

# WINGSPREAD

## Randolph Expeditionary Force

### 12th Wing, OG commanders receive orders

Air Education and Training Command recently announced the following 12th Flying Training Wing leadership assignments:

Col. Mark Graper, 12th FTW commander, will become the new Deputy J-3, Air Force Element Headquarters Republic of Korea, U.S. Combined Forces Command, Young San, South Korea.

Col. Margaret Woodward, 12th Operations Group commander, will become the Deputy Director for Colonel Matters, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Replacing Colonel Graper will be Col. John Hesterman III. Colonel Hesterman is currently the Director for Colonel Matters, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Replacing Colonel Woodward, is Col. John Newell III. Colonel Newell is currently the U.S. Air Force Military Aide to the U.S. President, Washington D.C.



Randolph personnel check their mobility gear during a deployment line here Wednesday. The individuals will be deploying to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom later this month. Team Randolph currently has 87 airmen deployed in support of worldwide operations. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

## Randolph SNCO wins command-level award

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Master Sgt. Leon Roberts, 12th Flying Training Wing, was recently selected as the Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Public Affairs Senior NCO for 2003.

Sergeant Roberts won the command-wide, individual award for his work as the superintendent of the 12th FTW PA office, bringing more than ten years of media, community relations and internal information experience to the job.

"Public Affairs is a demanding yet gratifying job," Sergeant Roberts said. "It's especially satisfying when the leaders of my own career field take the time to honor my efforts."

Among his accomplishments during the year, Sergeant Roberts was cited for his contributions to the PA office during the AETC Operational Readiness Inspection, in which the office received an "outstanding" rating.

Capt. Paul Villagran, chief of 12th FTW Public Affairs, said that it was his peers in the office who first identified Sergeant Roberts as the top contributor to their collective effort during the inspection.

"With the many demands constantly coming up from the media and the public, it is essential that the Public Affairs office superintendent be able to manage a mass of information in time-critical situations. Sergeant Roberts proved he could handle the pressures and do it well," said Captain Villagran.

The 19-year Air Force veteran demonstrated his considerable knowledge of dealing with the public during the events surrounding a fatal T-38 accident on Randolph in March. He advised the on-scene commander on how to work



Master Sgt. Leon Roberts, winner of the AETC Outstanding Public Affairs Senior NCO of the Year, reviews an Air Force Television News tape for information related to Randolph Air Force Base. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

with the media and how to balance both Air Force requirements and the public's desire for information.

"Thankfully, this kind of crisis situation does not come up often," said Captain Villagran, "but when it does, the public affairs professionals, like Sergeant Roberts, have to be ready to advise the commander on issues that can affect the entire community."

Sergeant Roberts has also been a valuable asset to the

internal information section of the 12th FTW PA shop, especially with the base newspaper. He has frequently contributed articles for publication in the Randolph Wingspread. Following the highly successful air show on base in November, for which he also played a major role in arranging public relations matters, he wrote the article reporting on the event, took the photos and did the graphic layout for a two-page spread in the base paper.

"Sergeant Roberts definitely has a creative eye when it comes to photography and the layout and design aspects of a newspaper," said Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice, Wingspread editor. "His stories are always something to look forward to."

His wealth of experience came into play when he volunteered for a two-week temporary duty assignment to Laughlin Air Force Base to help in revitalizing their base newspaper. He personally produced two issues of the Border Eagle during that time, while showing its staff how to improve their product, leaving them with a better paper and refocused goals.

"Newspaper work has been my passion for many years," Sergeant Roberts said, "but it can demand time and flexible work schedules that other jobs do not. I can't think of many Air Force career fields that offer so many opportunities to explore new ideas, meet so many interesting people, and be creative. I love it!"

"I must give a big thanks to my wife, Michaele, for her love and support," Sergeant Roberts said. "She naturally gets frustrated on occasion with my military requirements, but I couldn't be successful without her."

### 12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday		
Pilot Instructor Training		
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-2.0	-1.0
558th FTS	1.0	0.6
559th FTS	1.0	1.5
560th FTS	-4.8	-2.9

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

Navigator, EWO training		
562nd FTS	563rd FTS	
Air Force	226	Undergraduate 54
Navy	75	International 14
International	1	EWC Course 12
		Fundamentals 0

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.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-1A	1,394	1,408	4,040
T-6A	2,936	3,088	9,103
T-37B	2,657	2,614	7,171
T-38A	2,964	2,938	5,674
T-43A	360	366	1,160

Numbers reflect the required and flown sorties since Oct. 1. The annual numbers are the current fiscal year target.

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**Col. Mark Graper**

12th Flying Training Wing commander

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**Grief counseling leaves concern after suicide**

**Q** I am extremely concerned with the lack of grief counseling Randolph High School provided after the recent suicide of a very popular former student who was working at the youth center. After just speaking to the principal, they are only using the school counselors as needed. I recommend a critical incident stress management team be used as soon as possible.

**A** I understand your concern, after all dealing with the aftermath of a suicide can be a very traumatic experience.

According to our life skills professionals, CISM services were provided to the employees of the youth center. However, from a "clinical" standpoint, utilizing the school counselors to work with students at the high school is the appropriate response for this incident. If additional needs are identified, the critical incident stress team is ready to assist.

Recent studies have shown that

excessive/not well thought out CISM interventions can exacerbate trauma and in fact initiate trauma in those who were not initially traumatized.

In this particular incident, the Randolph Field Independent School District used a blend of two approaches: a blanket counseling for all students and a targeted approach.

Several students were provided individual counseling by three counselors with whom they were familiar. In addition, the school has trained individuals to deal with counseling of its special needs population. All teachers were made aware of the situation and were watching all students carefully. Several parents were also contacted to alert them to the problems their children may be facing in dealing with the situation.

I believe the school principal Bruce Cannon and his staff are to be commended for the manner in which they took charge of this situation and provided what I believe to be appropriate implementation of a plan to help all children, kindergarten through those who have graduated, cope with and make good decisions in the midst of a very difficult situation for all of us.

**Chief of staff offers vision for shaping Air Force**

*(Editor's note: The following article is the latest Air Force Chief of Staff Sight Picture. It may be accessed from the Air Force Web page at www.issues.af.mil.)*

**By Gen. John Jumper**  
Air Force Chief of Staff

Over the last decade, we've seen a dramatic change in our security environment. We reduced our active duty force by nearly 40 percent — from 608,000 to 375,000 — while remaining engaged around the world at levels higher than at any time during the Cold War.

To accommodate the changing world, we have completely transformed our Air Force, from one that dealt with the Soviet and North Korean threats into an agile Air Expeditionary Force, capable of rapidly responding anywhere, with tailored forces ready to deal with any contingency. Our transformation has yielded outstanding results. But, for the past two years, we have exceeded our mandated active duty end strength of 359,000.

Under the President's declaration of a national emergency, our excess numbers are appropriate. While this is a temporary situation fueled by the Global War on Terrorism, we now need a plan to return to the authorized levels.

By the end of 2005, we should reduce the size of our active force by 16,000 people, and we must reshape the force to correct existing skill imbalances and account for a new range of missions in the GWOT.

I know it may not be clear why our active

**Fast facts:**

**Force reshaping tools**

The following are some of the force shaping tools, which will be used to get the Air Force back to its authorized manpower levels and to correct the existing skill imbalances within the service, according to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

- Restricting reenlistment in overage career fields
- Voluntary transfers to the Air Reserve Component
- Shortening service commitments
- Limiting officer continuation for those deferred for promotion
- Commissioning ROTC cadets direct to the ARC
- Limiting reclassification of those eliminated from technical school
- Rolling back separation dates
- Officer and enlisted retraining

duty end strength needs to decrease while we are still heavily engaged around the world. Let me explain how we got to this point and what we are doing to fix it.

As a result of several years of high operations tempo, we were given some

latitude on how quickly we came down to the legal end strength limit of 359,000. We also suffered an unprecedented recruiting problem during the 1990s. Recruiting has traditionally not been a problem for the Air Force, but a robust economy late in the 1990s had us falling short of recruiting goals for the first time since 1979. As a result, we took in thousands of people using skill mix assumptions that are no longer applicable to the demands of the GWOT. We now have several career fields over-manned, while suffering shortages in others. Our task now is to reduce the force while also fixing this skill mix imbalance.

One area that has affected our end strength is Stop Loss — a program we used in 2002 and 2003 to stop people from separating. When Stop Loss was lifted, many of those airmen who intended to separate elected to stay. Other policies associated with the GWOT also influenced our end strength. We swelled the force by implementing programs that brought prior-service members and Air Reserve Component volunteers on active duty to fill known critical skill shortages.

Perhaps the most significant factor affecting our strength was, and still is, retention. Our goal for first term-enlisted retention is 55 percent, but, at the end of fiscal year 03, it was 61 percent. Across the board our retention is up, and for good reason. In addition to an increased sense of patriotism, the tax and pay changes — some implemented for GWOT — really work. Imminent Danger Pay, Hardship Duty Pay,

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**Congratulations Retirees**

**Wednesday**

**Master Sgt. David Hadley**

12th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Retirement announcements should be submitted to the Wingspread office by noon Friday two weeks prior to the desired date of publication. E-mail announcements to [randolph.retiree.messages@randolph.af.mil](mailto:randolph.retiree.messages@randolph.af.mil) or fax them to 652-5412. For more information, call the Wingspread office at 652-5760.

# Honor guard makes lasting impression

By Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Regrettably, it had been a couple of years since I last attended anyone's retirement ceremony, but this one really got my attention.

Why? In two words: honor guard. There I was on a sunny Florida afternoon, occupying a front-row seat, absorbing all things ceremonial, when this very poised and polished group of Tyndall Air Force Base Honor Guard members did their assigned duty. What grabbed me most was the incredible precision of their flag folding ceremony.

In case you haven't had the opportunity to see this performed in a while, this is how it works.

The flag, folded like a triangular cocked hat, is carefully unfolded, then fully and brilliantly displayed with a crisp snap. (This part hit me with an instant case of goose bumps.) Then it is folded, but with the flag detail briefly pausing between individual folds as a narrator details the symbolism of each.

Finally, the lead flag detail member presents the flag to the retiring member, capped off by a dramatically slow salute. (More goose bumps.) It's something no one should miss.

During this particular performance,

every facing movement was performed so precisely I wanted to interrupt the ceremony by jumping up and congratulating every honor guard member — high fives all around, but I convinced myself that would be a bad thing. So I had to just sit there and restrain myself.

Probably key to my peaked appreciation of this honor guard team, and all others across the Air Force, is a simple case of envy. After all, back in my basic training days I was one of those drill-challenged people who often suffered from left-right confusion.

So that pretty much takes me out of the running long before I even considered any honor guard tryout sessions. But if I thought for a minute I could cut it, and look that impressive doing it, I would definitely give it a shot.

I feel these men and women of the honor guard perform a tremendous service and bring a stirring and highly dignified presence to every event they attend. They are true Air Force ambassadors, representing our service with professionalism and skill at various public venues, funerals, sporting events, concerts and other ceremonies. They symbolize all that is great in our service and make me proud I crossed into the blue.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

## Reshaping

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Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Family Separation Allowance and a host of others, plus bonuses we pay to ensure we can retain critical skills, all add up to a very attractive compensation package that turned the tide toward staying in uniform. We are proud of our retention rates and that our people are electing to continue to serve.

To start our reshaping effort, we have set new targets for recruiting, from 37,000 this year to 35,600 in FY05 and 34,500 in FY06. We are also working on fixing our stressed career fields. Where we are short of people for the rotational requirement, we've taken action to direct more of our recruits into the stressed career fields. However, we know we can't replace 5 and 7-levels with people right out of technical school.

Part of our force shaping will have to be done by retraining and shifting experienced people from over-staffed career fields. Many of our airmen are willing to make the shift, and we will encourage retesting and support for waivers to qualify for retraining into critical skills. But in some career fields, our ability to absorb more people is often limited by training facilities and capacity. We will work to unclog any training backlogs. I am dedicated to reducing our stressed career fields and putting in place the right incentives to retain the people we task the most.

In addition to looking at retention, recruiting, and retraining, we are also looking at where our people are — we have airmen serving in jobs outside the Air Force who don't deploy as part of our AEF. Some of these, such as joint positions and some defense agency positions, require uniformed people, and we benefit by having an airman's perspective in those jobs. Others, however, may not require a uniformed person, or a military person at all. These are positions that we are working to legitimately reclaim into our ranks.

Until very recently, we had not made all the manpower cuts we agreed to during the 1990s. We've now made the adjustments in our books — over 13,000 positions eliminated — but we still need to move some of the people. That means we have airmen with advanced training and professional skills filling positions that no longer exist. It's hard for me to argue to the Congress that we don't have enough people when we should be using some of our airmen in other required positions.

All of these efforts will be combined with several additional force shaping tools to get to our authorized manpower levels and to get the right skills in the right places. We will include initiatives such as restricting reenlistment in overage career fields, voluntary transfers to the ARC, shortening service commitments, limiting officer continuation for those deferred for promotion, commissioning ROTC cadets direct to the ARC, limiting reclassification of those eliminated from technical school, rolling back separation dates, and officer and enlisted retraining.

We are out of balance for the contingency world in which we live. I recently returned from the AOR where I met people who had been deployed for more than 200 days. They take great pride in the job they are doing, but we are being unfair to them and their families. If at all possible, our goal is to give every qualified airman who wants to stay in the Air Force the opportunity to do so. In addition, we will use every tool to shape the force we have available to avoid the extreme measures that were used in the early 1990s.

Saddam Hussein buried his airplanes in the sand rather than face your Air Force. That's respect, and you continue to earn it every day. Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and I are proud of you, and are honored to serve with you. We will continue to remain closely engaged on these issues to ensure that we reshape the force into one that is suited for the 21st century while sustaining the standards of excellence and morale that are emblematic of the world's greatest Air Force.

(For a related story, see page 7.)



Airman 1st Class  
Jennifer Cowan



Master Sgt.  
Terrence Williams



1st Lt. Jeremy Taylor



Mark Perfect



Senior Airman  
Joshua Bustos



Staff Sgt. Melissa Ross

# And the winners are...

## Team Randolph fourth quarter winners announced

Nine base members were recognized as Team Randolph's best Tuesday during the quarterly awards luncheon at the enlisted club.

The winners are:

**Junior enlisted member**

**Airman 1st Class Jennifer Cowan,**  
Defense Finance and Accounting Service

**NCO**

**Staff Sgt. Anshawn McNeil,**  
12th Flying Training Wing  
**Senior NCO**  
**Master Sgt. Terrence Williams,**  
Air Education and Training Command  
**Company grade officer**  
**1st Lt. Jeremy Taylor,**  
Air Force Security Assistance Training

**Civilian category 1**

**MaryJane Moreno-Morales,** 12th FTW

**Civilian category 2**

**Mark Perfect,** AFSAT

**Civilian category 3**

**Chester Delsignore,** Headquarters

Air Force Recruiting Service

**Honor guard airman**

**Senior Airman Joshua Bustos,** DFAS

**Honor guard NCO**

**Staff Sgt. Melissa Ross,** AETC

The quarterly awards luncheon recognizes the top performers among the host wing and all base tenant units.

During the luncheon, wing leadership presented trophies to the winners. Each quarterly award winner also received various prizes from local community sponsors.



2nd Lt. Russell Anderson  
C-130  
Dyess AFB, Texas



Ensign Carleton Brown  
P-3  
MCB Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii



2nd Lt. Joshua Cole  
RC-135 (EWO)  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. William Cox Jr.  
C-130H  
Cheyenne, Wyo. ANG



2nd Lt. Jeremy George  
RC-135 (EWO)  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. John Hart  
AC-130U  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



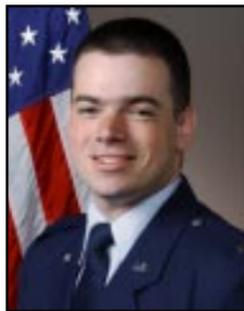
2nd Lt. David Jeltema  
MC-130P  
Eglin AFB, Fla.



Ensign Brian Jindra  
P-3  
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



2nd Lt. John Johnston  
C-130  
Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Richard Koll  
B-52H (EWO)  
Barksdale AFB, La.



Capt. Marc Llacuna  
AC-130U (EWO)  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



Ensign Stuart Marshall  
EP-3  
NAS Rota, Spain



2nd Lt. Rebecca McAbee  
C-130  
Minnesota Air National Guard



2nd Lt. Do McCutcheon  
C-130  
Little Rock AFB, Ark.



Ensign Jason Morris  
P-3  
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



2nd Lt. David Pabst  
B-52H (EWO)  
Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Ryan  
RC-135 (EWO)  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



Ensign Charles Shehadi III  
EP-3  
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



2nd Lt. Jonathan Sirard  
RC-135  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Christina Swiger  
C-130  
Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. David Williams  
E-3  
Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Daniel Willis  
B-52  
Barksdale AFB, La.



# JSUNT graduation set for today

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

Seventeen Air Force and five 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. at the Randolph Officers' Club.

The guest speaker for today's graduation is Navy Capt. Chaunce Mitchell.

Captain Mitchell is the Commodore of Training Wing SIX, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

As the commodore of Training Wing SIX, the captain is responsible for the training and production

of highly qualified, professional navigators, naval flight officers and flight surgeons. Approximately 500 U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and international students train and graduate from the wing annually.

Col. George Duda, 12th Flying Training Wing vice 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.

The awards being presented during the graduation are:

• **Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup Award:** Presented to the most outstanding graduate based on demonstrated

excellence in all phases of training while exhibiting strong qualities of professionalism and leadership.

• **Alden C. Markey Award:** Presented to the top Navy graduate based on performance in all phases of training.

• **Ira J. Husik Award:** Presented to the navigator achieving the highest standard of excellence during the flying phase of training.

• **Jack Donovan Award:** Presented to the top electronic warfare officer graduate who has distinguished himself or herself from his or her peers by outstanding airmanship, academic performance and officership.

In addition, the top academic navigator and EWO graduate is recognized with an award.

## Randolph's newest chiefs, selects



(Above) Randolph's newest chief master sergeants and selects pose for a photo after the Randolph Chiefs' Group induction ceremony and banquet Saturday at the Fort Sam Houston Enlisted Club. A total of 26 senior NCOs were inducted that evening. (Photo by Steve White)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### *Change of command*

The 558th Flying Training Squadron change of command ceremony is at 2 p.m. today in Hanger 4.

Lt. Col. Thomas Goffus will replace Lt. Col. Steven Van Sciver at the helm of the Phantom Knights.

A reception will follow at the officers' club.

### *Voting registration deadline near*

People eligible to vote in Texas and who want to vote in the primary elections on March 9, must be registered no later than close of business Monday.

Registration forms are available in post offices, the county voters' offices, or on some county web sites.

### *Change in parking near Pitsenbarger Hall*

Vehicles parked on 5th Street East, adjacent to Pitsenbarger Hall, Building 399, impair visibility for both pedestrians and motorists, according to safety officials.

Therefore, for safety reasons, the base traffic engineering committee has eliminated parking there.

For more information, call Linda Howlett at 652-1842.

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# 'Force Shaping' means some can leave active duty early

By Maj. John Thomas  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

There's good news for thousands of airmen considering leaving active duty who thought they couldn't because of existing service obligations.

An effort dubbed "force shaping" is opening the exit doors to officers and enlisted in select career fields and year groups by waiving some active duty service commitments previously incurred for events like government-funded education, permanent changes of station and promotion.

Force Shaping includes opportunities to transition to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard; as well as relieving some people of their active duty service commitments.

Rules for leaving active duty early will be the least restrictive for anyone wanting to transfer to the Guard or Reserves through the PALACE CHASE program.

Some bonus payback requirements may also be waived, officials say.

Applications for any of the force-shaping early release programs must be made through local military personnel flights by March 12.

More than 16,000 additional people than are currently projected to leave – 12,700 enlisted and 3,900 officers – will be allowed out to help the service return to the authorized active-duty force size by Sept. 30, 2005. The goal is to get within authorized end strength while avoiding "extreme

measures" that "wreak havoc" with mission and morale, officials say.

## Joining the Guard and Reserve

Active-duty airmen wanting to transfer to the Reserve or Guard will be able to apply for a waiver of an active-duty service commitment regardless of their career field.

"We're a total force, and for our active duty airmen who would like to separate early and still retain a connection to their Air Force, the PALACE CHASE program provides the perfect vehicle to preserve operational capability while reducing active duty end strength," said Maj. Gen. John Speigel, the Air Force's director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

"We're focusing a big part of our efforts there because it keeps the member and their expertise in the total force, while allowing them increased stability and a chance to continue working toward a military retirement," the general said.

## Some applications may not be approved

Due to manning shortages, 29 officer and 38 enlisted specialties will not qualify for many of the waivers. Among those are pilots, navigators, air battle managers, aerial gunners, fuels specialists, nurses and first sergeants.

The complete list of "stressed" career fields that are excluded from many of the waivers is posted at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape>.

"We don't want to break any career fields during our force-shaping efforts or create problems in future years similar to the ones caused by the downsizing in the early 1990s," said General Speigel.

"Approval authority for miscellaneous enlisted separations will rest at the personnel center, to centrally review applications and ensure compliance with manning needs," said Maj. Dawn Keasley, chief of retirement and separation policy at the Air Staff.

## The scope of the program

Examples of efforts to "shape" the force go beyond waivers. They include procedures where those who fail to complete technical schools will only be allowed to leave the Air Force or to reclassify into short-manned career fields. In addition, high-year-of-tenure extensions will only be granted to those in specific shortage career fields or for personal hardship reasons.

## Program highlights include:

- The chance to transfer to the Guard and Reserve for those with at least 24 months time in service, incurring a 2-for-1 service commitment (not less than one year or greater than six years).
- Enlisted waivers of active duty service commitments associated with technical training and bootstrap programs.

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# Junior officers hone professional skills

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Randolph's Company Grade Officer Council has done it again, honing the professional skills of yet another group of junior officers.

In a truly combined effort, the CGOC members came together to develop and run a 40-hour course for junior officers designed to enhance their job performance and strengthen their understanding of professional expectations.

Since its start in 2000, more than 100 young officers have completed the course and there are still more to come.

Capt. David Stanfield, assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center, is one of three spark-plug officers who got the program running in 2000.

"I knew something about a similar course from a previous assignment," Captain Stanfield said, "and my suggestions to start a course here were enthusiastically

supported by senior staff people."

The Air Force Inspector General Brief, July-August 2003 cited the Randolph CGO Council as having a "Best Practice" with their Wing Squadron Officer Course.

"Being recognized by the Air Force IG is no small honor for the council," said Captain Stanfield.

The captain went on to say that the course here was built by local people from the ground up around the concept of giving a young officer the tools he or she needs to run a section or flight.

People with hands-on experience in various areas of base management present briefings during the course on their various areas of responsibility, always tailoring their presentations to how the young officers fit into the picture, Captain Stanfield said.

The course also includes detailed instruction and practical exercises in writing effectiveness reports on officers, enlisted members and civilians.

"The goal is to produce more effective leaders," Captain Stanfield said.

2nd Lt. Angela Jimdar, 12th Services Division and student in the most recent course, said she would recommend the course to any young officer.

"It was awesome," she said, "especially the panels of squadron commanders and senior enlisted people who talked about how they each fit into the larger base mission."

"And the team building exercises were also great in getting us to work together with other officers just as new to their careers as I am," she said.

Lieutenant Jimdar is no new comer to the Air Force, though. She has 10 years of enlisted service behind her and is enthusiastic about what her new career as an officer will have in store.

Lt. Col. Jim Andersen, 12th Contracting Squadron commander and member of the senior leaders panel, put his finger on the concept of leadership during his presentation.

"Set your standards high and lead by example," he said. "Then trust your NCOs and supervisors."



(Above) Capt. Wade Cornelius, left, 2nd Lt. Vincent Heitman, and Capt. Ross Keener build a skyscraper during a timed team-building project at the Randolph Wing Squadron Officer Course. (Below) 2nd Lt. Angela Jimdar joins in the excitement of a team-building exercise to practice actively trusting one's peers. (Photos by Medora Arnaud)

With a dozen officers attending each quarterly course, this course represents a substantial commitment on the part of the base to its young officers, said Col. Daniel Bryan, 12th Operations Group deputy commander.

He wrapped up the week-long course with a free wheeling, hour-long question and answer period, and the students kept the discussion lively with their questions and observations.

In closing the most recent course, Colonel Bryan commented on the changes the new officers will see during their careers.

"This is a time of transition for the Air Force," he said. "There is a new synergism of the military and civilian world that is vitally important to our national well being. That means we all need to understand the dynamics of relations on both sides of the front gate."

The next Wing Squadron Officer Course is scheduled for April.



1st Lt. Amanda Williams and 2nd Lt. Alan Lackey listen attentively during the opening session of the Randolph Wing Squadron Officer Course. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)



# Blood drive to help troops

**By Jennifer Valentin**  
Wingspread staff writer

The Lackland Blood Donor Center is giving Randolph men and women a chance to help deployed troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq who are in need of blood.

Today, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the center is hosting a blood drive in the Randolph Medical Clinic parking lot.

"The blood drive is important because the center relies heavily on donors to provide our blood supply for these troops," said Ernie Astorga, blood donor center

recruiter. "Without donors, we would end up having to buy blood from entities such as the Red Cross."

Currently, the Lackland Blood Donor Center, which is part of the Armed Services Blood program, is the sole agency responsible for getting blood to American troops serving in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

However, donations to the clinic are also used for patients of the Wilford Hall Medical Center and Audie Murphy Veterans Home.

For information on donation restrictions, call Senior Master Sgt. James Smith at 652-2734.

## Force

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- Potential service commitment waivers of up to 18 months for permanent-change-of-station.
- Potential service commitment waivers for officers of up to 24 months for Air Force Institute of Technology doctoral education and education-with-industry.
- Up to a 12-month waiver of intermediate and senior developmental education commitments for officers.
- Possibility of ROTC commissioning directly into the Reserve or Guard.
- Aviator Continuation Pay, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences scholarships, and AFIT fellowship, scholarship and grant commitments will not be waived.

According to officials, force shaping is designed to return the Air Force to its authorized uniformed population, or "end strength," while

shifting some airmen to fill positions in specialties that need more people of their rank.

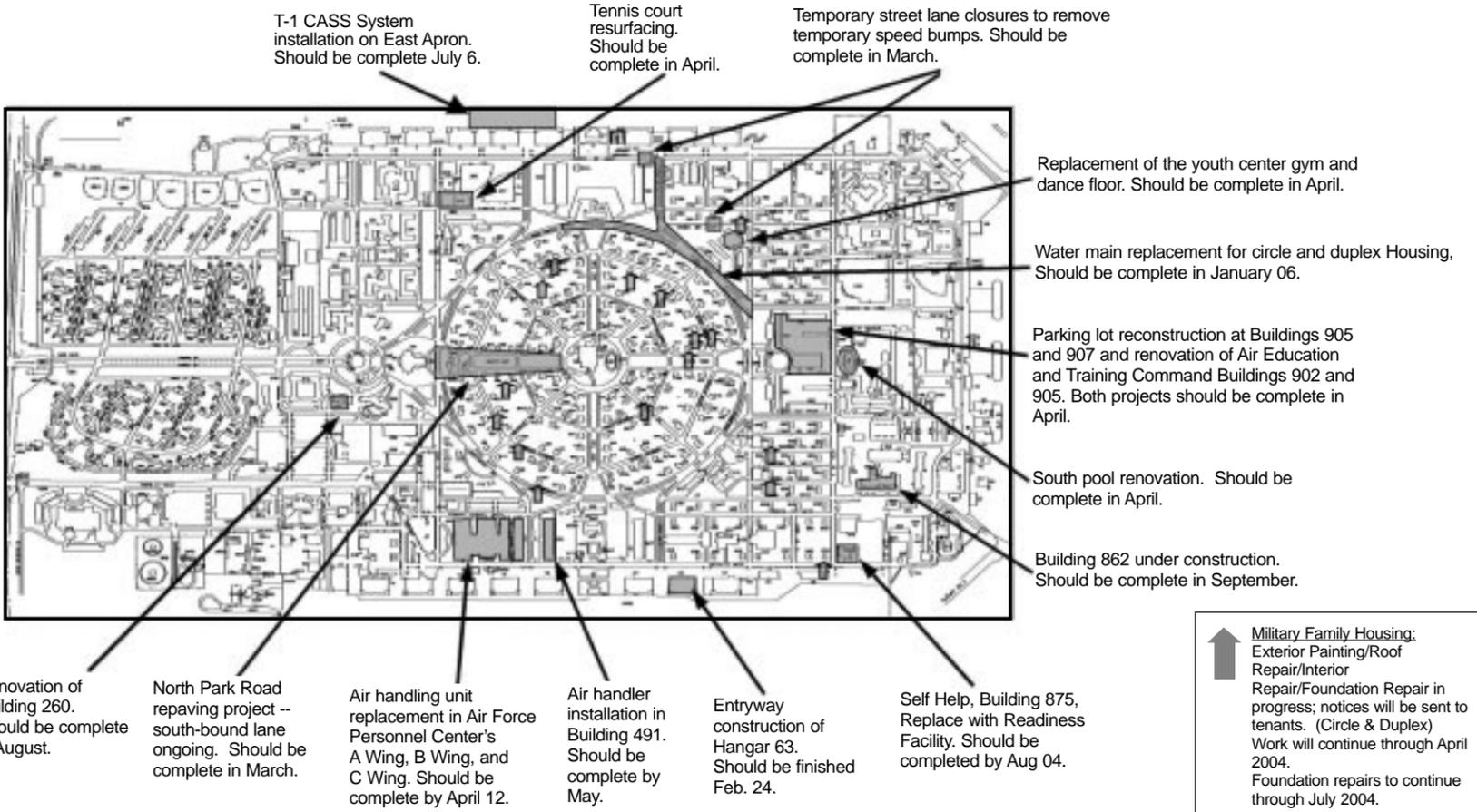
The Air Force brought in thousands of personnel since the late '90s to build up to end strength, with limited consideration for the skill mix, officials say. But more people came into the service and fewer than expected left, leaving the force with more people than are authorized to be on active duty.

To reduce the total number of active-duty people in uniform, the Air Force is continuing efforts like retraining people into careers where they are more needed, outsourcing jobs to private industry, and converting some jobs from military people to Air Force civilian workers. However, these new force shaping tools are being offered because still more needs to be done, officials said.

Details are available from the Randolph career assistance advisor Senior Master Sgt. Barbara Dungan at 652-4590 or call the Air Force Contact Center toll-free at (800) 616-3775.

# CONSTRUCTION

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# 33 base members get CPR certified, ready to teach

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Team Randolph now has 33 new CPR-certified instructors ready to teach classes base-wide to anyone who wants to learn the life-saving procedures.

Each of the new instructors, to include two instructor trainers, was trained and certified by CPR experts from the organization SaraMed last week. They underwent both classroom instruction and passed a hands-on lifesaving test.

"Each instructor learned "HeartSavers," to keep a person alive, and to sustain him or her until emergency medical services arrive," said Maj. Susan Ward, 12th Medical Group. "This is an important role to play, and if you take the time to be trained, you may save a life."

In order to maintain CPR instruction certification, the instructors have to teach two classes a year, said the major who oversaw the course.

"If someone decides to be an instructor, they have to realize that once they are trained, they should take the time to pass their knowledge on to others. It is a commitment they make."

Tech. Sgt. Pedro Lopez, Randolph Family Care Clinic,



**Allison Herrera, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, 1st Lt. Scott Jones, Air Education and Training Command, center, and 1st Lt. Luis Berrios, AETC, practice CPR during the recent training on base. (Photo by Joel Martinez)**

recently decided to take on this extra responsibility and become an instructor trainer for base CPR instructors.

"I've been in the medical field for 13 years, and have always wanted to be an instructor," said Sergeant Lopez. "This class gave me the opportunity to use what I've learned to teach others."

Major Ward added that with the use of a defibrillator, available now at the Air Force Personnel Center; Health and Wellness Center; and Bowling Center, the chance of saving a life is even greater.

"While CPR may revive a non-beating heart, it is proven that with the use of a defibrillator the chance of recovery is increased," she said.

Defibrillators are also being installed at the enlisted and officers' clubs, commissary, base exchange, BXtra and military personnel flight.

"We just hope that base members choose to take that extra step and let our newly qualified instructors make them CPR certified," Major Ward said. "You just never know, the first life we save at Randolph may be your friend or loved one."

For more information on the base instructors or where to take a class, call Major Ward at 652-7081, or e-mail her at [susan.ward@randolph.af.mil](mailto:susan.ward@randolph.af.mil).

## Commissary scholarship deadline quickly approaching

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

The Defense Commissary Agency's 2003 Scholarships for Military Children application deadline is quickly approaching and Randolph Commissary officials are encouraging all base children to hurry and apply before time runs out.

The submission deadline is Feb. 18 and Randolph is awarding at least one \$1,500 scholarship at the contest's end.

"This is a great opportunity for students to get some extra financial help as they pursue

college," said Roger Pastrano, Randolph commissary. "Last year the Defense Commissary Agency was able to help about 500 military children this way."

To enter, applicants must write an essay not to exceed 500 words on what aspect of military life has had the greatest influence on them, as well as fill out an application to include information on their participation within their school and the community, work experience and cumulative grade point average.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21, (with

the exception of those age 22 and 23 enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database, so applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current identification card.

All applicants must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2004, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer into a four-year program.

Applications can be found at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) or downloaded from [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org), and can be handwritten or typed. Copies of the application are also available at the base commissary.

The Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization, helps the Defense Commissary Agency conduct the scholarship program.

Neither Fisher House or the Defense Commissary Agency are involved in the decision process.

For more information, call 652-5102.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Valentines for Vets

The Veterans Affairs 2004 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Valentines for Vets program runs through Feb. 13.

For more information about sending cards or scheduling visits to the vets at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, call Donna Charles at 617-5107.

To contact the Kerrville VA Hospital, call Nick Villanueva at 830-792-2580.

### Tuskegee Airmen meetings set

The San Antonio Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is holding its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the enlisted club. Everyone is welcome.

The chapter is also hosting a membership open house and social from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in the officers' club Randolph Room. The event offers opportunities to meet several local area original Tuskegee Airmen, while enjoying a light buffet, music and memorabilia.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Marv Abrams at 565-3888.

### RHC meeting set

The Randolph Hispanic Council votes on a local high school to sponsor at its next meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the enlisted club tradition room.

For more information, call Tech Sgt. Adalberto Velez at 565-1137.

### Thrift shop closure set

Starting Feb. 13, the base thrift shop no longer accepts winter clothing donations.

Also, the thrift shop is closed Feb. 16 in honor of Presidents' Day and has a Super Saturday Sale Feb. 28, with consignments taken from 9 a.m. to noon and sales from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 658-5990.

### Scholarship available

The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program provides \$1,500 grants to selected sons and daughters of active duty members, Title 10 Air Guard and Reservists, Title 32 Air Guard and Reservists working full-time active duty, retired military members, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members, stateside spouses of active duty members and Title 10 Air Guard and Reserve/reservists and surviving spouses of deceased personnel, for undergraduate studies.

Applications must be received before April 15.

For more information about qualifying, applications or for general information, visit [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org), or call the family support center at 652-5321.

### Retirement and separation briefing set

The Family support center's next retirement and separation briefing is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. today. Spouses are encouraged to attend. An appointment is not required.

For more information, call Debbie Hall at 652-3633.

### 12th SFS spouses meeting set

The next 12th Security Forces Squadron spouses meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday at Lisa Cortez' house.

To reserve a seat, call 945-2860.

### RFISD Board of Trustees meeting

The Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees meets 4:15 p.m. Feb. 19 at the high school, room 21.

An agenda can be found at [www.randolph-field.k12.tx.us](http://www.randolph-field.k12.tx.us).

## EDUCATION SERVICES

652-5964

### ACSC program

The Air Command and Staff College Version 4.0 distance learning program has been released.

This program provides a forum by which to complete the intermediate-level professional military education course. Majors, major selects, GS-11s, and above, are eligible for enrollment.

Students can choose to complete the course work in either the seminar environment or through correspondence. An introduction meeting for the development of a local seminar is being held the second week of February.

To enroll or for more information, call the education center at 652-5964.

### AMU

The American Military University now has a field representative in San Antonio available to answer questions and provide educational information.

Retired Army Sergeant Maj. Willie Cruz is available at Randolph from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and Feb. 20 in the education center.

For more information, call 789-5080.

### Our Lady of the Lake University

An Our Lady of the Lake University representative is available to answer questions from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 18. at the education center

For more information, call 431-3983.

### Computer application classes offered

The following computer applications classes are offered by New Horizons Computer Learning Center on Randolph during February and March:

Level 1 Word - 2/24; Level 1 Excel - 2/24; Grammar Skills - 2/26; Level 1 Powerpoint - 3/2; Level II Excel - 3/3; Level II Word - 3/4; Level II Powerpoint - 3/9; Level III Word 3/10; Interpersonal Communications - 3/11; Level 1 Access (Day 1) - 3/16; Level 1 Access (Day 2) - 3/17; Effective Presentations - 3/18; Level III Excel - 3/23; Level II Access (Day 1) - 3/24; Level II

(Day 2) Access - 3/25.

Unit training funds must be used to pay for these classes. To enroll or for more information, call Linda Lawrence at 308-8299, ext. 108, or Roxanne Garza 308-8200, ext. 125.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

652-5321

### Bundles for Baby group scheduled

The Bundles for Baby group meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. today. This meeting is for all active duty members and their spouses who are expecting a baby.

For more information, call 652-5321.

### Driving safety courses offered

A driving safety course is offered from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Courses are also offered from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with attendance required both days.

To sign up or for more information, call 824-8180.

### WIC

The Women, Infants and Children satellite office opens from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. WIC serves to protect the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age five who are at nutritional risk.

Appointments are held in the family support center ballroom.

For more information on qualifications, call 225-0213.

### FSC closure

The family support center is closed Feb. 16 in honor of Presidents' Day.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

652-6121

### Protestant

**Sunday** - Worship I at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1

**Monday** - Male Chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

**Tuesday** - Men's Bible Study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center

**Wednesday** - Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Liturgical Choir at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

**Thursday** - Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m. in chapel 1; Precept Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1; Easter Musical Practice at 7:45 p.m. in chapel 1

### Protestant Men of the Chapel ministry announcement

"Promise Keepers" is coming to San Antonio Aug. 27-28 at the SBC Center. The registration fee is \$59 if paid before Feb. 15, which is a \$20 discount on the adult fee of \$79.

The event runs from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Aug. 27 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 28. A box lunch is provided. To register, call 1-800-888-7595 or go on-line at [www.promisekeepers.org](http://www.promisekeepers.org).

For more information, call Jack Coffey at 392-6907 or Dave Thomas at 945-0767.

### Catholic

**Friday** - First Friday Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday** - Catholic Women of the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Eucharistic Adoration

**Sunday** - Mass at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 10:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 2

**Monday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

**Tuesday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1;

Contemporary Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

**Wednesday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

**Thursday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Cantor Practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Traditional Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m. in chapel 2

### Ecumenical:

**Monday** - Wedding Briefing at 3 p.m. in chapel center

**Wednesday** - Film Luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel center

## MOVIES

652-3278

### Today

"Mona Lisa Smile" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Julia Roberts - A woman teaches at a college and builds relationships with her students.

### Saturday

"Peter Pan" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring Jeremy Sumpter - The story of Peter Pan, Tinkerbell and the pirates of Neverland.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" (PG), 7 p.m. Starring Steve Martin - After getting a new job, a husband and father of 12 struggles with balancing this move and family.

### Sunday

"Peter Pan" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring Jeremy Sumpter.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" (PG), 7 p.m. Starring Steve Martin.

## African American History Month luncheon



Second Lt. Johnathan Gilliard, African American History Month luncheon committee chairman, presents guest speaker Judge Evelyn McKee with a gift of a donation in her name to a local library during the AAHM luncheon Monday at the enlisted club. The following events are scheduled on base in celebration of AAHM: Children's reading hour from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 24 and 25 in the library; Bowl-A-Thon Feb. 19 at the bowling center; Gospel Fest at 4 p.m. Feb. 21 in chapel 2 and a golf tournament Feb. 27 at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. (Photo by Steve White)

# SERVICES

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Bargain warehouse sale

The bargain warehouse is open Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 1139 for airman basic through senior airman and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all others.

Limits may apply and all items must be taken at time of purchase. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

## YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

### Classical ballet lessons

The youth center will be offering morning and afternoon ballet lessons Mondays and Tuesdays. The starting date has yet to be determined, but students may sign up now.

Class sizes will be limited. The instructor is Valerie Marengo.

For more information, call 652-2088.

### Teen Aviation Camp offered

Teens can try for the chance to spend a week at the Air Force Academy in Colorado by applying for the 2004 Teen Aviation Camp held June 5-11.

The program is open to eligible youth center members who complete their high school freshman or sophomore year in 2004 and would like to explore the U.S. Air Force Academy as a possible college choice.

The camp gives students an idea of what life at the academy would be like, its environment and facilities, and what opportunities are available there.

Teens participate in a wide variety of outdoor and classroom activities at the six-day camp, to include flight simulator training, wilderness orienteering, horseback riding, a ropes course, team building exercises and meetings with cadets.

Interested teenagers can pick up an application form at the youth center, Building 585. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 20.

### Youth center Valentine dances

The youth center is hosting a pre-teen Valentine dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 13 and a teen Valentine dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 14.

### Youth employment service program

Teens interested in earning money toward college through volunteer work can do so through the Air Force Youth Employment Service Program.

Through this program, teens ages 14 to 18 who are dependents of active duty members stationed at Randolph, are given four years to complete 250 hours of community service. Those who do so are given \$1,000 toward college.

Applications are available at the youth center.

For more information, call 652-2088.

### Youth golf classes

The base youth center and the local Boys and Girls Clubs are co-hosting a basic golf class every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Brackenridge Park. Free golf balls and equipment are issued.

This class is open to youth center members ages 10 to 18.

For more information, call the youth center at 652-2088.

## OFFICERS' CLUB 652-4864

### Sky Lounge performance

The band *Texas Red Hot* is performing in

## Snack bar debut



Randolph Inn employee Riza Carniewski, checks out customers Sharon Harper, center, and Cheryl Harrison, 12th Services Division marketing, at the lodging facility's new snack bar, The Hitchin' Post Saloon and Sundries. The snack bar, which officially opened Jan. 30, serves an assortment of snacks and beverages to include chips, fresh pastries, frozen foods and soda. (Photo by David Terry)

the Sky Lounge today from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

## ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

### Family Night at the enlisted club

The enlisted club is hosting a karaoke and dance family night Wednesday.

The dining room is open from 5 to 7 p.m. with a family style buffet.

### Family night with Candyman the Clown

The enlisted club hosts a family night special from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 25.

The evening includes an appearance by "Candyman the Clown" and a family style buffet.

## ITT & EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT 652-5640

### San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo has given Randolph free tickets, valued at \$15 each, for its Thursday show featuring the band *Journey*.

To show appreciation to valued customers for their patronage of 12th Services Division activities, a drawing is being held today for these tickets.

For more information, call 652-2052.

### Sea World season passes

The information, tickets and travel office has Sea World passes for sale. With every season pass to Sea World a person buys, he or she receives a 10 percent discount on all food, beverages or merchandise purchased within the park.

A one-year season 2004 pass costs \$49.50 and a two-year 2004-2005 pass costs \$78.50.

### Six Flags Season Passes

Six Flags season passes for 2004 are now available for \$58 per pass. Parking passes are also available for \$20 per pass.

### Texas Treasure Casino

The Texas Treasure Casino trip departs Building 897 at 7 a.m. Feb. 28 and returns around 9:30 p.m. The trip stops for meals on the way and back, at the customers' expense. The cost is \$25.

### Kinder Gambling Trip

The information, tickets and travel office is hosting a Kinder Gambling Trip Feb. 17 - 18.

The trip, which costs \$37 for double

occupancy and \$72 for single occupancy, includes round-trip, motor-coach transportation to the Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder, La., hotel accommodations, a continental breakfast, dinner buffet and tour guide. The trip departs at 8 a.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. the following day.

### Laredo shopping tour set

The next Laredo shopping tour is March 6. The tour departs Randolph from Building 897 at 7:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m.

The cost is \$25, and includes round-trip transportation and a tour guide.

### Tours Unlimited

Customers can now stop by the information, tickets and travel office, Building 897, to sign up for the following tours:

#### • Painted Churches in Flatonia

On April 10, tour the painted churches of Flatonia, built by 19th century immigrants. The motor coach departs from ITT at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 8 p.m.

The cost is \$63, and includes round trip transportation, a guide for the painted church tour and a buffet lunch.

#### • Monterrey, Mexico trip

A trip is scheduled to the Sierra Mountains, 145 miles across the Texas border in Monterrey, March 12-14.

The trip includes two-night hotel accommodations, round trip motor coach transportation and a tour guide.

The tour returns at 7 p.m. March 14.

The cost is \$178 per person for double occupancy, or \$239 for single occupancy.

#### • Hill Country Flyer

People can enjoy a train ride through the countryside near Cedar Park, Leander and Burnet, Texas, March 27. The tour departs at 8 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Lunch and dinner are at the customers' expense.

People must sign up by March 12. The cost is \$45.50 a person.

• All tours require payment at the time of sign up. The deadline to sign up is one week prior to the tour date unless otherwise indicated.

### ITT offers tickets to the following shows:

• David Copperfield at the Majestic Theater, Wednesday and Thursday. Ticket prices range from \$33-\$50.

• Disney On Ice Presents: "Monster Inc." at the Alamodome, March 11-14. Ticket prices range from \$18-\$44.

• The Producers at the Majestic Theater, March 2-7. Tickets range from \$54-\$80.

### Boating safety class

A boating safety class is scheduled for Feb. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at outdoor adventure, Building 1139.

### Wood for sale

The information, tickets and travel office has firewood for sale. A full cord costs \$140, half of a cord costs \$70, one-fourth of a cord costs \$35 and a bundle of four pieces costs \$2.50.

### Valentine's special

The information, tickets and travel office has a large selection of Valentine's Day gifts for co-workers or friends. The office also delivers gifts in time for Valentine's Day. Orders must be placed by Thursday.

Customers are welcome to stop by the ITT office, Building 897, and check out the gift selections.

## CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

### Canyon Lake Boating Safety Course

A free boating safety course is held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Canyon Lake welcome center.

For more information, call the Canyon Lake recreation office at 1-800-280-3466.

## SKEET RANGE 652-2064

### Valentine Open Skeet Shoot

There is an open skeet shoot February 13-15.

For specific times, call 652-2064.

## SKILLS CRAFT CENTER 652-5142

The skills craft center offers the following classes in February:

### Pouring ceramics classes

Students learn how to pour ceramics, properly care for molds and attachments, draping and how to use stains and glazes.

The cost is \$35 plus supplies.

Classes are held Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in four sessions.

### Stained glass classes

Students learn the basics of copper foil and how to cut and grind an 8x10 panel.

The cost is \$35 plus supplies for the four-session course.

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

### Custom framing classes

Students learn color and material selection, measuring, mat and glass cutting, and frame assembly.

Classes are held Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$45 and includes supplies.

### Pottery wheel classes

Students learn clay preparation and work on the potter's wheel.

The cost is \$35 plus supplies.

Classes are held in four sessions on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Youth Ceramics classes

Children age 6 and up learn ceramic cleaning and staining techniques. The cost is \$20 plus supplies.

Classes are held in four sessions on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

# High school freshmen to receive laptops

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Each student in Randolph High School's ninth grade class received a new laptop computer last week to be used throughout the duration of his or her high school career.

The computers, complete with Internet access, office software, a DVD player, CD player, CD recorder and web design software, were given to the students as part of a district-wide implementation of a program bringing technology into the curriculum, said Randolph Field Independent School District officials.

"Our responsibility is to prepare our students for the future and computers are a very real part of the future for today's youngsters," said RFISD Superintendent Dr. Barbara Maddox. "When our students graduate, we want them prepared for using computers not only in college, but in whatever career they choose."

RFISD is the first district in Bexar County to offer this program.

Randolph freshmen are assigned the wireless laptops for all four years they are at the school. They are allowed to take their computers home after school and on breaks, but not during the summer.

Although students have a lot of

freedom to do different tasks and run various programs on their personal computers, RFISD officials pointed out two limitations the students must adhere to.

First, the students may not install any additional software to their computer. If certain software is required by a teacher, the additional software is installed by the district's technology department.

Second, since the computers are a part of the district's network, any Web sites said to be objectionable are blocked through filters already in use on the district's computers.

One other limitation students may face

is the lack of a printer, however, classroom stations throughout the campus allow students the use of printers.

The school will continue giving the computers to new freshmen each year until all students in all grade levels of the high school have them for use in their learning exercises.

The district's technology department is responsible for maintaining the computers and any software updates.

Previously, students used desktop computers in the classrooms or laptops on carts for their learning activities, but were never able to take them home.

For more information, call 357-2400.



## Commander's Access Channel

People who have televisions connected to cable on base have the capability of viewing the Commander's Access Channel, channel 21. The access channel provides real-time information about base events and other activities of interest to members of the Randolph community.

The access channel is especially useful when people need

## On-base TVs connected to cable

to find out details about inclement weather reporting procedures, real-world or exercise activities, gate closures or other events that affect operations at Randolph.

For more information about the access channel or to find out how to post information, call Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice at 652-5760.

Intramural  
Bowling  
Standings

As of Feb. 2

Team	W	L
SFS	94	50
DFAS	92	52
RS	90	54
AFPC TOO	90	54
AFPC #1	82	62
AFPC/ESC	82	62
340 FTG	82	62
SVS #1	80	64
AFPOA	78	66
AFSAT	76	68
JPPSO	74	70
AETC/LG	72	72
AMO #2	72	72
CS	71	73
SVS TOO	70	74
AMO #1	69	75
AETC/XPM	67	77
AETC/CSS	65	79
AFSVA	65	79
CPTS	64	80
AETC/FM	63	81
AFMA	62	82
MED GP	58	86
AETC 900	52	92
MSS	52	92
LRS	46	98

## SEASON HIGH SCORES

## TEAM SCRATCH SERIES

Team	Score
SVS #1	3239
SVS TOO	3045
JPPSO	2918

TEAM HANDICAP  
SERIES

Team	Score
DFAS	3440
AFMA	3398
LRS	3387

## TEAM SCRATCH GAME

Team	Score
AFPC #1	1100
AFPOA	1055
AFPC TOO	1029

## TEAM HANDICAP GAME

Team	Score
AETC/CSS	1240
RS	1233
AFPC/ESC	1227

## SCRATCH SERIES

Men	Score
Steve Barinque	761
Jared Werner	750
Mark Stephens	735

Women	Score
Sally Allen	640
Judy Smith	619
Lisa Barker	591

## SCRATCH GAME

Men	Score
Jimmy Johnson	290
Chris Anderson	289
Andy Anderson Jr.	280

Women	Score
Heather Young	244
Loretta Goss	232
Riza Carniewski	224

# Intramural playoffs underway

## AFPC defeats 562nd FTS 38-22 in opening game



Air Force Personnel Center's Charlie Freeman finishes off the competition with a dunk Monday night in his team's match against the 562nd Flying Training Squadron. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs  
and Staff Sgt. David Maurice  
12th Operations Support Squadron

With go-to man Charlie Freeman back in action, the Air Force Personnel Center was able to recapture the dominating presence that carried them through the regular intramural basketball season and pull out the first win of the playoffs over the 562nd Flying Training Squadron, 38-22 Monday night.

AFPC's Freeman and Thaddeus Dickens led their team with a combined 21 points and 18 rebounds, 17 and 11 coming in the second half.

Despite a strong showing from AFPC, both teams started the game off slowly, combining for five points in the first six and a half minutes – with only one basket made.

"We were nervous coming into the game," said AFPC player Ruben Rodriguez. "It took us a while to get over our jitters, but once we got collected, we got in a good groove and found our game."

Up 4-3, AFPC was able to go on an 8 point run and stretch out the largest lead of the half.

Despite being in a hole, the 562nd FTS continued to attack the basket and added on another four points to close the gap to 5 points at the half.

"We were aggressive getting to the basket, but we couldn't make our lay-ups," said 562nd FTS coach Christopher Buckley. "Even when we got fouled, we missed our free throws."

The 562nd FTS' negative trend continued after the midway point, as they were unable to convert easy shot opportunities.

With the game quickly getting away from the Navigators, AFPC was able to make another 8 point run, bringing their lead to 22-8 midway through the second half.

Refusing to quit; the 562nd FTS fought back to close the gap to eight points with 4:40 on the clock, but that would be the closest they would get.

Even with a strong second-half performance from Jeff Whittaker – who totaled 7 points and 12 rebounds in the game, the 562nd FTS could not get past AFPC's Freeman.

"Whenever Freeman got in the lane, we couldn't stop him," said coach Buckley.

Freeman tacked on another 10 points late in the half to seal his team's victory, 8 of which were assisted by Ian Young, who lead AFPC's fast break opportunities.

## Randolph High powerlifters start off competition strong

By Jeff Duffield  
Randolph Field Independent School  
District Public Affairs

Randolph High School's powerlifting team members opened their season by capturing two first-place awards and eight second through fourth finishes at meets held in Wimberley and Navarro.

Leah Solomon and Moton Hopkins both won first place ribbons at the Wimberley meet, Solomon in the 105-pound class and Hopkins in the 242-pound class. And, Jamoneya Wilson finished second in the

165-pound class at Wimberley, while Paige Carpenter came in second in the heavy-weight class at Navarro.

Jade McArthur also captured a ribbon for the school -- a third place in the 165-pound class at the Wimberley match.

Four more Ro-Hawk powerlifters captured fourth place ribbons, one at the Wimberley meet, which was Stephanie Kochart in the 165-pound class, and three at the Navarro meet, to include Jessica Becker in the 123-pound class, Neshia Bailey in the 132-pound class and Ashley Escobedo in the 148-pound class.

### SPORTS SHORTS

#### Reserving court time for unit physical training

Starting today, the fitness center will only be taking letters of memorandum from units wanting to reserve sections of the fitness center for unit physical training -- no phone reservations.

Unit physical training coordinators can submit their requests to the fitness and sports director or designated representative between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information about reservations, call the fitness center at 652-5316.

#### Cupid Cardio Aerobathon set

The fitness center is hosting a Cupid Cardio Aerobathon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 652-5316.

#### Aerobathon scheduled

The fitness center hosts a Heart Smart Body and Soul

Aerobathon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 28 in the fitness center annex. This event showcases several different types of fitness and cardiovascular demonstrations to include a cycle class, intro to pre/post pregnancy exercises, intro to basic weight training, yoga and several other variations of exercises and fitness.

For more information, call 652-5316.

#### Race for the Cure set

The 7th Annual Susan B. Komen San Antonio Race for the Cure is March 27 at the Alamodome.

Military teams of 10 or more can register early. There is an award for the largest military team. The deadline for team registration is March 5.

For more information, log on to [www.sako-men.org](http://www.sako-men.org) or call the race hotline at 822-8700.

#### Golf tournament scheduled

The Randolph First Sergeants' Group is hosting a four-

person scramble golf tournament April 8 at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost, which includes green fees, cart, food and drinks, is \$25 for golf course members and \$35 for non-members. Participants can select their own teams. The handicap system will be 10 percent of the total team handicap.

There will be prizes awarded to the top placing teams, as well as longest drive and hole-in-one prizes on all par 3s.

To reserve a spot, contact your unit first sergeant.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Van Johnson at 289-4842 or Master Sgt. Prentiss Spivey at 652-6945.

#### Sports writers wanted

The *Wingspread* is looking for a knowledgeable volunteer to cover intramural or extramural sports games to be published in the paper.

If interested, call 652-5760.

# Comptrollers can't buy a basket, drop base playoff opener 45-31

By Master Sgt. Lee Roberts  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

With only 12 minutes left in the game the 12th Comptroller Squadron managed to pull within 5 points of the Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service. But, down the stretch the comptrollers couldn't buy a basket, dropping the extramural basketball league playoff opener Tuesday to the recruiters, 45-31.

As time ran down, the comptrollers attempted to stall and get more opportunities to score, and so they continuously fouled recruiting guard Pat Youngblood. The sharpshooter responded with six straight free throws, combining with the team's staunch defense to seal the victory.

Marcus Cooley, who tallied 13 points for the comptrollers, said after the game that the recruiters simply made the key baskets when it counted. "We should have fouled somebody else as well," he added.

The recruiters opened the game on a 6-0 run, but the comptrollers scrapped their way back into it with their own 8-0 run and an 8-6 lead early on. But by the half the recruiters had pulled ahead 20-12. Although the comptrollers eventually pulled within 5 in the second half, the recruiters' effective inside-out game proved to be the difference.

Recruiting Coach Johnathan Gilliard said, "Moving the ball in low was our initial strategy. Our strength is our middle - we



Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service's Rod Hector dribbles around a 12th Comptroller Squadron defender during the teams' extramural basketball playoff match-up Tuesday night at the fitness center. (Photos by Steve White)

have big guys. They doubled down so we went inside out and we hit our shots. Our defense also matched up well tonight," he said.

Youngblood and teammate Randy Knightner were the recruiters' high scorers with 13 points apiece. Knightner, who also hit two 3 pointers from downtown, said



Comptroller squad team members gather around their coach during a timeout in the second half to come up with a game plan. Unfortunately for the squad, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service beat them 45-31.

they had to play good defense and score because the comptrollers were persistent and athletic. "They were a scrappy team... they played hard," he said.

The following recruiters also contributed to the scoring column: Joseph Johnson, 6; Antonio McClary, 5; Rod Hector, 4; Cal Robinson, 2; Carl Perry, 1; and Shelton Smith, 1. Other comptrollers scoring were Rob Collins, 7; Troy Kimbell, 7; and David Kretz, 4.

The extramural league championship is currently scheduled for 5 p.m. Feb. 11.

## Ro-Hawks take home another victory, now 10-0 in district

By Jack Burns  
Ro-Hawk sports writer

The Randolph High School boys varsity basketball team took home another win last week, beating George

Gervin Academy 60-52.

The varsity team remains undefeated in their district with 10 victories to date, and an overall record of 19-4.

"Our deep bench contributed significantly to our defeating (George

Gervin Academy) a very good team," said Ro-Hawk coach Tim Gendron.

The coach went on to add that "it is exciting to see team chemistry develop as it has this year," in talking about his new varsity team.

"Several 1-point losses at the beginning of the season have actually helped us better prepare for the very competitive district we are in," he said.

For more information on upcoming Ro-Hawk games, call 357-2460.