

## Something to think about...

**Luke Air Force Base, west of Phoenix,** is now surrounded by residents; some of whom complain about the noise from the fighter planes in the area, forgetting that Luke AFB was there long before they were. For example, in a local paper, one complainer asked...



### **Whom do we thank for the morning air show?**

Last Wednesday, at precisely 9:11 A.M, a tight formation of four F-16 jets made a low pass over Arrowhead Mall, continuing west over Bell Road at approximately 500 feet. Imagine our good fortune!

Do the Tom Cruise' wannabes feel we need this wake-up call? Or, were they trying to impress the cashiers at Mervyn's early bird special?

Any response would be appreciated.



### **We salute Lt. Col. Grant L. Rosensteel, Jr. for his response...**

**Regarding 'A wake-up call from Luke's jets'** On June 15, at precisely 9:12 a.m., a perfectly timed four-ship fly-by of F-16s from the 63rd Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base flew over the grave of Capt. Jeremy Fresques.

**Capt Fresques was an Air Force officer** who was previously stationed at Luke Air Force Base and was killed in Iraq on May 30, Memorial Day. **At 9 a. m. on June 15,** his family and friends gathered at Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City to mourn the loss of a husband, son and friend.

**Based on the letter writer's recount of the fly by,**... and because of the jet noise, I'm sure you didn't hear the 21-gun salute, the playing of taps, or my words to the widow and parents of Capt. Fresques as I gave them their son's flag on behalf of the President of the United States and all those veterans and servicemen and women who understand the sacrifices they have endured..

**A four-ship fly by is a display of respect** the Air Force gives to those who give their lives in defense of freedom. We are professional aviators and take our jobs seriously, and on June 15 what the letter writer witnessed was four officers lining up to pay their ultimate respects.

**The letter writer asks, 'Who m do we thank for the morning air show?'**

**The 56th Fighter Wing will make the call for you,** and forward your thanks to the widow and parents of Capt Fresques, and thank them for you, for it was in their honor that my pilots flew the most honorable formation of their lives.

**Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you.**



**Jesus Christ died for your soul! The American Soldier died for your freedom!**

**Lt. Col. Grant L. Rosenstein, Jr.**

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