

WINGS SPREAD

Passing the guidon

12th FTW welcomes new commander



Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander, passes the 12th Flying Training Wing's organizational flag with battle streamers to Col. John Hesterman III during the wing change of command ceremony May 28. Colonel Hesterman took the reigns of command from Col. Mark Graper. (Photo by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts)

By 2nd Lt. LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Col. John Hesterman III officially took command of the 12th Flying Training Wing from Col. Mark Graper in a ceremony May 28 in front of base operations.

After accepting command of the wing, the colonel expressed his sincere appreciation to Colonel Graper and the wing for the outstanding welcome he and his family received upon their arrival.

The colonel said he is looking forward to serving alongside the great men and women of Team Randolph and in continuing the outstanding legacy and leadership of the 12th FTW. "Jenni, Sarah and I are delighted to be here at Randolph," Colonel Hesterman said. "We very much look forward to continuing the long tradition of outstanding 12th FTW support to Team Randolph and this great community. I am also looking forward to meeting everyone as I get around the base."

"As I mentioned to the men and women of the wing at the change of command, I expect our folks to take good care of themselves, their families and each other while we stay focused on our mission of producing the world's best navigators, electronic warfare officers and instructor pilots," the new commander added.

Colonel Hesterman grew up in an Air Force family before graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1983. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in Aviation Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the Air University.

He has had a variety of assignments in flying and nonflying operations serving in Germany, Korea and England. He flew in the first wave of Operation Desert Storm, commanded the 494th Fighter Squadron and the 4th Operations Group, and served in the offices of the Air Force chief of staff and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Colonel Hesterman is a command pilot with more than 2,000 flight hours in the F-4D/E, F-16C, F-117A, F-15E, and T-38A.

The colonel comes to Randolph from his assignment as the deputy director for colonel matters, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office, Washington, D.C.

Randolph HAWC earns Air Force recognition

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Health and Wellness Center was honored recently by Air Force Medical Service officials when it was singled out for developing the best Air Force small base health promotion program for 2003.

The HAWC, under the direction of Lt. Col. Dawn Jackson, Aerospace Medicine Flight commander, had previously been selected as the best Air Education and Training Command small base unit in the same category earlier this year.

Pat Aguon, Randolph HAWC director, said that she is thrilled to be a part of such a productive team.

"Good ideas work out only when they are implemented by good people and meet the expectations of satisfied clients – and we have all three here – good ideas, people and customers!"

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor, Jr., Air Force Surgeon General, thanked the members of the Randolph HAWC along with other medical services winners for their

commitment to the nation and devotion to their profession in his congratulations message.

"As Americans and especially as Airmen," General Taylor said, "we face ongoing challenges at home and globally. Your sacrifices enhance our abilities to meet those challenges and I'm proud to serve with you in our medical service."

The HAWC developed programs that range from prenatal and post partum fitness classes, tobacco cessation classes, child nutrition awareness and adult nutrition classes, to fitness for deployment as well as the routine Air Force fitness programs. Daily usage records show that, not counting the ergometry visits, the HAWC had 4,079 clients who participated in HAWC programs during the year, making it one of the busiest elements of the base medical group.

Colonel Jackson summed up the feelings of the entire 12th Medical Group when she said, "The center enhanced our mission readiness and wellness programs because their programs are outcome-focused. The people of the HAWC staff were able to touch all of Team Randolph with their vision to 'Reach Great Heights With Wellness.' I'm very proud of them."



Randolph Health and Wellness Center's Scott Nunnally, Lt. Col. Dawn Jackson and Pat Aguon prepare stress relief packets for distribution to base personnel who are about to deploy to crisis locations worldwide. This program was one of many elements cited in the HAWC's winning of the U.S. Air Force small base health promotion program of the year for 2003. (Photo by Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice)

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training			Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Pilot Instructor Training			562nd FTS			Aircraft Required Flown Annual			
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	Air Force	241 Undergraduate	45	T-1A	2,797	2,889	4,383
99th FTS	4.7	1.0	Navy	62 International	15	T-6A	6,169	6,364	9,103
558th FTS	4.8	-1.0	International	4 EWC Course	0	T-37B	5,197	4,967	7,508
559th FTS	0.4	-1.0	NIFT	65 Fundamentals	0	T-38A	5,786	5,553	5,949
560th FTS	0.2	-0.2				T-38C	457	485	3,612
						T-43A	757	797	1,160

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 sorties since Oct. 1, 2003. The annual numbers are the current fiscal year target.

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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. John Hesterman III
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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'Service before self' holds personal meaning

Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sergent
12th Flying Training Wing command chief

Everyone who wears an Air Force uniform can recite our service's core values (integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do). These values provide the foundation upon which Air Force professionals build successful careers. They also form the basis for success during stressful periods of intense conflict.

During a visit to Lackland, I discussed the core value "service before self" with individuals training to become members of our Security Forces. I asked them if they knew their core values. They did – and they recited these values proudly. But when I asked what "service before self" meant to them, there was silence. In response, I explained what it meant to me.

To me, "service before self" meant leaving my wife, 5-year-old daughter, and 3-year-old son for a year to serve at Kunsan Air Base, Korea. I love my family dearly and being separated from them was heart wrenching. Still, I hugged each closely, told my family I loved them, and left to serve where I was needed. My experience isn't unique – thousands do the

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same each year. Nor is my experience courageous – tens of thousands have given their lives and many more have been seriously injured honoring the core value of "service before self." The one common trait shared by all who serve, is that we did what was asked of us. I trusted that those who make these decisions knew I was needed in Korea.

"The Little Blue Book" defines our Air

Force core values. Reading its pages, you'll learn there are four behaviors associated with "service before self." While all are important, the one behavior that stands out most in my mind involves having faith in the system – not assuming you know better than those above you what should be done. My experience of serving in Korea, away from my family, told me the same thing, but on a much more personal level.

Mark Twain once commented he didn't allow schooling to interfere with his education. He recognized that knowledge derived from a book differs from knowledge gained through experience, although, each is important.

The book (in this case, "The Little Blue Book") provides basic knowledge. After you've gained basic knowledge, your experiences mold this knowledge into a personal message that clarifies how these core values apply to you. Of course, it takes a while to compile a textbook of experiences.

Fortunately, we all work with those who have gone before us (and written their own textbooks). Seek out these individuals – they'll provide the education when you've completed your schooling.

Prescription for life Advice for graduate applies to Airmen

By Lt. Col. William Francis
559th Flying Training Squadron
commander

My oldest son graduates from high school this Saturday and I have been giving much thought to what my wife and I should give him for graduation.

As we contemplated gifts suitable for such an occasion we thought back to what we would have wanted from our parents when we graduated from high school. It did not take us long to realize we could not afford the gifts that came to mind and in the light of this stark reality it became clear that our gift would have to come in the form of advice for the rest of his life.

This decision made, we had to decide what advice to give; we want most for our son to make a difference in the world and

to be satisfied with his efforts during the time he has been allotted. The target of our advice decided, we set off to identify the principle elements of life, whittle them down into their simplest form, and then prescribe for him how to most simply handle these principles in order to make a difference in the world and achieve satisfaction.

When we finished, I realized these principles could apply to Airmen as well and so we humbly offer our prescription for life to our son and interested Airmen:

1) Choose one difference-making goal for life that you will be satisfied with; write it down where you can see it everyday; you are on a mission.

2) Make choices in light of your goal; when faced with decisions, list all possible courses of action and choose the course

which best supports your goal; you are a sum of your decisions.

3) Seek advice and counsel from trusted/proven sources; use it to develop your courses of action; you are not alone.

4) Prioritize your time every day to focus on the goal; time is your most valuable asset; time is your most valuable gift; you are on the clock.

5) Identify your unique talents and skills, use them in pursuit of your goal; you are one of a kind.

6) Always treat others as you would desire to be treated; you will get as you have given.

7) Understand the only things you have total control over are the words of your mouth and the works of your hands; you

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Congratulations Retirees

Today
Lt. Col. Ronald Schaefer
Air Force Security
Assistance Training Squadron

Senior Master Sgt.
Dorothy Stuart
Air Education and
Training Command

Tuesday
Rudy Canales
12th Logistics Readiness
Squadron

Thursday
Col. Kenneth Belongia
19th Air Force

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Captain finds grass is greener this side of fence

By Capt. Shannon Smith
14th Security Forces Squadron commander

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – I got a call recently from the deployment manager at Air Education and Training Command Security Forces, a person I've become well acquainted with during my brief tenure as a squadron commander.

He asked me if my unit could "step up to the plate" and support yet another out-of-cycle deployment tasking.

Such is life in today's operational Air Force. Many Airmen in my unit have deployed four or five times, and that's just during their first term of enlistment. These deployments take their toll on individuals, their families and the people at home station who work twice the hours just to keep things going in their absence.

All these factors beg the question we all ask ourselves at one point or another: Is the grass greener on the other side?

Three years ago, I received a flier from a very reputable junior military officer recruiting firm. The company specializes in placing officers with four to 10 years of service into top-tier corporate jobs across the country. I'd gotten these fliers before and always tossed them in the trash, but this time I hung onto one because I was starting to get burned out.

I'd recently returned from a remote assignment only to be rewarded with a 14-hour-a-day, six-day-a-week job with

no relief in sight. My wife and I were expecting our first child and were entertaining thoughts of permanently moving closer to home. With all this in mind, I called the number on the flier.

After attending the company's initial presentation, I interviewed and was accepted as a candidate for the corporate placement program. Shortly thereafter, I informed my commander of my intention to separate from active duty.

My military background significantly enhanced my value to corporate America. I'll never forget what one potential employer said to me during an interview. He asked me, "Do you know why we like to hire military people?" In my infinite wisdom, I rattled off several impressive, detailed responses. None were what he was looking for. He simply stated, "Because they show up for work on time."

Never before or since has anyone so completely encapsulated the high caliber of military people with such a brief, yet powerful comment.

Soon after the interview, I accepted a great offer to work for one of America's largest companies. The base salary was significantly higher than my military pay, the medical plan and stock options were first rate, and the location was just a couple hours from home.

After a month or so, I realized I was doing a lot less work than I ever did in the military. The job was everything I dreamed of. But surprisingly, I dreaded going to work every day.

Why, you ask? I found I missed the

camaraderie. I missed the smell of jet fuel. I missed the Air Force song. I missed putting on the uniform. I missed being around people who come together when their backs are against the wall and make extraordinary things happen.

But most importantly, I missed being a part of something larger than myself. I missed being part of the world's greatest air and space force and prayed desperately for the opportunity to return.

As an improving economy enhances the job market and the war on terror gets tougher, you – like me – might find yourself contemplating the merits of life outside the Air Force.

When you do, remember this: You'll never be associated with a finer group of people, nor will you answer a more noble calling than the one to serve your country and protect our way of life. The intense job satisfaction that comes from such an honorable pursuit is something I didn't truly appreciate until I stepped away from the military.

Fortunately, the Air Force welcomed me back with open arms. Just five months after separating, I returned to active duty with a renewed passion for my profession, the bigger paycheck, great location and fantastic benefits could never spark during my brief stint in corporate America.

For me, the grass is definitely greener on this side of the fence, and this is where I intend to stay for a very long time.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

Prescription

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do not control others; you influence them.

8) Speak the truth; your honor is the one thing no one can take from you, you choose to keep it or to give it away; the choice is yours.

9) Achieving your goal will not be easy; you will make mistakes; but your falls do not count until they outnumber your get-ups by one.

10) Understand that in the end the difference you made will be determined by others and the difference you made to them; you are a servant.

As you grow older, your focus will shift from the present further and further into the future. More of your decisions will carry longer-term implications driving you to spend more time considering when instead of now. This change in focus makes time pass very quickly. Take the time now to focus your time, energy and skills in this prescribed manner and like constant, steady, focused light through a magnifying glass you will burn it up!

While these are the Francis principles, I encourage all Airmen to develop and write down their own prescription for living, it will make a difference! This letter marks the end of our son's high school career and our tour at Randolph. But this is just another chapter in our lives as we continue our journey to achieve our difference-making life goals.

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 Master Sgt. Lee Roberts at 652-4410.

JSUNT graduates honored

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Two Air Force lieutenants and one Navy lieutenant junior grade received special recognition during the Joint Specialized Undergraduate Training graduation ceremony May 28.

Second Lt. William Little received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup and the Ira J. Husik Award while electronic

warfare officer 2nd Lt. Cameron Barnes received the Jack Donovan Award and the 563rd EWO Academic Excellence Award.

Lt. j.g. Adam Huckaby earned the Alden C. Markey Award and the 562nd Academic Excellence Award.

Members of the graduating class received navigator, naval flight officer and EWO training in the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons.



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Excellence Award

12th Civil Engineer Squadron inactivated

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Civil Engineer Squadron was formally inactivated Thursday in a special ceremony that transformed the unit into the 12th Civil Engineer Division under the 12th Mission Support Group.

This change is the last step in applying the strategic sourcing study that was initiated three years ago. The effect of this change is to civilianize most of the civil engineering functions on base.

The only element within the division to remain unchanged in the process is the base fire department where the staff continues to be about half military and half civilian.

During the ceremony, Col. Greg Patterson, 12th MSG commander, assured base members that the transformation should be transparent to them.

"All the functions now done by the 12th Civil Engineer Squadron will continue to be done, just under civilian management and with a 14 percent reduction in manpower," he said.

"But our customers' expectations remain the same," the colonel added.

One change connected with the strategic sourcing process that Randolph members already experienced was when the self help store converted from one of issuing equipment for on-base work projects to a system of vouchers. Under that program, on-base residents received vouchers to "spend" at the base exchange for equipment to do property maintenance. The change resulted in reduced manpower requirements for the function.

Lt. Col. Robert Fant, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, before it was inactivated, pointed out that this is the fourth time the unit has been inactivated, so transformation is nothing new to the civil engineering world.

"The squadron was inactivated after the Korean and the Vietnam Wars, but both of those changes were the result of post-war phase-downs," the colonel said. "Then there was the decade in the 80's when all military civil engineering functions in the San Antonio area were experimentally managed

under one civilian agency."

"This time the change is really about transformation," Colonel Fant said. "That means the way we do business is different. The mission is the same. The tasks are the same. Only the management is different, and Randolph has some unique management challenges. Most of the base is structurally a national historic landmark but the mission is to train aircrews for some of the most advanced aviation systems in the Air Force. That makes for some very interesting contrasts and challenges," he said.

Bruce Nadler, chief of the new 12th Civil Engineer Division, has been here for five years. He has a Master's degree in engineering management and is a retired Air force civil engineer officer.

"There is some really neat stuff here on Randolph," he said. "Much of the basic infrastructure – things like water and sewer lines, electrical wiring and streets – are more than 70 years old. Piece by piece, we are replacing and upgrading these components. The project of rebuilding Harmon Drive is just one of those projects," he said.

"Even though the base was built with the latest, state-of-the-art engineering for 1929," Mr. Nadler said, "there are many parts of the base that can no longer just be repaired. Now they have to be replaced. That's why Building 905 is being rebuilt from the inside out and Building 66, where the Airman Leadership School is located, was restored to its 1930's appearance. Now we are starting to look at how to rework the 'Taj Mahal.' That will be a most interesting challenge."

Mr. Nadler added that "these projects all take time and require that we all put up with some inconvenience. But the end result is that the historic trust we hold is honored and modern utility is enhanced. That's our goal."

"I have no doubt that Bruce Nadler and the men and women of the 12th Civil Engineer Division will be able to keep Randolph as the showplace of the Air Force," Colonel Fant said as he concluded his remarks during the formal inactivation ceremony. The colonel leaves for Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., later this month, where he becomes the 357th Mission Support Group deputy commander.

GWOT Expeditionary Medal authorized for wear



(Above left) The front of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal features a shield adapted from the Great Seal of the United States. (Above right) The back includes the eagle, serpent and swords from the medal's front-side design along with the inscription "War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal." (U.S. Air Force photo)

The Air Force has authorized wear of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal approved by President George W. Bush last year.

The Department of Defense campaign medal applies to active-duty, Reserve and Guard personnel deployed abroad on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The criterion is pretty clear, so members who believe they are eligible can begin wearing it," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, Air Force Personnel Center Recognition Programs Branch superintendent.

To qualify, an individual must have been assigned or attached to a unit in OEF/OIF and served 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in one of the following specific geographic areas: Afghanistan,

Bahrain, Bulgaria (Bourgas), Crete, Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania (Constanta), Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey (east of 35 degrees east latitude), Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen, that portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude, Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, that portion of the Mediterranean Sea east of 28 degrees east longitude, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz, and the Suez Canal.

The medal is only awarded once, regardless of how many times an

individual returns to serve in OEF or OIF. There are no service stars, or other devices authorized. However, battle stars may be authorized for personnel who engaged in actual combat. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the approving authority for battle stars.

The medal follows the Kosovo Campaign medal in precedence and will be issued by the 12th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight when it becomes available. It will also be available through base clothing sales later this year.

For more information, call the 12th MSS Awards and Decorations office at 652-3848 or the Air Force Contact Center at 1-800-616-3775.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Working as one

Future total-force concept aims to increase combat capability

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Active-duty Airmen, guardsmen and reservists working together to support the Air Force mission in a war zone such as Iraq or Afghanistan is not unusual.

However, in a concept being studied at the Air Warfare Center, Airmen from all components will work together supporting the Air Force's RQ/MQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle mission at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The move is the latest by Air Force officials to increase combat effectiveness by leveraging one unit's capabilities off another's. While the overall concept is called future total force, implementation still defies definition, said the Air Force director of strategic planning.

"You can call them blended, integrated, merged, affiliated, associated or even partnered units," said Maj.

Gen. Ronald Bath. "When you say any one of those terms, it means one thing to one person and one thing to another. But whatever you call them, this is about change – looking to the future and transformation."

The partnership at Nellis AFB came about because the base had a shortfall in manning, and the closest pool of guardsmen to the base was in California.

"In order to get those California guardsmen down to help the Nellis AFB shortfall, we had to come up with a creative plan that would build a blended unit," General Bath said. The California Air National Guard Airmen would cross state lines to serve in Nevada.

That plan involved reconciling laws governing the federal government's operation of its military with laws governing the states' operation of their militias. Future total force being considered at Nellis AFB represents one of the three pillars of transformation under the Air Force's transformation flight plan, General Bath said.

"The Air Force identifies transformation as three things: technology, concepts of operation, and changes in organization," he said. "Future total force is a conceptual framework for how to increase combat capability by using active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces in a different way. It is a piece of organizational change."

Another example of transformational organizational change under the future total-force concept is occurring at Robins AFB, Ga.

Less than two years ago, the Air National Guard's 116th Bomb Wing and Air Combat Command's 93rd Air Control Wing merged to form the 116th ACW.

The merger increased the combat effectiveness and organizational efficiency of the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System at the base, the general said. That increase in effectiveness became the push for the Air

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Harmon Drive construction continues

Base officials urge motorists, pedestrians to be vigilant of driving routes, crossing areas

By Capt. Paul Villagran
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

As the construction on Harmon Drive continues throughout the year, base officials ask that, for safety reasons, motorists and pedestrians pay close attention to driving routes and approved crossing areas.

"We are working closely with the contractors to ensure everyone gets through the construction area safely," said Dwight Micklethwait, 12th Civil Engineer Division. "But, the Harmon Drive construction zone is off-limits to joggers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Anyone visiting the job site must wear a hard hat and reflective safety vest."

In an effort to aid traffic flow, contractors have strategically

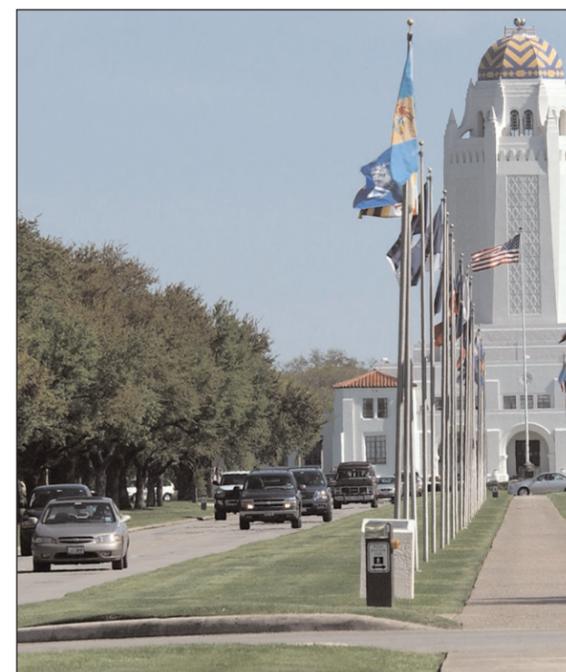
placed traffic signs at locations throughout the construction zone and are manning key points with flagmen to guide vehicular traffic.

"It's very important that motorists obey traffic signs and flagmen," said Mr. Micklethwait. "They are there to help the flow of traffic, but also for your safety."

Base leadership reminds drivers that in order to help minimize traffic congestion at the other gates, the contractor is accommodating inbound and outbound traffic during the designated hours: Monday through Friday, open for inbound traffic from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed from 1 to 3 p.m., open for outbound traffic from 3 to 6 p.m., and closed to all traffic on the weekends.

"Throughout the day the outbound gate is used by the contractor for hauling, but is only open to the public during designated hours," said Mr. Micklethwait.

"There have been instances of people not paying attention to traffic signs or flagmen and putting themselves and others in danger," he added. "We ask that everyone be alert, be cautious and place safety over convenience as we work through this construction."



Motorists depart the base from Harmon Drive before construction began. (Photo by Steve White)

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. The South Gate remains accessible by way of Loop 1604. This phase of the project should be complete this fall.

GATE HOURS DURING HARMON DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

MAIN GATE/HARMON DRIVE

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

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

The battle is on...

Summer safety competition now underway, 12th MSG, 12th MX tied for first place

By Senior Airman
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12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

As Memorial Day events got underway last weekend, so began the 101 Critical Days of Summer and the 12th Flying Training Wing's Battle of the Groups competition.

The contest, now in its third year, is a way for wing units to heighten safety awareness through friendly competition while promoting safety during the summer months and beyond, according to base safety officials.

"We encourage everyone to get involved in this year's Battle of the Groups competition," said Staff Sgt. Richard Fish, 12th FTW safety office NCO in charge of mishap investigations. "It is a fun and creative way to promote mishap prevention and the 'think before you act' attitude throughout the community both on and off duty, which is especially important during the summer."

So far, the 12th Mission Support Group and the 12th Maintenance Directorate are tied for first place with negative four points each. The 12th Communications Squadron

earned the 12th MSG's four reduction points by holding a safety themed barbecue last week and the 12th Quality Assurance Branch earned the 12th MX's four reduction points by performing seatbelt checks last week.

The ultimate goal for each group within the 12th FTW is to get the least amount of points by the end of the competition. Each group is penalized with 1,000 points per reportable mishap, 10,000 per DUI and 1,000 for each member caught not wearing a seatbelt on base.

However, in an effort to reduce group points, unit members can do various safety promotional events as did the 12th CS with its safety barbecue and the 12th MXQ with its seatbelt check to negate some of the points assessed against a group. The grading scale for reduction points is based on innovation and originality, the number of members involved and the amount of time put into the event.

At the end of the summer a trophy is awarded to the group with the least amount of points. The former 12th Logistics Group is last year's winner.

For more information, call the 12th FTW safety office at 652-1842.

Total-force

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Force to look for new ways to apply the future total-force concept.

"The Robins issue became the catalyst for coming up with new ideas," General Bath said. "We needed to come up with new ways to (use) the forces we will still maintain as the iron and missions shift. Now we have a lot of templates we are looking at. Robins and Nellis are just two of them."

One template Air Force officials are looking at is completely new. While all states have Air National Guard units, not all states have active-duty components. There are some places where it may be possible to insert active-duty people into what had been exclusively a guardsman's world, General Bath said.

"This would involve moving active-duty people to a Guard location and having them live (in) the community, and blend into the community, as opposed to having the big base infrastructure we are used to," General Bath said.

"Burlington, Vt., is one of the places we have been looking at," he said. "Burlington has an F-16 Fighting Falcon unit with enough ramp and infrastructure capacity for more planes. We are looking at possibly moving active-duty aircrews (and) maintainers to Vermont and having a unit up there that has more airplanes than are just in the Vermont ANG."

Such a plan would involve active-duty families living entirely within the community, without the standard infrastructure provided by an Air Force base, General Bath said. Under one proposal, grocery shopping would be done on the economy, with Airmen using a special "commissary card" to buy groceries and then being reimbursed for the difference.

The integration being considered in Vermont is not entirely farfetched, the general said, just part of the future total-force concept.

"I think that over time, all of this integration will evolve. It is part of an evolutionary process," General Bath said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Air Force officials approve force shaping Phase II

WASHINGTON – As personnel officials review the last remaining applications for retirement or separation under the force-shaping program, a more extensive second phase of the plan has begun.

The new initiatives include expanded waivers for a number of programs including active-duty service commitments and transferring to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program. It also includes a few new ones, most notably the return of the career job reservation program. The CJR program limits re-enlistments into the career force by constraining Air Force specialties for some first-term Airmen, officials said.

In addition, Phase II requires commanders to consider a number of quality-force factors when considering Airmen for retention. Those include correctional custody, referral reports, unfavorable information files, Article 15 action, control roster restrictions, confinement, alcohol-related offenses and financial irresponsibility or mismanagement.

Phase II widens the aperture on the Phase I initiatives, which netted almost 2,500 Airmen approved for retirement, separation or Palace Chase, said Maj. Gen. John Speigel, director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

"Phase II is the next step in our force-shaping program to move us closer to the authorized end strength of 359,700 while rebalancing the skills," he said.

The initial goal of force shaping was to have 16,600 Airmen leave the Air Force, 3,900 officers and 13,700 enlisted. Those numbers are projected to increase to almost 19,000 by Sept. 30, and to 24,000 by Sept. 30, 2005, because of record retention rates.

"Incredibly high retention and a slow recovering economy are the primary factors in the increase of personnel overages," said Col. Mike Hayden, chief of the military policy division at the Pentagon. "Retention rates are at their highest in a decade."

General Speigel said Phase I of the program met its objective.

"Phase I did exactly what it was supposed to do," the general said. "It allowed us to assess the level of interest and recalibrate for Phase II. Our goal is to do this drawdown smartly while rebalancing the force and improving manning in stressed career fields."

Phase II of the program is designed to do just that. For example, Phase I required individuals to have a minimum of 24 months on active duty before applying to Palace

Chase. Phase II dropped the minimum requirement to 12 months. This modification expands the opportunity to another part of the population that might be interested in serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve, Major Keasley said.

Further, the active-duty service commitment following a permanent change of station in Phase I could be waived up to 18 months. Phase II allows for a full waiver of the commitment, officials said.

Those colonels and lieutenant colonels who would like to retire but who do not have the three-years time in grade previously required to do so are also in luck, officials said. Phase II reduces the minimum mandatory time in grade to two years for a limited number of eligible people.

The CJR program has returned for the first time since 1999. It serves a two-fold purpose, Colonel Hayden said, helping draw down the force and balance career field numbers at the same time.

"Now is a good time to use this tool again," Colonel Hayden said. "Airmen in overage career fields, coming up on their first re-enlistment, are offered an opportunity to retrain into a shortage career

field. If they choose not to retrain, they have the opportunity to transfer to Palace Chase, apply for civil service, join the Army or separate."

"In Phase II, we have more flexibility in managing each (career field) by year group than we had in Phase I," General Speigel said. "We will consider applications according to the manning health of the member's specialty by both the year group and the grade or skill level."

Additionally, as part of Phase II, enlisted accessions will drop by about 11,000 to reach authorized end-strength levels by the end of fiscal 2005. Thus, about 24,000 new recruits will join the Air Force rather than 35,000 as originally planned, officials said.

The Military Personnel Flight and Retirement Element are conducting initial force shaping Phase II briefings Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. in Pitsenberger Hall, room 102, now through July 1, for those Airmen who are looking to retire or separate.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Vic Basal at 652-2808 or Tech. Sgt. Jenaro Jackson at 652-3978.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Inspector General System

The Air Force has a well-established complaint program, which allows Airmen to present a complaint at any level in the Inspector General system. The IG office is ready to help quickly and fairly. No person may take action against an Airman because he or she has made a complaint. If an Airman thinks someone has acted against him or her because he or she filed a complaint, that individual should contact the IG office.

Air Force Instruction 90-301 describes the IG Complaint Program, how to register a complaint, and who to contact. Although an Airman may speak to an IG at any level, experience has shown that those best equipped to resolve complaints are commanders and supervisors.

The IG Complaint Program does not cover all areas of possible concern. Airmen can use the chart to the right to determine where to seek help with matters covered by other programs. This is not an all encompassing list, so if an Airman is uncertain about where to seek help, he or she should contact the IG office for guidance.

Building 100 (Taj Mahal), Room 203 Phone: 652-2727
Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline: 652-3665

U.S. AIR FORCE COMPLAINT SYSTEM

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	REFERENCE	POINT OF CONTACT
Civilian Discrimination (Ethnic, Gender, Religion)	AFI 36-1201	12th FTW/CCD
Civilian Employment and Equal Opportunity		12th MSS/DPC
Appeal of an OPR or EPR	AFI 36-2401	12th MSS/DPMPEA
Correction of Military Records	AFI 36-2603	12th MSS/DPMPMS
Military Equal Opportunity and Treatment	AFI 36-2706	12th FTW/ME
Private Indebtedness	AFI 36-2906	Unit commander
Support of Dependents	AFI 36-2908	Unit commander
Administrative Separations (Officer)	AFI 36-3206	12th MSS/DPMARS
Administrative Separations (Enlisted)	AFI 36-3208	12th MSS/DPMARS
Claims against the Government	AFI 51-501	12th FTW/JA
Punishment under the UCMJ	AFI 51-202	12th FTW/JA
Hazardous Working Conditions	AFI 91-302	12th FTW/SE

Honorary commander attends National Security Forum

By Susan Gandy

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A 12th Flying Training Wing honorary commander was one of 150 civic leaders chosen nationwide to attend the Secretary of the Air Force-sponsored National Security Forum at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., last week.

Frances Rushing, president of the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce, joined other community leaders at the 51st Annual NSF May 24 through 28. During the forum, she and other participants engaged in a frank and candid exchange of views on national security matters with Air War College students, allied armed forces, and senior military and civilian leaders. They spent the week exploring many issues that affect the current and future security of the United States.

Ms. Rushing moved to San Antonio in 2000 to accept a job with Clear Channel Entertainment as director of premium seat sales. She was later promoted to general sales manager for live sales in 2002.

In January 2002, Ms. Rushing became the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce chairperson, and currently serves as the chamber's president. She represents ten communities comprised of 350,000 residents.

During her tenure, the chamber has grown substantially, elevating its position in the business community. As a 12th FTW honorary commander, Ms. Rushing has enhanced and cultivated an active alliance between the Metrocom community and Randolph. She worked compassionately to establish good lines of communication and a strong



Frances Rushing, 12th Services Division honorary commander, attends the National Security Forum "icebreaker" at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., with other participants from around the United States May 24. (Courtesy photo)

partnership with the base and is a strong supporter of the base's quarterly and annual awards programs.

"In her position as president of the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce, Frances has worked to enhance and develop a strong partnership between the chamber and Randolph," said Col. Mark Graper, former 12th Flying Training Wing commander. "Because of Frances' influence, leadership and support of the military community she certainly is the kind of individual we wanted to attend the National Security Forum."

As a scrupulous and devoted public servant, Ms. Rushing's community involvement and commitment are

apparent in the numerous and diverse organizations she supports and serves, including the Board of Directors for Northeast YMCA; Site Base Committee with Judson Independent School District; Randolph Field Rotary; Randolph AFB and the Greater San Antonio Chamber.

Ms. Rushing has been an honorary commander since 2001 to the 12th Services Division.

"As a 2001 graduate of AWC I know how dynamic an opportunity attending the National Security Forum truly is and Frances Rushing was the right choice," said George DeCoux, 12th Services Division director. No one has been as energetic and willing to support our military community as she has."

"I can honestly say that the only folks that don't absolutely love her - haven't met her yet."

As part of the NSF, Ms. Rushing had the opportunity to interact with future military leaders and broaden her understanding on national security issues. Some of the speakers who addressed the forum included Gen. John Jumper, U.S. Air Force chief of staff; Peter Teets, under secretary of the Air Force; James Woolsey, former CIA director; and Gen. Peter Pace, Joint Chiefs of Staff vice chairman. In addition to the seminars, Ms. Rushing also received a glimpse into the professional military education system.

In addition, the participants had the opportunity to see aerobatic demonstrations by F-15s, and flyovers by the B-52, P-38, A-10 and F-117. Some of the other air power exhibitions were the AC-130, A-10, C-17, C-21, C-130,

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Program seeks foreign language, area experts

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – People with international skills are becoming more valuable to many organizations, and the Air Force is no exception.

The foreign area officer program develops line officers with certain skills used by the Air Force and Department of Defense in positions where they are needed, said Lt. Col. Mike Nolta, chief of the FAO program.

"DOD (officials) directed all services to develop this program... to develop officers who have international skills in foreign language proficiencies, cultural understanding, regional specialization understanding and some in-country experience," Colonel Nolta said.

This development begins when officers identify self-obtained international skills, the colonel said. Sometimes these skills come from heritage, like growing up speaking the language, or from a combination of college studies and an opportunity to live at an overseas location where those skills were polished.

"The Air Force program relies on these people expressing an interest in applying to the program voluntarily, and then the FAO program takes those who meet some minimum qualifications and tries to give them short-duration training they can do on a primarily permissive (temporary-duty) basis," Colonel Nolta said.

"Last summer, I was scheduled to go to a language immersion program for six weeks in Austria. My entire job was to get immersed in the language and culture, and come out a fluent German speaker."

Capt. Peter Kerr

*Air Force foreign area officer program
European specialist*

This short-duration training comes in many forms, like one-month immersion programs, he said. Other opportunities, such as regional studies seminars, are also available.

"It's designed to be a very flexible program that allows officers to, at a minimum, work on maintaining the skills they already have and ideally improving those skills, as their schedules allow," he said.

These training opportunities are one of many benefits for officers in the program.

"Last summer, I was scheduled to go to a language immersion program for six weeks in Austria," said Capt. Peter Kerr, Air Force public affairs action officer and FAO

European specialist. "My entire job was to get immersed in the language and culture, and come out a fluent German speaker."

German is not the only language Captain Kerr is familiar with. He is fluent in Danish, can manage in Spanish, Italian, Norwegian and Swedish, and has a working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. With a father in the Air Force, Captain Kerr spent nine and a half years in Europe growing up. He found the FAO program almost by accident.

"I stumbled across it on the Internet," the captain said. "It's also been written about on the bottoms of leave and earnings statements and other places; but it's a little-known precious gem in the Air Force if you ask me."

The Air Force profits greatly from this "precious gem," Colonel Nolta said.

"With today's Air Force being expeditionary, it's important that all Air Force officers have a global mindset to learn international skills," the colonel said. "Officers who obtain these skills, in the big scheme of things, really provide more value to the Air Force. Not only are they an expert in a primary career specialty, they also have these very well-developed global skills that can be used to support the expeditionary mission."

For more information, members can log on to the FOA program Web site from a government computer at <https://fao.hq.af.mil/>.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Randolph offers boating safety course

By Jennifer Valentin

Wingspread staff writer

Summer is quickly approaching, and one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities of the season is boating. But before venturing out on a boat this summer, base members should remember safety first.

To help boaters understand the safety rules, outdoor recreation offers boating safety courses.

The courses are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at outdoor recreation, Building 1139 and seven days a week at the Canyon Lake Randolph Recreational Area from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The course is a very important step in being safe this summer on the water," said Jay Whiston, Canyon Lake Randolph Recreation Area Manager. "It is a must that members know water safety before riding in or driving a boat."

During the boating course, students learn about the different types of boat hulls and inboard and outboard engines, how to dock and get underway, the rules to follow while underway, and about accident awareness.

The classes also discuss the effects of vision after being on the water for a long time; the use of jet skis and other water crafts; right-of-way laws; boating responsibilities and safety measures to use around people such as divers, fishermen and skiers.

There is also an 18-question test, which is required to be taken after class participants watch a film on boating safety, said Mr. Whiston. The card students receive upon completion is valid for two years from the issue date.

Anyone who is authorized to use the park, including active duty military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are authorized to take the course.

According to Mr. Whiston, anyone who wants to rent a pontoon boat, ski boat or bass boat from the park must have

take a boating safety course and be in possession of a valid safety course card before renting one.

For more information on the boating safety course or to sign up, call the information, ticket and travel office at 652-3702.



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F-16, F-15, GA-8, KC-135 and T-37.

“Air War College was everything I expected and so much more,” said Ms. Rushing. “It was fascinating to listen to and interact with the seminar group. The AWC students recognize the need for a partnership with the communities they co-exist with, while balancing their responsibility to utilize their funding as efficiently as possible to get the job done.”

“I came away from the AWC with new insights

into issues facing the military as they deal with the ongoing issues of size reduction and consolidation,” she continued. “I also came away with a clear understanding that this war will not go away quickly. Our military indicated one of the most important tools necessary to carry this mission out to a successful end is the support of the American people. It turns out that the one thing the troops need the most can’t be bought.”

“I want to thank the men and women of Randolph and specifically those individuals who played an active role in making this trip possible for me,” Ms. Rushing said. “I have a new sense of gratitude for what our military does to provide a safe, secure environment for the rest of our nation to live in.”

Commander's access channel now showing AFTV News

The Air Force Television News service is playing on the Commander's Access Channel, channel 21 beginning today. Viewers can tune into the news broadcast Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m.

AFTV provides the latest news and information pertaining to the Department of Defense and the Air Force. Air Force Television News is distributed world-wide by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, satellite, cable facilities and commercial stations.

For more information about the Commander's Access Channel or to find out how to post information on the CAC, call the 12th Flying Training Wing public affairs office at 652-5760.

Honoring fallen heroes



(Left) Members of the Randolph Honor Guard present the colors at the 4th Annual Salute to Veterans Parade and Dedication Ceremony Saturday. The event was sponsored by the Live Oak Lions Club and the City of Live Oak. (Above) Col. George Duda, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander and his wife Debi, right, talk with Texas State Senator for District 21 Judith Zaffirini. Colonel Duda served as the keynote speaker and grand marshal of the parade. Randolph and other Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm veterans were honored during the parade. (Photos by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts)

JAGs mobilize to serve deploying Marine reservists

Capt. Marc Banjak
12th Flying Training Wing Legal Office

When 200 deploying Marine reservists needed legal assistance in a hurry, the 12th Flying Training Wing legal office came to the rescue.

Teams of military lawyers and paralegals recently traveled to Camp Mabry in Austin to provide wills, powers of attorney and general legal advice to the deploying Marines and their families.

The effort, in support of the Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, became necessary because of multiple taskings made on the Marines' legal support system.

Because of this, members of the Marine unit were encouraged to visit the Randolph legal office to obtain necessary documents such as wills and powers of attorney. But, because the Marine unit's members were scattered throughout Texas, the 12th FTW attorneys and paralegals also paid a "house call," visiting Camp Mabry during an April unit formation. During this visit, they completed more than 190 powers of attorney.

However, even this effort did not fully meet the Marines'



Capt. Jeremy Emmert, 12th Flying Training Wing legal office, gives a Marine Reservist from Camp Mabry, Texas, legal advice before he deploys. (Courtesy photo)

need for legal services. In May, lawyers and paralegals from 12th FTW teamed up with their counterparts from the Air Force legal offices at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, 311th Human Systems Wing and 67th Information Operations Wing to again trek to Camp Mabry. The American Bar Association also provided three civilian volunteer attorneys from the Austin area to join the effort, as part of its Operation Enduring Legal Assistance for Military Personnel. On this occasion the team – consisting of 10 lawyers and six paralegals – provided wills for 60 additional Marines, as well as 30 powers of attorney. The Army also provided computer equipment to round out the team effort.

Throughout the deployment, families of the deployed Marines continue to rely upon services from the base legal office. Local civilian attorneys are also donating their time to provide advice on family law and other issues.

Park University Graduates

Sixteen Randolph members graduated from Park University during a ceremony May 27 at the Bob Hope Theater on Lackland Air Force Base.

The graduates and their courses of study are:

Gene Brandt
Computer Science
Kelly Burton
Management, Computer Information Systems
Evalisa Chavez
Management, Computer Information Systems
Brian Collins
Management, Finance
Christopher Coverdell
Management, Computer Information Systems
Tresa Dula-Sultan
Management, Human Resources
Christopher Fry
Management, Computer

Information Systems
Daryl Grant
Management, Computer Information Systems
James Mason
Management, Computer Information Systems
Mark Miller
Management, Computer Information Systems
Alica Palomo II
Management, Human Resources
Marlene Riser
Management, Human Resources
Mary Ann Tobias
Management, Computer Information Systems
Ramon Torres-Gonzalez
Management, Computer Information Systems
Mayde Venegas
Management, Marketing
Michael Young
Management, Computer Information Systems

Randolph teen selected for space camp

By Jennifer Valentin
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A Randolph youth is one of approximately 50 teenagers Air Force-wide recently selected to attend the Space Academy in Huntsville, Ala., this summer.

Thirteen year-old Jessica Reinke, daughter of Col. Lloyd Reinke, Air Education and Training Command, attends the camp Aug. 1 through 6.

"I was very excited to get the news," said Jessica. "When my mom called me at school to tell me I was going, I was in shock."

During Jessica's stay at the Space Academy, she will go through astronaut training as she prepares to take a simulated trip to the International Space Station.

Her training includes using the multi-axis trainer, walking in a gravity chair, and using a jet backpack called the Manned Maneuvering Unit.

Trainees also learn how to live aboard the shuttle, sampling space food and learning how to sleep in space, added John Myers, youth center director.

After receiving her mission assignment and undergoing training, Jessica goes through a two-hour space shuttle mission.



Jessica Reinke reads up on space exploration before attending the Space Academy in Huntsville, Ala., later this month. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Trainees and their teammates are divided into three crews: the mission control center crew, space shuttle crew and space station crew.

The mission control students monitor all of the situations and command the mission from the ground while the space shuttle students are trained as pilots, commanders

or mission specialists. The space station students train on all of the operations of the space station, which are life support, crew and equipment support systems.

"The camp is a great experience for those who have the opportunity to attend," said Mr. Myers. "The students get to learn first-hand what space exploration is really like."

Jessica said her interest in space stemmed from her love for technology.

"I think the technology the astronauts use is amazing," she said. "During the camp I hope to learn more about it and how it is used in space travel."

Jessica's mother said she is very excited for her daughter.

"I am very proud of Jessica," said Colonel Reinke. "This is going to be a great experience for her."

Jessica attends school at East Central Independent School District. Her plans for the future are to attend medical school and become a neonatologist.

Started in 1982, the Space Academy focuses on using space and aviation as a basis to educate children ages 9 to 18 in math, science and technology.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.spacecamp.com.

Fun in the Sun

Eberle Park facilities now available for rent

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Whether planning a family picnic or a squadron barbecue, Eberle Park is a great place to host an event.

For \$35, base members can rent the recreational area, which includes a grill house, serving house and pavilions.

"Eberle Park is the perfect place for base families, friends and members to have get-togethers or to simply participate in outdoor activities," said Denny Taylor, 12th Services Division outdoor recreation manager. "We've had people rent out the park for all types of events, including the junior enlisted appreciation day, various unit functions and even birthday parties."

In addition to the cooking and serving areas, the park has picnic tables, children's play equipment, a volleyball court, horseshoe pits and basketball goals.

Members can rent pavilions for \$20, or just the grill house and serving house for \$10 each.

Reservations should be made through the information, tickets and travel office.

Active duty military assigned to Randolph are authorized to make reservations six months in advance. All other eligible personnel, such as retirees or family members may make reservations 30 days in advance.

ITT office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, through September.

Eberle Park is located on East Perimeter Road past the Randolph Hunt and Saddle Club.

"The park is open from sunrise to sundown," said Mr. Taylor. "so come check out all the park has to offer and have a great time."

For more information, call the ITT office at 652-5640.



Members of Air Force Recruiting Service play volleyball at Eberle Park Friday. (Photo by David Terry)

49 YEARS AGO

in the Wingspread

☆ Memorial Day was reported as accident free for Randolph people. No fatal or injury accidents were reported from motoring, sports or recreation.

☆ President Dwight D. Eisenhower nominated Gen. Nathan Twining for a second two-year term as Air Force chief of staff.

☆ The Air Force recently approved a distinctive badge for doctors and dentists. The small silver badge features the caduceus, the serpent-entwined staff of Mercury.

☆ A program to test whether civilian contractor feeding services are more efficient than military kitchen police duty, under way at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. since August 1954, would be continued another year.

☆ A reading laboratory with the latest speed reading training equipment opened at Randolph in Hangar 6. The training device had a motor driven bar that moves down the page of reading material at increasing speeds, forcing the user to read faster. Trainees were reported to have averaged a 250 percent increase in reading speed and a 17 percent increase in comprehension.

AFPC/DPP squeaks by AFAA with 8-7 victory



(Above) Air Force Audit Agency shortstop Pat Harding hustles back onto the field after making a catch. (Below) Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Personnel Program's Kevin Chief runs to catch a fly ball to center field in the first inning of his team's game against the Air Force Audit Agency May 28. (Photos by Steve White)



By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

With two outs in the top of the final inning and bases loaded, Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Personnel Program Management desperately needed a hit! Jason Escobar promptly rescued his team from defeat by lining a single to right center field plating two runs. An untimely error overthrow to first base by the Air Force Audit Agency allowed a third run to score and AFPC took the lead.

The Personnelists' defense held in the bottom of the inning to preserve an 8-7 lead and the team's third extramural softball victory of the season May 28.

"Our team did well," said AFPC/DPP coach Reggie Tinson. "We were missing a lot of our key players tonight, but we still hung in there up until the last minute and hustled both offensively and defensively."

The Personnelists took an early four-run lead at the top of the second after two RBI singles from Thomas Ferguson and Bryan Walling in the first inning and a two RBI double by Escobar early in the second.

But AFPC's bad pitching streak in the bottom of the second quickly closed the four-point gap to two, after the pitcher walked three AFPC hitters, two of which were men, resulting in two runs for the AFAA. (In extramural softball, male hitters who are walked get to

take two bases instead of one, so that pitchers don't try to walk male hitters intentionally to get to female hitters. Batting lineups must rotate men and women evenly).

Ferguson opened the third inning with a home run to left and Corey Blackburn followed with an RBI triple, increasing the lead to 6-3.

By the bottom of the fourth AFAA cut the deficit to one when Lucy Norton hammered a two RBI single to second base, garnering an AFAA lead for the first time in the game.

Both teams were rendered scoreless after Norton's turn at bat, until the top of the sixth when Escobar hit his broken double. AFAA was unable to come back at the bottom of the sixth getting three quick outs.



Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Personnel Program Management's Brian Walling forces out Air Force Audit Agency's Lola Smith at first base.

SPORTS SHORTS

Passport to fitness, health

The fitness center's passport to fitness and health program is now underway.

During the event, participants are given 30 days to visit 32 different "countries" located at the fitness center, complete the fitness and health related task at each location, get a stamp of the country to show they have completed the mission, and return to "America" (the front desk) to get a prize.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Push-up competition

The fitness center hosts a push-up competition from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 14.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Cardiovascular health workshop

The next cardiovascular health workshop is at 11 a.m. June 14 at the health and wellness center.

During the course, participants are given nutrition and exercise information teaching them how to reduce their risk for heart disease as well as undergo a behavior modification session to help exchange an old lifestyle for a healthier one.

Medical providers also explain the effects of high blood pressure.

To sign up or for more information, call 652-2300.

Golf tournament

Fathers and their sons or daughters can now sign up to participate in the father son/daughter golf tournament June 19 at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Tee times are noon to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 652-4570.

Junior golf clinic

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts a junior golf clinic June 21 to 25. Classes run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$60 for children who need clubs and \$30 for those who have their own.

For more information, call 652-4653.

Dog jog

The fitness center hosts a dog jog at 9 a.m. June 26 at Eberle Park. Joggers do not have to have a dog to participate in the 1.5-mile run. All dogs must be on a leash and muzzled, if necessary, at all times. Participants with

dogs must also provide their own pooper-scooper.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Discounted golf

Now through Sept. 30, base golfers receive \$4 off the Randolph Oaks Golf Course regular rates and \$2 off its "twi-lite" rates. Also, those members who have annual fee cards that are good through this timeframe receive a two-month extension on the expiration date (Dec. 31 through Feb. 28) at no extra charge.

The discounts are due to the inconveniences customers may experience during this time due to course renovations.

For more information, call 652-4653.

Aerobic classes available

The fitness center offers a variety of aerobic classes Monday through Friday. Classes begin at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Classes include step/variety, basic step, power step, super step, cardio/sculpt, cardio/step combo, sports conditioning, power yoga and kick boxing.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Fit to fight

In an effort to recognize those Team Randolph members who achieve an "excellent" rating on the Air Force Fitness Test, which is a 90 percent or above, the *Wingspread* has implemented this "Fit to Fight" column, in which the names of these individuals and their unit are featured. Scores are divided into two categories – those who score 100 percent and those who score between a 90 and 99.95 percent.

The following are members who recently earned this benchmark score:

90s and above:
562nd Flying Training Squadron
2nd Lt. Rolly Cooper
2nd Lt. Ulysses Linares
2nd Lt. Dustin Owen

