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CSAF Survey reminder

Team Sheppard members are reminded to complete the CSAF Survey online at csafsurvey.af.mil before March 8.

Medical readiness training

The 82nd Medical Group holds medical readiness training on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:30-4:30 p.m. This required training enables the group to continuously learn, maintain, and provide elite patient care during contingency or disaster operations. The hospital will provide limited emergency services, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services during those times.

All other services will be closed during this crucial training period. The training will be conducted on the following dates throughout the year: Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec 4. The 82nd MDG appreciates base cooperation and understanding while they continue to provide Team Sheppard with the best in medical care.



Setting records

Airman Shawn Joseph Duenas, a student in the 361st Training Squadron, tries to relax while giving blood Monday during a record-breaking blood drive sponsored by the squadron. The squadron set a state record for the number of pints of blood collected at a location in one day. See story and photos on page 3. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Ann Hatley)

Air Force eases Stop-Loss restrictions

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials have developed a plan that will mean the end of Stop-Loss restrictions on a number of career fields as early as March. The Stop-Loss “exit plan” includes 24 officer and 40 enlisted career fields, and is based on the strategies of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, personnel officials said.

It is the result of a planned “90-day review,” officials at the Pentagon said. An initial 30-day review, conducted in early November, resulted in the continuation of Stop-Loss restrictions on all Air Force specialties. Stop-Loss measures were instituted by the Air Force on Oct. 2 to ensure personnel levels were adequate to prosecute the war. Subsequent reviews will take place at 60-day intervals.

The officer career fields released from

Stop-Loss restrictions include: 13S, 21A, 21M, 21S, 35B, 36P, 38M, 42B, 42E, 43A, 43D, 43M, 44D, 44H, 44J, 44Z, 46G, 47B, 47D, 48E, 65A, 65F, 65W and 84H.

Enlisted career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions include: 1C6XX, 1S0XX, 1T0X1, 2A000, 2A0X1, 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A1X3, 2A300, 2A3X1, 2A3X2, 2A3X3, 2A4X1, 2A4X2, 2A5X3, 2A6X3, 2A7X4, 2M0XX, 2P0XX, 2R0XX, 2R1XX, 2T3X5, 2T3X7, 2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX, 3A0XX, 3C0X2, 3C3X1, 3H0XX, 3N0XX, 3N1XX, 3N2XX, 3U0XX, 4J0XX, 6FXXX, 8FXXX, 8MXXX, 9DXXX and 9E000.

A number of different factors went into the process of deciding which career fields could be released, officials said.

“We had to consider the balance between the active duty and the air reserve component, as well as the need to re-

main flexible to changing events worldwide,” said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon. “In addition, homeland defense is still being shaped and defined. So, there were a lot of factors to consider in the decision-making process.”

The plan will give the Air Force an effective and reasonable approach to easing Stop-Loss restrictions, Middleton said.

“We feel this plan gives the Air Force an easily executable strategy,” she said. “The actual ‘termination’ of Stop-Loss is still to be determined — we still need to retain those personnel directly needed to support the war. But this will begin the glide slope toward that end.”

More career fields will likely be released in the future based on input from

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Shoppette entrance

Q When I come from my house in Bunker Hill down Skaggs Avenue, there is only an entrance into the South Shoppette. You cannot exit back onto Skaggs to get back to the Bunker Hill housing area.

If you are there during heavy traf-

fic times, you are at the mercy of those on Avenue D letting you out of the parking lot.

I would like to know if the people in Bunker Hill housing were considered when the entrance/exit on Skaggs was made an entrance only.

A I directed the change to the traffic flow at the Main AAFES Shoppette to eliminate a high potential for vehicle accidents. I considered several options and chose the current configuration because it provided the safest access for the base population, including residents of Bunker Hill housing. When base Force Protection Conditions return to normal, I am sure departing the shoppette will be easier and safer.

Improvements planned for both Sheppard clubs

By Mike McKito

Base public affairs

Some changes are planned for Sheppard's officers and enlisted clubs within the next few months said Karen O'Shaughnessy, 82nd Services Division Business Operations Flight chief.

"We've talked to focus groups, club advisory councils and members to find out what they'd like to see," said O'Shaughnessy.

As a result, more live entertainment is planned for both clubs. Recently a tremendously successful live comedy show was presented at the enlisted club. "When we booked this,

we had no idea that the response would be like this," said O'Shaughnessy.

The clubs are expanding their musical offerings from the traditional varieties to jazz, country and Latino. The officers club has a live DJ every Friday. They also have jazz and symphony nights scheduled in February and March.

Also in February, the enlisted club will begin serving lunch five days per week. The cost will vary according to item. "A customer can eat their food in one of several dining rooms while they watch their favorite television program, from 'soaps' to sports," said Gary Carithers, en-

listed club manager.

Special meals with themes are being planned on a monthly basis at the officers club. For example, there will be a German meal with German beverages and German music.

Improvements are also planned for the officers club lunches. Tuesday will change from a "pasta" to a "chef's choice" buffet, and Friday will change from a "seafood" to "catfish" buffet.

Facility upgrades are another improvement the clubs will make. "Next quarter we'll start to see some things happening at



Two lieutenants get their lunch at the officers club, which serves lunch Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginning today, the enlisted club will also serve lunch Monday-Friday at the same times. (Photo by Mike McKito)

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361st Training Squadron breaks blood drive record

Sheppard students exemplify service before self, provide 318 units of blood to Red Cross

By 2nd Lt. Ann Hatley

Base public affairs

Future aircraft maintainers in the 361st Training Squadron here rolled up their sleeves Monday and gave a part of themselves to the community by donating 318 units of blood to the American Red Cross.

The blood drive, which was organized by squadron leadership, received overwhelming support from students in the squadron, with over 400 signing up to save a life through their donation.

Squadron leadership was not surprised by the outstanding turnout.

"This squadron has a great commitment to the local community," said Lt. Col. Wayne Stiles, squadron commander. "I'm very proud to command an organization that shows this kind of humanitarianism."

In addition to their service to the community, the squadron also receives the bragging rights to claim a new record for the most amount of blood

collected at a location in one day in Texas, shattering the previous record of 267 units, which had been set by the 364th Training Squadron last year.

The squadron aimed at replenishing the blood supply, which was reaching a dangerous low point after the holiday season. Although the students and instructors lead a busy schedule, the squadron aims to emphasize at striking a balance between training and community service.

"Our job is not only to train our newest airmen, but also to teach them they have a responsibility to the community," said Maj. Stanie Smith, the squadron's director of operations.

The squadron, which consists of 1,200 students and permanent party personnel in the maintenance career field, will attempt to break their record again next year, said Smith. *(Part of this information provided by 361st TRS)*



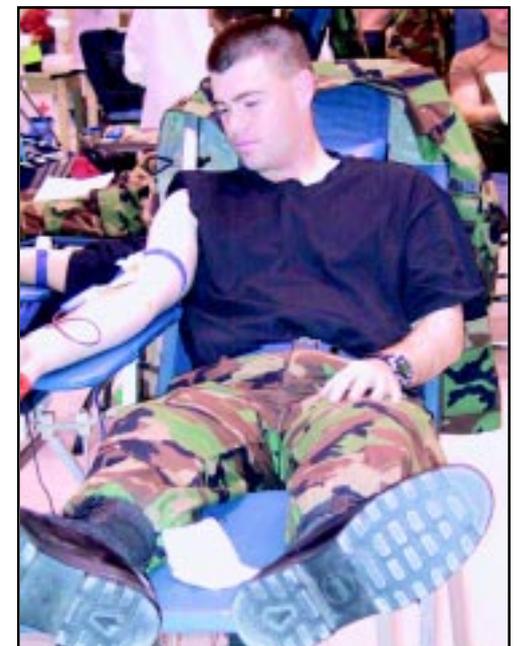
Airman 1st Class Lee Saguibo, a student in the 361st Training Squadron, tries to relax as blood is drawn from his arm Monday in building 1954, home of the 361st TRS. Saguibo was just one of 400 students who signed up to give blood during this monumental blood drive. American Red Cross workers from across Texas and Oklahoma were called in to supplement the volunteers in the community. The 361st will attempt to break their record again during their next blood drive. (All photos by 2nd Lt. Ann Hatley)



Col. Sue Caudill, 82 Training Group commander, joins the students in the 361st TRS and gives blood during the drive.



An airman replenishes herself with juice after giving blood. Juice and snacks were available for those who gave blood.



This airman does his part in his squadron's community service project by donating blood. Squadron leadership set up the drive so that students signed up by classroom, resulting in a minimal impact on technical training.



These empty collection bags sit on the table waiting to be filled as students go through the processing line during the blood drive. The Red Cross took away 318 filled bags at the end of the day.

Command chief holds meeting with permanent-party dorm residents

By Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton

Base public affairs

The 82nd Training Wing command chief held a meeting Tuesday with the residents of Sheppard's permanent-party dormitories and the chief of unaccompanied enlisted housing to discuss dormitory issues.

About 30 airmen attended the meeting where issues such as improvements planned for the dorm and standards for periodic room inspections were discussed.

"I wanted the airmen to have another avenue to address specific dorm issues. They were encouraged to speak about any suggestions, problems, possible solutions, grievances or quality-of-life issues they might have," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Klumpp, unaccompanied enlisted housing chief.

Residents were also told of improvements such as new carpeting and furniture planned for the near future, as well as long-term improvements including a new permanent-party dorm, which is scheduled to be built within the next few years, said Klumpp.

The meeting was the first of many, according to Chief Master Sgt. Robert Burleigh, 82nd Training Wing command chief master sergeant, who plans to make the meetings a monthly event.

"I wanted to start having monthly meetings with the permanent party dormitory residents and Tech. Sgt. Klumpp to facilitate communication between the residents and the management. Dorm residents need to be made aware of all the quality-of-life improvements planned for the permanent-party dorms, as well as the standards they are expected to maintain. Also, the monthly meetings provide a forum in which they can voice their concerns about dormitory issues," said the chief.

Klumpp concluded that having monthly meetings is a good way to keep communication flowing, which will make dormitory life better for everyone.

Commander says AETC mission tied to readiness

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — The mission of Air Education and Training Command is tied as much to readiness as it is to sustaining the Air Force, said the AETC commander recently.

Gen. Don Cook said the fruit of AETC's labor is professional airmen who are ready to contribute when they arrive in the field.

"The mission of AETC is to recruit, train and educate for the Air Force so we can sustain this legacy that has been given to us by so many great officers, NCOs and airmen of the past," the general said in an office interview. "If we don't do our job in all three areas, the Air Force pays for it in decreased readiness. We then have people in the field, who are supposed to be focused on the mission, dealing with the added burden of

getting people up to speed in their skill sets. AETC is critically tied not only to the sustainment, but the readiness of our Air Force."

In order to effectively grow mission-ready airmen, the commander said it takes people who know their service's needs and who are committed to improving the Air Force.

"It takes a healthy group of dedicated recruiters, which I think we have today — recruiters who are tasked with not just recruiting numbers, but recruiting the right kinds of people who can sustain this great Air Force of ours," General Cook said. "It takes trainers who have currency with the field, not trainers who have been here for long lengths of time who are perhaps dated in their teaching methods and experience. It takes educators who can make our enlisted members and officers think critically about issues and not be constrained by school solutions."

It also takes involvement in and out

of the classroom to develop young people into complete airmen, he said.

"From the beginning through the first couple of years of people's careers, they spend a lot of time in the First Command," General Cook said. "Part of what we need to do is make sure we are involved to a degree in our young people's lives. What I mean by that is to make sure we give them every opportunity to make it to the end of the training pipeline, that we do it safely and that we do the proper mentoring of our young recruits and officers so they understand the Air Force and their role in it."

Key to that entire process is having instructors on the podium who are capable of mentoring the leaders of tomorrow.

"Our instructors must understand what current operations are all about so we can focus on those areas of the Air

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MTLs enforce Air Force standards

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear

Base public affairs

Military Training Leaders with the 363rd Training Squadron recently conducted a thorough inspection of the student dorms on base. MTLs, along with ammo, nuclear weapons and armament instructors inspected the dormitories for compliance to dorm policies and regulations. These inspections highlight the vital role of MTLs in the training and shaping of tomorrow's airmen.

The no-notice inspection was part of Lt. Col. James Lewis's continued focus on the morale, welfare, and safety of students housed in the dormitories. "We need to ensure that our students are living up to the standards set out by Air Education and Training Command, as well as maintaining good order and discipline," commented Lewis.

"The Air Force is a society which exists within our American society. Day and night MTLs are in the dorms. They're not drill instructors, they are mentors responsible for helping our nonprior service students make a successful transition from civilian to military life," added Lewis.

Military training leaders are similar to the military training instructors who lead airmen through their initial basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, yet with additional responsibilities and goals. They make sure new airmen understand Air Force



Master Sgt. David Sample, 363rd Training Squadron MTL, points out leadership qualities to one of the squadron's student leaders. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)

policies, such as the zero-tolerance drug policy, dress and appearance, and customs and courtesies.

At Sheppard, MTLs guide students through the "phases" of their technical training and serve to acclimate them to the Air Force lifestyle and culture. They work closely with each student in their career development and are a powerful influence on the direction of their Sheppard experi-

ence. Master Sgt. Ralph Cuevas, an MTL with the 363rd TRS, commented on the breadth of responsibilities his position holds, "We wear many hats. An MTL is a role-model, a disciplinarian, and a mentor to our students. In one day you may have to counsel a student, then help another with a death

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Briefs

Awards banquet

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

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.

Change to dental sick call hours

Starting Monday, the afternoon dental sick call will begin at 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The morning dental sick call will remain at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. This change will allow better service for dental patients. The clinic apologizes in advance for any temporary inconvenience this change may cause.

Please contact the dental clinic at 6-4474 for more information.

MGIB benefit increase

The Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act, enacted Dec. 27, 2001, provided increased benefits for those enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill. Effective Jan.

1, 2002, the MGIB benefit for full-time students rose from \$672 a month to \$800. On Oct. 1, 2002, the monthly benefit for full-time students will rise to \$900 and a third increase to \$985 will follow in October, 2003. For more information, visit the Veterans Administration website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or the education services center, located in Bldg. 402, Room 306, or call 6-6231.

Base tax office

The base tax center, located in Bldg. 402, Room 154 is open Monday through Friday from 9

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist Sheppard members with their taxes. Appointments are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. To make an appointment, call 6-7187.

Enlisted Spouses Club scholarships

The Enlisted Spouses Club is offering scholarships to qualified high school seniors and spouses of all military members. The club offers six \$1000 scholarship to high school seniors and six \$500 scholarships to spouses. For an application, contact a high school counselor or go to the

base education office. The deadline for submissions is March 23. An awards banquet will be held to recognize the winners on April 18 at the enlisted club. For more information, contact Sharon Klepp at 851-9936 or Beth Moret at 569-3812.

CACC meeting

There will be a Quarterly Consolidated Consumer Advisory Council meeting Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the community center conference room. For more information, call Judy Kimberlin at 6-2745 or Walter Tyndale at 6-2745.

Electrical and Environmental Systems Craftsman Course prepares new supervisors for 7-level status

By Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton

Base public affairs

The 364th Training Squadron's Electrical and Environmental Systems Craftsman Course prepares 5-level staff sergeants to receive their 7-level designation.

The two-week course teaches supervisory skills such as safety, training, counseling, inspection techniques, supply issues and accountability in a manner specific to the career field.

The course is the final step in achieving a 7-skill-level, after completing career development courses along with 12 months of on-the-job training.

"One of the main things the course stresses is safety," said Master Sgt. Steven Gifford, instructor supervisor for the course.

"We need to make sure that these NCOs go back to their units training new airmen to do things the right way, the safe way," he said.

"Another focus of the course is establishing contacts with other classmates and sharing as much knowledge as possible," said Tech. Sgt. John Rivera, course instructor.



Tech. Sgt. John Rivera gives a presentation on safety Tuesday to the students of the Electrical and Environmental Systems Craftsman Course. On-the-job safety, along with accountability, training, teamwork, and other supervisory skills are focused on during the course. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton)

"These students all come from different bases. We have active duty, Guard, Reserve and even civilians. Each of them comes from a different background, works on different aircraft, and they've all seen different things. I think they gain a broader perspective from talking to one another," he said.

The course, which graduated 366 students in 18 classes last fiscal year, not only in-

volves classroom work, but also incorporates interaction between the 7-level students and the 3-level students.

"Each time a 7-level class starts, we send a list of the names and their bases to the 3-level instructors. We find out if any of our students will be supervisors or sponsors to any of theirs. If they are, we introduce them and get them to tell them what the base is like and what to expect from the job. It tends to make the new airmen feel a lot more comfortable going to a new place," said Gifford.

Many of the students feel the course will help them become better supervisors.

Staff Sgt. Andre Vernon, a student from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., summed up the course saying, "After this course, I think I'll be able to better supervise, train and lead the troops below me."





Safety first, safety always

Col. Joe Harrison, 82nd Training Wing vice commander, briefs members of the wing staff agencies on the importance of being safe, both on and off duty. The briefing included the video safety message from Gen. Don Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command. Leaders from the 80th Flying Training Wing and the 82nd TRW have been personally briefing Team Sheppard members, reiterating the need to think safety always. *(Photo by 2nd Lt. Ann Hatley)*

For the latest weather information, contact:

855-9045 for current observation

676-6995 for forecasts, warnings, watches and advisories

<https://26ows.barksdale.af.mil/sheppard> for the 82nd Training Wing internet weather page

(Courtesy of the 80th Operation Support Squadron)

Combating the insider threat: OSI gives warning signs of espionage

Simply put, espionage is the act of spying to obtain intelligence information. To borrow a phrase from the former comic strip character, Pogo, "We have found the enemy, and he is us." Research has shown that the overwhelming number of Americans arrested for spying the past 20 years have been volunteers or "insiders." How does one look for "insider" spies? One of the things counterintelligence specialists look for is irregular or suspicious behavior. Some common personality characteristics include arrogance, greed, and jealousy.

However, any lifestyle activity that is inconsistent with com-

monly acceptable behavior should be questioned. For example, unexplained wealth; purchases of high value items; frequent domestic or foreign travel for no apparent purpose; excessive use of classified computers; or questionable visits by friends or family from foreign countries. Any of these examples should raise our security awareness.

Counterintelligence specialists look for irregular patterns of behavior because spying or the intelligence collection activities of the enemy is frequently revealed by their unusual or irregular behavior. Too often the unusual behavior pattern of the spy is only identified after the spy is caught in his

illegal activity.

Unfortunately, the "insider" threat within the Air Force is real and officials do not really know how widespread the problem behavior is. What is reported to security and law enforcement appears to be only the tip of the iceberg. It is important to remember that opportunity equals temptation, and that someone's personal acquaintances and co-workers might very well be the next "insider threat."

Early detection of irregularities through the recognition of unusual behavior patterns of people can help counterintelligence specialists identify spies and espionage activities directed against our national

security.

The detection of irregularities or unusual behavior patterns is every citizen's responsibility. Early detection of questionable lifestyle practices that are inconsistent with the norm will aid in the neutralization of espionage efforts directed against the United States. All Americans bear the responsibility to report suspicious behavior to security or law enforcement authorities.

The key elements in fighting the insider threat are security awareness and reporting the threat. Security awareness requires that people make an effort to identify peculiar or unusual situations or behavior. The threshold for report-

ing suspicious behavior or activity is low. Therefore, when in doubt, report the unusual behavior or activity to a supervisor, local security, or Air Force Office of Special Investigation. Anyone who contacts AFOSI can remain anonymous, if desired. If necessary, special agents will protect one's identity.

Remember, to counter the espionage threat, it is important to be aware of surroundings, and to report anything "irregular" or out of the ordinary to AFOSI or other law enforcement authorities.

For more questions or to report suspicious incidents, please call AFOSI at X-1852. (*Courtesy of AFOSI*)

Contributions and Service in America's Defense

The Tuskegee Airmen and Gen. Benjamin Davis Jr.

By 2nd Lt. Ann Hatley

Base public affairs

This year's theme for African American History Month focuses on the contributions made by black servicemen and women in America's defense. The Tuskegee Airmen is one unit whose service to the nation is still remembered today.

The 99th Pursuit Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps was organized in January 1941 and was the first African American flying unit in the U.S. military. They trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, a segregated base where the men trained in single-engine planes.

Lt. Col. Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr., became the squadron's commander.

The squadron's first mission came on June 2, 1943, a strafing attack on an Italian island in the Mediterranean Sea. Later that year, the Army activated two more squadrons and the 332nd Fighter Group was formed. Davis was named the group commander.

During World War II, the airmen fought in the European theater and was the Army Air Forces' only escort group that did not lose a bomber to enemy planes.

The program at Tuskegee field expanded to train pilots and crew to operate the B-25 and

these men became part of the 447th Bombardment Group, the second black flying group. World War II ended before these airmen could go to war.

Altogether 992 pilots graduated from the Tuskegee airfield courses. They flew 1,578 missions and 15,533 sorties, destroyed 261 enemy aircraft, and earned over 850 medals.

By the end of the war, Davis, who had been instrumental in organizing the 99th Pursuit Squadron and 332nd Fighter Group, had flown 60 combat missions and had been promoted to colonel.

After the war he held other commands and was promoted to brigadier general in 1954. In 1959 Davis became the first black of-



General Benjamin Davis, Jr., in 1954. (Photo courtesy of UPI/Corbis Bettmann)

ficer to reach the rank of major general and was promoted to lieutenant general in 1965. He retired in 1970 and was advanced

to the rank of general in 1998. (This information compiled by 2nd. Lt. Hatley from Encyclopedia Britannica online).

Soundoff

What leaders inspire you, past or present?



"President George W. Bush. Because of what he is doing for the country since Sept. 11."

– Airman 1st Class Chancey Weidenhamer, 366th Training Squadron student



"Theodore Roosevelt because of his character. He was well educated, yet willing to get dirty in the trenches with his troops."

– Staff Sgt. Robert Long, 361st Training Squadron student, Delaware ANG



"My father Leslie Chambers. He was level-headed and open-minded. He was my best friend."

– Lauren Knight, Sheppard family member



"Gen. Eisenhower because he could deal with both diplomatic and military sides of the war. Was the planner of Gen. Patton and others, and their troops."

– Retired Lt. Col. Al Nice

STOP-LOSS

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different levels around the Air Force, she said.

Those people with retirement or separation dates already established in the personnel system will be allowed to retire or separate beginning in March, following an established "admin period" during February. People who are deployed in support of operations Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom or related operations, and Reserve and Guard component people who are involuntarily on active duty (partial mobilization) or voluntarily on active duty in support of operations Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom or related operations, will not be released until they return from deployment or are demobilized.

Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, will provide each active-duty military personnel flight with a list of those people to get the actions started. Air National Guard and Reserve people should contact their respective military personnel flights to begin release procedures. Each squadron commander will be responsible for approving the actual release date.

More information regarding the Stop-Loss exit plan is available at installation MPFs.

CLUBS

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the enlisted club," said O'Shaughnessy. Improvements will be structural as well as visual – carpet, wall covering and furnishings.

Renovations are also planned for the officers club's main lounge, or the "AMOC" lounge. New seating areas with sofas will be available so patrons can be more comfortable. Almost \$3,000 has been spent for one large screen and several small screen televisions.

"Changes are coming. We will continue to listen to our members and provide the best product for the money," said O'Shaughnessy.

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

MTL

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in the family, and later, hand out an award or citation.”

MTLs receive specialized training at Lackland AFB, beginning with the standard basic training instructor curriculum, with additional emphasis on physical conditioning, drill and ceremonies, drug and alcohol awareness, and suicide awareness and counseling. Once at Sheppard, their training continues with personal and fire safety classes and continuous updates on Air Force policies and procedures.

“This is a unique opportunity to influence young men and women in a positive direction. That’s not to say there aren’t problem cases. MTLs can spot someone heading down the wrong path and correct those mistakes in judgment before they become larger, career-threatening trends,” added Cuevas.

Master Sgt. David Sample, the Military Training Flight superintendent at the 363rd TRS, echoed his colleague’s thoughts, “We’re the first line of defense when it comes to drugs, alcohol, or an altercation. Ninety-nine point nine percent of the students that come into the Air Force are great—but that .1 percent need to be shown that the Air Force will not stand for substance abuse or misbehavior. Our most important goal is to protect the students – sometimes from themselves.”

The morale and welfare inspection on Jan. 25 illustrates Sample’s point. Of the over 450 rooms inspected, barely a handful had violations more serious than an unmade bed or over-full garbage can. Sample summed up the inspection by saying, “I’m happy with the results. Our students are rising to meet standards. Overall, there was nothing that wasn’t expected.”

“Our staff of 11 MTLs do one of the toughest jobs I can think of. They’re introducing airmen to Air Force life while being father figures to hundreds of students at a time. Everyone at Sheppard can be proud of the job they do.” concluded Lt. Col. Lewis.

General activities

Super Bowl at the student center

The student center will host a Super Bowl party Sunday from 4-10 p.m. in the ballroom. Students can enjoy snacks, sub-sandwiches, cake, chips, popcorn and drinks. Door prizes will be awarded. Call 6-2491 for details.

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 today through Feb. 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 tonight, 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.

African-American History Month story time

The base library will celebrate African-American History Month every Tuesday in February 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 6-6152

Upcoming trips

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.

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 Tuesday.

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 Sunday and the Pro Bowl Feb. 10 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 today, 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.

Pool Tournament

The enlisted club will host a pool tournament Tuesday-Thursday. Contestants will compete in a game of 8-ball, or 6-ball, doubles/singles. Prizes to be awarded to first, second and third place by Coors (*No federal endorsement of sponsor intended*). For more information call 6-2083.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Joe Somebody

Friday 9 p.m.

The Majestic

Saturday 2 p.m.

Vanilla Sky

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Joe Somebody

Saturday 7 p.m.

The Majestic

Sunday 2 p.m.

Joe Somebody

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

The Majestic

Thursday 6 p.m.

The Majestic

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

Joe Somebody (PG)—Tim Allen, Jim Belushi—When Joe gets beat up by a coworker over a parking space, he decides to fight back. His new quest for vengeance revitalizes him, even leading to romance with Meg Harper, a young office counselor.

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.

The Majestic (PG)—Jim Carrey, Martin Landau—A blacklisted writer loses his memory in a car accident and ends up with a new life in a small town, mistaken as a soldier who died in World War II, the son of the owner of the local movie theater

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

READINESS

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Force that are leading us in technological advancements, like the future training missions for the F-22 and Joint Strike Fighter," the commander said. "This includes determining how we can help integrate unmanned aerial vehicles into the culture of the Air Force."

General Cook said mission success tomorrow means we must employ a training and education cadre today that can an-

swer critical questions like, "How do we train communicators whose equipment might have a life cycle change every 18 months in the civilian world?" and "How do we look at training our intelligence specialists to go from a mentality where they collect against a task to one where they might think about how to predict an outcome based upon analysis of an enemy's course of action?"

While getting the right numbers and types of people to join the Air Force is one of the

command's primary missions, keeping them in uniform is as important, the general said.

"Just like recruiting, retention is everybody's business," he said. "Everybody is a recruiter, and supervisors ought to be people who are committed to retaining their people."

He said the foundation for successful retention lies in ensuring both the personal and professional needs of airmen are met. "When we bring our people on board, we need to ensure we take care of their needs, such

as having the right medical care and the right living conditions for them," General Cook said. "When we build new base housing, there is no difference between a new house as a readiness issue than an additional F-16 or a new bomber. It all has to do with readiness, because if we offer someone a good quality of life and we ensure their quality of service is meaningful, then we have people staying in the Air Force."

When it comes to a decision about whether to separate or

remain in the Air Force, the commander said it is important for supervisors and commanders to ensure their people have all the information they need to make an educated choice.

"Before people decide not to reenlist, supervisors need to sit down with them and go through what the benefits are – benefits they might not have thought about before," General Cook said. "There are some tangibles out there we need to sit down and articulate with our people. It's not just about money."



Distracted drivers a leading cause of automobile accidents

People who are driving a vehicle and their attention is not on the road are putting themselves, their passengers, other vehicles and pedestrians in danger. Vehicle operators using cellular phones have received a lot of negative media attention recently, but other more low-tech distractions cause most traffic accidents.

Many drivers have spilled hot coffee on themselves or dropped something on the floor while driving. These are two of the distractions drivers cited most frequently as reasons for their road traffic accidents, according to a recent study done by the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety. Fiddling with a

radio or climate control system is the next most-cited distraction. Believe it or not, some commuters regularly read the newspaper, shave or apply make-up on their way to work.

The fact that most of them are operating a motor vehicle at the same time doesn't seem to concern them. NETS suggests that drivers allow plenty of travel time, preset their climate control and radio, and put all reading material in the trunk. Focus only on the task of driving and arrive at the destination alive. (*Courtesy of 82nd Training Wing Safety Office*)

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Sports

Air Force detachment claims trophy

By Master Sgt. Leo Malloy
361 Training Squadron, Det. 2
public affairs representative

The Air Force 361st Training Squadron Detachment Two was recently awarded the coveted Commander's Cup after finishing as Naval Air Technical Training Center's 2001 intramural sports season champion.

During the season, the 361st TRS, Det 2 garnered 27 percent of all possible points while bringing home a first place finish in five of the 10 various events, including an NAS Pensacola station record in the 5K run with a time of 17.51. The small detachment was able to out-distance the runner-up by 222 total points.

"This is the first time ever in the history of intramural sports at Naval Air Station Pensacola that an Air Force unit has won the Commander's Cup," said Navy Capt. Thomas Keeley, NATTCenter's commanding officer. "Their achievement is truly remarkable."

Although they were smallest of the eleven-team intramural league, the 361st TRS, Det 2 fielded a competitive team in every sport and was able to clinch the championship by finishing in the top four in all events. "I'm very proud of our detachment," said Lt. Col. Teresa Martinez-Travitzky, commander, 361st TRS, Det 2. "To be able to compete and win the championship as a small unit says a lot about the hearts of our airmen and their determination and dedication to success."

While assigned to 361st TRS, Det 2 schools, Airmen attend courses to learn aviation structural maintenance and non-destructive inspection. As a detachment from Sheppard, the 361st TRS, Det 2 is a tenant



Navy Captain Tom Keeley (left) presents the trophy to Lt. Col. Teresa Martinez-Travitzsky, Det. 2 commander (right), and Det. 2 coach, Tech. Sgt. Marcus Hagedwood. (Courtesy photo)

command at NATTCenter.

The detachment has set its sights on defending the cup

with the arrival of new students and is determined to continue the proud tradition set before them.

Sports

**Want to brag about your team?
Send your sports stories to the
Sheppard Senator.**

82nd MSS All-Stars remain undefeated

By Senior Airman Jared Austin

All-Stars coach

The Sheppard Air Force Base basketball intramural season began in early December and has attracted teams with a thirst for wintertime competition. The league plays through February, but as of right now the 82 MSS All Stars are leading the way in the under-30 league. They currently are 6 - 0 and at the top of their division in the Tuesday and Thursday intramural league.

“We pretty much have a balanced team with a lot of

speed and a couple of agile big men to help us control the boards,” says shooting guard



Airman 1st Class Chris Winston. Winston also commented that the All Stars are the fastest team in the league with an

average margin of victory of 25 pts.

The coach of the All Stars, Senior Airman Jared Austin, says “We are predicted to finish first in our division and earn a first round bye in the playoffs. I believe that if we stay focused and take it one game at a time we will win the base championship.”

The All Stars are also trying to set the pace with their 30 team counterparts who is also at the top of their division and undefeated. The MSS squadron teams are trying to own both championships by the same squadron, which has not been done since 1999.

Sports

Sports writers needed. Call 6-7243.

Aerobics classes

The AerobiCenter is located in the south fitness center and offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week.

Classes are offered as early as 5:30 a.m. and as late as 7 p.m. The classes include low impact, intermediate to advance exercises, floor and step exercises, muscle sculpting and kickboxing.

Call 6-2972 for more information.

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.

R & R: Return to fitness prescription program

Fitness programs are now available for adults over 50.

An instructor leads the class through a low intensity and low

impact strength training session. Some light aerobics may be involved. The classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the south fitness center. The south fitness center has free personal trainers and aerobics classes.

For more information, call 6-2972/7491.

Soccer tryouts

Spring season varsity men's soccer try-outs will be held Feb. 5, 6, 12, and 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the base football field.

Tryouts are open to all active duty, family members, and civilians associated with the base. The team will play in the men's competitive division of

the Greater Wichita Falls Soccer Association. The Spring season runs March-May.

Softball tryouts

Spring softball season tryouts will run for two weeks beginning Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at Field 4, which is located near Sheppard Elementary School.

The tryouts are open to all of Team Sheppard and will be held Monday-Thursday. Final cuts will be made March 1. The season will begin in the middle of March.

Those interested in playing should contact Rich Pier at 851-0288 or 6-5431, or George Amador at 767-3897 or 733-0621.

