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Lackland Airfest takes flight Nov. 6-7



Maj. Chuck Stevens, Randolph T-6 Demo Team pilot, reviews the maintenance records with aircraft maintenance technicians Jim Scott and Mark Gutierrez as they get ready for a recent air show at Erie, Penn. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Allen)

Randolph-based T-6 demo team performs at annual air show

By Michael Briggs
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The "Gateway to the Air Force" is revving up for San Antonio's annual air show that takes place at Lackland Air Force Base Nov. 6-7.

Lackland Airfest runs each day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with gates open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Randolph and Lackland alternate holding the city's air show each year. The event returns here Nov. 5-6, 2005.

The Randolph-based Air Education and Training Command T-6 Texan II West Coast Aerial Demonstration Team will be on hand to perform in front of its hometown crowd during both days of the Airfest.

For the team that's appeared at 17 air shows throughout the country since March, the homecoming show in San Antonio is special.

"We're excited to be performing in San Antonio after being on the road for the past seven months," said Maj. Chuck Stevens, team chief and show pilot. "We're eager to show the people in the military and civilian communities of San Antonio the capabilities of their newest Air Force trainer."

The team performs a 12-minute show, complete with narration and sound, that runs the T-6 through many of the aerobatic maneuvers all pilots learn when earning their wings.

In addition to its solo flight, the T-6A will fly several formation passes with a World War II-era T-6 in a Texan Flight that pays tribute to a legacy of training.

Other military performances include A-10, F-16 and F/A-18 aerial demonstrations both days and a Nov. 6 flyover by a B-2 bomber, air show officials said.

The Navy Leap Frogs parachute team also performs precision skydiving maneuvers several times at the event.

The Aeroshell T-6 Aerobatic Team will be one of many commercial flying acts. The team performs formation aerobatics using World War II-era North American Advanced Trainers.

A popular attraction on the air show circuit for years returns to San Antonio this November. "Tora, Tora, Tora"

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Base honors local retirees during special event

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Local retirees are in for a special treat Oct. 23 as the Randolph Retiree Activities Office hosts its annual Randolph Retiree Appreciation Day starting at 9 a.m. in Hangar 4 on the east flightline.

Retirees from all military branches and their family members are welcome to attend the free event which includes health screenings.

"Retiree Appreciation Day is a way for the 12th Flying Training Wing to show its appreciation for retirees' past and continued service to Randolph and the military," said retired Col. Jim Scarff, RAO director. "It also provides an opportunity for retiree families to enjoy the various services of base, state and federal agencies, and to interface with a number of service organizations and local vendors."

Attendees can receive eye exams and blood pressure screenings starting at 9:30 a.m. after the opening

ceremonies.

Also, booths will be set up with a variety of information on various topics and organizations, including the Texas Veterans Commission, American Cancer Society, Internal Revenue Service, vet clinic, commissary and much more.

A shuttle bus will be running periodically from Hangar 4 to other base locations where services will be provided, such as the clinic, Pitsenberger Hall and the dining hall for

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12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Pilot Instructor Training			562nd FTS		563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	Air Force	Undergraduate	International	EWC Course	T-1A	124	123	4,513
99th FTS	-3.0	0.3	Navy	70	0	0	T-6A	276	312	10,806
558th FTS	7.1	1.8	International	3	0	0	T-37B	174	187	6,472
559th FTS	-0.9	-2.3	NIFT	68	0	0	T-38C	222	268	8,387
560th FTS	1.6	2.7					T-43A	31	40	1,071

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

Trick-or-treat hours

The base housing Halloween trick-or-treat hours are from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31.





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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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Dover port mortuary: Angels in our midst

By Col. Jim Kottkamp

Reserve medical forces advisor to the Air Force surgeon general

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. – I recently had the privilege of visiting the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

This visit was an incredible education about the realities of war; the extensive lengths the services go through to work with the families of the fallen heroes; and a deeper understanding of the dedication to excellence of some very special staff members of the port mortuary team and associated volunteers.

There is so much that many of us don't think about when seeing the coffin of one of our fallen heroes. The staff of the port mortuary, under the direction of Karen Giles, deals with the raw reality of military combat and transforms what the battlefield gives up into honored remains in an effort to support the families whose loved ones have given their all.

Ms. Giles and Lt. Col. Susan Hanshaw, an Air Force Reserve registered nurse, escorted a group of us from Air Force Medical Service headquarters through the mortuary. They introduced us to most of the eight full-time staff and many volunteers who provide assistance whenever needed.

When the fallen heroes arrive, the first and most important procedure is to begin the identification process. The majority of fallen heroes arrive with a presumed name, until irrefutable identification is accomplished. The mortuary staff approaches this aspect with unfaltering dedication to detail, a no-stone-turned approach to excellence. Once a case number is assigned to the remains, the next procedure is to perform a whole-body x-ray of the remains.

This is accomplished by explosive ordnance disposal people. The purpose of this X-ray is to be certain there is no unexploded ordnance on or in the remains. All such ordnance must be removed to prevent injury of the mortuary staff tasked with identification and burial preparations.

The next step in the journey is to provide a positive identification of the body. This is done with fingerprints, dental x-rays, or DNA.

This is accomplished by two FBI agents who voluntarily serve one-week tours of duty to conduct the fingerprinting

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identification. One agent does the research and the second agent reviews and certifies the identification.

If a fingerprint ID is made, dental X-rays are still made in order to cross reference the identification; again, no stone is left unturned. The dental X-rays are accomplished by volunteer members of the digital forensic technology team, a dedicated group whose motto is "dignity first." If neither fingerprints nor dental X-rays can be used to provide identification, then DNA analysis must be used to positively identify our fallen heroes.

Complete body X-rays, in a specially designed machine, then help the staff to determine cause of death. This X-ray can also be used to double check identification.

Once positive identification is determined, an examiner from the Armed Forces medical examiners office conducts the autopsy.

The Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were a watershed for the services in dealing with the remains of our fallen heroes. Today, families are no longer satisfied with letters stating that their loved ones perished in the line of duty to our country. Mothers, fathers and spouses want to know how their loved ones died. Was it friendly fire, fratricide? Most are seeking answers to their loved ones' last moments, and the forensic staff strive to answer all their questions and assist in gaining insight into the passing of those loved ones.

Immediately following the autopsy, the remains are embalmed and then proceed to the cosmetology and burial preparation area.

In this area, the professional staff strives to prepare the fallen heroes not just for their funeral, but, in many cases, for their final reunion with their families.

At the time of our visit, there were eight fallen heroes in this area, each in a service dress uniform minus the service dress jacket. The service dress jackets had already been fitted and were in the process of being tailored and having the correct ribbons, rank and insignia placed on them.

Excellence is evident throughout all areas of the mortuary, but none can compare with the loving attention to detail shown during this final step in preparation. Every badge, belt buckle, insignia, and ribbon attachment was shined and perfect – no exceptions.

Another very striking example of the care taken by the Dover team was found in the uniform preparation area, where we couldn't help but notice a large Rubbermaid trash container chock full of new Marine Corps uniforms. Ms. Giles told us a Marine master gunnery sergeant had gone through a new shipment of Marine uniforms and determined these uniforms had flaws in them and were not fit to be worn by his troops!

As our fallen heroes are being prepared for their family reunions, their personal effects are gathered and readied for inventory and presentation to the families. This is where the crushing blow of sacrifice is most evident.

Their watches were still set on Baghdad time, the photos of family and friends tell of the heart wrenching grief to be suffered. Among the heroes' personal effects, the single most prevalent items were the pre-paid phone cards, testaments to the heroes' desire to keep in touch with their loved ones. These calls would never be made.

The families select the type of casket for their loved ones. After a fallen hero is lovingly placed in the casket, another volunteer – the military escort – comes forward to be with these heroes every step of the way home to their final place of rest.

As I said earlier, the visit to the port mortuary was a privilege. It was humbling to meet the Dover team, to hear the ring of love, care and dedication to excellence in every corner of the facility.

To shake hands and look into the eyes of those who truly know the horror of war, yet find it within themselves to provide aid where most could not, was an awesome experience indeed.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Congratulations Retirees

Randolph retirement announcements can be submitted to the Wingspread office by noon Friday two weeks prior to the desired publication date.

E-mail announcements to randolph.retiree.messages@randolph.af.mil or fax them to 652-5412. For more information, call the Wingspread office at 652-5760.

Force shaping opportunities expand in 2005

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force personnel officials encourage more Airmen to seek opportunities to exit the service under an expanded force-shaping program in fiscal 2005.

Planners have opened more career fields for force-shaping eligibility by dropping from a 100-percent sustainment level to 95 percent. This increases the eligibility pools by about 30 percent for enlisted Airmen and 50 percent for officers. The force-shaping initiatives include two phases encompassing fiscal 2004 and 2005 to move the Air Force closer to its authorized end strength of 359,700.

Initially, the force-shaping goal targeted 3,900 officers and 13,700 enlisted for separation. Because of record retention rates, that total of 16,000 is expected to increase

to almost 24,000 by Sept. 30.

“We wanted to open up the aperture to get on the proper glide slope to reach our end-strength goal by the end of 2005,” said Col. Mike Hayden, the Air Force chief of military personnel policy.

“In order to do that and minimize impact on accessions, we wanted to provide more opportunities to those people wanting to leave (the Air Force) right now,” he said.

“By lowering the force sustainment level to 95 percent, we are able to review previously disapproved applications,” Colonel Hayden said. “We had quite a few people interested in departing, and yet we were holding sustainment at 100 percent. This change will allow more career fields to play. Additionally, we will continue to assess our glide path and evaluate needed adjustments to accessions. We’ll do that throughout the year.”

About 1,000 Airmen who initially applied and were disapproved will be reviewed again and contacted to see if

they are still interested. Offers to those and newer applicants are being extended on a first-come, first-served basis.

“In the past when we’ve posted the force-shaping matrix online, some people looked at it and said ‘I don’t even have an opportunity here,’” said Maj. John Silverman, the Air Force chief of separation and retirement policy.

“This will now give more people an opportunity to apply and be approved,” he said. “We know that, initially, we open the door for approximately 1,000 Airmen (who) were previously disapproved.”

Personnel officials said they hope active-duty Airmen will remain part of the total force by choosing separation options such as Palace Chase, Operation Blue to Green or transitioning to civil service.

The latest force-shaping opportunities are now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape2.htm.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Retirees

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a reduced price brunch.

During the base clinic portion of the event, retirees can obtain information on pharmacy guidelines, family care preventive services, women’s health, dental oral cancer screenings, strength testing from the physical therapy clinic and on mental health issues.

Free refreshments including coffee, juice and pastries will be available.

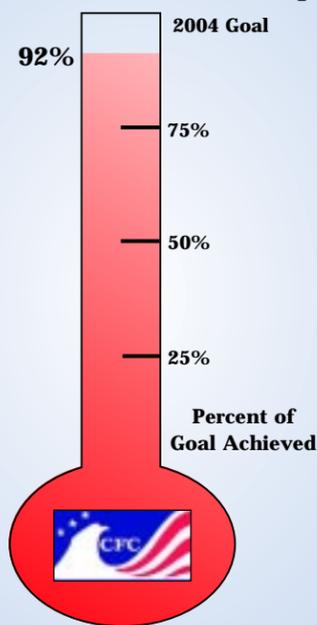
“We encourage everyone to attend this great event,” said Colonel Scarff. “Both retirees and their family members will benefit from the day.”

For more information, call the Retiree Activities Office at 652-6880.



Local retirees talk with a representative from the Fort Sam Houston Honor Guard at last year’s Randolph Retiree Appreciation Day. (Courtesy photo)

2004 Combined Federal Campaign



Thrift Savings Plan open season now underway

By Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the “open season” which runs today through Dec. 31.

“TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider,” said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, Air Force Personnel Contact Center superintendent. “It’s a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans.

“It’s also important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks,” he said. “People can choose safer government securities as well.”

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, said Janet Thomas of AFPC’s civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute, while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

“Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts,” Ms. Thomas said. “And you can keep your account, even if you leave military

or federal civilian service.”

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck “so you never have to think about it,” Sergeant Ortiz said. “That makes it easy to ‘pay yourself first’ while only investing what you deem appropriate.”

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

“As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better,” Ms. Thomas said.

Contribution elections or changes made between now and Dec. 11 take effect Dec. 12, for both military and civilian employees. Changes made on or after Dec. 12 become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

More information about the Thrift Savings Plan can be found in the booklet “Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan” on the home page at www.tsp.gov/ under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

TSP program specifics

Military

* Military members can contribute up to 10 percent of their base pay to the Thrift Savings Plan, as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment does not exceed \$14,000 for 2005. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.

* Servicemembers can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss/. They can also enroll by filling out a TSP-U-1 form at the military personnel flight, finance office or family support center.

* Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds) can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (877) 968-3778 or on the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov/.

* Specific TSP information is available for Airmen at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

Civilian

* Contribution limits for this open

season are based on which retirement system an employee has.

* Federal Employees’ Retirement System employees may contribute up to 15 percent of basic pay each pay period. Once eligible, the government provides matching funds of up to 4 percent as well as an automatic 1 percent each pay period, whether the employee contributes or not, making the government’s contribution 5 percent.

* Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may contribute up to 10 percent of basic pay, but they do not receive any agency contributions.

* Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings Plan Web site and the BEST homepage at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm.

* All Air Force-served civilian employees can make their TSP contribution elections or changes electronically through the Web-based Employee Benefits Information System at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm.

SAFETY

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Cat in the dark leads to bump in the night

We’ve all heard it a thousand times. We need to think “safety first” always. Many of us shrug it off saying, “That will never happen to me” or “They just weren’t using common sense.” Unfortunately, it does happen and the following is an example of an accident that occurred to one of our own Randolph members that could have been prevented.

A lieutenant colonel, in his haste to get to work to

prepare for an important briefing, threw caution to the wind. This fully trained, able-bodied officer loaded up his arms with everything he could carry, including his coffee. Because this aviator has 20/20 vision and is so agile, he decided to turn the lights off before stepping to the door. He proceeded to trip over his cat and hit his head on the doorframe. Luckily, he escaped with only a small cut on his

forehead and bruised pride. The cat survived with all nine lives.

In this case, the injuries were minor, but they could have been worse. We all need to assess the risks of our actions in order to prevent these types of accidents from occurring. Proper operational risk management is essential to ensure we are safe every day.



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B-52H
Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Jeffery Blankenship
C-130
Pope AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Jeremy Burke
AC-130 (EWO)
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Charles Caggiano Jr.
MC-130E
Duke Field, Fla.



Ensign Jodi Clark
P-3
MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii



2nd Lt. Jessica Critcher
B-52 (EWO)
Barksdale AFB, La.



Ensign Roger Davis
E-6
Tinker AFB, Okla.



Ensign Esperanza del Casal
E-P3
Rota, Spain



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P-3
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.

Thirty-one aviators graduate today

Twenty-one Air Force and 10 Navy aviators receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here today.

The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club.

The guest speaker for today's graduation is Lt. Gen. William Welser, 18th Air Force commander, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

As the commander of the 18th AF, General Welser is responsible for overseeing the tasking and execution of all air mobility missions. His unit

consists of 12 Air Mobility Command wings, three AMC groups, two expeditionary mobility task forces, four air mobility operations groups and the Tanker Airlift Control Center.

General Welser is a command pilot with more than 3,500 hours in the C-5 Galaxy, C-141 Starlifter, KC-10 Extender and T-1 Jayhawk.

Col. John Hesterman III, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, is presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or gold wings, as well as presenting four special awards during the ceremony.



1st Lt. Scott Warner
WC-130
Keesler AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Jeffrey Wilkerson
C-130
118th Mission Support Flight, TNANG



Ensign Michael Zarker
P-3
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



Randolph manpower functions reorganized

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Flying Training Wing manpower and personnel functions officially merged under one management – the 12th Mission Support Squadron – on Oct. 1.

"This idea has been recognized for years as a logical organizational structure," said Lt. Col. Mary Boucher, 12th MSS commander, "and it's now being done Air Force wide. We're finally going to have the management

of both 'spaces' and 'faces' under one umbrella, but the process of the change will be transparent to people on the base."

To define the terms, Colonel Boucher said the manpower organizations are responsible for determining how many people, with what skills, are needed for a particular mission. Those are the "spaces" in the manning equation. The personnel organizations are then responsible for assigning people, or "faces," to match the spaces.

According to the Program Action Directive signed in May, by Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, "the increased emphasis on force development demands a better linkage between manpower requirement determination and resource development and employment."

The merger involves physical moves on some bases, said Bill Friday, Air Education and Training Command deputy chief of manpower and organization. On Randolph, however, no one needed to relocate.

Colonel Boucher said the 12th MSS already has elements in different locations throughout the base, so this physical separation poses no new problems.

"We worked well with the manpower people when they were part of the wing staff, and I'm confident that working relationship will continue after the merger. This merger just cleans up the chain of command to match the functions," she said.

(1st Lt. Elaine Larson, AETC Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)

AETC civilians test new finance system

Online service provides quick answers to pay, LES, other important questions

By Tech. Sgt. John Asselin
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Civilian employees in Air Education and Training Command will soon get answers to their leave and earnings statement questions without calling or visiting the civilian personnel office.

SmartDocs, a new Defense Finance and Accounting Service program, will be tested with AETC civilian employees starting Wednesday, according to Maj. Eric Bradshaw, AETC financial services division's finance branch chief.

One or two days before pay day, civilian employees will receive an e-mail linking to the new online SmartLES. Links within the system provide more information via drop-down boxes, Major Bradshaw said.

"If you have a question about pay, leave or just about anything, you can just click on it," he said. "Some links also signify a change from the prior LES and provide a side-by-side comparison between LESs."

The program's intent is to add convenience to the end user, the major said.

"People won't need to make as many calls to the civilian personnel or base finance office because they can get the answers for themselves," he said. "They also no longer have to wait for their LES to come in the mail – the link to their LES will be delivered to their e-mail box before payday."

One SmartLES with active links and the last four static non-linked LESs will eventually be available through SmartDocs.

SmartDocs uses the myPay global address list, so users must be registered with myPay and have a correct e-mail address in the myPay system to receive the SmartLES link, Major Bradshaw said.

The AETC test will last two pay periods with a plan to launch Air Force-wide Dec. 15. SmartLES will also become available to active-duty members in the future.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

Randolph Re-enlistees

The following Airmen re-enlisted last month:

12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Staff Sgt. Keithan McArthur

12th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Frederick Turner

12th Mission Support Squadron
Senior Airman Nathaniel Bitting
Master Sgt. Renee Harris
Tech. Sgt. Judith Miller

12th Operations Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Keric Hill

Air Education and Training Command
Staff Sgt. Dina Delgado
Master Sgt. Patrick Doyle
Master Sgt. Kenneth Lunsford

Chief Master Sgt. Wilfred Smith

19th Air Force
Senior Airman Renita James
Senior Master Sgt. Pedro Robles

Air Force Personnel Center
Tech. Sgt. Alethea Bard
Tech. Sgt. Walter Goodwin
Tech. Sgt. Donna Hunter
Tech. Sgt. Robert Walden
Staff Sgt. Isic Williams

Air Force Manpower Requirements Determination Squadron
Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Hahn

Air Force Recruiting Service
Master Sgt. Tina Bellamy

Air Force Services Agency
Staff Sgt. Jacob Hey

Electronic Systems Center
Tech. Sgt. Corina Leachman

Official: New adenovirus vaccine 'top priority'

By Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense of Department officials are working to field a new vaccine designed to combat a virus that has plagued military basic training since World War II, DOD's senior medical official said Oct. 5.

The development of a new adenovirus vaccine is a "top priority," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. The vaccine is slated to become available for servicemember use in 2006, presuming current development efforts remain on schedule and Food and Drug Administration hurdles are cleared, he said.

People exposed to adenovirus, which is often found in a crowded, stressful

environment, such as basic training, may experience fever and other flu-like symptoms, said Dr. Winkenwerder. The virus usually takes three to five days to run its course, and most people fully recover without ill effects.

However, some people with weakened immune systems or other existing health issues have developed a more serious illness, and a handful of them have died after contracting the virus, he said. There have been six deaths in the past five years among about 960,000 recruits.

Department officials are spending \$50 million to obtain the new vaccine, Dr. Winkenwerder said. It is now being tested for safety in accordance with FDA requirements. "It's our plan that sometime next year,

we'll be starting into what are called the Phase 2 and Phase 3 trials to look at the effectiveness of the vaccine," Dr. Winkenwerder said. "We have every reason to believe it's going to be safe and effective because it's very similar to the old vaccine."

A post-World War II government report released in 1947 first confirmed adenoviruses were the cause of a large number of respiratory and other illnesses experienced by wartime military recruits.

Documents revealed 10 to 12 percent of all military recruits have come down with adenovirus-related illnesses since 1999, when the military ran out of an old vaccine that had been given to recruits since 1971. That percentage range is similar to that experienced during prevaccine days.

The old vaccine was dropped by the military during the 1990s, Dr. Winkenwerder said. That action "was an error" and resulted partly from a study that indicated the military no longer needed the vaccine, which had been dispensed to recruits in two-pill doses, he said.

In fiscal 1999, DOD officials recognized that the adenovirus vaccine was needed and provided funding to re-establish production for the next fiscal year; however, under previous scheduling, the new vaccine was not slated to become available until 2009.

Dr. Winkenwerder said he directed the accelerated development of the new vaccine after learning of the resurgence of the virus at military basic training.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

AETC commander discusses top issues

By Senior Airman Susan Stout
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – In a wide-ranging interview at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., recently, the commander of Air Education and Training Command spoke on several issues including sexual assault policy and the importance of training.

"Our first effort is to prevent sexual assaults," said Gen. Donald Cook, AETC commander. "Any assault by an Air Force member against another Air Force member destroys the cohesive team we must have to sustain operations at every level of the force."

The other important aspect of the sexual assault issue is training people what to do once a sexual assault occurs.

"We must provide immediate support for the victim to ensure they know reporting the assault is the correct action," he said. "Sexual assault is a crime and perpetrators will be prosecuted and punished."

General Cook's comments are echoed by Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of the Defense Department's new Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

"It is imperative that everyone from the unit commander to the most junior member of an organization understand that they have a role in preventing sexual assaults, in responding to sexual assaults and in supporting the victim's recovery," she said in a recent Armed Forces Press Service interview.

One avenue sexual assault victims have used in the past is off-base crisis centers, which is why bases have established good working relationships with them. A good relationship with the local community crisis center is a must because many victims will seek

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Air Education and Training Command commander

their support, General Cook said. The command has learned in recent months that without a continuing dialogue, commanders don't know what's happening to their troops.

Another area of concern for the AETC commander is ensuring deploying Airmen are well trained and well prepared for each tasking.

"No matter where you go for a deployment, whether it is for an exercise, the (area of responsibility) or Southwest Asia, there are some inherent risks," General Cook said. "It is our responsibility to make sure our troops are prepared." Crucial to that preparation is physical fitness. Remote deployments and long working hours are two factors requiring a higher fitness standard, he said.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

Airfest

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presents a reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, complete with sound effects and explosions, officials said.

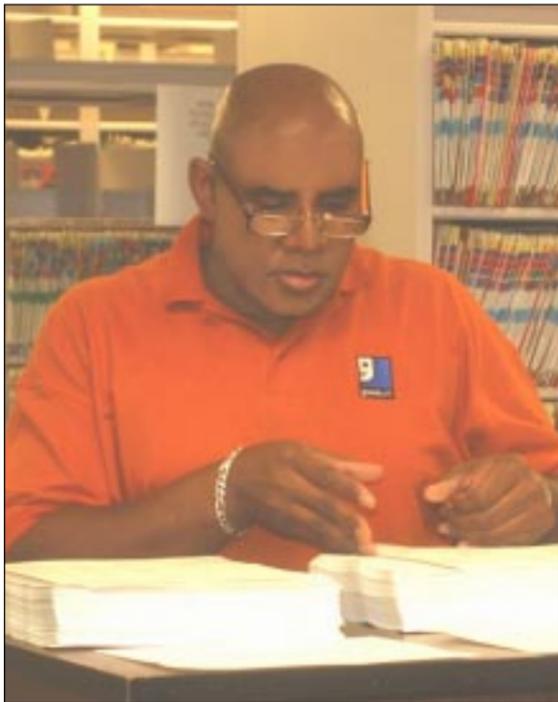
Other performers include the Trojan Phlyers T-28 team, Otto the Helicopter and a number of vintage World War II Warbirds. On the ground, the Air Force Reserve jet car and Shockwave jet truck will speed down the runway at high speed.

The event also features about 50 aircraft static displays to give visitors an up-close look at many of today's military aircraft. Booths will offer everything from food and drinks to souvenirs and entertainment at the air show, expected to draw more than 200,000 people over the two-day event.

With security being Lackland's number one priority during the Airfest, officials said visitors will be prohibited from bringing concealed weapons, ice chests, backpacks, large bags, alcohol, skates, skateboards, rollerblades and pets, with the exception of certified medical aid dogs, into the Airfest grounds. Anyone carrying these items will be asked to return them to their vehicle.

For more information on the Lackland Airfest go to the Web at www.lackland.af.mil/airshow or call (210) 671-SHOW.

Observance honors disabled men, women



Goodwill Industries employee Jerry Larry examines documents ready for filing in one of the Air Force Personnel Center's massive records vaults. Mr. Larry is employed under a contract designed to hire people with disabilities. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

As the nation joins together this month to celebrate disability awareness, Randolph men and women are encouraged to honor the more than 150 disabled employees who work here on base.

According to Carlos Hernandez, director of operations at the Training, Rehabilitation and Development Institute, there are more than 400 disabled people working at various locations in the Southwest for the Air Force, Army, federal government and state of Texas, including the 42 men and women who work here on base at the Rendezvous Dining Facility.

"We employed (the disabled men and women who work at the dining facility) under a contract with the Air Force three years ago and they have all done very well," Mr. Hernandez said.

Another base organization that benefits from the work of disabled employees is the Air Force Personnel Center, said Ron Rhoden, Goodwill Industries contract manager at AFPC. There are currently 106 people with disabilities working at the center.

"They handle more than 80,000 documents and process records for 2,500 Air Force accessions a month," Mr. Rhoden said. "They do this with three levels of quality control and have an excellent reputation."

This means the records of every person who enters or leaves the Air Force is reviewed for accuracy and completeness by

people working under this Goodwill Industries contract, Mr. Rhoden explained.

"They also handle the records of all Air Force civilian employees worldwide," he added.

On July 1, the Goodwill Industries contract was expanded so they now also manage all 1,500 forms used at AFPC, all awards and decorations, all Freedom of Information Act requests and all mail entering the center, Mr. Rhoden continued.

"Just in case people don't appreciate how this affects them, they should realize that every promotion folder, officer and enlisted, also passes through the hands of our people," he said. "Their record for accuracy is outstanding."

According to federal records, about 42,000 people with disabilities are employed in various government jobs nationwide. A series of congressional acts, dating back to 1938, set up procedures for hiring and managing this part of the work force. Known today as the Javits-Wagner-O'Day legislation, the program requires priority be given on government contracts to work and products of groups that employ people with disabilities when the nature of the work warrants it.

"The important thing is that under the JWOD contracts, often people are employed who otherwise could be on various assistance programs," said Linda Bligh, chief of human resources at AFPC. "Under these contracts, they develop job skills and they work their way off the unemployment rolls. That's a win-win situation for everybody."

LOWER SEGUIN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The first phase of reconstruction of Lower Seguin Road is in progress. This phase includes the closing of Woman Hollering Creek Bridge with access from FM 1518 blocked. This phase of the project should be complete this fall. The South Gate remains accessible by way of Loop 1604.

GATE HOURS DURING HARMON DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

MAIN GATE/HARMON DRIVE

- Monday through Friday two lanes inbound from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Monday through Friday two lanes outbound from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed all other times including weekends, holidays and family days

SOUTH GATE (Two-way traffic)

- Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed weekends and holidays

EAST GATE (Two-way traffic)

- Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

WEST GATE (Two-way traffic)

- 24-hour operations, seven days a week
- Commercial vehicle entrance

HIGH SCHOOL GATE

- Closed

PUBLIC NOTICE

Joint Commission conducts accreditation survey of 12th MDG

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 12th Medical Group Wednesday through Oct. 22.

The purpose of the survey is to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether accreditation should be awarded to the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided.

Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representative at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.

Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interviews. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Accreditation Service Specialists
Joint Commission on Accreditation
of Healthcare Organizations

One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

Sands of Time

Middle school students learn about archeology

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Armed with shovels, clipboards and plenty of sand, Randolph Middle School sixth graders recently completed an archeological dig, learning about ancient civilizations in their social studies class.

Teacher Diane Hogan's classes spent several days studying the past using research and computer technology.

After spending several hours doing classroom research on computers, the students got to dig in to the hands-on part of their project.

"The students combed sandboxes for evidence of cultures that have led to the way we live today," said Ms. Hogan.

"During the project they divided into four groups and were sent to separate four-meter square sandboxes where I had buried 'artifacts.'"

One sandbox contained items representative of the Mayan culture, one of the Chinese civilization, one of the African civilization, and the fourth box contained artifacts from Mesopotamia, said Ms. Hogan.

Mesopotamia was represented by items such as sea shells, broken bits of pottery, a seed necklace and trilobite; the African items included gold beads, bright-colored textile and ebony figurines; Mayan items included obsidian arrowheads, rubber, colored cloth, fish heads, turtle shells and pottery; and China was represented by items such as porcelain, jade and chopsticks.

"The ultimate goal of the students was to determine which civilization they had uncovered, using what they learned from computer research and reports they had written," said Ms. Hogan. "Projects such as this create an interest for learning in the students, and they enjoy the activities."

Mack Blount, one of Ms. Hogan's students, said he learned a lot from the project.

"It was interesting to do the research and learn about ancient cultures, especially a culture so different from America," said Mack. "It was a lot of fun!"

This was the third Randolph Middle School archeological dig that has taken place.

Roche, Jumper 'wear test' aircraft

Air Force leaders finalize plans to purchase CV-22s

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. — The Air Force's top two leaders got up close and personal Oct. 8 with what may become the service's latest special operations asset.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper flew in a Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey. General Jumper served as pilot of one craft, and Secretary Roche as a passenger in another. Air Force officials plan to purchase as many as 50 CV-22s, a variation of the Marine Corps MV-22.

Secretary Roche said the service already has plans for the aircraft within the special operation community. Officials are looking for applications in search and rescue operations and are open to potential applications elsewhere.

"This plane can do things we never could do before, like give advantages to our Air Force special operations folks for infiltration or exfiltration," Secretary Roche said. "We are also going to take a look at this plane as a long-range combat search and rescue asset."

The secretary said the performance of the aircraft — its speed and relative quietness compared to a helicopter — opens up all kinds of possibilities for potential application in the Air Force.

"We see new concepts of operations because we can have our folks get in very close without tipping off (the enemy) with the noise — you don't have the advance sound you get from a regular helicopter," Secretary Roche said. "It leads you to think of things you can do that might have been difficult in the past."

The V-22 is a "tilt-rotor" aircraft designed by Boeing with partner Bell Helicopter Textron. When turned toward the sky the two wing-mounted rotors on the craft allow for a



A Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey lands at Hurlburt Field, Fla., April 2 on its way to an airshow at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Air Force Special Operations Command is expected to get 50 CV-22s, an Air Force-modified version of the MV-22, starting November 2006. Designed to conduct long-range missions, the tilt-rotor aircraft offers increased speed and range over other rotary-wing aircraft. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Davis)

vertical takeoff like a helicopter. When turned forward, the craft flies as an airplane. The aircraft is capable of switching between the modes at any time.

Army Gen. Bryan D. Brown, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, also flew aboard one of the craft, though he did not land with the plane. Instead, the general jumped out of the back with a team of special operations parachutists.

"It was a great jump," General Brown said. "This is the first time I have been in the V-22, and it is a very impressive aircraft with great performance. It will be valuable in the special operations community. We look forward to getting it."

General Brown said the speed of the V-22, compared to that of a traditional helicopter, is a primary benefit of the craft.

"I flew helicopters in Vietnam, and we flew at 90 knots," he said. "I flew helicopters in [Operation] Desert Storm, and we flew at 120 knots. In over 20 years, we gained only

30 knots. (The V-22) changed that dramatically. We were cruising around today at over 240 knots. That gives us a lot of range and reduces our requirements for logistics and for tankers."

The general also said he felt it was important for him to get firsthand experience with the airplane so he could let those in his command know how important the aircraft will be to the special operations community.

"It's important I was able to get out and see this for myself, to fly in it and to have it demonstrated to me," the general said. "I'll be able to go back and tell our folks just exactly how well the program is going, how well the testing is going and what great performance we get out of the aircraft. I hope this says that we think this is an important piece of equipment for the future of special operations."

The V-22 Osprey program is a joint venture between the Marine Corps and the Air Force. Secretary Roche told a contingent

of Marines gathered here that he was pleased with the work they have done to move the V-22 program forward. He also said he was impressed with the joint effort between Marines and Airmen.

"What you have done in the last two years is really noteworthy," Secretary Roche said. "You have taken a program people thought was a dead duck and turned it into something that is causing us to think of new (concepts of operations.) This is a Marine Corps aircraft, under the Department of the Navy, with a program manager who is an Air Force officer and crews that are mixed between Air Force and Marines — on behalf of a lot of us in the Air Force, our compliments to this Air Force and Marines team."

The CV-22 will replace the MH-53J Pave Low helicopter and augment the MC-130 fleet in special operations missions. The purchase date of the 50 CV-22's has not been determined.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Continue serving

Junior ROTC expands, seeks retirees to teach at new units

By Master Sgt. Ralph Bitter
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Airmen planning to retire in the next year or two may want to look to Junior ROTC before storing their uniforms, according to Jo Alice Talley, Air Force Junior ROTC Instructor Management chief.

Airmen who retired within the past five years may also want to give Junior ROTC a look.

Air Force Junior ROTC will add 201 units by academic year 2007, creating a need for an additional 402 aerospace science instructors to teach in high school classrooms across the country and overseas, Ms. Talley said.

"The mission of the (Junior ROTC) program is to build better citizens for America," Ms. Talley said. "Many instructors find their relationships with the students, schools and communities the most satisfying aspect of the job."

In early 2005, 50 Air Force Junior ROTC units will open and will need at least 100 new instructors for the 2005-2006 school year. In early 2006 and 2007, another 75 and 76 units, respectively, will open.

People from all career fields are needed, said Col. H. B. McCarraher III, Air Force Junior ROTC director.

"It doesn't matter what background the person had in the Air Force," he said. "The leadership skills, customs and courtesies, academic background, and professional military education are all excellent preparations for becoming a leader (and) role model in the Air Force Junior ROTC classroom."

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The Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, recently added Air Force Junior ROTC teaching opportunities to the Transition Assistance Program's mandatory pre-retirement counseling to get the word out to people scheduled to retire.

Teaching in the Junior ROTC program is a satisfying experience, said retired Maj. Barbara Marshall-Coleman, the senior aerospace science instructor at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery, Ala. The major said she especially enjoys preparing sophomores for their junior and senior years.

"Having students come to visit years later as officers and NCOs tells me that we are having a positive effect on the

students we teach," Major Marshall-Coleman said.

Senior Master Sgt. Jodell Dunlap, who is beginning her second month as an assistant aerospace instructor at Lee, said she enjoys watching students advance in the program.

"They are very different from what they were (at the beginning of the school year)," she said. "Junior ROTC gives them a secure place to have the freedom to learn and grow."

Air Force officer or enlisted members who retired from active duty within the past five years or less and who have at least 20 years of service may apply, Ms. Talley said. Active-duty members may apply when they are within six months of their retirement date. In some instances, the five-year date of retirement can be waived for up to 10 years. Waiver consideration is based on the needs of the program and applicant qualifications.

Instructors wear the Air Force uniform and are expected to maintain appearance standards. In addition, they receive, as a minimum, a salary equal to the difference between their retired pay and their active-duty pay and allowances.

For more information, call the Air Force Junior ROTC Division toll free at 866-235-7682, Ext. 35275 or 35300. The DSN number is 493-5275 or 5300.

Perspective applicants can also write: HQ AFOATS/JRI, 551 E. Maxwell Blvd, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6106; or visit their Web site at www.afoats.af.mil and then select the AFJROTC link.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Successful Parenting

FSC offers workshop on base

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The family support center offers a free parenting workshop for moms and dads of children age 4 and below as well as for expectant parents.

The Precious Minds Parenting Initiative workshop takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays Nov. 1-17 from 4-6 p.m. at the child development center annex, Building 734.

The topic discussions include: common patterns of growth and behavior in young children, making connections with your baby, supporting development from birth to 18 months and from 18 months to 3 years old, supporting learning through play, and promoting positive behavior in young children.

"The workshop is a great outlet for parents of children who just turned 4 years old, and younger," said Chris Morrow, family life education consultant at the FSC. "During the course, they can learn new parenting skills, learn about their child's behavior and make connections with other parents."

The classes are ongoing and parents must attend at least 5 of 6 classes to receive a certificate of completion. Free childcare is provided during the workshop at the CDC Annex.

Door prizes are awarded throughout the workshop and all

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attendees receive a free meal.

"I encourage parents who are interested to sign up for these free classes," Ms. Morrow said. "Whether they are seeking help or just want to learn more about children, they are welcome to come and learn right along with other parents."

To reserve a seat or for more information, call Ms. Morrow at 652-5321 by Wednesday.

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☆ Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training began on Randolph as Navy flight officers began training alongside Air Force student navigators. Navy flight officers had been training with Air Force officers since 1976 at Mather Air Force Base, Calif. Now for the first time, a Navy officer would command an Air Force unit. The 562nd Flying Training Squadron commander and deputy commander positions would also be held alternately by Air Force and Navy officers for the first time.

☆ The results of a voluntary survey about how well the Wingspread was being received by base readers was reported. The readership was reported as 55 percent military and 45 percent civilian, which was almost identical to the makeup of the base population. Sixty-nine percent of the respondents reported reading all of the paper each week, but seven percent read less than half. The most read feature of the paper was reported to be the Commander's Action Line.

☆ A Randolph staff sergeant, just days away from retirement, was found guilty in a special court martial of stealing about \$1,500 worth of computer equipment and manuals. He was sentenced to two months confinement, reduced one grade and received a bad conduct discharge, thus eliminating his retirement benefits.

Yards of the Month

The following base members earned Yard of the Month awards for August. Each winner receives a certificate, letter of congratulations, 12th Services Division coupon book worth \$200, a \$25 gift certificate to the base exchange, and a sign for their yard. The runners-up receive a certificate, letter of congratulations and a sign for their yard.

Circle Housing

Winner: Col. Howard and Jean Borst, Electronic Systems Center

Runner-up: Maj. Joseph and Erika Aigner-Varoz, Air Education and Training Command

Duplex

Winner: Senior Master Sgt. Moton and Michelle Hopkins, Jr., Air Force Manpower Agency

Runner-up: Master Sgt. Garry and Catherine SanAntonio, AETC

Townhouse

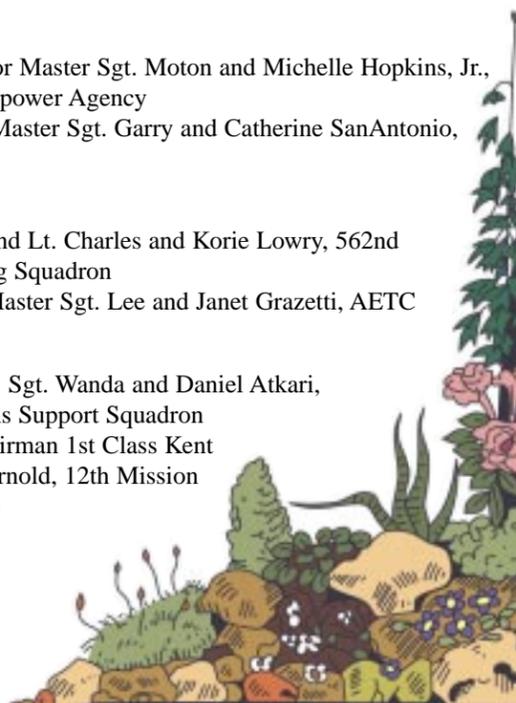
Winner: Second Lt. Charles and Korie Lowry, 562nd Flying Training Squadron

Runner-up: Master Sgt. Lee and Janet Grazetti, AETC

West Wherry

Winner: Tech. Sgt. Wanda and Daniel Atkari, 12th Operations Support Squadron

Runner-up: Airman 1st Class Kent and Meagan Arnold, 12th Mission Support Group



HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

Let your family read or hear about your good news. Fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266 and bring it in to the public affairs office in Building 100.

For more information, call Mike Briggs at 652-2305.



WEE CARE

Randolph Pediatric Clinic serves children from birth to teen years

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Whether it's time for an annual check-up or that pesky fever just won't go away, the Randolph Pediatric Clinic offers a wide range of services for children up to age 16.

"Seeing about 1,500 children per month, we make sure to do all we can to provide the services needed to the patients who come in," said Maj. Felecia Johnson, pediatric clinic flight commander. "From immunizations to physicals, we put the needs of our pediatric patients first."

The pediatric clinic services offered include well-child exams, routine and sports physicals, sick appointments, ADHD appointments, and asthma and allergy check-ups. Immunizations are also offered, to include annual flu shots for children age 6 months and older. Similar services are offered to children enrolled at family care and flight medicine.

Currently, the pediatric clinic has a staff of four, which includes two pediatricians and two pediatrician nurse practitioners. Major Johnson added, the staff is also fortunate to have several specialists who come in periodically to see patients.

"This way, parents and patients do not always have to make the long drive to Wilford Hall if it is a more serious situation," said the major.

An orthopedic surgeon, for example, visits the pediatric clinic twice a week. Other specialists who make visits to the clinic include doctors in endocrinology, urology and cardiology.

Some of the standard clinics and classes provided by the staff include asthma classes offered the first Tuesday of every month; throat culture clinic offered daily with no exam or appointment needed; and a wart clinic held every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. with no appointment needed.

The immunization clinic is held during the normal pediatric clinic hours, and on the last Wednesday of every month before 11:30 a.m.

For after hours questions and concerns, parents can page the on-call provider at 871-4027. Parents can also leave messages with the nurse or pediatric provider during normal duty hours by calling either 652-2543, 945-0411 or 652-3432.

The pediatric clinic does not handle emergency situations. In case of an emergency, parents should take their children to Wilford Hall Medical Center or to Brooke Army Medical Center. The nearest civilian emergency room is Northeast Methodist Hospital off I-35 South at Topperwein.

To possibly spare parents from having to make an unnecessary trip to the clinic or the emergency room, Major Johnson recommends they keep certain items and medications at home.

Some handy items and medicine to have around the house include a bulb syringe for infants, saline nose drops, a thermometer, diaper rash ointment, a children's pain reliever, ice packs, medication syringe, adhesive bandages and antibiotic ointment.

"Of course, if they find that none of the medications or items are helping their child feel better, we will gladly see them at the clinic, or refer them to someone who can better help," added the major.

The pediatric clinic is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It closes the last Wednesday of every month at noon for training, and closes on federal holidays and on 12th Flying Training Wing down days.

For more information, call 652-2543.

Free Child Care Initiative

The Air Force's Extended Duty Child Care program is designed to help parents who are required to work extended duty hours with childcare. Active duty military, reserve or guard members on active duty, Department of Defense civilian employees and DOD contractors assigned to Randolph are eligible for free EDC if their work hours exceed the normal 10 hours per day.

In addition, active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom are offered free EDC in support of their return home.

Written verification of extended duty hours is required from a supervisor or commander. Parents can submit a request for care to the Family Child Care coordinator five days prior to the start of the month and any unscheduled requests can be arranged by phone or e-mail.

EDC cannot be used to meet a parent's regular childcare requirements, provide shift work care when shift work is the typical assignment, provide hourly care for non-duty related reasons or for off-duty education or employment.

The care is limited to no more than 16 hours per child and children must be 12 years of age or younger. The care must also be used within 30 days of return from deployment. While this free child care initiative is for OEF and OIF deployments, members supporting other deployments of 30 days or more may also be considered for this support.

For more information, call Essie Howard at 652-3668.

Bazaar event



Visitors at a previous year's Randolph Officers' Wives Club holiday crafts bazaar look at craft items for sale. The ROWC hosts this year's event Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center at 8101 Pat Booker Road. The event is open to the public for a donation of \$2 at the door, and children under 12 get in free. The event includes state and local vendors with displays of craft items as well as silent auctions and raffle prizes. For more information, call Nancy Mason at 658-2687. (Photo by Nancy Mason)

Intramural Bowling Standings



As of October 4

Team	W	L
AFPC/ESC	32	16
SVS #1	30	18
CS	30	18
AETC/FM	29	19
AFPC TOO	28	20
DFAS	26	22
AFPOA	26	22
CPTS	26	22
SFS	26	22
AFSAT	25	23
AMO #1	25	23
RS	24	24
340 FTG	24	24
AETC/LG	24	24
MED GP	24	24
AETC 900	23	25
AETC/CSS	22	26
JPPSO	22	26
AMO TOO	22	26
LRS	22	26
AFMA	20	28
SVS TOO	20	28
AFSVA	14	34
AETC/DP	12	36

TEAM SCRATCH SERIES

Team	Score
SVS	2860
SVS TOO	2613
JPPSO	2519

TEAM HANDICAP SERIES

Team	Score
AETC/CSS	3413
AFPC TOO	3413
AFSAT	3364

TEAM SCRATCH GAME

Team	Score
RS	963
AFPOA	914
SFS	874

SCRATCH SERIES

Men	Score
Walt Banks	684
Barney Frampton	654
Andy Anderson Jr.	637

Women	Score
Lisa Barker	507
Bobbie Walker	494
Pat Knight	456

SCRATCH GAME

Men	Score
Chris Kidd	238
DeeJay Jefferson	234
Ray Johnson	233
John Stokes, Sr.	233

Women	Score
Lori Trainor	213
Gwen Jones	176
Zee Hoggard	161

Ro-Hawks defeat Bobcats 40-26

By Alan Becker
Wingspread contributor

Although an Air Force high school, the Randolph Ro-Hawks have been dominant on the ground this season in compiling a 5-1 record.

In the team's latest victory Oct. 8 at home, the Ro-Hawks amassed an impressive 450 rushing yards in overcoming a six-point halftime deficit to beat the Comfort High School Bobcats 40-26.

Zach Collins led the charge with 251 yards on 24 carries, including a 77-yard touchdown run late in the game to cap a 20-0 second-half rally.

The victory didn't come easy as the Randolph squad had to battle from behind from the outset.

Bobcats quarterback Luke Roberts threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Auston Marshall for an early 6-0 lead only minutes into the game.

The Ro-Hawks quickly answered with a six-play 67-yard drive, scoring on a 21-yard run by Collins, who also kicked the extra point for a 7-6 lead. Ro-Hawk Chris Woods sprinted up the middle for a 37-yard touchdown a short time later. Collins again kicked another Ro-Hawk point, giving Randolph a 14-6.

Late in the first quarter, Roberts threw another TD pass to Marshall, this one a 36-yard strike, and Comfort tied the game at 14-14 after making the two-point conversion.

Collins ran for another Ro-Hawk touchdown early in the second quarter to give the Ro-Hawks the lead again at 20-14.

The Bobcats answered back with their passing offense late in the quarter.

On a fourth down Ro-Hawks pass interference call, the Bobcats got the ball inside the Ro-Hawks 10-yard line. The Ro-Hawks defense held for three plays, but on fourth down Roberts threw to Terrell Saur for an eight-yard touchdown. With an unsuccessful kick, the teams were tied at 20.

Two plays later, the Bobcats recovered a Ro-Hawk fumble, which led to a 48-yard touchdown run by Roberts and a 26-20 Comfort lead at the half. But that would be all the scoring Comfort would manage for the rest of the night.

After the break, Moton Hopkins, Mike Martin and Kyle Kuhl rallied the Ro-Hawk defense to stop the Bobcats cold.

"The key was our defense in the second half," Collins said. "Coach Mike Kinsey realigned players at halftime and the team responded. This was a hard-fought, tough game."

Woods scored his second touchdown of the game with 6:50 left in the third quarter to begin the Ro-Hawks' comeback, knotting the game at 26.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Ro-Hawks engineered a 12-play, 75-yard drive that ate up seven minutes of the clock. Jace Merrill ran the final 22 yards for a Randolph touchdown. Collins' kick was good with 5:05 remaining, and the Ro-Hawks took the lead for good at 33-26.

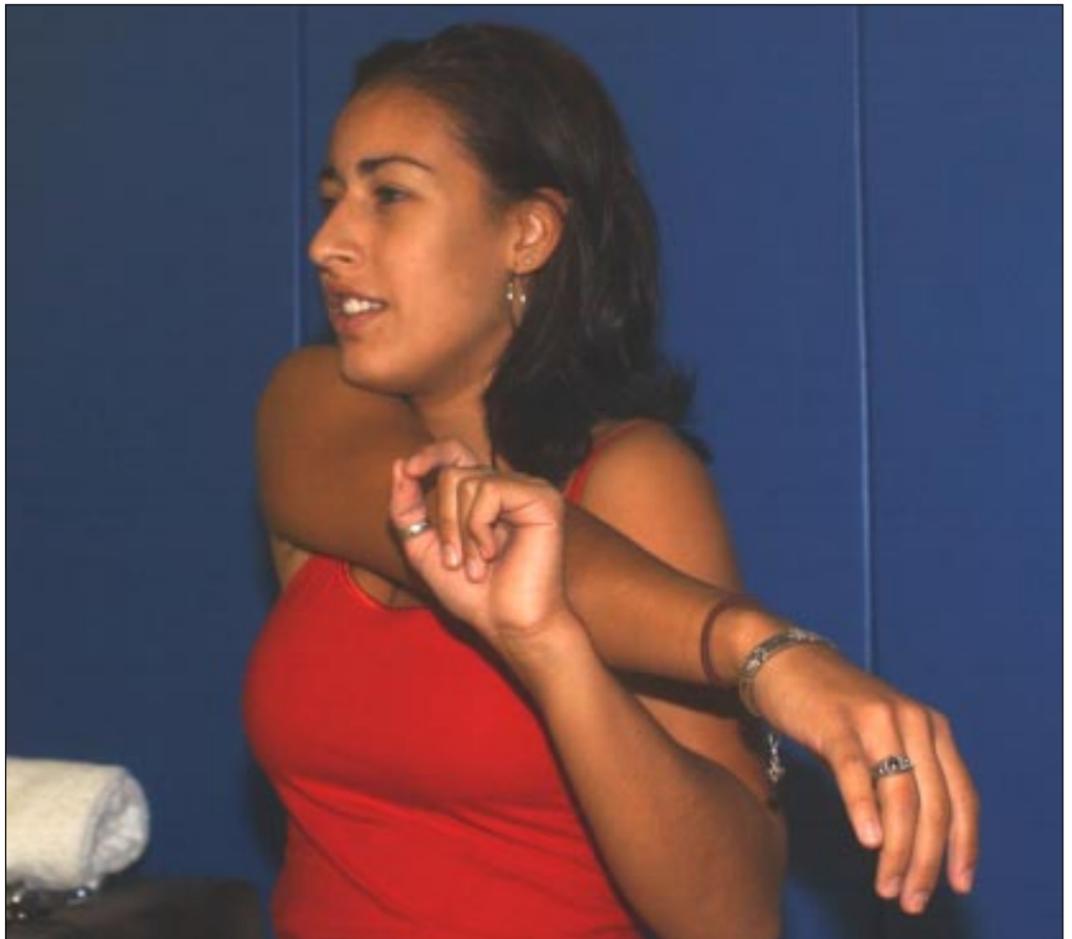
With seconds remaining in the game, Collins closed out the scoring with his 77-yard TD jaunt, followed by the extra point kick.

"We won a tough game against Comfort, but now we need to focus on getting ready for Cole (High School)," said Ro-Hawk Will Drue.

The Ro-Hawks play their military rival from Fort Sam Houston, the Cole Cougars tonight with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. at Randolph's Mickler Field.

Armed for exercise

Jennifer Torres stretches during her usual warm up routine at the base fitness center. Stretching regularly helps minimize the potential for injury during physical activities. It can also enhance sports performance and help prevent injury. Initiating regular flexibility training prevents the body from losing range of motion and allows the body to function better as a whole. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)



SPORTS SHORTS

Wing Sports Day

The fitness center hosts Wing Sports Day Oct. 29. This year's event kicks off at 8 a.m. with a 5K flight line run beginning at base operations.

Wing members can participate in a variety of competitive sports including basketball, golf, tennis, softball, volleyball and racquetball. In addition, various recreational activities will be available to include bowling, table tennis, dodge ball, horseshoes and tug-o-war.

For a complete list of events, times and locations, or to sign up, interested participants should contact their unit's representative.

For more information, call 652-2955.

Aerobic classes available

The fitness center offers a variety of aerobic classes Monday through Friday including step, super step, combo, cardio kick boxing, cycling, body conditioning, sports conditioning and yoga. Classes are held at various times throughout the day.

The fitness center also offers a kick boxing class Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. and a cycling class from 10-11 a.m.

For a complete list of times for weekday classes, stop by the fitness center, or call 652-5316.

Country line dancing class

The fitness center hosts a country line-dance class Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in the aerobics room. The free class is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Pre-registration runs Oct. 25-29.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Self defense class

The fitness center hosts a self defense class Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in racquetball court four. The free class is open to all active duty and base civilians. Children must be at least 14 years old to attend and accompanied by a parent or guardian if age 14 or 15.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Running symposium

The health and wellness center hosts a running symposium for novice and intermediate runners Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. The class is designed to teach runners about training progression, the need for a proper warm-up and cool-down before and after every workout, common running injuries, injury self treatments and how to select the proper running shoe for their foot type.

For more information or to sign up, call 652-2300.

Tobacco cessation class

The health and wellness center offers two tobacco cessation classes Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. During the class, participants learn alternatives to tobacco use and receive either the prescription pill Zyban or the patch at the end of the class to help them quit.

For more information, call 652-2300.

Base jogging program

Base joggers can join the fitness center's jogging program and earn a free t-shirt when they log a certain amount of miles.

A mileage card is maintained at the main desk and every time a jogger travels a certain distance he or she can add that to his or her card. Awards are given for 100 miles, 500 miles, 1,000 miles, 1,500 miles, 2,000 miles and 2,500 miles.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Family golf special

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers a family special Monday through Friday after 6 p.m. Adults can golf for \$2 and children for \$1.

For more information, call 652-4653.