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## Randolph members win AETC awards

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Three Randolph 12th Services Division members garnered Air Education and Training Command Services Individual Awards for 2004.

The recipients, George DeCoux, 12th Services Division chief, was named AETC Services Senior Civilian Manager of the Year; Capt. David Kretz, Services deputy chief, was named AETC Services Company Grade Officer of the Year; and Robert Bertels, mortuary affairs officer, was named AETC Services Senior Civilian Specialist of the Year.

"This team stopped surprising me some time ago with their many accomplishments and their outstanding customer service," said Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander. "We continue to get e-mails, phone calls and letters from folks who visit Randolph telling us what a great job our Services folks do. These three award winners are indicative of the hundreds of professionals we have on our Services team."

As the 12th Services Division chief, Mr. DeCoux supervises more than 1,400 staff members and volunteers in the Services Division.

"Mr. DeCoux is a tremendous leader and manager," said Colonel Patterson. "He really takes care of his people."

Among the things Mr. DeCoux was noted for in the award nomination included his reinvestment of between \$800,000 and \$1 million in operations annually, to continually improve Services facilities and programs for Randolph's members, retirees and families.

The Services expert was also cited for helping jump-start a \$13 million fitness center project to replace the two hangars that currently house the fitness area.

Another major services project the division chief headed was the transformation of the Randolph Canyon Lake Recreational Area into a new and better place for visitors, adding new shelters, piers and picnic areas after the park was flooded by a bad storm in the summer of 2002.

"This area is the only Air Force off-base recreation area serving the local bases," said Colonel Patterson. "So not only did he help to make the area better for Randolph visitors, but for other San Antonio military families as well."

Although Mr. DeCoux said he is honored by the command-level recognition he received, he said it wouldn't have been possible without a great team to make things happen.

"The Randolph Services team, not any one person, deserves all the credit for the accomplishments we have achieved over the past year, but I proudly accept this award on their behalf," said Mr. DeCoux. "After all, accomplishment is a journey, not a destination,

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## Services vies for LeMay award

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer



James Muir cuts a pattern from a piece of wood at the wood skills center. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Randolph's 12th Services Division is one of seven services units in the final running for the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award.

The award, now in its 39th year, is presented to the best large Services organization in the Air Force. Other bases competing for the title include McGuire, Shaw, Ramstein, Kadena, Vandenberg and Hill.

Before making it to the Air Force-level competition, Randolph first had to claim the Air Education and Training Command title, which it did this year in March.

Now, as a finalist in the Air Force competition, the 12th Services Division is being visited by a team of four experts in the services career field, said Capt. David Kretz, 12th Services Division deputy chief. The team arrives here Sunday and will visit all services activities, as well as talk with customers on base.

"Our 12th Services Division family is very excited about the Air Force LeMay competition," said Captain Kretz. "We take a great deal of pride in our work and facilities, and are ready to vie for the title."

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## Life support civilian gets Air Force recognition

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

A Randolph civilian recently received some good news when she found out she was recognized at the Air Force-level.

Darlene Daspit, 12th Operations Support Squadron, was named Air Force Aircrew Life Support Intermediate Civilian of the Year for 2003.

Since the 12th OSS supports all the flying squadrons on base, its personnel are assigned to specialize in the equipment unique to the different squadrons. Ms. Daspit is the life support program manager for the 560th Flying Training Squadron. There, she is responsible for a staff of seven specialists who maintain all the life support equipment for the T-38 aircrews. She also presents life support briefings to the many dignitaries and visitors who fly at Randolph in the T-38.

"Ms. Daspit provides that all-important attention to every detail of the life support equipment for our assigned aircrews," said Lt. Col. Mike Kennedy, 560th FTS commander. "We depend on her and her people every mission we fly."

Under Ms. Daspit's supervision, the 560th life support flight conducts more than 3,000 equipment inspections quarterly, ensuring that more than \$1 million worth of equipment is in top condition. Ms. Daspit is also intimately



Darlene Daspit, Air Force Life Support Intermediate Civilian of the Year for 2003, assists a student in adjusting a parachute harness. (Photo by Steve White)

involved with upgrades to the virtual reality parachute simulator that greatly enhance training in emergency parachute descent procedures.

Ms. Daspit's flight was also selected by the Air Education and Training Command to lead the command with the latest web-based aircrew life support program through which individual aircrew members' life support records are more readily available for monitoring.

Another achievement Ms. Daspit was noted for was working directly with Headquarters AETC, 19th Air Force and a

safety investigation board to resolve a real world safety hazard in 2003.

On another occasion, she performed a one-time inspection of 142 parachutes in less than two duty days, thus contributing to improved unit safety standards.

In addition to being in civil service, Ms. Daspit is also a reserve senior master sergeant assigned to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, where she is the superintendent of aircrew life support. She totals more than 20 years experience in life support operations. In her reserve duties this past year, she was responsible for executing \$5.2 million of funding for life support equipment to 36 Reserve flying wings and 11 associate wings.

In addition to her assigned duties, Ms. Daspit was an eager volunteer participant in the squadron's Pilot for a Day program for critically ill children, briefing the "pilots" and their families on life support functions and equipment.

"The Air Force now knows what we've known all along - that Darlene is the most outstanding civilian life support technician in the nation," said Lt. Col. Donald Farris, 12th OSS commander. "Her leadership has helped us develop what I truly believe is the Air Force's most superior life support organization on any base."

"It's gratifying to see this recognition given to Darlene, who is a stand out performer in an elite group of people."

### 12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training			Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Pilot Instructor Training			562nd FTS		563rd FTS	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	Air Force	245 Undergraduate	54	T-1A	2,414	2,599	4,040
99th FTS	-6.0	-1.0	Navy	70 International	0	T-6A	5,348	5,684	9,103
558th FTS	-3.6	0.0	International	2 EWC Course	0	T-37B	4,562	4,441	7,171
559th FTS	-4.0	-2.5	NIFT	58 Fundamentals	19	T-38A	5,334	5,212	5,674
560th FTS	-0.1	1.8				T-38C	200	235	3,740
						T-43A	664	709	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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Col. Mark Graper  
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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.

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**Spouses' contribution vital to service success**

By Col. Mark Graper  
12th Flying Training Wing commander

Today is Military Spouse Day and a time to say "thank you" to the wives and husbands who stand with us in military service. This thank you goes out not only to those who are spouses of our active duty military but also to those spouses of our retirees who continue to support and serve.

**Your support is invaluable.** We talk a lot about the concept of "team" in the military but you are the ultimate teammate. You are the one who celebrates the highs, gives us perspective on the lows and encourages us to serve with excellence in all we do. Your military member goes to the job with confidence knowing that you understand the nature of the business and allow the freedom to pursue the job and its 24/7/365 mission—whether deployed or in garrison. You are on the home front making everyday life happen. Being supportive is not always easy and we know our teammates often get "roughed up" but knowing you're there supporting us is invaluable.

**Your self-reliance is inspiring.** You actually grow and thrive on this adventure of military life! Other spouses have networks built up over years of living in one place. You learn to build your network of jobs and friends practically overnight in each new place. Your independence brings a depth and richness to the marital

team and to the military community. **Your service is impressive.** Our military communities would be empty and uninteresting without the services performed by our military spouses. You volunteer untold hours at numerous base organizations without which we would not be able to offer so many services to our community. You do it with a smile and a heart to serve others. You serve our country by your commitment to its ideals and supporting those who are willing to fight and die for it.

**Your sacrifices are immeasurable.** You make homes in places all over the world. You are content with "career broadening" because of frequent moves rather than steady career progression. You leave favorite dentists or hair dressers for the thrill of finding new ones in the next location. You live with the very real possibility that your loved one may make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. As someone has said, "...military spouses pay just as high a price for freedom as do their active duty husbands or wives. Perhaps the price they pay is even higher. Dying in service to our country isn't near as hard as loving someone who had died in service to our country, and having to live without them."

While today is the official day to say "Thank you", know that you are appreciated everyday for your support, your self-reliance, your service and your sacrifices. You freely give your special skills and commitment to us and we are honored to have you serve with us. God bless you today and everyday.

**What makes Team Randolph great?**

By Col. Steven Cooper  
12th Logistics Group commander

Approaching retirement from our Air Force surely affects each Airman differently, but I suspect that my experience starting with denial—"don't want to leave;" moving through a surreal sense of calm—"everything will be OK;" followed by enthusiasm to meet new life challenges—"been on America's First Team, time to move on," are three fundamental phases all go through – tough and exciting all at once and always a time for introspection.

Retiring from Randolph though, adds a unique dimension to each phase- "...tough leaving the Air Force and Team Randolph; everything will be fine, but I hope it will be as great as Randolph; we've been on the First Team at Randolph, we've seen the best, now let's see the rest." That Team Randolph epitomizes greatness is given...everyone who lives on, works at or visits Randolph is struck with an immediate sense of history, precision and pride – "West Point of the Air," the AETC Composite Flyby and T-6 Demo Team, "Showplace of the Air Force." All reflect greatness, but Team Randolph's source of greatness is its people – Airmen committed to the mission of defending the United States through airpower. It's that inherent greatness that I want to humbly try to characterize from a commander's viewpoint.

Greatness is rarely, if ever, a matter of physical stature, mental agility, or technical skill. Gandhi was not physically imposing. General/President Eisenhower didn't graduate at the top of his West Point class. President Lincoln was not known in his time as a polished orator. Yet, history imbues all three with the same aura of greatness that I think makes Team Randolph special to all that know it. A greatness that makes one seem larger than life, memorable and motivating. I propose that this level of greatness is composed of three characteristic qualities that set every member of Team Randolph apart – purpose, presence and humility.

**Live and Serve with Purpose** – contribute to a greater good every day. Don't wander aimlessly through life. Know your role on the team, know your objective, and know your mission... in the Air Force and life. Report for duty/come to work knowing what you want to achieve each day for the Air Force in the defense of our country and work to that daily goal. Ask yourself at the end of the day, "What did I contribute today to the Air Force and the defense of the United States?" Do the same for your family and your spiritual lives.

**Live and Serve with Presence** – Make a difference just by being! Exude the Air Force core values. Influence individual behavior and performance as well as unit

mission accomplishment by making your integrity; selfless service and commitment to excellence unmistakably clear in your speech, bearing and appearance. Be memorable in the individual strengths that you contribute to the team's success. Be memorable as well in the individual influence you exert within the greater Randolph Community as a good steward of resources and the environment. And, be memorable in your willingness to learn and overcome individual weaknesses.

And finally, and probably most importantly, **Live and Serve with Humility** – Lead and follow knowing that we are all Airmen and citizens working toward common goals. To paraphrase one of our senior AF leaders, never lose sight of the fact that we are all different ranks and have different responsibilities but no one person is more important than anyone else on the team. If you bask in the light of success, always make it the reflected light of the team's success. Live the axiom, "One fails, all fail." Have presence, but to quote my late grandfather, "Do an honest day's work but don't get a big head over it."

As our family wraps up our 26 years of Air Force service and life, we thank all of Team Randolph for allowing us to mark our final two years as part of the Randolph Air Force family marked by greatness – purpose, presence and humility.

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**Major offers insight into Iraqi campaign**

By Maj. Rich Doyle  
Air Education and Training Command

Like many of our Randolph teammates, I recently returned from a four-month deployment to Iraq where we are helping to rebuild a nation ruined by a tyrant and transform it from a bastion of terror to a free democracy.

I consider my experience supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom to be one of the most worthwhile endeavors of my career, so I was very surprised by the pessimistic attitude regarding OIF among my family, friends and co-workers. After a couple of weeks of watching the news, I realized why the bleak attitude exists; the news we hear concentrates on the tragic setbacks and perceived shortfalls of our efforts, while minimizing our successes.

I realize my experiences as a safety officer in southern Iraq differ vastly from our Army and Marine counterparts in Baghdad and other cities. I don't pretend to know the dangers and hardships they have experienced to ensure our security, but I saw plenty to be encouraged about. We are winning this phase of the war on terror. We are not fighting this war alone. Progress is being made every day and we are doing the right thing.

We are not alone in trying to give the Iraqi people a reasonable chance at a stable, peaceful and democratic future; a future that rejects tyranny and terrorism. There are dozens of nations involved in OIF. I personally worked with or met troops from Italy, the Netherlands, Korea, Japan, Poland, the United Kingdom, Romania, Ukraine, Spain, Nicaragua, Singapore, Estonia, Fiji and Portugal. I realize that the United States is providing the vast majority of the manpower, but

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Maj. Rich Doyle  
Air Education and Training Command

other countries are doing what they can.

When a small country like Nicaragua sends more than 700 troops, a significant portion of their entire military, you know the mission is multi-national. When Romanian and Ukrainian troops provide security in southern Iraqi cities, that demonstrates unprecedented cooperation with former Warsaw-Pact adversaries and shows an effort to work as a team. When the Dutch send three CH-47s, 25 percent of their heavy helicopter fleet, that demonstrates unity and resolve. When the Japanese Air Force delivers humanitarian aid, their first overseas military deployment in almost 60 years, it's clear that other countries are committed to the cause.

Our allies are doing what they can militarily, politically and economically and their contribution should not be dismissed as token or insignificant, especially when they are dying alongside our own troops.

The overall situation in Iraq continually improves because of the sacrifices of coalition military personnel. Every day electrical power generation and distribution improves. Every week oil production capacity improves. Every month more trained Iraqi police hit the streets to improve security. With additional assistance, commerce is increasing, infrastructure is

being rebuilt and healthcare systems are being established. The country now has an interim constitution and is in the process of establishing a judicial system. None of this would be remotely possible without the security and assistance provided by coalition troops.

Yes, there have been recent security setbacks, but those pale in comparison to the progress that has been made over the past year. We cannot allow a few hundred or even a few thousand religious extremists or regime loyalists to deter us from keeping 25 million people free and allowing a stable democracy to take hold in that turbulent part of the world.

The vast majority of Iraqis are better off today than they were a year ago. Most appreciate our efforts and want us to finish the job of helping to establish a democratic government. You can't expect a country that has been at war for a generation and led by a cruel dictator for decades to change in a matter of months. To cut and run would only embolden terrorists world-wide and cost more lives in the long term. A stable democratic Iraq enhances the entire world's security.

The war on terror is going to take us places and have us assume roles we never would have chosen on our own, as a nation and as a military. No one can touch us with conventional warfare, but as 9-11 demonstrated, that does not ensure security.

In the case of Iraq and Afghanistan, the war on terror required us to topple regimes that were terrorists in their own right or harbored and supported terrorists within their borders. In the process we have liberated 40 million people from tyranny and fanaticism and given them hope for a better future. We cannot allow either country to descend into the lawless anarchy of religious

fanatics much like the former Afghanistan or current Somalia, both of which have served as bases for terror organizations. We must remain committed to helping rebuild those nations.

Freedom and security are never free. The price is often war. We Americans believe it is better to use our military forces to stop this latest crop of terrorists and extremists on their territory rather than let innocent civilians in our cities bear the brunt of that terror. Our enemies are on the run just trying to survive but they have not lost the desire to plan and carry out attacks against anyone they consider to be their enemies.

It is our military's task to secure our nation and its citizens wherever they may be. That mission will require the ultimate sacrifice of some of our volunteer Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen. Operations in Iraq have already tragically taken more than 700 American lives. We all share a sense of loss with their loved ones.

We did not start this war, but we will relentlessly pursue those who attack us, drawing aid from any nation that chooses to stand with us. Together we have made significant progress in Iraq and Afghanistan and must not let the changing monthly death tolls weaken our resolve.

On an individual basis, every American can be a part of this battle. We can support the families of those who are deployed overseas and we can stand alongside those who know the loss of a loved one. We can visit the wounded now recovering in stateside military hospitals, or at least contribute to any of several funds that support them and their families. We can actually attend a Memorial Day event, not just see it as another day off. And we can all pray that America will be delivered from the scourge of terror, whatever its source.

**AETC awards**

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and we are proud of our Services accomplishments, and will continue the journey to provide the best quality service to our Randolph customers."



George DeCoux, 12th Services Division chief, and Capt. David Kretz, Services deputy chief, talk about upcoming Services events. They, along with Mr. Bertels, received Air Education and Training Command Services Individual Awards for 2004. (Photos by Jennifer Valentin)

DeCoux also has much respect and appreciation for his deputy, Captain Kretz, which is why he nominated him for a command-level award.

"It was no surprise that Captain Kretz won this award," said Mr. DeCoux. "He is truly a leader and a mentor."

As the division deputy chief, some of the captain's many duties include guiding the facility maintenance and construction program, and developing financial plans for projects such as the new fitness center, lodging improvements, landscaping, golf course renovations and dining facility improvements.

"Captain Kretz does not tell stories, he just shows results!" said Mr. DeCoux. "He helped in the past renovations of the fitness center, and has helped with additions to various services programs, such as getting new books and a coffee house added to the base library."

The captain also recently implemented a program for the auto skills center, to bring auto parts that are needed by customers directly to the customers the same day they need them.

"The new auto skills program saves our customers time and money, by giving them what they need when they need it," said Mr. DeCoux.

Although Captain Kretz said he appreciates his award as well, he agreed with Mr. DeCoux that it is a team award.

"I feel very fortunate to work with such a great team every day," said Captain Kretz. "This award is a reflection of the outstanding folks we have throughout our Services organization."

Also nominated by Mr. DeCoux for his AETC-level award was Mr. Bertels.

As the mortuary affairs coordinator, one of Mr. Bertels duties is distributing a quarterly mortuary affairs guide, developed to help families make informed decisions during times of crisis.

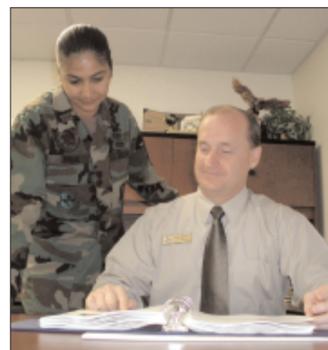
"It is very user-friendly for the family members," Mr. DeCoux said.

The services chief added that Mr. Bertels' initiative and leadership skills are what made him Services' first choice as the 12th FTW family liaison officer specialist and instructor. As such, he volunteers his time to personally train Services Airmen in mortuary deployment procedures and practices.

"Mr. Bertels has spearheaded several exercises for other mortuary affairs branches, and he also re-wrote and revamped the Services portion of the base support and mortuary affairs plan," added Mr. DeCoux. "He really is a remarkable asset to Team Randolph."

In addition, Mr. Bertels also developed a spending plan for the honor guard and mortuary affairs program, resulting in the approval of \$225,000 for supplies, fuel and equipment, said Mr. DeCoux.

"Mr. Bertels performs miracles in his



Robert Bertels, mortuary affairs officer, talks with 2nd Lt. Angela Jimdar about honor guard scheduling.

position," the division chief said. "He is truly an asset to the services division and to these programs."

Mr. Bertels agreed with the other winners that his award was the result of teamwork.

"I could not have competed for this award without the support of a tremendous staff who gave 110 percent to make the honor guard and mortuary the best it can be," he said.

All three winners will go on to compete in the Air Force level Services competition later this year.

The 12th Services Division also prides itself on recognizing that customers appreciate the facilities and equipment available to them on base.

"We've had an outstanding year when it comes to facility upgrades and programs," said Captain Kretz. "We have completed more than \$10 million worth of projects that included new cabins at Canyon Lake, renovations of both base pools, new lighting and fencing at the youth sports fields, dining facility upgrades, tennis court renovations and extensive work on the lodging facilities."

"And more work is on the horizon," added the captain. Services has been approved for a new \$13.6 million fitness center which will break ground in the fall of 2004,

and there is a \$3 million project to replace the irrigation system at the golf course and rebuild the greens starting later this month.

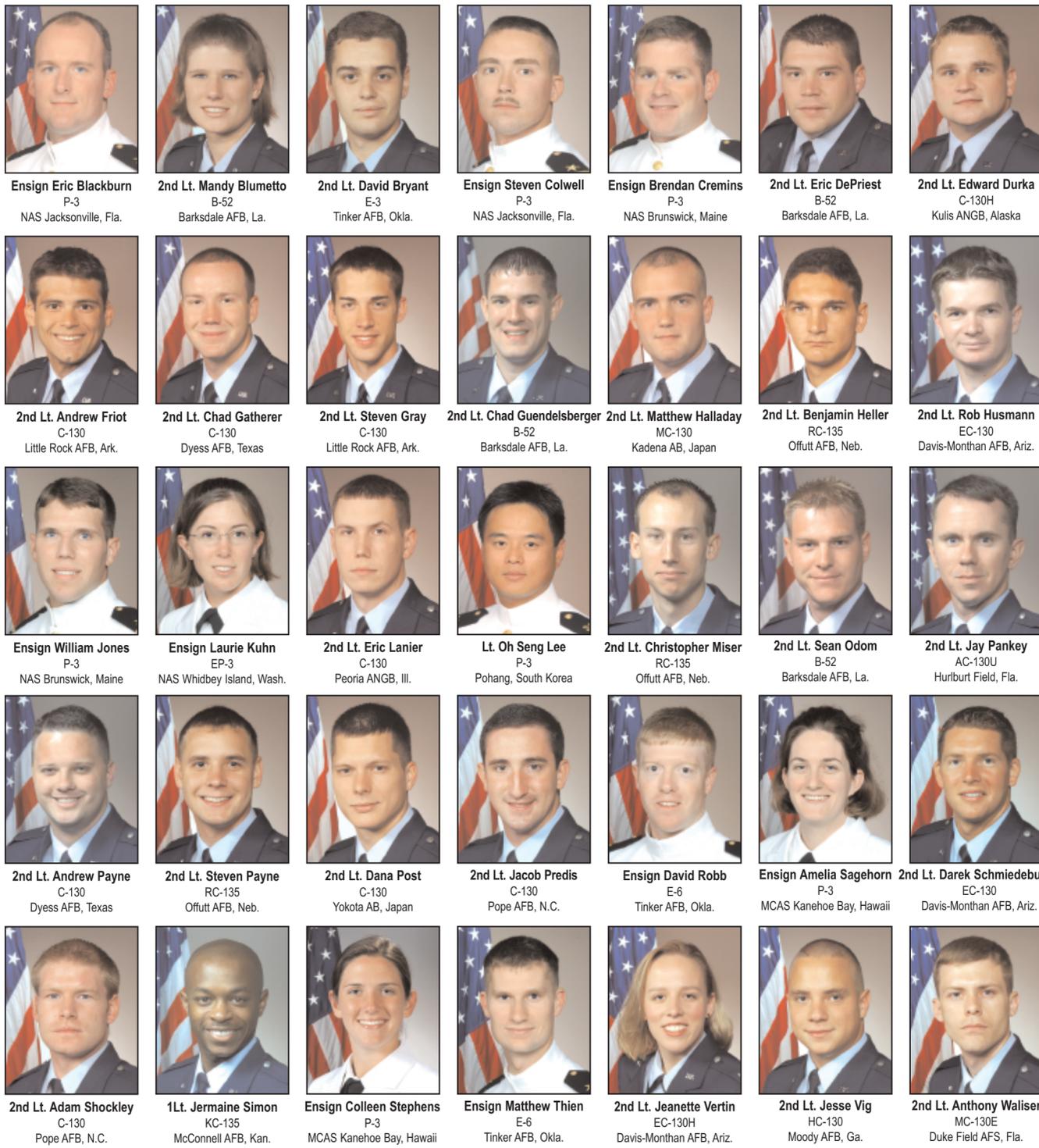
"We are extremely proud of our team," said Captain Kretz. "They work hard every day and are committed to providing the finest facilities, programs and services to Team Randolph."

Services will be evaluated on customer focus, programs, management, facilities and equipment during the LeMay team visit, said Captain Kretz. The main focus of the evaluation is to determine which base meets customer needs the best in the broad spectrum of services programs.

**LeMay**

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So far this year, the division has already held two major events, including the Fam-A-Ganza and the Spring Fling. Both events drew in crowds numbered in the hundreds, offering families free food, entertainment and prizes. "Fam-A-Ganza and the Spring Fling are annual events we hold because we want to show our appreciation to base families," said the captain. "They are always a lot of fun for all ages."



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# And the winners are...

## Team Randolph quarterly award recipients announced



Senior Airman Mary Shackelford



Tech. Sgt. Sam Huleis

Nine base members were recognized as Team Randolph's best April 29, during the quarterly awards luncheon at the enlisted club.

The luncheon recognizes top performers among 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.

The winners are:

- Junior enlisted member**  
Senior Airman Mary Shackelford, 12th Flying Training Wing
- NCO**  
Tech. Sgt. Sam Huleis, Air Education and Training Command
- Senior NCO**  
Senior Master Sgt. Phyllis Billingsley, AETC
- Company grade officer**  
1st Lt. James Venters, Air Force

- Recruiting Service
- Civilian junior category**  
Donald Miller, 12th FTW
- Civilian intermediate category**  
Annie Scott, 12th FTW
- Civilian senior category**  
Joao Raposo, Air Force Manpower Agency
- Honor guard junior enlisted member**  
Airman 1st Class Marlene Perez, AETC
- Honor guard NCO**  
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Kraweitz, 12th FTW



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Airman 1st Class Marlene Perez



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# Wing prepares for 101 Critical Days of Summer

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

As the 101 Critical Days of Summer quickly approaches, the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office is taking extra strides to make sure Randolph members are well equipped to make this the base's safest summer yet.

Starting Tuesday, with less than three weeks until the critical days kick-off, base members have the opportunity to participate in Operation Safe Summer – a new Air Education and Training Command initiative designed to get people ready for the summer months.

During the day, the wing safety office hosts several briefings in the base theater for 12th FTW members to attend with their respective units as well as a safety fair in the BXtra parking lot.

"This is our way to jump start the summer and get people in the right mindset," said Staff Sgt. Richard Fish, 12th FTW safety office NCO in charge of mishap investigations. "During the summer months there is always an increase in mishaps due to the nicer weather and people becoming more active. We just want to make sure base members keep safety in mind as they participate in these outdoor activities."

During the safety fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the base fire department will conduct a Jaws of Life demonstration where it will simulate extracting a person from a wrecked vehicle, the local Motorcycle Safety Foundation will have a training trailer set up, and several other organizations will have informational tables set up. The Lackland Blood Mobile will also be set up to collect donations between 1 and 4 p.m.

"This should be a great event," Sergeant Fish said. "We encourage everyone to come out, learn something new and have a good time."

The sergeant added that in addition to the base theater safety briefings held on Tuesday, the safety office hosts two more briefings on Wednesday for those members in the wing who could not make their unit's original briefing as well as for those members assigned to tenant units. Family members are invited to attend the Wednesday briefings as well. Since the theater's seating capacity is limited to about 750 people, the briefings are available on a first come, first serve basis.

In preparation for the 101 Critical Days of Summer, Sergeant Fish also suggests wing members start thinking of ideas for the 12th FTW's Battle of the Groups competition, which runs May 28 through Sept. 6.

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

"The great thing about Battle of the Groups is that it places safety emphasis at the level which has the most influence on personnel such as the commanders and supervisors," said the sergeant. "It also provides a creative and proactive way for members to relay safety information throughout the community."

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 a group's points, group members can do various safety promotional events such as seat belt checks to negate some of the points assessed against the 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 an event.

Last year's Battle of the Groups winner was the 12th LG.

For more information on Operation Safe Summer, the 101 Critical Days of Summer or on Battle of the Groups, call the 12th FTW safety office at 652-1842.

**Operation Safe Summer briefings**

*The schedule for the 12th Flying Training Wing base theater safety briefings are as follows:*

**Tuesday**  
 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. - 12th Operations Group  
 9 to 10 a.m. - 12th Logistics Group  
 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - 12th Support Group  
 1 to 2 p.m. - 12th Medical Group, wing staff agencies

**Wednesday**  
 10 to 11 a.m. - Make-up briefing for 12th Flying Training Wing members, tenant units  
 1 to 2 p.m. - Make-up briefing for 12th FTW members, tenant units

# Base AFAF campaign a success

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign ended Wednesday with resounding success, according to campaign officials.

In just over a month, Randolph men and women raised about \$114,000 for the Air Force campaign, surpassing the original goal of \$94,312.

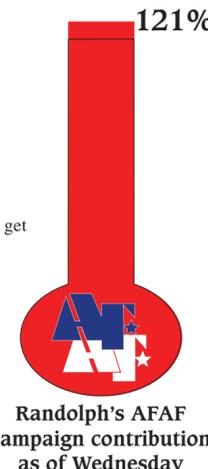
Through the campaign, which runs in conjunction with the Air Force-wide AFAF campaign, members contributed to any of four Air Force related charities, including the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Villages, Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Together, the charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Each charity receives 100 percent of designated contributions.

During the campaign, Randolph volunteers made 100 percent contact with base members, reaching every unit.

"All of our Randolph volunteers worked very hard during this campaign," said Capt. Thomas Peralta, AFAF project officer. "Because of their efforts, we were able to get units involved this year that traditionally go untapped."

"The campaign team did a great job of keeping the momentum going these last few weeks, and ensured we had a successful campaign," added the captain. "Randolph is truly a generous community."



# JSUNT graduation set for today

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

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

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

The guest speaker for today's graduation is Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander. As the commander of the 19th AF, General Sandstrom is responsible for the day-to-day training of approximately 2,000 U.S. and allied students. The students range from entry-level flying training through advanced combat crew training, and ultimately become fully qualified aircrew personnel for war fighting commands. Prior to his current position, the general served as director of operations, and subsequently as chief or staff for Operation

Enduring Freedom at Headquarters U.S. Central Command.

General Sandstrom is a command pilot with more than 3,400 hours, primarily in fighter aircraft.

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

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 are recognized with an award.



2nd Lt. Guy Weis RC-135 Offutt AFB, Neb.



Ensign Shane Zimmerman E-6 Tinker AFB, Okla.

# Six Marines to graduate from navigation school

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

Six Marine Aerial Navigation School students graduate today at the enlisted club. The graduation ceremony concludes the students' last six months of rigorous training, which included 10 flights; 22 simulator missions and six phases of training including low-level navigation, aerial refueling and air delivery.

Upon graduation, the students become part of a select group of enlisted Marines, who proudly wear the insignia of Marine Aerial Navigators, said class officials.

Lance Cpl. Brandon Dube receives special

recognition in today's ceremony, as he is the class' honor graduate. His acknowledgments include a Meritorious Mast from the Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22 commanding officer and a plaque from the Marine Corps Association.

After the graduation, the new navigators transfer to the Marine Corps Aerial Refueling Transport Training Squadron, Marine Corps Aerial Station, Cherry Point, N.C., where they spend three months training in the KC-130. Upon qualification at Cherry Point, they transfer to various operational squadrons both overseas and stateside, to include Japan, Texas and New York.



Lance Cpl.  
Brandon Dube



Lance Cpl.  
Timothy Hughes



Lance Cpl.  
Donald Kafer



Lance Cpl.  
Tristan Schroeder



Lance Cpl.  
Alexander Shaft



Lance Cpl.  
Craig Vankorlaar

# Deployed members receive transportation assistance

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron has stepped up to the plate and is ready to help base Airmen who are deploying to locations around the world with transportation.

"When it comes time to catch that flight," said Capt. Gregory Kuzma, 12th LRS Vehicle Management Flight chief, "Randolph people on deployment orders shouldn't have to worry about how they will get to the airport or how they will get back to the base on their return. We stand ready to help and want them to know how we fit into their picture at that time."

According to Tech. Sgt. David Williamson, NCO in charge of the Vehicle Operations Element, there are two ways the unit can provide transportation support. If the

deploying member's unit has appropriately licensed drivers, the unit can request use of government vehicles ranging from sedans to 44-passenger buses on a "you-drive-it" basis. The other option units have is to request a driver from the vehicle operations element, and the deploying members can be transported to their point of departure by that driver.

Sergeant Williamson added that dependents can also travel with deploying members in the government vehicle on a space available basis.

"One advantage of traveling in a government vehicle is that the dependents won't have to worry about parking fees at the airport," he said.

There are two restrictions, however, deploying members should understand when arranging their travel plans with the LRS, said Sergeant Williamson. Any members deploying with government issued weapons must travel in

a government vehicle and all travel in a government vehicle must begin or, if returning from a deployment, end at an official place of business on base. No pickups or drop-offs will be made to an on-base residence or off-base location.

Unit deployment monitors or first sergeants can make transportation requests by calling 652-3477/8294 or by e-mailing 12LRS.vehicledispatch@randolph.af.mil.

The vehicle operations element can provide support with proper notice at any time, but normal hours of operations at the dispatch center are 24 hours a day Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to midnight on weekends and holidays.

"We are trying to ease the problems base personnel face when they are leaving or returning from deployments," said Captain Kuzma. "This kind of transportation assistance should help relieve at least one concern at that time."

# 'Excellent' AFPC computer operations gets top mark from inspection

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Miller  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

An Air Force Communications Agency SCOPE EDGE inspection team took a deep look into the inner workings of AFPC's computer operations recently and had only one word in response – "Excellent."

The top mark was given to all areas being looked at which included infrastructure, network management, information assurance and operating systems and applications.

There are notable "best practices" in almost every function, said Capt. Steven Lubinski, AFCA SCOPE EDGE inspection

team chief in the team's out-brief.

The AFCA team's comments included that this was the "best network and management they have seen."

"I was quite happy with the results of this evaluation of our network operations. Although there is still much to do, we've come a long way to insure reliable and continuous service," said Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan, AFPC commander. "If stock were issued for DPD, I'd put it in the 'outperform' category and 'buy.' Considering the limited resources, this is an exceptional step forward."

"The results of this inspection come as no surprise. Our information technology team

has done an exceptional job of instituting a disciplined approach to operating and maintaining our personnel data systems," said Col. Greg Touhill, AFPC director of personnel data systems. "Using Air Force Operationalizing and Professionalizing the Network techniques, we're running our computers like weapon systems and the results are paying huge dividends in better performance and reliability.

"OPTN is a great doctrine, but the key to our success is our outstanding team of folks who are improving the Air Force's personnel data systems every day."

In addition, the inspection team identified four directorate of personnel data systems

members as top performers: **Senior Master Sgt. Clarence Mathis, Master Sgt. William Richardson, Master Sgt. Brad Hamilton and Ed Ahumada.**

DPD is responsible for all Air Force personnel data systems and information technologies worldwide. It operates with a staff of around 300 information technology and personnel professionals and manages a \$50 million system environment – which includes the virtual Military Personnel Flight, Assignment Management System, web-based civilian and military personnel applications and databases such as the Military Personnel Database and the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System.

# Congress, nation designate military appreciation month

By Gene Harper  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Both chambers of the U.S. Congress have adopted a resolution calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. servicemembers during May's National Military Appreciation Month.

Virginia Rep. Tom Davis, along with 16 co-sponsors, introduced Concurrent Resolution No. 328 in the House in November. The Senate agreed to it without amendment and by unanimous consent April 26.

The resolution states that the House, with the Senate concurring, "supports the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month." It also "urges the president to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, localities, organizations and media to annually observe (the month) with appropriate ceremonies and

activities." Finally, the resolution urges the White House Commission on Remembrance to "work to support the goals and objectives" of the month.

The Senate first passed a resolution in 1999 designating National Military Appreciation Month. That declaration summoned U.S. citizens to observe the month "in a symbol of unity, ... to honor the current and former members of the armed forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace."

Traditionally, May has focused on the military in many ways. For example, Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first full Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, recognizes the roles of public servants, including the military, at local, state, regional and federal levels. As a part of the week, communities across America showcase military equipment and servicemembers from U.S. installations. The largest event takes place at

Washington's National Mall, where more than 100 federal agencies, including the military services, put their activities, people and equipment on public display. This year's mall event is Thursday through Sunday.

Armed Forces Day, created in 1949, is an annual event held on the third Saturday in May, with activities at U.S. military bases worldwide. This year's celebration is May 15.

The month culminates with Memorial Day, a federal holiday on the last Monday in May. The day, dating from the Civil War era, traditionally has marked recognition of those who have died in service to the nation. Each year on Memorial Day, the White House Commission on Remembrance promotes one minute of silence at 3 p.m. local time to honor the military's fallen comrades and to pay tribute to the sacrifices by the nation's servicemembers and veterans.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

# AFPC to undergo reorganization

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Miller  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Team Randolph members may notice changes in some of the Air Force Personnel Center's customer service functions as the center undergoes several internal reorganizations by July 1.

In an effort to move the center's analysis function closer to the customer and merge home station and deployed customer service, AFPC's Directorate of Operations will split and become part of three other directorates.

Changes are also taking place on the civilian side of the center. The directorates of Civilian Personnel Operations and Civilian Career Management will be realigned to implement Air Force Civilian Career Field Management – all in an effort to more closely align military and civilian career fields and develop future leaders under Force Development. Also, the Directorate of Personnel Accountability will assume the DPS' military and civilian field activities division and the Air Force Contact Center. The combined new directorate will be renamed the Directorate of Force Operations.

"This move makes sense," said Col. Roger Corbin, director of personnel accountability. "We're putting the customer service functions in the same place so we can better serve the garrison and field commander's requirements."

DPS' plans, analysis and information delivery division will be assumed by the directorate of assignments, a move aimed at putting the analysts where they're needed most – in the force development support area.

"Integrating this function into the stand-up of the force development support office will help us integrate and execute personnel operations for the future," said Col. Keith Wilkinson, acting director of assignments. "Developing Airmen is critical to the future of the Air Force. This move will help us do that."

Finally for DPS, the Standardized Core Personnel Document Library personnel in the civilian field activities division, along with a portion of the analysis function will be aligned under DPK – part of their civilian personnel support function.

The realignment of DPC and DPK will provide a systematic approach to management, development and sustainment of the civilian workforce.

For Air Force civilians, the goal of career field management is to identify cross-functional paths that will expose the workforce to a broader scope of operational activities in preparation for senior leadership positions.

All civilian positions will be categorized into career fields. Each career field will have a career path that helps employees determine where they need to go or what they need to do to advance in their career.

"CFM will create opportunities for civilian professional education, advanced academic degrees, broader assignment experiences and upward mobility," said Greg Den Herder, AFPC executive director.

The "Lean concept" to rapidly improve processes and to identify and eliminate inefficiencies will be institutionalized within AFPC and serve as the primary tool to meet the July 1 realignment date.

50 YEARS  
Ago  
in the Wingspread

Fifty years ago this week, the Randolph *Wingspread* reported:

★ The second annual Randolph carnival netted \$20,000 for the Community Fund. Among other events, the carnival included drag racing and prize drawings in which three new (1954) cars were given away.

★ Col. Edward Haight retired from the Air Force. He was the last World War I fighter ace on active duty, with five enemy aircraft to his credit. He spent the last four years of his service as a master sergeant in the School of Aviation Medicine here because of the post-World War II reductions in force.

★ The paper also featured photographs of the first F-100 and F-102 fighters and the new RF-84F reconnaissance aircraft.

★ Handy Andy supermarket's ad showed that a loaf of bread cost 15 cents.

## 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

# Daedalians host living legends

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Military aviators across South Texas are coming to Randolph May 14, as the Stinsons Flight No. 2 of the Order of Daedalians hosts a gathering of military aviation living legends.

"All active duty pilots not already Daedalian members are invited as guests to join the flight's members as they mingle with six famous aviators," said retired Col. Bill Stewart, coordinator for the event. "During the event (which begins at 4:30 p.m.) pilots will be able to talk one-on-one with these military aviators whose exploits are the kinds you read about in action novels."

The following military aviation legends are participating:

- Retired Lt. Gen. Joe Moore, who, as commander of the P-40 squadron at Clark Field in the Philippines, was one of three fighter pilots who tangled with the Japanese there the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He shot down two enemy fighters that day, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He won the Bendix Trophy in 1959 for flying an F-105 to a world speed record at 1,216 miles per hour over a 100 kilometer closed course.

- Retired Brig. Gen. Tex Hill is a pilot whose exploits as a Flying Tiger have made him a legend. After earning his wings as a Navy pilot, General Hill joined the Flying Tigers flying the P-40 Warhawk. He shot down six Japanese aircraft in just three weeks in 1942 and brought his total to 18.25 enemy aircraft by the end of the war. He flew the P-80 in the first Air Force unit to be equipped with the jet fighter. After the war he joined the Texas National Guard and became the youngest brigadier general on record there.

- Retired Col. Ralph Parr is a part of 12th Flying Training Wing history, having been the commander of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing in Vietnam. He is the most highly decorated Air Force officer, holding 60 awards and decorations, including both the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Force Cross – the only man to have won both medals. Colonel Parr is a double ace with more than 8,000 hours of fighter time, including 641 combat missions in three wars.

- Retired Col. Ralph Hoggat was a B-24 pilot in World War II. But it was his service as an A-1 pilot in Vietnam that earned him the Air Force Cross. During his first three months on station in Thailand, he flew 74 missions. On Nov. 11, 1967, he was the on scene "Sandy" commander during a search and rescue mission. His plane was hit many times by ground fire but he stayed to also direct the recovery of his own wingman, who had been shot down during the recovery effort. He flew 204 missions during his Vietnam tour of duty.

- Retired Lt. Col. Dick Cole was Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot on the famous raid over Tokyo in 1942. Then a 2nd lieutenant pilot on the new B-25 medium bomber, Colonel Cole volunteered for this mission without knowing any details. After training to take off from the very limited space of an aircraft carrier, the group headed into the Pacific, where they were finally told about their targets. The raid was a small tactical operation, but a major psychological boost for Americans at that time of the war.

- Dorothy Lucas was one of the Women Air Service Pilots of World War II fame. For three years during World War II, she flew AT-6 trainers towing targets for other aviators to shoot at, but she was one of those adventurous people who found personal satisfaction in the duty.

During the event, tickets will be sold for food and drinks catered by the officers' club. In addition, there will be some valuable raffle prizes, one of which will be dinner out with General and Mrs. Tex Hill. Military pilots who are not Daedalian members receive one free raffle ticket when they arrive and more can be purchased during the evening. The evening concludes with the presentation of the Daedalian's Eubank Trophy to the 12th Flying Training Wing instructor pilot of the year and the Crane Award to the student instructor pilot of the year.

For more information, e-mail Colonel Stewart at wrstewart@satx.rr.com.

# AAFES offers way to support deployed troops

## 'Gifts from Homefront' certificates prove to be cost effective, safe alternative to sending care packages

DALLAS – As troops continue to deploy to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, many Americans are seeking cost effective ways to support those serving far from home.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "Gifts From the Homefront" program continues to be a popular option for individuals and civic organizations. Since the program's inception in March of last year, AAFES has issued almost 18,500 "Gifts

from the Homefront" certificates.

According to AAFES' communication chief Lt. Col. Debra Pressley, the troops serving in OIF/OEF are the ultimate benefactor of the gift certificate program.

"As of today, AAFES' 'Gifts from the Homefront' initiative has generated more than \$365,000 for the support of deployed service members. The program is proving to be an incredible morale boost for deployed troops," she said.

Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, "Gifts from the Homefront" are proving to be a safe alternative to traditional care packages that place unnecessary strain on the military mail system. Service members can purchase exactly what they need with the

certificates because they can be applied to a wide range of products.

Reports from Iraq indicate the certificates are being used for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks and beverages and phone cards for those all-important calls home.

AAFES' charitable partners have been key in the distribution of "Gifts from the Homefront" certificates addressed to "any service member." The Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and Fisher House have distributed more than 5,000 certificates, totaling more than \$115,000, to deployed troops. Friends and family have purchased almost \$250,000 "Gifts from the Homefront" certificates for individual service members.

Those wishing to send a "Gift from the

Homefront" can simply log on to aafes.com or call 1-877-770-4438 to purchase gift certificates in \$10 or \$20 denominations. From there, the "Gift from the Homefront" may be sent to an individual service member (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through organizations such as the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

"Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates can be redeemed at any AAFES facility in the world including OIF/OEF locations. To date, AAFES operates some 53 stores throughout central and southwest Asia, serving troops and lifting morale of those in austere, harsh conditions.

(Courtesy of AAFES Public Affairs)

# Team Randolph members earn CCAF degrees

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

More than 85 Team Randolph members and local retirees were presented with Associates of Applied Science degrees from the Community College of the Air Force Tuesday during a ceremony at the officers' club. Each graduate completed a minimum of 64 semester hours in either technical education, management or general education.

During the ceremony, Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Lt. Col. Wilbert Thomas, Air Education and Training Command inspector general support branch chief, delivered the ceremony commencement address.

The ceremony was followed by a reception for the graduates, family members and friends.

The graduates are:

### 12th Flying Training Wing

Tech. Sgt. Raymond Coburn

### 12th Civil Engineer Squadron

Master Sgt. Teresa Hall

Master Sgt. Michael Mitchell

### 12th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Michael Jackson

Staff Sgt. Mary Bailey

Tech. Sgt. Tonia Bennett

Staff Sgt. Shelby Parker

### 12th Logistics Group

Master Sgt. Carlton Wells Jr.

Staff Sgt. Larry James

### 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Marco Ramos

### 12th Medical Group

Tech. Sgt. Karen Haynes

Staff Sgt. Katrina Portillo

Staff Sgt. Teresa Stanley

Staff Sgt. Shannon Standridge

### 12th Mission Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jenaro Jackson

Master Sgt. Renee Harris

Staff Sgt. Brandon Pearson

### 12th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michele Stephenson

Staff Sgt. Christine Collins

### 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Staff Sgt. Brian Collins

Staff Sgt. Garrett Miller

### 12th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Andy Rivera

### 99th Flying Training Squadron

Master Sgt. Lori Smith

### 340th Flying Training Group

Tech. Sgt. Richard Montalvo

Tech. Sgt. Caroline Hubbart

### Air Education and Training Command

Staff Sgt. Joshua Berman

Tech. Sgt. Michael Bliven

Tech. Sgt. Herman Brooks

Staff Sgt. Angela Burton

Staff Sgt. Leticia Diaz

Master Sgt. Amy Espinoza

Master Sgt. James Lewis

Master Sgt. Rodney Mack

Tech. Sgt. Arthur O'Campo

Staff Sgt. Jose Oquendo

Master Sgt. Terrance Williams

### Air Force Personnel Center

Master Sgt. Billy Albers

Master Sgt. Jessie Blair

Staff Sgt. Shantia Bryant

Airman 1st Class Scotty Cornog

Master Sgt. Rose Cruz

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Dufallo

Master Sgt. Gregory Dvorak

Master Sgt. Guy Herron

Tech. Sgt. Mel Hills

Staff Sgt. Katrina Johnson

Tech. Sgt. Eric Mikkelsen

Senior Airman Melissa Mintern

Master Sgt. Christina Pfister

Staff Sgt. Lisa Pomfret

Tech. Sgt. Jack Potter

Staff Sgt. Eugene Powers

Master Sgt. Alberto Salinas

Master Sgt. Julie Schlip

Staff Sgt. Stephen Seidel

Tech. Sgt. Henry Torres

Master Sgt. Robert Tullgren

Staff Sgt. Amy Webster

Master Sgt. Jessie Wilson

### Air Force Recruiting Service

Tech. Sgt. Jose Cavazos

Master Sgt. Bradley Elkjer

Tech. Sgt. Dennis Hall

Master Sgt. Gerald Hires

Master Sgt. James Mayotte

Staff Sgt. Martha Ribeiro

Master Sgt. Kevin Rohrsen

Staff Sgt. Regina White

### Air Force Services Agency

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Burrows

### Air Force POA

Tech. Sgt. Diane Chapman

### Air Force ROTC, Detachment 810

Staff Sgt. Wendy McDowell

### Air Force Manpower Requirements Determination Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Barry Boatwright

### Air Force Office of Special Investigations - Region 4

Staff Sgt. Sean Purl

### Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Chief Master Sgt. Winfred Leonard

### Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Riche

### Joint Personal Property Shipping Office

Staff Sgt. Wilton Cox II

Staff Sgt. Schawana Ruffin

### Retired/Separated

Master Sgt. James Doherty

Staff Sgt. James Evans

Master Sgt. Ivan Hamilton

Master Sgt. Kenneth Meierhofer

Staff Sgt. Maria Meraz

Staff Sgt. Robert O'Neal

Master Sgt. Michael Taylor

## CCAF Fall scholarships

Eleven Team Randolph members earned fall 2004 Community College of the Air Force scholarships.

The scholarship recipients are:

### Eagle Grants

Staff Sgt. Christine Collins, 12th Operations Support Squadron

Tech Sgt. Raymond Coburn, 12th Flying Training Wing  
Master Sgt. Rodney Mack, Air Education and Training Command

### Officers Wives' Club scholarship

Staff Sgt. Katrice Johnson, Air Force Personnel Center

### Enlisted Wives' Club scholarships

Master Sgt. Renee Harris, 12th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Regina White, Air Force Security Assistance Training

### Team Randolph scholarship

Tech. Sgt. De'bra Hines-Townsell, AFSAT

### Chiefs' Group scholarships

Master Sgt. Richard Trujillo, AFSAT

Tech Sgt. Jenaro Jackson, 12th MSS

### Park University book credit certificate

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Cass, 12th Support Group

### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University book credit certificate

Senior Master Sgt. Victor Allen, 19th Air Force

# AF Climate Survey results reveal progress in most areas

By Nicole Gamez  
Air Force Climate Survey team

The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey results have been analyzed, and final reports have been released to unit-level leaders for action.

The survey ran Oct. 1 to Nov. 23. "As the leaders of the world's greatest air and space force, we share a commitment to continually seek improvement. The survey results give our leaders targets for improvement from the people who know best — our Airmen," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "For the survey to be a true success, leaders must now take this information and use it to focus their efforts within their organizations. I urge leaders to brief the results to their members and then translate that information into action."

Previous surveys included active-duty Airmen and appropriated-fund civilians. To provide a clearer picture of the entire force, the 2003 survey included the Reserve, Guard and nonappropriated-fund civilians. More than 50 percent of the total force took the survey.

It addressed job characteristics, unit resources, core values, supervision, unit chain of command, training and development, and job enhancement. It also focused on teamwork, participation and involvement, recognition, unit flexibility, general satisfaction and unit performance outcomes.

The Air Force Manpower Agency's survey team worked with experts at the U.S. Air Force Academy's department of management to ensure accurate analysis of the survey data.

Each question was answered on a six-point scale ranging

from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree." The total percentage of "agree" responses are the sum of "strongly agree," "agree" and "slightly agree" percentages.

Air Force-wide, unit performance outcomes, job characteristics and core values were the highest rated factors at 94-, 92-, and 87-percent agreement respectively. These results indicate that people believe they are meeting their missions' goals, find their jobs important and challenging, and believe that their unit understands and demonstrates Air Force core values, officials said.

Eighty-six percent of the survey participants said that people in their work groups exercise teamwork and perform essential work that is considered above and beyond the call of duty. Eighty-five percent of respondents agreed that they have the required training to do their jobs, and that they have opportunities for professional growth.

Overall, supervision was rated at 84 percent, while 81 percent believed their chain of command positively influenced the direction, people and culture of their units.

Although active-duty Airmen and appropriated-fund civilian participants' ratings increased from the 2002 survey, the results showed room for improvement in several areas. Seventy-eight percent of the respondents are generally satisfied with their jobs, are involved in their work place's decisions and believe their units respond well to change.

Since the first survey in 1997, acknowledgment of exceptional performance and management of time, people and equipment areas continue to score low in the survey; however, both have continued to increase.

Comments received in the recognition area indicate that a simple "thank you" for a job well done can be just as effective as a formal award, officials said.

Sixty-five percent of participants agree morale in their unit is high. This number has increased from 55 percent in 1997.

In comparison with other components, active-duty Airmen rate all factors lower than reservists, guardsmen and civilians. Officers consistently rate all factors higher than enlisted Airmen and civilians with the exception of the unit resources factor.

Since 2002, the number of active-duty Airmen (deployed and at home station) who intend to remain in the Air Force has decreased significantly.

Analysis by Air Force Academy officials revealed that the chain of command as a whole, rather than the commander or supervisor alone, drives performance, satisfaction, organizational commitment and one's intent to remain in the Air Force. Further analysis revealed that of all the factors the survey addresses, an Airman's career intentions are most affected by organizational commitment and satisfaction, not by work hours.

According to the survey results, ratings increased in units where leaders used the results positively. The 2003 factor ratings were compared against the question, "Did my leader use the results in a positive way?" The results showed leaders who shared results and used ideas and suggestions had higher positive responses in all factors. Leaders that took action on previous survey results also increased their units' overall scores, officials said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

# Airplanes, cars and joggers cross paths

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Roadways, jogging trails and taxiways can be a dangerous combination. When they intersect on Randolph, who has the right of way?

To help alleviate this confusion, new signs were recently installed at the intersection where 3rd Drive West, the golf course road, jogging trails, the south ramp and two



New signage at the intersection of the taxiway, road and jogging path near the south ramp on Randolph call attention to the safety concern when taxiing airplanes and other traffic use the same space. The rule to remember is that airplanes and flight line vehicles always have priority. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

taxiways serving the west runway come together. "The simple answer," Wally Meadors, Randolph air base manager, said, "is that airplanes always have the right of way. In fact, any military traffic on the taxiway, whether aircraft or vehicles, has the right of way over vehicles on the road or joggers," he said.

Anytime a road crosses a taxiway used by airplanes, a potentially dangerous situation exists. Flightline vehicles such as refueling trucks, and maintenance and emergency vehicles also regularly use the taxiways, adding to the potential for misunderstood priorities.

Vehicles without flightline authorization are prohibited from driving on the taxiways, ramps and runways, Mr. Meadors added. If they are found to be violating that prohibition, the drivers are subject to immediate apprehension by security forces.

Road traffic at this intersection is heavy during rush hours when the south gate is open for traffic. Joggers also enjoy access to the running tracks near the golf course during weekdays and on weekends. But the guiding principle when approaching the taxiway at any time of day, whether on foot or in a vehicle, is still the same: flightline traffic has the right of way.

When any activities support the wing's primary mission, those activities obviously have priority, said Mr. Meadors.

"When those activities take place on a part of the airfield designed to taxi airplanes, we should expect that the mission activities have priority," he said.

The new signs and the freshly painted road markings that will soon be in place should help everyone using that intersection understand the situation there, he added.

"We can all use the area and complete our mission safely if we live by the rules. Safety is a win-win situation for everybody," said Mr. Meadors.

# Commanding presence Aircraft displayed for student scrutiny

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

The 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons held their semi-annual Command Day Friday, complete with briefings for families of the squadron's students and aircraft static displays.

Showcased on the south ramp were ten Air Force and Navy aircraft to which the student navigators and electronic warfare officers might be assigned when they finish their training here. Long lines of excited students and curious family members stood in the shade of the massive B-52 wing as they waited for 30 minutes or more for a chance to sit in the cockpit of the towering bomber.

First Lt. Mike Mettelle, a student navigator from the New York Air Reserve, looked the B-52 over carefully from nose to tail, commenting that the bomb bay looked smaller than he had expected, considering the number of weapons it can carry. Meanwhile, Colleen Hale, wife of student 2nd Lt. Jake Hale, was in awe of the sight, able to see her first military aircraft up close during the event.

"It's cool," she said, "but it's all very new to me."

Second Lt. Jeffery Miller, a student EWO and his wife, Claudine, were just taking the display in stride. Lieutenant Miller said he already knows that he wants to get into special operations C-130s and Claudine is busy preparing to take the Air Force officer qualification test herself. Having been raised in an Air Force family, airplanes are a normal part of what she expects in their lives.

Command Day is regularly planned by the squadrons to allow the students a first hand look at different aircraft that require the skills they are learning before they make their requests for assignment.



Military aircraft, like the E-3 Sentry (AWACS), top, and the B-52 Stratofortress, above and left, took center stage during Randolph's Command Day. Student navigators and electronic warfare officers, along with their families, took advantage of the opportunity to get up close and personal with the aircraft that may play a role in their future assignments. This event also gave the students a chance to meet and speak with the crew members of the various aircraft. (Photos by Steve White)

## Say big money!



Pamela Kurburski, IRS Austin territory senior tax specialist, left, poses with Randolph Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program members, from left to right, Sandy Vogel, Teresa Jaskinia, Maj. Michael Mullen, Darla Kelly, Capt. Marc Banjak and Greg Jaskinia after the VITA appreciation luncheon April 30. Ms. Vogel, Major Mullen, Ms. Kelly, Robert Haley and Senior Master Sgt. Paul Bisson were recognized as outstanding performers for assisting more than 750 people in filing 452 tax returns. With about 56 volunteers, the program managed to save the Randolph military community almost \$270,000 in federal income tax preparation fees and recovered more than \$2.8 million in refunds. (Photo by Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice)

## 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. Leon Roberts at 652-4410.

# Base holds events for National Police Week

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

fellow law enforcement members.

Other events planned for the week include a military working dog demonstration, golf and bowling tournaments, McGruff the Crime Dog visits and local law agency visits.

"This week provides local law enforcement agencies an opportunity to congregate and remember those police officers lost in the line of duty," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Hayward, 12th SFS police week coordinator. "We hope our local community comes out and shows their support for the civilian and military police units that will be represented."

For more information, call Sergeant Hayward at 652-5509.

## Schedule of events for National Police Week

**Monday** - starting at 6 a.m. - Blue ribbons will be passed out at the gates  
1 p.m. - Military working dog demonstration at Wrigley Field

**Tuesday** - 9 a.m. - McGruff the crime dog and members of the 12th Security Forces Squadron visit the elementary school and talk with the students about safety.

**Wednesday** - 9 a.m. - McGruff the crime dog and members of the 12th Security Forces Squadron visit the child day care facilities and talk with the

children about safety.  
1 p.m. - Bowling tournament - To sign up, call Master Sgt. Mance Clark at 652-1357.

**Thursday** - 9 a.m. Golf tournament - To sign up, call Tech. Sgt. Micah Young at 652-5600.

**Friday** - 4 p.m. - Retreat ceremony at base flag pole in front of the "Taj Mahal."

**Saturday** - from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Several events to take place at the commons area between the base exchange and commissary, including weapons display, vehicle display, night vision equipment display, security forces uniform displays, local law enforcement agency booths and McGruff fingerprinting children.

# Shutter Bugs

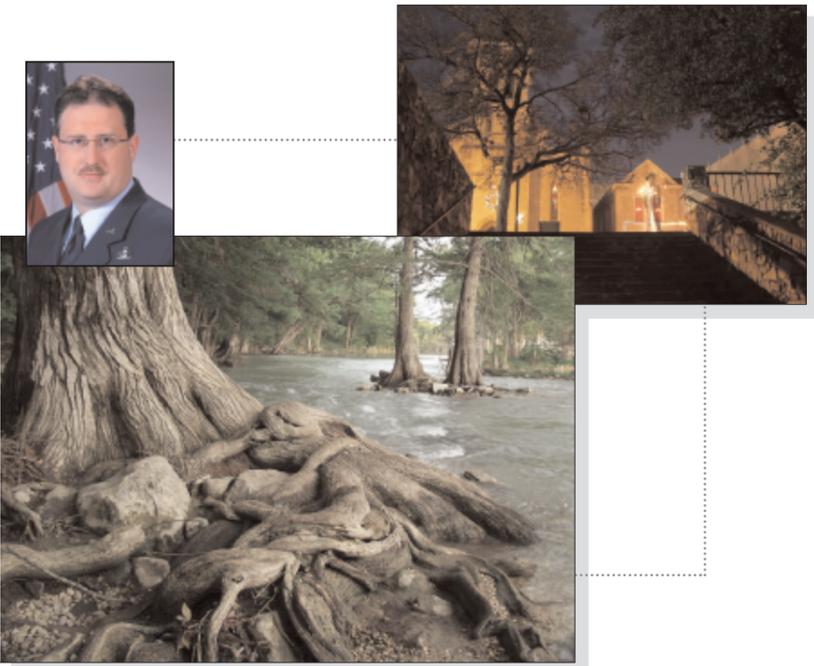
By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Two Randolph Airmen and one teenager were recognized for their photos through the Air Education and Training Command's annual photography contest. Lt. Col. Sandra Miarecki and Master Sgt. Edward Blauvelt, 19th Air Force, and Emily Blauvelt, daughter of Sergeant Blauvelt, were recognized. Emily won first and second place in the youth digital photography, military life division; first for her photo titled "Ghost on the Wall" and second for her photo titled "Korean Heroes."



"I am ecstatic about winning!" said Emily. "This was my first contest and I have already won four awards (two at the base-level competition and two at the command-level)."

"My dad showed me how to take photos," Emily recalled. "When he looked at my work, he suggested I enter the contest at Lackland, since Randolph did not have a contest this year."



Emily ended up placing first and second at Lackland, and then went on to the AETC-level. Emily's favorite photo is the one she took called "Korean Heroes."

"My grandfather fought in the Korean War, so I thought it would be nice to have a picture of the monument that memorialized him and other servicemembers who defend us."

Emily moves on to the Air Force-level contest later this year. "Hopefully my photos will do well," she said. My dad took second place for the people category last year at the Air Force-level, so hopefully I can follow in his footsteps."

Sergeant Blauvelt, Headquarters 19th AF aviation management superintendent, won two "Gallery Merit" awards in adult digital photography, one in the creative effects division, with his photo "Christmas Ghost" and one in scenic/nature division, with his photo "Roots."

"It is a real honor to be recognized!" said the sergeant. "This is the ninth award I have won for photos that I have taken."

Sergeant Blauvelt started entering the photo contests two years ago, and now he has turned it into a tradition. "I took the 'Roots' photo when I was up in Gruene - it just looked so surreal, almost like a creature crawling out of the water," said Sergeant Blauvelt. "The 'Christmas Ghost' photo was an accident. It was a photo of my son near the Riverwalk, that just so happened to turn out well."

Colonel Miarecki, 19th AF chief of safety, won a "Gallery Merit" award in the adult color prints, creative effects division, for her photo titled "Riverwalk Fiesta."

"My number one hobby is photography," said Colonel Miarecki. "I started in junior high school with a cheap camera and have since upgraded to several different professional cameras. I love capturing life's memories with film, and I enjoy doing creative photography as well."

Colonel Miarecki said she carries a camera with her almost everywhere. "You never know when a fantastic photo opportunity will come along," she said. "The photo that was selected in the contest was during a casual visit to the Riverwalk. When I saw the beautiful lights reflecting in the river, I knew I had to try and capture the moment."

The photography contest recently entered the digital age, allowing photos to be judged digitally at the command-level, forwarded from each competing base. Command-level judges review the entries as computer images, which allows photographers and artists to keep their work.

Base-level photography contests took place in late October, early November of last year. Adult and youth contestants entered photographs in four groups: monochrome prints, color prints, color slides and digital photos. Within those four groups, photographers entered images in five categories of subject matter: military life, people, nature, and scenic and creative effects. The fifth category, computer imaging and enhancement, is the newest category added to the contest, for digital photos that are retouched or enhanced using a computer program. The winners and meritorious entries are on display at the AETC Services Web site at [www.aetcsv.com](http://www.aetcsv.com).



# CONSTRUCTION

CORNER

**\*ECM = Estimated completion month**

- Demolish East Wherry base housing. ECM is October.
- Install lights at the polo field. Should be complete Saturday.
- New communication lines. ECM is May.
- T-1 CASS System installation on East Apron. ECM is July.
- Replacement of roof on Hangar 7. ECM is October.
- Tennis court resurfacing. ECM is June.
- Water main replacement for circle and duplex base housing. ECM is January 2006.
- Renovation of restrooms in Building 700. ECM is May.
- Parking lot reconstruction at Buildings 905 and 907. ECM is yet to be determined.
- Renovation of Air Education and Training Command Buildings 902 and 905. ECM is April 2005.
- South pool renovation. ECM is May.
- Building 862 is under construction. ECM is May.
- Self Help, Building 875, replaced with Readiness Facility. ECM is August.
- Fence replacing concrete barriers, west phase. ECM is June.
- Air handler installation in Building 491. Should be complete by May 14.
- Air handling unit replacement in Air Force Personnel Center's A Wing, B Wing and C Wing. ECM is May.
- Roof repair at Hangars 72 and 73. ECM is January 2006.
- Renovation of Building 260. ECM is September.
- Roof repair at Building 82. ECM is June.
- Replacement of Buildings 1024 and 1027. ECM is February 2006.

**Special Note:** Renovation of Harmon Drive to include Washington Circle is in progress. There is inbound traffic only in the mornings and outbound traffic only in the afternoons.

Military Family Housing: Exterior Painting/Roof Repair/Interior Repair/Foundation Repair in progress; notices will be sent to tenants. (Circle & Duplex) Repairs will continue through July 2004.

## Skills craft center now offers 'how to' classes

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Skills Craft Center has teamed up with Home Depot to offer base members free "how to" classes on various home and lawn topics.

The classes, which include such subjects as how to care for a lawn, paint a house, lay tile and plant flowers, are all things a homeowner might want to know how to do, said Sharon Rector, skills craft center community support flight program manager.

"The classes are a great learning tool not only for home owners, but also for base housing tenants and future home owners," she said. Each month the skills craft center features a different do-it-yourself project. The first class, held on April 15, featured lawn and garden care, taught by local horticulturist Rick Erbrich. The next class, which is Thursday, teaches house painting techniques and the following class, on June 17, covers how to lay various kinds of floor tile.

One special feature of the classes is the door prize system, said Ms. Rector. Everything that is demonstrated by the Home Depot staff is given away at the end of the class. The April class door prizes included a wheelbarrow, fertilizer spreaders, bags of fertilizer and trays of blooming plants.

"These classes are a fantastic way to learn how to care for and beautify the places we live," said Ms. Rector. Each class begins at 6 p.m. in the skills craft center. For more information, call the center at 652-2788.



Rick Erbrich, horticulturist with Home Depot, left, teaches base members how to care for lawns and gardens at the Randolph Skills Craft Center. The class was the first of a series of "how to" clinics now offered at the center. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

## Golf course undergoes major upgrade

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Base golfers should expect some minor inconveniences at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course over the next 15 months as the course undergoes a major facelift starting next week. The multi-million dollar project, funded by the 12th Services Division, Headquarters Air Force Services Agency and the Air Education and Training Command, includes both a redesign and rebuild of the greens as well as a new irrigation system.

"This is the beginning of an exciting time for Randolph golfers," said Troy Gann, Randolph Oaks Golf Course director of golf. "The temporary inconvenience will be worth it when the course is completely refinished by July of next year." "The improvements will really make a difference to our regulars and reinforce our image as the showplace of the Air Force!" Mr. Gann said.

The work will be done as two major projects, according to Tony Osborn, golf course superintendent. The first project is the redesign and rebuilding of the greens. The back nine holes and putting green should be complete by October 2004 and the front nine holes should be complete between February and July 2005, he said. The putting green at the clubhouse will be almost doubled in size and include some of the same kind of challenging features players will find at the new greens, Mr. Osborn said.

The second project is the replacement of the irrigation system for the entire course. That starts in September and should be complete by January 2005. Randolph Oaks was originally designed in 1948 as a nine-hole course by Press and Perry Maxwell, noted golf course planners of that era. The back nine holes were added in 1958. The only other major change was when recycled water from the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority was brought in for irrigation in 1996. Over the years many minor changes have been made which, together with natural deterioration of drainage patterns, resulted in a course that does not meet the expectations of present-day golfers.

The new \$825,000 greens project was designed by George Williams, cited by Golf Digest as one of the top 50 golf club architects in the nation. "Their support with this project has been tremendous," said Mr. Gann. "None of this would be possible without their help."



The Randolph Oaks Golf Course undergoes a major upgrade over the next 15 months. Among the improvements is the redesign of the greens and replacement of the irrigation system. (Photo by Steve White)

# 12th OSS dominates Medics 18-8



Alex Hernandez, 12th Medical Group, forces out 12th Operations Support Squadron's Lance Waddy at third and then launches the ball to second for another put out. (Photos by Steve White)

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

The 12th Operations Support Squadron "10-run ruled" the 12th Medical Group 18-8 in their Tuesday/Thursday league intramural softball season opener Tuesday night at Yankee field.

Brian Smith, 12th OSS, demonstrated his all-star caliber with six RBIs and two home runs including a grand slam over the left center field wall in the bottom of the first.

"We had some key home run hitters from last year play for us again which really made a difference," said 12th OSS coach Nic Jacques. "I told the guys we were going to win today and we

did just that. I think we have a definite shot at the title this year if we keep playing like we did today."

After being held scoreless in the first inning, the Medics redeemed themselves in the top of the second, when Patrick Burrows blasted a home run to center field followed by two RBIs off of Anthony Areizaga and Thomas McLachlan singles, tying the game at 3.

The 12th OSS squad quickly distanced themselves in the bottom half of the second, garnering an eight-point lead by the end of the inning. Jamie Chavez led off the 12th OSS scoring with a sacrifice to left center, sending Rick Scott home.

Other OSS highlights of the inning included doubles by Gary Santore and Smith and a triple to left field by Lance Waddy.

The Medics couldn't find their offensive game as the 12th OSS squad held them to one point through the top of the fifth. But the same couldn't be said for the 12th OSS as they scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth. A series of singles brought home three batters, followed by a Jacques sacrifice to center field for a run and a double to left field by Andy Miller.

Down 18-4, the Medics entered into the final inning, with hopes of cutting down the deficit dramatically. With one man on base, David Fish blasted a home run into center field. Teammates Shaun Johnson and Areizaga, knocked in two more RBIs for their team to close out the bottom of the sixth.

The game ended after six innings because 12th OSS was ahead by 10 runs.



Nic Jaques, 12th Operations Support Squadron, runs through first base as 12th Medical Group's David Fish stretches to make the catch.



Lance Waddy, 12th Operations Support Squadron, right, backs up teammate Gary Santore as he dives to make a catch.

## State-of-the-art weight loss program offered to some San Antonio military

By Antoinette Brundige  
59th Medical Operations Squadron

Researchers at Wilford Hall Medical Center have teamed up with several of the world's leading civilian scientists to evaluate a state-of-the-art weight loss program for active duty Airmen.

Enrollment in the study is limited to individuals stationed in San Antonio, giving them the unique opportunity to participate in one of the largest scientific studies of weight management ever funded by the Department of Defense.

The study is being conducted because the incidence of overweight and obesity in the United States is nearing epidemic proportions. Despite longstanding weight and fitness requirements, military personnel have not escaped this trend. According to the DoD Surveys of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel (2002), approximately 57.2 percent of active duty military members are considered overweight. This figure represents a 4.3 percent increase from 1998.

In response to this trend, the Air Force recently implemented new fitness standards. Previously, active duty members had been primarily concerned about staying under their maximum allowable weight. Since the elimination of the MAW requirements and the introduction of the new fitness standards in January 2004, focus has shifted to overall fitness and health risk reduction through lowered abdominal circumference. Reduction of abdominal circumference is best achieved through overall weight loss; thus, weight management continues to be an important issue.

Along with weight management, improvement in physical fitness has also become top priority. There has already been a noticeable increase in the use of base fitness centers. Undoubtedly, Airmen are also pursuing other means of losing weight and improving their overall fitness, including participation in commercial weight loss programs and other changes in diet and lifestyle activities.

Among the multi-million dollar consumer hotbed of weight loss programs and products, there is a growing number of Internet-based weight loss programs.

Research has indicated that the type of Internet program selected makes a difference in overall weight loss. Dr. Deborah Tate and her colleagues recently conducted one particular research study at Brown

Medical School/Miriam Hospital, Providence, R.I. In Tate's study, Internet technology was used to deliver a behavioral weight loss program. Results of three- and six-month follow-ups showed people who participated in a structured and interactive Internet intervention lost more weight than those who simply had access to educational weight loss Web sites.

In keeping with current advances, investigators at Wilford Hall Medical Center's Clinical Health Psychology Service have developed an experimental internet-based weight management program that is interactive and tailored to accommodate military members with a focus on long-term results.

The impetus for the Health Education and Lifestyle Initiative for Optimal Service study was the need to develop non-punitive, individualized, cost- and time-effective methods for helping active duty members successfully manage their weight. The HELIOS program guides people toward a healthier lifestyle that can be maintained over time.

Participants are encouraged to make healthier food choices, increase their activity levels, boost their awareness of negative environmental influences, improve their attitudes and reduce their stress levels.

The HELIOS study seeks to improve adherence to a weight management program despite busy work schedules by providing an alternative form of support while also providing flexible, individualized treatment recommendations. The program's minimal contact format utilizes a self-help handbook and a customized Internet site to deliver weight and fitness information. In addition, the program offers personalized feedback regarding eating and exercise habits through Web site diary entries and a series of phone calls.

"We are very excited to offer a flexible weight loss program to active duty members," Dr. Hunter said. "Hopefully this program will be a valuable tool for people to enhance their health and fitness goals."

The program is free and available to active duty Airmen who are available for one-year follow-up appointments. Eligibility is contingent on medical, health and height and weight requirements. The HELIOS study has enrolled nearly 300 participants from the three local Air Force bases since June 2003. Recruitment continues through August.

For more information regarding eligibility and participation, call 292-2909.

## 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 the "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 earned this benchmark score between January and March:

**100s:**  
**562nd Flying Training Squadron**  
2nd Lt. Nathan Preuss  
Capt. J.B Reynolds

**90s and above:**  
**562nd FTS**

2nd Lt. Christopher Allie  
2nd Lt. Christopher Antenen  
2nd Lt. Chad Backes  
2nd Lt. Timothy Barber  
2nd Lt. Joseph Barkley  
2nd Lt. Jonathan Beha  
2nd Lt. Christopher Carroll  
2nd Lt. Wesley Cranmer  
2nd Lt. Jessica Critcher

2nd Lt. Ryan Cooley  
2nd Lt. Kyle Copus  
2nd Lt. Steve Van Etten  
2nd Lt. Kenneth Garcia  
2nd Lt. Michael Gonyo  
2nd Lt. Stephen Gray  
2nd Lt. Raymond Ku  
2nd Lt. Jay Labrum  
Capt. Mark Lankowski  
2nd Lt. Kevin Larson  
2nd Lt. Paul Larson  
2nd Lt. Millard Matthews  
2nd Lt. Andy Maus  
2nd Lt. Amy McQuitty  
2nd Lt. Jonathan Oliva  
2nd Lt. Amanda Owens  
2nd Lt. Dana Post  
2nd Lt. Varun Purohit  
2nd Lt. David Reinke  
2nd Lt. James Richie  
2nd Lt. Eric Robinson  
2nd Lt. Richard Sandwick  
2nd Lt. Darin Schmelzer  
2nd Lt. Derek Schmiedenbusch  
2nd Lt. Adam Shockley  
2nd Lt. Derek Smith  
2nd Lt. Ryan Story

**Air Force Services Agency**

1st Lt. Patrick Breen  
Lt. Col. Kerri Cole  
Staff Sgt. Guillermo Salazarcuriel  
Col. J.A. Swigart-Smith  
Maj. Derek Tupper  
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Walston



### SPORTS SHORTS

#### Cardiovascular health workshop

The next cardiovascular health workshop is at 11 a.m. Monday 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 them exchange their 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.

#### 5K fun run

The fitness center hosts a 5K fun run starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Eberle Park. The event is free and all participants receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call 652-2955.

#### Running symposium

The health and wellness center hosts a running symposium from 9 to 11 a.m. May 14. The class, which is tailored toward novice and intermediate runners, teaches students how to select the best running shoes, stretch properly and run using the correct style and form.

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

#### Logistics Officer Association golf tournament

The Alamo Logistics Officer Association sponsors a golf tournament May 14 at the Olympia Hills Golf Course.

The cost, which includes green fees, cart, drinks, driving range use and lunch at the club house, is \$50. All proceeds go toward civilian and military college scholarships.

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the tournament at 1:30 p.m. Prizes are awarded to the top three finishers as well as for longest drive and closest to the pin.

For more information, call Capt. Wade Cornelius at 652-3121.

#### 'Spring Fling' golf tournament

The Second Annual Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Logistics Readiness Division "Spring Fling" Golf Tournament runs from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 21 at the Olympia Hills Golf Course.

The tournament format is a four-person Florida scramble. The cost, which includes green fees, cart, food, drinks and unlimited range balls, is \$50. Those

interested must sign up by May 19.

To sign up or for more information, call Master Sgt. Shaun Derry at 652-3905.

#### Memorial weekend golf tournament

The 12th Annual Military Golf Tournament takes place May 29 to 31 at Lackland's Gateway Hills Golf Course and Gateway Valley Golf Course.

Registration forms for the tournament are available at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course as well as all other military installation golf courses. The entry deadline is May 17, with a fee of \$90 for Air Force advanced fee payers and \$125 for all others.

Prizes are awarded daily and at the end of the tournament on Memorial Day.

For more information, call 671-3466.

#### 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.