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AFAF campaign now in full swing

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Heading into its fourth week with only three weeks remaining, the Randolph Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign is almost three quarters of the way toward reaching its goal of 100 percent contact.

According to officials, 64 percent of Randolph active duty members have been contacted face-to-face so far, getting the opportunity to hear about the campaign's mission and the four Air Force charities their contributions can help, should they choose to donate.

"We are getting closer to our goal, but we still have a ways to go," said Capt. Thomas Peralta, Randolph Installation Project Officer. "However, dependent upon the base's TDY status, we hope to have very close to 100 percent contact in the coming week."

The charities that members can donate to through the AFAF campaign are the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., the

Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, surviving spouses and families. Each charity receives 100 percent of designated contributions.

The Randolph AFAF campaign ends May 5, with a monetary goal of \$94,312. So far, base Airmen have donated \$51,000.

People can contribute cash, check, money order or through payroll deduction, said Captain Peralta. All contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible.

"AFAF is a great way for people to assist Air Force members, both past and present, who need a helping hand," the captain said. "Every contribution makes a difference."

For more information on AFAF, visit <http://afassistancefund.org>. For more information on Randolph's campaign, call Capt. Joseph Jones at 652-1024 or Captain Peralta at 652-9371.



Lt. Gen. John Hopper, Air Education and Training Command vice commander; Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander; and Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers, AETC command chief, sign their Air Force Assistance Fund pledge cards Tuesday. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

Bunny lovin'

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Randolph children gather around to give the Easter Bunny a hug at the Seventh Annual Fam-A-Ganza Saturday at the youth center. Hundreds of base families attended the free four-hour celebration. For the complete story, see page 17 of this week's *Wingspread*. (Photo by Steve White)

AETC commander announces family days for 2004

The Air Education and Training Command commander recently announced the 2004 dates the command will observe as family days.

Gen. Don Cook has designated July 2, Nov. 26, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 as family days, which means most military members will get the day off and an extended break for the observed holidays.

In his announcement, General Cook said the days are in appreciation for the tremendous accomplishments of AETC people in the past year.

For military members required to perform duty on a

family day, commanders are encouraged to grant compensatory time off during the first week following the holiday, mission requirements permitting, the general said.

Air Force Instruction 36-3003, "Military Leave Program," should be followed regarding passes and chargeable leave.

Under current rules for Department of Defense civilians, commanders are being encouraged to grant liberal leave, the use of previously earned compensatory time or already approved time-off awards. Group time-off awards specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, are

prohibited by Air Force Instruction 36-1004, "Managing the Civilian Recognition Program."

Civilian personnel officers have more information regarding current rules and available options.

"During your holiday activities, please think safety first," General Cook said in the announcement. "Use common sense, drive defensively and wear your seat belts."

Commanders and supervisors must provide a safety briefing to their personnel to ensure they understand risk management should be used on and off duty.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday		
Pilot Instructor Training		
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-10.0	-1.5
558th FTS	-1.3	-2.0
559th FTS	-4.5	-3.7
560th FTS	-4.2	-1.1

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

Navigator, EWO training		
562nd FTS	563rd FTS	
Air Force	243 Undergraduate	52
Navy	73 International	16
International	2 EWC Course	0
NIFT	74 Fundamentals	0

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

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-1A	2,227	2,265	4,040
T-6A	4,801	4,925	9,103
T-37B	4,139	3,899	7,171
T-38A	4,810	4,635	5,674
T-38C	142	140	3,740
T-43A	602	629	1,160

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

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For more information about submissions, call 652-5760 or base ext. 7-5760.

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

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

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

Col. Mark Graper

12th Flying Training Wing commander

Vehicle decal placement under question

Q I was under the impression that Department of Defense and base name vehicle decals are to be displayed on the upper, middle section of a vehicle's windshield. However, if this is the regulation, I have seen numerous vehicles on base not in compliance. What is the actual regulation?

A Thank you for your interest and for bringing this issue to my attention. According to Air Force Instruction 31-204, vehicles must prominently display registration decals on the windshield (either top center or lower driver's side corner), driver's side front bumper, or on a plate securely attached to either a bumper mounting bracket or license plate mounting bracket. The AFI also states that state and local policy can

affect placement of the registration decal.

Texas law states that the Texas registration and inspections stickers should be the only stickers on the lower driver's side corner of the windshield. So, in order to de-conflict with Texas law, the base regulation specifies that base registration decals be placed in the center top portion of the windshield.

We are now reviewing our policy to allow placement of the registration decals on the lower driver's side corner of the windshield for vehicles with state registration outside of Texas. However, this instruction is not yet in effect.

As a reminder, military members are not required to register their vehicle with Texas unless they are a Texas resident. They may keep their vehicle registered in the state in which they are a resident.

Again thank you for your concern.

Agency contact numbers

Security Forces.....	652-5509	12th FTW IG	652-2727
Services.....	652-5971	Equal Opportunity.....	652-4376
Civil Engineers.....	652-2401	FW&A Hotline.....	652-3665
Transportation.....	652-4314	EEO Complaints.....	652-3749
Military Pay.....	652-1851	Randolph Clinic.....	652-2933
Civilian Pay.....	652-6480	Base Exchange.....	674-8917
Safety Office.....	652-2224	Commissary.....	652-5102
Housing Maintenance.....	652-1856	Straight Talk	652-7469

I Love Randolph Week
Base members unite to keep 'Showplace' status

By Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

Next year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of this historic installation. For the past 75 years Airmen at Randolph have trained some of the finest aviators the Air Force has ever seen. At the same time, our predecessors have worked diligently to maintain and enhance the beauty of the "Showplace of the Air Force."

Next week, during I Love Randolph Week, we continue the tradition of those who came before us by focusing some additional time on beautifying Randolph Field and being good stewards of

that which has been so meticulously maintained throughout the years. While we do this because we have been entrusted with the responsibility to take care of this base for the owners, the American public, we also do it because it is the right thing to do.

Cleaning this installation is important because trash and debris can have a detrimental effect on the entire fly, fix and support mission.

The unofficial theme for I Love Randolph Week is "Clean and Uncluttered." I hope that each of you will dedicate time throughout the week on cleaning some of the areas of the base that may have become overgrown or out

of repair over the last year.

In addition to sprucing up the areas around your homes, I urge all base residents to take some extra time in their spring cleaning routine to review the items they have in their yards and storage areas and dispose of any unwanted or unused property.

In an effort to ease this disposal process, the 12th Support Group, in coordination with the 12th Services Division, has set Saturday as the date for our annual base-wide yard sale. That same day will also be the quarterly flea market in the clinic parking lot. These are great opportunities to sell or dispose of some of those unwanted items and clear up some of the

clutter in the housing area.

Finally, please remember, while I Love Randolph Week is a week we dedicate to scrubbing some of the areas that may have been neglected throughout the year, keeping the base clean is our responsibility every day of the year. If you see trash on the base please take a moment to pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Remember, this is a team effort that includes everyone on base including family members. This is our home and we must take care of it.

So let's roll up our sleeves to put an extra spit-shine on this great base and solidify the title of "Showplace of the Air Force" for the next 75 years.

Dress for the crash, not the ride

By Tech. Sgt. Juan Toledo
56th Operations Support Squadron

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – Motorcycle riders never want to crash, but true riders get ready to ride by wearing the right safety equipment for the crash, not for the ride.

When I started off-road riding some 34 years ago, I thought all I needed was a motorcycle and a helmet. Although a helmet is a great start, there are several other items of protective gear people should consider wearing.

In addition to an approved helmet that has met safety standards, I wear riding goggles,

hearing protection, chest protector, riding jersey, riding gloves, Kevlar-reinforced riding pants with hip pads, riding shorts, kidney belt, knee braces, riding socks and top-of-the-line riding boots.

This was what I decided was important to me after doing my research.

I was glad I selected all of these items when I was involved in a dirt-bike mishap recently. The bike high-sided and threw me off. After I flipped in the air, I landed on the back of my right shoulder. The next thing to hit was my helmet, followed by my upper back. As my lower back and hip area hit the ground, I felt excruciating pain. It turns out my lower back landed on a boulder larger

than a basketball. I ended up in the hospital for a week with a fractured pelvis.

Although I suffered an injury, there is no doubt in my mind things would have been much worse if I had not been wearing my safety equipment. I could be writing this from my new wheelchair.

This is my advice to you: When selecting a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle, you must also consider, as part of your purchase, all of the safety gear required by the Air Force and the optional gear you consider important. If you can buy the motorcycle but can't afford the protective gear, then you can't afford the motorcycle.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Congratulations Retirees

Today

Lt. Col. Nancy Stinson
Air Education and Training Command

Today

Master Sgt. Ray Torres
Air Force Personnel Center

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.

Software helps Airmen track fitness progress

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force recently released a tool to help Airmen keep track of their fitness efforts.

The Air Force Fitness Management System is available to all Airmen through the Air Force Portal. The system provides a history of their fitness scores and allows unit fitness managers to enter new scores. It is now the official method to track fitness progress within the Air Force, said Maj. Maureen Harback, the system's program coordinator.

"The purpose of the (system) is to track fitness-assessment results and provide data to commanders," Major Harback said. The system is intended for active-

duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen.

The system will keep a history of each Airman's fitness scores. The data is not stored on paper in an Airman's record or even on a computer at an Airman's installation, but rather in an Air Force-wide database. This allows fitness scores to travel with Airmen automatically as they change stations. The universal availability of the data helps ensure Airmen stay current on their fitness assessments, Major Harback said.

"If an Airman transfers to another base and is not current on their fitness assessment, they will show up as not current in the (system)," Major Harback said. "Unit fitness program managers and commanders will then need to take action on those members."

Many units are still doing monthly practice assessments so Airmen can get themselves into shape for an official assessment. The system does not record practice assessments, but it does include a calculator allowing Airmen to enter in numbers from their practice assessments to see how they would score, Major Harback said.

"Airmen will have better visibility of their fitness over time, and they can take actions to address their deficiencies or continue working on their strengths," she said.

This fall, commanders will be able to generate reports to track an Airman's progress through education and intervention programs, Major Harback said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Navigator spouses fly high

Spouses experience technical aspects of military aerial navigation

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

"Wow! That was one fun airplane ride!"

Fifteen wives of Randolph navigators spoke up in an enthusiastic chorus after they landed in a T-43 here recently. They had just completed the 562nd Flying Training Squadron's "Spouses' Flight" where spouses of student navigators and squadron permanent party personnel are invited to see what navigators' missions are like. The wives' two-hour flight took them from Randolph to west Texas and gave them an eagle's eye view of Big Bend National Park.

"This annual program is designed to be a positive experience for the spouses," said Capt. Joanna Limbacher, 562nd FTS navigator instructor and project officer for the event.

"We hope they will not only learn something of the technical aspects of military aerial navigation but also appreciate the skills their husbands and wives must master to do their jobs," she said.

When Lt. Col. Todd Zachary,

562nd FTS commander, welcomed the group and explained the mission of the squadron. He gave them an overview of how the mission would be conducted and where they would be flying.

The colonel told them they would be sitting at the same training consoles their husbands use and could watch everything on the radar and navigation displays.

Each spouse was also equipped with a set of headphones and could hear everything as the mission progressed. He told them that, during the flight, an instructor would talk them through various exercises to demonstrate the navigator's tasks.

But before the group could even take off, they had to listen attentively to briefings about emergency procedures, hypoxia, hydration, and ear pressure relief. A flight surgeon examined each person to make sure they were in reasonable health and would have no problems in flight.

Gearing up for the big take off, Kelly Woods, wife of Maj. Bobby Woods, 562nd FTS assistant deputy for operations, said the main thing she hoped to get from the day was



Jennifer Exum, wife of Navy Lt. Craig Exum, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, works the controls of the navigator training console on the T-43 during the recent squadron "Spouses' Flight." (Photo by Steve White)

to "at last experience what my husband does in his work."

Her comments were very similar to those of other wives – all of them excited to go on the flight. They had all volunteered for the event and were selected from a much larger list of candidates, so being there on the plane was really an

honor, Ms. Woods said.

With all the paperwork done and copies of the flight plan in hand, the ladies boarded the T-43, call sign Gator 07, and took off on schedule.

From an operational point of view the flight was uneventful, but for these navigators-for-a day, it was an exciting adventure. They

agreed that the views out the windows of the west Texas mountains were spectacular, but they were amazed at the complexity of the tasks required of real navigators.

Kelli Pedone, wife of Maj. Joseph Pedone, 563rd FTS instructor, said she really appreciates the work of a navigator now.

"I don't think I could ever keep track of so many things all happening at the same time," she said.

Denise Sonnichsen, wife of Capt. Cade Sonnichsen, an electronic warfare instructor in the 563rd FTS, jokingly added, "After seeing all they do in the air, those navigators have no excuse for not being able to do everything at home, too."

Captain Limbacher said that the squadron has only one of these flying mission events each year and there is always a waiting list of candidates.

"It's an opportunity the spouses are not likely to have at any other base because Randolph is the only Air Force navigator training base. It's one of our most popular events of the year," she said.

Two new combat medals recognize units

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche recently approved two new medals recognizing units for outstanding heroism in combat and achievement or service in direct support of combat operations.

The medals, the Gallant Unit Citation and the Meritorious Unit Award, can be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard units for actions or service while in direct support of combat operations.

The specifics of each award are:

Gallant Unit Citation

This medal is awarded to units for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States while

engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Just after the Presidential Unit Citation in order of precedence, the GUC requires a lesser degree of gallantry, determination and esprit de corps, said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

"The unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous conditions in accomplishing its mission so as to set it apart from other units participating in the same conflict," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, superintendent of the AFPC awards and decorations branch.

"The degree of heroism required is the

same as that which would warrant award of the Silver Star which is awarded for gallantry and heroism of high degrees, including risk of life in action."

The GUC ribbon shall be worn immediately before the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Meritorious Unit Award

This medal is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement or service in direct support of combat operations for at least 90 continuous days during the period of military operations

against an armed enemy of the United States on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

"The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit," said Sergeant Simmons. "Service in a combat zone is not required, but service must be directly related to the combat effort."

The MUA ribbon shall be worn immediately before the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Both medals are currently in the design phase, which may take several months before they're ready for wear.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



2nd Lt. Kris Aikens
AC-130H
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Clifford Anderson
C-130
Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Gregory Borschowa
B-52
Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Stacie Bortz
MC-130H
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Sterling Boyer
KC-135
McConnell AFB, Kan.



Ensign Kurtis Brouwer
P-3
NAS Brunswick, Maine



1st Lt. Scott Campbell
C-130H
St. Joseph, Mo. (ANG)



Ensign Henry Cook
P-3
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



Ensign Darin DeBow
P-3
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



Ensign Jeffrey Dundon Jr.
P-3
NAS Brunswick, Maine



2nd Lt. Paul Fiasconaro
C-130
Pope AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Neil Gregory
E-3
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



Ensign Tony Hollins
E-6
Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Vincent Imbro
EC-130
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Ensign Kevin Kuczynski
EP-3
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



2nd Lt. Kathleen Merriman
RC-135
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Amy Montgomery
RC-135
Offutt AFB, Neb.



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E-6
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P-3
MCAS Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii



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C-130
Ramstein AB, Germany



Ensign Matthews Walters
P-3
MCAS Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii



2nd Lt. Robert Wilson
AC-130H
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



1st Lt. Chris Wright
B-52
Barksdale AFB, La.



JSUNT graduation set for today

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

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

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

The guest speaker for today's graduation is Col. Steven Dickman, 55th Electronic Combat Group commander, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

As the 55th ECG commander, Colonel Dickman is in

charge of four squadrons comprised of more than 750 people, who are tasked to employ and maintain 14 EC-130H Compass Call aircraft. In addition, the 55th ECG conducts all initial qualification training for newly assigned Compass Call aircrews.

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 will be recognized with an award.

NEWS BRIEFS

Vicinity travel

Randolph personnel attending the Lackland NCO Academy who are not authorized lodging may be eligible to claim vicinity travel for the commute to the school.

Vicinity travel is defined as the distance traveled more than the individual's normal commuting distance. Requests should be submitted to the NCO Academy on a standard form 1164. For more information, call 652-3295.

Thrift Savings Program sign up

The Thrift Savings Program open season runs now until May 30. Those base members wanting to set up a TSP account or make changes to their account should stop by the finance office, Building 399, and fill out a TSP-U-1 form. For more information, call 652-3295.

Combat device approved for expeditionary ribbon

Air Force officials have approved the addition of a gold border to the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon to signify satisfactory participation in combat operations.

Airmen meeting the established criteria for award of the basic ribbon, 45 consecutive days or 90 nonconsecutive days in a designated combat zone, also qualify for the gold border signifying participation in combat operations.

In addition to the criteria for time in the area of responsibility, Airmen who are wounded or die while serving in the area, and those who participate in mobility operations into the designated area or who launch weapons into the area qualify for the device.

For more information, call the 12th Mission Support Squadron awards and decorations office at 652-3848.

Civilian Personnel News

The Air Force's National Security Personnel System recently unveiled a new computer-based way for civilian employees to keep informed about news of the Department of Defense civilian personnel system.

To register for direct delivery of the news, log on to <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/dpp/dppn/nsps/>.

Former POWs and veteran's benefits

The Veterans Administration Former Prisoners of War Advisory Committee recently launched a national effort to reach U.S. veterans who are former prisoners of war with reminders that they or their dependents may be eligible for veterans administration benefits, including health care.

Former POWs not receiving VA benefits should contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000.

K-9 warrior

Man's best friend provides added security



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Adkins, 12th Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, demonstrates an attack with one of the K-9s. (Photo by Steve White)

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Members of the 12th Security Forces Squadron say there is no doubt that the unit "gets by with a little help from its friends;" man's best friend that is.

Having been officially activated just one year ago, the 12th SFS K-9 section has proven to be a great addition to the protection of the base, said squadron officials.

"Over the last year, our K-9 unit has successfully provided the base as well as numerous distinguished visitors with explosive detection dog support – ensuring everyone's safety and allowing special events to continue without interruption," said Tech. Sgt. Lorenzo Cortez, 12th SFS kennel master.

"The K-9 unit's goal is to prevent contraband from entering or leaving the installation, as well as protect government property and so far, they've done just that," said Sergeant Cortez. "We are very proud of all of our K-9s and handlers."

Currently, there are six K-9s assigned

to Randolph, each a graduate of the Department of Defense Dog School at Lackland.

During their initial training at Lackland, the dogs underwent obedience training, obstacle courses, patrol work and detection training of drugs or explosives.

But, their training did not stop there, said Sergeant Cortez.

"In order to make sure our K-9s are on top of their game 24-7, they must undergo proficiency training daily," he said. "Each dog trains hard and works hard, and it shows."

Sergeant Cortez added that the personnel who work with the canines must also undergo special training before being qualified for the position.

"All dog handlers must attend an 11-week course where they learn about first-aid procedures, parasites that can affect the dogs' health, training and reward schedules and how to handle the dogs, which are trained to bite when needed," he said.

The sergeant added that the dog

handlers also learn how to work with the dogs when they are searching buildings or open areas for drugs or explosives, or when they are challenging a suspect.

"The K-9 unit, both dogs and trainers, are ready for any challenge," said Sergeant Cortez.

Looking back on Randolph before and after the activation of the K-9 unit, Sergeant Cortez said the base hasn't changed much, in that it has always been a pretty safe place.

"Our K-9s are just an added security net for the base," said Sergeant Cortez. "When people see the dogs, they may think twice about doing any criminal activity. The presence of the dogs helps prevent and deter drugs and explosives from entering the installation, and it helps prevent other dangerous activity on base."

"Activating the Randolph K-9 unit was definitely a smart move by base officials, and we look forward to the many years ahead," said the sergeant.

For more information about the K-9 team, call 652-5800.

Wing announces quarterly winners

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

The 12th Flying Training Wing honored its top performers Wednesday during the first quarter awards luncheon at the enlisted club.

This quarter's winners are:

Junior enlisted member

Senior Airman Mary Shackelford,
12th Logistics Group

NCO

Staff Sgt. Jose Hernandez III,
12th Operations Group

Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Yalonda Milton, 12th LG

Company grade officer

Capt. Gregory Kuzma, 12th LG

Civilian junior category

Donald Miller, 12th Support Group

Civilian intermediate category

Annie Scott, 12th SPTG

Civilian senior category

Joe Rippke, 12th OG



Col. Mark Graper, left, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Sergeant, right, 12th FTW command chief, pose with the wing's first quarter winners after the quarterly awards luncheon Wednesday. (Photo by David Terry)

Deployed superstar



Staff Sgt. Pedro Cantu, a base defense operations center controller with the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, was selected as Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, Warrior of the Week for April 2 and the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing NCO of the Month for March. Sergeant Cantu, who is deployed from Randolph, was recognized for his willingness to volunteer and step up to the plate for hard tasks, according to 376th AEW officials. He distinguished himself as an off-base patrol leader, ensuring the successful launch of combat sorties by securing the surface-to-air missile footprint as a fire team leader on the only U.S. Central Command mobile off-base patrol flight. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Arlo Taylor)

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

Let your family read or hear about your good news.
Fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266 and
bring it in to the public affairs office in Building 100.
For more information, call Master Sgt. Lee Roberts
at 652-4410.

FAM-A-GANZA FUN

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

Cloudy skies, light rain and humidity weren't enough to stop the hundreds of Randolph families who attended the 12th Services Division's Seventh Annual Fam-A-Ganza from having fun.

With tons of activities to keep children busy including a bouncy boxing ring, inflated slide, two bouncy castles, an Easter egg hunt, colossal cookie challenge, craft-making stations and face painting; as well as special performances by local youth and free food – the event offered something for everyone.

"We were a little nervous that morning after looking at the weather forecast, but hundreds of Randolph families came flooding in regardless," said Heidi Welch, 12th Services Division Family Members Programs flight chief. "Luckily, the weather eventually cleared up and everybody was able to have a great time. We were just happy that we could show all the wonderful Randolph families how much we appreciate their support of the base and the 12th Services Division."

One of the many families to attend Fam-A-Ganza, included the Erskine family, shy of their husband/father Tech. Sgt. Joseph Erskine who is away at Officer Training School. His wife, Thelma said the event was just the pick-me-up her son and daughter needed after missing their father.

"Fam-A-Ganza was the happiest I've seen my kids since their daddy left for school," Mrs. Erskine said. "They really had a blast! I'm just amazed and thankful that the base was able to put on such a fantastic

event for the children and at no cost to the families. That really says a lot."

Some of the special performances at this year's event, which was held at the youth center, included dance performances by several youth center instructional classes and performances by Randolph children and teens who placed in the 2003 Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest and in the Randolph Family and Teen Talent Contest.

"We have a lot of talented kids and teenagers here at Randolph, so we thought there is no better place to showcase that talent than at Fam-A-Ganza," said Christine Fussell, assistant youth center director. "I think everyone really enjoyed seeing the children perform – they all did a great job."

Other highlights of this year's Fam-A-Ganza included visits by special guests Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Dog, the Easter Bunny and several clowns as well as a police car and fire truck display.

Attendees were also excited about the various free giveaways from the different base organizations represented in the informational booth area set up in the youth center gym. More than 17 base units including the veterinarian clinic, 12th Medical Group, base library, aerospace physiology, family support center and Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary attended.

Several lucky children also received brand new bicycles and games as door prizes.

The sponsors of this year's Fam-A-Ganza were the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Eisenhower National Bank, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union and Labatt Food Service.

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Above: Vincent Phan, left, and his brother Chris ride around in miniature pedal push planes during Fam-A-Ganza. Below: Several youth center second year dancers perform a ballet dance routine to the song "Que Sera Sera".

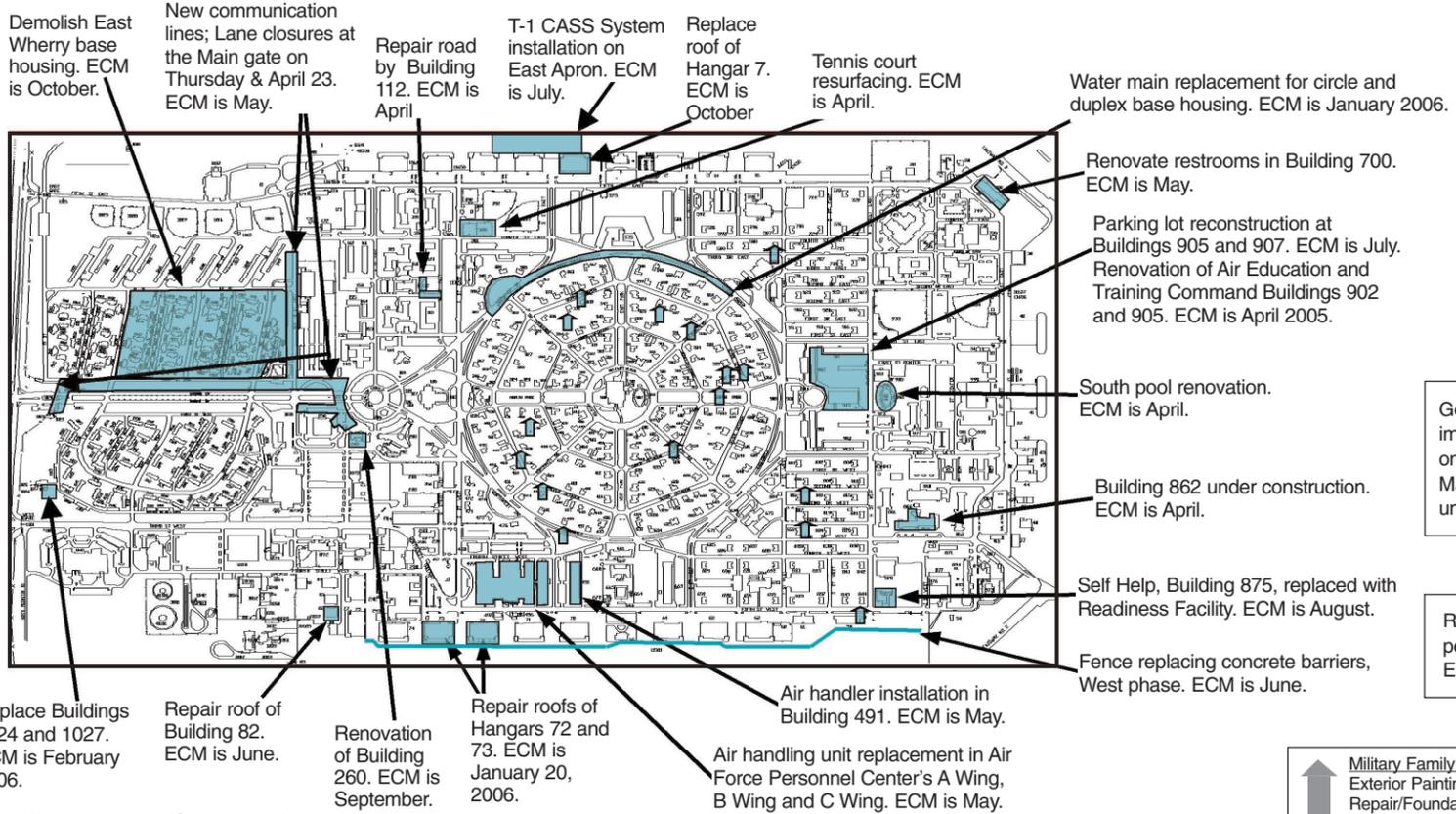
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CONSTRUCTION

ORRNER



*ECM = Estimated completion month

Special Note: Renovation of Harmon Drive to include Washington Circle starts April 26. There will be only inbound traffic in the mornings and outbound traffic 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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire flow test

The annual fire flow test of base water mains runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through April 23.

The flow test is performed by the actual flowing of area fire hydrants, so people are asked not to park in front of or obstruct fire hydrants.

For more information, call Gordon Still at 652-3310.

Home alone training

Family advocacy offers a one-hour training session designed to prepare children ages 6 to 12 to be left in base quarters unattended for short periods of time. The class begins at 5 p.m. April 26 in the family support center. Children and parents must attend the training together. Space is limited.

To sign up, call 652-6308.

Command Day

The next Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training Command Day is April 30 on the South Ramp at Hangar 40.

This semi-annual event gives navigator and electronic warfare officer students and their families the chance to see the different aircraft, including the B-52, and talk to their crews. Displays are open for base personnel and visitors from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call Capt. John Williams at 652-8116.

VWAP volunteers needed

The Randolph Victim Witness Assistance Program is looking for volunteers to help with its mission of assisting victims of crimes.

Volunteers can be active duty, civilian or retired military.

For more information, call Evelyn Mickles at 652-3110.

Choir performs tribute to military

The Heart of Texas Chorus honors all San Antonio Armed Forces members with its "Beyond the Call: A Tribute To Our Armed Forces" program, at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. May 8 at the McAllister Auditorium at San Antonio College.

For tickets, call the Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel office at 652-5640.

Students selected for Boys State, Girls State

Three Randolph High School juniors were selected as delegates for the annual Boys State which runs June 5 to 11 at the University of Texas at Austin. Derek Copeland, Daniel Gunter and Moton Hopkins were the selectees.

Also, Mary Kotowski, a Randolph High School junior, was selected as a delegate to the annual Girls State held in June at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin.

The seven-day seminar, for all four delegates, offers training in the ideals and objectives of American government.

Local student selected to attend National Student Leadership Conference

Geannette Green, daughter of Sandra Williams, Air Force Personnel Center, was recently selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference, class of 2005.

During the conference, Geannette will attend workshops and classes that teach leadership skills, as well as get the opportunity to hear special speakers who in the past have included Janet Reno and Sandra Day O'Connor.

Local student wins regional spelling bee

Taysha Pualei Silva, daughter of Marcy and Master Sgt. Lei Silva II, Air Education and Training Command, recently won the 51st annual San Antonio Express News Regional Spelling Bee held at Trinity University. She now advances to the 77th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee which runs June 1 through 3 in Washington D.C.

School sports physicals offered

Base school sports physicals are scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, June 8 and 22, July 13 and 20, and if needed, July 27. The appointments are for 7 to 18 year olds and may be made between 4 and 6 p.m.

Children must wear or bring, if applicable, their glasses or contact lenses as well as bring any shot records and school sports forms. Also, children should wear a T-shirt and shorts for the exam. A parent or legal guardian must accompany each child.

To schedule an appointment, call 652-3432.

Randolph High School students qualify for regional UIL contest

Randolph High School students received five first place finishes and qualified for the University Interscholastic League regional academic competitions in nine events at the district meet recently.

The regional contests will be held in San Marcos at Texas State University April 23.

Qualifying for regionals with first place finishes at district were the science team, Britney Williams in chemistry, Nathan Schwab in biology, Kristi Mayotte in ready writing and Brian Rogers in individual accounting.

Capturing a second place ribbon and also qualifying for regionals was the Randolph accounting team as well as Nathan in chemistry.

Winning third place honors at district and advancing to regionals were Elena Shannon in science, the Randolph current issues and events team and the spelling and vocabulary team.

Other placements included six fourth place finishes: Jesse Lind in current issues and events; Jessica Hopper in editorial writing, Chris Zayas in computer applications, Kristi Beauchemin in calculator applications, Britney Williams in science and Chris Cruzcosa in ready writing.

Fifth place honors went to Chad Thomas in science, Jessica in news writing and Chris in accounting, while sixth place awards went to Jessica in headline writing and Elena in current issues and events.

Students inducted into the NHS

Thirty-four Randolph High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society during ceremonies held recently.

Inducted were Tiffany Adams, Brandi Banks, Letalia Barnes, Caitlin Belue, Elizabeth Briggs, Sarah Brown, Adam Browning, Dominic Compano, Derek Copeland, Candice Corte, Kevin Cox, Anthony Dienst, John Dienst, Will Drue, Megan Flores, Amy Foster, Charlie Giattino, Jade Gonzalez, John Grieder, Kyle Kuhl, Jesse Lind, Cody Lucas, Tyler Lucas, Chris Mendez, Ryann Miller, Tiffany Morris, Jennifer Parrott, Andrew Quintanilla, Jennifer Raygoza, Veronica Sullivan, Andrew Touhill, Amanda Uphoff, Chris Washington and Kari Woodland.

Cookout scheduled

The San Antonio Chapter of the Military Officers' Association of America hosts a steak cookout at 5 p.m. Thursday at Eberle Park. The cost is \$12.

For more information or for reservations,

call 228-9955 or 228-9956.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER 652-5321

How to start a business seminar

The family support center hosts a business start-up seminar from 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

During the class, attendees discuss topics such as sources of capital and marketing.

For more information, call 652-5321.

WIC

The women, infants and children satellite office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. Appointments are held in the family support center ballroom.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 225-0213.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday for senior airmen and below.

Donations are accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

Larger items can be picked up by calling 652-3060.

EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

St. Mary's University information

The following events are coming up at the St. Mary's University Randolph campus in April and May:

- A university representative will be on hand to discuss the Texas Teacher Certification program from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

To make an appointment with the representative, call 226-3360.

- Dr. Monica Parzinger, Master of Business Administration, visits the education center from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monday to discuss the university's MBA program.

To make an appointment with Dr. Parzinger, call 658-4852.

- Summer and fall schedules are now available on-line. Early registration is in progress. Students already enrolled at St. Mary's University can register for summer sessions one and two, and fall classes at this time. Summer classes on Randolph and at Lackland start May 10.

St. Mary's University Graduate School awards a tuition grant to active duty and military retirees, Department of Defense employees, and spouses of these groups, resulting in a tuition of \$255 per credit hour.

For more information about admission, applications or registration, call 658-4852.

Park University

Registration for the Park University summer term runs from May 10 through June 4. Military students can use both Community College of the Air Force and CLEP/DANTES credits toward a Bachelor of Science degree through Park University.

For more information, call the Randolph campus center at 566-9595, or e-mail rand@mail.park.edu.

ERAU

The Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Randolph office is closed from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 to 30.

Limited customer service will be available from 2 to 5:30 p.m. as the center operates with minimal staffing during this period.

Our Lady of the Lake University

New lower tuition rates for all military and Department of Defense card holders are now in place. A representative from Our Lady of the Lake will be at Randolph from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the tuition rates.

For more information, call Sunny Lee at 431-3983.

CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

Protestant

Friday - Protestant Women of the Chapel retreat at T Bar M Ranch

Saturday - PWOC Retreat at T Bar M Ranch

Sunday - Worship I at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1; PWOC retreat at T Bar M Ranch

Monday - Male chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Men's Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Autumn Winds visit at 2 p.m. at the Autumn Winds Retirement Home

Wednesday - PWOC Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Liturgical choir at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Gospel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Thursday - Children's choir at 5:15 p.m. in chapel 1; Precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Catholic

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

Saturday - St. Joseph's Men's Group at 8 a.m. in the chapel center; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1

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

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

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Contemporary Choir practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

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

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Cantor practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

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

MOVIES 652-3278

Today

"Eurotrip" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Jacob Pitts - An American student decides to take a wacky trip to Europe to meet his German pen pal.

Saturday and Sunday

"Agent Cody Banks 2" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring Frankie Muniz - Agent Cody Banks comes back to pose as a student at an elite music boarding school.

"Starsky and Hutch" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Ben Stiller - Set in the 1970s, two detective partners undergo their first big case.

SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS

Fourth of July unit fundraisers

Plans are underway for the 2004 Fourth of July celebration. This year's celebration runs from 3 to 10:30 p.m.

All base units are invited to operate a food booth to help generate income for their unit programs or other organizational needs.

Interested units keep 100 percent of the income. During this event, the 12th Services Division is the only unit allowed to sell beverages.

Interested units must complete and submit an application form to 12th Services Division Marketing, Building 112, room 108, or fax to 652-8756 by May 7.

For an application, call marketing at 652-2052 or stop by to pick one up.

BOWLING CENTER 652-6271

Children's bowling special

In celebration of the month of the military child, the bowling center offers free bowling and shoe rental to all children each Sunday in April from 1 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome.

ITT & EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT 652-5640

Spring clean-up special

Equipment checkout offers a spring clean up special for April. The special includes lawn mower, rake, leaf blower, hedge trimmer and lawn edger rental for \$24.

Battle of the Flowers Parade

The Battle of Flowers Parade is scheduled for 12:45 to 5 p.m. April 23.

The parade is the oldest event and largest parade of Fiesta San Antonio, attracting crowds of more than 350,000.

Bleacher seats cost \$4.50 and chairs cost \$7.50 each. There is a limit of eight tickets per person. Advanced seating is available for chairs located in the 900 and 1500 block of Broadway.

To purchase tickets, call the information, tickets and travel office at 652-5640.

Fiesta Flambeau Parade

The Fiesta Flambeau Parade runs from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. April 24.

Bleacher seats cost is \$4.50 per person and chair cost \$7.50. There is a limit of eight tickets per person. Advanced seating is available for chairs located on the 900 block of Broadway and bleachers located in the 1500 block of Broadway.

To purchase tickets, call the information, tickets and travel office at 652-5640.

Ticketmaster Events

The information, tickets and travel office offers tickets to the following events:

- **Al Green**

April 30, 7 p.m. at Sunset Station
Prices range from \$45 to \$65

- **Bill Cosby**

May 2, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Majestic Theater

The ticket price is \$56

Texas Treasure Casino trip

The next Texas Treasure Casino trip is April 24. The motor coach departs

Building 897 at 7 a.m. and returns around 10 p.m. The cost is \$25. The motor coach stops for meals to and from the casino, at the customers' expense.

Seven-Night Resort Vacation

The Armed Forces Vacation Club is a space available vacation condominium rental program, which offers accommodations around the world for \$249 for a seven-night stay.

For more information or to search for resorts, visit www.afvclub.com.

To reserve a condominium, call 1-800-724-9988 and provide them with the Randolph code 181.

Houston Space Center

Customers can now stop by the information, tickets and travel office to purchase tickets to visit the Space Center Houston, the official visitor center of NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Ticket prices are \$12.50 per person. Each attraction is self-guided.

Sea World season passes

Sea World San Antonio is now open for its 2004 season, with a lineup of shows, rides and animal attractions.

Daily passes to the park are available at the information, tickets and travel office for \$36 for adults and \$25 for children ages 3 to 9.

One-year season passes are also available for \$49.50 for people ages 3 and up and two-year season passes are available for \$78.50.

Six Flags season passes

Six Flags is now open for its 2004 season. New to the park this year is the "Tornado," a water-tubing ride.

Daily passes are available at the information, tickets and travel office for \$25 for people ages 3 and up. Season passes are also available for \$53 and parking passes are available for \$20.

Schlitterbahn Water Park

Schlitterbahn Water Park's silver anniversary summer season kicks off April 24 with over three miles of tubing adventures, seven children's water playgrounds, 17 water slides, the world's first surfing machine and three uphill water coasters.

Daily admission passes are available at the information, tickets and travel office for \$28.50 for adults and \$23.50 for children ages 3 to 11. Season passes are available for \$110 for adults and \$72 for children ages 3 to 11.

Splashtown San Antonio Texas

Splashtown San Antonio is now open for its 2004 season. The water park features more than 40 rides and attractions tailored toward families.

Base members can purchase discounted tickets to the park from the Information, Tickets and Travel office for \$14 for children ages 3 and up.

CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

Boat storage

Customers can now store their boats at the Canyon Lake open dry and wet storage.

Dry storage is secured with 24-hour access and wet storage is available in both 8.5 feet and 10 feet widths.

Dry storage is \$40 per month and wet storage is \$75 and \$95 per month. The rental of any storage area also includes an annual park pass, which gives free

access for vehicles and all occupants for a year.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Canyon Lake annual passes

Canyon Lake annual entry passes are now available for \$45. Entry into the park is \$5 per visit, per vehicle.

Annual passes include a vehicle and boat/trailer pass, and it is valid for one year after the date of issue. Annual pass holders are not charged the boat launch fee.

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Open water scuba diving class

The Canyon Lake Randolph Recreation Center hosts an open water scuba diving class May 3 to 16.

The course costs \$275 per person, and includes class and pool time, open water dives and scuba gear. Students are required to furnish a mask, fins, snorkel and booties and purchase the National Association of Underwater Instructors training package.

The course runs for two consecutive weeks and consists of both classroom instruction and pool sessions, prior to going in the water at the Comal River and Lake Travis. At the river and lake, students will undergo five certification dives.

After completing the dives and successfully passing the exam at the end of the course, attendees receive a license. The deadline to sign up for the class is April 30.

For more information, call Jay Whiston at 1-800-280-3466 or e-mail jay.whiston@randolph.af.mil.

Lake Travis Scuba Trip

The Canyon Lake Recreation Center hosts a dive trip to Mansfield Dam at Lake Travis April 25.

The cost is \$50 per diver, which includes transportation. Divers are responsible for possessing a valid "C" card and a logbook at the time of boarding, and having all the proper gear to make the dive, including two tanks.

The trip departs from Building 112 at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. A stop for lunch at the Boathouse Cafe will be made during the drive.

For more information, call Jay Whiston at 1-800-280-3466.

ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

Bingo offered

Big Bucks Bingo is held every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club.

OFFICERS' CLUB 652-3056

Live music

The "Wilburn Brothers" perform from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. today in the Sky Lounge.

SKEET RANGE 652-2064

Skeet Range

The Pre-Armed Forces/Club Champion Shoot runs April 23 to 25 at the base skeet range. The cost is \$20 per 100 targets. (puller fee is not included).

The competition includes doubles 12

gauge, 20 gauge, 28 gauge and 410 shoot. National Skeet Shooting Association rules govern and Texas residents must have a current Texas Skeet Shooting Association card.

Registered shooting for the National Skeet Shooting Association/Texas Skeet Shooting Association is held at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the skeet range.

SKILLS AND CRAFT CENTER 652-5142

Instructors needed

Instructors are needed for various classes at the skills craft center, including drawing, pastel, watercolor, cooking and sewing classes.

For more information, call 652-2788.

Craft show

The skills craft center hosts a craft show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 8 in the base clinic parking lot.

Interested vendors can register to set up a 10x10 booth at the skills craft center for \$50.

For more information, call 652-5142.

Free "How To" clinic

The skills craft center and Home Depot have joined together to teach various "how to" classes, to include landscaping ideas, painting techniques, installation of wallpaper, installation of tile floors, organize a closet and more.

The first clinic, scheduled for May 13, covers the latest information on painting techniques, such as sponging and crackle. The clinic, which is free, is at 6 p.m. in Building 895.

For more information, call 652-2788.

AUTO SKILLS CENTER 652-2952

Discount Auto Parts

Car parts can now be ordered from the auto skills center as work on a car is being done by the member. Normally parts are delivered within the hour.

Members ordering parts receive a 10 percent discount and pay no tax.

A variety of vendors offer parts such as tires, air conditioning compressors, condensers, rack and pinions, transmission, clutch kit, and CV axles at discount prices.

For more details on the parts ordering program, customers should stop by the auto skills center.

FAMILY CHILD CARE 652-3668

Child care available in housing and affiliated homes off base

Family childcare homes are operated by military family members who reside in base housing and affiliated homes off base. They are able to arrange flexible scheduling for parents needing childcare. Some homes even offer overnight and weekend care.

Military family members who operate family childcare homes are licensed by the 12th Support Group commander. Providers are trained in health, safety, CPR, first aid and child development. They can accept up to six children with no more than two children under two years of age.

To obtain a current list of licensed family childcare providers at Randolph or affiliated providers off base, call 652-3668.

AETC/DP defeats 558th/559th FTS 25-17, 19-25, 15-13

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

Vying for their chance to take the second seed playoff position away from the Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Personnel, the 558th/559th Flying Training Squadron gave it their all Monday night.

But the squad just didn't have the serves necessary to pull out a win in game three, leaving AETC/DP to claim the three-game match 25-17, 19-25, 15-13.

"Our guys played hard tonight, but our serving just fell apart in that last game - we gave up at least six points that way," said Bryan Henderson, 558th/559th FTS team co-captain. "But ultimately our goal is to make it into the playoffs, which we will. Now we just need to put this loss behind us, practice and capture the intramural title."

The aviators aren't the only one's with their eyes on the championship trophy though. Jason Nahrgang, AETC/DP coach said their goal is to dethrone the Air Force Personnel Center, last year's intramural champs.

"I'd say we have a pretty good shot at the intramural title this year," said Nahrgang. "We've had a good season so far and we play well as a team."

As game one of the teams' Monday night match got underway, it looked as though it would be a quick Aviator win as the team garnered the first four points off of Sean Hook's serves.

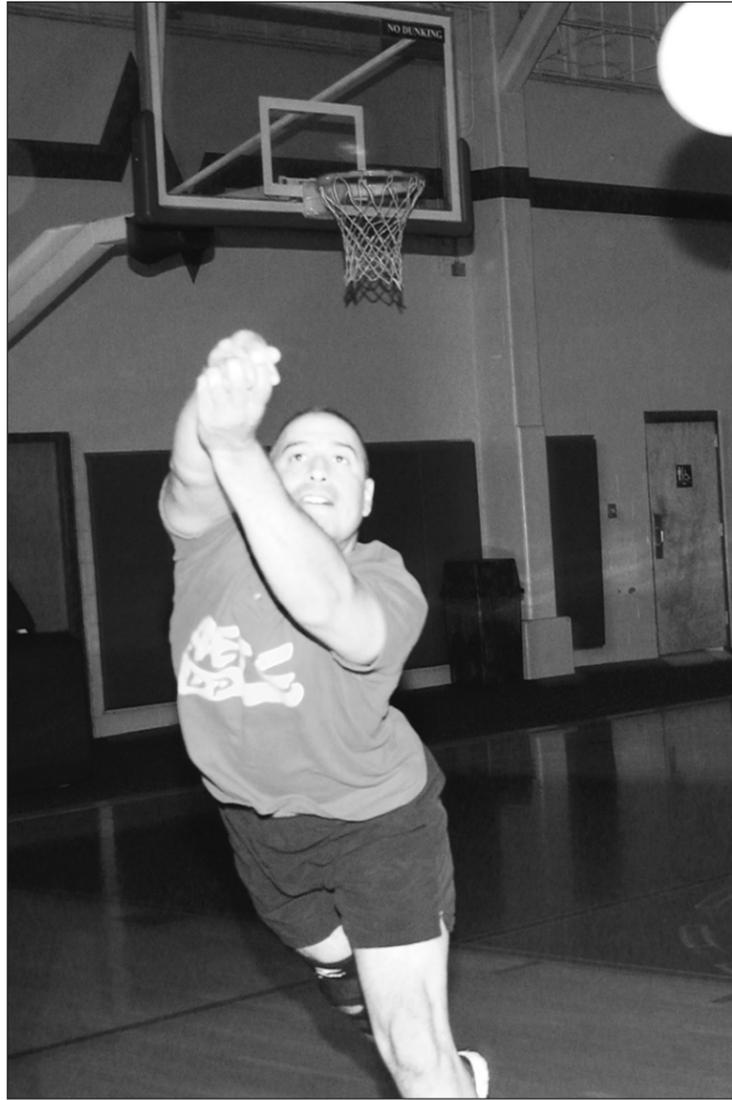
But AETC/DP quickly regained their footing, as they turned the score around with a 16-2 run, highlighted by six aces from Paul Masoni and Nahrgang and two kills by Tim Snyder and Nahrgang.

Aviators Hook and Henderson were able to garner a few more points after AETC/DP's dominating run, closing the point gap to seven. But the win just wasn't in the squad's future, as AETC/DP's Jeff Correa and Nahrgang teamed up to score the game winning point, closing it out 25-17.

Game two started off similar to the first, as the 558th/559th FTS took an early lead with two kills each by Henderson and Shawn Cavan, followed by an AETC/DP run for the lead. But this time the 558th/559th refused to let their opponents have more than a three-point advantage, and ultimately evened the score at 18 on a Henderson blocked spike.

The Aviators continued to capitalize off of their front line offense/defense, as Henderson and Hook blocked several more spikes leading their team to the 25-19 game two win.

As the teams headed into game



Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Personnel's Jeff Correa dives to save the ball during his teams' match against the 558th/559th Flying Training Squadron Monday at the fitness center.

three, both seemed a little shaky - giving up easy points on bad serves and illegal hits.

AETC/DP took the early lead, at 7-3 with two kills by Masoni and an ace by Nahrgang.

The AETC/DP squad managed to hold onto their lead for the

remainder of the game, despite a few big 558th/559th FTS plays late in the game, including two kills by Matt Edwards off of blocks. Making up for some bad team serves early in the game, Nahrgang clinched his team's victory at 15-13 with an ace.



As of April 5

Team	W	L
DFAS	146	62
RS	134	74
SFS	129	79
AFPC TOO	128	80
AFPC #1	119	89
JPPSO	118	90
AFPOA	116	92
SVS #1	115	93
AFPC/ESC	110	98
SVS TOO	108	100
340 FTG	106	102
AETC/LG	103	105
AFSAT	102	106
CPTS	102	106
MSS	102	106
CS	101	107
AMO #2	98	110
AETC/FM	97	111
AMO #1	93	115
AETC/CSS	91	117
AETC/XPM	89	119
AETC 900	86	122
AFSVA	85	123
MED GP	80	128
AFMA	76	132
LRS	64	144

The 2004 intramural softball season begins May 17. Squadrons who have not filled out a letter of intent at the fitness center should do so today.

SPORTS SHORTS

Muscle mania competition

The fitness center hosts the Fourth Annual Muscle Mania Power Lifting Competition at 10 a.m. Saturday in the main gym.

The competition consists of seven body-weight classes for men and four classes for women. First, second and third place winners of the bench press, squat and dead lift for each weight class receive awards at the end of the event and top military contenders go on to compete in the Air Education and Training Command competition at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., June 4.

Contestants can pre-register at the fitness center between Saturday and April 16. The entry fee is \$5.

For more information, call 652-5316.

Intramural golf captains' meeting

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts an intramural golf captains' meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday in the golf course clubhouse for all units interested in participating in the 2004 season.

Interested units should send one representative to the meeting.

Intramural golf is open to all active duty military members, Department of Defense civilian workers, non-appropriated fund employees and contractors with proper DOD identification who are either assigned to Randolph full-time or are on temporary duty to the base for more than 30 days. Civilian employees must play

for the unit to which they are assigned.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Shaun Derry at 652-3905.

Bob Carter Golf Tournament

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts the 32nd Annual Bob Carter Golf Tournament April 23. Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost, which includes green and cart fees, lunch, dinner and complimentary beverages at the course and enlisted club, is \$42 for Randolph Oaks members and \$52 for all others. The tournament format is Florida scramble. Reservations and prepayment are required.

For more information, call 652-4570.

Military academies compete in rugby

The U.S. Air Force Academy, Naval Academy and West Point rugby teams compete in the 21st annual Alamo City Fiesta Rugby Tournament from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 24 at Brooks City Base.

For more information, call 684-1086.

Driving range open after dusk

The Randolph Oaks Driving Range is now open after dusk. The cost is \$2 per full basket of balls or \$1 per half basket. For more information, call 652-4570.

Youth golf classes offered

The base youth center and the local Boys and Girls Clubs co-host a basic golf class from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays at Brackenridge Park. Free golf balls and equipment are issued. This class is open to youth center members ages 10 to 18.

For more information, call 652-2088.

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.

Relay for Life

The Third Annual Greater Randolph Area Relay for Life runs from 7 p.m. May 14 to 7 a.m. May 15 at Pickrell Park in Schertz, Texas. The event is a 12-hour relay, which requires one team member to be on the track walking or running at all times during the event.

Military teams of 8-15 members can sign-up. Registration runs until the first day of the event.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Amanda Harness at 652-2619 or Carrie Waterman at 595-0219.