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Thrift Savings Plan

Jan. 31 is the last day to sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan. To enroll, or for more information, visit the finance office in Bldg. 402.



Feel the burn

A soldier from Delta Company, 169th Engineer Battalion, strains while doing flutter kicks during a physical training session. For additional photos, see Page 3. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton)

Senior leaders: Put survey at top of 'to do' list

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kinkade

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force leaders want Air Force people to speak their minds in the 2002 Chief of Staff Organizational Climate survey, available online Jan. 22 to March 8.

The survey, offered every two years since 1997, is designed to gauge how people feel about leadership, communication, supervision, training, job satisfaction and other aspects of Air Force organizations. The 1997 survey gathered more than 200,000 responses and resulted in a number of quality-of-life and organization changes within the Air Force, survey officials said. The 1999 survey continued the process. "The

'99 (survey) put these types of issues into the cross hairs at every level of our Air Force, from the Pentagon, through the major commands and on down to the unit level," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Fredrick Finch. "With data like this, we can make this great Air Force of ours better yet. We'll 'shape tomorrow' for the Air Force, our people and our families."

Senior leaders want a stronger turnout for this year's survey, saying it gives Air Force people an opportunity to "speak today, shape tomorrow."

"Sustaining the world's pre-eminent air and space force requires excellence in the work environment," said Air

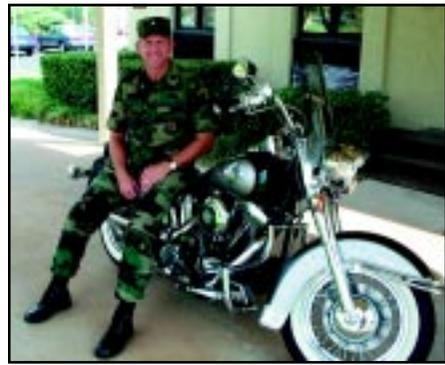
Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "This survey will provide valuable information to all Air Force leaders to achieve that goal."

As the Air Force strives to shape itself for the 21st century, the input from the survey will be a crucial tool, said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche.

"In an era which readiness, retention, education and training issues loom larger than ever, the voices of our airmen must be heard," he said. "Leadership must be made aware of what's really going on out there."

The 2002 survey is available online through March 8 at <http://csafsurvey.af.mil>.

Action Line 676-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil



Brig. Gen. Michael Collings
82nd Training Wing
commander

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have. I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard AFB a better place to live, work and play. Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other

base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 676-2000, or send an e-mail to action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number. Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

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Security forces kudos

I work for a contractor on base and come through the main gate early in the morning. The young

men and women pulling gate guard duty are always professional and always friendly. Even with the long hours worked and the weather changes that must be endured, they present a favorable impression.

I am well aware that they have to tolerate some folks who think they are special or perhaps are just plain spoiled and short tempered. I would like to apologize for those who are rude and ugly, they don't know any better. For me, thank you very much for your professionalism. I try to always say good morning and have a nice day, I'm sorry if I forget.

Thank you, and GOD bless each of you for being in the military.

82nd SFS to implement new random security measures Monday

Beginning Monday, the 82nd Security Forces Squadron will implement new random security measures.

The 82nd SFS will conduct unannounced, 100 percent ID checks and random vehicle searches at all of the gates at varying times throughout the day. The times will be randomly generated by computer and will often include the busiest times of the day.

These measures will be very much in line with the entry procedures Sheppard followed during Force Protection Condition Charlie.

What do these proce-

dures mean to members of Team Sheppard?

- Motorists should expect delays at the gates when arriving for work.
- People should allow extra time in case the measures are in effect during the morning, midday, or evening rush hours.
- Units are reminded that staggering arrival times and duty hours would help alleviate congestion during the busiest times.
- Following the traffic flow pattern that worked so well during FPCON Charlie will

once again go a long way towards relieving congestion as well.

- Be prepared to make a left turn at the main gate entrance and proceed to the hospital or Missile Road gates.
- If there is a congested intersection, don't make the problem worse by sitting in the middle of the road; find an alternative route.
- Expect the main gate to be coned off, even if security forces is not conducting the random security measures. While there are some

inconveniences resulting from these and other measures, there is a very real logic behind security forces actions. The purpose is to use a variety of random access measures to ensure force protection.

• People should vary routes of travel and times they leave for work as well. The less predictable a person's routine is, the less vulnerable they would be to any type of attack.

As the war against terrorism continues, it is easy to become complacent with security measures. This complacency leads to vulnerabil-

ity. All are reminded that the threat is as real today as it was in September. Working together, everyone can continue to enjoy a safe working environment well into the new year. *(Courtesy of the 82nd Security Forces Squadron)*



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Hooah!



The Sheppard soldiers of Delta Company, 169th Engineer Battalion, conduct their physical training regimen five days per week, either in the afternoons or in the pre-dawn morning hours. PT is led by drill sergeants and includes running Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and doing strength training exercises Tuesdays and Thursdays. Every soldier in the Army, regardless of rank, is required to participate in some physical training program. Army members are also required to pass a PT test at least two times per year, although soldiers in a training environment such as Sheppard are usually tested more often. *(Photos by Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton and Army 1st Lt. Trayce Slumsky)*



Sheppard clubs offer new benefits to members

By Mike McKito

Base public affairs

Have you ever thought about joining the "club?" Have you ever thought they had nothing to offer you or your family? Have you ever thought paying dues was unfair and not worth it? Many people do, until they hear of the great benefits the club has to offer, said Karen O'Shaughnessy, 82nd Services Division Business Operations Flight Chief.

"Most people don't know the benefits of being a club member," said O'Shaughnessy. Members get coupons that are at least equal to the amount of dues they pay. Later this year, each member will also get a coupon book good for several 82nd Services Division activities, such as golf or bowling.

Members never pay a surcharge for meals, music or any other programs (there may be a minimal cost for some entertainment, but there will be no surcharge added for members).

"Member Appreciation Night" occurs once each quarter. At this event, members and their immediate family receive both a free meal and on occasion chances at give-aways for such items as T-shirts and Texas Rangers baseball tickets.

On the fourth Thursday of each month, the enlisted club hosts "Family Night". Both members and non-members are invited to an all-you-can-eat buffet with games, videos and give-aways provided for the children. There is a charge for food, and non-members must pay a surcharge. "If we get the interest, we will offer it at the officers club," said O'Shaughnessy.

The officers club offers Sunday brunch the second Sunday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The brunch is open to all ranks. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$13.95 for non-members, which includes champagne, made-to-order omelets, a full-course breakfast and a full-course lunch.

The First USA Bank (credit card sponsor) offers a "Blue Star" program. Members deployed, such as in Operation Noble Eagle, will have any interest fees waived for the period of their deployment. As an added benefit, "The clubs will suspend their dues for up to 12 months of deployed time," said O'Shaughnessy. The member must inform Pat McNulty, at 6-6460, before they deploy and then when they return. They will also need a copy of their



A name is drawn from a bowl full of members' names in the Big Bucks Club Card Drawing at the enlisted club. The drawing is just one of the many benefits club membership offers. (Photo by Mike McKito)

orders to enroll.

Air Force club members are also eligible for two weekly cash drawings of \$25 each. For Sheppard club members, there are weekly "Big Bucks" drawings at each club. Prizes start at \$500 with \$50 added each week there is no winner. Current jackpots are \$650 for the

officers club and \$2,600 for the enlisted club. The winners must be present to claim their prize.

During the month of February, AETC will announce "Cupid's Caribbean Cruise" give-away. Besides three additional monthly \$100 drawings at each club, AETC will provide chances to win two Caribbean

cruises. To be eligible, a person must be an AETC club member and purchase \$2 or more of food during the month of February.

For more information on the benefits of club membership, call the officers club at 6-6460 or the enlisted club at 6-2083.

Environmental protection takes team effort at Sheppard

By 2nd Lt. Ann Hatley

Base public affairs

Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility here at Sheppard Air Force Base. There are many individuals, however, whose additional duty involves a thorough knowledge of environmental regulations affecting units at Sheppard.

Fifteen Team Sheppard members recently completed the Unit Environmental Coordinator's course, a satellite downlink class taught from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The responsibility of a UEC is to ensure that individuals within their respective units practice environmentally sound procedures, through education and training, to not only be a good neighbor to the community, but to also prevent any violations during an environmental inspection.

"Unit environmental representatives are nothing new at Sheppard," said Wayne Fowler, an environmental consultant in the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

Before the UEC program was Air Force wide, Sheppard began looking at how units and the base can im-

prove pollution prevention, compliance, conservation and cleanup policies. As environmental issues became more important, the small staff in the environmental flight realized that they needed liaisons to increase awareness.

In June 1996, Sheppard initiated an environmental unit coordinator program, and followed Safety's program of using representatives in each unit to ensure environmental policies are being met, said Fowler.

It's not just the responsibility of the UEC to make sure that environmental regulations are met. Protect-

ing the environment is a team effort, and there are several things individuals in their respective units can do to help make the job of a UEC easier, said Mark McBurnett, chief of environmental flight at Sheppard.

People who work in a shop environment can make sure that no barrels or chemicals are stored near storm drains. All barrels should be on spill pallets.

People should be very careful of what they dump into a storm drain.

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Debris and dirt from sweeping up the shop should never be pushed down the drain.

Individuals should also watch what they store in their lockers. Compatible products should only be placed together in the same locker. For instance, propane and flammable items should never be placed in the same locker, said McBurnett.

People should also be aware of the older facilities here at Sheppard, said McBurnett. "Don't just rip

off paint because it might be lead-based. Go through the proper steps," he said.

Besides being a good neighbor to the surrounding community by following environmental regulations, following these regulations prevents the base leadership from paying monetary fines. Liability for environmental infractions rests not only on those who supervise, but also on the individuals who commit violations.

The entire base can be cited for actions taken by individuals, particularly during an Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspec-

tion. Every two years, Sheppard is inspected by Air Education and Training Command to determine if Sheppard is meeting compliance standards. Some of the most common infractions are found when the inspectors are "dumpster diving," said Fowler. Recyclable products in a dumpster or a non-punctured aerosol can that is not empty are ECAMP violations. Someone who changes their oil at home and decides to bring the used oil and filter to the base dumpster sets up Sheppard for a violation, said Fowler. Also, when families in base housing move out, some of

them will throw out many household products, containing hazardous materials, into the base dumpsters. Those products can also be cited as ECAMP violations.

Fowler suggests that when people move out of base housing, they should pass on their unused household products to their neighbors, or give to CES to dispose of properly. Things such as paints, paint thinner, gasoline, fertilizer and cleaning products can be kept out of the dumpster by passing them on. Also, people who want to change their oil should do so at the auto hobby shop, which has the

necessary equipment to dispose of oil and filters. These are just a few of many things people can do to help the environment.

Anyone who would like to become a UEC for their unit should contact their commander.





Dedication

Col. Alton Powell, 82nd Medical Group Operations Squadron Commander, Col. Theresa Casey, 82nd Medical Group Commander, Ron Chattler and Bonnie Chattler unveil the memorial to Airman 1st Class Julie Chattler during the dedication ceremony at the hospital to rename the family advocacy center in honor of Chattler, who worked at the center until her death June 2, 2001. For her dedication to service and her commitment to excellence, the center honors her memory. *(Photo by Tommy Steele)*

Soundoff

What's your all-time favorite book?



"The *Dark Tower* series by Stephen King because I enjoy the plot."

- Airman Zachary Thompson, student, 362nd TRS



"*Stardust* by Neil Geiman. It's a very surreal book."

- Airman Shellie Williams, student, 362nd TRS



"*Nemoch the Devil* by Ann Rice because it has good imagery of heaven and hell. It's not satanic like you might think from the title."

- Airman 1st Class Taylor Smith, student, 362nd TRS



"*IT* by Stephen King because I like horror and I'm a fan of the author."

- Airman Shawn Jacob, student, 362nd TRS

Briefs

*Support
Sheppard's clubs.
Join today!*

Blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives are held from 3-7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the student center. All those eligible to donate blood are encouraged to do so.

TRICARE travel benefits

Non-active duty Prime or TRICARE Senior Prime beneficiaries may be reimbursed for travel expenses when referred by their primary care manager more than 100 miles one way for medical care. Receipts for all expenses are required for claim. This entitlement is retroactive to Oct. 30, 2000.

For more information, call beneficiary services at 6-4413 or 6-6604.

Telephone directories

The new Greater Wichita Falls Telephone Directories for 2001-2002 have been delivered and are ready for pickup at Bldg. 24. For more information, call at 6-2054.

Awards banquet

The 82nd Training Wing's annual awards banquet will be held Feb. 5.

The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Robert Martens, AFSOC command chief.

Those interested in attending should contact their first sergeant for tickets and additional information.

Bowl-a-thon

The Sheppard-Falls NCOA Chapter 1419 will be having a bowl-a-thon Tuesday at the south lanes.

The \$10 cost includes three games and a meal.



Happy anniversary

Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., vice commander of Air Education and Training Command, cuts the command's 60th anniversary cake Wednesday with Dick Emmons of the AETC history office and Airman Amy Humphreys of the AETC command section at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The Army Air Corps Flying Training Command stood up Jan. 23, 1942, as the parent command of what later became AETC. In 60 years of existence, AETC and its predecessor commands have trained and educated more than 25 million people. (U.S. Air Force photo by Charlie Perez)

**Catch a flick
at the base
theater.
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for movie
listings.**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



The African-American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense

Calendar of events

Feb. 1--Kickoff ceremony at the community center at 8 a.m. The speaker is Col. Joe Harrison, vice commander, 82nd Training Wing. The point of contact is Master Sgt. Bionca Dean at 6-2286.

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26--Black history story time at the base library from 10:30-11 a.m. Wichita Falls and Burkburnett Elementary school students will share story time with members of the African-American Heritage Committee. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. William Fogle at 6-8226.

Feb. 6--Lunch and Learn at 11 a.m. at the officers club. The speaker is Col. Joe Harrison. He will discuss his experiences and achievements as an officer in the Air Force and provide positive guidance for member's career progression. The point of contact is Master Sgt. Bionca Dean at 6-6510.

Feb. 9--Teen Bowl and Black Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the community center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Ingrid Fitzpatrick at 6-8412.

Feb. 16--Dinner theater at the officers club at 6 p.m. Chaplain (Capt.) Samuel Lockhart, Jr.'s play, *Vashti*, will be performed. Tickets are \$15. The point of contact is 2nd Lt. Delores Anderson at 6-6553.

Feb. 20--Lunch and Learn at the hospital nutrition dining hall at 11 a.m. Chief Master Sgt. Edward Godsey, superintendent, civil engineer operations, will be the speaker. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bionca Dean at 6-6510.

Feb 23--Gospel Extravaganza Concert at the South Chapel at 6 p.m. Sheppard's Inspirational Choir will host this annual event featuring selections from community choirs. For more information, call Chaplain Lockhart at 6-7275.

Mar. 1--Annual African-American Heritage Banquet at 6 p.m. in the officers club. The guest speaker is retired Col. Fred Taylor. Tickets are \$15, and the point of contact is Maj. JayCee Stennis, 6-4722.

Air expeditionary task force provides relief to Afghan people

By Capt. Elizabeth Ortiz

3rd Air Expeditionary Task Force Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, GERMANY (AFPN) — When humanitarian airdrops over Afghanistan kicked off here in October, the 3rd Air Expeditionary Task Force — Enduring Freedom sprang into action to oversee this rapidly evolving mission.

The 3rd AETF-EF has racked up some impressive figures since it stood up on Oct. 19: more than 2.4 million humanitarian daily rations and 975 containers of wheat and blankets airdropped — nearly 200 sorties in all.

“Certainly, the AETF took the lead in the humanitarian airlift supporting the other side of the war against terrorism,” said Brig. Gen. Mark A. Volcheff, the 86th Airlift Wing commander here.

The humanitarian relief mission would have been successful, regardless, because of the professionals involved, but the 3rd AETF-EF made it “work much better,” said Lt. Col. Dale Colaianni, the task force’s director of logistics.

The humanitarian relief mission for Operation Enduring Freedom combined the procurement, bundling and rigging of cargo (primarily an Army function) with its transport and airdrop (an Air Force task). Overall, the mission brought together elements from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army and German military, officials said.

“The 3rd AETF, with the combined cooperation of (U.S. Air Forces in Europe); (Air Mobility Command); the 21st (Theater Support Command); and the German military, has provided reassurance to the Afghan people that this is truly a war against

terrorism and not a war against them,” Volcheff said.

Forty riggers from the Army’s 5th Quartermaster Company, 191st Ordnance Battalion, Miesau, Germany, joined a dozen German riggers to rig the containers of rations and wheat and blankets so they could be airdropped. The 437th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, totaling about 165 people, was activated and assigned here to conduct airdrops over Afghanistan with C-17 Globemaster IIIs from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and McChord AFB, Wash.

The 351st Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, initially designated and activated at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and made up of nearly 300 active-duty and Air National Guard people assigned to Incirlik and Souda Bay, Crete, relocated to Burgas Air Field, Bulgaria. The squadron was augmented with people from bases throughout USAFE.

The 42-person 3rd AETF-EF staff was carved mostly out of the 86th AW and was up and running in a day and a half, said Col. Dann McDonald, task force deputy commander.

Originally, there was very little direction on how to conduct the mission or even who to coordinate with.

“We really didn’t know where we were headed — what (U.S. Central Command) was going to have us do,” McDonald said.

In looking back, he said it is fairly easy to see the fruits of the task force’s labor, thanks in part to the extensive media coverage of the operation.

We could see our direct influence on humanitarian assistance, McDonald said.



Self-defense

Two participants from the women's self-defense course that was held at the community activity center Saturday practice moves they have learned. The three-hour CAC-sponsored class was conducted by Sifu Harley Elmore of Warrior's Way Martial Arts Academy, who plans to hold more classes of this kind. For more information, call Warrior's Way at 696-1254. (Photo by Master Sgt. Norman Hill)

***Feeling stressed?
Check out the stress management classes at the health and wellness center. For more information, call 6-4292.***

AETC commander sends video message to field

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — The commander of Air Education and Training Command has sent a message to the troops, and that message is: Be safe.

In a videotaped message to the command, Gen. Don Cook tells the members of AETC they must meet the challenges ahead by putting safety first in all they do.

“One challenge we must address daily is our ability to accomplish our mission safely with no loss of life and minimum personal injury,” the general said in the video. “Therefore, safety must always be in our sights. It must be second nature in our business.”

The AETC Safety Directorate sent the 6-minute video to the field Jan. 17. Commanders and supervisors at AETC units should show the tape to the members of their units by the end of January at commander’s calls, newcomer orientations or other sessions, said Col. Herb Foret, AETC director of safety.

“The video may also be dubbed and distributed further at the local level to reach the broadest audience possible with these important words from General Cook,” said Colonel Foret.

In his message, the general discusses the command’s focus on safety. Although statistics for the command are good, General Cook said any loss of life or injury that could have been prevented is unacceptable.

“What concerns me most is that commanders and first line supervisors

are doing a good job ensuring all the regulatory safety training is being accomplished, but still we lose our most valuable resource – our great people,” he said. “As recently as this past December, an airman basic was on his way home to Florida from tech school for the holiday break when he lost control of his car

and died as a result of a head-on collision. The cause of the accident is still under investigation, but it looks like fatigue and over extending his capabilities cost him his life.”

The commander said his message is simple.

“I am asking each of you to accept personal responsibility for safety, lis-

ten to your supervisors and trust your instincts when they tell you not to pursue a decidedly unsafe course of action,” General Cook said. “Also, commit yourself to look out for and take care of each other.”

In 2001 flying safety statistics, the command flew nearly 600,000 hours and trained more than 10,400

aircrew members in the initial and advanced flying training courses, according to AETC safety officials. A T-38 student pilot lost his life in a mid-air mishap, and the command lost three T-38s, one F-16 and one T-37 in accidents.

In ground safety report

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VIDEO

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ing, AETC trained more than 400,000 airmen in more than 4,000 different courses in 2001. Coupled with the command's population of about 100,000 active duty members, civilians, reservists, guardsmen and contract workers, safety officials estimate AETC people drove more than 1 billion miles last year. In those travels, 11 people lost their lives in traffic accidents: three in motorcycle accidents and eight in automobile accidents.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Giving thanks

Lt. Col. Bernard Schwartz, 80th Flying Training Wing chief of safety, presents a photo and thanks the staff of the Brown Cow restaurant in Vernon, Texas. The 80th FTW spent Friday thanking the Brown Cow and another restaurant in Crowell, Texas, for their service during an August aircraft accident in that area. *(Photo by Staff Sgt. Frank Lopez)*



General activities

AETC Cupid's Cruise Contest

The Cupid's Caribbean Cruise Contest provides AETC club members with the opportunity to win a Caribbean cruise and register to win \$100 each Friday from Feb. 1-28.

Current AETC club members can receive an entry form from any club cashier with a minimum \$2 individual food purchase. For more information and club rules, call 6-6460 or 6-2083.

Computer class

The Madrigal Youth Center is hosting a special computer course for its members.

Basic computer to Microsoft Windows 2000 is available. Classes are held every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. Limited space is available. For more information, call 6-KIDS.

Open Gym

Madrigal Youth Center will host gymnastics and tumbling open gym night Feb. 1, from 6-9 p.m. for ages 5-18.

The cost is \$8 per person. Participants may pre-register or pay at the door. For more information call 6-4697.

Upcoming trips

JFK Museum and Medieval Times

Information, tickets and tours will sponsor a trip Saturday to the JFK Museum, West End and Medieval Times.

The cost is \$59 per person. The trip departs from the community center at 9 a.m.

North Hills Mall

Information, tickets and tours will sponsor a Feb. 2 trip to North Hills Mall.

The cost is \$15 per person. The mall is located in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and has a patio food court, Imagisphere Children's Museum and a unique selection of local and regional retailers. Those interested must register no later than Tuesday.

An Affair of the Heart craft fair

Information, tickets and tours will sponsor a Feb. 9 trip to "An Affair of the Heart" craft fair in Oklahoma City. The cost is \$21 per person. People must register no later than Feb. 5.

Club activities

Super Bowl/ Pro Bowl Football Frenzy

During Football Frenzy at the enlisted club, members can watch the hottest NFL teams battle their way to the Super Bowl Feb. 3rd and the Pro Bowl Feb. 10th on one of 9 TVs.

There will be drink specials, prizes and lots of fun. Also, members are eligible for a Disney trip giveaway. This worldwide promotion is sponsored by Information Tickets & Tours, Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, Comfort Inn (for regular season game only), Double Tree Alana Waikiki (for Pro Bowl only) and Air Force Clubs (*No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended*). For more information, call 6-2083.

Lunch at the e-club

Beginning Feb. 1, the enlisted club will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The menu will include a food bar, grill specials and healthy heart options. For more information, call 6-2083.

Big Bucks Club Card drawings

Officers club and enlisted club members are now eligible for the Big Bucks Club Card drawings held every Friday from 6-7 p.m. at both clubs.

Enlisted club music night

The enlisted club will host motown, blues and jazz night every Sunday from 6-11 p.m.

Call 6-2083 for more information.

Live jazz performer

Jazz recording artist Jeffery Smith of Dallas will perform live at the enlisted club Jan. 25 from 5-9 p.m. and at the officers club Jan. 26 from 6-10 p.m.

This event is free for club members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call 6-2083 or 6-6460.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Oceans Eleven

Friday 9 p.m.

Vanilla Sky

Saturday 2 p.m.

Not Another Teen Movie

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Oceans Eleven

Saturday 7 p.m.

Vanilla Sky

Sunday 2 p.m.

Oceans Eleven

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Vanilla Sky

Thursday 6 p.m.

Oceans Eleven

This schedule is subject to change without notice. For movie information, call 6-4427.

Oceans Eleven (PG-13) – George Clooney, Matt Damon – Less than 24 hours into Dapper Danny Ocean's parole from a New Jersey penitentiary he orchestrates the most sophisticated, elaborate casino heist in history.

Vanilla Sky (R) – Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz – Thrust unexpectedly onto a roller-coaster ride of romance, comedy, suspicion, love,

sex, and dreams, David finds himself on a mind-bending search for his soul and discovers the precious, ephemeral nature of true love.

Not Another Teen Movie (R) – Chyler Leigh, Chris Evans – In this parody of teen movies, the all-American football star takes a foolish bet to turn the school outcast into the prom queen at John Hughes High.

Chapel Schedule

Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel
Saturday, 5 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel
Sunday, 5 p.m., Student bible study and activity night, North Chapel

Catholic activities

Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel
Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel
Sunday, noon, North Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., Hospital Chapel

Religious education

Sunday, 10:20 a.m., classes for preschool through adult, Bldg. 962

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., North Chapel

Protestant activities

Worship services

Sunday, 9 a.m., Liturgical Communion, South Chapel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community

Service, North Chapel

Religious education

Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Growing in God's Grace, South Chapel
Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

Bible studies

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., South Chapel
Thursday, noon, South Chapel
Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962
Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study
Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 12:45 p.m., South Chapel
Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177
Latter Day Saints, Sunday, 2 p.m., Hospital Chapel
Mystic Grove Pagan Study Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 962.

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370

882nd TRSS hosts African-American History Month film festival

By 1st Lt. Bryan Simpson, Sr.
882nd Training Support Squadron

Feb. 1 will mark the beginning of African-American History Month, a month devoted to African-American heritage awareness.

This year's Department of Defense theme, "The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense," provides an opportunity to focus on the future while being mindful of the past.

Exploring and understanding contributions by African-Americans in America's defense is an on-going process, and it's important to not forget the past.

The 882nd Training Support Squadron has planned an African American History Month film festival.

The film festival will use a variety of films to explore our nation's past and to learn more about the African-American experience in the armed services.

The goal of the event is to allow participants the opportunity to honor black history by learning more about it through film.

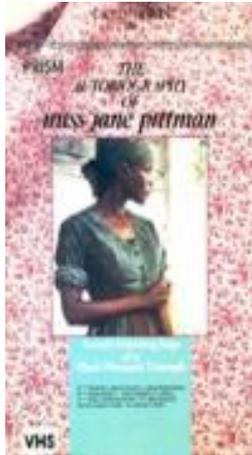
The event will be open to all of Team Sheppard.

The festival will kick off the first Friday in February and continue each subsequent Friday for the entire month with films shown in the small auditorium of Bldg. 1900. The films will be shown at 11:30 a.m. each of these days.

The films that will be shown are as follows:

1 Feb 02 – *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman.*

Miss Pittman, a former slave, recounts her memories of the black experience and her views on the equal rights movement.



8 Feb 02 – *Nightfighters.*

The story of a group of black pilots, the Tuskegee Army Airmen, who saw combat during the Second World War.

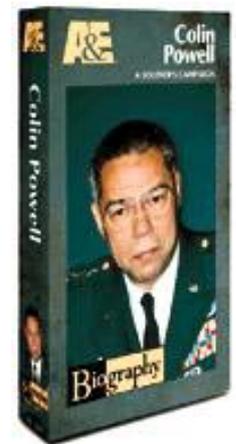
15 Feb 02 – *African-American Heroes: Two Wars to Win.*

This film features numerous African-American veterans, who speak about race

relations and the battles they fought.

22 Feb 02 – *Colin Powell: A Soldier's Campaign.*

The documentary focuses on Powell's ascension to Pres. Reagan's National Security Advisory and his rise to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Civilian personnel answers more questions about new data system

In the Jan. 18 issue of the Senator, civilian personnel explained the deployment of the Modern Defense Civilian Personnel Data System, also known as CIVMOD, which will replace the current system beginning Feb. 15. The following is a continuation of the questions that were asked during the briefings held to explain the new system.

1. How do you update your resume; i.e., your education and/or experience?

A: You should submit the Sheppard Form 127 along with any required documentation (transcript, etc.) to the civilian personnel office.

2. When I self-nominate for a position, will I know the name of the selecting official?

A: No. That information is not published in the vacancy announcement.

3. As a permanent employee, how do I apply for temporary positions?

A: You would submit a resume to the Air Force Personnel Center. You would then self-nominate, as an external applicant, for consideration for that position. However, should you be selected, you would then become a temporary employee with none of the RIF entitlements that permanent employees have. You would also have a "not to exceed" date of employment. When your appointment expired, you would have no entitlement for a permanent position.

4. Under what conditions would I want to apply for vacancies that are accepting external applicants? When will permanent positions be announced?

A: If you are currently employed and want to be considered for a higher grade, and have non-competitive hiring authority (Veterans Readjustment Authority (VRA), 30% Disabled Veteran or Persons with Dis-

abilities), you may apply as an external candidate and accept a new appointment. If you are otherwise qualified, time-in-grade restrictions would not be applicable.

5. How does re-instatement translate to internal or external eligibility?

A: Reinstatement "eligibles" are considered external applicants. If you have reinstatement eligibility and are a temporary or term employee, you must apply/self-nominate for all vacancies through the external route.

6. What affect will CIVMOD have be on the stopper list?

A: CIVMOD has no affect

on the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program (stopper list) procedures. They are still applicable.

7. Why are there no jobs on the web site for internal applicants?

A: There are currently no jobs posted on the website for internal employees at Sheppard AFB and there will not be until after we transition to the Modern System in Feb 02. There are positions posted on the website for permanent employees at the six test bases that have already transitioned to the Modern System (Hill, FE Warren, Dobbins, Charleston and McChord.) There are vacancy announcements on the website

for external applicants for temporary and term positions at Sheppard.

8. I am a military spouse. Am I an external candidate?

A: As a military spouse, you may be eligible for military spouse preference in the filling of vacancies. Depending on your personal status, you may be considered either an internal or external candidate. Contact the local Affirmative Employment Section in Sheppard's Civilian Personnel Office if you have questions regarding your status.

9. If I am interested in external referral, do I fill out more than one resume if I am interested in more than one position?

A: You need only complete and file one resume, but you must self-nominate for each vacancy for which you wish to be considered.

10. Will I have to self-nominate if I am in a developmental position to my next targeted grade?

A: No. If you competed for a developmental position; e.g., GS-05 target GS-09, you need not re-compete for promotion to the GS-07 or GS-09 grades.

11. Are we automatically considered for Career Program covered positions?

A: No. You must self-nominate for each Air Force Career

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Program vacancy for which you wish to be considered.

12. There seems to be a lot fewer internal announcements than external. And also fewer permanent jobs. Why is that? Will this change?

A: When CIVMOD is implemented, more permanent positions will be announced. In the past, most permanent positions have been filled through the internal merit promotion system, which automatically considers internal permanent employees. With CIVMOD, all vacancies, temporary or permanent, must be announced (with exception of some management reassignments).

13. If we decline consideration after being referred to a Career Program covered position, will we

still be penalized?

A: Yes. At this time, there have been no changes to the penalty procedures.

14. As a temporary employee, must I resubmit my resume after Feb. 15 (the CIVMOD implementation date)?

A: No. Current resumes in the system will not drop out due to the CIVMOD conversion.

15. Will vacancies be filled on a permanent basis after Feb. 15?

A: The CIVMOD implementation has no impact on whether positions will be filled on a permanent basis. That is dependent on other factors related to our A76 procedures and management decisions based on their mission needs. *(Courtesy of civilian personnel)*

New CCAF catalog now available online

The new Community College of the Air Force program catalog is now available online. Forty-eight degree programs have minor changes in the technical area requirements based on changes in career field training requirements. Seven degree programs have new titles. The amount of Professional Military Education allowed in the technical electives area of the degree program was reduced from 12 to six semester hours. The internship credit value for the 3-skill level (no technical school) increased

from four to six semester hours and the internship credit value for the 5-skill level increased from four to eight hours. Enlisted members enrolled in a CCAF degree program may want to consider these changes and weigh them against their current catalog degree program. Students currently enrolled in a CCAF degree program in a previous catalog have six years from date of enrollment to complete their degree program under the provisions of that catalog. If they do not complete in the six-year window, CCAF will automatically move them to the current catalog and the new require-

ments will apply to their degree completion requirements. Students may voluntarily elect to change to the newer catalog if they prefer the new title or if the new requirements are more favorable. Careful consideration should be made before changing catalogs. Visit with a guidance counselor in the education services center in building 402, room 306. The new CCAF catalog can be found at: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/catalog/2002cat/index.htm>. *(Courtesy of the base education service center)*

Views: Johnny Clem—the youngest war hero

By **Tech. Sgt. Timothy Carney**
365th Training Squadron

April 12, 1861, 4:30 a.m. With the shot fired at Fort Sumter, S. C. from a Confederate artillery piece, the American Civil War had begun. As news of the war spread, thousands of men from the North and South flocked to recruiting stations to enlist in either the Union or Confederate armies. To one individual in Ohio, however, the minimum age of 18 was not going to be a factor.

John Joseph Clem was born in Newark, Ohio, on August 13, 1851, but as a child changed his name to John Lincoln Clem in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. Known as Johnny, he was swept up in the war fervor along with the rest of the population, and couldn't wait to enlist in the Union Army. There was only one thing standing in his way: the army didn't permit 9-year-old boys to enlist. Still filled with desire to serve his country, he promptly ran away from home and offered his services to the 3rd Ohio Infantry Regiment. He was turned down, as the regiment wasn't in the practice of enlisting children into their ranks. Johnny then tried to enlist in the 22nd Michigan Infantry, but got the same answer. Time after time this regiment turned him down. Finally, Johnny stopped asking and simply began to follow the unit from camp to camp. Gradually, the soldiers "adopted" him, and appointed him as the unit's drummer boy. Even though his enlistment was not official, his bravery and enthusiasm impressed the soldiers. So Johnny was paid the standard army wage of \$13 a month like everyone else—except his pay was donated out of the officers' pockets.

Throughout the war, Johnny was to earn his pay and prove his worth to the 22nd. At the Battle of Shiloh in April of 1862, his drum was destroyed by an artillery round and he narrowly escaped death as he bravely marched with his unit in an infantry attack on Confederate lines. In September of 1863, at the Battle of Chickamauga, Johnny had proved himself so useful that he was given a musket shortened to his size. During a retreat, a Confederate officer demanded his surrender by yelling "Surrender you damned little Yankee!" Johnny not only refused, but shot the officer dead as well. His actions earned him a promotion

to Sergeant, national accolades, and the nickname "The Drummer Boy of Chickamauga". At this point in his military career he was a seasoned combat veteran at the tender age of 12.

Shortly before the battle, he was officially enlisted into the United States Army and began receiving government pay. Johnny Clem served until the end of the war, and was wounded several times in action. But Johnny wasn't finished yet. After the war, he applied to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, but was turned down because of his limited education. Undaunted, he enlisted the aid of President Ulysses S. Grant,

who had been his commanding general at Shiloh. President Grant personally granted Johnny a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army in 1871. During the next 45 years, he faithfully served in the Army and achieved the rank of major general. He retired in 1916, after serving for 55 years. John Lincoln Clem died in San Antonio, Texas, on May 13, 1937, at the age of 86 and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Selfless and unwavering devotion to duty and country defined Johnny Clem. His service is a shining example of what the Air Force's second

core value, service before self, represents. His story is one that none of us should ever forget.



Johnny Clem

Golf specials

The Wind Creek Golf Course's specials include the following:

Now – Feb. 2 — *2 for 1 Student Special.* The cost is \$24 per person and includes golf cart, green fees, and rental clubs for two.

Now – Feb. 2 — *Tee 4 – 2.* This two-person special is available Fridays only, before noon. The cost is \$32 per person and includes an 18-hole cart (for two), 18-hole green fee (for two), coffee or tea, and donuts (for two).

For more information, call 6-6369.

Texas Rangers tickets

Texas Rangers Baseball tickets are available through the Information, tickets and tours office. Some seats are available at regular price and others are available at almost 50 percent off the regular ticket price. Tickets may be bought for as low as \$ 8.25.

Lackland wins ninth annual MLK basketball tournament

By Staff Sgt. Donald Casey
Base sports director

Sheppard's annual Martin Luther King Jr. men's basketball tournament, traditionally one of the better regional hoop tourneys of the year, featured several outstanding games over the holiday weekend on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the base's north and south gyms. After the dust finally settled, it was Lackland Air Force Base walking away with the championship trophy.

Eight teams traveled to Sheppard to take part in the nine-team tournament, with one squad coming all the way from Holloman AFB, N.M. The competition was tough for the Sheppard Senators, who were defeated by an Army contingent from Fort Sill, Okla., in the first game of the tournament. The Senators found themselves in the losers bracket, having to fight their way back just to stay alive.

After the Fort Sill loss, the Senators had to fend off elimination against another Army team, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The game proved to be a hard fought battle for both teams, but in the end, the Senators pulled forward with a 95 - 81 victory. Sedric Whitaker had a huge game, leading the Senators with 35 points.

Sheppard's third game was

against Dyess AFB, Texas. Both teams stepped onto the court knowing that the loser would be watching the rest of the tournament from the bleachers. Such was not the case for the Senators, however, who won their second straight game and moved forward. Whitaker again led the home team with 17 points, helping to make Dyess spectators for the remainder of the weekend.

As luck would have it, Sunday morning started out the same as Saturday morning for the host team: Sheppard was back up against Fort Sill. Although the Senators had all their guns ready for this one, suiting up 15 players, it still wasn't enough to get past the tough Fort Sill unit. The final score of 76 - 73 was a much closer margin than Saturday's game, indicative of the spirited battle put forth by Sheppard.

The loss, which knocked them out of the tournament, might have ended differently had Sheppard not missed 16 free throws in the second half alone. It's often been said that defense and free throws win games, and although the Senators stepped up their defense for this one, the effort at the charity stripe needed improvement.

With Sheppard out of the tournament, Fort Sill seemed to be on



A Sheppard Senator player muscles inside for two points against Fort Sill during the Martin Luther King Jr. basketball tournament on base. (Photo by Lynn Bullard)

easy street the rest of the way through the bottom of the bracket, taking down Tinker AFB, Okla., and then routing Kirtland AFB, N.M., in the third-place game, 112 - 60, to advance to the championship round. Since they came out of the loser's bracket, Fort Sill needed to win back-to-back games against the undefeated Lackland team, survivors of the winner's bracket. Judging by the way Fort Sill rolled into the finals, they looked fully capable of sweeping two games Monday

morning and taking the championship trophy north of the Red River.

Lackland players had other ideas, though. They seemed to come out with winning on their minds, looking very determined that nothing was going to get in their way on the way to the championship. Fort Sill gave it a very good try, with the lead going back and forth throughout the game. Both teams gave the fans an enjoyable, close and competitive game, with Lackland prevailing in the end by a score of 73 - 69.