

# WINGS SPREAD

## Randolph Services competes for 2004 Gen. LeMay Award

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Services Division is one of two Air Education and Training Command bases in the final running for the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award.

The award, now in its 39th year, is presented to the best large services organization in the Air Force. The other base in AETC competing is Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

If the 12th Services Division is selected as the AETC finalist, it moves on to compete for best in the Air Force, to be evaluated and announced this summer.

As finalists, both bases now receive visits by a team of four experts in the career field of services, said Capt. David Kretz, 12th Services Division deputy chief. The team arrives here Thursday and will visit all services activities, as well as talk with services' customers on base.

The 12th Services Division experienced many great accomplishments in 2002 and 2003 that led to its selection as one of the final contenders.

Six Randolph services' activities were named "Best in AETC," to include the enlisted club, officers' club, child development center, family child care, training, and the human resources office. And, the honors didn't stop at AETC as the enlisted club was named the "Best in the Air Force for 2003."

"These organizational awards were earned because of the strong efforts made by the Services team," said Captain Kretz.

Several 12th Services Division team members also earned individual recognition because of their accomplishments this past year," he added.

Recognized in 2003 were George DeCoux, 12th Services Division Chief, and Theresa Duncan, child development center, as Team Randolph award winners. Also, three of the 2003 Randolph Air Force Association Civilian of the Year awards went to Services personnel — Mr. DeCoux, Ms. Duncan and Doug Svien from the auto skills center. Also, Mary Eddy, Randolph Inn Manager, is the 2003 12th Flying Training Wing's Category III Civilian of the Year while Staff Sgt. Stephanie Cass is the 12th Support Group 2003 NCO of the Year.

"Strong Services' programs that benefit the entire Team Randolph community have supported these awards," said Captain Kretz.

Some of the 12th Services Division initiatives that have been implemented in the last year include: complete renovation of both the center and south pools; reconstruction and refurbishment of the Canyon Lake Recreation

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## On the road

Youth center helps spread word for recruiting

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Two Randolph Youth Center vans got a new look recently as they are now helping to spread the word for U.S. Air Force recruitment.

The newest youth center vans are part of a 10-vehicle project that includes the Air Force Academy, Col.; Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. and Nellis AFB, Nev.

"The project is a recruiting tool, to advertise for the Air Force and to let people know we are still around and still hiring," said Master Sgt. Anthony Aubrey, Air Force Recruiting Service NCO in charge of special events marketing. "On the vans we have our telephone number and our Web site, to let people know where to look for more information. You can't miss them!"



Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, admires one of the base youth center's two newly decorated U.S. Air Force vans. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

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## General Remkes takes command of AFRS

By Staff Sgt. John Asselin  
Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Robertus Remkes took command of Air Force Recruiting Service from Brig. Gen. Edward Rice Jr. during a change of command ceremony Tuesday at the officers' club.

A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, General Remkes comes to AFRS after serving as commander of the 3rd Wing at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. This is his first assignment to AFRS.

"I'm looking forward to working with each of you in the Air Force Recruiting Service and seeing what this recruiting business is all about," General Remkes said at the ceremony. "This is very important work, not only bringing people into the Air Force, but also making them part of an Air Force family."

General Rice leaves AFRS to become the chief of staff, office of the Coalition Provisional Authority representative, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington D.C. He served as AFRS commander for more than a year and was recently nominated to the rank of major general.

"Commanding recruiting service was something I'd never dreamed would happen during my career, and it was certainly one of the highlights," said General Rice. "It was a tremendous opportunity for me to learn more about an important part of our Air Force."

"Most people don't appreciate and understand what it takes to be a recruiter; most people don't understand the contribution recruiters make to our Air Force," General Rice added. "It's not



Brig. Gen. Robertus Remkes, new Air Force Recruiting Service commander, takes the AFRS flag from Gen. Donald Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, during the change of command ceremony Tuesday at the officers' Club. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

their fault; it's just something we tend to take for granted. I'm not one of those people anymore — once a recruiter, always a recruiter."

AFRS is responsible for recruiting enlisted members, officer training school candidates, health professions officers and chaplains.

## 12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday		
Pilot Instructor Training		
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-5.0	-4.0
558th FTS	-10.9	-8.1
559th FTS	-6.1	-4.1
560th FTS	-6.6	-5.5

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	266	Undergraduate 45
Navy	76	International 11
International	1	EWC Course 0
		Fundamentals 0

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

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-1A	1,004	1,154	4,040
T-6A	2,517	2,575	9,103
T-37B	1,975	2,204	7,171
T-38A	2,134	2,488	5,674
T-43A	296	305	1,160

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions for the current month, and the required missions for fiscal 04.

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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.

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**Col. Mark Graper**  
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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Services.....	652-5971
Civil Engineers.....	652-2401
Transportation.....	652-4314
Military Pay.....	652-1851
Civilian Pay.....	652-6480
Safety Office.....	652-2224
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**Chief of Staff discusses importance of good character**

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

Our Air Force has a proud history of accomplishments that traces directly to the quality of people that make up the total Air Force team. At every base, wing and deployed site our airmen rise to challenges every day demonstrating their loyalty and dedication. I am proud to be part of this prestigious team. But I am always dismayed when I learn of an airman who, as a result of a bad decision, faces disciplinary action. I wonder if there was a way to help this person, or if someone sitting down with this airman could have prevented this situation. Because of this, I feel it is essential to reinforce the full meaning of our concepts of character and the standards our core values provide us.

Character comprises the emotional, intellectual and moral qualities that distinguish one group from another — and the judgment to discern them. Our core values and the unique demands of military service undergird our Air Force character. These values — integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do — endure as the fundamental standards of behavior of our Air Force team. But, character can be an elusive concept not readily apparent, as it

*“The true foundation of character is not merely knowing the right thing to do, but also having a firm conviction and the courage to act upon such knowledge.”*



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

encompasses so many qualities.

The true foundation of character is not merely knowing the right thing to do, but also having a firm conviction and the courage to act upon such knowledge. This conviction requires solid moral fiber and ethical strength to do what is right even if no one is there to witness your actions. Our actions over time define our character, just as our character delineates our lasting reputation. When we make the wrong choices, both our character and our reputation are damaged.

Character can rapidly deteriorate when we fail to hold others and ourselves to the high

standards our Air Force profession demands. The responsibility of enforcing core values does not fall solely to senior leaders and commanders. Every airman must embrace and reflect these values, both on and off duty. We must reflect these fundamental values in our daily conduct and help develop those attitudes in others.

If you see a fellow worker or friend cut corners and don't say anything, you are condoning what they are doing. Failing to correct or report instances where the rules are broken, selectively enforcing rules, or turning a blind-eye to marginal behavior or performance can perpetuate negative attitudes that can infect organizations.

We are all responsible for each other and it is essential that we all share a collective sense of mission, values, and culture. If we don't, we become part of the problem, and jeopardize the mission and the lives of our men and women.

Every member of the Air Force must embrace our core values as the guiding light that drives what we do. I challenge each of you to apply this philosophy in your service to the Air Force and this great nation.

Building character is a lifelong journey — remember, it is not just knowing the right thing to do; it is having the courage to do it.

**Study proves those who expect more, get better results**

By Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney  
82nd Training Wing  
commander

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — I occasionally hear people use the phrase, “What did you expect?” This is usually just after the person has explained the failure of some project or task. The problem with “What did you expect?” is that it automatically pre-supposes a certain outcome, like the breakdown was imminent or some sort of divine fate.

I prefer to think, “What do you expect?”

Thinking in the “do” realm is action; it's forward-looking. “Did” is past tense; the outcome is a forgone conclusion not worth trying to overcome.

When you expect to succeed,

when you expect the best, when you are “excellent in all you do,” you'll find obstacles are merely bumps in the road that do little to change your course.

In a recent Wall Street Journal article, Sharon Begley chronicled the newest research on the “expectation effect” or “Pygmalion effect.” Simply put, scientists have proven time and time again the expectations we have of students, athletes and workers have a direct effect on their performance.

One study Ms. Begley cited is of particular importance to the Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force. Elementary-school teachers were told one particular group of students scored high on an aptitude test and were identified as having attributes that would lead to great academic success.

After a few months, the group achieved “significant gains over the other students.”

You can probably guess the punch line: There was no aptitude test!

In fact, the group of students teachers thought were extraordinary included children from every ability level. They were just like any ordinary classroom.

“The only difference was in the mind, and expectations, of the teacher,” said Dr. Robert Rosenthal, one of the researchers in the study.

The Journal reports 479 different studies have found teacher's expectations affect student performance. These expectations can be communicated overtly, or through nonverbal, often subconscious and unintentional cues.

When teachers expect students to excel, they unknowingly become partners in their success by teaching with warmth and excitement.

As the Air Force's training command, AETC is a prime location to test these theories yourself.

In your relationship with students, subordinates and peers, teach and lead to the highest level, not the lowest common denominator.

Expect more from yourself physically and mentally. Jog that extra mile, read an extra page.

Believe in others and believe in your mission. Your attitude and expectations will show through your work... research proves it.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

**Congratulations Retirees**

**Today**

**Master Sgt. Patricia McCabe**  
Air Force Personnel Center

**Master Sgt. Fred Schultz**  
Air Education and Training Command

**Chief Master Sgt. Dempsie Fuqua, Jr.**  
AETC

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.

## Vans

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The youth center's vans were chosen because they travel off-base to different events, where the vans can be widely seen, said Sergeant Aubrey. On one side of the van are the faces of Air Force members holding various occupations, to include a pilot, medic, honor guard member and security forces member.

"We wanted to show that there are a variety of jobs and careers available in the Air Force and that we are a very diverse service," said Sergeant Aubrey.

On the other side of the vans are pictures of aircraft, to keep the flying and training mission in mind, Sergeant Aubrey added.

The project is a test, which will be evaluated, to see how well it works on getting people to "cross into the blue," and on how well the Air Force message gets across, added the sergeant. Randolph's vans are just one portion of the test.

"I think the new youth center vans are awesome," said Katelin Munguia, youth center member.

For more information on Air Force recruiting, call 1-800-423-USAF.

## LeMay

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Area after the 2002 floods — a \$1.2 million investment — and acquisition of an additional 54 acres; improved auto skills center services by offering parts ordering and delivery; and increased library services with more than \$100,000 to purchase new books, DVDs and other much needed items. Additionally, the enlisted club's Football Frenzy program was rated best in the Air Force with over 50 percent of all Air Force participants being Team Randolph members.

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

The LeMay Award was established by the National Order of the Daedalians in 1965 to recognize outstanding Air Force services organizations.

Randolph won the award for the Air Force in 1971, and they were the AETC nominee in 2000.

"The LeMay Award is a reflection of the entire base community, how well we take care of our people while accomplishing the Air Force mission," said Captain Kretz. "If you see a LeMay evaluator in a services organization or activity, let them know how much you appreciate Services, because customer feedback is a large part of the evaluation."



**Stephanie Otto, skills craft center recreational assistant, demonstrates how to make a plate on a pottery wheel during a pottery class at the center. The skills craft center is just one of the many programs the 12th Services Division has to offer. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)**

## IRS informs military members of tax benefits

By **Greg Jaskinia**  
12th Flying Training Wing legal office  
in cooperation with **Mike Rico**  
IRS tax specialist

Taxpayers serving in the military may be entitled to certain tax exclusions and extensions based upon their military service.

The IRS reports that for federal tax purposes, service members are defined to include officers and enlisted personnel in all regular and reserve units controlled by the Secretary of Defense, and the United States

Army, Navy and Air Force. The Coast Guard is also included, but not the U.S. Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross.

A brief summary of some military member tax benefits is as follows:

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## Alamo AFA Chapter begins annual membership drive

The Alamo Air Force Association Chapter launched its annual membership drive today.

The drive ends March 25 with the Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Award Banquet where Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, is presenting awards for outstanding contributions to the Air Force mission to AETC members.

Randolph volunteer project officers for the membership drive and banquet are Lt. Col. John Blumentritt, AETC; Master Sgt. Michael Russey, 12th Medical Group; Ralph Chalfant, Air Force Personnel Center and Master Sgt. Weldon Selders, Air Force Recruiting Service.

According to AFA officials, the AFA, a non-profit organization, is open to all Air Force people.

"Everyone serving the Air Force in any capacity, Reserve or Guard, officers and enlisted, civilians, and even community partners are invited to join," said Sergeant Russey.

In fact, the Alamo AFA Chapter leadership mirrors the diverse nature of its membership, he added. Twenty six executive committee members are civilians, some are retired, and the remaining 12 are active-duty officers and enlisted members.

Colonel Blumentritt said by joining the AFA, members become part of a group that "represents the entire Air Force family."

"It has long been regarded as the Air Force's professional society," said Colonel Blumentritt. "(Through its advisory council, AFA) hears the needs of all Air Force people, takes

positions on those needs, and fights for them."

Mr. Chalfant noted that AFA members enjoy many varied benefits as well, including a subscription to *Air Force Magazine*, eligibility for several low-cost group insurance programs, resumé preparation and critique, an AFA Mastercard, car rental discounts and numerous opportunities to work with all elements of the Air Force family and community leaders to solve problems and affect change.

Membership dues are \$36 for one year and \$90 for three years, and cover national and local affiliation.

For more information on joining the Alamo AFA Chapter or participating in the Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Award Banquet, contact one of the four organizational volunteers.

(Courtesy of the Alamo AFA Chapter)

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Tech. Sgt. Gerald Torrey



Senior Master Sgt. Richard Duesler



Capt. Dina Marion



Brian Deshaies



D.W. Watts



Pamela Cheek

# AFMA honors best of 2003

By Richard Salomon

Air Force Manpower Agency Public Affairs

The Air Force Manpower Agency spotlighted their top performers Feb. 6 at the officers club.

Col. William Bennett Jr., AFMA commander, said the selection process to identify the award nominees was very competitive and that selecting the best in each of the six categories was "exceedingly difficult."

AFMA's 2003 award winners are:  
**NCO**  
 Tech. Sgt. Gerald Torrey, Air Force Manpower Requirements Determination Squadron  
**Senior NCO**  
 Senior Master Sgt. Richard Duesler, Air Force Manpower Readiness  
**Company grade officer**  
 Capt. Dina Marion, Management Planning Branch  
**Senior civilian**  
 Brian Deshaies, AFMRDS  
**Intermediate civilian**  
 D.W. Watts, AFMRDS  
**Junior civilian**  
 Pamela Cheek, Headquarters Support Division

In addition to being major players at AFMA this past year, the nominees' and award winners' efforts have also had an impact Air Force-wide, said AFMA officials.

One of Captain Marion's major accomplishments is leading a highly visible Air Force Personnel Load study. She directed a 13-person team

to measure the workload on stressed career fields and helped get software in place to support data collection.

Sergeant Duesler's standout efforts in 2003 included taking over duties as his flight's superintendent and coordinating with the Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General office to implement manpower IG inspections.

Sergeant Torrey is the lead analyst on the Guided Customer Service Transformation project, an Air Force-wide study of the personnel and finance communities.

AFMA's senior civilian of the year, Brian Deshaies, developed the new Capability-Based Manpower Determinant concept to quantify manpower by capability for each Air Force Concept of Operations.

D.W. Watts also made critical contributions to the CBMD effort, which redefined the 25-year-old manpower standards process.

During 2003, Pamela Cheek led the transformation of 48 study and project files into a consolidated Microsoft Project 2000 file for senior leadership to use as a management tool.

"We all share in the celebration of excellence tonight since everyone here has been involved with at least one project worked on by our award nominees and award winners," said Colonel Bennett at the awards banquet. "They fully recognize they would not be here without all of you. Let's continue to energize that winning spirit as we progress into the remainder of 2004."

## AETC staff selects annual award winners

By Master Sgt. Julie Briggs  
 Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Seven people assigned to Headquarters Air Education and Training Command were honored Feb. 11 as the command staff's annual award winners.

They now represent the staff at the Team Randolph Annual Awards and the AETC Outstanding Airmen of the Year competitions. The command staff's winners are:

**Junior enlisted**

Senior Airman Amy Humhreys, Director of Staff office

**NCO**

Tech. Sgt. Douglas Ray, Directorate of Logistics

**Senior NCO**

Master Sgt. John Maples, LG

**Company grade officer**

Capt. Christopher Chocolaad, AETC Studies and Analysis Squadron

**Junior civilian**

Kathy Iapichino, Directorate of Personnel

**Intermediate civilian**

Connie Wells, DP

**Senior civilian category**

Susan Huggins, Directorate of the Civil Engineer



Tech. Sgt. Douglas Ray



Master Sgt. John Maples



Capt. Christopher Chocolaad



Kathy Iapichino



Connie Wells



Susan Huggins

## AFPC honors 'best of the best' for 2003

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Miller

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

The Air Force Personnel Center recently selected its "best of the best" for 2003 during a ceremony Feb. 11 at the enlisted club.

The winners are:

**Airman**

Senior Airman Renee Solis-Salcido

**NCO**

Tech. Sgt. Adalberto Velez

**Senior NCO**

Senior Master Sgt. Saint Carter, Jr.

**Company grade officer**

Capt. Mark Murray

**Civilian category I**

Jeannette Haugen

**Civilian category II**

Sandra Woolley

**Civilian category III**

Susan Krudwig

Each winner now competes against other base agency winners in the Team Randolph Annual Awards competition March 4.



Senior Airman Renee Solis-Salcido



Tech. Sgt. Adalberto Velez



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Capt. Mark Murray



Susan Krudwig



Jeannette Haugen



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### NEWS BRIEFS

**Force shaping program briefing**

The 12th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight is hosting a briefing on the fiscal year 2004 force shaping program at 8 a.m. today in the base theater.

Along with subject matter experts from the MPF, the base career assistance advisor and in service Reserve/Guard recruiters are available during the briefings to answer any questions.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Daniel Rigsbee or Master Sgt. Victor Basal at 652-2808.

**Some members authorized ribbon, device**

All Air Force members deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, between June 2002 and May 2003 have been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device.

Members must provide proof of deployment such as deployment orders, a travel voucher, or evaluation report to the 12th Mission Support Squadron awards and decorations office in order to be updated into the personnel system as having achieved the award.

For more information, call Amanda Milburn at 652-3848.

**Legal Office Closed**

The base legal office is closed Feb. 27 for an official function. For emergencies, call 275-2435.

**Change of command**

Lt. Col. Terry Ross takes command of the 100th Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Dennis Yamrose, Jr. during a ceremony 10 a.m. March 1 at Hangar 4.

For more information, call Maj. Deborah Pharris at 652-7121.

**Next Aerospace Vehicle Test Course**

The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School is now accepting student applications for the Aerospace Vehicle Test Course that begins May 30. There are only 15 slots available in the four-week course designed to educate engineers on how to plan, execute and report on tests of aerospace vehicles.

Applicants must have a bachelor or master of science degree in aeronautical, aerospace or astronautical engineering, or a strong background in one of those fields. Students must also be medically qualified to fly. The deadline for applying is March 16.

For more information call Capt. Greg Leisman at (661) 277-8902.





# Taxes

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### Extensions

Armed forces members who served in a combat zone or a qualified hazardous duty area are allowed additional time to take care of tax matters. The deadline for taking actions with the IRS is automatically extended for at least 180 days after the later of: (1) The last day the taxpayer is in a combat zone (or the last day the area qualifies as a combat zone); or (2) The last day of any continuous qualified

hospitalization for injury from service in the combat zone. (Qualified hospitalization is hospitalization which resulted from an injury received while serving in the combat zone.)

Beyond the 180 days, the deadline is also extended by the number of days that were left for the member to take action with the IRS when he or she entered the combat zone. If the member entered the combat zone before the time to take the action began, the deadline is extended by the entire time the member has to take the action.

### Notification

The IRS requests that taxpayers covered by the relief provisions described here should put the words "COMBAT ZONE" and their deployment date in red at the top of their tax returns.

Covered taxpayers who receive a notice from the IRS regarding a collection or examination matter should return the notice to the IRS with the words "COMBAT ZONE" and the deployment date in red at top of the notice and put "COMBAT ZONE" on the envelope so the IRS can suspend the action. Taxpayers may prevent issuance of such notices by notifying the IRS that they are serving in a combat zone.

# CONSTRUCTION

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Replace main switching station. Should be complete in February 2006.

Renovation of Building 260. Should be complete in August 2004.

T-1 CASS System installation on East Apron. Should be complete in July 2004.

Tennis court resurfacing. Should be complete in April 2004.

Water main replacement for circle and duplex housing. Should be complete in January 2006.

Parking lot reconstruction at Buildings 905 and 907 and renovation of Air Education and Training Command Buildings 902 and 905. Both projects should be complete in April 2005.

South pool renovation. Should be complete in April 2004.

Building 862 under construction. Should be complete in March 2004.

North Park Road repaving project -- south-bound lane ongoing. Should be complete in March 2004.

Air handling unit replacement in Air Force Personnel Center's A Wing, B Wing and C Wing. Should be complete by April 2004.

Air handler installation in Building 491. Should be complete by May 2004.

Entryway construction of Hangar 63. Should be complete Tuesday.

Self Help, Building 875, Replace with Readiness Facility. Should be completed by August 2004.

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





# Fourteen airmen graduate ALS

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

Thirteen Randolph senior airmen and one staff sergeant will take another step toward becoming better leaders, as they graduate Airman Leadership School today during a ceremony at the enlisted club.

The guest speaker for the graduation ceremony is Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander.

In order to graduate, the airmen had to first complete a 24 duty-day academic course, which included 192 hours of instruction on three curriculum areas: leadership and management, communication skills and profession of arms.

In addition to their academic work, the students also visited veterans at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital and participated in a bowl-a-thon fundraiser, raising more than \$600 for the Randolph Area Youth Christian Assistance Program.

During the course, Chief Master Sgt. Mark Steven, Air

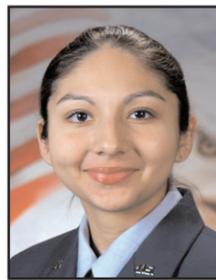
Education and Training Command, and Senior Master Sgt. Roberta Wyrick, 12th Medical Group, mentored the class. As mentors, the senior NCOs shared experiences and professional guidance to help the students develop the knowledge and skills necessary for becoming effective leaders, said base ALS officials.

Three awards are presented to the top students during today's ceremony for accomplishments during the course. The awards are:

The John L. Levitow Award, which is sponsored by the Randolph First Sergeants' Group, presented to the student finishing at the top of the class.

The Academic Award, which is sponsored by the Non-commissioned Officers' Association, presented to the student who excelled academically on both the performance evaluations and objective phase tests.

The Leadership Award, which is sponsored by the Randolph Chiefs' Group, presented to the student who best exemplified the characteristics and traits of a leader while attending ALS.



Senior Airman  
Leslie Ponce



Senior Airman  
Lenn Bassett



Senior Airman  
Kenneth Jensen



Senior Airman  
Joseph Kernan



Senior Airman  
Jeremy Lopez



Senior Airman  
Jennifer Sanchez



Senior Airman  
Stephen Seidel



Staff Sgt.  
Brent Myles



Senior Airman  
Maria Soria



Senior Airman  
Beyunka Moore



Senior Airman  
Brian Collins



Senior Airman  
Edward Scribner



Senior Airman  
Fernando Perez



Senior Airman  
Grace Kimmel

# Work begins on Pat Booker Road

*Traffic entering base can expect new obstacles*

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Work began Monday on long-planned improvements to Pat Booker Road, immediately outside Randolph's front gate.

Although the work is scheduled to keep the road open with minimum disruptions during the morning and afternoon base rush hours, delays can be expected at other times, Universal City officials said. Lane closures during the day are to be scheduled between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

People eating lunch off-base should expect more congestion than normal until the project is finished, officials said. Weekend traffic is also affected as lanes are closed at various times.

The Pat Booker Road Enhancement Project is scheduled in four phases. The first phase, now under way, is expected to last three months. It affects the area from FM 78 to Randolph Plaza.

Phase Two, also of three months

duration, involves work from Loop 1604 to Coronado Boulevard.

Phases Three and Four, each expected to run four months, are from Universal City Boulevard to Randolph Plaza, and from Coronado to Universal City Boulevard, respectively. Start to finish, the project is expected to be complete in 18 months.

City officials said their goals for the \$6.8 million project are to enhance safety for both vehicles and pedestrians, and create a less cluttered and more attractive roadway. When completed, the project will provide bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway, improved drainage and driveways, new traffic signal systems, better street lights and overhead utilities, and enhanced the landscaped border areas.

City officials ask that drivers please be patient during construction. Signs are being posted notifying the public that traffic fines are doubled in the construction zones.



Work began Monday on the first phase of an 18-month project to upgrade Pat Booker Road through Universal City. Traffic entering Randolph's main gate from the west can expect delays during the day, but city officials said a clear roadway is expected during morning and afternoon rush hours. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)









Randolph airmen prepare to clear their M-16s during an “ability to survive and operate” exercise Feb. 12. (Photos by Steve White)

## Airmen test well in ‘real thing’

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

Base officials turned a secluded area of the base into a mock-up deployment location Feb. 12 to evaluate how airmen react when it's more like the “real thing.”

Henry King, 12th Flying Training Wing Exercise Evaluation Team chief, said the object of the “ability to survive and operate” exercise obviously was not to put airmen in a real combat situation, but certainly into a very realistic scenario and environment that allows his team of evaluators to examine individual wartime skills and readiness.

“Overall our airmen performed very well,” Mr. King said, “but there were several instances noted where folks could hone their skills and be better prepared for actual combat.”

During the exercise airmen were given the opportunity to handle

M-16 and M-9 weapons during a perimeter intrusion simulation. Evaluators also tested airmen’s ability to find and mark areas where simulated unexploded ordnance dropped near the encampment. Finally, medical evaluators provided scenarios where airmen had to provide first aid care to their injured comrades in arms.

“These tests are performed while in mission oriented protective postures,” Mr. King noted. “The protective gear can be very uncomfortable, and these airmen spent several hours wearing their protective equipment. The participants are well trained, and this exercise allowed them to react to more realistic conditions.”

Base officials plan to use the results of this exercise to improve wartime readiness and to better measure and test performance.

On Feb. 9-10, evaluators also tested units’ ability to protect resources when force protection conditions and information conditions increase. Additionally evaluators examined base emergency response during a major accident response exercise Feb. 11.



An airman loads blank rounds into an M-16 magazine while in a mission oriented protective posture.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Sellers, a medical evaluator, demonstrates to exercise participants how to apply a dressing onto a simulated injured airman.



First Lt. Robert Schmidtgoessling, 12th Medical Group, clears his M-9 during the base exercise Feb. 12.

# Highest-Ranking black Air Force general credits success to hard work

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In his early teens, John Hopper Jr. thought he'd grow up to be a scientist or schoolteacher. But that all changed in 1963 when a liaison officer from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., visited him at Lyndon McKinley High School in Columbus, Ohio.

No one could foretell that attending the academy would one day lead to him becoming the highest-ranking African-American in the U.S. Air Force.

"The liaison officer got me interested, and I started focusing on the academy in my senior year of high school," said Hopper, now a lieutenant general and vice commander of the Air Education and Training Command. With a budget of more than \$7 billion, the command recruits, trains and educates more than 370,000 men and women for the aerospace force and the nation.

General Hopper played basketball and ran track in high school, but when he tried out for sports teams at the academy, he didn't make any. So the high school honor society student focused on a group called the "Way of Life Committee," which was composed primarily of minority cadets.

"It was like a booster club that supported the academy's sports team," said the 57-year-old, 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pound native of Clarksville, Tenn. He calls golf his recreational sport, but he jogs and does an aerobic workout about 5 a.m. every day to keep militarily fit.

After graduating from the academy in, Hopper went on to become a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours in 12 different aircraft. About 570 of those hours were spent flying combat missions in a C-130 Hercules over Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and in Operation Desert Storm.

General Hopper and his crew are some of the luckiest men alive, he said. Their aircraft was hit hundreds of times by enemy fire while flying an airdrop mission over Southeast Asia, but no crew member was injured. They had problems with the cargo aircraft's elevator, but made it safely back to Vietnam and landed at Cam Rahn Bay.

"We had about 500 holes in the airplane — every fuel tank had a round through it," the general recalled. "They sawed off pieces of broom handles and stuck them into the leaking fuel tank. Nobody was injured, except for our nerves and our pride, probably."

During Desert Storm, the general flew C-130s while commander of the 1660th Tactical Airlift Wing (Provisional) in Southwest Asia. He also served as the commandant of cadets at the Air Force Academy and on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

General Hopper graduated from the



**Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., the highest-ranking African-American in the Air Force, meets members of the Westwood High School Army ROTC detachment following his remarks at a 2002 African-American History Month commemoration in Memphis, Tenn. General Hopper is the vice commander of the Air Education and Training Command. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Briggs)**

academy in 1969, six years after the historic graduation of the institution's first three African-Americans.

"Today is better than 30 years ago for African-Americans," the general noted. "But even 30 years ago in the military, we pretty much had our act together in regards to the treatment of minorities. So overt discrimination, I would categorically say, was a thing of the past. The battle to win hearts and minds is a continuous one, and we're farther along that path today than we were 30 years ago."

General Hopper said no jobs were closed to African-Americans when he entered the Air Force.

Diversity makes the military services stronger, as much as diversity adds to the strength of the nation, the general noted.

Having such ethnic observances as African-American History Month gives all ethnicities a chance to learn more about the different cultures that add to diversity, he said. Whether observances are held once or twice or 10 years in a row doesn't affect the need to have them, he added.

"The main thing we get from (ethnic observances) is education and a broadened perspective," he said. "I like to relate those particular observances to how people from different ethnic groups have contributed to the strength of our country and to our military."

As vice commander of the Air Force's training command, General Hopper is aware the military's annual ethnic observances always reach people who might not

previously have thought much about the various groups' contributions.

"In the Air Force, we turn over about 25 percent of our enlisted force every year," the general said. "So we always have new people coming in, and that's a lesson that never seems to lose its significance. We're proud to take the chance to showcase the various diverse groups that make up our Air Force. And we brag about the fact that we can put those groups together to form the most powerful air and space team in the world."

The general, who accepts about five speaking engagements during African-American History Month each year, tries to draw parallels to the region of the country and how that relates to various ethnic groups and to American and military history.

"I'm privileged to be asked to speak at these events, and it's one of the things I ought to do," General Hopper noted.

His advice to all young enlisted members and officers is to make sure they go through the doors that the Air Force opens for them.

"One of the things we're most proud of is the fact that we try to realize the full potential of the people in our force, whether they're officer or enlisted," General Hopper said. "Part of doing that is to make sure that doors are open and that people are trained and have the skills to walk through them and take advantage of opportunities that are present."

For example, he said, the Air Force recently started sending NCOs to sponsored master's degree programs.

"This coming summer, we'll graduate our

first NCOs with advanced degrees," he noted. "Most of them are technical degrees in the computer sciences and the like. Some of the NCOs that will graduate are from our sister services. That's a real step forward in providing new opportunities for airmen, officer and enlisted, to improve themselves and to add to our capability."

The students are attending the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and advanced degree programs at colleges and universities around the country.

Educating and training Air Force personnel is what General Hopper does for a living, and basic training at Lackland is where it all begins for the enlisted force.

"Basic training is one of our responsibilities, so every year, we'll train 37,000 to 40,000 new airmen," he noted. "All of the accession sources for officers are our responsibility, except for the Air Force Academy. So ROTC, as well as Officer Training School, is our responsibility. On the education side, we're also responsible for professional military education, including the Air War College, Air Command and Staff College and Squadron Officers School."

Undergraduate and graduate level pilot training are the most visible training programs, General Hopper said.

"We produce about 1,100 new pilots every year," he noted. "Often the least publicized, but equally important mission we have is technical training, which is along the lines of vocational skills," General Hopper said. "We touch upwards of 250,000 airmen every year."

He was lucky to return from Vietnam unscathed, but the general said what we usually think of as luck often goes hand-in-hand with preparation.

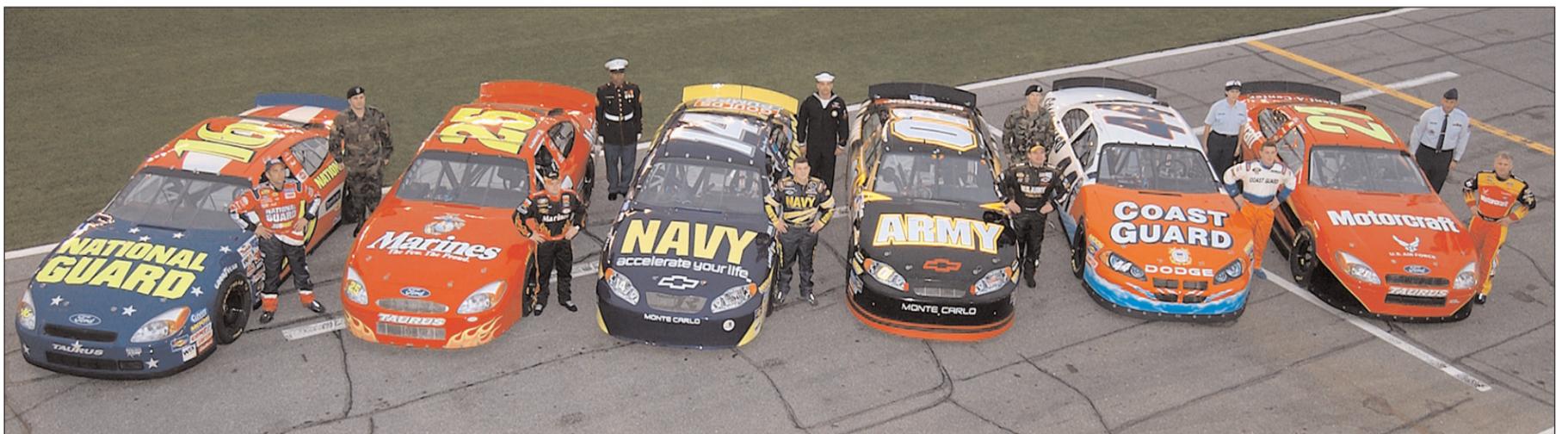
"I had a great nurturing youth from my family and the educators in my small town in Tennessee. The Air Force Academy presented itself as one of those opportunities, and I happened to be lucky enough to be prepared enough to accept it."

He said the Air Force has offered similar opportunities and he was lucky enough to be in a position to accept those as well.

"So luck, preparation and the grace of the good Lord have allowed me to live out my dream," said General Hopper, whose wife, Patricia, is a homemaker. Their son, John Hopper, 23, is a recent college graduate. Their daughter, Jessica, 18, is a high school senior.

Asked what legacy would he like to leave, General Hopper said, "The legacy that hard work is the thing that can overcome just about anything. If you're willing to work hard enough, there's nothing that can keep you from achieving your goals."

## Friendly competition heats up



DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY, Fla. — The military-sponsored NASCAR cars line up on the Daytona International Speedway, ready to kick off the 2004 Nextel Cup season last Sunday, with three of the six drivers competing in the prestigious Daytona 500. Ricky Rudd (far right), finishing 18th, drives the Air Force-sponsored Wood Brothers Racing No. 21 car. The other services' drivers are (from left) Greg

Biffle, finishing 12th, for the National Guard; Bobby Hamilton Jr. for the Marines; Casey Atwood for the Navy; Joe Nemechek, finishing 6th, for the Army; and Justin Labonte for the Coast Guard. Standing with the drivers are representatives from each service. Dale Earnhardt Jr., NASCAR's most popular driver, raced to victory lane, winning his first Daytona 500. (Photo by Larry McTighe)

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AETC Top 3 meeting

The Air Education and Training Command Top 3 monthly meeting is 3 p.m. Tuesday at the enlisted club.

For more information, visit [www.hqaetctop3.org](http://www.hqaetctop3.org), or call Master Sgt. Vonda Monroe at 652-3257.

### GEHA benefit plan

A Government Employees Hospital Association representative is available from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday in Building 399, room 102, to answer questions about the GEHA health plan for employees or current members.

For more information, call Sandra Knutson at 652-5153.

### Black History program

The "Celebrate Diversity Black History" program is 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the elementary school gym. The event includes singing, trivia, poetry reciting and drill and step team performances.

For more information, call 357-2345.

### AFSA Installation banquet

The Air Force Sergeants Association Randolph Chapter 1075 and Auxiliary Chapter A1075 is having their annual installation and awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the enlisted club.

Dress is civilian attire, coat and tie equivalent. The cost is \$15 at the door, with a reservation.

Reservations must be made before Tuesday, by calling Tech Sgt. Delbert Friesen at 565-2331, or Donna Elliott at 654-1507.

### Conference for RFISD parents, others

The Randolph Field Independent School District is hosting a conference, focusing on children with special needs, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Education Service Center, located in the Region 20 offices, 1314 Hines Street, San Antonio.

RFISD parents and teachers wanting to attend will have the \$25 fee waived. Attendance includes lunch, a snack and materials.

The theme of the seminar is "A Framework for Partnerships: Ever-changing Patterns," taught by Dr. David Welsh, a nationally recognized speaker and author.

For more information, call Nancy Hunter at 370-5402, or Beck Tarwarter at 804-7201, ext. 382.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER 652-5321

### Waiting families support group

The next waiting families support group meeting is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday.

The group, designed to help families of deployed Randolph members, focuses on such family support center programs as video teleconferencing, hearts apart and car care.

For more information, call 652-5321.

### Heart link

The next heart link meeting is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Heart link is a newcomer program for spouses new to Randolph and the Air Force.

For more information, call 652-5321.

### How to start a business

A seminar on how to start a business is offered from 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday.

Topics such as marketing, advertising and sources of capital are discussed.

To pre-register, call 652-5321.

## Valentines for vets



Randolph Ambassadors 1st Lt. Amanda Kitchen and 1st Lt. David Allick; Col. Stephen Cooper, 12th Logistics Group commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Sergent, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief, present a Valentine's card Feb. 13 to Frederick Lewis, a patient at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. The group visited dozens of veterans in the Medicine/Oncology Ward as part of the 2004 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week, which ran from Feb. 8 to 14. The cards were crafted by Randolph Elementary School children. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

### San Antonio tour

The family support center hosts a tour of San Antonio from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Feb. 27. During the tour, participants shop and tour historic sites. Childcare is provided for children under 12.

For reservations or for more information, call 652-5321.

## EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

### Limited services available

The education center has limited services from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today for an official office function.

For questions or concerns call 652-5964.

### ERAU spring term starts

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Spring III term starts March 22 and runs through May 23. Students register by appointment from March 8-11. Open registration runs from March 15-18. Undergraduate ERAU students enrolling in the March 15 distance-learning courses must do so no later than Feb. 27.

To schedule an appointment, call 659-0801.

### St. Mary's University

Prospective students with a four-year degree are able to earn a Texas Teacher's Certification while pursuing a Master of Arts in educational leadership at St. Mary's University.

A St. Mary's Graduate School representative is visiting the education center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday to explain this program.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 226-3360.

### Computer application classes offered

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

Tuesday - Level 1 Word and Level 1 Excel; Thursday - Grammar Skills; March 2 - Level 1 Powerpoint; March 3 - Level II Excel; March 4 - Level II Word; March 9 - Level II Powerpoint; March 10 - Level III Word;

March 11 - Interpersonal Communications; March 16 - Level 1 Access (Day 1); March 17 - Level 1 Access (Day 2); March 18 - Effective Presentations; March 23 - Level III Excel; March 24 - Level II Access (Day 1); and March 25 - Level II (Day 2) Access.

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

## CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

### Protestant

**Sunday** - Worship I at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1; Potluck social at 6 p.m. in the chapel center

**Monday** - Protestant Women of the Chapel board meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Male Chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

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

**Wednesday** - Ash 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; Easter Musical practice at 7:45 p.m. in chapel 1

### Catholic

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

**Saturday** - St. Joseph's Men's Group at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

**Tuesday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Contemporary Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in

chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

**Wednesday** - Ash Wednesday; Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5 p.m. in chapel 2

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

### Ecumenical

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

**Thursday** - Lenten Devotional Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center

### Lenten Luncheons

The chapel community's Lenten luncheon and devotional series begins 11:30 a.m. Thursday and runs through April 18.

The first guest speaker is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Conrado Navarro, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command.

Each Thursday, for the duration of the event, members can join others for soup, fellowship and moments of inspiration from various speakers.

The luncheons last about one hour, and are free. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## MOVIES 652-3278

### Today

"House of Sand and Fog" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Jennifer Connelly - A man moves with his family to America from Iran, living a lie, trying to take a house away from its rightful owner.

### Saturday

"Disney's Teacher's Pet" (PG), 2 p.m. Animation - Spot the family dog is curious about the world, so he sneaks into his master's school and poses as a student.

"Chasing Liberty" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Mandy Moore - The daughter of the president ditches the Secret Service to go on a romantic trip with her boyfriend.



# SERVICES

## OFFICERS' CLUB 652-4864

### Sky Lounge performance

The band "Texas Two Step" is performing from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. today in the Sky Lounge.

## ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

### Family night with Candyman the Clown

The enlisted club hosts a family night special from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

## YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

### Theater Camp

Teenagers ages 14-18 can now apply for the week-long Missoula Children's Theater Performing Arts Camp at Seeley Lake, near Missoula, Mont.

During the camp, teens undergo classes in voice, dance, stage presence and acting; participate in arts and crafts and water-front activities and enjoy camp fires.

The cost is free. Transportation to and from Montana, as well as all meals, lodging and activities are provided.

To apply, submit an application and an audition tape to: Randolph AFB Youth Center, 415 B Street East, Randolph AFB TX. Audition tapes that were used for the Family and Teen Talent Contest may be used. Submissions must be received no later than March 8.

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

### Youth employment service program

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

Through this program, active-duty dependents age 14 to 18 who are stationed at Randolph are given four years to complete 250 hours of community service. Participants who serve are given \$1,000 to use toward college.

Applications are available at the youth center.

For more information, call 652-2088.

### Bowling trip

The youth center sponsors a bowling trip to the Kelly USA Bowling Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The cost is \$2 and includes shoes. The bus departs at 5:45 p.m. from the youth center. People must sign up by Saturday.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call the youth center at 652-4262.

### Paintball

The Randolph youth center is having a paintball outing with Lackland's youth center 10 a.m. Feb. 28 at Crossfire Paintball located near Floresville.

The cost is \$17 for two hours of play and 200 rounds of paintballs. The bus departs at 8:45 a.m. Early sign-up is required.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call the youth center at 652-4262.

### Teen/Pre-teen Youths of the Month

- The Teen Youth of the Month for January is Shalita Smith. Shalita is 14 and enjoys youth center games, outings and fellowship with her peers. She is a teen volunteer and a scorekeeper for the program's basketball games.

The teens voted her Youth of the Month because she is innovative and finds ways to improve the youth center.

- The Pre-teen Youth of the Month for January is Natalie Rodgers. Natalie is 12 and enjoys visiting the youth center for "Movie Nite," Pre-teen Night and "Girls Nite Out" events.

Natalie's friends voted her Pre-teen of the Month because she's sweet, nice, and funny and gets involved in a lot of things.

The winning teen and pre-teen receive certificates, trophies, t-shirts and a special prize. The prizes are being awarded Feb. 27 and 28 at the teen and pre-teen nights.

## ITT & EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT 652-5640

### Camping special for March

Equipment checkout customers can rent cabins for \$65, shelters for \$35 and a tent site for \$10 two nights for the price of one Monday through Thursday, excluding spring break, which is March 14-20.

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

### Kinder Gambling Trip

The information, tickets and travel office hosts a Kinder Gambling Trip

March 23-24.

The trip, which costs \$37 for double occupancy and \$72 for single occupancy, includes round-trip, motor-coach transportation to the Grand Casino Coshetta in Kinder, La., hotel accommodations, a continental breakfast, dinner buffet and tour guide.

The trip departs at 8 a.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. the following day.

### Texas Treasure Casino

The Texas Treasure Casino trip departs Building 897 at 7 a.m. Feb. 28 and returns around 10 p.m. The cost is \$25. The trip stops for meals to and from the casino, at the customers' expense.

### Laredo shopping tour set

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

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

### Tours Unlimited

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

- **Monterrey, Mexico trip**

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

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

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

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

- **Hill Country Flyer**

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

People must sign up by March 12. The cost is \$58 a person.

- **Painted Churches in Flatonia**

On April 10, tour the painted churches of Flatonia, built by 19th century immigrants. The motor coach departs from ITT at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 8 p.m. The cost is \$63, and includes round trip transportation, a guide for the painted church tour and a buffet lunch.

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

*otherwise indicated.*

### ITT has tickets to the following shows:

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

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

### Boating safety class

Outdoor recreation hosts a boating safety class from 6 to 8 p.m. March 3 in Building 1139.

To sign-up, call 652-3702.

## CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

### Canyon Lake Boating Safety Course

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

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

## SKILLS CRAFT CENTER 652-5142

The skills craft center offers the following classes in March:

### Pouring ceramics classes

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

The cost is \$35 plus supplies. Classes are held in four sessions from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

### Stained glass classes

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

The cost is \$35 plus supplies for the four-session course. Classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

### Custom framing classes

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

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

### Pottery wheel classes

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

The cost is \$35 plus supplies. Classes are held in four sessions at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

# Huskies claim AAHM tournament trophy



(Above) San Antonio All Star Missouri Lewis catches a pass as Air Force Academy Preparatory School Huskie defenders put on the pressure. The Huskies defeated the All Stars in the final championship game 88-73, capturing the tournament trophy. (Right) Huskies coach Dean Christian goes over a new game plan with his team after calling a quick timeout. (Photos by Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice)

## Fitness center hosts three-day, ten-team double elimination weekend competition

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice  
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After a grueling three-day, 10-team, double-elimination basketball tournament Feb. 13 through Monday at the base fitness center, only one team was left to take home the championship trophy - the Air Force Academy Preparatory School Huskies.

Competing in the 10th Annual African American Heritage Month Basketball Tournament, sponsored by the fitness center, the AFA Prep School was joined by other college-level civilian and active duty teams throughout the south western United States. Military teams included Randolph, Lackland, Brooks, Fort Sam and Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. Civilian teams included the San Antonio All Stars, featuring former San Antonio Spur Alvin Robertson; Dallas 2.3; Velocity 1 and

North West Vista College.

"We had a great turn-out this year," said Bernard Hawkins, fitness center program manager. "This is the first time we've had civilian teams in the tournament, so I think it really added to the excitement of it all and brought a new challenge to the table.

"Each team had something different to offer to the competition and everyone played hard. All-in-all I think both the participants and the audience had a great time."

To make it to their final match against the All Stars on Monday, the Huskies had to first beat the San Antonio All Stars and Randolph earlier in the tournament. The San Antonio All Stars on the other hand, had to defeat Brooks, Dallas 2.3, Fort Sam, Lackland and Randolph to make it to the championship match.

"The losers' bracket definitely took its toll on our team," said All Stars coach David Garrett. "By the last game we were really tired out. But we played smart and did our best out there. The Academy (Prep) was a good team — very patient. They earned the trophy."

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### Varsity women's softball sign-ups underway

Women interested in playing for the Randolph Lady Ramblers varsity softball team can now sign-up at the fitness center. All active duty, Department of Defense civilians and family members of active duty assigned to Randolph are eligible to play.

For more information, call 652-5316.

### Varsity women's softball coach opening

Anyone interested in coaching the Randolph Lady Ramblers varsity softball team should fill out an Air Force Form 303, "Specialized Sports Training," and submit it to the base fitness center staff. The selection for the position is being announced April 2.

For more information, call 652-5316.

### Youth center baseball registration underway

The youth center is holding baseball registration now through March 13 for children ages 5 to 16.

Registration runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Five and 6 year olds play co-ed.

The cost is \$35 per player, with a \$15 additional fee for those children whose annual fees are not current. The maximum player fee is \$70 per family.

For more information, call 652-2088.

### Aerobathon scheduled

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

For more information, call 652-5316.

### Bench press competition

The fitness center hosts the Greater Randolph Lunch Time Bench Press Competition from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 12.

Participation is free and prizes are awarded to first, second and third place in each division.

Registration begins March 5 at the fitness center.

For more information, call 652-5316.

### Golf tournament

The Randolph First Sergeants' Group hosts a four-person scramble golf tournament April 8 at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost, which includes green fees, cart, food and

drinks, is \$25 for golf course members and \$35 for non-members. Participants can select their own teams. The handicap system is 10 percent of the total team handicap.

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

To reserve a spot, contact your unit first sergeant.

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

### Youth golf classes offered

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

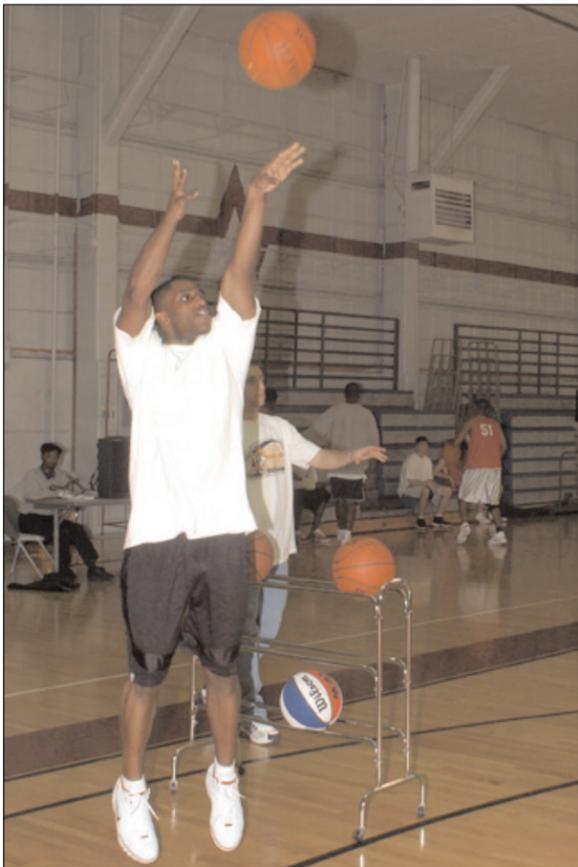
For more information, call the youth center at 652-2088.

### Race for the Cure

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

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

For more information, log on to [www.sako-men.org](http://www.sako-men.org).



Fort Sam's Anthony Calloway shoots from the arch during a three-point competition at the 10th Annual African American Heritage Month Basketball Tournament at the base fitness center Feb. 13 through Monday. Calloway won the contest, making two out of three baskets in a shootout. (Photos by Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice)

## Basketball

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Coming into the final match from the losers' bracket the All Stars had to defeat the Huskies twice for the tournament title, which they came close to doing, defeating the Huskies 60-55 in their first match. But the All Stars just didn't have enough energy by game two to pull out the final victory.

With only nine All Stars to the Huskies' 13 and one ejected early in the first half for unsportsmanlike conduct, the tired team was no match for the young, energetic Huskies. The Huskies ended up defeating the All Stars 88-73.

"The All Stars are a great team," said Huskies coach Dean Christian. "They definitely have a competitive spirit making it all the way through the losers' bracket, and had they not run out of gas they probably could have beaten us.

"But our guys do play hard and they play as a team - no matter how tough things may get on the court, they work together and make things happen. I'm proud of their performance."

Also crowned at the tournament were the three-point shootout champion and the most valuable player.

After tying with another player in the three-point competition at six baskets each, Fort Sam's Anthony Calloway won the championship trophy in a final shootout -- making two out of three shots.

This year's MVP title went to the AFA Prep School's Adam Hood, who racked up 24 points for his team in the championship round.

Coach Christian went on to say that he and his team had a great time at this year's AAHM tournament and look forward to next year's competition.

"This was a great event and everyone at the fitness center was very professional. We were just happy to be a part of it," Christian said.



San Antonio All Star Bryan Green goes up for a basket during the championship game against the Air Force Academy Preparatory School Huskies.

# Threeppeat

## AETC/CSS beats JPPSO 52-47 for another championship title



Air Education and Training Command Computer System Squadron's Tommy Milam fights for a rebound during his team's matchup against the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office Feb. 12 at the base fitness center. AETC/CSS defeated JPPSO 52-47 for the base intramural basketball championship title. (Photos by Steve White)



Air Education and Training Command Computer System Squadron's Cooper Bozarth, looks for an open man, as Joint Personal Property Shipping Office's Ernest Winston, left, Chris Sanchez and Gervai Maeweathers, right, trail quickly behind to apply some defensive pressure.



Air Education and Training Command Computer Systems Squadron team members bask in their threeppeat as they pose with their 2003/2004 Randolph Intramural Basketball Championship trophy Feb. 12 at the base fitness center. The team went 12-0 in the regular season.

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Threeppeat – a title few hold – the Boston Celtics, Chicago Bulls, Los Angeles Lakers and now the Air Education and Training Command Computer Systems Squadron.

After blasting through the regular intramural basketball season with a 12-0 record, it was no surprise to the squad's dozens of loud and adoring fans when they defeated the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office 52-47 Feb. 12, earning them the base championship title for the third straight year.

"It's amazing," said AETC/CSS coach Ed Simpson. "We've always been a confident team, but we never expected to win the championship three years straight. I'd definitely have to attribute it to team ball – our guys are unselfish and we play great together."

"We made it a point to give every guy on our team some time on the court tonight for the big dance – it just makes it that much more meaningful."

Simpson set the precedence early for his team as he dropped in the first five points of the game, but JPPSO quickly fired back with a three by Chris Sanchez.

"We've been living off of the three all season," said JPPSO coach Chris Barta. "They usually seem to fall for us, so we take advantage of an opening whenever we can."

But even with three more treys in the half, including one from Sanchez and another two from Ernest Winston, with one at the NBA arch to close out the half, it wasn't enough to make up for the squad's lack of confidence in the paint.

The Communicators, however, did the opposite on court, pressing JPPSO and capitalizing on their own quick passes and ability to get in the paint and make the easy shots. AETC/CSS managed to close out the half with a 20-17 advantage.

As the teams rolled into the second half, JPPSO found themselves in a quick hole as AETC/CSS went on a 14-2 run, which included two threes by Virgil Starkes – the team's only three-point scorer of the night.

AETC/CSS managed to keep at least a 13-point advantage for the majority of the second half, using the strength of their defense to force JPPSO into making bad shots.

With 2:25 on the clock, the JPPSO squad was finally able to find their rhythm, going on a 12-point run – led by Winston, Sanchez and Allen Cantrell – cutting the

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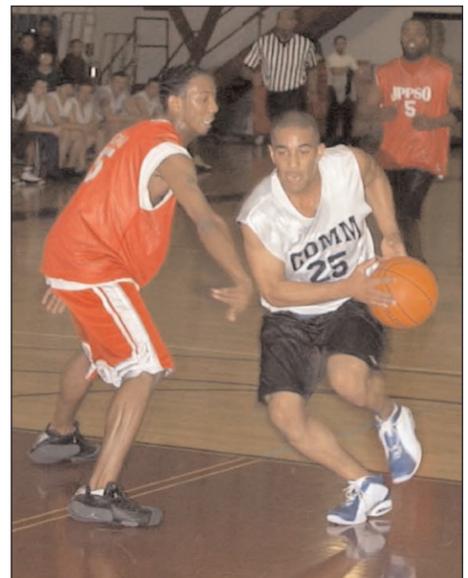
deficit to 4 points with 36 ticks left.

However, AETC/CSS was able to knock down their free throws and hold JPPSO to 3 points in the closing seconds, ending the game 52-47.

"They really gave us a run for our money in the end," said Coach Simpson. "They never gave up. We're glad we got to play them for the championship title."

**Members of the AETC/CSS squad include:** Simpson, Starkes, Chris Haynes, Tommy Milam, Virgil Starkes, Cooper Bozarth, Edwin Howell, Trey Brown, Daniel Barber, Che Foster, Robert Smalls, Jupiter Garcia, Jon-Michael Riener, Robert Lowe, Bobby Padilla and Aaron Banks.

**Members of the JPPSO squad include:** Barta, Sanchez, Winston, Cantrell, Gervai Maeweathers, Todd Brown, Gary Spencer, Genero Jackson, Edward Mendoza, Ralph Bell and Roderick Pitre.



Air Education and Training Command Computer System Squadron's Robert Smalls drives past Roderick Pitre, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, during the base basketball championship Feb. 12.