

# The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

## In the news

### Chapel to provide Easter Sunrise Service

The base chapel will hold an Easter Sunrise Service Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at the parade grounds on the corner of 9th Avenue & Avenue H. A free breakfast fellowship will follow the service in Bldg. 962. In case of rain, the service will be held at the north chapel. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Sung-Joo Park at 6-4370 for more information.

### Catholic Holy Week services continue

Catholic Holy Week 2003 continues with services through Sunday. All services will be held at the north chapel. For more information about these services, call 6-4360.

### Good Friday:

No 11:30 a.m. daily mass  
Stations of the cross – 11:30 a.m.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 6:30 p.m.  
No 6:30 p.m. stations of the cross

### Holy Saturday:

No 5 p.m. mass  
No reconciliation  
Easter Vigil mass – 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday:

Masses – 9 a.m. and noon

### Officers club to offer Easter Sunday brunch

The officers club will hold an Easter brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. All ranks are welcome. Tickets cost \$14.95 for members, and their children ages 10 and under eat free. The cost is \$19.95 for non-members, \$7.50 for children 6-12 years old, and children 5 and under eat free. Membership pays! Call the officers club at 6-6460 for reservations. For more officers club events, see Sheppard Scenes on Page 16.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickings

## Ready to score

Adrienne Schmedthorst and Teresa Rose, both members of the three-woman basketball team 82nd Training Wing's "Wing Women," and Kay-Lynn Meeker, member of the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron's women's team, battle for a rebound in the three-on-three basketball tournament at Spring Fest April 11. See story and photos on Page 3.

## AETC announces 2003 family days

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Gen. Don Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, announced April 10 the 2003 dates the command will observe as family days.

This year July 3, Nov. 28, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 2004 are the designated family days.

Family day means military members will get the day off, giving most people in the command an extended break for the observed holidays.

In his announcement, General Cook stated the days are in appreciation for the remarkable undertakings of AETC people this year.

"In appreciation of the many tremendous accomplishments this year, I look back at all the sacrifices and hard work made by AETC personnel to date and declare 2003 family days," said General Cook.

People with questions about their days off should check with their supervisors, who will determine mission-essential staffing.

For military members required to perform duty on the family down day, commanders are encouraged to grant compensatory time off during the first week following the holiday, mission requirements permitting, the general said.

Air Force Instruction 36-3003, "Military Leave Program", should be followed regarding passes and chargeable leave.

Under current rules for Department of Defense civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use of previously earned compensatory time or use of already approved time-off awards. General Cook stated in his announcement. Group time-off awards, specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, are prohibited by Air Force Instruction, 36-1004, "Managing the Civilian Recognition Program."



Team Sheppard Training 2003



**82nd Training Wing:** 18,231 students trained to replenish America's combat capability  
**80th Flying Training Wing:** 52 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance





Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, presents Master Sgt. Kevin Rowley, 361st Training Squadron, with the Air Education and Training Command-level of the 2002 Air Force Productivity Excellence Award. Sergeant Rowley also won the Air Force-level award for saving the Air Force millions in equipment costs. See story on the award on Page 21.

## Action Line 6-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

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 Air Force Base 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 6-2000, 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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### Maternity parking

Question: I was wondering why Sheppard does not have any maternity parking.

I have visited several other Air Force installations where parking spaces are reserved for expectant mothers at certain frequently visited buildings, especially those with large parking lots, such as the base exchange, commissary and hospital.

Is it possible for these facilities to mark a couple of spaces as maternity parking?

Answer: A good question. Maternity parking is currently available today.

Expectant mothers may use the handicap parking when their physical condition, resulting from pregnancy, prevents them from walking long distances.

Contact the 82nd Security Forces Squadron at 6-6302 to obtain a temporary handicap parking pass.

## Commentary: History of the Germans at Sheppard

Lt. Col. Hans Rau

German Senior National Representative, 80th Flying Training Wing

On Oct. 19, 2001, when officials from 13 participating Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training nations along with Sheppard officials and guests from Wichita Falls and surrounding areas celebrated the 20th anniversary of the world's most successful pilot training, only a few remembered how Sheppard came to be the home of training future air warriors.

In 1981, the ENJPT Program began with Class 83-01. Now, 22 years later, the majority of the "sound of freedom" has been produced by international participants.

It's interesting to note that not only was the year 2001 a milestone in the history of international pilot training, but also that Sheppard celebrated

her 60th birthday and most importantly, that the German Air Force and the German Navy had trained their future jet pilots in North Texas for the past 35 years.

It began in 1966 when the Germans brought the mighty sound into the Texoma region by deploying their first German Training Squadron at Sheppard and placing it under the command of the 3630th Flying Training Wing. Prior to that time, future German jet pilots were trained in Landsberg and Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, and only a few of them had the opportunity to receive jet pilot training on UPT bases in the United States.

In 1959, Germany decided to replace their F-84 fighter bomber and F-86 fighter jets with the F-104 Starfighter, and the training was to be conducted at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Since a large amount of

pilots were needed for this task to be fulfilled, factors such as German training facilities, European weather and airspace made this project unfeasible in Germany. Therefore, a decision was made to purchase the ATC's newest jet trainers at that time, Cessna T-37 and Northrop T-38, and create a new training squadron in northern Texas.

On May 23, 1966, Col. Frank Gailer, commander of the 3630th FTW, flew the first T-37 into Sheppard to begin the first training course, Class 68-B, with 26 German Air Force and German Navy students on Aug. 24, 1966.

Since then, every six weeks a new class began their 55-week syllabus. In April 1967, the U.S. Air Force joined this program and continued to train their pilots until 1975. During this time, American and German pilot students were trained alongside each other in

Bldg. 2320; however, after the Vietnam War ended, the USAF withdrew from the pilot training at Sheppard. In addition to German and American students, future pilots from South Vietnam were trained on T-37 until 1975, as well.

For a short time, students from Iran, Kuwait and several other new eastern countries also received their pilot wings at Sheppard. It was not until 1978, when the Royal Netherlands Air Force decided to join, that German students were trained without international partners.

These past 37 years of German jet pilot training have meant so much to us.

Today, every active German jet pilot has been trained at Sheppard, had the opportunity to reside in the Wichita Falls area and has received northern Texas hospitality. Even several

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Bobby Ridgeway and Sean Murphy, both from the 362nd basketball team, and Jason Arce from the Wizards basketball team wait for a rebound in the three-on-three basketball tournament.

Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig



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Capt. Coretta Johnson, an assistant staff judge advocate, paints stars on Raven Henriquez's hand during the festivities at Spring Fest.

## Spring Fest hits base

By Airman Jacque Lickteig

Base public communication

The Company Grade Officer Council hosted Spring Fest in front of the officers club April 11 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Spring Fest was open to all permanent party members, civilians and their families at Sheppard. The event had a number of activities in which they could participate, said Lt. Nehal Desai, vice president of the CGOC.

There were three-on-three basketball tournaments for men and women that started at about

noon, he said.

In the men's tournament, Mike Williams, Troy Hutchinson, Pete Tabor and Ed Brown, members of Team Ole 'E, beat 12 teams, including the CES team in the championship game, for the title. All three women's teams tied in the tournament and decided to split the prizes instead of playing a determination game, said Lieutenant Desai.

Children's activities were also available. There was face painting throughout the day. Also, an inflatable bouncer and

soccer games were available for the children. Horseback riding kicked off at about 4 p.m., he said.

A band, Headthorn, played rock music from about 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lunch was served at about 11 a.m. A pig roast was served for dinner, and beverages were also available throughout the day.

"Mr. Tony Holmes, manager of the officers club, and the rest of the staff were very helpful and important in the planning of this event," said Lieutenant Desai.

## Insurance premiums to go down in July

by Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that premiums for the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance will be reduced, handing military members a few extra dollars in their pockets each month.

Beginning in July, the cost for a \$250,000 policy — the maximum coverage — will drop from \$20 to \$16.25 monthly, a \$3.75 savings. The Department of Veterans Affairs reports that rates for Veterans Group Life Insurance will not change.

Mr. Tom Tower, the Department of Defense's assistant director for military compensation, welcomed the reduced premiums, adding that anytime you put "more money in the pockets of military members, it's always a good result."

Premiums will also be reduced for SGLI family coverage, with rates varying among age groups.

The largest saving will go to spouses 35 to 39 years old, whose premiums will be nearly cut in half. Servicemembers currently pay \$13 for a \$100,000 family policy. That policy will cost \$7.50 beginning in July — a \$5.50 savings.

The reduced rates mean a military family will save an average of \$100 a year.

VA officials estimate that servicemembers collectively will save about \$96 million annually in premiums, and \$42 million in family coverage premiums each year.

Mr. Tower said the reduced premiums are a result of an ongoing process to keep costs down for military members.

"The VA regularly checks to see how much is paid out versus how much is collected in premiums, and whenever it seems like they have built up premium

reserves, they like to reduce premiums to keep the cost to a minimum for the member," Mr. Tower said. "It's part of the objective of the program: to provide the lowest cost possible."

SGLI began in 1965 to meet the insurance needs of Vietnam-era servicemembers. Before SGLI, the military provided \$10,000 policies to servicemembers, and policies were available to active-duty military only.

Today the SGLI program provides coverage of \$250,000 to active-duty servicemembers and most Reservists. Coverage of \$100,000 has also been provided for spouses of participating members with free coverage of \$10,000 for dependent children. Reduced levels of coverage may also be elected.

Information about the change in SGLI premiums can be found at [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov), or call the office of Servicemembers Group Life Insurance toll free at (800) 419-1473.



Photo by Mr. Mike McKito

## Legal award

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, shakes the hand of Senior Master Sgt. William McGovern, Sheppard Law Center superintendent, after it is announced that Sergeant McGovern received the Air Force Outstanding Paralegal Senior NCO of the Year Award. The award honors the senior NCO selected as the year's most outstanding paralegal based on demonstrated excellence, superior initiative, leadership, management skills and professionalism.

## Initial enlistment bonus program back on track

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** - New recruits waiting months for signing bonuses promised to them by their recruiters are now getting them within days thanks to a completely revamped process.

"It's a tremendous success story. New recruits are getting the right welcome to the Air Force. This is a service that does it's best to take care of our people and live up to our promises," said Master Sgt. Robert Tullgren, superintendent of enlisted accessions and special bonuses here.

"What was taking four to seven months now takes us about four to seven minutes to process and get initial enlistment bonuses into the hands of new recruits," said Sergeant Tullgren. "This is good

news for our young airmen."

Initial enlistment bonuses are important in attracting new recruits to the Air Force, and then steering them toward the career fields that most need to be filled, according to Master Sgt. Tim Clark, recruiting service liaison at AFPC.

Airmen were expecting bonus payments within 90 days of arrival at the first duty station. However, problems were caused by Military Personnel Data System challenges and long administrative delays in authorizing payments. At one point last year a backlog of more than 8,000 airmen were awaiting payments, according to Sergeant Tullgren.

A team that crossed several agencies inside and outside the Air Force was given the mission of fix-

ing the complex problems. To get there the team was given latitude to not just improve but to change processes if needed, said Sergeant Tullgren.

"This is a credible example of teamwork across operational boundaries," said Maj. Gen. Tom O'Riordan, the Center's commander.

"They reduced a backlog of 8,000 cases to zero, and dramatically reduced the time it was taking to get the bonus into the accounts of recruits—documented results that address a problem in the field," the general said.

Anyone needing assistance resolving an issue with an initial enlistment bonus should visit the Military Personnel Flight in Bldg. 402.

## Sheppard sailors send posters, packages to troops

By Mr. Mike McKito

Base public communication

Sailors from Sheppard's Naval School of Health Science, San Diego Detachment, will send seven posters, along with care packages, to dental technicians aboard the seven aircraft carriers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Petty Officer 1st Class Nicole Gill, 381st Training Squadron Dental Apprentice Course instructor, said she wanted a way to have her

Navy unit show their support for deployed dental technicians.

"I thought that sending posters of instructor staff would better help our shipmates put a face with the care packages and with those who are training young sailors," said Petty Officer Gill. "Personnel assigned to the ships' dental departments may recognize someone in the photos, as some of them may have served in other duty stations with instructors pictured or are recent graduates of the dental

apprentice school at Sheppard."

Sailors from the dental practice and prosthetics courses, military training leaders and administrative support staff signed the posters, which will accompany care packages bound for each of the dental departments of the seven carriers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The care packages include snacks, magazines, toiletries and photos of Navy dental technician instructor staff here.

## Survey to begin on base by end of month

By 2nd Lt. Ellen Harr

Base public communication

The 2003 Air Force Community Assessment survey will begin on base by the end of April.

The goal of the community assessment is to provide installations, major commands and the Air Force with current data for achieving community and program results.

Some topics surveyed include personnel preparedness, sense of community, family adaptation, safety, spiritual well being, health and well being, economic well being, and unit readiness.

This year's community assessment includes several improvements. Military members participate using a Web-based survey, in which respondents complete an anonymous survey on a dedicated Website. Paper and pencil versions are distributed to groups with limited access to computers.

The community assessment will survey both service members and spouses. The information collected will be used to assist the family support center, family advocacy program, health and wellness center, life skills center, family member programs, and chaplains to improve services designed to meet the needs of service members and their families.

Air Force members and their spouses will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work e-mail address of each service member selected to participate. Participation is crucial to the success of the project. Selected service members are strongly urged to take part.

"The 2003 Community Assess-

ment survey is a top priority," said Mr. Jeffrey Pixler, family advocacy outreach manager. "It is the best way for us to listen to service members and then provide services to help them meet their needs and the needs of their family. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously, so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day."

Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities. In fact, results from previous community assessments have impacted the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force, including expanding financial counseling programs to members and their families, developing a user-friendly support network for single parents, setting up marriage support seminars for junior enlisted members and their spouses, adjusting childcare and other support services to better match the needs of the community, increasing opportunities to socialize and participate in on- and off-base activities, increasing spouse-to-spouse support during times when a service member is deployed or on temporary duty, and increasing job opportunities for spouses.

"The survey provides service members and spouses a wonderful opportunity to improve the Air Force community," said Mr. Pixler. "We hope those selected will do everything they can to respond to the survey as quickly as possible."

For more information about the 2003 Community Assessment, visit the base public communication Website at <http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwgv>

(Information from the Integrated Delivery System Working Group was used in this article.)



Photo by Mr. Mike McKito

Seaman Apprentice Christina Holmes, 381st Training Squadron, signs one of seven posters to be sent to the dental departments of each aircraft carrier supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### Lunch and Learn to be held at officers club

The 82nd Training Wing Manpower Office will hold a lunch and learn Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the officers club. The guest speaker will be Maj. Bo McGowan, an instructor pilot with the 97th Training Flying Wing. He will be presenting "Never Take Off Without A Target." In 1991, he nearly lost his life in a near mid-air collision between two F-16s, ejecting within two seconds of his F-16 hitting the ground. Concepts to be discussed include the principle of decrease, discovering and overcoming our hold back tools, and the importance of others-focused thinking. Call Tech. Sgt. Kevin Keehnen at 6-7317 for more information.

### Chapel holds Holy Communion services

The base chapel will hold a Protestant Holy Communion service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the hospital chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information about the services, call Chaplain (Capt.) Sarah Shirley at 6-7281 or 642-4941.

### NAF property to go on sale

Services is overflowing with NAF property and needs to clear out the warehouse. They will have a sale Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bldg. 2140. The property will be marked like a yard sale and is open to all ID card holders. Acceptable payment methods are cash and check only. These sales will continue to run every Thursday until all items have been sold. Then, they will change to a monthly or bimonthly sale, as needed.

### Family support center to hold volunteer recognition social

The family support center will hold the annual Volunteer Recognition Social April 30 from 2:30-4 p.m., at the officers club ballroom. Awards for the Volunteer of the Year and the Volunteer Excellence Award will be presented. Dress is uniform of the day. RSVP to the family support center at 6-4358 to help determine seating requirements.

### Heritage committees to hold Taste of Culture

The Hispanic and Asian Pacific-Islander Committees will

hold a "Taste of Culture" Cook-Off April 30 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the community center. Tickets cost \$5 and include drink. The committees will serve authentic Asian & Hispanic foods. For more information, call Ms. Shirley Herwig, Asian Pacific-Islander Committee, at 6-3291 or Master Sgt. Marlon Pesantez, Hispanic Heritage Committee, at 6-3039.

### Airlines change baggage policies

Several airlines have recently lowered the free checked baggage weight allowance. Some have reduced their free checked domestic luggage weight from the current limit of two bags at 70 pounds each down to two bags at 50 pounds per piece. Some will waive the first two checked bags, up to 70 pounds each, for military members traveling on official travel orders. However, if any bags exceed dimension limits, they will be subject to additional fees. Travelers should be ready to present military ID card and orders if requested. The allowance for two checked bags, up to 70 pounds each, will not apply to

dependents or Department of Defense employees, even if traveling in connection with official orders, or to military personnel traveling at personal expense. For more information about these policies, call the 82nd Training Wing Traffic Management Office at 6-7153 or 6-6362.

### Finance provides service for retirees by appointment

The 82nd Comptroller Squadron's Finance Division now processes retirements by appointment. Scheduled appointments will provide retiring members uninterrupted one-on-one service with no waiting. Appointments will be available from 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, the first three weeks of each month. To schedule an appointment, call 6-1652 or 6-7452.

### Children learn how to be home alone

The base family advocacy program offers a class for children, ages 9 to 11, to learn how to help keep themselves safe when they are at home alone. The Home Alone Class is offered

quarterly, and class sizes are limited. Call 6-2271 to schedule.

### Coordinate special events with security forces

When planning a special event on base and anticipating non-military affiliated guests, contact the 82nd Security Forces Squadron at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled event by calling 6-7616 for entry procedures.

### Air Force Sergeants Association offers members information

Members of the Air Force Sergeants Association not receiving AFSA information by the local chapter should contact Staff Sgt. Aaron Medina at 6-1556 to be added to the distribution list.

### Housing residents to keep streets clean

Base housing residents need to not only maintain their yards and carport areas, but also from their curb to the middle of the street. Residents are asked to not blow grass clippings and leaves into the street. For more information, call the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron at 6-5769.

# Student Activities

## Happenings on base and in the community

### Student center events

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m. - spade tour - nament

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument/equipment.

Every Tuesday, 5-8:30 p.m. - Country Video Night in the pub.

Every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. - Variety Dance Night in the pub. Listen to Latin, hip-hop and R&B music.

Every Thursday, 5-9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7-11:30 p.m. - Club BDU.

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the pub.

### Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m.

Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

### Students to have chance to win Easter basket

The student center will give away an Easter basket Saturday from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is free. Call 6-7659 for more information.

### Center to hold karaoke contest

The student center will hold a karaoke contest April 26 from 7-9 p.m. All students are invited to show their talents. Admission is free. For more information, call the center at 6-7659.

### Center to have blood drive

The student center will hold a blood drive April 24 from 3-7 p.m. All ranks are welcome. Call 6-7659 for more information.

### Center to hold cards, collectibles show

The student center will hold a cards and collectibles show May 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Any one who loves to collect sports cards or collectibles is welcome to attend. For more information, call 6-7659.

### Car, travel show to roll onto base in May

The base will have a car and travel show May 10 at the BX parking lot from noon to 4 p.m. Registration deadline is May 3. The cost is \$8 per entry. There will be free hot dogs, chips and drinks, entertainment and other activities. Registration forms are available at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 2117, or call 6-4141, and at the student center, or by calling 6-2471.

### Club BDU to celebrate with special dance

The student center will hold a special Club BDU dance May 25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be DJ music for hours of dancing. Call 6-7659 for more information.

### Student center to cookout for Memorial Day

The student center will host a Memorial Day celebration with a cookout and a bed race May 26 from noon to 4 p.m. Register at the Student Center. Deadline is 14 May. The Memorial Day celebration and cookout will be in the central park on the north side of the student center. There will be free food, including hamburgers, hot dogs and baked beans, and DJ entertainment. A team of five from each training squadron will compete against the clock for recognition. There will also be awards and prizes for the fastest, best decorated bed and overall team spirit. For more information, call 6-7659.

### Club BDU to honor Armed Forces Day with dance

Club BDU will hold a dance for Armed Forces Day May 17 from 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Call 6-7659 for more information.

### Chapel events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

#### Saturday

All students are invited to the "Solid Rock Cafe" held each Saturday at the south chapel. Dinner is served at 5 p.m., and a variety of scheduled activities take place from 3-9 p.m.

#### Sunday

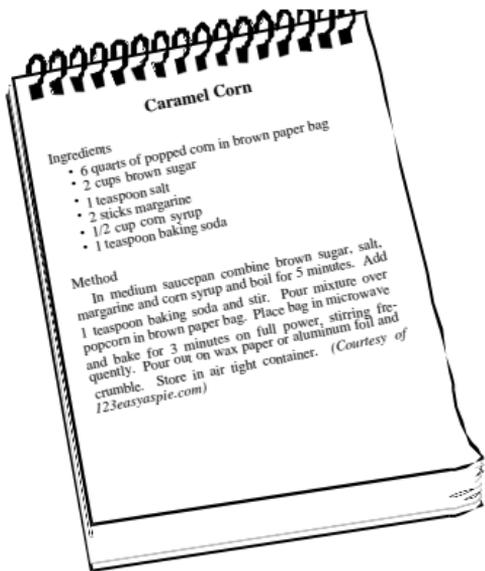
Students are invited to the north chapel at 5 p.m. on Sundays for Bible study, an informal get-together with refreshments and student-led music, ending with athletic activities at the north fitness center.

### Other events

#### Dining facilities celebrate birthdays with dinner

Students who are having a birthday this month and are on subsistence in kind are invited to celebrate their birthdays on the Friday of their choice for dinner. Contact the cashier to pick up a birthday card registration form. Students should indicate their entire choice and when they want to celebrate. Students can contact the dining facility manager/supervisor, or call 6-2080 for more information.

## MICROWAVE RECIPE



## One more question every airman can answer from Air Force doctrine

*Editor's Note: Doctrine is the Air Force's accepted best practices, so it's important for all airmen to understand it, and in turn, understand "why" and "how" we employ air and space power.*

### 40. What is a master air attack plan?

The MAAP is where the rubber first meets the road in air and space operations. It's developed in the AOC. The MAAP begins to spell out the details of the air and space commander's scheme of maneuver. It stacks the prioritized targets, say in column "A," and matches them against the available air and space capabilities that can affect them, say in column "B." In order to create a useful MAAP, air and space planners have to consider how to sequence attacks in relation to the campaign phases, the characteristics of the targets themselves, the risks involved, the potential gains, and what friendly air assets are actually available to do the job. The MAAP will spell out the kinds of aircraft to be used, the target and the expected sequence of activity. Once it's developed, it provides the basic data for developing a daily air tasking order. (Courtesy of Air Force Doctrine Center)

For movie show times and general activities at Services facilities, see Sheppard Scenes on Page 16.

# Commissary faces product shortages

**By Mr. Michael Cox**

*Commissary store director*

The Sheppard commissary and many civilian stores are now facing product shortages.

One of the largest grocery distributors in the local area filed for bankruptcy protection on April 1.

The distributor, which supplies nearly 70 percent of the groceries sold by the commissary, is in the process of restoring the pipeline of groceries to commissaries and the civilian stores it supports.

While the commissary is still receiving six deliveries per week from the distributor, any disruption to the supply pipeline has an effect on the commissary's in-stock rate.

The commissary opened on April 8 with less than 330 items out of stock. That num-

ber escalated to nearly 600 April 9, and on April 10, out-of-stocks rose to 665.

The commissary carries more than 18,000 line items and has alternate product choices for all current out-of-stocks.

Defense Commissary Agency officials are working with the distributor to continue providing Sheppard's customers with the best available shopping experience.

The commissary management foresees the current shortages to be a short-term problem.

Local representatives and the distributor's military sales representatives have relayed to store management that the disruptions in service will be short lived and overcome in the next few days.

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## Achievers

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The following airmen received scores of 90 percent or better on Career Development Course examinations taken in March:

– Airman 1st Class Adonica Dallas, 360th Training Squadron information management journeyman

– Senior Airman Kenneth Hauck, 362nd Training Squadron fighter aircraft maintenance craftsman

– Airman 1st Class Adeena Mainville, 82nd Medical Support Squadron medical laboratory journeyman

– Staff Sgt. Michael Ragains, 362nd TRS fighter aircraft maintenance craftsman

– Tech. Sgt. Charles Rhea, 82nd Contracting Squadron contracting journeyman

– Airman 1st Class Jorge Rinconegarza, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron structural journeyman

– Airman Amise Wormley, 361st Training Squadron information management journeyman

# Soundoff

## What's a good way to show your appreciation for administrative professionals?



*"Try to help them lighten their workload a bit."*  
- Mr. Ernie France, 82nd Training Wing, Plans and Programs



*"Give them time off - that's what I'd enjoy."*  
- Senior Airman Daniel Johnson, 366th Training Squadron



*"They work very hard, and they don't get enough of the glory; so give them the day off."*  
- Capt. Scott Plakyda, 88th Flying Training Squadron



*"It's impossible to show them how much we really appreciate them, but I'd take them to lunch and buy them a gift."*  
- 1st Lt. Adrienne Schmedthorst, 82nd Training Wing, Exercise Evaluations

## HISTORY

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pilots have returned to this area after retiring from the military, since their wives came from the north Texas area.

In addition to the training and hospitality that German students have received at Sheppard, German students, pilot instructors and their families have become a part of the local communities by actively participating in various projects. Our children are students at local Texas schools and, in turn, take back to their home country this great experience of living abroad in an area where friendship and hospitality are paramount.

In order to help the Germans to feel at home, so far away from their country, the Junior League's International Friendship Committee adopted the Germans right from the start of their deployment to Sheppard. This organization established a unique and effective way to ensure a firm and enduring relationship between the "aliens" and the residents of Wichita Falls.

Numerous cultural events hosted by either side brought families from Texas and Germany together, which formed friendships that even continued after their redeployment. In April 1986, Mayor Charles Harper of Wichita Falls and Mayor Max Steer of Fürstentfeldbruck initiated a partnership in order to deepen the relationship between both cities.

Cultural exchange programs were supported by their respective Air Forces in order to demonstrate the close relations between the armed forces and their host cities. Within the last 37 years, a total of 2,143 German pilots have earned their wings and called Sheppard and the surrounding area their part-time home.

When they leave, they leave impressed. For some who have the opportunity to return as pilot instructors, it is like coming back home.

Presently, in my fifth year as German Senior National Representative, which unfortunately is the last year of my assignment, I count my stay here as one of the greatest blessings of my life, but, most importantly, the honor and privilege of being friend of the civilian and military population of the north Texas region.



## Sgt. Looksharp says...

"The blue cardigan sweater with cuffed or uncuffed sleeves; indoor or outdoor garment; buttoned or unbuttoned indoors; outdoors buttoned only; if buttoned it will be completely buttoned; wear collar of shirt inside or outside sweater; not exposed when wearing another outer-garment. Authorized for wear with blue service uniforms to include maternity. Hospital and food service personnel do not wear with white uniforms. Ref: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/appearance/FAQ](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/appearance/FAQ)

Battle dress uniform (BDU) shirts may be removed in the immediate work area. This does not include the dining hall, any AAFES or Services facilities. Ref: AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2, Line 1.

Stocking cap is worn with BDU and functional uniforms. Worn from Nov. 1 - March 31. As of the publication of this article, the stocking cap is no longer authorized. Ref: AFI 36-2903/SAFB Sup 1, Table 1.1, Line 4."

**Be  
smart.  
Stay  
safe.  
Don't  
drink  
and  
drive!**

# Rodents: How to control unwanted visitors

By Mr. Tim Hunter

Base agronomist

This is the time of year when those of us who are fortunate to live near grassy or wooded areas begin to notice small, furry, four-legged unwanted visitors.

This is the time of year we see an increase in rodent activity.

It's not because there has been a population explosion but the scent of an easy meal. Many species of field rodents are opportunistic and will take advantage of an open invitation to a free meal.

On Sheppard, there are eight identified species of

field mice. Three are the culprits we find around our dog's or cat's food bowls, recycle bins and trashcans.

These are the hispid pocket mouse (*Perognathus hispidus*), white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*) and deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*).

At a glance, they look similar, however, each is different in its own way. They do have a couple of things in common.

A few may try and move in with us or into our stored belongings.

Some suggested rodent control measures include maintaining clean areas around trash and recycle containers.

Make sure the containers are free of food type products.

Next, use containers with lids and ensure they are closed. Sheppard has purchased new recycle containers that have lids that seal.

Only place enough food in your pet's dish that will be eaten within an hour. Clean the dishes daily by rinsing and pouring out the liquid in the farthest point of your yard. Keep stored pet foods in sealed containers.

Despite what you may read, ultrasonic devices that are commercially advertised and sold to control rodents and other pests have not proven to give satisfactory control.

Mothballs may repel rodents from closed areas where sufficient concentration of the chemical can be attained. However, these materials are not registered for the purpose of repelling rodents.

Baits such as anticoagulants are all effective and often the chosen method of control. When using baits, you must follow all label directions. A loose-grain bait formulation is preferred over paraffin wax bar bait, since these types of rodents are carrying off and hoarding food for the impending colder weather.

Secondary poisoning should not be a concern since most

pets, if well fed, would only kill and not eat the rodents. Also, the amount of these baits is small in proportion to the amount it would take to harm your pet.

The 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron's entomology shop has ordered more baits and bait containers to prevent access by household pets from these baits. The tried and true method for control is still a trap; however, when faced with the rodent numbers we have, use of baits is the quickest and fastest way to remove these unwanted pest.

For more information about rodent control, call the 82nd CES at 6-5698.

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## ***Recognizing care***

Ms. Athena Biteng plays with blocks with her daycare children, Tayvon Smith, 22 months; Sienna Riley, 3 years; Ryonna Cummings, 22 months; Peyton Stevenson, 3 years; and Micah Hauswith, 4 ½ years. The 82nd Mission Support Group recently recognized Ms. Biteng as Sheppard's Provider of the Quarter for January-March. She has run a home day care for 12 years, three of which have been at Sheppard. Family childcare providers are certified through the family childcare office. For more information, contact Ms. Cathy McGuire, family childcare coordinator, at 6-4237.

# SHEPPARD HERITAGE

## TELLING THE STORY OF TRAINING THROUGH THE YEARS

By Airman 1st Class Pamela Lampert

Base public communication

Construction continues to move along on the Sheppard Heritage Center renovation project.

The project will transform one of Sheppard's oldest buildings, which was previously used as the base historian's office, into a modern, high-tech setting for displaying, archiving and studying Sheppard history.

Construction began in February to revamp the old building nicknamed "Little Adobe" for its architectural style.

The center is slated for a grand opening June 14.

The building was originally an administrative building for the Kell Field airport, which would

later become part of Sheppard Field and ultimately Sheppard Air Force Base.

After the Wichita Falls Municipal Airport opened, the building sat vacant for many years before being used by a transportation unit as part of a motor pool in the 1960s and 1970s.

The building became the base history office in 1984.

When Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, visited the history office in August, he noted the need for repairs.

"General Rooney noticed several things that needed to be fixed because of the building's age," said Mr. George Strader, base historian,

"but he wanted to take it a few steps beyond that. He had a vision of turning the old history office

into a new facility to showcase Sheppard histo-

ry."

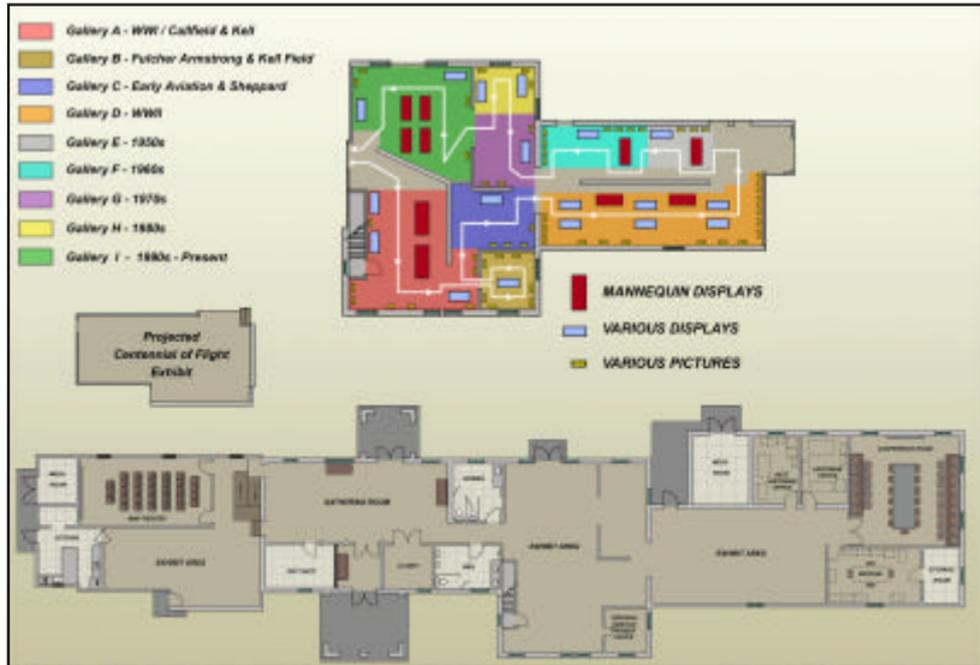
The Heritage Center will feature three display rooms, a gathering room, a conference room, a mini theater, a gift shop and offices for the base historians.

The Heritage Center will be open not only to Team Sheppard, but also to the public.

The center hopes to attract about 25,000 visitors per year.

"Our goal for the center is that it will provide a professional, state-of-the-art atmosphere to educate people about Sheppard's historic past," said Mr. Strader. "We want to tell the story of training through the years."

Anyone wanting more information about the Heritage Center or interested in donating historical artifacts for display should call 6-2787.



Graphics by Mr. Brian Hickman

The plans for the new Heritage Center call for a conference room, mini theater, gift shop and exhibit areas for historical displays.



Photo by Mr. George Strader

Construction crews work on what will be the gathering room in the new Heritage Center.



Photo by Mr. George Strader

With about two months left until the Heritage Center opens, construction on the renovation project continues to move steadily.



Photo courtesy of the base history office

In 1948, the building sat between two hangars as part of Kell Field.



Photo by Mr. George Strader

Before renovations began, the building was in need of many repairs.



Photo by Mr. George Strader

Construction on the Heritage Center renovation project began in February. The Heritage Center is scheduled to open June 14.

## General activities

### Lake Texoma to celebrate Easter with sunrise service, egg hunt

Sheppard Annex Lake Texoma will have a sunrise service Sunday with Chaplain (Capt.) Sarah Shirley. Everyone is invited. The annex will also host an Easter egg hunt. The Easter bunny will arrive at 9:55 a.m., and the egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (903) 523-4613.

### Auto skills center to change hours of operation

The auto skills center will change its hours of operation May 1. The new hours are Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.; and closed Tuesday and Wednesday. The last half an hour is reserved for tool turn-in and shop clean up. The auto skills center vehicle repair lot is located in the parking lot on K Avenue and 3rd Street. The cost for registering a vehicle is \$10 per month payable to the auto skills center. Call 6-4110 for more information.

### Ceramics shop to hold Easter egg contest

The base ceramics shop is holding the 11th Annual Sheppard Air Force Base Easter Egg Finishing Contest. The contest is free and for children of all ages. Prizes will be awarded. Fill out an entry form and drop it off at the ceramics shop. Forms are available at the ceramics shop and the youth center. For more information, call 855 - 0118.

### Base pool passes now on sale for season

Base pool passes are now on sale at Bldg. 2117. Passes for individuals cost \$35, and family passes cost \$65. Swim season starts in May. Call 6-4141 for more information.

## Club activities

### Jazz, motown music to rock enlisted club

The enlisted club will have jazz and motown night Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. People are invited to come and listen to an evening of music. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Children to hunt for eggs at officers club

The officers club will host an Easter egg hunt on the west side of Bldg. 340 Sunday. Children ages 5 and under hunt at 1 p.m., and children 6-10 years old hunt at 1:30 p.m. The event is free for children of members. Membership pays! Call 6-6460 for more information.

### Pool tournament to hit enlisted club

The enlisted club will host a pool

tournament Tuesday starting at 7 p.m. The cost is \$2 per entry. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Officers club to treat administrative assistants to lunch

The officers club will celebrate Administrative Assistant Day Wednesday at lunch time. Administrative assistants brought in by any club member will eat for free. Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

### Upcoming trips, shows Disney on Ice to perform in Wichita Falls

Disney on Ice will perform at Kay Yeager Coliseum from April 23-27, with April 26 designated as Military Appreciation Night. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through ITT for \$25, \$15, \$12 and \$9. *No federal endorsement of Disney on Ice is intended.* Call ITT at 6-6210 for more information.

### ITT to offer Texas Rangers baseball tickets

ITT will have tickets to the New York Yankees at Texas Rangers baseball game April 26. Ticket price will be announced pending receipt of tickets. Price will include game ticket and transportation. People must register by April 22. For more information, call ITT at 6-6210.

### ITT to host trip to Hawaiian Islands

ITT is planning a trip to the Hawaiian Islands for Sept. 13-18. The trip will include four days on Oahu and three days on Kauai. The price will cover round trip air fare from Dallas/Fort Worth airport and hotel and airport transfers on Oahu and Kauai. The trip includes hotel accommodations at Out-rigger Reef on Oahu and Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort on Kauai. Additionally, the tour includes Oahu Circle Island Tour, Polynesian Cultural Center with Dinner, and an authentic Hawaiian Luau. The Kauai portion includes Waialua River tour, Fern Grotto and Waimea Canyon tour. For more information, call ITT at 6-2302.

### ITT planning upcoming trips in May

ITT is planning several trips for the month of May. Call 6-6210 for more information about any of these trips.

JFK Museum, West End Marketplace and Galleria Mall Shopping - May 3, cost is \$23 per person.

Fort Worth Zoo and Fort Worth Water Gardens - May 10, cost is \$23 per person.

Six Flags Theme Park - May 17, cost is \$38 per person.

Scarborough Faire and Medieval Times - May 24, cost is \$70 per person.

## At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.  
The Life of David Gale

Friday 9 p.m.  
Cradle 2 the Grave

Saturday 2 p.m.  
Daredevil

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Old School

Saturday 7 p.m.  
The Hunted

Sunday 2 p.m.  
Old School

Sunday 4:30 p.m.  
Daredevil

Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Daredevil

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

**The Life of David Gale (R)** - Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet - David Gale is on Death Row for the rape and murder of a fellow activist. With only three days before his scheduled execution, Gale agrees to give a reporter the exclusive interview she's been chasing. Putting her own safety in jeopardy, the reporter races to piece together the events surrounding the case.

**Daredevil (PG-13)** - Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner - Attorney Matt Murdock is blind, but his other four senses function with superhu-

man sharpness. By day, Murdock represents the downtrodden. At night, he is Daredevil, a masked vigilante stalking the dark streets of the city, a relentless avenger of justice.

**Old School (R)** - Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell - A trio of thirtysomething buddies try to recapture the outrageous, irrepressible fun of their college years by starting their own off-campus fraternity. They decide to postpone adulthood in favor of the reckless abandon of frat house living with all of the fun and none of the education.

## Chapel Schedule

### Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel

Saturday, 3-9 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel

Saturday, 3 p.m., Marriage Group, South Chapel

Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Evening Gathering, 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., North Chapel

### Reconciliation

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

### Protestant activities

#### Worship services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community Service, North Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Holy Communion Service, Hospital Chapel

### Religious education

Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

#### Bible studies

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, noon, Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, South Chapel

Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

#### Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 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, 7 p.m., Bldg. 962, call Kalista at 6-4370

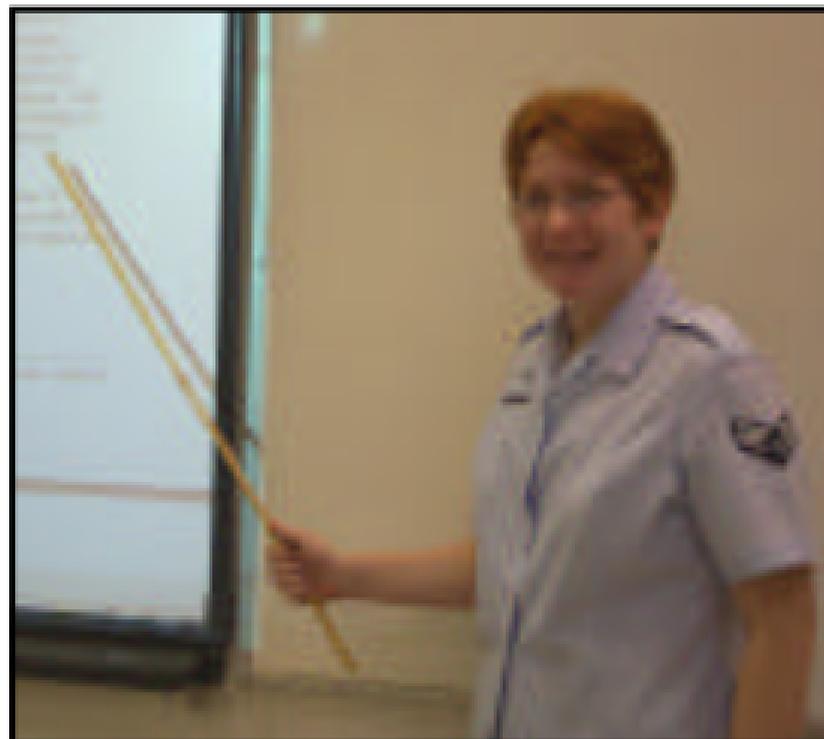
Buddhist activities, call Terry Kelley at 6-4963 or 322-7389

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

# Sheppard Spotlight: 15 lines of Fame

1. **Name:** Amanda Burns
2. **Rank:** Senior Airman
3. **Organization and position:** 364th Training Squadron, instructor.
4. **Hometown:** Falmouth, Ky.
5. **Married or single:** Married to Joseph Burns with one son, William.
6. **Hobbies or favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Yoga class and spending time with my family.
7. **Funniest childhood memory:** I used to think I was a chicken, and I would make a nest and sit on eggs, which were really rocks.
8. **Why did you join the Air Force?** I always

- wanted to since I was little girl.
9. **Why do you stay in the Air Force?** Stability.
  10. **Date arrived at Sheppard:** May 2002.
  11. **Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Seeing the students succeed.
  12. **Favorite book or movie:** "Sweet Home Alabama"
  13. **What is your dream vacation?** Going on a cruise, eating all day, and not gaining a pound.
  14. **If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** My husband, so I could see if his life is really as hard as he says.
  15. **Most prized possession:** My kitty, Corleon, and puppy, Oakie.



Senior Airman Amanda Burns

# Bone marrow donor, recipient share reunion

By 2nd Lt. Ellen Harr

Base public communication

Tech. Sgt. Daniel MacDonald and Mr. Gregg Smith share the same bone marrow, but they didn't meet until April 11.

Sergeant MacDonald, an instructor with the 366th Training Squadron, 7th Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., donated his bone marrow to Mr. Smith on Oct. 16, 2001. They met at a reunion held at the City of Hope cancer center,



Tech. Sgt. Daniel MacDonald

in Duarte, Calif.

"I became involved in the bone marrow program in 1998 at Barksdale Air Force Base," said Sergeant MacDonald. "The daughter of a NCO on base needed a bone marrow transplant, so I registered to become a potential donor, and I gave permission to be added to the national registry."

Sergeant MacDonald said that the memory of his mother inspired him to become a bone marrow donor.

"My mother died from cancer when she was 48 years old," he said. "I just thought: 'What if I can save someone else's life?'"

Sergeant MacDonald's donation allowed him to help Mr. Smith, who was suffering from both acute lymphocytic leukemia and acute myelogenous leukemia.

"For many months, I was so sick, I would fall asleep at night just hoping I would wake up in the morning," said Mr. Smith.

"Thanks to my bone marrow donor, I have a second chance at life."

More than 4,000 patients, donors, family and friends attended the reunion. Sergeant MacDonald first met Mr. Smith during a "Rose Garden" ceremony on the first day of the reunion weekend.

"It was a bit overwhelming at first. I gave up something I didn't even realize I had. I mean it was nothing to me. It's very moving. It really hit home for me when I met his 14 year-old daughter and 17 year-old son."

Sergeant MacDonald also credits his coworkers with helping him throughout the donation process.

"My coworkers have been very positive and supportive," he said. "Our unit was on standby to deploy. My commander and I agreed that departing on time was less critical than being available to help save someone's life. I could donate



(HQ/AP Photo by Bob Riba, Jr.)

**Cancer survivor Mr. Gregg Smith hugs his bone marrow donor, Tech. Sgt. Daniel MacDonald, 366th Training Squadron, Detachment 7, as Dr. Amrita Krishnan looks on in support.**

then catch up with my unit." Many people believe that the testing and donation process is painful. However, Sergeant MacDonald said his experience was relatively painless.

"The initial test at Barksdale

was like any other blood test," he said. "I didn't really experience much pain - only fatigue."

For more information about the Department of Defense bone marrow donation program call 1-800-MARROW3 or visit [www.dodmarrow.com](http://www.dodmarrow.com).

Check out the base public communication  
Website at  
<http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa>



*Photo by Airman Jacques Lickteig*

Mrs. Norma Lum, Staff Sgt. Francisco Limardo, and Airman 1st Class Sergio Mainville, all from the 82nd Communications Squadron Network Security Office, review a security manual.

## Web sites blocked to protect network

**By Airman Jacques Lickteig**  
*Base public communication*

High-bandwidth consumption on Sheppard's computer network slows the Internet-based systems on base; therefore, degrading their mission capability.

Visiting Web sites that have no purpose for official business causes this high-bandwidth consumption.

The 82nd Communications Squadron Network Security Office blocks these unnecessary Web sites to control and conserve bandwidth consumption, which is the amount of data flowing on the network, said Staff Sgt. Francisco Limardo, noncommissioned officer in charge of the network security office.

"99.9 percent of the blocked sites have nothing to do with official government business," he said.

There are two ways the network security staff blocks Web sites, he said.

One way is by reviewing the log of visited Web sites.

If any of the sites do not serve an official purpose, network security applies a local filter on the Proxy server, which is the communications device through which all Sheppard Internet traffic flows, said Sergeant Limardo.

The other kind of filter the network security staff uses is a filtering program provided by Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

This program blocks Web sites by category. For example, if someone tried to go to a chat room on a government computer, he would receive a message

saying the Web site is denied because the content category is classified as chat, he said.

The responsibility for making the final decision to block a Web site depends on the site.

The network security staff makes the decision to block sites that are unquestionably unrelated to official business, such as sports Web sites and chat rooms, said Sergeant Limardo.

However, if the site can be construed as related to official business, but degrades the network's bandwidth because of high usage, the decision to block it has to be made by installation commander.

For more information about blocked Web sites and other network issues, contact the 82nd CS network control center at 6-4357.

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## Centennial of Flight

*This week in air  
and space history*

**April 12, 1961** - Vostok 1: First human being (Maj. Yuri Gagarin) to travel in space by completing one full orbit of the Earth.

**April 12-14, 1981** - Launch of STS-1, the first test flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia. The mission was the first to employ both liquid- and solid-propellant rocket engines for the launch of a spacecraft carrying humans.

**April 15, 1952** - The first flight of the Boeing B-52 Strato-fortress (the YB-52 prototype), piloted by Mr. Alvin "Tex" Johnston, one of Boeing's top test pilots, and Lt. Col. Guy Townsend of the Air Force flight test center.

**April 16, 1912** - An American, Ms. Harriet Quimby, becomes the first woman to pilot a plane across the English Channel.

**April 16, 1941** - Mr. Igor Sikorsky sets a national helicopter record by hovering virtually motionless over a Stratford, Conn., airport for one hour, five minutes.

**April 17, 1925** - Sgt. Randall Bose and Pvt. Arthur Bergo make a delayed parachute jump of 1,500 feet to demonstrate that falling persons remain conscious.

**April 17, 1941** - Gen. George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, dedicates Sheppard Field in memory of Texas Senator Morris Sheppard.

# AETC teams win productivity excellence awards

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Three Air Education and Training Command teams and one individual received awards recently for their money-saving ideas.

An individual from Sheppard, two teams assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., one at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, won Air Force Productivity Excellence Awards, presented to them April 10.

The awards recognize Air Force people and teams who have made substantial improvements in the quality and productivity of operations. These improvements were submitted through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness – or IDEA – program, special acts and other management initiatives.

The AETC winners were: Master Sgt. Kevin Rowley, Sheppard; Internet-Based Advanced Distributed Learning Team, Randolph; System Capa-

ble of Progressive Expansion Team, Keesler; and Systems Control Course System Administration Team, Keesler.

Master Sgt. Kevin Rowley, Sheppard, won the award for redesigning the Egress Apprentice Course. He added and upgraded critical course equipment, decreased the student-to-equipment ratio from 8:1 to 2:1 and increased the number of students graduating by 14 percent with the introduction of three additional classes and lowered attrition rates.

Sergeant Rowley saved the Air Force \$2.6 million in training costs and positively impacted operational units worldwide by graduating highly qualified airmen.

"Sergeant Rowley is very dedicated to improving the course," said Master Sgt. Frank Mackritis, Sergeant Rowley's immediate supervisor and weapons system support flight chief. "Sergeant Rowley main-

tained and fostered contact with the operational units to improve the training system before receiving the award, and is still hard at work trying to improve the system after receiving the award."

The Internet Based Advanced Distributed Learning Team, composed of Mr. David Searcey, Mr. Gary Twogood, Capt. William Riley and Master Sgt. Brian Burton, converted six advanced-craftsman courses from in-residency courses to Internet-accessible course for career fields such as command post, air traffic control and manpower. The conversion reduced temporary-duty costs associated with sending people to in-residence schools and contract costs associated with developing the courses. Their idea doubled the number of Internet-based courses previously developed with conventional methods, providing learning opportunities for 1,526 students at 73 worldwide loca-

tions. They also reduced the number of work hours spent away from the mission for routine, formal training and saved the command \$1.4 million.

The System Capable of Progressive Expansion Team composed of Master Sgt. Paul Godfrey, Tech. Sgts. Matthew Tavernier, John Jenkins and David Trollope, developed an advanced high-frequency air-ground-air communications system simulator for teaching new radio communications warfighters.

Their system saved the Air Force \$41.9 million in utilized assets owned by AETC, allowing funds to be used for real-world operational requirements.

The Systems Control Course System Administration Team, composed of Staff Sgts. Jon McAfee, Greg De Rossette and William Clark and Senior Airman Marc Ramey, crafted simulators to aid in training technical control students how to troubleshoot and maintain communica-

tions equipment during simulations of scenarios found in the real world, such as communications outages.

Many of the ideas for this simulator came from information and experiences gathered from the schoolhouse, the operational field and senior leadership.

The team spent 2,000 off-duty hours developing the simulators while continuing to teach full course loads to 650 students annually. Student critiques reportedly singled out the well-designed facilities and dynamic training opportunities as a highlight of their technical school experience. These improvements saved \$3 million in development costs and more than \$2 million in Air Force equipment reutilization.

For more information about the IDEA program, go to <https://www.afmia.randolph.af.mil> and click on "IDEA PROGRAM."

## Intramural bowling

| Pos. | Team Name      | Won | Lost |
|------|----------------|-----|------|
| 1    | 381 TRS "A"    | 152 | 80   |
| 2    | AMMO           | 137 | 95   |
| 3    | 360 TRS "A"    | 136 | 96   |
| 4    | 361 TRS        | 136 | 96   |
| 5    | 187th MED BN   | 134 | 98   |
| 6    | 382 TRS "A"    | 134 | 98   |
| 7    | 82 COMM        | 128 | 104  |
| 8    | 383 TRS "A"    | 128 | 104  |
| 9    | 360 TRS "B"    | 127 | 105  |
| 10   | Med Group      | 126 | 106  |
| 11   | 82 CPTS        | 125 | 107  |
| 12   | MSS/SVS        | 123 | 109  |
| 13   | 363 TRS        | 123 | 109  |
| 14   | 364 TRS "A"    | 121 | 111  |
| 15   | 365 TRS "D"    | 114 | 118  |
| 16   | 383 TRS "B"    | 114 | 118  |
| 17   | 365 TRS "B"    | 112 | 120  |
| 18   | 365 TRS "A"    | 108 | 124  |
| 19   | 364 TRS "B"    | 108 | 124  |
| 20   | 382 TRS "BMET" | 108 | 124  |
| 21   | 366 TRS "A"    | 105 | 127  |
| 22   | 362 TRS        | 104 | 128  |
| 23   | 365 TRS "C"    | 101 | 131  |
| 24   | 366 TRS "B"    | 96  | 136  |
| 25   | 382 TRS "C"    | 87  | 145  |

### Male high scores

|                  |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Hendrick Rorije  | 252 | 694 |
| Allan Gilbreath  | 247 | 637 |
| Ramon James      | 239 | 624 |
| David Greene     | 236 | 621 |
| Warren Hall      | 233 | 621 |
| Antonio Martinez | 228 | 615 |
| Jerry Ray        | 226 | 654 |
| John Steurer     | 222 | 611 |
| Andrew LeBlanc   | 222 | 604 |
| Ron Davis        | 258 |     |

### Female High Scores

|                |     |     |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Michele Dodge  | 232 | 517 |
| Nancy Kunkel   | 182 | 508 |
| Erinn McFall   | 181 | 472 |
| Janice George  | 180 | 493 |
| Dorothy Howard | 175 | 472 |
| Adinah Kimbley | 166 | 490 |
| Carol Wall     |     | 452 |
| Christine King | 178 |     |
| Cynthia New    | 167 |     |
| Ronda Young    | 163 |     |

## Intramural volleyball

| Pos. | Team Name    | Won | Lost |
|------|--------------|-----|------|
| 1    | 80 FTW       | 12  | 0    |
| 2    | 365 TRS      | 11  | 1    |
| 3    | 82 CES       | 8   | 4    |
| 4    | 360 TRS      | 7   | 5    |
| 5    | 382 TRS      | 7   | 5    |
| 6    | 363 Students | 6   | 6    |
| 7    | 362 TRS/NPS  | 6   | 6    |
| 8    | 82 SFS       | 6   | 6    |
| 9    | 82 COMM      | 6   | 6    |
| 10   | 363 TRS      | 5   | 7    |

*\*These standings represent the results from the regular season\**

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team you want  
to brag about?  
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stories or ideas  
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by the Friday  
before you  
want it to run.

## Sports shorts

### Golf course to have Easter family tournament

The golf course will hold an Easter Family Run 9-Hole Golf Tournament Saturday at 1 p.m. All eligible patrons are invited to attend. Call the golf course at 6-6369 for more information.

### Children golf free with parents in April

Children can golf free with their parents until April 30 starting at 4 p.m. This is open to children 6-15 years old with a parent. Call 6-6369 for more information.

### South lanes to hold Colorama Tournament

A Moonlight Colorama Tournament will take place at the south lanes April 26 at 7 p.m. Bowl with the lights out. The cost is \$13 per person. Call 6-2170 for more information.

### Soccer scrimmages take place at main track

Soccer scrimmages are currently being held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. on the field at the main track. All skill levels and genders are welcome to play. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Michael Wierusz at 6-5651 or Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Leobardo Rodriguez at 6-6925.

### Aerobiccenter offers variety of classes

The aerobiccenter, located in the south fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Classes are offered between 5:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call 6-2972 for more information.

Abdominal class, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Step aerobics, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 a.m.

Low impact step, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Basic step, Sunday at 2 p.m.

Intermediate step, Saturday, 10:15 a.m.

Advanced step/floor, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 5 p.m.

Combo step, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Kickboxing, Tuesday at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

Boot camp/circuit training,

Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Yoga/pilates, Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday at 5 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 3 p.m.

Muscle sculpting, Tuesday and Thursday 9:15 a.m.

Abs and stretch, Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

### Spinning classes held at fitness center

The north fitness center now offers spinning classes. Classes are held Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., Fridays at 11:30 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., and Saturdays at 2 p.m. For more information, call the north fitness center at 6-6336.



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## No pain, no gain

2nd Lt. Stephen Kaminski, a student pilot at the 80th Operations Support Squadron, exercises his leg muscles on one of the weight machines at the south fitness center. The south fitness center has extended its hours. It opens at 4:30 a.m. on Monday and operates 24 hours a day through Thursdays. It's also open Fridays 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays noon to 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-2972.

**Do you need help starting a fitness program? Get advice from a personal trainer. Call 6-7491 for an appointment.**