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Daylight-saving time reminder

Everyone is reminded to set their clocks one hour forward Sunday at 2 a.m., when daylight-saving time begins.

AFAF: A gift worth giving

Goal: \$86,090

Collected thus far: \$92,139

The AFAF campaign ends April 12. Please contact your unit representative or Lt. Col. Harry Truhn at 6-4791 for more information.



Military honors

Senior Airman Miguel Sierra, 82nd Medical Support Squadron, hands an American flag to the widow of a retired servicemember. The Honor Guard performs military honors for active-duty members, retired members and veterans who have passed away, and whose funerals are in northern Texas and southern Oklahoma. For more information on the Honor Guard, see full story and additional photo on Page 3. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Senya Zeitvogel)

Retired enlisted members now have avenue to return

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Recently retired enlisted members now have the option to come back to active duty and in the process help the Air Force quickly and inexpensively get experienced people on the job.

"The program is for retirees and we're going to make every effort to help people come back in," said Chief Master Sgt. Al Diaz, chief of the skills management branch here. "People have asked how they can serve again and we certainly have a need - so here we go."

The Voluntary Retired Airman EAD Recall program, VREAD for short, is designed to offset the shortages of trained airmen in hard-to-fill

skills. Airmen who retired from the regular Air Force within the last three years can serve for a period of 24 months.

"There was a dramatic increase in the number of people wanting to rejoin the service following Sept. 11th," said Diaz. "At that time the Air Force could accommodate those who separated or wanted to transfer services, but there was a void for those qualified retirees who wanted to return. This program fills that void."

For a retiree to rejoin the service they must have served in one of the designated, hard-to-fill specialties and not be within two years of the high-year-of-tenure restriction for

the rank they retired in.

Initially, around 600 inquiries were made from retirees to see what, if any, role they could serve in. Of those 600, about 100 met the criteria to return in an active-duty capacity.

"We're trying our best to be able to bring these folks back on active duty in around 30 to 45 days," said Diaz.

People returning will be brought back to active duty for 24 months while the current state of national emergency is in effect. If the national emergency is declared no longer in effect, the time a retiree will be able

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



Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. presents Senior Airman Dimikio Osbond a plaque for receiving the 82nd Training Wing Information Management Airman of the Year award for 2001. (Photo by Lynn Bullard)

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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Base library computers Solicitation on base

QIn the base library, there are only six of ten computers working that the students can use. Is there anything being done to correct this problem?

AWe upgraded all our systems to allow us to utilize a higher-speed connection that will enable our customers to get information more quickly. Our data automation folks worked to refurbish our outdated systems and get them back online for customer use.

Our library's objective in this arena is to give our customers immediate global access to information when requested.



QI was wondering if you could explain the solicitation rules for government quarters. My daughter recently sold Girl Scout cookies and I know the base regulation says she cannot solicit door-to-door. Kids are constantly ringing my doorbell to see if we need our yard mowed or our cars washed. My husband is a shift worker and today he's been awakened three times from kids looking for work. I feel like that's a form of solicitation and the kids need to advertise a different way.

ASolicitation door-to-door on a military installation is prohibited in DODD 1344.7. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children do not knock on doors or ring doorbells to try to sell a product or a service, not only because it is prohibited but also to ensure a shift worker's sleep is not disturbed.

Finance office operating hours

One trip to building 402 and the Sheppard Financial Services Office is all it takes to see changes are taking place. With the help of a near-complete first-phase renovation project and the replacement of 20-year-old office furniture, the changes are easy to see.

Other changes are not so visible. The renovation project was the result of the SAF/FM establishing new workcenters in the financial services office. Customers no longer go to military pay or travel pay, they go to customer service for one-stop financial services. Old backshop duties formerly handled by multiple offices, are now handled by the single

customer support area. The move was designed to make customers' visits to finance a much more efficient process.

Sheppard's financial office will continue to improve and meet the needs of customers.

Student finance customer service: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Student out-processing briefings: (Bldg 402, Rm. 323) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 4:15 p.m. and Friday, 9:45 a.m.

Permanent party customer service: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Disbursing (Cashier Window): Monday - Friday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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Sheppard NCO helps build network needs for homeland defense

By 2nd Lt. Ann Hatley
Base Public Affairs

One of the letters Santa received during the 2001 Christmas season came from the 7 year old son of Staff Sgt. Greg Hartley, whose only wish was for Santa to bring his father home.

Nearly three months later, Santa delivered. Staff Sgt. Hartley spent almost 6 months away from home, playing an integral part in establishing a network that would support homeland defense.

Staff Sgt. Hartley answered the call of duty Sept. 19, 2001, and deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., to work as a systems administrator for CONR – CONUS NORAD Region – the combined forces that have the lead in Operation Noble Eagle.

With over 11 years of experience in communications, Staff

Sgt. Hartley, along with 5 other Air Force members, increased the network capability of CONR to meet the demands of a homeland defense.

“We essentially tripled the network and communications capability of CONR in just a few short weeks,” said Staff Sgt. Hartley.

While he can’t talk specifics about his involvement in the homeland security effort, Staff Sgt. Hartley says he gained a better understanding of how the Air Force, along with the other services and Canadian forces, all work together to protect our homeland from attack.

He also feels a sense of pride for being part of an important operation like Noble Eagle.

Staff Sgt. Hartley, who was just named the 82nd Training Wing Communications-Computer Systems NCO of the year for 2001, gives credit to on-the-

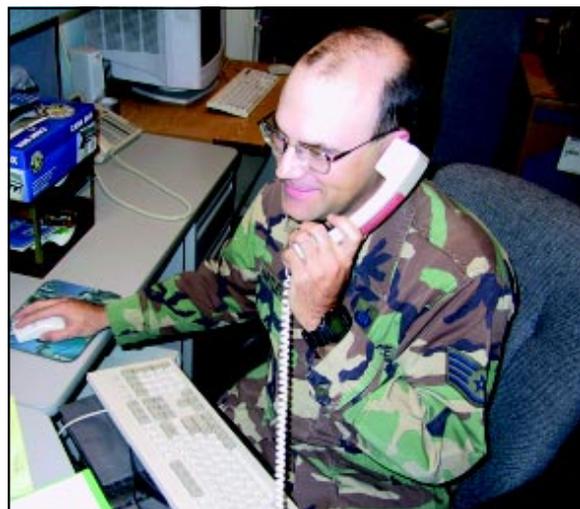
job training throughout his Air Force career for how successfully he was able to meet the mission’s communications needs.

“You learn the basics at tech training,” he said, “but the hands on training is where you really learn everything.”

While he was professionally prepared for the deployment, Staff Sgt. Hartley was also personally prepared. As a single father of a 7-year-old son, his family care plan was critical in making sure his son would be cared for.

“The child care center here at Sheppard was also very supportive and cooperative,” he said.

Sergeant Hartley suggested that anyone who may deploy should be prepared in every way, especially when family care is concerned.



Staff Sgt. Gregory Hartley answers the phone at the 82nd Communications Squadron Help Desk where he is the NCO-in-charge. With over 11 years of knowledge and experience in the communications career field, Staff Sgt. Hartley was the man for the job when he was called upon to deploy to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., and increase the network capability for Operation Noble Eagle. (Photo by Mike McKito)

Sheppard Honor Guard performs final military honors for fallen comrades

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Zeitvogel
364th Training Squadron

For most people at Sheppard, the quiet, soulful melody of *Taps* is only heard at night to signify “lights out”. However, for a select segment of Team Sheppard, it has a very different meaning. To a member of the Sheppard Honor Guard, the melancholy tune signifies the final salute to a fallen comrade-at-arms. While rendering final military honors at a funeral is only one of the many tasks performed by the Honor Guard, it is the most sobering, and the most impressive. It is also the primary function of the Honor Guard.

“We have been tasked at the Air Force level with an area of responsibility, or AOR, that covers all of northern Texas and southern Oklahoma,” observed Tech. Sgt. Senya Zeitvogel, the Honor Guard’s NCO in charge, who has served in that position for seven years.

“It’s not unheard of for us to have a team performing honors in Burkburnett or up in Lawton, and at the same time have another one enroute to an overnight stay in Texarkana so they can be in place for a funeral early the next morning” she said.



Staff Sgt. Erin Pitchford, Sheppard Honor Guard member, plays *Taps* at a military funeral March 30. The playing of *Taps* is considered a final call to a fallen warrior, and is part of the military honors rendered at funerals. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Senya Zeitvogel)

The Air Force has outlined requirements for the minimum size of a detail based on an individual’s status at the time of their death. An active duty member is entitled to a 21-person team. A retiree is entitled to a 10-person team, and a veteran is entitled to a 2-person detail.

Because the Honor Guard is a base-

level organization, the base commander has authorized, through a base-wide fair-share tasking, an Honor Guard team size of 62. “On the 15th of March, we had 52 contracted members,” said Tech. Sgt. Zeitvogel. “Ten days later, because some of our 18-month contracts came to term, we had dropped to our current strength

of 47. When you couple that number with the reality of multiple details on the same day, in opposite ends of our AOR, you can begin to imagine how difficult it can be to juggle the team’s manning.”

The typical member of the Honor Guard has to gain the signed approval of his or her first sergeant, and then their squadron commander on an 18-month contract. Additionally, the Honor Guard’s chain of command must also approve the new person. Once this has been accomplished, under the terms of the contract the new Guardsman now has a standing requirement to attend a two hour practice session every Monday morning. It is during this time that every team member learns, and continually improves upon, over 150 basic movements made during a military honors funeral.

Being selected to become one of Sheppard’s “Ambassadors in Blue” can be an intensely personal and emotional honor. It truly is a “24-7-365” job, said Tech. Sgt. Zeitvogel. The call to go to a funeral can come at any time, and when the call comes, it must be answered. Those who are interested in becoming a part of the Honor Guard should contact Tech. Sgt. Zeitvogel at 6-7234.

IMAs, active duty work together to provide base security

By Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton

Base public affairs

When passing through one of Sheppard's gates, most people don't notice whether the gate guard is an active-duty member, a Reservist, an Air National Guardsman or a Ready Augmentee. Some might not even know that many of the Security Forces personnel protecting the base are not active-duty security policemen, but members of these other groups.

Some are Ready Augmentees, or active-duty members from other units and career fields who fulfill the duties of Security Forces personnel temporarily.

Others are Air National Guardsmen who come from their state Guard units to work for the 82nd Security Forces Squadron.

Still others are Individual Mobilization Augmentees, or Reservists assigned to Sheppard, who serve all of their Reserve time here. The IMAs at Sheppard have been serving on active duty since shortly after the Sept. 11 tragedies. They were needed to

help provide the additional security the base required in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

"Every Guard and Reserve member here is TDY. The IMAs that got called up have been here continuously since Sept. 11," said Senior Master Sgt. David Aguiar, an IMA who is the superintendent of special programs for the 82nd SFS and the director of security for Trusted Technologies in San Antonio. "It's a big sacrifice, but we're all here for a common goal. Nobody wants to be away from their family, but we're here, and we have a duty."

Sergeant Aguiar said having IMAs work with the active-duty members is beneficial to both groups.

"We have blurred the lines," he said. "Everyone works together to secure this base, and most people who talk to us can't tell who's active, Guard and Reserve. We all just blend together to form a team."

With nearly 80 percent of Security Forces Reservists working in a law enforcement capacity in their civilian jobs, Reservists can pass along knowledge in specific areas of

law enforcement to the active-duty personnel, and to each other, said Staff Sgt. James Jackson, an IMA who is the 82nd SFS unit trainer and also a Wichita Falls police officer.

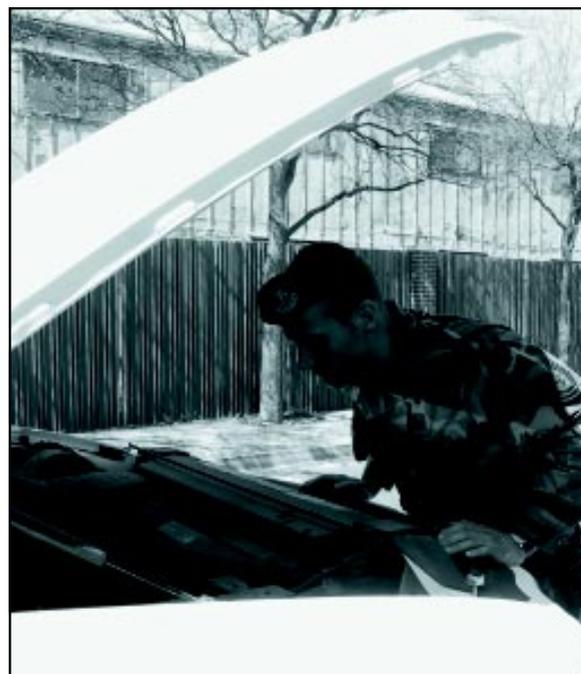
"We have people here that work on federal, state and local levels as well as in special law enforcement fields, such as canine units or hostage negotiations. The more knowledge we share from our diverse backgrounds, the better prepared we are to handle anything that may arise," he said.

Sergeant Jackson said that even though he brought his civilian law enforcement knowledge into this experience, he'll take back with him some other excellent training.

"I'm the unit trainer and I'm instructor certified. I can not only apply my military training toward college credit, but toward certifications from the Wichita Falls Police Department," he said.

Another way the different groups of Security Forces personnel working together has helped the 82nd SFS is the boost in camaraderie and morale, said Sergeant Aguiar.

"At first there might have



Tech. Sgt. Paul Wallace, an 82nd Security Forces Squadron IMA, looks under a truck's hood during a random vehicle search at Sheppard's main gate. Sergeant Wallace was called to active-duty shortly after Sept. 11. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton)

been some minor division, but not anymore," he said. "Everyone works great together. We're a team - a family."

"The way I look at this experience is that if our forefathers saw us working together

like this, they could say that we've achieved their vision for America," said Sergeant Aguiar. "We have all kinds of people, from all walks of life, working together for one common goal...freedom!"

Lawn watering guidelines given for Sheppard housing occupants

Many of our housing occupants have been at Sheppard AFB for a few years and are familiar with the hot summers we have to endure. For those that are new to the area, and as a reminder for everyone else, Mr. Tim Hunter, our Management Agronomist and Master Gardener, has provided information that will be helpful in keeping our landscape alive and growing. A well-thought-out program for watering is the most important measure we can take and will ensure the least waste of our water. The following guide is formulated for our semi-arid climate here in North Texas.

- Apply one and three-fourths inches per week, or enough to wet the soil to a depth of six inches, during the months of May through September. The time re-

quired to wet the soil to this depth depends on the type of hose and sprinkler you use and the soil type. You must use a sprinkler that emits large droplets of water and not a fine spray. If you use a one-half inch hose you will need it to run one hour to get one inch of water on your lawn. Should you experience runoff, shut the water off for one-half hour and allow the soil to soak up the water before starting again. Do not water the yard again until the yard has dried out, usually five to six days.

- Trees and shrubs will require more water than the lawn. They should be watered when the surface of the root-ball begins to dry, every three to five days. Apply water to the tree/shrub well until the soil becomes saturated to a depth of

10-15 inches.

- When to apply is also critical. The best time to water is in the early morning hours. There is less wind and the temperatures are cooler, both of which directly affect the evaporation rate.

- If you have had new plants or landscape installed, you are responsible for the plant upkeep.

- You may apply mulch to plants to a depth of two inches. Any deeper around the basal stem can cause death of the bark and kill the plant. Deep mulch also retains moisture and does not allow the soil to dry out, restricting oxygen and resulting in plant death.

It is very important that you also water around the perimeter (foundation) of your house. A hose works best for this.

The soil should be wet down around the house every three to five days when watering trees and shrubs. By keeping the soil moist you will prevent the house from shifting and causing cracks in the walls and foundation.

Housing occupants should check out the Self-Help Store, Bldg 5, at the corner of Avenue D and 5th Street. They carry seasonal items such as mulch, grass seed, weed edging and weed blocking. They also loan out an assortment of tools such as rakes, electric hedge trimmers and edgers, and extension cords.

The *Sheppard Senator* will publish any changes made to Sheppard AFB water restrictions. (Courtesy of 82nd Civil Engineering Squadron)

Special Olympics volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to work at the Special Olympics. Registration to volunteer will be held April 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main Exchange.

Vendor day

The Government Purchase Card Vendor Day 2002 is set for April 16.

This year's event will be held at the Multi-Purpose Event Center on Fifth Street in downtown Wichita Falls, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to Sheppard's general public, commanders,

billing officials and all cardholders.

Catholic seminar

Catholic students are invited to recollection and meditation seminars April 27, May 4 and May 18 in the North Chapel Annex from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. Call 6-7276 to sign up.

Steak burn

The Sheppard Chief's Group and First Sergeant's Council are putting on a steak burn April 12 at the Community Activity Center.

Tickets are \$10 per person and will be sold by unit first sergeants or designated representatives. Baked potato, salad, and all the trimmings will be served. Only 500 tickets will be sold base-wide.

Guard opportunities

The New Hampshire Air National Guard is looking for qualified Air Force personnel who will separate soon.

They currently have vacancies in the following AFSCs: 1COX2; 1C1X1; 2A1X3; 2A5X1L; 2A6X2; 2A6X4; 2A6X5; 2A6X6; 2A7X1; 2E0X1; 2E1X2; 2E1X3;

2E1X4; 2E6X3; 2F0X1; 2R1X1; 2S0X1; 2T1X1; 3A0X1; 3E0X1; 3E0X2; 3E1X1; 3E3X1; 3E4X2; 3E9X1; 3M0X1; 4E0X1; 6C0X1.

There are over 100 part-time openings available. For more information, call DSN 852-3502 or 1-800-257-9368.

CTO fee increase

Most major airlines have eliminated the commissions paid to travel agencies, which has caused a rate increase for the service fee charged by the Commercial Travel Office.

Since April 1, a fee of

\$22.80 is charged for airlines that have eliminated commissions. One known exception is Southwest, whose fee is \$4.44. Effective July 1, rates will be reduced to \$19.75 from \$22.80. Southwest service fee will be reduced from \$4.44 to \$4.24

The extra cost from April 1 to July 1 is so that CTO can recoup losses incurred since September. Travelers should pay attention to the service fee and ensure it is accurately reflected on their travel vouchers. For more information, call 6-7757 or 6-5377.

RETIREES

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"People being brought back will be required to serve for one year no matter what the national emergency is," said Diaz. "We started by establishing a list of those eligible to return, then contacted all of those who weren't eligible, gave them the news and told them we would keep their name in the chance something becomes available for them," said Diaz. "Currently we have more than 500 on that list."

Those eligible (around 140) who have expressed interest in returning to active duty are being provided the forms needed. The forms eligible people should submit include: an AF Form 125; a retired statement of understanding; a security clearance pre-screening questionnaire; an assignment preferences worksheet; physical examination documents; a resume; a copy of their DD Form 214; and copies of their last three enlisted performance reports.

Once the retiree completes the paperwork and returns it to AFPC, airman assignments or the AFPC Chief's Group works to establish utilization based upon the individual's skills and their bases of preference.

"We will use the AFSC listing as a guide, but will also consider any special skills these applicants may possess...the driving factor will be utilization," said Master Sgt. Jerry Tapia, chief of assignment issues, procedures and training in airmen assignments here.

After the utilization is determined, assignment NCOs will make every effort to match the person with a base, within three days of receiving the package.

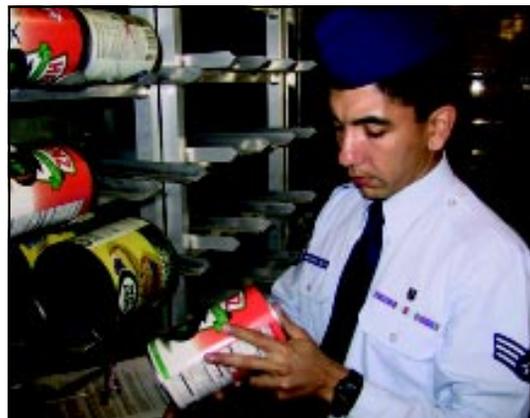
"Each retiree will send us a list of the top five bases they would like to serve at," said Tapia. "We will do our best to put them at one of those bases. If we cannot accommodate any of their choices, we will contact them and see if they would like to return at a base that has a position available."

View the VREAD/prior service skills list at: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/release/2002/04/VREAD-skills-list.htm>. For more information about any of the enlisted return to service programs, visit the AFPC website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click on the "Want to rejoin the Air Force" link, call the AFPC Contact Center at 1-866-229-7074 or send an e-mail to afpc.dpsfm@randolph.af.mil.

Separated enlisted members should contact their local recruiter for assistance.

Two Sheppard members win Air Force level award

Senior Airman Alexander Mosquera-Melo, 82nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, inspects canned foods during a routine public health inspection. Senior Airman Mosquera-Melo won the 2001 Air Force Public Health Airman of the Year Award.



Tech. Sgt. Martha Briggs, 82nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, fits an airman with a gas mask. Tech. Sgt. Briggs was named the 2001 Air Force Bioenvironmental Engineering NCO of the Year.

The Justice Files: Sheppard courts martial

On Feb. 13, an airman assigned to the 362nd Training Squadron was tried by general court-martial. The member was charged with one count of absent without leave for 10 days, three counts of wrongfully using cocaine, one count of wrongfully using marijuana, two counts of larceny and one count of resisting apprehension by local law enforcement. The member was found guilty by judge alone and sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge and confinement for 16 months.

assigned to the 362nd Training Squadron was tried by special court-martial. The member was charged with one count of wrongfully appropriating another's military identification card, one count of larceny from the Sheppard AFB Exchange and two counts of falsely making the signature of another on a credit card application and receipt for purchases. The member was found guilty by officer members and sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, 30 days confinement, forfeiture of \$736 pay per month for 3 months and reduction to the rank of air-

man basic.

On March 21, a senior airman assigned to the 82nd Support Group was tried by special court-martial. The member was charged with one count of wrongfully using marijuana and one count of wrongful distribution of marijuana. The member was found guilty by judge alone and sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, 30 days confinement and reduction to the rank of airman basic. *(Courtesy of the 82nd Training Wing Legal Office)*



The Sobering Facts

In 2000, 16,653 people in the United States were killed in vehicle crashes involving alcohol.

Statistically, nearly three out of every 10 people in the United States will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

Nearly two alcohol-related traffic deaths occur per hour, 48 per day, and 303 per week.

Source: National High-

way Traffic Safety Administration

In just one week if a single airplane crashed in the United States and killed 303 people, there would be headlines in all the major newspapers and it would be the leading story of all the news TV shows. But we're still killing over 300 people a week. Why no headlines or big news stories? *(Courtesy of 82nd TRW Safety Office)*

AADD

**Need a lift?
Call the Air-
men Against
Drunk Driv-
ing hotline at
6-AADD
(2233)**

Every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., drivers are available for Team Sheppard members who need a ride home after drinking. Drivers will ask no questions and take no information, and they will not release names of anyone who uses this life-saving program.

Don't risk your life or your career. Call AADD.

TRICARE: small changes can affect health coverage

TRICARE members who have moved recently, have a new baby in the house or changed their other health insurance should contact TRICARE as soon as possible.

Changes, both big and small, can affect a member's TRICARE coverage. By letting the proper people know about life changes, a member's eligibility for TRICARE is verified and any claims will flow smoothly through the system.

Take a look at the list of changes below that affect TRICARE coverage. If someone has gone through one or more of these changes, they should make sure to contact all the right people with their new information.

For a change in address or phone number, turning 65, or need to report the birth, adoption or death of a covered member, notify the following:

•Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) - Members should change their DEERS record, which is used to check eligibility and process claims. Contact the nearest uniformed service personnel office for help; or, contact DEERS directly via phone at 1-800-538-9552 or fax to (831) 655-8317. E-mail DEERS at

www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress; or write to:

DEERS Support Office,
Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road,
Seaside, CA 93955-6771

•Military Treatment Facility (MTF) – Members should contact the outpatient medical records department and tell their doctor when checking in for their MTF appointment.

•TRICARE Service Center (TSC) – Members can update changes that affect their enrollment information. Visit or call a TSC; or, complete and return a Change Request Form – available at your TSC or by calling 1-800- 406-2832. The Change Request Form is also available on the Web at www.HNFS.net.

•Civilian Doctor's Offices – Member should contact their Primary Care Doctor and any specialists they may see.

•Wisconsin Physician's Services (WPS) – Updating other health insurance information will make claims flow through the system more quickly. Call WPS at 1-800-406-2832 to speak to a customer service representative and update other health insurance information.

(Courtesy of Health Net Federal Services)



T R I C A R E



Career Day

Tech. Sgt. James Blasi, 82nd Maintenance Squadron, shows Iowa Park High School students the inside of an F-16 during the school's annual career day March 7. The school is part of Sheppard's Adopt-a-High-School program, and was adopted by the 82nd Logistics Group. During the career day, students were able to visit several facilities at Sheppard and learn about various Air Force careers. The 82nd LG hosted the visit. *(Courtesy photo)*

American history I.Q. test

Feel like testing your American history I.Q.? Here are a few questions that people have to answer to become American citizens.

Answers can be found on page 19.

1. Who signs a bill into law?
2. What are the first ten Amendments to the Constitution called?
3. How many stripes are there on the flag?
4. What is a change to the Constitution called?

Extra points: What does E Pluribus Unum mean?

Commentary: The importance of the military salute

By Col. Ned LaViolette Jr.
82nd Logistics Group commander

A majority of us have been rendering a salute of one form or fashion since we were youngsters. In grade school we were taught to put our right hand over our heart while participating in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. When we went to the ball game or a major sporting event with our parents, they also taught us to put our right hand or hat over our heart when the National Anthem was played. We did this out of respect for our nation and our United States flag, which is a symbol of our great nation. Others of us also belonged to scouting organizations that had their own unique style of saluting.

Although we are familiar with certain forms of salutes, the question still remains why we salute in the military. During my research, one account revealed that the military salute can be traced all the way back to the days of knighthood. The knight wore a helmet as a form of protection and

would raise his visor or remove the helmet to reveal his identity or as a gesture of friendship. Therefore, it became customary to remove ones headgear to greet another military member. Over the years, removal of the headgear became more cumbersome and military personnel began raising their right hand to their hat instead of removing their bulky headgear. Hence, we have the salute that is used by the US military today.

Now that we have explored the history of the military salute, we ought to examine why the military salute is so special. The most recent Air Force Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide states, "The salute is a courteous exchange of greetings, with the junior member always saluting first." However, I found a more appropriate explanation in the sixth edition of a 1917 Officers' Manual penned by Colonel Jas. A. Moss. In the following paragraph, I would like to share Colonel Moss' thoughts on military saluting.

But prior to reading the below paragraph, we must remember Moss wrote this portion of the manual in 1917, thirty years before the Air Force became a separate service. I am sure if Moss was to pen another revision of the manual today; we would find the word airmen, women and other common terms prevalent in today's military. However, Colonel Moss' thoughts on saluting are just as relevant today as they were in 1917.

Colonel Moss wrote, "Let it be remembered that the military salute is a form of greeting that belongs exclusively to the government,—to the soldier, the sailor, the marine,—it is the mark and prerogative of the military man and he should be proud of having the privilege of using that form of salutation—a form of salutation that marks him as a member of the Profession of Arms,—the profession of Napoleon, Wellington, Grant, Lee, Sherman, Jackson and scores of others of the greatest and most famous men the world has ever known. The military



An airman renders a salute as a staff car passes by. Military members should always keep a watchful eye for staff vehicles marked with a metal plate on the front of the car. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)

salute is ours, it is ours only. Moreover, it belongs only to the soldier who is in good standing, the prisoner under guard, for instance, not being allowed to salute. Ours is a grand fraternity of men-at-arms, banded together for national defense, for the maintenance of law and order,—we are bound together by the love and respect we bear the flag,—we are pledged to loy-

alty, to one God, one country,—our lives are dedicated to the defense of our country's flag,—the officer and the private belong to a brotherhood whose regalia is the uniform of the American soldier, and they are known to one another and to all men, by an honored sign and symbol of knighthood that has come down to us from the ages,—THE MILITARY SALUTE!"

Household hazardous waste collection available free of charge in Burkburnett

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will be conducting a free household hazardous waste collection event in Burkburnett on Tuesday.

The collection will be held at Texoma Ag Products. To get there, go North on I-44 for about 10 miles and take the Daniels exit. The building is located on the southwest corner of the intersection.

The event runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is a good time for Sheppard members to dispose of their hazardous materials. No questions will be asked.

The TNRCC accepts banned or un-wanted pesti-

cides, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers (must be clean, triple-rinsed or high pressure rinsed), used motor oil, oil filters (limit of two 55-gallon drums per participant and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee), lead acid batteries, and household hazardous wastes. Household items accepted include pesticides, herbicides, paints and thinners, gasoline, antifreeze, and other automotive products, household batteries, cleaners, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, photo-graphic chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, and mercury. Household mercury fever thermometers can be brought

and exchanged for new household non-mercury thermometers.

The TNRCC cannot accept tires, pesticides or herbicides containing 2,4,5-T - Silvex, pesticides or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol (unless quantities are less than 5 gallons), radioactive materials, biomedical wastes, explosives, ammunition, compressed gas cylinders, fertilizers, nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures.

For more information, contact the TNRCC at 1-512-239-4749 or www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exec/oprr/agwaste/agwaste.html.

Base auto skills center explains disposal policy

The base automotive skills center, building T-55, is the central turn in point for certain types of household hazardous wastes, such as petroleum products, antifreeze, crushed and uncrushed oil filters and other un-commingled lubricating oils.

Recently, base personnel have been dropping off items for disposal while the auto center is closed. This violates federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

Hazardous items must be turned in to trained per-

sonnel for proper disposal. Items just left at the skills center could lead to a spill that could cost thousands of dollars to clean up, especially during times of inclement weather.

Personnel bringing household petroleum products in for disposal to the auto skills center need to report to the front office and sign in with appropriate shop personnel. This allows our personnel, and the base environmental section, to comply with the state's re-

quirement for the tracking of waste products being generated for ultimate disposal and/or recycling.

No hazardous items or products are to be left outside the gates of the auto skills center while it's closed. Hours of operation for the facility are Wednesday through Friday, 1 - 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The center is closed Monday and Tuesday. For information about what can be accepted at the skills center, call Mr. Art Struckman at 6-4110.



15 senior airmen graduate from ALS Class 02-C

Sheppard's Airman Leadership School Class 02-C graduated recently.

Senior Airman Antonio Martinez, 364th Training Squadron, earned top honors with the John L. Levitow Award.

The John L. Levitow Award is presented to the student who exceeded all academic standards and demonstrates leadership ability, teamwork, attitude and military bearing.

Senior Airman Nicholas Toaso, 363rd Training Squadron, was recognized with the Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award is given to the student who makes the most significant contribution to the overall class success.

Senior Airman Ryan Lutz, AFOSI Detachment 222, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, was awarded the Academic Achievement Award.

The Academic Achievement Award denotes excellence as a scholar. It is based upon all objectives and performance evaluation scores for the class.

Airman Lutz was also recognized as a Distinguished Graduate, which denotes outstanding objective and performance evaluations, leadership and performance as a team player.

Other graduates were Senior Airmen Steffanie Burch, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron; Joe Flemming, 344th Recruiting Squadron,



Senior Airman Antonio Martinez, John L. Levitow Award winner

Arlington, Texas; Yolanda Jenkins, 82nd Security Forces Squadron; Mario Munguia, 362nd Training Squadron; Greg Otilio, 82nd MDOS; Michael Powers, 80th Operations Support



Senior Airman Ryan Lutz, Distinguished Graduate, Academic Achievement

Squadron; LaToya Seals, 82nd Mission Support Squadron; Justin Seigrist, 363rd TRS; Glenn Smith, 366th Training Squadron; Natasha Thompson, 82nd Training Group; Jason



Senior Airman Nicholas Toaso, Leadership Award winner

Walters, 366th TRS and Florence Wilson, 82nd Medical Support Squadron. *(Courtesy of Airman Leadership School)*

View: alcohol awareness important for all airmen

By Master Sgt. Edward Montgomery

Substance Abuse Element NCOIC

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and we at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Program would like to ask every member of our Sheppard AFB family to take a moment and consider some factors about alcohol use. First, what is a drink? A standard drink is one 12-ounce bottle of beer or wine cooler, one 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80 proof distilled spirits.

It may surprise you to learn how little alcohol it takes to impair your ability to drive. A blood alcohol concentration as low as 0.02 percent can affect your ability to steer a car while

responding to changes in traffic. The higher the BAC the more impaired your driving ability becomes. A 180-pound man will have a blood alcohol content of about 0.045 percent 1 hour after consuming three 12-ounce beers or three other standard drinks. So remember, even though the BAC limits for those over 21 is 0.08 percent, your driving ability can be impaired at much lower levels.

Another factor that should be considered is that alcohol interacts negatively with a number of prescription and over-the-counter medications. Alcohol will increase drowsiness when it interacts with a medication that may cause drowsiness. It can cause significant risk of seri-

ous damage to the liver and even death when taken in combination with certain medications. If you are taking any medications, check with your physician or pharmacist before consuming alcohol.

Binge drinking, consuming five or more drinks in a setting by males or four or more drinks by females, is a national concern. Frequent binge drinking can lead to a number of issues; arguments with your spouse or family, problems at work, loss of employment, and health problems are some of the major concerns. Alcohol is a factor in about one-third of suicides, one-half of homicides, and one-third of child

abuse cases. Alcohol is also involved in a large proportion of unintentional deaths from falls, burns and drownings.

Alcohol use by minors is a major issue here at Sheppard AFB. It is not only illegal but it is a serious breach of discipline. In 2001, 423 members were referred to the ADAPT Clinic for underage drinking—approximately 35 per month. Underage drinking has resulted in a large amount of punitive and disciplinary action, demotions and the separation of scores of airmen.

So how can you recognize if you have a drinking problem? If you are:

- Drinking to calm yourself
- Drinking to forget prob-

lems

·Drinking as a remedy for sadness or other negative emotional states

·Lying about your drinking
·Causing harm to yourself or others as a result of your drinking

·Needing to drink more and more to get the same effect

·Have medical, family, social, work or financial problems caused by drinking

If you suffer from any of the problems listed above or if you have questions about your alcohol use please call the ADAPT office, at 6-6155, for an appointment with a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor.

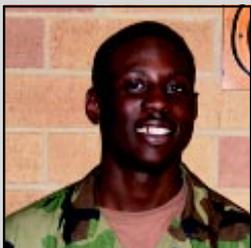
Soundoff

What's the best April Fools' joke anyone has ever played on you?



"I was told that my assignment to the Azores had been diverted to Greenland. Everyone was in on it."

– Airman 1st Class Christine Hallsen, 82nd Mission Support Squadron



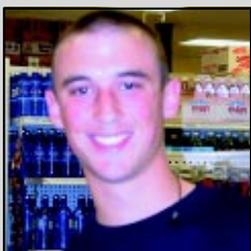
"Somebody took the spark plugs out of my car."

– Airman Mark-Tone Rogers, 361st Training Squadron



"A radio station tricked me into thinking that they were moving the Alamo out of San Antonio, I even called them up."

– Staff Sgt. Jeff Persinger, 381st Training Squadron



"I was woken up at 7:30 a.m. for a nonexistent G.I. party."

– Airman Jason Harrell, 360th Training Squadron



"One time a radio station called me and told me I'd won \$100,000."

– Shameka Reed, AAFES employee

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this paper.

General activities

Genealogy seminar

The base library invites Team Sheppard to take part in a "how to" genealogy research seminar April 17 from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call 6-6152.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

A new chapter of TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, is forming at Sheppard, and the meetings will be held at the Community Activity Center. The first meeting will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. TOPS is the oldest major weight-control group, founded in 1948 in Milwaukee, Wis., by Esther Manz, a homemaker. For more information, call Vernie Nordstrom at 855-4308.

Upcoming trips

Six Flags Over Texas

Information, tickets and tours will sponsor trip to Six Flags Over Texas Saturday. The cost is \$41 per person. Over 100 exciting rides, shows and attractions will be available. The park features roller coasters like the Texas Giant, the TITAN, Batman and Mr. Freeze.

Texas Rangers vs. Seattle Mariners

Information, tickets and tours will sponsor an April 13 trip to see a Texas Rangers vs. Seattle Mariners baseball game. The cost is \$29 per person. Those interested should register no later than April 9. Trip departs from the community center at 3 p.m. and returns around midnight.

Club activities

Cook Your Own Steak Night

The officers club will host Cook Your Own Steak Night April 25 from 5:30-9 p.m. Officers should come prepared to cook their own steak and fixings. This event is open only to officers. For more information call 6-6460.

All-you-can-eat seafood

The officers club will have an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet dinner April 11 from 5:30-9 p.m. The cost is \$12.95 for members, \$14.95 for nonmembers and \$5 for children. All ranks are welcome. For more information call 6-6460.

Officers club evening with the symphony

The officers club invites all ranks to attend an evening with the symphony April 13 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, a bus ride to the symphony followed by drinks and dessert at the officers club. The cost is \$45 per person or \$75 per couple. For more information, call 6-6460.

Sunday brunch

The officers club will host a Sunday brunch April 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$13.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 6-6460.

Boss and Buddy Night

The Enlisted Club will host Boss and Buddy Night April 24 from 5-8 p.m. Participants can enjoy drink specials, free food and a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, call 6-2083.

Family Night

The enlisted club will host Family Night April 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. The night will feature a family buffet and door prizes. All ranks are welcome. This event is sponsored by Chaney Financial Group (*No federal endorsement of sponsor intended*). For more information, call 6-6427.

Enlisted club comedy jam

The enlisted club presents the enlisted club comedy jam weekend, featuring Comic View comedians Al Dipmore and The Great BoBo Lamb, at the enlisted club ballroom April 19. Doors will open at 8 p.m., open microphone is from 8:30-9 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for club members and \$8 for nonmembers. This show is for mature audiences. This event is sponsored by Budweiser (*no federal endorsement of sponsor intended*). For more information call 6-6427.

Officers club game league

The officers club game league holds tournaments in 9-ball, cricket, shuffle board, foosball and crud every Thursday night. Food and beverages are 15 percent off during league play. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 6-6460.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Roller Ball

Friday 9 p.m.

Big Fat Liar

Saturday 2 p.m.

Super Troopers

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Hart's War

Saturday 7 p.m.

John Q

Sunday 2 p.m.

John Q

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Queen of the Damned

Thursday 6 p.m.

Hart's War

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

Super Troopers (R) – Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan – The state of Vermont has targeted a low-volume State Trooper station for a potential budget slash.

Roller Ball (PG-13) – Chris Klein, LL Cool J – Things go wrong when rollerball's creator realizes that serious on-court accidents bring instantly higher ratings.

Hart's War (R) – Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell – Lt. Tommy Hart must defend an African-American Tuskegee airman accused of murder.

Big Fat Liar (PG) – Frankie Muniz, Paul Giamatti – A 14-year-old has to prove that a Hollywood producer stole his class paper and is turning it into the movie Big Fat Liar.

Queen of the Damned (R) – Stuart Townsend, Aaliyah – A vampire has become a rock star, and his music awakens a 6,000-year-old Egyptian vampire.

John Q (PG-13) – Denzel Washington – When John Q. Archibald's son falls seriously ill and needs a heart transplant, he'll do whatever it takes to keep him alive.

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

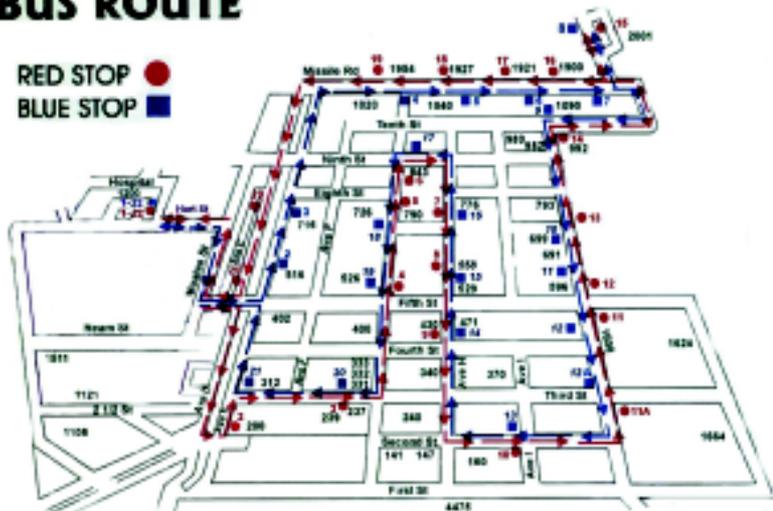
New bus routes for Sheppard

The base shuttle bus routes changed April 1. Shuttle bus service will no longer be provided to the 80th Flying Training Wing. Transportation to this area may be obtained by contacting the Vehicle Dispatch Office at 6-1843. The Ream Ave. stop, located in Bunker Hill Housing, has been eliminated.

BASE SHUTTLE BUS ROUTE

CURRENT AS OF 1 APR 2002
PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE

RED STOP ●
BLUE STOP ■



SHEPPARD AFB SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

BLUE ROUTE (0500 - 1821)

RED ROUTE (0500 - 1821)

STOP	BLDG/ CORNER	TIME HOUR - 1/2 HR	STOP	BLDG/ CORNER	TIME HOUR - 1/2 HR
1	1200 Hospital	00 - 30	1	1200 Hospital	00 - 30
2	516/402 Codner Hall	02 - 32	2	200 Bank/Main Gate	03 - 33
3	716 Mattis Hall	02 - 32	3	331 BOQ/BX	04 - 34
4	1955/1954/1950	03 - 33	4	526 McCullough Hall	05 - 35
5	1927 CE Training	04 - 34	5	726 White Hall	06 - 36
6	1921 CE Training	04 - 34	6	843/920/1020	06 - 36
7	1900 882 TG	05 - 35	7	776 / Mini BX	07 - 37
8	2001 CE Training	07 - 37	8	529 Dormitory	08 - 38
9	1090 362 TS	09 - 39	9	370/430 Rec Center	08 - 38
10	699 Navy Quarter Deck	10 - 40	10	160 TLF	09 - 39
11	596 Hogan hall	11 - 41	11	7 Level School	09 - 39
12	1600 Area Dorms	11 - 41	11A	1600 Area Dorms	10 - 40
12A	7 Level School	12 - 42	12	596 Hogan Hall	11 - 41
13	160 TLF	12 - 42	13	699 Navy Quarter Deck	11 - 41
14	370/430 Rec Center	13 - 43	14	1090 362 TS	12 - 42
15	529 Dormitory	13 - 43	15	2001 CE Training	14 - 44
16	776 / Mini BX	14 - 44	16	1900 882 TG	16 - 46
17	843/920/1020	15 - 45	17	1921 CE Training	16 - 46
18	726 White Hall	15 - 45	18	1927 CE Training	17 - 47
19	526 McCullough Hall	16 - 46	19	1950/1954/1956 A/C Tng	17 - 47
20	331 BOQ/BX	17 - 47	20	716 Mattis Hall	19 - 49
21	312 Library	18 - 48	21	516/402 Codner Hall	19 - 49
22	1200 Hospital	21 - 51	22	1200 Hospital	21 - 51

Sheppard AFB offers the following resources for automated weather updates. Personnel are encouraged to use these tools during severe weather watches and warnings rather than calling the weather flight or command post:



- Current observation: 855-9045
- Forecasts, warnings, watches, and advisories: 676-6995
- 82 TRW Internet Weather Page:
<https://26ows.barksdale.af.mil/sheppard/>



Sheppard hospital explains Third Party Collection Program

Do you pay for health insurance? Let your insurance pay for you and help purchase equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals for the base medical facility.

The 82nd Medical Group would like to continue to expand and improve its services to meet the needs of our beneficiary population. One way we can do this is through our Third Party Collection Program. Under this program, the medical group's business office will bill your private health insurance and Medicare supplemental policies for care received at the base hospital. You will not be charged any deductible or co-payment for services rendered at any military hospital. Your insurance premiums will not increase due to this collection.

The Third Party Collection Party is congressionally mandated. It is not optional – it's the law. Public Law 99-272 (10 USC 1095), as amended by PL 101-510, directs military hospitals to bill private insurance companies for the cost of care provided by the military facility.

Your health care on base is paid for by federal dollars. The law requires us to recover these costs if they are covered by insurance.

When a non-active duty patient has commercial insurance, the government will bill the insurance company for outpatient and inpatient care, as well as for prescriptions, radiology services, and laboratory procedures. This provides the only opportunity for additional facility revenue beyond what they receive

through the normal budget allotted to provide care to DoD beneficiaries. The money collected comes directly back into this hospital for immediate use.

You cannot be charged a deductible or a co-payment for care received through the base hospital. If the full cost is not recovered from your health insurance, you will not be billed for the remaining charges. The government will absorb these costs. In fact, claims filed by the government for care you received may count towards meeting your annual deductibles with no out-of-pocket expense. This may result in significant savings to you if you later seek civilian medical care.

How you can help

For this program to work properly, the Medical Group needs your help. All

non-active duty patients must have a DD Form 2569, Third Party Collection Program – Insurance Information Sheet, in their outpatient record and must be asked about changes in coverage at each visit. This process is really no different than when you visit a civilian provider's office.

How can you help? Let us know you have insurance – bring your insurance card with you each time you visit one of our clinics, our pharmacy, radiology department, and laboratory.

All non-active duty patients will be asked to complete and sign the insurance information form indicating whether they do or do not have other health insurance.

The form will be filed in the patient's medical record and each patient will be issued a card that indicates

a completed form is on file for that patient.

At each visit, you will be asked if the information is still current. Then we will ask each patient to update his or her insurance information annually.

The facts

If you are an active duty family member, retiree, or retiree family member, we need your health insurance information.

·Let us know you have insurance – bring your insurance card to each visit

·Fill out DD Form 2569 at the Pharmacy or the clinic front desk

·Verify the insurance information on file is accurate

·Update your insurance information annually or whenever it changes

·This program costs you nothing

·Your other insurance

premiums will NOT increase due to this collection

·You will NOT be billed for any costs we cannot recover

·You will NOT be charged a deductible or co-payment for any services received at any military hospital

·This program WILL help you meet your health insurance policy deductibles

·This program WILL result in additional funds for local use at the Sheppard Hospital to improve your health care service by purchase of needed equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals

For more information or answers to other questions you may have about our Third Party Collection Program, please contact our TPC staff at 6-3032.

(Courtesy of the 82nd Medical Group)

Personal property shipment policy: Propane tanks no longer shipped

Several household goods carriers have been unwilling to accept propane tanks as part of a member's household goods, while others would pack "purged" tanks because they were considered part of the members property.

Fire and explosions in household goods vans have resulted in new, stringent safety regulations for shipping refillable propane tanks. Just a reminder; effective May 1, 2000, shipping and storage of propane tanks of any kind - including those which have been purged, is not authorized. Carriers will not accept propane tanks as part of a government procured shipment.

Shipments already picked up,

at a warehouse in storage or enroute to final destination, will be transported for final delivery. Quality Assurance inspectors will be inspecting to ensure the guidance is being followed.

No reimbursement is authorized for replacement tanks or any other item that may be owned by a member that must be disposed of prior to shipment.

Although this is an inconvenience for some members, please remember this action was taken to protect all shipments from the increased incidents of fires blamed on propane tanks. Any questions may be directed to TMO Customer Service, 6-5499.



Maj. Elizabeth Watson, Nutritional Medicine Flight commander (left), and Tech Sgt. Jolene Barbrick, nutritional therapist, put on a cooking demonstration at the health and wellness center March 29. Base dieticians teamed with the HAWC staff to teach the benefits of healthy cooking and exercise. The cooking demonstrations were part of base-wide National Nutrition Month activities and focused on women's nutrition issues in honor of Women's History Month. (Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller)

Getting ready for the ORI: only 14 weeks to go

Cross Talk

Get together with like units and counterparts at other Air Education and Training Command bases and ask them about their last inspection. Ask them for crossfeed. Discuss the AETC checklists and how the ORI team members tied the checklists into their inspections. Also talk with Sheppard personnel who augmented previous ORIs. Look at the IG cross feed website. Incorporate, innovate and cooperate. Be nice!

Share your toys and share an "outstanding" rating together.

Operating instructions

Are all proposed operating instructions sent to the unit information management office for coordination and approval before being issued? Are they up-to-date? Do signature blocks reflect the current commander or the current OPR? If not, there is probably something else in the OI that needs to be updated. Is there a complete single source file with all OIs? Does each functional area have the same copy as the master file? If on the web, are they in a public folder that is accessible to everyone who needs the instruction? Get rid of any unnecessary instructions. (Courtesy of the 82nd TRW Inspector General Office)

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Answers from page 9:

1. The President
2. The Bill of Rights
3. 13
4. Amendment

Extra credit: From many, one.

Logistics reorganizes to improve readiness

By Senior Airman Sara Banda

Air Force Print News

04/01/02 - WASHINGTON — The Air Force logistics community takes on a new look April 1 as three directorates streamline down to two, and three officer career fields merge into one.

The reorganizations will improve the way installations and logistics combat support policy and resources are provided, said Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, Air Force deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics.

The change involves transforming the three directorates of supply, transportation, and plans and integration into two — logistics, readiness and installations; and logistics resources.

The reorganization is meant send a clear signal about the Air Force's commitment to transform its logistics processes.

"It will show our worldwide customers that Air Staff and the Air Force are serious about integrating logistics processes," Zettler said. "We're seeking every possible opportunity to make transformational-type changes. It will positively increase our ability to build expeditionary people and processes for the Air Force."

Besides changes in process, the reorganization of installations and logistics includes the merger of the supply, transportation and logistics plans officer career fields into a single career field. New assessments begin this month, with a plan for expanded initial training covering the three disciplines of supply, transportation and logistics plans.

"I think current events have made this a more compelling

need in the Air Force than in the past," said Susan A. O'Neal, assistant deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics. "We don't have the luxury of time anymore. We need to be trained and integrated from the start instead of doing it in a coordination phase after a lot of activity has occurred."

The newly formed logistics readiness directorate will enable better communication among logistics professionals.

"For example, we are combining the deployment piece of our policy with distribution into a single division," O'Neal said. "This will more fully integrate the process that deploys people and equipment overseas with the distribution piece, which provides the follow-on supplies after a deployment."

The new directorate of installations and logistics resources will include budgetary and programming responsibilities, as well as full program integration across the installations and logistics area. Another function includes force management for all installations and logistics disciplines.

The deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics' strategic planning function now falls under the resources directorate.

"This will allow us to address cross-cutting manpower and money issues of the full installations and logistics area more effectively," O'Neal said.

This reorganization is the first step in a multipart plan to improve policy and processes that impact the total Air Force.

"It is critical to achieving our vision of becoming more effective, efficient, lighter, leaner and rapidly deployable," O'Neal said. "It's an exciting building block for installations and logistics transformation."

Colorama tournament

The south bowling lanes will host a Colorama tournament Saturday at 7 p.m. Participants can bowl with the lights out and knock down glowing colored pins in a special position to win cash. For more information, call 6-2170.

Yoga-pilates classes

The south fitness center is now offering yoga-pilates classes Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 p.m., Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. For more information, call 6-2972.

Squadron Cardio Combat

The fitness centers invite all squadron members to participate in a new fitness challenge called Squadron Cardio Combat. By participating in individual exercise regimes, anyone can track their workouts and score points for their squadron. For more information, call the south fitness center at 6-2972.

Muscle Mania

AETC is sponsoring a MAJCOM-level muscle mania sports competition May 18 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The active duty Air Force winners from Sheppard's Dec. 1 power lifting competition will represent the base. Additionally, the fitness centers are looking for serious bodybuilders to participate at the competition. Members must be on active duty and assigned to an AETC base.

General information and instructions for the competition are available at the south fitness center. Questions or comments regarding this sports event should be directed to Master Sgt. Desi Hale at 6-3550.

Intramural softball

People can now sign up for intramural softball. The season is projected to start May 13. Those units interested in forming a team must sign up by April 15 at the north fitness center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Brent Casey at 6-6336.

Pool season

Pool season is coming up again for the Bunker Hill, Capehart, and Main pools. The pools open May 18 and 19. Season passes are available. For more information, call 6-4141.

Intramural bowling standings as of March 29

	<u>WINS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
1. 364 TRS	132	84
2. 363 TRS (B) Ammo	125	91
3. 362 TRS (B)	122	94
4. 82 MSS/SVS	121	95
5. 362 TRS (A)	116	100
6. 381 TRS (B)	115	101
7. 363 TRS (A)	114	102
8. 187 Med Bn.	114	102
9. 882 TRG (B)	113	103
10. AFOSI	113	103
11. 882 TRG (A)	112	104
12. 365 TRS (C)	112	104
13. 82 CES	112	104
14. 365 TRS (B)	111	105
15. 365 TRS (A)	109	107
16. 366 TRS (A)	107	109
17. 382 TRS	102	114
18. 381 TRS (A)	102	114
19. 82 TRSS	102	114
20. 82 CS (B)	98	118
21. 82 CS (A)	97	119
22. 384 TRS	96	120
23. 366 TRS (B)	84	132
24. 882 TRG (C)	61	155

High game**Men:**

1. David Greene 269
2. JR Wood 241

Women:

1. Michele Dodge 231
2. Linda Kinder 213

High Series**Men:**

1. David Greene 661
2. Lou Guajardo 646

Women:

1. Michele Dodge 546
2. Annette Malit 542