

## Dinner & a Movie: AIAA Members Watch *Dunkirk*

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Members of the Greater Huntsville Section continued the section's Dinner & a Movie series by gathering to watch the movie *Dunkirk*, an historical thriller about the evacuation of the British Army from Dunkirk during the early days of World War II.

Prior to the movie, section members met for dinner at a local Mexican restaurant for food, drinks and camaraderie. A big topic of discussion was the total eclipse that had occurred the day before. Members shared their experiences and impressions of that historic and awe-inspiring phenomenon.

Following dinner, the group made the short drive to the theater to watch the movie. Members watched spell-bound as the drama unfolded as



Naveen Vetcha, Ken Philippart, Erin Gish, Shannon Stump, David Hitt, Guil Hutcheson and Rebecca Hitt prior to the showing of *Dunkirk*.



Britain struggled valiantly to rescue its Army trapped on the beaches of Dunkirk. Of particular interest to AIAA members was the role the Royal Air Force (RAF) played in covering the withdrawal. Unable to achieve air superiority and husbanding its scarce resources for the coming Battle of Britain, the RAF could do little more than provide periodic yet heroic protection for the unprecedented evacuation. The flying scenes of RAF Spitfires tangling with German bombers and

Me-109 fighters were visually enthralling. The film did an excellent job of conveying the human emotions of combat while dramatically underscoring the importance of controlling the skies, a capability to which many AIAA members have devoted their careers.

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