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332nd Airlift Flight deactivated



Lt. Col. Jack Burns, commander of the 332nd Airlift Flight, is on the receiving end of the traditional "fini flight" drenching after he lands his C-21A on the last official flight of the unit at Randolph before its deactivation. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 332nd Airlift Flight was deactivated and closed its doors this week after 11 years on Randolph.

In a special ceremony Monday at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Lt. Col. Jack Burns, flight commander, retired the unit guidon.

"Our 42 assigned people, military and civilian, have done an excellent job of keeping our birds in the air," Colonel Burns said. "We flew about 3,500 hours annually on our various missions. Our pilots will now go on to other airlift assignments and the enlisted members will be distributed around the Air Force within their various career specialties."

The 332nd ALF, with its six C-21A passenger aircraft, was one of eight such units supporting various headquarters around the nation and overseas. In a major reorganization, AMC reduced that number to four squadrons, located at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C., and Scott AFB.

The 332nd ALF had multiple missions here, Colonel Burns said. They provided airlift support to the senior officers of the Air Education and Training Command and to any other military and distinguished officials needing air transportation. As with all Air Force airlift organizations, they also provided space available

airlift to military members as tasked by AMC.

Maj. Doug Beck, 332nd ALF director of operations, noted the high caliber of the young pilots the unit received.

"Their skill and willingness to learn made this a rewarding assignment both for them and for those of us who managed the unit's operations."

Colonel Burns pointed out the unit also served an important function as a "seasoning assignment" for newly trained airlift pilots to prepare them for later duty in heavy airlift units. Missions were flown from Randolph to all points within the United States and to many destinations in Canada and Latin America. In addition, people and aircraft were deployed to Southwest Asia as part of the on-going military operations there.

"In particular, I want to thank the people of the 12th Flying Training Wing for being such good hosts to us during the time we were here," Colonel Burns said. "Your support was an important part of the whole package that made it possible for us to maintain our excellent record of mission accomplishment."

The C-21A is the Air Force version of the twin-engine Lear Jet 35A business aircraft. It can carry up to eight passengers and 3,100 pounds of cargo. It has a range of about 2,000 miles and a maximum speed of more than 500 miles per hour.

The Air Force currently has an inventory of 70 of these aircraft.

Navigators, EWOs undergo new training program

By Jillian Speake
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A new combat systems officer training program for Air Force navigators and electronic warfare officers begins Oct. 1 at the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons.

The new program responds to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper's request to re-design the current training to produce an aviator skilled in advanced navigation systems, electronic warfare and weapons employment.

"Currently, the navigator and electronic warfare officer pipeline is very similar to the way it's been for a number of years," said Maj. Jim Griffin, AETC electronic warfare program manager. "The problem is the duties of the navigator have been evolving, but the training hasn't evolved to meet the navigator's changing needs."

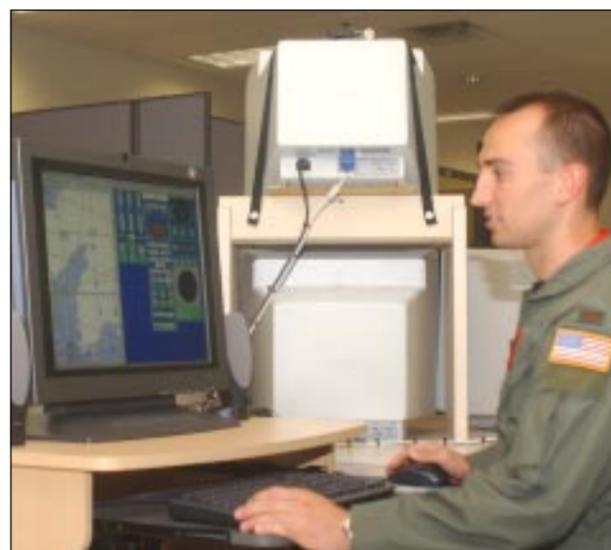
Combat systems officer training will combine portions of

navigator and electronic warfare training to give aviators a cross-flow capability between the two positions on combat aircraft.

"The dual training will give the Air Force a better overall aviator because he or she can speak to both navigator and electronic warfare issues," said Lt. Col. George Trumbull, 563rd FTS commander. "Anyone who's got a better understanding of both fields when going into combat is going to be more effective for the mission."

Students trained under the new curriculum will see a difference in academics with a wider range of topics and focus on war fighting. Traditional electronic warfare candidates will see more navigational skills and systems integrations, and traditional navigator candidates will see more electronic warfare in their academic curriculum.

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Second Lt. Carson Heier, a student in the 563rd Flying Training Squadron, implements attack countermeasures on the new Battle Readiness Electronic Warfare Trainer. Plans call for 32 BREWT stations to be running simultaneously by March 2005. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training			Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Pilot Instructor Training			562nd FTS	563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	Air Force	241 Undergraduate	52	T-1A	3,916	3,955	4,383
99th FTS	1.0	1.5	Navy	77 International	0	T-6A	8,363	9,151	9,103
558th FTS	1.7	1.9	International	4 EWC Course	0	T-37B	7,155	7,234	7,508
559th FTS	2.0	-0.6	NIFT	55 Fundamentals	21	T-38C	2,755	3,208	3,612
560th FTS	0.5	2.8				T-43A	1,076	1,184	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.

New Main Gate Hours

Effective Monday, hours for incoming traffic at the main gate will be expanded 30 minutes in the afternoon with access Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Outbound traffic hours remain 3-6 p.m.



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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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From vision to reality

People remain heart of AF success

By Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

"A modern, autonomous, and thoroughly trained Air Force ... will not alone be sufficient, but without it there can be no national security."

When General of the Army H. H. "Hap" Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, uttered those words in the mid-1940s, he helped set in motion a plan to make the Air Force a separate branch of the nation's armed forces.

His vision-turned-reality, our independent United States Air Force, has proven its mettle time and again since its establishment 57 years ago on Sept. 18, 1947, with the members of Team Randolph contributing to the success of the Air Force mission from the very beginning.

General Arnold's vision was one of people – aviators, scientists and engineers – working together to lead his Army Air Forces into the future. Before World War II had even ended, he assembled his principle staff officers and charged them to look

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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing
commander

ahead 20 years to a time where aeronautical science and technology would provide the resources for Airmen to employ.

Today, we reap the benefits of that astute

thinking and the progressive actions of our service's great leaders before and since who saw to it that ours was the best trained and equipped air and space force in the world.

People remain at the heart of the equation that measures our success.

Our active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and our civilian work force interweave to create a powerful fabric. It is within that bond where we continue to lead, maintain, develop and foster a culture of innovation, and where people with vision create momentum that leads to short- and long-term success.

We have done much as an independent service since 1947, and we have much to do in the future. I am confident our Air Force is up to the challenges tomorrow brings, just as General Arnold knew the Air Force was in good hands when he passed the reins to Gen. Carl Spaatz, our first Chief of Staff.

We should be very proud to belong to such a revered, professional organization. I wish my fellow Airmen – military, civilian, and retired – and all our family members a happy Air Force birthday!

57 years of service

Secretary, chief send Air Force birthday message

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

Happy birthday to the Airmen of the world's greatest air and space force! Our 57 years of history may be short, but they are packed with astounding accomplishments.

We've broken the sound barrier, expanded military operations to the reaches of space, ushered stealth technology and precision-strike capability into modern warfare, delivered humanitarian aid to austere

locations, jointly won the Cold War and provided decisive air and space power for wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. Your dedication to excellence, your integrity and your faithful service is recognized and appreciated by all Americans.

Since our inception in 1947, America's Air Force has flown lead in defending peace and freedom around the world. That legacy was made possible by millions of professional Airmen dedicated to accomplishing critical missions with total success.

Today, you are the torchbearers of our

legacy. You are performing remarkably across the globe delivering aid to people in need and defending and protecting our great nation from emerging threats and new enemies. Your competence, dedication to the mission and pride of service is renowned.

We know you also have wonderful families who support your long hours and deployments away from home. We are grateful for their support.

You represent the strength and patriotism of our great nation. America is proud of our Air Force because of you. Thanks for your service and again, happy birthday!

Congratulations Retirees

Today
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Mark Billingsley
Air Force
Personnel Center

Chief Master Sgt.
Sal Lagudi
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Choose or lose: *Voting a privilege, not time for excuses*

By **Brig. Gen. James Whitmore**
82nd Training Wing commander

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – One fundamental concept of freedom that has become an integral part of our way of life is the privilege we enjoy of choosing our leaders. Your vote is your voice. Each time you choose not to vote, you're letting someone else speak for you.

If you are an eligible voter, there simply is no compelling reason not to participate. Common excuses such as "the polls are too crowded," "I don't have transportation," or "I don't have enough time," are nothing short of apathy – a force that will erode our freedoms over the long haul.

Protecting this country's way of life is something we have all sworn to do. When we took the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, we

committed to guaranteeing the freedoms it provides us. Those freedoms were bought at great cost, and continue to be, in terms of personal sacrifice and loss of life.

Our country is indeed fortunate to have had the founding fathers we did. We all need to remember those freedoms aren't completely paid off, nor will they ever be. They must be protected every day; otherwise, we tend to forget how important they are.

There are a multitude of resources available on base to help ensure everyone has the opportunity to vote.

Our absentee voting assistance program is robust with trained counselors in every squadron across the installation. These folks are your first option for obtaining more information about voting, as well as helping you complete the right forms to register and receive your ballots in the mail.

There is a positive avenue available for you. Don't pass up the opportunity for your voice to be heard.

Voting is not only an incredible privilege; it's an obligation for all of us. Military votes count.

Additionally, if you register, you'll have the opportunity to vote for multiple levels of governmental office at the federal, state and local levels. If nothing else, I highly encourage each of you to register and vote Nov. 2 in the General Election that will determine the next president of the United States.

Again, let's not take the sacred privilege of voting for granted. Exercise it now, and keep it alive and well.

At the end of May I returned from a country that will be holding its first free elections later this fall. I've seen first hand how important this privilege is and how

people are willing to take great risks just to have their voices heard.

For those of you who are still not planning to vote, I challenge you to stop and ask yourself what kind of country this might be if we couldn't vote for a president, choose the career you desire or even where you want to live. There are still parts of our world where these things are a reality.

I'd be willing to bet most of those unfortunate citizens would gladly exchange places with you and me to enjoy this awesome privilege. It's your future, your livelihood, and your nation. Get out and vote for it!

For contact information for unit voting officers, call Capt. Andrea Justice at 652-6170.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

News

Making a difference

Combined Federal Campaign off to good start

By **Jennifer Valentin**
Wingspread staff writer

Team Randolph members have the chance to make a difference in people's lives during the 2004 Combined Federal Campaign. The event kicked off with a breakfast in the officers' club Sept. 9.

"We are aggressively attacking our first goal of 100 percent contact the first week of the campaign excluding anyone TDY or on leave. With everyone's continued support, we will achieve our ultimate goal, and that is to exceed the Team Randolph goal," said Capt. Wade Cornelius, Air Education and Training Command project officer.

Randolph Airmen and civilians choose from more than 1,500 organizations to contribute to through CFC, helping various causes such as medical research, abused women and children,

youth services, animal shelters and scholarship funds.

"The CFC briefings and commander calls have had a huge impact on the campaign, and we want to thank them," said Captain Cornelius. "Everyone knows we are determined to have a four week campaign rather than a six week campaign, so the cooperation from Team Randolph will make the goal possible."

Donations to the CFC can be made by personal checks, cash or through payroll deductions.

The annual fundraising campaign was established by former U.S. President John F. Kennedy in 1961 as a way for federal employees and postal service members to contribute to United Way organizations conveniently through payroll deductions.

For more information, call Captain Cornelius at 652-4568.

How CFC Helps

The following is a first-person account from someone who has been helped by charities that benefit from Combined Federal Campaign donations.

A Meal and a Smile

"When I was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, as an intern, I broke my leg and severely sprained both my feet. I ended up with two big white go-go boots (casts), a wheelchair and crutches. I was out on leave recovering at home for a couple of weeks. A friend mentioned an organization that donates meals for folks unable to cook for themselves due to ailments. They brought me a meal everyday while I was recovering at home. It meant a lot to me that they checked on me everyday, since I don't have any family in Texas. They never asked for one penny and were happy just to help. Thanks to donations from the CFC, this organization continues to help others."

Renovated school dedicated to former CMSAF

By **Tech. Sgt. Angelique McDonald**
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force received a surprise from the wing commander Sept. 8 during one of his many visits to the Randolph Airman Leadership School.

Col. John Hesterman, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, announced the dedication of the Randolph Airman Leadership School building to former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor.

As Chief Gaylor's wife, Selma, looked on with tears in her eyes, Colonel Hesterman presented the chief a painting of his likeness that will hang in the foyer of the Randolph Professional Military Education facility which will now be known as the Robert D. Gaylor Airman Leadership School.

"This couldn't have come at a better time," said the visibly moved chief, "Fifty-six years ago today, I took the oath of enlistment."

The chief said when he reflects on his humble beginnings in Bellvue, Iowa, he is astounded when he receives an honor like the dedication of an ALS building.

"I still think 'this is for me?'" he said.

The newly renovated ALS building has provided a state-of-the-art facility to conduct school operations, but the building still maintains its historical appearance.

Because of his past and present contributions and strong

ties to enlisted professional military education at Randolph and throughout the Air Force, Chief Gaylor was the perfect candidate for the dedication of the ALS building, said Master Sgt. Marc LaMontagne, ALS flight chief.

"He is a living icon among the Air Force enlisted corps. His past and present accomplishments have earned him a place in Randolph history," Sergeant LaMontagne said.

Chief Gaylor, a San Antonio resident, has shared his messages with virtually every Randolph ALS class during the past four years.

The chief entered the Air Force in the security forces career field in 1948. He then served as a military training instructor until 1962. In 1972, the chief established the United States Air Forces in Europe Command Management and Leadership Center. The center housed an in-residence, 60-hour course for noncommissioned officers. He went on to become the USAFE Senior Enlisted Advisor in 1973. Chief Gaylor became the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force in 1977 and retired in 1979.

"Chief Gaylor is an Air Force legend and has continued in retirement to make a tremendous positive impact for our Air Force on the thousands of audience members he has addressed," said Colonel Hesterman. "We are truly honored to honor him."

A formal dedication ceremony will take place at a later date.



Col. John Hesterman, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, Selma Gaylor, former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor and Master Sgt. Marc LaMontagne, Randolph Airman Leadership School flight chief, stand Sept. 8 with the painting that will hang in the ALS foyer. (Photo by David Terry)



2nd Lt. Christopher Allie
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Offutt AFB, Neb.



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HC-130
Moody AFB, Ga.



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2nd Lt. Kyle Copus
B-52H
Barksdale AFB, La.



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EP-3E
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2nd Lt. Charles Restall
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Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Thomas Ryan Jr.
AC-130H
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Darin Schmelzer
RC-135
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Michael Shirley
EC-130
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Colton Skorupan
EC-130
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

JSUNT graduation set for today

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

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

The guest speaker for today's graduation is Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., Air Education and Training Command vice commander.

General Hopper is a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours in

12 different aircraft. During his Air Force career, he has served as the U.S. Air Force Academy commandant of cadets as well as on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

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 to the top graduates during the ceremony.



Ensign Jeffrey Webb
P-3
MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

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

GATE HOURS DURING HARMON DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

MAIN GATE/HARMON DRIVE

- Monday through Friday two lanes inbound from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Beginning Monday)
- Monday through Friday two lanes outbound from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed all other times including weekends, holidays and family days

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

Randolph Ambassadors

Base seeks representatives for 2005



Randolph Ambassadors 1st Lt. David Allick and 1st Lt. Amanda Kitchen greet Lady Bird Johnson at the wreath laying ceremony in honor of her late husband's birthday on Aug. 27. As the official representatives of Randolph, the ambassadors participate in a variety of events throughout the year. (Photo by Javier Garcia)

By Susan Gandy
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph active duty military and Department of Defense civilians can now apply for the opportunity to represent Randolph Air Force Base and partake in San Antonio's rich cultural heritage as a 2005 Randolph Ambassador.

As Randolph Ambassadors, selectees will be called upon to represent the base at a variety of activities throughout the year such as hospital visits, community parades, dedication ceremonies and receptions.

Base ambassadors traditionally begin their responsibilities with the annual visit to the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital in February.

Among other events, the ambassadors will also help kick-off the 114th year of Fiesta that celebrates Texas' independence. Their duties during the annual 10-day Fiesta celebration, which runs April 15-24, plays a large part in the military's outreach efforts in the community.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age as of February 2005 and assigned here through September 2005. In addition, their commanders or supervisors must also nominate them.

A selection panel will interview the candidates Dec. 8 and select two ambassadors, one male and one female, based

on appearance, bearing, communications skills and general knowledge of San Antonio and the Air Force.

All applicants are encouraged to coordinate with commanders and supervisors to ensure duty schedules will permit participation in all activities, including rehearsals, and that no obligations, such as planned temporary duty assignments, school and other personal issues, will prevent them from performing ambassador duties.

First Lt. David Allick, 2004 Randolph Ambassador, said he has fond memories of his ambassador experience.

"I was blessed to be the ambassador and represent Randolph," he said. "From going to the Veterans hospital and bringing a smile to the faces of those who have served our country, to seeing small town children salute me as I waved to them in the parades. "It was a great experience and I would suggest it to anyone with an outgoing personality who wants to give of themselves to the community and have a lot of fun."

Randolph members interested in applying as an ambassador can pick up an application at the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office in the west basement of the "Taj Mahal," Building 100. Applications are due Nov. 19.

For more information, call 652-4407 or 652-4410.

Training

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"There are a lot of things coming down the pipe that are new and exciting and are taking the Air Force in a little different direction as far as what a trained aviator should be," said Lt. Col. Todd Zachary, 562nd FTS commander. "The whole concept of combat systems officer training is to make experts in air and space power employment who will have all the tools of trade."

Currently, navigators and electronic warfare officers train together for 90 days and then train for 82 days in their specialized career fields. Combat systems officer training will increase common training to 138 days before sending the aviators to either advanced navigator or electronic warfare training.

The new curriculum will also increase electronic warfare and weapons employment training from 15 to 36 days.

"There's not an aviator out there that doesn't need electronic warfare knowledge," Colonel Trumbull said. "It used to be that electronic warfare officers were always on those particular airplanes that flew in combat. Now all planes fly in some form of combat role, so it's essential to make all aviators experts in how to avoid those threats."

Students will also see more emphasis placed on leadership, decision-making and mission management.

"There are changes in the focus of the program that are geared towards developing airmanship and situational awareness as opposed to the current procedural focus," Major Griffin said. "We want students to be more involved in what's going on, thinking through what needs to be done and reacting to the environment around them."

Future plans for aviator training also include consolidating the training with the Navy in a single location, Major Griffin said.

"(The new training program) will be an interesting challenge, but we're up for it," Colonel Zachary said. "This is not the first time navigator school has changed curriculums to make a better product and have done it mid-stream. Our people are ready for the challenge."

Training Huey visits Randolph

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

A squadron of UH-1H "Huey" helicopters has joined the Air Force. For the first time in 35 years, the Air Force owns its own helicopters for undergraduate flight training. In an effort under planning for three years, 40 Hueys, formerly owned and maintained by the U. S. Army, were transferred to the Air Education and Training Command for the 23rd Flying Training Squadron, located at Fort Rucker, Ala. One of the squadron's Hueys arrived on Randolph Sept. 10 to mark the completion of the transfer process. It was flown by Captains Jiro McCoy and Deuce Mullen, instructors with the 23rd FTS.

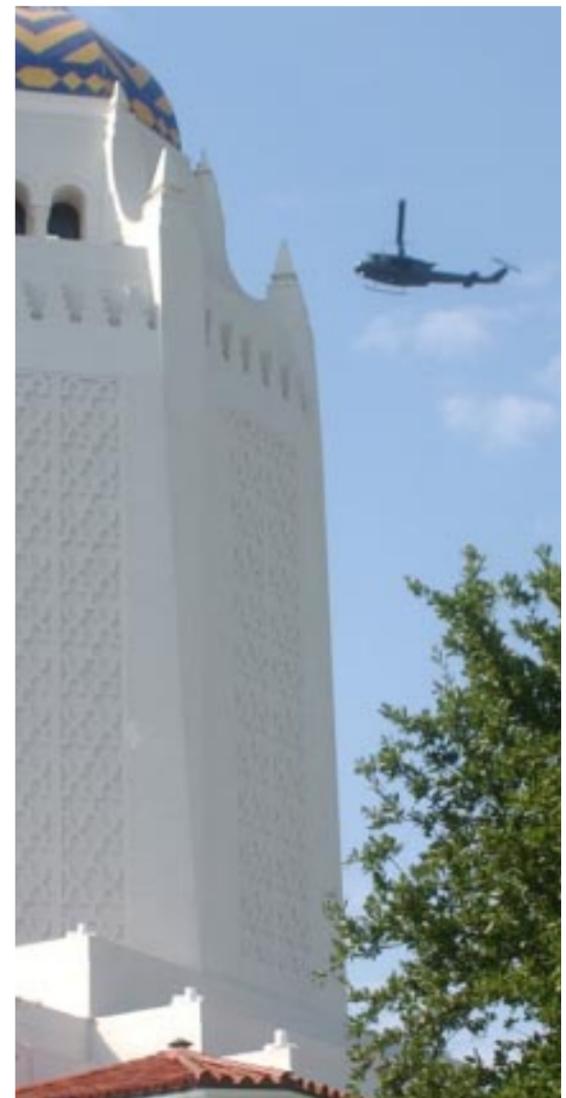
"Air Force helicopter student pilots spend six months with the 23rd FTS before going on for advanced training at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.," said Maj. Larry Walker, program manager for AETC Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training-Helicopter. "In the past the first three months of training were conducted by Army contractors, operating under Army operational procedures. Now the training syllabus will be 'all blue' and the Air Force students can concentrate on Air Force procedures from the beginning of training."

"This will smooth out the flow of instruction," Major Walker said. "We have worked well with the Army for 35 years, and now we're just taking the best from both services."

The transferred UH-1Hs were part of a pool of aircraft used for both Army and Air Force training at Fort Rucker, but the Army decided to transition to a new training system, Flight School XXI, forcing divestment of all Army Hueys used for training, Major Walker said.

The Air Force agreed to assume full responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the UH-1Hs starting last May. Within two years, AETC will modify 24 of these aircraft to Huey IIs, extending their service life 20 plus years. This will provide a more capable and sustainable aircraft with a glass cockpit and updated avionics suite, the Major added.

The Air Force currently flies three types of helicopters in operational units. UH-1N Hueys are used to support distinguished visitors, missile sites, ranges, and search and rescue; MH-53J Pave Low helicopters are used in special operations; and HH-60G Pave Hawks are used for combat search and rescue.



An Air Force UH-1H Huey helicopter of the 23rd Flying Training Squadron, Ft. Rucker, Ala., flies past the Taj on Randolph Sept. 10. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

WMD attack

Officials remind base members of procedures

By Willie Monroe

12th Civil Engineer Directorate Readiness Flight

With all that is going on in the world today, the possibility of a terrorist attack is plausible just about anywhere, and Randolph Air Force Base is no different.

Although any type of terrorist attack would be cause for great concern, an attack involving weapons of mass destruction could be an overwhelming burden to the base's people and resources. Luckily, there are steps people can take to combat against such attacks – the most effective means being prevention.

□ *As defined by the FBI, WMD is:*

- Any explosive, incendiary or poison gas, bomb, grenade or rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces; missile having an explosive or incendiary of more than one quarter ounce; or mine or device similar to the above;

- Any weapon that is designed or intended to cause death or serious bodily injury through the release, dissemination or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals, or their precursors.

- Any weapon involving a disease organism;

- Any weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level charge dangerous to human life.

There are several WMD shelter procedures in place at Randolph depending upon where members are during an attack. The various procedures are as follows:

□ *Members who are outside a building must:*

- Take cover and seek shelter from fire, falling objects or explosive hazards.

- Notify others and report to the proper authorities.

- If available, don protective equipment.

- Perform first aid on those who require it.

- Never drive vehicles. If already in a vehicle, roll up windows, and turn off ventilation system.

- Remain in shelter until directed by emergency response personnel.

□ *Members who are inside a building must:*

- Take cover and seek shelter from fire, falling objects and explosive hazards.

- Remain in shelter until directed otherwise by the unit or emergency response personnel.

- Do not allow entry or exit during the plume passage. However, remain alert for people seeking entry in to the building to seek shelter from the incident. Allow entry if identification is confirmed and the situation does not present a high risk to others within the building.

- If available, don protective equipment.

- Notify others and report to proper authorities.

- Close and lock windows, vents and fireplace dampers.

- Turn off heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and exhaust fans.

- Move to a designated safe room, if available.

- Seal room with plastic and duct tape.

- Seal door threshold with a wet towel.

- Stay away from outer walls and windows.

- Do not use any items with open flames.

- Perform first aid as needed.

- Evacuate the building if directed by appropriate authorities or emergency response forces.

- If directed, evacuate by moving in an upwind or cross wind direction away from the point of release (if visible).

Move to the designated unit assembly point or location. Do not drive vehicles unless directed by emergency response forces or unless required to evacuate injured people or those that cannot walk.

- Contact appropriate authorities and advise them of the location and situation.

□ *Members who are inside a building where hazardous material is released must:*

- Take cover if needed from fire, explosive hazards or falling objects.

- Don available protective equipment.

- Notify other personnel and authorities.

- Turn off building heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and exhaust fans.

- Perform first aid as needed.

- Close doors and windows within the release area to contain the hazard.

- Evacuate the building.

- Once outside the building, evacuate by moving in an upwind or crosswind direction away from the building.

- Move to a designated assembly point or location.

- Do not drive vehicles unless directed by emergency response forces or unless required to evacuate injured people or those that cannot walk.

- After evacuation, contact appropriate authorities and advise them of location and situation.

- Remain at the assembly area until directed otherwise by the unit or emergency response personnel.

For more information about WMD and in place procedures, call the 12th Civil Engineer Directorate Readiness Flight at 652-2222.

TRICARE changes contractors

New procedures in place at clinic prior to Nov. 1 transition

By 2nd Lt. Kenneth Chapman

12th Medical Group

In preparation for the transition to a new TRICARE contract in November, officials at the 12th Medical Group have announced some new procedures.

Starting Monday, Humana Military Healthcare Services, the new contractor, will assume operation of the TRICARE Service Center at the Randolph Clinic from Health Net Federal Services, the outgoing contractor.

The move should be transparent to customers except for Humana's employees staffing the center. Hours of operation remain Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

One service that will change is the Health Care Finder program will no longer be located in the service center. People

who have questions regarding referrals prior to Nov. 1 should call Health Net Federal Services contractor, Wisconsin Physicians Service, toll free at (800) 406-2832.

People can also make inquiries about TRICARE Region 6 claims, to include TRICARE for Life, generated prior to Nov. 1 by calling the same toll-free number, or they can call Geri Cortinas at 652-4303 or stop by room 1A221 at the clinic. Humana Military Healthcare Services will not have the capability to research claims for care rendered prior to Nov. 1.

TRICARE for Life claim inquiries for care rendered prior Nov. 1 will also be directed to Wisconsin Physicians Service.

HNFS will continue to provide claim assistance through Jan. 31.

Randolph Clinic's Consult Management Office will handle referrals made to Brooke Army Medical Center, Wilford Hall

Medical Center or Brooks City-Base Clinic after Nov. 1. The number is 652-2420, extension 7.

People who need help with registration in the Composite Health Care System can get assistance from customer service representatives at the family care clinic's customer service window or the clinic information desk.

Health Net Federal Services will handle medical care requiring pre-authorization, such as out-of-area urgent care or in-region specialty care, prior to Nov. 1. Humana Military Healthcare Services will be responsible for medical care requiring a pre-authorization after Nov. 1.

For more details about the TRICARE contract transition, people may stop by the clinic information desk or they can call 652-2933.

Ro-Hawks 3-0 after win over Marion Bulldogs

By Alan Becker
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Running back Zach Collins rushed for 192 yards on 18 carries Sept. 10 as Randolph High School improved to 3-0 with a 33-2 homecoming victory over the Marion Bulldogs here.

Collins scored three touchdowns on the night, including one on a 79-yard run in the first quarter that set the tone for the Ro-Hawks ground attack.

Collins' big numbers were the result of a team effort on offense.

Fellow backfield members Chris Woods and Patrick McDonald ran behind a group of experienced offensive linemen and receivers who paved the way for the running game. Woods added 33 rushing yards in the homecoming victory.

Tackles Will Drue and Willie Whitley, guards Kyle Kuhl and Derek Copeland, tight end Moton Hopkins, and receivers Sean Applewhite and Tim Stephens provided the blocking up front and downfield.

The leader of the offense, quarterback Brandon Ervin, added 49 yards passing against Marion.

On defense, the Ro-Hawks shut out Marion. In three games this season, opponents have averaged less than seven points a game against Randolph.

The Ro-Hawks are in action again tonight on the road with a game in Shiner. The team returns home Sept. 24 to take on Lytle.

Randolph 41, Ingram 12

Running back Zach Collins scored two rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown to lead the

Randolph High School Ro-Hawks over Ingram 41-12 Sept. 3 in Ingram.

Collins finished with 149 yards on the ground to pace an offensive attack that never let Ingram in the contest.

Quarterback Brandon Ervin threw for two touchdowns and running back Chris Woods ran for two touchdowns to add to Randolph's point total.

One of Ervin's TD passes was a 41-yard toss to Sean Applewhite, who not only doubles as a running back and receiver, but also kicks Randolph's field goals.

Applewhite totaled two receptions for 79 yards and was five of six on his point-after-touchdown kicks.

Ro-Hawk Patrick McDonald added 41 rushing yards and recovered a fumble from his defensive back position.

Other defensive contributors against Ingram were linebacker Mike Martin with two interceptions and end Moton Hopkins with three sacks.

Freedom Runner



Michelle Cochran approaches the finish line at the September 11 5K Freedom Run Saturday at Eberle Park. She was the women's division winner with a time of 17:42. Julie Vick placed second and Vanessa Lee was third. In the men's division, Greg DeStefano won with a time of 16:48. Justin Hochstein finished second and Paul Duncil placed third. More than 240 runners participated in the run that's been held annually since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

SPORTS SHORTS

Operation Stay Fit

The fitness center hosts an Operation Stay Fit Circuit Challenge Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main center, Hangar 71.

During the workout, participants travel from one circuit station to the other doing various exercises to include push-ups, crunches, leg lunges, jumping jacks, jump rope and more.

For more information, call 652-5760.

Biathlon

Randolph athletes can celebrate the beginning of Oktoberfest with a 10-mile bike ride and 5-mile run biathlon Thurs-day at Eberle Park.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and is open to all military ID cardholders age 18 and over. All participants must attend a meeting on Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. in the fitness center conference room, Hangar 70 in order to participate.

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.

Family golf special

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers a family special Monday through Friday after 6 p.m. Adults can golf for \$2 and children for \$1.

For more information, call 652-4653.

Aerobathon

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at Fort Sam Houston sponsors an aerobathon Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. During the event, participants perform step and low-impact aerobics as well as abdominal exercises. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call 221-2020.

Army Dillo Half Marathon

The Brigade Gym on Fort Sam Houston sponsors an Army Dillo Half Marathon Sept. 26 at 7 a.m. The cost is \$30 per team or \$25 per person for those who register by Wednesday. After Wednesday, the cost is \$40 per team or \$35 per person. Registration on the day of the race begins at 6 a.m. at the gym.

For more information, call 221-3185.