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## Family support center named best in AETC

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Family Support Center was recently selected as the best in the Air Education and Training Command for 2003.

"These FSC professionals work hard not only for the folks at Randolph, but our deployed members and their families as well," said Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander. "We have often referred to them as the 'Best in the Business.' This award recognizes what we've known for some time. I'm very proud of this team and the work they do for our community!"

Ms. Elizabeth McKinley, Family Support Center director, was pleased with the award, but said, "it's hard to single out any one or even several accomplishments that earned (them) the award."

"We just have a great team here," she said.

During this past year, the FSC was kept extremely busy assisting more than 50,000 customers, a number that has held steady for several years, Ms. McKinley said.

In addition to customers who came through the doors, Sandra Nichols, FSC volunteer programs coordinator, developed and conducted a robust volunteer program that worked with 1,500 volunteers who contributed more than 225,000 hours to the base and surrounding community. This effort was estimated to have saved the base and surrounding community about \$3.7 million.

Ms. McKinley went on to explain that one of the center's greatest challenges this past year was assisting with the evacuation of Department of Defense dependents and civilians from Turkey when hostilities began in Iraq. Randolph was the lead FSC in administering the repatriation of 1,300 family members, and was directly



Sandra Nichols, Randolph Family Support Center, accepts a donation to the Airmen's Attic from Master Sgt. Jeff Walton, 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. The Airmen's Attic is one of many programs run by the Air Education and Training Command's top FSC. (Photo by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts)

responsible for 35 families who needed temporary housing in south Texas.

Ms. McKinley gave credit for the smooth operation to Master Sgt. Todd Remington, installation readiness NCO, who arranged for temporary housing, food, transportation and even schooling for the evacuees.

"The families all returned to their overseas locations by the middle of the

year, but their time of family separation was more bearable through the hard work and weekly follow-ups by FSC personnel," she said.

Another unique program for which the FSC was praised is "Car Care Because We Care," a program worked in cooperation with the Air Force Aid Society.

When military members deploy, leaving

families behind, a major concern for them is that the family car continues to run reliably, said Senior Master Sgt. Don Green, FSC superintendent.

Through this program, Sergeant Green said the FSC arranged for many car inspections and minor repairs before military members deployed so that those concerns were lessened. No-interest AFAS loans were also arranged to help with emergencies and travel expenses for members of the Randolph community.

Another highly successful FSC program that was initiated at Randolph is the three-day, pre-retirement transition seminar for military members and civilians leaving government employment and looking for jobs in the civilian work force. Headed by FSC employee Fae Simmons, the transition program includes videotaped mock interviews with critiques afterward and instruction on how to market yourself and negotiate salaries.

"The program is so successful that several hiring officials have commented on how well prepared our graduates are," said Ms. McKinley. "Service members from other bases have even come here to take our course because of our reputation."

FSC employee Christine Schroeder also played a critical role in the FSC this past year by incorporating a six-session Precious Minds Parenting Initiative into the Family Life Education program in partnership with Boysville, a local children's home. More than 100 families have attended the program so far.

Maj. Mary Boucher, 12th Mission Support Squadron commander, said that the award is a tribute to the hard work by the FSC people in the face of a high volume of customers served.

"They won the award for a reason. They're the best!" she said.

## SNCO named best base-level training manager in command

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

A Randolph senior NCO was recently named Air Education and Training Command Base-Level Training Manager of the Year for 2003.

Master Sgt. Renee Harris, 12th Mission Support Squadron chief of base training, was selected for the award due to her exceptional job performance and superb representation of the command over the past year, according to AETC officials.

"(Her) significant accomplishments this past year are proof positive that (she) richly deserve(s) this prestigious recognition," said Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander, in a

congratulations letter to the 21-year Air Force veteran on her selection.

And Sergeant Harris' supervisor and other leadership were quick to echo the general's words.

"Sergeant Harris is one of our best and brightest troops," said 1st Lt. Daniel Rigsbee, 12th MSS chief of relocations and employment. "She does an exceptional job every day and she does it with enthusiasm – she definitely deserves this award and has what it takes to win at the Air Force-level."

Lieutenant Rigsbee explained that over this past year, Sergeant Harris expertly oversaw an enlisted population of more than 2,500 with an average of 649 personnel in upgrade training on base.

"Sergeant Harris' job isn't easy by any means," said

Lieutenant Rigsbee. "She works hard every day and it shows in the quality of her work."

During this past year, Sergeant Harris was noted for developing AETC's first-ever civilian base training manager job with unit deployment manager responsibilities as well as implementing on-the-job training briefings for airmen at the first term airmen center by base unit training managers. She personally briefed more than 80 first-term airmen.

Sergeant Harris was also credited with revamping the 2X career development course failure evaluation process, cutting feedback from one week to two days for 45 units.

See Harris on page 9

### 12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday		
Pilot Instructor Training		
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-2.0	-2.0
558th FTS	3.4	5.2
559th FTS	-16.4	-1.6
560th FTS	-4.2	-1.4

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	226	Undergraduate	54
Navy	75	International	14
International	1	EWC Course	12
		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.

As of Jan. 23			
Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-1A	1,100	1,314	4,040
T-6A	2,722	2,847	9,103
T-37B	2,167	2,438	7,171
T-38A	2,334	2,756	5,674
T-43A	331	354	1,160

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

### Officers promoted

The following Randolph officers were selected for promotion by the 2003A colonel, lieutenant colonel and major medical and dental corps promotion boards.

To colonel:

**Phillip Sandefur**, Air Force Personnel Center

To lieutenant colonel:

**Jeanine Czech**, Air Force Institute of Technology

To major:

**Spencer Walker**, 12th Medical Group

**Brian Moore**, AFIT



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

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

*(Commander's note: We do not have any Action Lines for publication this week. However, we often receive questions about programs and regulations through channels other than the Action Line program. The following is one of those questions.)*

### Respect the American flag, National Anthem

**Q** I notice a lot of civilians and military here not giving respect to the flag and national anthem, most notably in the evening. I correct the ones I notice, especially other NCOs or airmen – even an officer occasionally – but think this may need to be addressed to the base populace as a whole. Is there a way to do this?

**A** You are absolutely right, if people are not paying the proper respect to the flag, then

perhaps the issue needs to be addressed.

When in uniform and outside, military members should face the flag or the direction from which the national anthem is playing if the flag is not visible, stand at attention and render the proper salute. When outside in civilian attire, members should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart.

Also, all vehicles in motion should safely come to a stop at the first note of the music and the occupants should sit quietly until the music ends.

Maintaining the proper customs and courtesies is a key element of our stewardship of this great Air Force. It is up to each of us in uniform to ensure others on base give the American flag its proper respect. I ask that all of you please keep this in mind. Thank you.

## Veteran's final choices show love for blue suit

By Maj. John Thomas  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Reid Wyant is dying. His daughter called me the other day looking for help putting together the items needed to bury him in his Air Force service dress uniform. He served 30 years as an airman. And it seems he's still one of us.

I got to thinking. What makes a person, who's lived life as a civilian since 1980 want to be buried in his uniform?

I like to think maybe Service Before Self gets into your blood. After all, retired Senior Master Sgt. Wyant switched his cancer treatment from Eglin Air Force Base not too long ago because the war was forcing them to cut back care, and he wanted the active-duty people to get taken care of first. "Always thinking of others," his daughter says.

His daughter, Andrae Harris, is helping care for him even as he edges closer to the end. She helps him plan it all out. Arlington National Cemetery was overruled by his wife, who wants him for eternity closer to family. Details like that.

Andrae says she always knew her dad was a hero. He was awarded the Airman's Medal for saving three swimmers' lives "in front of my very eyes, without a care to his own safety." He almost lost his own life doing it, she says. And that pales in comparison to his courage facing his cancer.

Sergeant Wyant might say it's the friends you find that make the Air Force something you want to be buried with. "I've never known anyone that did not like my Dad," his daughter says.

A former commander, Col. Roger Andersen, still visits Sergeant Wyant at home. "They would both reenlist today," if they could, Andrae tells me.

Reid Wyant's life with the Air Force began when the young Air Force had been around for just seven years. "His uncle was a rear admiral and told him to join the Air Force," Andrae says. Seems his uncle was a smart man.

She says "he caught a bus to Pittsburg and never looked back."

However, I think he's looking back now – looking back on the people he met as a munitions maintenance specialist and first sergeant.

Born and raised in Kitanning, Pa., he served in North Africa, in the '50s; Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Korea in the '60s. In 1971 he was in Thailand. And plenty of stateside places in between. But no assignment was more important than the move from Denver to Bentwaters, England.

That's where a boy, dirt-poor and often mistreated by his grandfather, a guy who dropped out of school and put his kid brother through college-well, met his wife, Doreen. To hear Andrea tell it, her Mom's whole family fell in love with him, as much

it seems, as he loved the Air Force. Upon retirement from his second career he moved from Dallas to Florida, near Eglin AFB, where he fried fish and chicken for squadron picnics. And where a couple of years ago they first treated him for cancer. And it was to Eglin that he went recently with his family to get all of his affairs together and prepare a final will.

I've never met Sergeant Wyant, but I've worked with people just like him every day of my 12 years in the Air Force. I've served with loyal members of every service. And I'm off to Iraq soon to work again with the State Department and other agencies.

People tell me to keep my head down when I go to Iraq, but instead I think I'll hold my head high – out of respect for people like Sergeant Wyant and all those he represents, like my own dad, and my father-in-law.

When Andrae asked him the other day "why the service dress uniform for the burial?" he said that's what he has always worn for important events... and he wanted his family to recognize him. His sense of humor is still healthy.

Maybe one day, I'll ask to be buried in my service dress uniform like Sergeant Wyant wants to be, "with full military honors."

In his case, the honor will be ours.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

## Congratulations Retirees

### Today

**Lt. Col. Marianne Serling**  
19th Air Force

**Chief Master Sgt. Andrea Lieberum**  
Air Force Personnel Center

**Lt. Col. Mark Fortugno**  
Air Education and Training Command

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# There's more to fitness than waist size

**By 2nd Lt. Albert Bosco**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – I simply hate running. Well, at least I thought I did until I actually started doing it.

Sometime between college two years ago and the new Air Force fitness test, I developed a bad habit. I have never considered myself an avid athlete by any stretch, but I also never thought of myself as being out of shape. How wrong I was with the latter.

I've had a series of rude awakenings since coming on active duty. Being thin, I've always thought that since I ran two miles twice a week in college, the Air Force bike test would be no sweat. Thus I did very little to prepare.

Many people I knew were exercising daily and watching their weight, as if they were watching the stock market, hoping for a huge return on their investments.

While they were struggling to stay in the "health zone," I just laughed. I felt I didn't have to do anything to stay fit. In fact, about the only exercise I got was sitting on my riding lawnmower with a beverage of choice in hand.

My diet also left something to be desired. While my weight-watching counterparts were counting calories, forcing themselves to suffer through a lunch made of lettuce and not much else, I was eating mega grease-dripping double cheeseburgers and other foods that would cause most people's arteries to close the moment it touched their lips. In fact, I'm still not sure you can classify some of the things I ate as food.

After failing the bike test four times, I wondered if the system was flawed. How could I be out of shape? I was so thin. Then I heard great news. The bike test was being phased out. At least I wouldn't have to subject myself to the humiliation of not passing again.

Armed with a newfound sense of comfort that I would only have to run a mere 1.5 miles and do a few sit-ups, I put the thought of any serious exercise routine out of my mind. After all, I can run 1.5 miles without breaking a sweat.

Once again, I was fooling myself, and I learned that the hard way when my office decided to hold mandatory fitness sessions each Monday and Friday morning.

At first, I was displeased with the idea I would have to wake up even earlier and work out according to someone else's schedule. After all, the schedule I had been keeping was going great. I took off running, thinking how silly this whole exercise thing was, and after running my first 1.5 miles in many months, I checked the time. I couldn't believe it. It took me more than 15 minutes to run 1.5 miles.

I began to suspect that perhaps my watch was going bad. I used to run two miles in about 14 minutes. I finally began to worry.

I knew I had to pass the new fitness test, and I finally decided to get serious about fitness.

I began running every day and hitting the weights on top of it. Within a short two-week period, I was amazed I could actually feel a difference. I was becoming less tired the more I exercised. I also modified my diet so that I was eating better. (Note I said better, not right.)

At long last, I was beginning to feel like my plan was working. I felt better, I could breathe better and, best of all, I became addicted to exercise. Now, there has been a role reversal of sorts. Before, I used to feel bad if I knew I was going to have to exercise. Now, I feel tired and sluggish if I miss a workout. Fitness has certainly become a part of my new lifestyle, and I'm confident I will be able to pass the fitness test and I will be a better person for it.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

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# Randolph Chiefs' Group inducts 26 new members



**By Chief Master Sgt. Valerie McGovern**  
Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

The Randolph Chiefs' Group will induct 26 Air Force members to chief master sergeant during a ceremony and banquet Saturday at the Fort Sam Houston NCO Club.

The inductees are:  
**Air Education and Training Command**  
Mitchell Balutski  
Kevin Candler  
Allen Cherry  
Cedric Council

Johnny Davis  
Roni Harlan  
Jeffrey Pinsonneault  
Larry Reese  
Chris Toale  
Marita Woods

**19th Air Force**  
Victor Allen  
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## Defense Threat Reduction Agency to visit Randolph, assess base's vulnerabilities

**By Master Sgt. Mance Clark**  
12th Security Forces Squadron

A team of specialists from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency will be visiting Randolph Saturday through Feb. 6 to conduct a Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment of the base.

During its visit, the team's goal is to identify vulnerabilities and to provide the wing commander with recommendations on how to eliminate or minimize the risk of terrorist activity, said 12th Security Forces Squadron officials.

Members of the team will be active throughout the installation, so people should not be surprised if a member of the team approaches them at random and asks them questions about topics such as the installation force protection condition, 12th SFS officials said.

Also, each DTRA team member will have a readily identifiable badge on for immediate verification,

so there shouldn't be any question as to who they are, officials added.

During the assessment, team members will look at several key areas.

These areas are as follows:

- A terrorist operations specialist will look at current threats and force protection conditions, the threat assessment process and operations security.

- Security operations specialists will collect information through interviews with key physical security and force protection personnel. They will also review operational plans, personal protection procedures and security forces manning, training and equipment.

- A structural engineer will work with base engineers and planners to perform a quantitative analysis of selected facilities.

- An infrastructure engineer will focus on the potential for terrorist incidents involving fires, base utilities and environmental programs.

- Another team member will target the installation's preparedness to respond appropriately to a terrorist attack involving a number of different scenarios.

"The team is here to help us make the base as safe as possible," said Maj. Stephen Spurlin, 12th SFS commander. "So we ask that everyone please cooperate with the team if asked."

## AFPC emblem moves into 21st century

**By Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell**  
Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

For nearly 40 years the Air Force Personnel Center has seen many changes. But there has been one constant — the "stylized" human figures on the official emblem. Now they are changing, too.

In an effort to modify the emblem to better reflect the combat support mission, in April senior leadership tasked a select cross-section of people within the center to determine if a new emblem was feasible and, if so, what changes could be made to update it while still preserving a sense of heritage.

The idea was that the human figures, once thought stylish, had outlived their modern look and were now viewed by many as "cartoonish." The group was tasked to recommend changes.

It was agreed that the current emblem should

be changed. A series of proposals were considered and a letter of justification for change was drafted, formally asking the Air Force Historical Research Agency for permission to change the emblem.

"Once I received the initial feedback and completed my own analysis of our patch, it failed the test," said Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan, the center's commander. "The old emblem did not seem to reflect the pride of

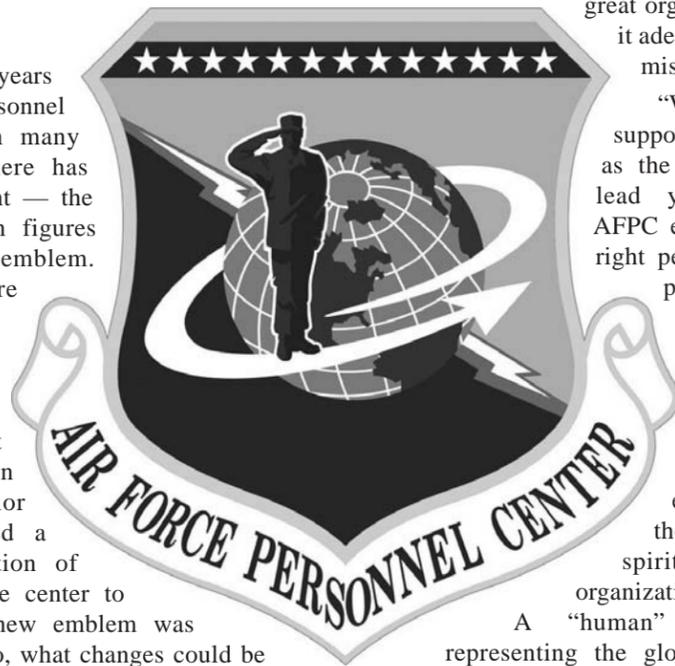
airmen and civilians in this great organization, nor did it adequately reflect our mission.

"We're not here to support people, per se, as the old patch might lead you to believe. AFPC exists to send the right people to the right place at the right time to support the MAJCOMs and warfighters in the field," he said.

"This new emblem captures the mission and the spirit of the organization well."

A "human" figure better representing the global mission was developed to replace the stylized human figures. At the same time, the globe was updated and a contrail was added to reflect the center's global responsibility to develop airmen, select them and send them into the field.

AFPC emblems throughout the center are expected to be updated throughout 2004.



## International visitors



International senior officers attending the Air War College look at different aircraft static displays on the flight line Tuesday. The 43 officers toured Randolph as part of their orientation to the U.S. Air Force. Randolph pilots were on hand to answer questions and talk about the unique training capabilities of each aircraft on display. (Photo by Steve White)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Change of command

The 558th Flying Training Squadron change of command ceremony is Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. in Hanger 4.

Lt. Col. Thomas Goffus will replace Lt. Col. Steven Van Sciver at the helm of the Phantom Knights. A reception will follow at the officers' club.

### Tax statements available on myPay

Tax statements are now posted on the myPay Web site for active-duty members; Army, Navy and Air Force Reservists; Department of Defense and

Department of Energy civilian employees; military annuitants and military retirees.

The W-2 and 1099 statements are available for these individuals to view and print, allowing them to submit their tax returns.

The web site is <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

For more information or assistance, call myPay customer support toll-free at (800) 390-2348.

### Free tax assistance

The Randolph Legal Office's Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance program is now offering free tax assistance to all active duty or retired military members and family members with valid military ID cards.

All active duty members should call their unit tax assistant to schedule an appointment.

Those assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing wing staff or those assigned to a unit without a tax assistant, should call 652-1049 or 652-1041 to schedule an appointment.

All retired military members should call the retiree affairs office at 652-6880 to schedule an appointment.

# Shoplifting

## *Stealing may cost offender exchange privileges, career*

**By Jennifer Valentin**  
Wingspread staff writer

Shoplifters, whether military members or sponsored guests, should think twice before attempting to steal from an Army and Air Force Exchange Service store, especially the Randolph Base Exchange and BXtra.

Armed with cameras so cutting edge that they can read the time on a customer's wrist watch in the store, and with plain-clothed security personnel, a shoplifter's attempt to steal is more than likely to be exposed, said AAFES officials.

According to officials, there are two types of shoplifting that are prominent in retail stores.

First, the typical – putting an unpaid item in one's wallet or purse and walking out of the store with it; and second, putting an unauthorized sale sticker on an item to make it less expensive at the check out register. The latter method is considered theft by fraud.

When someone is caught shoplifting in the BX, they are escorted to the exchange

office where they wait for a member of the 12th Security Forces Squadron. The security forces member will then review the tape of the incident and decide how to deal with the matter.

"We process violators the same whether it is their first or fifth offense," said Master Sgt. Robert Vickers, 12th SFS superintendent of security forces operations.

He added that it is standard for shoplifters to have their BX, BXtra, commissary and service station privileges suspended for a minimum of six months after an incident.

"If a shoplifter's privileges are suspended, they can be apprehended for criminal trespassing if they are found in those places," said the sergeant.

After a shoplifter is processed through security forces, the case is turned over to the member's commander for disposition of the case.

"The legal office recommends appropriate action to the commander," said Maj. Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul, deputy staff judge advocate. "The facts of the incident determine how the case will be handled."

In addition to suspension of privileges to visit the BX, BXtra, commissary and service station, actions against military members can range from non-judicial punishment or a letter of reprimand, to an unfavorable information file or a court-martial.

Punishment for civilian family members may also include a suspension of privileges from the BX, BXtra, commissary and service station, as well as prosecution in federal court. Children and teenage dependents will also appear before the base Juvenile Misconduct Board.

Punishment for civilians who have no affiliation with the Department of Defense are prosecuted in a federal court and face possible barment from the base for five years.

"People should be careful who they sponsor to come on base," said Sergeant Vickers. "They are responsible for any person they bring on a military installation."

AAFES also has a civil recovery program, which fines the offender or their sponsor a \$200 administrative fee for every shoplifting incident.

Even if a person steals only a \$5 magazine, it will cost the sponsor 40 times that amount for the indiscretion.

"A wide range of people shoplift, including military and civilian; it is not just one group of people," said Brenda Borland, AAFES general manager. "If the shoplifter is under 17 years of age, we will call their parents and security forces."

Items that are most frequently stolen include video games, cosmetics and compact discs.

"Shoplifting frequently occurs during the holidays, but most offenses occur during the summertime when school is out," said Ms. Borland. "People are usually short of money during this time, and they think because there are a lot of people and customers around they can get away with it."

History indicates that at least 75 shoplifters will be caught shoplifting on Randolph each year, according to the base legal office.

For more information on shoplifting penalties, call the legal office at 652-6781.

# AF creates civilian personnel system team

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force has formed a team to implement the Department of Defense’s most dramatic civilian personnel system transformation in the last 50 years.

The National Security Personnel System gives DOD managers the flexibility to place civilian workers where they are needed most, without delay. It reduces the time it takes to hire new people, introduces pay-for-performance bonuses and streamlines the promotion process.

NSPS became reality for the Defense Department when President George W.

Bush signed the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act on Nov. 24. The president called the legislation “transformational.”

“This bill also advances the vital work of transforming the personnel system for civilian defense workers so we can put the right person in the right job to meet the challenges we face,” he said.

Maj. Gen. John Spiegel, Air Force director of personnel policy, said he is confident the system can meet the service’s future needs.

“We can successfully shape a flexible and responsive civilian personnel system to meet our needs for the 21st century,” he said.

The implementation will be extremely

challenging and workload intensive, General Spiegel said.

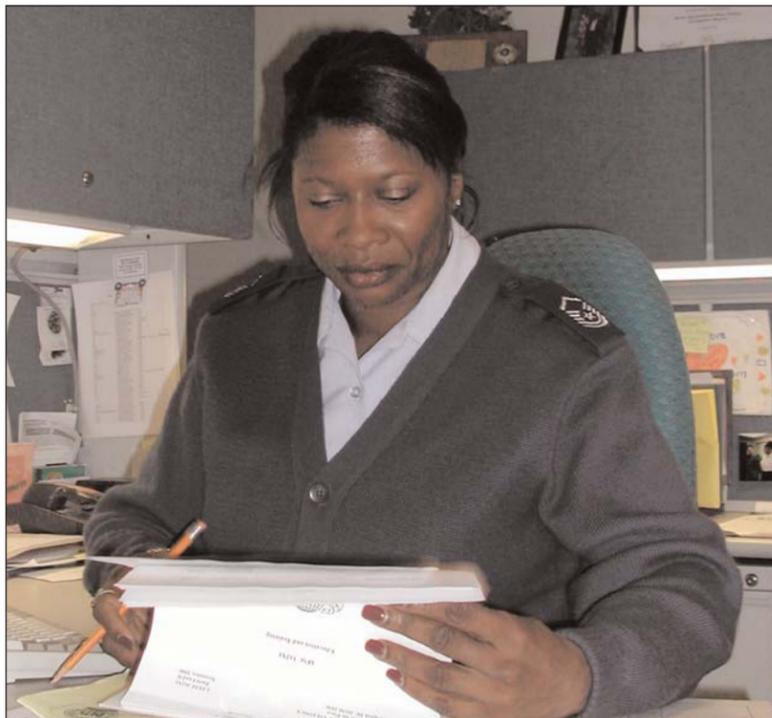
“These will be exciting times,” he said. “But the road to success will be filled with many speed bumps, and to overcome those bumps we need to ensure clear lines of communication with our civilian workforce as we transition to this new system.”

To do that, the Air Force NSPS staff plans to establish e-mail updates tailored to civilian personnel staffs, video-teleconferences to capture the most pressing issues and find appropriate solutions, and a Web site to post the latest information for employees and managers.

“DOD will provide the basic information for training on NSPS. It will be (the) Air

Force’s responsibility to ensure that every single one of our 160,000 civilian employees, all military and civilian supervisors and managers, and our senior leaders and commanders are trained on the new personnel authorities and procedures,” said Sarah Bonilla, director of the Air Force NSPS implementation team. “This will entail a significant effort that will rely on our local civilian personnel flight staffs. The CPF staffs will receive extensive training in the new system so they will not only be prepared to implement NSPS, but train their base population.”

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Master Sgt. Renee Harris, 12th Mission Support Squadron chief of base training, goes over some training records. (Photo by Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice)

## Harris

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But her above and beyond approach doesn't stop at the job, her supervisor said. She is also actively involved in various unit and base activities as well as community events.

Her volunteerism stretched from feed-the-homeless projects to her local church – Livingway.

"I really enjoy getting involved in the community both at Randolph as well as outside of it — especially with my church," Sergeant Harris said. "After all – God is first in my life."

The Philadelphia native was also actively involved in both quarterly and annual 12th Flying Training Wing awards ceremonies as an active member of the 12th FTW Top 3.

"I really enjoy being able to help out and make a difference," said Sergeant Harris. "And the people who make up Team Randolph make it so easy for a person to want to get out there and get involved."

The sergeant attributes her success in the past year to God and her children as well as to her leadership.

"Getting this award was just amazing," said Sergeant Harris. "But it definitely would not have been possible without God and the support of my children, coworkers and leadership. Although my name is the one on the award I believe it was a Team Randolph effort."

# Air Force officials say hold off from embroidering logo

WASHINGTON — Air Force clothing office officials are asking airmen to wait a few weeks before having their lightweight blue jackets embroidered with the Air Force logo.

"We've had an overwhelmingly positive response in regards to placing the logo on the jacket," said Libby Glade, Air Force clothing office chief. "However, we have also received numerous questions from embroidery vendors and private individuals about the logo. We are revising the technical data to obtain an embroidery software format to ensure a high-quality, consistent appearance."

A contractor is currently working on a digitized pattern, which will be available online at [www.af.mil/airforce-story](http://www.af.mil/airforce-story) by the first week of February, Ms. Glade said. This pattern should be compatible with 90 percent of the embroidery software programs used by vendors.

"We are advising vendors and individuals to hold off on embroidering until further guidance is available," she said.

Besides the digitized pattern, complete, updated specifications for embroidery will be available online.



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These specifications will include a diagram of logo placement and design elements, such as thread color and number, font style and size, stitch style and count, and spacing.

Ms. Glade said those individuals who have already had their jackets embroidered based on the current Web site logo guidelines and the previous news article are authorized to wear their embroidered jackets.

"However, we are advising that since this software will ensure conformity with the AF logo guidelines and provide uniformity across the AF, it would be best if individuals refrained from having their jackets embroidered until the software is available," she said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

# Asthma: epidemic among children, adults

## *Health study seeks better management of patients' chronic respiratory disease*

By Dr. Monica Lee

University of Texas Disease Management Center

The University of Texas Disease Management Center with its academic affiliates, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Brooke Army Medical Center, TRICARE Region Six and the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, is conducting an asthma study to evaluate a state-of-the-art disease management approach to the treatment of asthma, which will assist both the patient and the primary care physician by providing education, additional outpatient resources, and additional access to health care personnel.

This approach stresses empowering the patients or parents of children with asthma to participate in the patients' own health care at a higher level, which, in the case of asthma, is critical to wellness.

Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease characterized by episodes or attacks of inflammation and narrowing of small airways in response to asthma "triggers." Asthma attacks can vary from mild to life threatening and involve shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, chest pain or tightness, or a combination of these symptoms. Many factors can trigger an asthma attack, including allergens, infections, exercise, abrupt changes in the weather, or exposure to airway irritants, such as tobacco smoke.

The United States is experiencing an asthma epidemic. The National Center for Health Statistics reports that as of 2001, 20.3 million people are affected by this chronic disease.

The most dramatic increase in prevalence is seen in children ages 0 to 17, in which 87 per 1,000 children (or 6.3

million children) have asthma compared to 69 per 1,000 adults (or 14 million adults).

This rise in prevalence of asthma has resulted in more than nine million visits to health care providers per year, more than 1.8 million emergency room visits per year, and more than 460,000 hospitalizations per year. In 1998, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute estimated the total annual economic cost of asthma care was \$11.4 billion per year.

In the military health system, within TRICARE Region Six, asthma was the cause of over 50,000 outpatient visits in 1999. The direct costs for ambulatory asthma care in TRICARE Region Six totaled over \$8.5 million for fiscal year 1999. Approximately two-thirds of the costs were generated at military treatment centers and the balance at TRICARE network facilities.

In addition, asthma engenders significant indirect cost to the military health system through work absenteeism, particularly the absenteeism which results from asthma exacerbations in the dependent children of active duty members.

The study seeks to enroll 1,053 asthmatic patients from San Antonio and the surrounding counties for the four-year long study. Volunteers between the ages five and 64 will be enrolled for the duration of 18 months and will be divided among three groups. The first group will receive traditional care, in which patients are cared by the primary care physician and seek medical care when needed.

The second group will have periodic phone consultations by a registered nurse from the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, who will provide patient education and will serve as an ongoing liaison between the patient and the patient's primary care physician in the care of the patient. This group will have around-the-clock access to a case manager when needed.

The third group will have not only phone consultations with a National Jewish registered nurse, but four home visits from a respiratory therapist, who will provide additional hands-on education with demonstration on the proper use of inhaler medications, the use of peak flow

### Fast facts:

#### Asthma descriptors, statistics, costs:

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- Within TRICARE Region Six, asthma was the cause of over 50,000 outpatient visits in 1999. Also, in fiscal year 1999, the direct costs for ambulatory asthma care in TRICARE Region Six totaled over \$8.5 million.

meters for home monitoring, and provide home environment assessment and recommendations to prevent triggers for asthma, including providing dust mite impermeable covers.

All groups will be seen every six months by a study physician and/or nurse practitioner and will have pulmonary function tests done at a preferred patient facility, including WHMC and BAMC.

Adults with asthma or parents of children with asthma who would like more information on how to volunteer for this study, can call 567-9700.

E-mail Wingspread submissions to [wingspread@randolph.af.mil](mailto:wingspread@randolph.af.mil) the Thursday prior to the desired publication date.

## Good Neighbor: Airfield fence

*(This "Good Neighbor" column is designed to help Team Randolph members be good stewards of our historic infrastructure. The column is planned to alternate with "Construction Corner" and will include helpful tips from our 12th Civil Engineer Squadron for facility managers and housing residents. I appreciate your continuing efforts to help maintain Randolph as the Showplace of the Air Force! — Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander)*

A new fence is being constructed giving protection and separation between the base and the flightline. This fence will replace the concrete barriers presently used as a separation between hangars and the airfield.

The project will be divided into three phases. Construction has already started at the south flightline, beginning around Hangar 37. Once the south end is complete, the project will move on to the east flightline. The project will conclude with erecting the fence on the west side.

How will this project affect the majority of the base populace? Once the construction comes around to the west flightline, the work will impact the current jogging path. The 12th CES is currently coordinating with the organizations this will affect, including those using the jogging path. The engineers are also working to make this transition as convenient as possible to base residents. The 12th CES is trying to determine ways to minimize impact during these ongoing projects. It is our aim to keep everyone informed.

## System

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Ms. Bonilla has begun to hire her team and set initial goals.

"I am in the process of hiring some of the very best personnelists the Air Force has to offer, so we can begin developing the education and training material needed to implement NSPS," she said. "This is a huge task, as we will need to touch almost everyone in the Air Force: civilians, active duty, guard, Reserve, commanders, supervisors and managers.

The initial goal is to ensure everyone in the Air Force is trained on and understands the new personnel authorities and programs, she said.

"We are talking about some radical changes to civilian personnel administration — replacing a system that all of us have grown up with, with a system that offers more flexibility and rewards, but also puts more at risk," she said. "We have to build a marketing and training program that is deliverable to every employee, commander and supervisor in an easy to understand format."

But Ms. Bonilla said that the civilian personnel community would meet the challenges this new system presents.

"While we are still assessing the impact of NSPS on the personnel community, we do foresee some changes," she said. "NSPS will free our Air Force civilian personnelists from the perception that they are the 'cop' or 'bad guy' of the personnel system. Because NSPS delegates considerable personnel and fiscal authority to supervisors and managers, many personnelists will move into an expanded role of adviser to management. They will become indispensable players on management's

team providing insight and guidance on implementation of the NSPS's flexibilities."

Ms. Bonilla also said she envisions a change in the skill sets of personnel specialists under NSPS. Pay-for-performance, pay banding and a simplified classification system may require different levels or combinations of knowledge and experiences than are required today.

The most dramatic changes will be in classification and performance management. Pay banding will replace the traditional general and wage schedule grades. This is expected to greatly simplify the classification of positions as there will be much less need to identify specific differences in duties. The result should be streamlined position descriptions that should not exceed one page. Under NSPS, the performance management system becomes pay-for-performance; employees will be compensated based on their contribution to the mission of their organization.

NSPS will also allow more competitive hiring and more options for current employees.

"For example, one of the really great things about NSPS is that we can actually give an employee a small pay increase if (he or she is) reassigned to a tougher or bigger job," Ms. Bonilla said. "We can't do that today."

While there are many changes to the personnel system, some "very important safeguards" will remain the same. Employees will retain all the protections they currently have; merit system principles, rules against prohibited personnel practices, anti-discrimination laws, ability to join unions, appeal rights, etc. Leave and attendance, retirement, benefits, safety and drug abuse programs and some other things have not changed.

Until the new Air Force site becomes available, people can learn more about NSPS by visiting [www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/).

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

# Plug and Play

## Get a tune up at your next official function

Story and information graphics by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts

### Features of MP3 player shown:

20 GB low voltage hard drive  
2 MB internal buffer  
USB interface  
Transfer rate to computer 1 MB/sec  
Format supported MP3 (30 to 320 kbps - VBR) Reading  
Playback autonomy: up to 10 hours with 4 x AA rechargeable NiMH batteries  
Backlit LCD display  
Dual stereo line out  
Upgradeable internal software

### System requirements for PC:

Pentium 233 MHz or higher  
Windows 98, SE, ME, 2000  
32 MB RAM (64 MB recommended)  
CD-ROM drive with digital audio extraction support

### Highlights

Real hard drive and MP3 player all in one

20 GB to store up to 20,000 minutes of music and/or data

Fast USB plug and play connection

Software included -- can convert music collections from CD into MP3

# MP3

Portable MP3 player  
(4.5" x 3.2" x 1.3")  
350g (12.3 oz)



Staff Sgt Daniel Barber,  
12th Communications  
Squadron ground radio  
maintenance shop



At Randolph Air Force Base, the 12th Communications Squadron's ground radio maintenance shop is using MP3 players to play pre-recorded music at official unit functions. Base customers can also sign out a compact disc and MP3 player that attaches to a portable public address system.

### How can base customers sign out a public address system?



Portable Fender Passport  
150 Public Address System

There are several types of portable public address systems available for check out at the 12th Communications Squadron ground radio maintenance shop. To reserve a system with a CD or MP3 player, e-mail a request to [public.address@randolph.af.mil](mailto:public.address@randolph.af.mil) at least five days prior to the scheduled official function.



Portable Fender Passport  
250 Public Address System

Reel-to-reel, eight-track, record, cassette-tape, and even in some cases, compact disc players are now obsolete ... at least as far as the 12th Communications Squadron ground radio maintenance shop is concerned.

The shop, which provides sound system support for official base functions, maintains several MP3 players to provide customers the very best sound that technology can offer.

Master Sgt Edward Simpson, NCO in charge of the shop, said although the shop still has compact disc players for customers to sign out, there is only one CD/MP3 player available for sign out. In addition, the staff uses a 20 gigabyte MP3 player when they provide sound

support at changes of command, retirement ceremonies and other command-sponsored events -- to include unit social gatherings.

Sergeant Simpson said the MP3 technology really gives customers a "digital" option that saves unit money from not having to spend their social fundraising dollars on the services of disc jockies.

The MP3 player utilized by the staff can hold the equivalent of more than 20,000 minutes of music, which equates to more than 5,000 songs.

The unit plays MP3 selections and Windows Media. Both the CD and MP3 units connect up to Fender Passport sound systems, which are also

available for checkout.

Tech Sgt. Todd Rumbach, a ground radio maintenance supervisor, said customers need only e-mail the shop at [public.address@randolph.af.mil](mailto:public.address@randolph.af.mil) to request a reservation for a public address system and CD or MP3 player. The shop tries to process all requests on a first-come, first-serve basis, but also consider the priority of events and user requirements.

Requests must be received at least five working days in advance of an event.

Sergeant Rumbach noted that the sooner a unit makes its request the better chance of availability of systems.

"Usually it's not a problem checking

out a system, except during the holidays when lots of unit functions take place," he said.

Sergeant Rumbach said the office no longer has any cassette players. However, if a user has a cassette player with a head phone or RCA jack, it can be connected to the public address system.

Sergeant Simpson wants the entire base to be attuned to the services his team provides.

"It's so easy to orchestrate your event with MP3 technology. So many of everyone's favorite songs can be downloaded for easy playback and hours of entertainment," he concluded.

For information, call 652-3311.

## What events are considered to be official functions?

Randolph Air Force Base Instruction 33-116, Public Address Systems, provides guidance on what constitutes an official function authorizing the use of a government-owned public address system.

The 12th Communications Squadron provides manpower and equipment for all changes of command; tattoo practices; retirement ceremonies for E-9s, O-6s, GS-14s and above; wing commander or vice wing commander

briefings; general officer hosted events or briefings; guest speakers sponsored by the wing commander; or Air Education and Training Command, 19th Air Force or wing commander's calls.

Equipment is loaned for change of command rehearsals; squadron or unit commander's calls, picnics and luncheons; and wing or squadron sponsored events such as golf tournaments.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Blood drive helps troops

The 12th Medical Group is conducting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 6 in the blood mobile in front of the clinic.

The drive is in direct support of the Lackland Blood Donor Center, which is part of the Armed Services Blood Program.

All of the donated blood will go directly to patients at Wilford Hall Medical Center, the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital and to troops participating in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The Lackland Blood Donor Center is the current agency responsible for getting blood to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. James Smith at 652-2734.

### Randolph Toastmasters event set

People can learn how to improve communications skills at the Randolph Toastmasters learning center Feb. 7, at the Alamo Community College District Northeast Campus on Pat Booker Road. There are eight educational sessions to choose from, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$10, and attendees can choose two of the eight sessions.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, call Margie Naylor at 565-1912.

### Enlisted dining-in set

The base-wide enlisted dining-in is scheduled for March 25 at the enlisted club. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. followed by the opening ceremony at 7 p.m.

The ticket price for senior enlisted members is yet to be determined; however, junior enlisted members can attend for free.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Anna Marie Sullivan at 565-2331.

### Volunteers recognized

The 12th Flying Training Wing recognizes the following people for their volunteer support of the base community relations program by serving as speaker and judges during January.

Speakers: Col. Stephen Cooper, 12th FTW

Judges: Kathleen Vinglas, 12th FTW; 1st Lt. Jeremy Leighton, 12th FTW; Master Sgt. David Nowinsky, Air Force Personnel Center; Staff Sgt. Velma Alvarez, AFPC; and Staff Sgt. Allison Martin, AFPC.

For more information, or to volunteer for any of these programs, call the 12th FTW public affairs office community relations division at 652-4407.

### Scholarship available

Applications for the Bernard P. Randolph Scholarship are now available for college-bound seniors or full and part-time college students in the San Antonio area who are one of the following:

- Active duty, reservist or a retired military member
- Civil service employee
- Department of Defense student hire or contractor
- Immediate family member of a San Antonio DOD employee

Applications are available at the family support center, education center and library. Students can download an application at the following web site: <http://www.brooks.af.mil/aaca/> Applications and essays are due before 1

p.m. Feb. 5. For more information on eligibility and essay requirements, visit the Web site or call 652-5321.

### ASMC seminars set

The Alamo Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers hosts its annual Professional Development Seminar Feb. 9-10 at Retama Park.

The theme for this year's event is "Global Strategies - Resourcing the Flight."

The cost is \$125 for members and \$175 for non-members for both days, \$100 for one day or \$15 to attend lunch sessions only.

For more information, call Ada Fromuth at 652-6220, extension 3087.

### Claims briefing schedule change

Starting Feb. 9, the base legal office claims briefing will be held at 1:30 p.m. every other Monday in the "Taj Mahal," Building 100, room 214. This briefing is required in order to file a household goods claim.

Any changes to the briefs will be posted on the entry doors.

For more information, call 652-3110.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER 652-5321

### Common Sense Parenting class scheduled

The Randolph Family Advocacy Center offers a Boys Town Common Sense Parenting class Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 18 through March 17 in Building 860. The class is free and open to parents of children ages 4 to 12.

For more information, or to register, call 652-6308.

### Overseas Connection set

The Overseas Connection program gives people who were overseas in the last two years a chance to volunteer by talking to others who are getting ready to deploy to the same location.

For more information, call 652-3060.

### Career Focus Program available

The Randolph Family Support Center's Career Focus Program offers help to spouses and retirees who are looking for employment.

Individual appointments are available.

For more information, call Charlotte Noll at 652-5321.

## EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

### SAC courses offered

San Antonio College is offering continuing education courses on-base in February and March through its Human Resources Development Institute.

The courses are, HRPO 1091, Fundamentals of Human Resource Management, and HRPO, Professional in Human Resource Development. Military members and civilian workers are eligible to take the courses.

For more information, call Rich White at 733-2647.

### ACCD registration available

Online and telephone registration for Alamo Community College District Term II classes starts Monday.

St. Philip's College is offering a wide variety of term II classes at Randolph to include History II, Government I (Federal), Economics, English II, College Algebra, Introduction to Computers, Art

Appreciation, Psychology, Philosophy and Speech.

Term II runs from March 8 to May 7. On-base registration will be held on March 2.

For more information, call 659-1096.

### UTSA representative available

A University of Texas at San Antonio representative from the office of graduate studies will be available Tuesday at the education center. Visiting counselor's hours are from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 458-4335.

### Tuition assistance available

Students must register for classes with the school they are attending first and then bring the bill to the education center to ensure tuition assistance is issued correctly. This applies for both military and civilian tuition assistance. This service is not available after 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 652-5964.

### Our Lady of the Lake University representative available

An Our Lady of the Lake University representative will be at the education center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Feb. 18.

For more information, call 431-3983.

### Classroom use

Due to position cuts, education center classrooms will no longer be loaned out during the day for anything other than distance learning and college classes.

### CLEP testing set

Air Education and Training Command has authorized the use of Operation and Management funds to pay for the College Level Examination Program tests no longer available on base.

Through March, active duty military may use one of two methods to pay for off-base CLEP testing – the government purchase card, which may be used following normal GPC guidance and procedures – or the member can pay the costs out of pocket and then file a Standard Form 1164, Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business.

Once completed, the form must be signed by the unit approving official, including the unit's Operation and Management fund cite, and forwarded to the local financial services office for certification and payment.

For questions regarding reimbursement, contact Carol Weber at 652-5642.

For questions concerning scheduled tests that will no longer be available on base visit the following web site: [http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes\\_web/examinations/CLEP.htm](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/CLEP.htm).

## CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

### Protestant

**Friday** - Widows and Widowers luncheon at noon at the Hometown Buffet restaurant

**Saturday** - Protestant Men of the Chapel breakfast at 8 a.m. in the chapel center

**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

**Monday** - Protestant Women of the Chapel coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Protestant Advisory Council meeting at 5:45 p.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** - PWOC Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

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

### Catholic

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

**Saturday** - Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1

**Sunday** - Mass at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 10:30 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; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

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

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

Cantor practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; 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

## MOVIES 652-3278

### Today

"Stuck on You" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Matt Damon - Small town conjoined twins go to Hollywood to try to break into acting.

### Saturday

"Something's Gotta Give" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Diane Keaton - When a music executive has a heart attack while visiting his younger girlfriend, he ends up vying for her mother's attention from the doctor that is caring for him.

### Sunday

"Paycheck" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Ben Affleck - A computer engineer is hired for top secret projects, from which he has to have his memory erased. In his last project he wakes up to find out he forfeited his pay, and has to find out why.

### Feb. 6

"Mona Lisa Smile" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Julia Roberts - A woman teaches at a college and builds relationships with her students.

### Feb. 7

"Peter Pan" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring Jeremy Sumpter - The classic story of Peter Pan, Tinkerbell and the pirates in Neverland.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" (PG), 7 p.m. Starring Steve Martin - After getting a new job, a husband and father of 12 struggles with balancing this move and family.

### Feb. 8

"Peter Pan" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring Jeremy Sumpter.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" (PG), 7 p.m. Starring Steve Martin.

# SERVICES

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Bargain warehouse sale

The bargain warehouse is open Feb. 11 from 8 to 9 a.m. for airman basic through senior airman and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all others in Building 1139. Limits may apply and all items are cash and carry.

Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

## YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

### Classical ballet lessons

The youth center will be offering morning and afternoon ballet lessons Mondays and Tuesdays starting Feb. 9.

Class sizes will be limited. The instructor is Valerie Marengo.

For more information or for class schedules, call 652-2088.

### Teen Aviation Camp offered

Teens can try for the chance to spend a week at the Air Force Academy in Colorado by applying for the 2004 Teen Aviation Camp held June 5-11.

The program is open to eligible youth center members who will have completed their high school freshman or sophomore year in 2004 and would like to explore the U.S. Air Force Academy as a possible college choice.

The camp gives students an idea of what life at the academy would be like, its environment and facilities and what opportunities are available there.

Teens will participate in a wide variety of outdoor and classroom activities at the six-day camp, to include flight simulator training, wilderness orienteering, horseback riding, a ropes course, team building exercises and meetings with cadets.

Interested teenagers can pick up an application form at the youth center, Building 585. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 20.

## ITT & EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT 652-5640

### San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo has given Randolph free tickets, valued at \$15 each, for its Feb. 12 show featuring the band *Journey*. To show appreciation to valued customers for their patronage of 12th Services Division activities, a drawing will be held for these tickets.

The drawing can be entered by filling out an entry form and depositing it into one of the boxes located at the officers' club or enlisted club now through Thursday. The drawing is Feb. 6.

### Sea World season passes

The information, tickets and travel office has Sea World passes for sale. With every season pass to Sea World a person buys, he or she will receive a 10 percent discount on all food, beverages or merchandise purchased within the park.

A one-year season 2004 pass costs \$49.50 and a two-year season pass for 2004-2005 costs \$78.50.

### Six Flags Season Passes

Six Flags season passes for 2004 are now available for \$58 per pass, and parking passes are available for \$20.

### Kinder Gambling Trip

The information, tickets and travel office is hosting a Kinder Gambling Trip Feb. 17-18.

The trip, which costs \$37 for double occupancy and \$72 for single occupancy,

includes round trip motor coach transportation to the Grand Casino Coushatta 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.

### Laredo shopping tour set

The next Laredo shopping tour departs Randolph Feb. 7 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.

### Texas Treasure Casino

The Texas Treasure Casino trip departs Building 897 at 7 a.m. Feb. 28 and returns around 9:30 p.m. The trip stops for meals on the way and back, at the customers' expense. The cost is \$25.

### Tours Unlimited

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

#### • *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.

#### • *Monterrey, Mexico trip*

A trip is scheduled to the Sierra Mountains, 145 miles from the Texas border to 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 \$45.50 a person.

• *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 offers tickets to the following shows:

• David Copperfield at the Majestic Theater, Feb. 11-12. Ticket prices range from \$33-\$50.

• 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. Ticket prices range from \$54-\$80.

### Party equipment for rent at ITT

The information, tickets and travel office now has a bouncy castle, popcorn machine, sno-cone machine and canopies for rent, as well as folding tables, chairs and a large barbecue grill.

To rent any of these items, call 652-5640.

### Boating safety class

A boating safety class is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at Building 1139.

### Wood for sale

The information, tickets and travel office has fire wood for sale. A full cord costs \$140, half of a cord costs \$70, one-fourth of a cord costs \$35 and a bundle of four pieces costs \$2.50.

# Local authors to visit library

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Library is announcing their continuing "Meet the Author" series, which brings authors from around the area read and do signings for fans.

The next meet and greet is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in the library with Susan Wittig Albert, author of "Dilly of a Death," the newest title in her China Bayles Herbal Mysteries series.

People can obtain her biographical information at [www.rafblibrary.org](http://www.rafblibrary.org) by clicking on "upcoming events."

"This program is just another great opportunity for library patrons to enjoy more than just checking out a book. Now, they can meet the author," said Cynthia Huddleston, Randolph Library special events coordinator.

Future "Meet the Author" events include Poetry Month in April and the local Military Author Festival in the summer.

Patrons with a valid military ID card can receive a library card that must be presented to borrow materials.

Library materials for use include: books such as fiction, non-fiction, biography, Air War College and test preparation; leased books of fiction, biography and non-fiction; video cassettes on entertainment, test preparation, instructional and documentaries; audio books on fiction, non-fiction and biography; leased audio books on fiction, non-fiction and biography; CD's of classical, country, jazz, movies and shows, rock and R&B; magazines and journals; local, state and national newspapers; children's books; educational materials to support local colleges and universities holding classes on Randolph and reference materials.

The base library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 652-2617.

### Valentine's special

The information, tickets and travel office has a large selection of gifts for co-workers or friends. The office will also deliver gifts in time for Valentine's Day. Orders must be placed by Feb. 12.

Customers are welcome to stop by the ITT office, Building 897, and check out the gift selections.

### Sweetheart camping package

Campers can rent a four-man tent, two-sleeping bags, a stove, two mats and a lantern for \$20 at equipment rental.

## 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.

### Canyon Lake shelters

People can rent a shelter for \$17.50 per night Monday through Thursday during January and February from equipment rental.

## OFFICERS' CLUB 652-4864

### Sky Lounge and Auger Inn performances

The following entertainers will be performing at the officers' club:

• "Replay" in the Sky Lounge today from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

• "Alter Ego" in the Auger Inn today from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

## ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

### XXXVIII Super Bowl party set

The enlisted club's Super Bowl party begins at 3 p.m. Sunday in Gil's Pub. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

A rib-eye steak special will be offered for \$4.95 and door prizes will also be given away during the event.

### Family Night at the enlisted club

The enlisted club is hosting a karaoke and

dance family night Feb. 11.

The dining room will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. with a family style buffet.

### Family night with Candyman the Clown

The enlisted club hosts a family night special from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 25.

The evening will include an appearance by "Candyman the Clown" and a family style buffet.

## SKEET RANGE 652-2064

### Valentine Open Skeet Shoot

An open skeet shoot is scheduled for February 13-15.

For more information, call 652-2064.

## SKILLS CRAFT CENTER 652-5142

The skills craft center offers the following classes in February:

### 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 Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in four sessions.

### Stained glass classes

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

The cost is \$35 plus supplies for the four session course.

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

### Custom framing classes

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

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

### Pottery wheel classes

Learn clay preparation and work on the potter's wheel.

The cost is \$35 plus supplies.

Classes are held in four sessions on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

# Randolph Revolutions

## Fitness center offers new aerobic class

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

In an effort to meet customer demands, the base fitness center introduced a new class this month – Randolph Revolutions – a 45-minute stationary cycling workout that simulates bicycling in the outdoors.

During the workout, students pedal to the beat of music while trying out different riding positions both seated and standing. As riders adjust the resistance on their bikes, they simulate the different terrain an outdoor bicyclist can encounter.

“This is a great new class,” said 2nd Lt. Ellen Stimmel, fitness coordinator. “Not only is it a good cardiovascular workout and great way to lose weight, but it’s not intimidating like other aerobic classes can sometimes be.

“Students can go at their own pace by adjusting the resistance to their own level, without anyone else knowing, unlike other aerobic classes where others can see when a person is lagging behind.”

Fitness experts, dealing in fitness classes such as Randolph Revolutions, say participants who take the

class regularly will burn fat, build and tone muscle and increase aerobic strength.

“The class is also easy on a person’s joints and is a good way to get in shape for the run portion of the new Air Force fitness test - by building up one’s cardiovascular endurance,” Lieutenant Stimmel added.

The new class is offered at 5:45 p.m. Mondays; 6 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays; 6 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays; 6 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Thursdays and 5:45 p.m. Fridays in Hangar 71, racquetball court four. Each class holds up to 15 people at a time, with seven of the bikes reserved for members on the mandatory fitness program. Participants must sign up for the class 15 minutes prior to its start.

Lieutenant Stimmel added that the class could expand in its times if the fitness center were to get more qualified instructors. So, if anyone is certified in this type of class and is interested in teaching, they can call Lieutenant Stimmel or Bernard Hawkins at 652-2955.

“Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity to ride for fitness and ride for life,” said Mr. Hawkins, fitness center program manager.

For more information on the class, call 652-5316.



**Kenneth Cooper rides a stationary bike during the fitness center’s new Randolph Revolutions aerobic class. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)**

**Extramural  
and  
Intramural  
Basketball**

**Extramural standings**

As of Jan. 26

Team	W	L
AFPC #1	7	0
AETC/CSS	5	3
12 CPTS	4	3
AFRS	3	3
12 LRS	3	4
AFPC #2	1	5
AETC/XP	1	6

**Intramural standings**

Monday, Wednesday league

Team	W	L
AFPC	10	1
12 LRS	7	4
JPPSO	6	5
12 OSS	6	5
AFOMS	3	8
12 CES	1	10

Tuesday, Thursday league

Team	W	L
AETC/CSS	11	0
AETC/DP	8	2
12 MDG	7	3
562 FTS	5	5
12 SFS	4	6
Fire Department	1	11
332 ALF	0	11

**Intramural scoring  
leaders**

Monday, Wednesday league

Player	Team	Average/ Game
Freeman	AFPC	20.2
Hughes	12 OSS	19.7
Quinones	12 CES	13.0
Forsythe	AFOMS	12.6
Johnson	12 LRS	11.2

Tuesday, Thursday league

Player	Team	Average/ Game
Tarpley	12 MDG	20.2
Simpson	AETC/CSS	19.7
Taylor	562 FTS	13.0
Brine	332 ALF	12.6
Battle	12 SFS	11.2

(Note: The base extramural and intramural basketball playoffs begin Monday at the main fitness center.)

# 12th OSS hands AFPC its first loss of season

**By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice**  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs  
**and Staff Sgt. David Maurice**  
12th Operations Support Squadron

With only a minute left in overtime, 12th Operations Support Squadron's Nicolas Jacques nailed his teams only three pointer of the night to seal their victory over the previously undefeated Air Force Personnel Center 35-30 in intramural basketball action Monday night.

"This was a great win for us — being able to defeat the top team in the league," said 12th OSS coach Jason Hughes. "We really pulled together as a team on the court."

Hughes, Jacques, and Kevin Holmes led the 12th OSS with a combined 25 points and 11 rebounds.

From the opening tip off, it seemed to be anyone's game as the teams kept the score close. The biggest deficit of the first half — a four-point OSS lead — didn't even come until the closing seconds when Hughes made his third basket of the half, giving the 12th OSS a 16-12 half time lead.

Down at the half, AFPC went back to their game plan of running the fast break on every opportunity possible.

Ian Young led AFPC's second half surge, going on an eight-point run and taking the lead for the first time of the game at 20-17.

"We were persistent," said AFPC coach Ric Bailey. "We stuck to our plan and never gave up."

Despite missing three of their main players, AFPC had strong showings from Young, Thaddeus Dickens, Mike Obregon and Ruben Rodriguez — who combined for 23 points and 27 rebounds.

After their strong start, AFPC was held to four more points in the half, but their defense kept them in the game.

Tied at 24 with three minutes left; neither team could find the chance to pull ahead, as they ended regulation play in a tie.

With 3:00 on the overtime clock, the 12th OSS squad took the lead and never looked back.

After two two-pointers and Jacques' banked his three, the team tacked on four more points from the charity stripe, closing out the game with their biggest victory of the season — dropping the league's only undefeated squad to 10-1.

"(The 12th OSS) played a good game tonight, with a well deserved win," said Coach Bailey. "But our guys will still be the ones to take home this year's base championship title."



Kevin Holmes, 12th Operations Support Squadron, attempts to block Air Force Personnel Center's Ian Young as he goes up for a basket during their teams' intramural basketball match-up Monday night. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

## Randolph Ro-Hawks varsity basketball team top of district

**By Jack Burns**  
Ro-Hawk sports writer

The Randolph Ro-Hawks varsity basketball team is currently undefeated in district competition, with seven victories to date, and an overall record of 16-4. So far this season, they experienced a hard fought overtime win over top-rated Cole and a come-from-behind win over Nixon Smiley to lead

one of the strongest 2A districts in the state.

Junior point guard Brandon Irvin is the team's leading scorer this year, averaging 16 points a game, while seniors Tony Leverett and Caleb Kuhl are providing the team's interior strength with strong rebounding and defense.

Other key players are seniors Scot Woodland and Dante Collins pulling through for the team both offensively and defensively.

### SPORTS SHORTS

**Sports writers wanted**

The *Wingspread* is looking for a knowledgeable volunteer to cover intramural or extramural sports games to be published in the paper.

If interested, call 652-5760.

**Cupid Cardio Aerobathon**

The fitness center is hosting a Cupid Cardio Aerobathon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 7.

For more information, call 652-5316.

**Golf class offered**

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course is sponsoring a nine-week novice golfer class beginning Saturday. Each class will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The last class will be on March 27.

Charlie Bishop, a Professional Golf Association teaching professional, will instruct the course. During the course, students will learn the fundamentals of the full swing and the shots of the short game.

The cost is \$120 per player. People must register in person at the golf course by Saturday.

For more information, call 652-4653.

**Cardiovascular health workshop**

The next cardiovascular health workshop is scheduled

for 11 a.m. Monday at the health and wellness center.

During the course, participants are given nutrition and exercise information teaching them how to reduce their risk for heart disease. Medical providers will also explain the effects of cholesterol and high blood pressure.

To enroll in the class, call 652-2300.

**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 will showcase 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.

**Race for the Cure set**

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

Military teams of 10 or more can register early. There will be 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) or call the race hotline at 822-8700.

**Golf tournament scheduled**

The Randolph First Sergeants' Group is hosting 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 will be 10 percent of the total team handicap.

There will be 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.

**Aerobic classes available**

The fitness center offers a variety of aerobic classes Monday through Friday. Classes begin at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Classes include step/variety, basic step, power step, super step, cardio/sculpt, cardio/step combo, sports conditioning, power yoga and kick boxing.

For more information, call the fitness center at 652-5316.