour??



TULU
SEASIDE
BAR & GRILL

- [Tulu Seaside Bar & Grill - Marriott Resort Virginia Beach Oceanfront \(tuluvb.com\)](http://tuluvb.com)

On the ground floor of the same hotel as Orion's Roof...pricey but cool if the weather is nice.



Big Sam's
RAW BAR

- [Big Sam's Raw Bar Virginia Beach VA \(bigsamsrawbar.com\)](http://bigsamsrawbar.com)

Serving locals and tourists alike! Great place for wings and oysters...everything else good as well...you won't be disappointed.



Tautog's

- [Tautog's Restaurant A Coastal Dining Experience in Virginia Beach, VA \(tautogs.com\)](http://tautogs.com)

Favorite spot for one local SAFE member. This may be more "romantic" than other recommendations on this list, but great option for quality food with a focus on customer service.



COME GET BARRELED
Barrel 17

- [Barrel 17 - THE Burger Bar Providing high quality American cuisine with a quaint, causal, local atmosphere here in the Artsy Vibe District of Virginia Beach just a short walk away from the beach!](#)

Amazing burgers and a wide selection of bourbon...can't beat it!



YOUNG
VETERANS
BREWING CO.

- bunkerbrewpub.com (Young Veterans Brewing Co.)

Good place for (craft) beers and southern coastal cuisine



smartmouth
BREWING COMPANY

- [Smartmouth Brewing Co. - Chelsea Business District / Ghent Norfolk / Virginia Beach / Ocean Front / Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA](#)

Another good place for beers (closed on Mondays)



—MAHI'S—
SEAFOOD • SUSHI

- [Mahi's – Seafood & Sushi Restaurant \(mahisvb.com\)](http://mahisvb.com)

Touristy but nice



MURPHY'S
IRISH PUB

- [HOME | Murphy's Irish Pub / Virginia Beach, VA \(murphyspubvb.com\)](http://murphyspubvb.com)

In case you've never been to an Irish pub!



SAFE 5k Runner 2024

Wednesday, 23 October

Start Time: 06:45 for Walkers

07:00 for Runners

Come Join Us for a Sunrise 5k Run/Walk on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk
 Open to all SAFE Symposium Attendees, Friends and Family

LOCATION: 24th Street Park, Virginia Beach, VA

COURSE MAP: <https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/5545866442/>

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Opens 12 August 2024 - Check the SAFE website for more details.

*****Pre-registration recommended for a race shirt in your size*****

Online Registration Cut Off: 16 October 2023

Onsite Registration & Packet Pick up is One Day Only: Tuesday, 22 October from 10:00-16:00

Next to the SAFE Symposium registration desk at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

ABOUT THIS EVENT: This USATF sanctioned 5k run is open to all SAFE Association Symposium attendees, friends and spouses. Walkers are also welcome!

DAY OF EVENT SCHEDULE

06:00 – 6:30 am	Warm up
06:45:	Start for Walkers
07:00:	Start for Runners
07:45:	Awards and reception

AWARDS: Given to top finishers in each category:

*Top Overall Finisher, Male and Female

Top Finisher, Male and Female:

29 yrs and below

30-39 yrs

40-49 yrs

50-59 yrs

60+ yrs

*Top overall finishers are not eligible to also receive an award in their respective age category. This award will go to the second-place finisher of that particular age category.

To be a Volunteer or Sponsor, please contact: Marcia Baldwin at: mkbaldwin@coresurvival.com

You are invited to **AATDAG**

Monday 21st October 2024 – 14:00 – 17:00 EST
@ Virginia Beach Convention Center
and online via MS Teams**



"The primary objective of the SAFE Association is to stimulate research and development in the fields of safety and survival, and to disseminate pertinent information to concerned individuals in government and industry. In addition, the objective is to establish and maintain a meaningful relationship between the SAFE Association and the scientific communities related to safety and survival."

In accordance with the above, the mission of the Aerospace ATD Advisory Group is to bring together key individuals in the fields of crash and escape system testing for the following purposes:

- Exchange of scientific and technical information.
- Improving the co-operation among nations in aerospace ATDs research and development.
- Act as a steering committee to advance industry and government standards and guidance for consistency across organizations.
- Make recommendations with regards to aerospace anthropomorphic test devices (ATDs), biomechanical response, instrumentation systems and data processing, and injury analysis methods.

Topic of discussions include:

- 1) Adult Dummies: Past and Present.
- 2) Lessons Learned from Members and/or Programs.
- 3) Egress/Crash Dummy Requirements and Goals
- 4) Biomechanical Impact Response and Data Acquisition Needs.
- 5) Develop ATDs Configuration Standards (Physical and Digital)

You do not need to have purchased a SAFE Symposium ticket to attend this one event.

Sincerely,
Camille Bilger and John Plaga

**If you wish to join virtually please email: CBilger@martin-baker.co.uk to be sent a Microsoft Teams link.

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