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Commissary renovations to begin soon

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Base members can expect to see big changes at the Randolph Commissary over the next two years as contract workers begin construction on a multi-million dollar renovation project Thursday.

The project, which includes an expansion of the existing facility to approximately 97,000 square feet, will double the size of the sales area as well as feature an international bakery/delicatessen, state of the art display equipment and the latest Defense Commissary Agency image décor, said commissary officials.

“We are confident that our customers will really be pleased with the end result of this project,” said Roger Pastrano, Randolph Commissary store administrator. “We just ask that patrons please be patient throughout the renovation process as we will do our best to make as little an inconvenience as possible.”

The improvements to the commissary will be constructed in six phases. The store will remain open throughout the construction period with its regular hours.

The first phase, which should last about 10 months, includes construction of a new main entry, renovations at the east end of the checkout area, the addition of administrative offices and patron restrooms, the addition of a new produce section and a new bakery/deli area. The construction of an additional parking lot will also begin during this phase.

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Celebrate good times!



(Above) Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, gets showered with champagne by family and friends after his final flight in a T-6 Texan II Monday. (Left) Colonel Graper, flying the T-6 Texan II, is joined by representatives from each of the base's flying training squadron's aircraft in a composite fly-by over the Taj Mahal Monday. Colonel Graper relinquishes command of the 12th FTW to Col. John Hesterman in a ceremony at 9 a.m. today at base operations, Building 8. (Photos by David Terry)

Wing's 2003 CSAF Climate Survey results revealed

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

The results of the 2003 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Climate Survey are in and members of the 12th Flying Training Wing have sent a clear and consistent message, “we will get the job done.”

More than 1,400 Airmen from the 12th FTW responded to Gen. John Jumper's request for feedback regarding the overall working environment and organizational climate.

“It's important we solicit feedback from the base,” said Col. George Duda, 12th FTW vice commander. “While we think we are doing things well, sometimes we need to get a reality check to find where we are being successful and where there is room for improvement.”

With a resounding 95 and 94 percent approval ratings respectively, Unit Performance Outcomes and the Job topped the list of how Randolph Airmen approach the mission of

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Lt. Col. Larry Goodwin
12th Flying Training Wing
chief of manpower and organization

“producing the world's finest aviators.”

This, despite a 79 percent rating on resources, sent a message to base leadership that Airmen understand the importance of accomplishing the mission, but are keenly

aware of the increasing demand on manpower and resources. The 12th FTW recently completed a strategic sourcing initiative to address manpower concerns and ensure the right people are in the right place to perform the mission.

“The feedback we've received says that the wing's Airmen are willing to roll up their sleeves to accomplish the mission but they understand that changes may be in order for future success,” said Lt. Col. Larry Goodwin, 12th FTW chief of manpower and organization.

In line with the 12th FTW's theme of transformation, one recurring input from Airmen across the wing is the need to look for positive ways to accomplish tasks and be more willing to try new avenues to achieve the mission.

“These comments are not falling on deaf ears,” said Colonel Duda. “Airmen throughout the wing prove every day that they are committed to the fight. Now we must show we

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12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

| As of Monday Pilot Instructor Training | | | Navigator, EWO training | | | Wing Sortie Scoreboard | | |
|---|--------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|----|------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Squadron | Senior Class | Overall | 562nd FTS | 563rd FTS | | Aircraft | Required | Flown Annual |
| 99th FTS | 0.0 | 0.4 | Air Force | 241 Undergraduate | 53 | T-1A | 2,703 | 2,848 4,383 |
| 558th FTS | 3.2 | 0.8 | Navy | 71 International | 15 | T-6A | 5,972 | 6,234 9,103 |
| 559th FTS | 2.7 | 1.1 | International | 4 EWC Course | 0 | T-37B | 5,058 | 4,868 7,508 |
| 560th FTS | 2.2 | 0.7 | NIFT | 44 Fundamentals | 0 | T-38A | 5,687 | 5,506 5,949 |
| | | | | | | T-38C | 377 | 426 3,612 |
| | | | | | | T-43A | 730 | 779 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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In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

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

Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

Security concern

Q I think the Construction Corner column of the *Wingspread* is a nice addition to the paper. It is very helpful to learn about the various construction projects going on at Randolph and how they will impact traffic.

However, in the April 2 edition of the *Wingspread's* Construction Corner column, I noticed it pointed out where new communication lines were being placed. My question is, why is this type of information being published in the base newspaper in view of heightened security levels and who may see it?

A In the *Wingspread* issue you refer to, public affairs informed the base public of pending construction that would significantly hinder

the traffic flow on Randolph. A precursor to the Harmon Drive construction project was the installation of new communication lines, which also affected traffic flow onto the base. Public affairs concluded after considerable coordination with civil engineers that identification of the general area where the lines were to be installed, and subsequent publication in the *Wingspread* did not pose a significant security risk.

I do appreciate your concern for the security of Randolph. Rest assured that in every issue of the *Wingspread*, there are numerous reviews and edits that take security and policy review into account, including a final thorough check by myself or the wing vice commander – the release authority for the base paper. Again, thank you for your concern.

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America reflects on selfless sacrifices

By Dr. James Roche
Secretary of the Air Force
and Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

This Memorial Day beckons us once again to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of members of America's armed forces.

While stories abound on the origins of the Memorial Day observance, one aspect remains abundantly clear – since it was first proclaimed officially in May 1868, Americans continue to enthusiastically honor the enormous sacrifices of all the service men and women who have paid the

ultimate price for freedom, as well as thanking those who serve today.

As the war on terror continues, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our Airmen and their families. This year, we are more thankful than ever for your noble service, around the world and at home stations. America is forever indebted to you and your families for your commitment to the high calling of defending our nation.

We encourage you to join us Monday at 2 p.m. central time to observe the National Moment of Remembrance as America honors those who have served so honorably and bravely as uniformed

members of the armed forces. A White House resolution in 2000 designated the National Moment of Remembrance as an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the true meaning of Memorial Day by observing one minute of silence, driving with their headlights on or participating in another appropriate activity honoring our fallen veterans.

We thank you for what you do every day for America and America's Air Force. You and your families are among our nation's greatest treasures and we are honored to serve with you.

May God bless you and your service, and may God continue to bless America.

**Memorial Day
Honoring America's beloved sons, daughters**

By Col. George Duda
12th Flying Training Wing
vice commander

President George Bush once said, "It is not in our nature to seek out wars and conflicts. But whenever they have come, when adversaries have left us no alternative, American men and women stand ready to take the risks and to pay the ultimate price."

Regrettably, the painful truth is that many of America's beloved sons and daughters have made the ultimate sacrifice to secure the blessings of freedom and democracy. This Memorial Day, we honor the memory of all our veterans who gave their lives in

defending our great nation. We also pay tribute to the service men and women, including nearly 100 of our Randolph team mates, currently serving abroad in volatile locations such as Iraq and Afghanistan. They selflessly serve in harms way.

For generations, members of our armed services have raised their right hand in service and willingly said, "Yes, I'll go." It's that kind of sacrifice and service before self that demonstrates the love our fallen servicemembers had for their country and their fellow Americans.

This love for country stretches back to as early as the Civil War and its spirit has

persevered to our most recent fallen troops in the present day Global War on Terrorism. We will always remember the names and faces of our fallen heroes. We remember because these servicemembers were our sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends; though they are gone, they are never forgotten.

Memorial Day is our corporate opportunity to commemorate the lives of our fallen comrades in arms. As our nation's flag flies at half-staff in honor of these heroes, I ask that each of you take a moment to reflect on their great sacrifice, by attending a Memorial Day service, visiting a national cemetery, or just

observing a moment of silence. We are obligated to continue to carry the torch of patriotism these brave Americans lit. Let us never forget their willingness to fight and die for our liberty and justice. God bless all those who have gone before us and each of you in your continued service to our great nation.



Congratulations Retirees

Today
Maj. Stephen Wichmann
Air Force Personnel Center

Tuesday
Thomas Palmer
Air Education and Training Command

Thursday
Col. Joe Harrison
Air Education and Training Command

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

WWII Vets: *The world's 'greatest generation' has amazing stories to share, inspire*

By Senior Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – It turns out that the new digital recorder I bought my dad for his 80th birthday to record his memories of World War II for his grandchildren and their grandchildren just won't do. The buttons are a bit too small for his fading eyesight, and he is somewhat technology-challenged as well.

So I push the buttons for him, and I am amazed at the stories he tells.

Those blue eyes were clear and crisp back then, back when he made the switch from a 17-year-old farm boy to a Sailor at the request of a nation at war. He could run like the wind and was strong as a bull, attributes he would need to help fight the Nazi war machine that threatened the free world. He left on a troop train for New York City, and by the time he returned, he had crawled across the beaches of both southern France and northern Africa.

He laughs at thoughts of himself and his fellow Sailors sprawled across the deck of their ship, bitterly seasick only days after leaving New York. And his voice grows quiet as he speaks of the view his Normandy foxhole gave him of a burning Allied ship that sank less

than two miles off the coast.

He broke formation on a 30-mile hike through the French countryside, and later got chewed out by the officer in charge for doing so. But he did it anyway, collecting francs from his buddies as he left the group. When he caught up with them, carrying as much bread as he could carry from a local bakery, everyone got a piece, including the officer, who stopped yelling long enough to eat half of dad's last loaf.

When he returned to north Florida, it was only for a couple of weeks. It seems that help was needed on a different front, so he packed his bags and headed for the Orient. This trip included a stop in Hawaii, and another in Okinawa, where fragments from a Japanese grenade ripped through his left forearm. He could have used that arm while rescuing a comrade who was injured in the same attack, but the arm was rendered useless. He got that buddy back to camp anyway, dragging him for more than an hour.

When he got home again it was for good, his U.S. Navy days behind him. Still, he was wearing his dress uniform when he walked 10 miles to greet the lady who would become his wife and my mother. My aunt still remembers seeing him walking up the road in that white uniform.

I ask him about his Purple Heart for the grenade wound, and he says he never got one, that to the best of his knowledge his superiors never put him in for one. Like many of his time who served, I suppose that service to his country was enough for him. He is intensely proud of that service, and he is equally proud of mine, never missing a chance to let me know it. I still remember the smile on his face when I took him to the Pentagon in 2002.

He dates himself when he calls me "flyboy" instead of "Airman," and speaks of P-51s flying overhead, and of seeing Gen. George Patton on the beaches of southern France. Such images remind me constantly of his age, and that 1,100 or so of his buddies are dying each and every day.

So I push the buttons on the recorder again, and tell him to keep talking.

My dad wants to visit the Pentagon again – one last time, he says – and I intend to see to it that he can. He doesn't know it yet, but he is also going to the official dedication of the new World War II Memorial while he is in our nation's capital. I want him to see the monument they have erected to recognize our "Greatest Generation," a label that I feel fits them to a T.

Country honors fallen heroes

By Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force
Gerald Murray

In our nation's capital, we memorialize American patriots who have fought and died for our country throughout history – the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the newest addition, the National World War II Memorial, which will be dedicated on our National Mall on Saturday.

In small towns and big cities around

our nation this Memorial Day, Americans will gather around flagpoles and in cemeteries to remember the bravery of their neighbors, friends and family members who have laid down their lives so that we may continue to fly the flag of freedom.

Our generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Airmen shares a bond with warriors of generations past. We, like them, understand in a personal way the unfortunate truth that there are times when blood must be spilled in order

for peace to be secured. We, like them, know that the ultimate sacrifice may be required in order to defeat the darkness that threatens our way of life.

This Memorial Day, as America remembers the courage and commitment of heroes who died in service to our nation, we owe it to each of them to continue the fight for which they gave their lives, thus ensuring that America remains the "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave."

12th Logistics Readiness Squadron garners top award

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron was recently awarded the National Defense Transportation Association Military Unit Award for 2003 during the annual Air Education and Training Command Logistics Conference here May 20.

The award, which dates back to 1986, is presented each year to the logistics unit that performs unusual and outstanding service in logistics and transportation. The award honors the unit's mission accomplishments, effective use of resources and direct deployment support.

In addition to the unit award, six of the squadron's personnel were recognized for outstanding work in their respective fields. The winners are: Lt. Col. Kurt Searfoss, Master Sgt. Matthew Musick, Tech. Sgt. Anjus Kelley, Tech. Sgt. Michael Mata, Airman 1st Class Andrea Gill and Gregory Bean. (The *Wingspread* reported their individual achievements Feb. 27, when the announcement was released.)

"The 12th LRS has an absolutely outstanding record of achievement," said Col. Stephen Cooper, 12th Logistics Group commander during the year for which they won the award. "Their recognition reflects



Staff Sgt. Richard Hayden, 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron, examines part of an aircraft refueling hose on a 6,000 gallon R-11 refueling vehicle. The 12th LRS recently received the National Defense Transportation Association Military Unit of the Year Award for 2003. (Photo by David Terry)

the greatness of the entire squadron marked by purpose, presence and humility. These world-class professionals make a difference every day working to enhance flying training, enable readiness

and protect the environment."

Although it was organized last September by the consolidation of the 12th Transportation Squadron and the 12th Supply Squadron, the 12th LRS was honored for its record of smooth, unbroken service through the organizational transformation. With 255 military and civilian personnel, the 12th LRS supported two high-level commands, six flying training squadrons, 35 associate units and operations at 16 deployed locations in Southwest Asia.

The unit also provided direct logistic support to 31,574 sorties that accumulated more than 50,000 flying hours during 2003. In support of those sorties, 12th LRS members transported 90,550 aircrew members and delivered 16 million gallons of petroleum and cryogenic products.

According to the award package, the squadron also processed 7,000 cargo shipments, totaling 530 tons to defense installations around the world, achieving 100 percent in-transit visibility.

During the year they received almost 4,800 requests for "U-Drive-It" vehicles, of which they were able to prioritize scheduling so that 600 of the requests could be consolidated.

"This is typical of the sense of stewardship shown by the entire organization," said Colonel Cooper.

In addition to all their military duties, the squadron's people were actively involved in the local community. They earned the 12th Flying Training Wing commander's Volunteer Unit of the Year award for assistance to the community. The list of organizations with whom they worked included Habitat for Humanity, the Special Olympics, American Red Cross and Disabled American Veterans. Unit members also collected and boxed 20,000 pounds of food for the Senior Center food bank, assisted in more than 50 "I Love Randolph" clean up projects, and volunteered more than 700 hours with the Greater Randolph Area Services Program.

"I am humbled to work with professionals of this caliber," said Lt. Col. Kurt Searfoss, 12th LRS commander. "The awards earned by the squadron and by the individuals are just confirmation of their daily dedication to mission accomplishment on Team Randolph. I am very proud of our logistics team!"

The National Defense Transportation Association is a non-profit educational association committed to maintaining a strong and efficient global transportation system in support of national security. It boasts 60 chapters worldwide, with more than 8,900 members.



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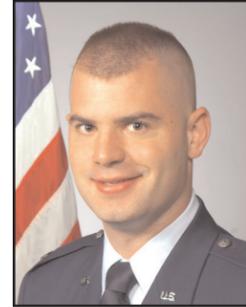
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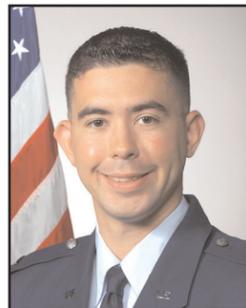
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JSUNT graduation set for today

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

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

The ceremony is at 2 p.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club.

The guest speaker for today's graduation is retired Maj. Gen. Richard Smith, former Air Force Material

Command director of logistics.

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

The awards being presented during the graduation are:

- **Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup Award:** Presented to the most outstanding graduate based on demonstrated excellence in all phases of training while exhibiting strong qualities of professionalism and leadership.

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

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

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

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



Climate survey

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are committed to fighting for them."

In comparison to previous survey results, the wing showed improvement in eight of the 13 categories with no change in the remaining five categories. While several of the categories show there is room for improvement, the 12th FTW's overall response to the climate survey was higher than the Air Force average in eight of the 13 categories.

"These survey results give us a good place to start in

addressing areas that require improvement," said Colonel Duda. "The only way we get better at what we are doing is to learn from the past and what people are telling us and apply those lessons to how we do business in the future."

The CSAF is also committed to taking the results of the survey and applying them to enhancing the organizational environment within the service.

"During the 2003 Air Force Climate Survey, we asked our people for honest feedback in order to assess the health of our units and leadership," said General Jumper in a recent memorandum to senior Air Force leadership. "Now it is time to prove we are willing to do something with the results."

"I expect our leaders to build on the positive things in their units and fix areas that need improvement," he added.

"We've shown that we can make a positive impact in our operating environment. That's reflective in the improvement from previous surveys to this year's," said Colonel Duda. "But now we have a better understanding of the areas of concern from the wing's perspective and we can focus our efforts on improving those areas."

"With these survey results, together we can target and take action quickly in areas that require improvement. We are the world's greatest Air Force and I know the survey results, properly used, will make us even better," said General Jumper.

NCO selected for physician assistant training program

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

A Randolph Dental Clinic NCO was recently selected to attend the prestigious two-year Tri-Service Physician Assistant Training Program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Kastern, 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron NCO in charge of periodontics, was among 19 people selected Air Force-wide to attend the course, which starts in January 2005.

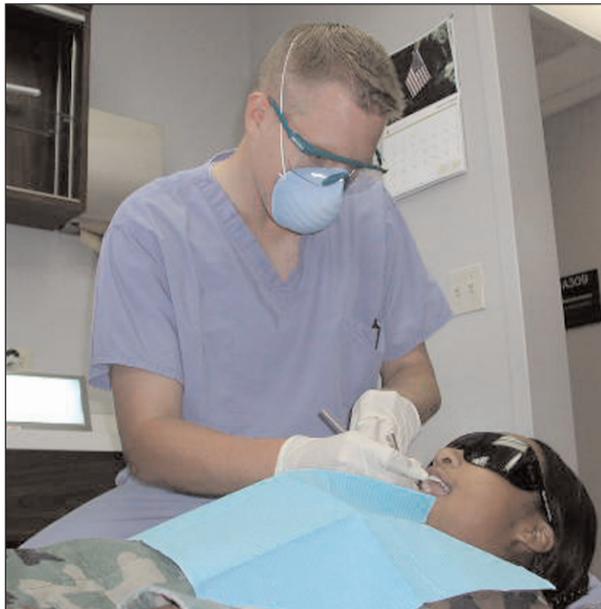
"I am ecstatic about being selected for this outstanding program," said Sergeant Kastern. "I have worked toward this goal for the past four years. This is a real-life dream come true for me."

During the two-year program, Sergeant Kastern will learn skills that will enable him to provide proficient and compassionate medical care, he said.

"Through my work as a dental assistant, I quickly learned that the ability to establish a good rapport and take time to listen to patients is crucial in their care," Sergeant Kastern said. "Through the program, I hope to gain the medical knowledge necessary to compliment my previously acquired skills."

Sergeant Kastern wears many hats in the dental clinic, according to his supervisor.

One of his responsibilities is assisting the Chief of Periodontics, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Steve Bartel, with patient care, evaluations, surgery and post-operative treatment. The sergeant also works as the infection control monitor for the dental clinic, ensuring proper techniques are used in the clinic to prevent health care acquired infections or illnesses.



Staff Sgt. Ryan Kastern, 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, examines a patient at the clinic. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

According to Colonel Bartel, Sergeant Kastern is a great asset to the dental clinic.

"Sergeant Kastern is very proactive and is always looking for opportunities to make the dental clinic, and specifically, the periodontal department, a more efficient place," said Colonel Bartel. "He takes his ideas and makes them a reality as opposed to just thinking about it."

One of the sergeant's most recent projects included the implementation of a Red Cross volunteer dental assistant training program, which he co-created with Maj. (Dr.) Matt Bronk.

"One of the other duties I have at the clinic is to make sure everyone is properly trained and equipped to respond to any medical emergency that may arise," said Sergeant Kastern. "Along with Major Bronk, we have trained the dental staff on the usage of the crash cart, and on the necessary steps that must be taken during a code blue emergency."

To be considered for the physician assistant program, Sergeant Kastern had to put together an extensive package, which included college transcripts; a list of the pre-requisite courses he took, such as anatomy, physiology, biology, chemistry and algebra; letters of recommendation from his commander, supervisor, a staff physician and physician assistant; an essay on why he wanted to become a physician assistant; and a page describing any awards, volunteer work and health care work he has done.

The package went to an Air Force Personnel Center selection board in March. Sergeant Kastern was then officially notified by the 12th Medical Group commander, Col. Nancy Waite, on May 11.

"I am fortunate to have the opportunity to attend such a respected and demanding course," said the sergeant. "None of this would have been possible without the outstanding training and experiences I have had here at Randolph. Any future success I have as a physician assistant, is a direct reflection of the outstanding dental personnel I have worked with during the first six years of my career. Their guidance has helped me get to where I am today."

Former 12th LG commander retires after 26 years of service

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Col. Stephen Cooper, former 12th Logistics Group commander, retired from active duty here Thursday in a special ceremony marking the close of what he describes as "a life defining career."



Col. Stephen Cooper, retiring 12th Logistics Group commander, is joined by his wife Susan Morningstar after his fini flight last week in a 12th Flying Training Wing T-38. (Courtesy photo)

A degree in English literature didn't go very far in 1975, when he graduated from college. The Vietnam War was over and the job market had few opportunities for liberal arts graduates. He found work in an oil refinery as a fuel additives technician. That was kind of natural for him, he said, because both his father and grandfather had worked in the oil business.

"Little did I know then that I would rely on all those basic college work habits and refinery experiences that taught me how to lead and how to follow later on in life," he said.

Colonel Cooper began his Air Force career as a distinguished graduate of the Officer Training School in 1978 and immediately went on to the aircraft maintenance school at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. He spent his entire career in the aircraft maintenance and logistics fields at various bases stateside and overseas.

Among his many assignments, he served as the executive officer to the director of logistics at the Air Combat Command, as the joint supportability requirements officer for the new joint strike fighter program at the Pentagon, and as the commander of the 362nd Training Squadron at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas – then the largest squadron in the Air Force.

"If I had to identify my most challenging assignment," Colonel Cooper said, "it would be my tour at Torrejon Air Base, Spain. I was a brand new major. It was my first time to command a squadron, the 401st Aircraft Generation Squadron, and we had 750 people assigned to keep 75 F-16s operational."

"Then Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm hit," he continued. "Our squadron deployed 250 people to Qatar

and another 250 to Incirlik, Turkey, to support our wing's aircraft at those locations. That was a real leadership challenge but we did it," he said with a broad smile.

The colonel earned two graduate degrees during his career; a Master of Science in Acquisition Logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a Master of Science from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Colonel Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, said that Colonel Cooper's accomplishments here have contributed mightily to the success of the wing.

"Colonel Cooper is a great American who committed his life to the faithful service of our nation. He has made an amazing impact on the wing, the Air Force and everyone he has worked with throughout his career," Colonel Graper said. "His leadership guiding the transformation of the wing into the new organizational format has ensured the wing is equipped to continue producing the finest aviators in the world."

"What's next?" Colonel Cooper asked. "My wife, Susan, and our two daughters, Hannah and Katie, are looking forward to our move to Seattle, Wash., and my daughter Sarah will continue attending college in Las Vegas, Nev. I will be working at the Boeing Company 'Phantom Works' where I'll be on the cutting edge of technology as it relates to the logistics of supporting new aircraft development," he said. "I'm looking forward to that!"

Colonel Cooper's words of advice to Air Force people of all ranks is the quote given to him by his first squadron commander, which he also displayed on his desk for many years, "The future belongs to the few who are still willing to get their hands dirty."

NEWS BRIEFS

Inactivation of the 12th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 12th Civil Engineer Squadron will be inactivated during a special ceremony at 8 a.m. Thursday at the 12th CES headquarters, Hangar 62.

E-Cop soon underway

The 12th Security Forces Squadron implements E-Cop, a new program that allows base members to file certain accident and theft reports by computer Tuesday.

E-Cop is designed for people involved in minor vehicle accidents on base with no injuries, where the vehicles are moveable, and the total damage is estimated to be less than \$10,000. It may also be used by people on base who have had property stolen, when no suspects are yet identified.

When called to the scene, security forces members will decide if those involved need to immediately file a report or if they can use E-Cop. If E-Cop is chosen, the

parties involved receive an E-Cop card that has all the information they need.

E-Cop is available online from any base computer or from a computer in the 12th SFS lobby, Building 235. Users can log on through the Randolph Intranet Web site, click on the 12th SFS link and then click on the E-Cop link.

E-Cop reports should be made within 72 hours of the accident. The 12th SFS reviews all reports and determines what further actions are necessary.

For more information, call 652-5509.

MyPay access made easier

Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials announced that it is now possible to receive myPay personal identification numbers through official e-mail accounts. The e-mail PIN delivery process is a simpler, faster alternative to direct mail and in-person methods

previously available. The new system can take as little as two hours, officials said.

The myPay system is available on the Internet at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. It can be used to access leave and earnings statements, make adjustments to federal and state withholdings, update bank accounts and electronic transfer data and change address information.

The myPay system is available to all servicemembers, military retirees and annuitants, and Departments of Defense and Energy civilian employees.

OJT Trainee of the Month

Airman 1st Class Alexa Arredondo, 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was selected as the Base Level On-the-Job Training Trainee of the Month for April. She received a score of 94 percent, the highest Career Development Course end of course exam score for personnel in upgrade or qualification training.

Hall of famer

University honors RFISD member, former graduate

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

A Randolph Field Independent School District member was recently honored at his college alma mater.

Jeff Duffield, the district's public information officer, was inducted into the Fred W. Adams Hall of Fame at Texas State University in San Marcos. The recent addition to the school is named after Mr. Adams, the creator of the campus newspaper, *The University Star*.

Mr. Duffield was recognized for distinguished service in the journalism profession, and for having "upheld the highest standards in the field," according to hall of fame officials.

"It is quite an honor to be recognized by the university that you attended," said Mr. Duffield. "What I learned there prepared me for any career success that I may have had, and I am deeply grateful."

Mr. Duffield, a Texas native, graduated from Southwest

Texas State University, now Texas State University, in 1963. After graduating, he worked at the San Antonio Express-News for eight years as an assistant city editor, city political reporter and editorial writer.

Mr. Duffield then crossed into the public relations career field as the director of community relations for the San Antonio Independent School District in 1970. After working there for about five years, he then took a job working for the Education Service Center, Region 20.

After that, he worked for the San Antonio Light newspaper, followed by a job as the assistant executive director for public relations and development for the Bexar County Hospital District.

Before coming to Randolph in 2001, Mr. Duffield was the director of public information for Judson ISD for 13 years.

"It has been great to be able to continue my career here at Randolph," said Mr. Duffield. "The schools are outstanding and the community is very supportive of our efforts. I am proud to be a part of such a great team."

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Randolph Field Independent School District public information officer

New Air Force commercials begin filming in Hollywood

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. – Air Force officials want potential recruits to know "we've been waiting for you."

That is the message of four new commercials under production at various locations in California.

In filming May 19, three Airmen from Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., floated for seven hours with the aid of cable rigging in a simulated orbital vehicle to complete about 15 seconds of one commercial.

"It's been great," said Capt. Ryan Hall, the chief of space-based infrared systems highly elliptical Earth-orbit integration and testing. "It's really neat to see how a Hollywood production works."

Captain Hall said he liked the concept of the advertisements also.

"They give the sense that there are different things to do in the Air Force other than flying airplanes," he said. "It shows a broader view of the different careers available."

Showing the diversity of Air Force careers was what the creative team that designed the ads had in mind, the co-writer of one commercial said.

"Part of the 'we've been waiting for you' campaign is to show there are a huge variety of opportunities, no matter what your interest or talent," said Dolores Stark of the commercial production company.

More filming took place Tuesday through Thursday at Edwards AFB, Calif. The commercials are scheduled to air on television in the fall.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Capt. Ryan Hall floats through a scene during filming of new Air Force television commercials at Universal Studios May 19. Four ads being filmed over two weeks in several locations throughout California will air in the fall. Captain Hall works with space systems at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

Inspector General System

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

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

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

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

U.S. AIR FORCE COMPLAINT SYSTEM

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

AFPC, AFRS, AFLSA undergo major telephone changeover

By Master Sgt. Trudy Bussey
Air Force Personnel Center

Base communication experts completed a major telephone changeover recently at the Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service and Air Force Legal Services Agency, Judiciary Central Circuit.

The team, assisted by Avaya, Inc., a civilian communication systems and software company, installed a new telephone switch as well as provided each member within the three organizations with a new telephone instrument complete with his or her own number and voicemail.

"The new Avaya switch is a move toward making Randolph compliant with the Air Force standard of a 'single line concept' – essentially meaning each individual now has their own discrete number," said Maj. William Pearce, AFPC project leader. "This is a much needed modernization of our telephone system.

"The new technology not only provides stability of service, but it will also meet the foreseeable needs of our mission for many years to come."

Conversion to a standard seven- or ten-digit dialing, the same as a person performs from home, is now required for members on the Avaya switch, according to David Decker,

12th Communications Squadron information technology project manager. This change is a part of Defense Information Systems Agency and Air Force directives.

In addition, the AFRS and AFLSA now have a commercial prefix of 565 and a 665 DSN prefix.

This is the first such major communications upgrade on Randolph in 20 years. The entire team effort took a little over six months of planning and the efforts of 87 military, civilian and contract workers from the AFPC, AFRS, AFLSA, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, 12th CS and Avaya, Inc. to execute it.

More than 3,000 phone instruments were replaced and 6,000 feet of cabling installed. The communications team also spent about 4,000 hours pulling cable and testing/expanding existing copper infrastructure in preparation for the cutover.

A temporary help desk was set up last week after the cutover to respond to outages and resolve any phone problems not accounted for. Hands on classroom training was also coordinated to give all the users an opportunity to see and get familiar with the new phones and their capabilities.

The new phones use a single telephone switch, versus the previous multiple key systems and software drives the many capabilities they have.

"While the phones have fewer buttons, which would appear

AFRS phone number changes

Due to the major telephone changeover within the Air Force Recruiting Service recently, all of the office phone numbers have changed. Below are the new numbers for the unit's key staff agencies:

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Commander | 565-0600 |
| Financial Management | 565-4439 |
| Information Systems Division | 565-0400 |
| Inspector General | 565-4739 |
| Marketing Division | 565-0500 |
| Operations Division | 565-0300 |
| Plans and Resources Division | 565-0550 |
| Public Affairs | 565-4678 |
| Staff Judge Advocate | 565-4733 |

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. David Barnes at 565-0486.

to translate to less capability, appearances are deceiving," Mr. Decker said.

The new phones come with voice mail, the ability to set up call groups, at least eight programmable buttons to set up speed dialing needs and the capability to perform conference calls with up to five other individuals.

Deadline set to apply for developmental education

Mission support officers considering basic developmental education programs in 2005 have until June 15 to apply.

The programs available include:

- Air Force Institute of Technology
- Education with industry
- Space-lift education and crossover program
- Space and missile acquisition exchange program
- Acquisition and intelligence experience exchange tour
- Acquisition and logistics experience exchange tour
- Comptroller operation logistics tour.
- Lean aerospace initiative
- Fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School
- Communications and information engineering exchange
- Civil and developmental engineering exchange
- Financial management leadership program

"These programs are great opportunities for young officers," said Lt. Col. Phil Cooper, Air

Force Personnel Center mission support officer assignments division deputy chief. "All officers should take the time to check into developmental programs such as these and apply if it seems right for their progression."

Officers in mission-support related career fields may be able to apply for one or more developmental programs. Also, officers in intelligence and space and missiles can apply for exchange programs with the acquisition career fields.

The officers must be released by their core assignment team before applying. They must submit a completed Air Force Form 3849, PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet, to AFPC by June 15, said Capt. Ryan Mueller, developmental engineering assignment officer.

"This process is separate from the ongoing intermediate developmental education process and eligibility requirements vary for each program," he said.

E-mail addresses for application submissions and complete details about each program are available at the military personnel fight or online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/AFIT05Message.htm.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

50 YEARS AGO

in the Wingspread

☆ A front-page photo spread showed scenes of the Armed Forces Day Open House that drew "75,000 enthusiastic spectators from San Antonio." It "was judged the greatest military show ever witnessed in this section." Aircraft on display included the C-45, C-47, C-54, C-97, C-119, C-124, B-17, B-25, B-26, B-29, B-47, F-80, F-84, F-86D, F-92, T-28 and T-29. The Army also showed its new 280 mm atomic cannon.

☆ Applications were being accepted from officers desiring assignment to the new Air Force Academy that was then assembling its first teaching staff.

☆ Airman 1st Class William Pope, 3510th Maintenance Squadron, was recognized for saving a man and his two cousins from drowning in the Guadalupe River the week before. Airman Pope was picnicking near the river when he heard shouts for help. He dove in and succeeded in getting the two cousins to safety so that the man, to whom the cousins were clinging, could make it to shore on his own.

☆ The Texas Highway Commission announced that work has finally begun on a redesigned intersection at Pat Booker Road and the Austin Highway Route 81. (There was no Interstate Highway 35 in those days!) The project was expected to take 240 working days.

LOWER SEGUIN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

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

GATE HOURS DURING HARMON DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

MAIN GATE/HARMON DRIVE

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

SOUTH GATE (Two way traffic)

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

EAST GATE (Two way traffic)

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

WEST GATE (Two way traffic)

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

HIGH SCHOOL GATE

- Closed

Military brings Iraqi children gifts from America

By Master Sgt. Jon Hanson
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – More than 300 Iraqi children from a small village near Balad Air Base, Iraq, thanked the Airmen and Soldiers who delivered a large number of school supplies and toys from American children.

About 30 Airmen and Soldiers traveled to the village earlier this month to hand out the school supplies and toys. The items were collected and sent by school children from the communities of Niceville and Valparaiso in Florida.

Primarily five school children from three different schools

organized and collected the supplies, said Diana Reese who supervised the Florida project. They also raised almost \$2,500 for shipping and for buying extra supplies to make tote bags.

“The total estimate on all the supplies they sent was (more than) \$10,000,” Mrs. Reese said. “They are still collecting and planning to send more.”

A lot of time went into this project, she said.

“Between the fund-raisers and organizing and packing these bags, I am sure every one of these kids has several hundred hours invested,” Mrs. Reese said. “The five main kids gave up entire weekends to go stand in front of

(stores) to raise money to cover shipping and supplies they needed to put the packages together.”

Lt. Col. Craig King, 332nd AEW chief of safety, who is from Niceville, was especially grateful for their work since his children were able to participate.

“It’s pretty cool to be able to show my kids pictures of their donations being placed directly into the hands of their Iraqi counterparts,” Colonel King said. “Seeing that sort of thing makes the Iraqi situation, and our contribution to it, seem a little more real back home. Hopefully, it’s something neither the Iraqi kids nor my own will ever forget.”

The project benefited more than



Two young Iraqi children look at a ball they just received from Airmen and Soldiers at a village near Balad Air Base, Iraq, as part of a humanitarian mission. The servicemembers handed out school supplies and toys that had been collected by children from several schools in Florida.



Lt. Col. Craig King talks with an Iraqi boy at a small village near Balad Air Base, Iraq, during a humanitarian mission. Colonel King is the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing safety chief. (Photos by Master Sgt. Jon Hanson)

just the Iraqi children, officials said.

“It made us feel so incredibly awesome to bring such surprises to these kids,” said 15-year-old Erica, a ninth-grader at Niceville High School. “The kids over there are so much like us, yet they have so much less than we do, and that is not right or fair.”

“Handing out all the school supplies to all the children was the best part of the (visit),” said Senior Airman Irene Atkins of the 332nd ESFS. “Seeing the smiles on their faces – who can ask for anything more.”

“I know that we have made a real contribution to winning peace when we show the local Iraqis that Americans really care about them,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Glenn Rogers, 332nd AEW chaplain. “The happiest moment

of this entire deployment (for me) was seeing these children, who are so poor, get so excited about a simple gift like a little stuffed animal.”

“People think this war was more about finding weapons of mass destruction, but I always thought it was about giving a better life to the people of Iraq and getting rid of a man who did mean and horrible things to his people,” said 12-year-old Tim, a seventh-grader at Ruckel Middle School in Niceville. “During this experience, I noticed that the children of the school have so little. What we take for granted over here in the (United States), such as markers, crayons, pencils, paper – just about everything – they don’t have or have very little of it.”

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

‘Strike’ a pose!



The Randolph Officers’ Wives’ Club bowling league dressed up pins at the bowling alley to promote its bowling league. New members are welcome, and members do not have to belong to the ROWC to join. For meeting times or for more information, call 651-5003. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Age-old mystery

Airmen, Iraqi archeologists dig up ancient site

By Maj. Charles Anthony
506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – An age-old mystery is being unearthed in Iraq thanks to some amateur archeologists serving with the 506th Air Expeditionary Group.

Iraqi archeologists have determined that Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, has at least one site with artifacts dating back to between 1200 B.C. and 2600 B.C., possibly predating the ancient Assyrians. Other sites have been identified as potentially containing precious antiquities, but have yet to be excavated.

The mystery began unfolding in late March when Col. Marcus Beyerle became curious about an area that was being dug up to fill sandbags.

“During my (physical training) runs I noticed the mounds or ‘tels.’ Geologically, those hills weren’t formed by nature,” said Colonel Beyerle, the 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron commander. “Several days later, I was walking through the area and I could see the different strata or layers of dirt.”

He said he knew those layers were a strong indication that ancient civilizations had used the same spot in succession, covered them up and forgot about them.

In April, Colonel Beyerle discovered an ancient clay jar that was nearly intact.

“One of the workers had evidently dug it up and had left it out lying around,” he said. “I knew General Order 1 prohibits taking any antiquities, and with the limited archeological knowledge I have, I just wanted to make sure that this history was not wiped out.”

The colonel turned that artifact and another broken piece from what was probably a jar or goblet, over to the base’s judge advocate general for safekeeping until they could be transferred to the proper Iraqi authorities.

A few days later, Maj. Mike Larkin, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, who also has a great interest in history and archeology, was walking through the site, when he came upon animal bones and shards from clay pots and jars.

At the time he was not quite sure what he had found, but he decided until the value of the items could be determined, it was better to err on the side of caution. He made arrangements to cordon off the site with concertina wire. Working with Army Civil Affairs, he brought an Iraqi archeological team to the site May 12.

Within minutes of examining the site, more clay shards and a set of small vessels, perhaps shaped from alabaster and probably used to hold medicines, were uncovered. The Iraqi archeologists became very excited.

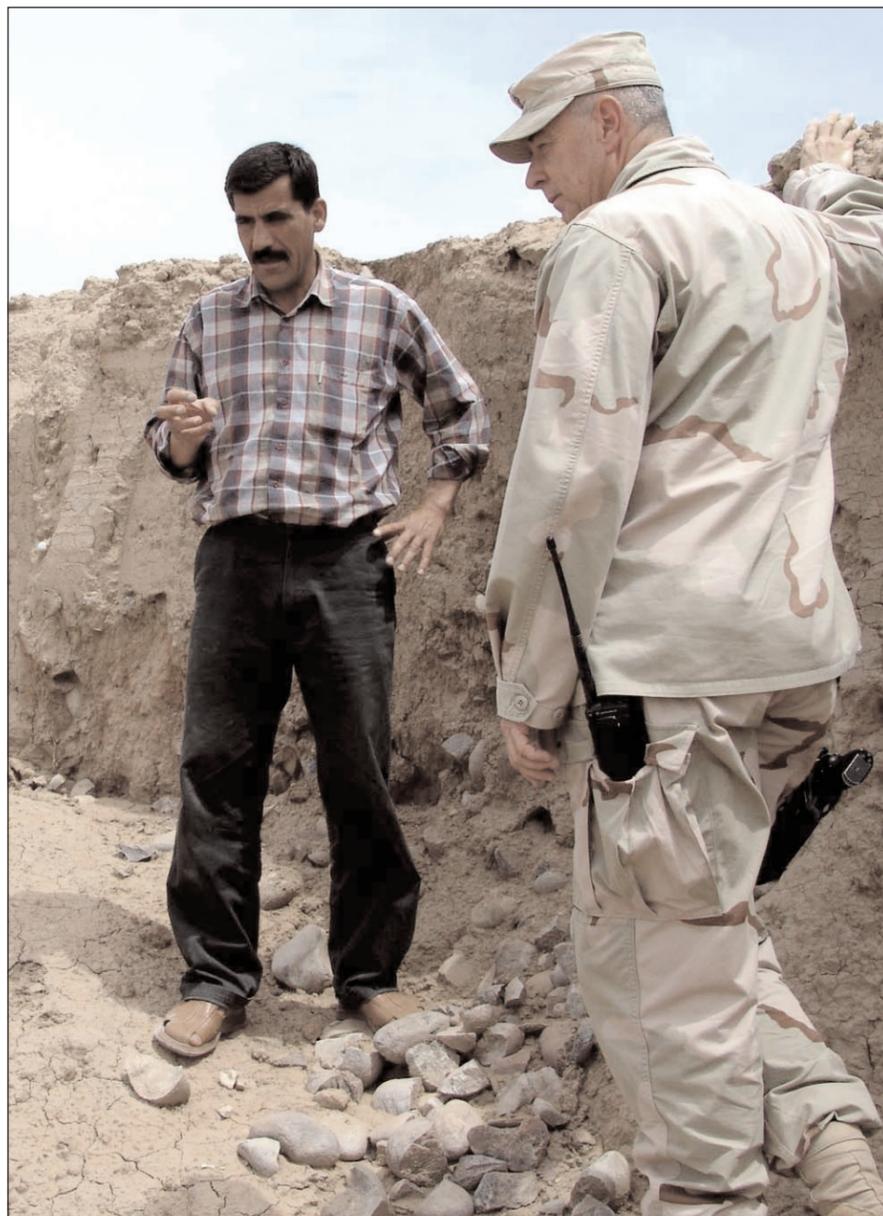
“This is the dawn of generations,” said Sheida Muhammad Amin, archeological surveyor for Kirkuk’s department of antiquities, through an interpreter. “This is the history of our country. The first Kurdish states began here.”

Mr. Amin explained that in 1923 an American University archeological team had done some excavations at other “tels” nearby. Those discoveries gave credence to theories that the first Kurds had settled in the area.

“But Saddam Hussein denied that Kurds had settled here long ago, because he wanted to remove the Kurds from their ancestral land,” Mr. Amin said. “Now we are free to tell the truth.”

“It was humbling to hold the artifacts in our hands and marvel at the skill and workmanship it took to make them,” Major Larkin said. “But it is more gratifying to know we helped save that history from being disposed of and that the artifacts will someday be available to the Iraqi people and their children and their children’s children, for them to examine and appreciate.”

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Maj. Mike Larkin talks with Sheida Muhammad Amin at a recently discovered archeological site at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Major Larkin is the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, and Mr. Amin is an archeological surveyor for Kirkuk’s department of antiquities. (Photo by Maj. Charles Anthony)

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Staff Sgt. Jener Tiongson

Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron
task analyst

“For me, the ultimate celebration of my heritage is my family’s Christmas dinner at midnight. Of course, the presents afterward are exciting as well! The food is definitely important to me, it makes me feel like I am back home in the Philippines - especially the rice!”

(Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Commissary

Continued from page 1

The second phase of construction, which should last about five months, focuses on the employee break room, east end of the main sales area and central portion of the checkout area, while phase three focuses on the addition of a training room for employees and an update of the dairy and meat section. The west section of the main sales areas will also be renovated during this time as well as the start of construction on a northwest addition to the commissary. Phase three should last about three months.

During phase four, the walk-in freezer will be updated as well as the west central sales area. This phase also includes complete roof work and exterior protection of the walls. Phase four should last about two months.

Phase five includes a more modern update of the central sales area, while phase six includes remodeling of the east central sales area. Phase six also includes exterior construction of the commissary and landscaping. Phases five and six should last a total of two months.

The entire project should be complete in April 2006.

“We are very excited and optimistic about the outcome of this project,” said Mr. Pastrano. “It is our way of saying thank you to the hundreds of men and women and their families who have and are still serving our country today.”

Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Mission Support Group commander, added that customer patience is key in the commissary construction process as this project is ultimately for the benefit of commissary patrons.

“While there will be inconveniences over the next two years, such as temporary loss of parking spaces and noise from time to time, we are providing our community with an updated, state-of-the-art facility with more than 15,000 additional square feet of sales area – all this without ever closing the store, or losing current floor space,” he said. “We want to thank everyone ahead of time for their patience and cooperation throughout this process.”

The construction contract was awarded to Carothers Construction Inc., Water Valley Miss., on April 16, with the new commissary design by Kinnison and Associates, Architects, San Antonio, Texas.



BEFORE



AFTER

(Top) The base commissary as it appears now. (Bottom) An artist's rendition of what the base commissary will look like from the outside once the renovation project is complete. The updated building will have a more modern look inside as well as a new entrance once contract workers finish renovations. The multi-million dollar project begins Thursday, and should be complete in April 2006. The store will remain open throughout the project with its regular hours. (Top photo by Jennifer Valentin)

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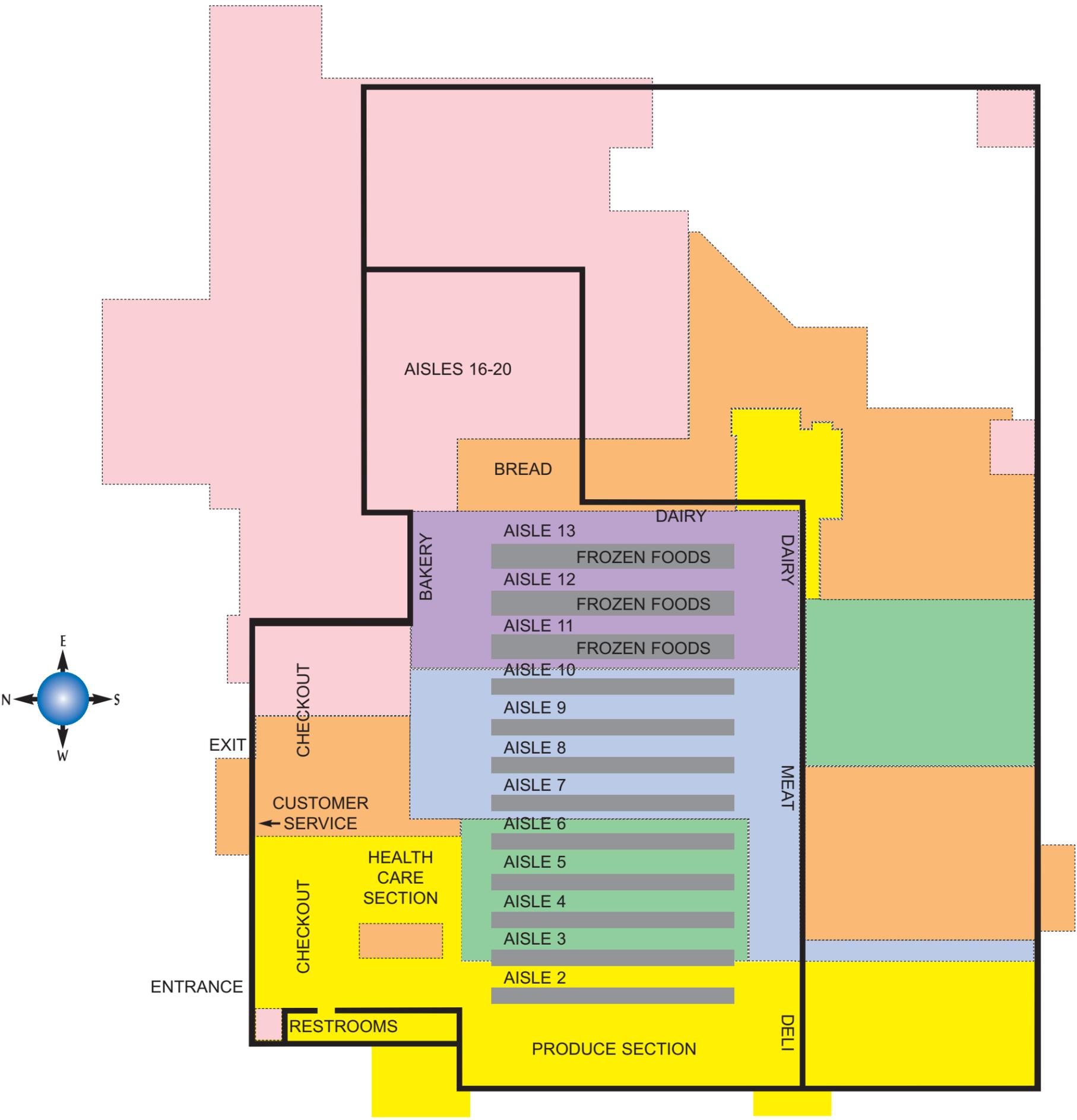
***ECM = Estimated completion month**

- Install temporary East Gate fencing. ECM is June.
- Demolish East Wherry base housing. ECM is October.
- 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.
- Repair loading dock at Building 500 (Officers' Club). ECM is June.
- Renovation of restrooms in the fire station, 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.
- Repair storm line. ECM is July.
- South pool renovation. ECM is May.
- Replace transformer at the Mobility Processing Center, Building 52. ECM is June.
- Self Help, Building 875, replaced with Readiness Facility. ECM is August.
- Air handler installation in Headquarters Recruiting Service, Building 491. ECM is June.
- Fence replacing concrete barriers, west phase. ECM is September.
- Renovation in Air Force Personnel Center's A Wing, B Wing and C Wing of Building 499. ECM is June.
- Renovation of Building 260. ECM is September.
- Renovation of Commissary, Building 1075. ECM is April 2006.
- Roof repair at Building 82. ECM is July.
- Renovation of food court at the base exchange, Building 1073. ECM is September.
- 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.
Additional renovation: Phase 1 of 3 of the reconstruction of Lower Seguin Road is in progress. This phase includes the closing of Woman Hollering Creek Bridge. The South Gate remains accessible by way of Loop 1604. This project should be complete this fall.

↑ **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.

RANDOLPH COMMISSARY RENOVATION



- PHASE I AREA OF RENOVATION (Approximate duration = 10 months)**
 Addition of new entrance, new produce section, addition of bakery and deli, new patron restrooms and administrative offices, renovation at the east end of the checkout area
- PHASE II AREA OF RENOVATION (Approximate duration = 5 months)**
 Completion of employee breakroom and restrooms, renovation of east end of main sales area, renovation of central portion of checkout area with roof modifications
- PHASE III AREA OF RENOVATION (Approximate duration = 3 months)**
 Renovation of the dairy and meat sections, addition of sales area on northwest corner, renovation of west section of main sales area (currently aisle 2, the produce section and deli) and renovation of west end checkout area with roof modifications
- PHASE IV AREA OF RENOVATION (Approximate duration = 2 months)**
 Completion of new roof, completion of meat section and walk-in freezer, renovation of west central portion of main sales area (aisles 3, 4 and 5), application of exterior wall coating system
- PHASE V AREA OF RENOVATION (Approximate duration = 1 month)**
 Renovation of central portion of main sales area (aisles 6 through 9)
- PHASE VI AREA OF RENOVATION (Approximate duration = 1 month)**
 Renovation of east central portion of main sales area (aisles 10 through 13), completion of landscaping

AFRS dominates over 12th CES, 18-1

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The Air Force Recruiting Service beat the 12th Civil Engineer Squadron by “two touchdowns and a field goal” in intramural softball Monday night.

“We had a great game today,” said AFRS coach Richard Boshart. “Both our offense and defense came together – Brian Huff and Jimmy Miller really stepped up at third base and short stop and Larry Gonzales’ grand slam in the bottom of the second was incredible.”

The Engineers struggled through the first three innings, both offensively and defensively, with its only hits coming off of a Jason Chavana single and William George double, while the Recruiters scored 17 of its runs within those frames.

The AFRS’ scoring barrage was highlighted by six consecutive singles within the first two innings followed by Gonzales’ grand slam to close it out.

Both Jeremy Harris and Jerry Coburn hit home runs in the fourth, as AFRS scored four more runs.

Civil Engineer Pete Barela awoke the crowd in the top of the fourth as he blasted a home run over the left field fence. But the Engineers’ shot at a comeback in the inning was quickly shut down as the Recruiters turned a double play to end the inning.

The Recruiters scored one last run in the bottom of the fourth and the Engineers were unable to cut the deficit in the fifth. The game was called after the fifth due to the ten-run rule.



Above: Air Force Recruiting Service’s Tommy West jumps up to catch a fly ball as his teammate Larry Gonzales runs to back him up. Left: Chris Koper runs to first base after hitting a ground ball to AFRS’ Jimmy Miller at short stop. Miller then throws it to Gonzales for a force out at second. (Photos by Steve White)

SPORTS SHORTS

Passport to fitness, health

The fitness center’s passport to fitness and health program kicks off Tuesday. During the event, participants are given 30 days to visit 32 different “countries” located at the fitness center, complete the fitness and health related task at each location, get a stamp of the country to show they have completed the mission, and return to “America” (the front desk) to get a prize.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Tobacco cessation class

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

For more information, call 652-2300.

Life skill workshop

The health and wellness center hosts a life skills workshop beginning at noon Wednesday. The workshop,

which is divided into four sessions, is designed to teach people the necessary skills to interpret and deal with stressors.

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

Cardiovascular health workshop

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

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

Discounted golf

Now through Sept. 30, base golfers receive \$4 off the Randolph Oaks Golf Course regular rates and \$2 off its “twi-lite” rates. Also, those members who have annual fee cards that are good through this timeframe receive a

two-month extension on the expiration date (Dec. 31 through Feb. 28) at no extra charge.

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

For more information, call 652-4653.

Push-up competition

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

For more information, call 652-5316.

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.

The fitness center also offers a kick boxing class from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call 652-5316.