

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Friday</b><br><br>Partly cloudy<br>Lo: 69°F<br>Hi: 89°F | <b>Saturday</b><br><br>Partly cloudy<br>Lo: 70°F<br>Hi: 91°F | <b>Sunday</b><br><br>Mostly cloudy<br>Lo: 72°F<br>Hi: 92°F |
|--|--|--|

**Nurses were key to patient flow during D-Day invasion**  
See Page 5



**4th Annual Build a Boat Race**  
See Page 1B



# Sheppard Senator



Combat Capability Starts Here

Vol. 57, No. 23

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

June 11, 2004

## Adapting the AEF: longer deployments, more forces

**By Gen. John Jumper**  
*Air Force chief of staff*



**Jumper**

For the past 12 years, our Air Force has adapted to the demands of a changing world. Beginning in the early 1990s, we developed composite wings, expeditionary organizations, and crisis-response packages that allowed us to rapidly deliver combat capability to combatant commanders.

In 1998, we formalized the structure into 10 air expeditionary force packages. These responsive air and space capabilities allow us to present forces in a consistent manner and conduct military operations across the spectrum of conflict.

Throughout the late 1990s, our AEF (air and space expeditionary force) concept of operations has proven itself time and

again. Even with the high demands of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, our AEFs surged to support the combatant commanders' warfighting and deterrence missions, employing nearly eight AEFs of combat forces.

When major air and space operations diminished last year, we began the process of reestablishing the AEF battle rhythm. Our reconstitution target was March of this year, but the continued demands of global operations, additional contingencies

in other theaters, and a tasking to support Army operations with 2,000 of our expeditionary combat support forces required us to reassess our planning assumptions, and to adjust our AEFs to a new mission set.

Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time. We have a new rotational requirement for nearly 20,000 Airmen – about three times the demand prior to September 11, 2001.

Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field. To adapt to this new set of circumstances, I've directed a change to the AEF rotational

cycle and have asked our major commands to expand the pool of deployable Airmen in each AEF.

Beginning with AEF Cycle 5 in September, the baseline deployment will be 120 days vice 90, and the AEF cycle will change from a 15-month rotational cycle to a 20-month cycle. We will continue to expect that each Airmen will deploy only once during each cycle, although some stressed specialties will deploy longer, and in greater frequency, until manpower levels are adjusted or the theater requirements diminish.

For those already deployed in AEFs 7 and 8 (March through May) and those deploying in AEF 9 and 10 (June through August), it is our intent to stick to our 90-day deployment cycle. For those identified to deploy in AEF 1 and 2 (September

through November), you should prepare to be gone a minimum of four months.

This evolution of the AEF is not a temporary adjustment. More appropriately, it is recognition of new demands around the world for air and space power.

It is important to remember several fundamental principles regarding our AEF concept of operations.

First, we are not changing the basic composition of each AEF; each will continue to provide about 5 air expeditionary wings and 6 air expeditionary groups of capability during each vulnerability period. Our low density-high demand units will continue to follow DoD-approved deployment guidelines.

Finally, Air Force global mobility forces will continue to

follow our AEF Presence Policy, with mobility aviation units positioned in multiple AEFs to support the U.S. Transportation Command mission and other combatant commander needs.

The 20-month cycle will continue to provide commanders and Airmen the ability to plan ahead, allowing a sense of predictability while providing greater continuity to the in-theater commander. Still, I recognize longer deployments will present challenges to our Reserve Component, possibly affecting the number of Air Reserve Component volunteers, and requiring selected use of presidential mobilization authority.

We will manage these matters very carefully, ensuring equity

See AEF, Page 4

### On the Inside

#### PCS orders process changes for civilians

Permanent change-of-station orders for Air Force civilians moving under the career program are now being prepared by Air Force Personnel Center officials here in an effort to simplify and streamline the process for getting orders to the employees.

The majority of moves funded by the central PCS account are for career program positions; but the account also pays for moving senior executive service employees and returnees from overseas assignments.

**For full story, see Page 2.**

#### Juneteenth celebration in two weeks

Perhaps the three most significant documents in U.S. history exemplifying America's passion for freedom are the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Emancipation Proclamation.

Each year, America celebrates the Fourth of July, Constitution Day and Flag Day, which emphasize the historical importance of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Emancipation Proclamation has only recently begun to receive national appreciation through the resurgence of Juneteenth Celebration.

**For full story, see Page 3.**

#### Communication key to successful deployment

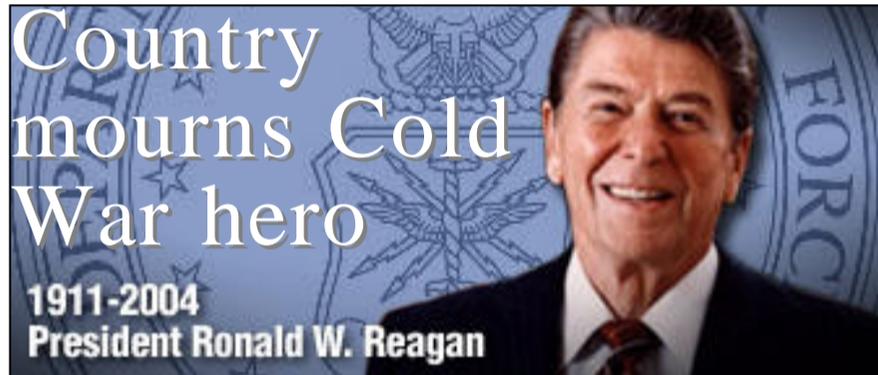
Many Sheppard Team members are currently deployed worldwide, leaving behind families who are concerned about the team member's well being.

One simple skill can help ease tensions and anxiety if taken advantage of: communication.

**For full story, see Page 7.**

### Index

- Activities .....6A
- Editorial .....7A
- Features .....5A
- News .....2-4A
- Sports .....1-4B
- Spotlight .....6A



**By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – President Bush called the news of former President Ronald Reagan's death "a sad hour in the life of America."

"A great American life has come to an end," Bush noted.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell also joined the many offers of condolence.

The former president died of pneumonia June 5 in California. He was 93 and had Alzheimer's disease.

He will be laid to rest at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

President Bush's words came during his trip to Europe to commemorate D-Day celebrations June 5-6. He said he had spoken with former first lady Nancy Reagan and offered the Reagan family his prayers and condolences.

In a White House press statement, the president said the former president had won "America's respect with his greatness, and won its love with his goodness."

"He had the confidence that comes with conviction, the strength that comes with character, the grace that comes with humility, and the humor that comes with wisdom. He leaves behind a nation he restored and a world he helped save."



Courtesy of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

**President Ronald Reagan at a rally for Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn., in Minneapolis in 1982.**

Recalling President Reagan's legacy, President Bush noted the former president helped "lay to rest" an era of "division and self-doubt" in America. And because of the former president's leadership, "the world laid to rest an era of fear and tyranny," he said.

"Now, in laying our leader to rest, we say thank you," he said.

"He always told us that for America, the best was yet to come. We comfort ourselves in the knowledge that this is true for him too. His work is done, and now a shining city awaits him."

"May God bless Ronald Reagan," he said.

Secretary Rumsfeld was traveling in southern Asia when President Reagan died and issued a statement en route back to the United States.

"President Ronald Reagan's resolve in the defense of freedom

helped to change the course of modern history," Rumsfeld said.

"Among his many legacies, he restored America's pride in the men and women who wear the military uniform. This modest man of good humor had the conviction and personal courage to provide our nation and the free world with directional leadership at a time when it was so sorely needed."

"My thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the Reagan family," Secretary Rumsfeld stated.

Secretary Powell, also traveling abroad, said he was "deeply saddened" to learn of the death of former president.

"President Reagan fueled the spirit of America. His smile, his optimism, his total belief in the ultimate triumph of democracy and freedom, and his willingness to act on that belief, helped end the Cold War and usher in a new and brighter phase of history."

Secretary Powell said he was "privileged" to serve as President Reagan's national security adviser and that he was "proud to be a soldier" during his presidency. He said that President Reagan "restored the morale and fighting prowess of our armed forces."

"The world and his fellow Americans will forever be in his debt. He was one of a kind, an American original," Powell said.

## Changes coming for NPS Airmen

**By Tech. Sgt. Jayme Samac**  
*Military Training Leader*

Air Education and Training Command isn't blowing smoke when it comes to some of the changes in one of its instructions.

A new version of AETCI 36-2216, Administration of Military Standards and Discipline Training, will be released in about two weeks and has changes that will affect Sheppard's non-prior service Airmen, one of which is use of tobacco products.

According to the instruction, all NPS Airmen will be prohibited from possessing or using tobacco products – including smokeless tobacco products – on base or while in uniform.

Changes have also been made to alcohol consumption and physical readiness requirements for NPS students.

Airmen in Phase II of training will no longer be allowed to consume, possess or purchase alcohol. Airmen of legal age will have to wait until Phase III, which normally begins 45 days after arrival to Sheppard.

Another change to AETCI 36-2216 could affect when an Airmen leaves for his or her next duty assignment. According to the instruction, NPS Airmen who do not meet the composite score of 75 or higher on their physical readiness training test after graduation from tech school will be placed on administrative hold until they can successfully achieve the standard.

Once identified, these Airmen will receive individualized PRTs five days per week until the standard is met. Only Airmen unable to test due to a medical waiver or physical profile will be authorized to depart Sheppard.

Enforcing standards is everyone's responsibility and all Team Sheppard personnel should be aware of new policies.

Army-Air Force Exchange Service has agreed to assist Sheppard in its quest for higher standards. Soon they will remove all tobacco products from the mini mall. They will be checking

See CHANGES, Page 4

## Vietnam vet inspires others through his pain

**By Senior Airman Chris Powell**  
*Staff writer*

Giving what it takes means something different for everyone. To one person it may mean giving just enough effort to get through the day, but to another person it could mean giving everything you have to reach your goal.

To one Marine, it meant putting a job as a college coach on hold and joining the Marines, almost dying while serving his country and then using his personal loss as a testimony to help others.

Clebe McClary was a Marine first lieutenant in Vietnam. During a patrol in a secluded, dense section of the Vietnamese jungle, he led a group of more than a dozen Marines into the area not touched by U.S. forces.

It was that night the Marines dug two foxholes on top of a hill where some of

the men, including Lieutenant McClary, stayed. Farther away was a bomb crater where the remaining men stayed.

Later that night, he heard enemy movement at the bottom of the hill and soon came under enemy fire. He said the North Vietnamese served as suicide bombers when they activated grenades and rushed the foxholes in an attempt to kill the Marines.

"We shot as many as we could, but one of them fell into the foxhole with me and several other Marines," Lieutenant McClary said. "It exploded, and we were all blown out of the hole."

Lieutenant McClary said when he landed, he reached for his shotgun and that's when he noticed his left arm was blown off above the elbow. He also suffered shrapnel wounds to his eye and face.

See CLEBE, Page 4



Retired Lt. Patrick "Clebe" McClary speaks to an audience in the base theater June 4 during a stop at Sheppard. Lt. McClary, a decorated Vietnam vet, travels the country inspiring others with his story of personal loss on the battlefields of Southeast Asia.

## Officials approve wear of expeditionary medal for OEF, OIF

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Air Force officials have authorized wear of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal which was approved by President Bush in 2003.

The Department of Defense campaign medal applies to active-duty, Reserve and Guard servicemembers deployed abroad on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

“The criterion is pretty clear, so members who believe they are eligible can begin wearing it,” said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, superintendent of the Air Force Personnel Center’s recognition programs branch here.

To qualify, an individual must have been assigned or attached to a unit in OEF or OIF and served 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in specific geographic areas.

The medal will only be awarded once, regardless of how many times an individual returns to serve in OEF or OIF. There are no service stars or other devices authorized; however, battle stars may be authorized for servicemembers who engaged in actual combat. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of



Staff is the approving authority for battle stars. Duty locations include these countries: Afghanistan; Bahrain; Bulgaria (Bourgas); Crete; Cyprus; Diego Garcia; Djibouti; Egypt; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Lebanon; Oman; Pakistan; Philippines; Qatar; Romania (Constanta); Saudi Arabia; Somalia; Syria; Tajikistan; Turkey (east of 35 degrees east latitude); Turkmenistan; United Arab Emirates; Uzbekistan; and Yemen.

Other areas include:

The portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude.

Bab el Mandeb.  
The Gulf of Aden.  
The Gulf of Aqaba.  
The Gulf of Oman.  
The Gulf of Suez.

The portion of the Mediterranean Sea east of 28 degrees east longitude.

The Persian Gulf.  
The Red Sea.  
The Strait of Hormuz.

The Suez Canal.  
The medal follows the Kosovo Campaign medal in precedence and can be viewed at [www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/200303134a.jpg](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/200303134a.jpg).

The medal will be issued by local military personnel flights when it becomes available and will also be available through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service later this year.

For more information, Airmen can contact the local MPF or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Photo courtesy of Sharon Klepp

Recipients of the 2004-2005 Enlisted Spouses Club scholarship awards pose following the clubs banquet April 22. See below for the list of scholarship recipients.

## Students receive scholarships for upcoming year

Base public communication

Simmons and Lisa Weaver.

The Enlisted Spouses Club of Sheppard awarded 10 scholarships to current or soon-to-be college students for the 2004-2005 school year.

Another student received a scholarship from First Command Financial Planning.

Each year, members of the ESC work together to raise funds for college students by volunteering their time weekly in the Thrift Shop, holding bake sales and silent auctions.

Graduating high school students who received scholarships were:

Haley VanEns, Taryn Maxwell, Jennifer Organiscak, Jacob Staples and Mary Yehele.

Current college students who were awarded scholarships were:

Maricar Aberlin, Cecilia Garcia, Teri Mills, Catherine

Shawn Houck was award a scholarship from First Command Financial Planning. All scholarships awarded were worth \$1,000.

Honored guests at the banquet were Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney, 82nd Training Wing commander, Helen Rooney, Chief Master Sgt. Judy Ruiz, the Honorable Judge Janice Sons and Bev Foster and Mike Shipman of First Command Financial Planning.

The ESC has made a comeback recently after having a small membership. All enlisted spouses are welcome to become part of the ESC every first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the community center located at 619 Fourth Ave., Bldg. 430.

We are a TEAM; Sheppard’s best kept secret...Together Everyone Achieves More.

## SFS: Don’t give thieves an opportunity

By Master Sgt. Louie Borja  
82nd Security Forces Squadron

It takes less than 15 seconds to open an unlocked locker or drawer, look around and take an item of value; therefore, follow these tips to help maintain your property:

Nearly everyday, someone reports a theft to Security Forces, the majority of items stolen are unsecured. People should not be fooled by the theory that a crime won’t happen to them. Thefts will occur as long as we provide the thieves an opportunity by failing to secure our property.

Popular items susceptible for theft are primarily those left in plain view such as jewelry, DVD players, wallets and money. Keep an eye on your property; if not possible, lock it up. Keeping valuables in a locker or a desk drawer without a lock does not mean they are secure.

Some of the most common thefts occur in the student and permanent party dorms, day rooms, laundry rooms, fitness centers and swimming pools. We also have reports of bicycle thefts within our housing areas. The bottom line is that if you want to keep it, you need to secure it. Simply lock it up.

- At the gym, sign out a free lock for your property.
  - In the dorms, check your laundry and lock your room each time you leave.
  - At the pool, take only your ID and loose change for a snack.
  - Your car, if you are leaving it, raise the windows and lock it.
  - Your bicycle, use a chain to lock it up.
  - At the office, do not leave your purse, wallet or money laying around.
  - At home, close the garage doors and do not leave items in the yard.
  - Anywhere, keep a visual on your property at all times.
- In closing we want to remind everyone Security Forces needs your help in deterring these needless crimes. Anyone can report suspicious activity or a crime in progress by calling 6-1100 or 911.

## PCS orders process streamlined for civilians

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Permanent change-of-station orders for Air Force civilians moving under the career program are now being prepared by Air Force Personnel Center officials here in an effort to simplify and streamline the process for getting orders to the employees.

The majority of moves funded by the central PCS account are for career program positions; but the account also pays for moving senior executive service employees and returnees from overseas assignments.

“The preparation of all centrally funded PCS orders ... is just the first step in a continuous effort to streamline and consolidate the process,” said Ms. Elinor Gonzales, deputy director

of civilian career management here.

By eliminating extra steps in the process, AFPC officials have shortened the time for an employee to get his or her orders. There are also steps that managers and employees can take to expedite orders.

Quickly negotiating a realistic reporting date and returning information forms promptly will help ensure employees have their orders in time for a successful move, Ms Gonzales said.

For more information, contact the local civilian personnel flight or visit the AFPC Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/pcs/pcs.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/pcs/pcs.htm).

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center.)

## Premium reimbursement now available for reservists

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Department of Defense employees called to active duty can now claim retroactive reimbursement of health-insurance premiums paid while on active duty supporting a contingency operation on or after Dec. 8, 1995.

To be eligible for reimbursement of Federal Employees Health Benefits premiums, the employee or former employee must meet the following requirements:

Must have been a civilian employee of DOD at the time called to active duty.

Must have been enrolled in FEHB and paid the employee share of the premiums, either by payroll deduction after returning from active duty or by direct payments to the payroll office during the period of active duty.

Must have been a reserve component member.

Must have been called or ordered to active duty to support a contingency operation as defined in section 101(a) (13) of Title 10, United States Code.

Must have been placed on leave without pay or separated from federal civilian service to perform active duty.

Must have served on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days for each period for which reimbursement is claimed.

For more information and procedures for filing a claim for retroactive reimbursement, visit the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/res-emp-info.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/res-emp-info.htm).

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center.)

Watch Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, live on TSTV-14 at 12:30 p.m. Monday. His guest this week is Lt. Col. Kirk Schneider, 82nd Comptroller Squadron commander.

It’s not just your life you affect. Don’t drink and drive.

Call 6-7244 and share your story idea.

# Decision of transition a balancing act

By Airman 1st Class Jacque Lickteig  
Staff writer

With the second phase of Force Shaping in affect, many might consider trading their active-duty service commitments for Air Force Reserve careers.

As with any major life-changing decision, they might have many considerations before making their choice.

Master Sgt. Robert Vazquez, an in-service recruiter, explained their first step would be to determine their eligibility.

He said most active-duty Airmen who have served one year of their commitments are eligible for the Palace Chase program. Airmen who are scheduled to retrain into a critical skill, those in initial skills training and those in medical career fields who have gone

through government-funded health service educational programs are not eligible. He also said officers and Airmen who are under investigation,

pending administrative discharge, court-martial charges or action are not eligible.

Benefits are another concern for Airmen to consider.

Airmen who go Reserve at one year in service lose their active duty Montgomery G. I. Bill, but they can get a Reserve MGIB. Airmen with two years in service keep the MGIB and sign a commitment with the Reserve twice as long as the remainder of their active-duty commitment, he said.

Reservists are entitled to 100 percent tuition assistance up to \$4,500 a year, he said.

Unlike active duty, a Reservist has

much more say in where he or she is stationed. The Air Force Reserve Command accommodates the Airmen's needs. Units can take Airmen as an overage or the Reservist can retrain into another career field, he said.

Another benefit of being a Reservist is the promotion system. Airmen in the Reserves don't have to test for their next rank. They are promoted based on time, professional military education and skill requirements.

A downside of transitioning from active duty to Reserve is that Reservists only get medical benefits while they are on duty.

Sergeant Vazquez holds briefings every Monday at 2 p.m. at Bldg. 402 in Room 323 to answer Airmen's questions about going Reserve.

For more information call Sgt. Vazquez at 6-3382 or robert.vazquez@sheppard.af.mil.



# Juneteenth celebrates freedom of a people

By Capt. Gary Gray

89th Flying Training Squadron

Perhaps the three most significant documents in U.S. history exemplifying America's passion for freedom are the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Emancipation Proclamation.

Each year, America celebrates the Fourth of July, Constitution Day and Flag Day, which emphasize the historical importance of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Emancipation Proclamation, which is particularly significant to African-Americans, has only recently begun to receive national appreciation through the resurgence of Juneteenth Celebration.

You and your family have the opportunity to participate in a fun-filled day celebrating Juneteenth sponsored by the Sheppard African-American Heritage Committee. The Juneteenth festivities will be Saturday, June 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hospital Pavilion.

The group will have a BBQ/picnic, poster art and essay contest for the youth and a fashion show that evening. The poster art and essay contest will be held at Youth Center.

All the food (ribs, chicken, links, hotdogs, hamburgers, etc.) is free and all are welcome. During the BBQ, there will be local talent performances, volleyball and activities for kids. The highlight of the picnic will be

abbreviated reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Juneteenth Celebration will culminate with a fashion show at the E'Club at 7 p.m. followed by a dance. All Juneteenth events are free.

Juneteenth began in Texas and is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to June 19, 1865, the celebration began when Union soldiers led by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and all slaves were free.

To their amazement, Texas slaves learned they had been freed two-and-a-half years prior when President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on Texas due to the small number of Union troops to enforce the January 1, 1863, Executive Order.

However, with the surrender of the Confederacy in April 1865 and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to enforce the mandate that slaves in rebellious states be freed.

When General Granger arrived, he read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3 that began with:

*The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer.*

As the news spread through Texas, African-Americans celebrated. Festive foods such as steers and roasted hogs were prepared, music was played and

people danced and sang.

Some dressed in fancy clothing, played games and told stories. For more than 100 years, Texas families held informal celebrations every June 19th to honor when General Granger arrived on the island and read the Emancipation Proclamation.

On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official Texas state holiday through the efforts of Mr. Al Edwards, an African-American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition.

Representative Edwards has since actively sought to spread the observance of Juneteenth across America. Juneteenth continues to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.

## Briefly Speaking

### Telephone outage scheduled

The base telephone switch will be down for approximately 45 minutes on Saturday, June 19, at 6 p.m. for switch program upgrades.

For any questions or concerns, please call extension 6-5581, 6-2054, or 6-4433.

### SOSC hosts farewell for Mrs. Rooney

The Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club requests the honor of your presence to bid farewell to the Honorary President, Helen Rooney, Thursday at the Officers' Club.

Sign-in will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a social at 7.

The dinner menu consists of oriental chicken salad, rolls and butter, assorted desserts and tea and coffee. Cost is \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

Reservations are required for both the function and childcare; Contact Grizellie Hedges at 851-9162 or twinhedges@yahoo.com no later than 12 p.m. Tuesday.

### AAHC hosts fashion show

The African American Heritage Committee is hosting a free fashion show on June 19 at 7 p.m. in the enlisted club's ballroom. Please see your AAHC representative to get your free ticket or call Tech. Sgt. Diena Mosely at 676-2779.

### CCAC meeting June 29

Consumer Advisory Council meeting will be June 29 at 1:30 p.m. in the community center conference room. For information, call Judy Kimberlin at 6-4335.



Left, Capt. Ki Jackson of the 88th Flying Training Squadron gives Tom McCulloch, chair of the Wichita Falls Board of Commerce and Industry, final instructions before his incentive flight in an AT-38 Talon. Below, Tim Chase, president of the BCI, gives a thumbs up before he takes off for his ride in Sheppard's more advanced aircraft.

Photos by Mike Litteken



## CLEBE

Continued from Page 1

While he was lying there, another grenade was thrown nearby, but one of his Marines sacrificed his life and threw himself on it, shielding Lieutenant McClary from the blast.

After the Marines successfully fended off their enemies, Lieutenant McClary said he slowly dragged himself to the bomb crater that housed the rest of his Marines. Then he heard a voice above him and thought it was another enemy soldier.

But the voice was from another Marine. A rescue team had been sent to get them, and if it had been seconds later, all of them might have died.

"As soon as we lifted off, about 150 enemy came onto the hill firing on us," Lieutenant

McClary explained.

That night changed his world for the rest of his life, but it has also helped to change other's lives too.

The retired lieutenant now travels to different organizations throughout America telling his story and how he and other people can overcome obstacles in their life.

Friday, Lieutenant McClary did just that by coming to Sheppard.

"I wanted to come here to encourage the troops and thank them," he said. "If it weren't for folks like them, I wouldn't be alive today. I also wanted to thank them for giving what it takes."

During his speech, he

touched on several topics ranging from divorce to suicide.

"If you die or commit suicide, Sheppard will still be here, but it won't be the same," he said. "If you ever feel like committing suicide, you should take a walk, go to the gym or do something to release stress and talk with someone."

Lieutenant McClary also meets servicemembers, who like himself, lost limbs serving their country.

"I tell them that I've been in their situation, and to not give up. It's okay to give out, but don't give up," he said.

For more information on Lieutenant McClary and his story, go to [www.clebemcclary.net](http://www.clebemcclary.net).



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jacque Lickelg

Retired Marine Lt. Patrick "Clebe" McClary relaxes at the officers club before a presentation at an officer call.

## AEF

Continued from Page 1

and fairness across the total force.

In addition to extending tour lengths, it is my intent to expand our pool of deployable Airmen from our current level of about 272,000. I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured in the Air Force Worldwide Unit Type Code System and our AEF libraries.

The MAJCOMs will posture the maximum number of manpower authorizations

into standard UTCs, and if required, we will develop new ones to provide additional expeditionary capabilities. Residual authorizations will be postured into associated UTCs and will be coded to support AEF requirements across the range of military operations.

Let me be perfectly clear – in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his or her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combat commander, whether deployed, in the continental United States via reachback, or employed at home station. If you are

wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are a part of the AEF.

We are at war today, and will remain engaged around the globe against a brutal and resilient enemy. Every Airman – active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian – must be focused on our national commitment to the Global War on Terrorism.

Our job is to deploy and deal with terrorists wherever they are in the world so we never again have to deal with them on our own soil. You will be the difference between our success and failure in this vital cause.

Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism, and service to our nation.

## CHANGES

Continued from Page 1

phase cards at Anthony's Pizza in the mini mall and also at the Class Six for purchase of alcohol in the proper phase.

If an AAFES employee is having problems with an Airman while trying to help enforce our standards, please take the time to assist and help resolve the issue.

Again, enforcing and upholding the Air Force's standards is everyone's responsibility. Team Sheppard is helping mold and educate Airmen who will someday be our military leaders.

In remembering the old adage "it takes the village to raise the child"...it takes Team Sheppard to raise our future!

## Singer-songwriter doesn't let Iraq stop his progress

By Cpl. Shawn Rhodes  
1st Marine Division

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq – Lance Cpl. Brandon Neal was leading the life of his dreams before he joined the Marine Corps. He was a country singer, playing his guitar to large groups of people in smoky, dark rooms. When the 20-year-old from Van Buren, Mo., deployed to Iraq in March, not much had changed.

"When I was in high school, I used to take off Friday afternoon for gigs all around the southern U.S. over the weekend," Neal explained. "I've always loved playing for people, connecting with a crowd," said Neal.

The soft-spoken young man wouldn't stand out in a crowd, but when playing, he had them in the palm of his hand.

"Anyone can relate to at least one country song," he added. "The music I play reminds the guys that there's still a world waiting for them back home."

Neal is known as 'Combread' to his platoon-mates because of his accent and upbringing. The name suits him just fine, he said.

"I like to sing about life experiences, things I've done or gone through," Neal said. "My music takes me home."

Working the crowd during his performances across the South taught Neal how to read people, to see what songs they'd enjoy the most. He uses this skill when playing for the Marines here.

"I usually open up with something everyone knows and can sing along to," he explained. "Whatever it takes to loosen them up, then I'll sing whatever the crowd would best enjoy."

His comrades enjoy hearing the booming voice of the singer accompanied by his guitar at the end of a hard day.



Photo by Cpl. Shawn Rhodes

Lance Cpl. Brandon Neal, of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, entertains his fellow Marines with his singing and playing while deployed to Iraq with the

1st Marine Division. The Van Buren, Mo., native used to tour the southern U.S. playing at clubs and bars. Now he plays for his platoon-mates.

"It gives people a release to be able to sit back and just listen and relax," said Pfc. Curtis Hazen, a 19 year-old from Dumfries, Va. "I'm not even a fan of country music, but Neal knows how to connect with people, how to make them feel better no matter what's happening."

Neal realizes the effect his music

has on the people that hear it, and tries to use it to help them as much as he can.

"When I'm singing, people can forget about when the next mortar is going to fall or the next patrol they have to go on," he said. "They can just enjoy the music, and think of home."

Participating in talent shows was a

regular event for Neal during his youth. His received his first guitar from his father when he was 9-years-old. Neal remembered the experience vividly.

"He handed me that guitar and said 'No matter where you go in the world or what's happening to you, as long as you have that guitar you'll never be alone,'" Neal recalled.

He took inspiration from the musical members in his family to perform in talent shows and develop his skill on the guitar when he was younger.

"When I was seventeen, I won a talent show which had a record contract for two albums as the prize," Neal said. "I turned it down to join the Marine Corps."

He doesn't plan on giving up his plans for stardom, however. Making contacts with record companies through friends and by performing whenever and wherever he can, he has high hopes for his music.

"My goal is to have a song on the radio by the time I'm twenty-six," Neal said. "I don't have to think it will happen, I know it will happen. That's how I look at it. When I play guitar, I'm content with my life and it comes out in my music."

Neal's life experiences as a Marine allowed him to meet a lot of people that affect his music. Finding time to play in between his duties to the Corps is also something Neal, like many musicians, struggles with.

"Neal is an outstanding Marine and musician," said Cpl. Travis Lewis, from Iron Mountain, Mich. "When it hits the fan, I can count on Neal to be there for me. He's great for morale here and he's great to listen to."

Even though he can capture a crowd when singing, Neal is shy around most people. He uses his music to express himself in ways he normally can't.

"I have trouble talking about things in my life sometimes," he said. "I write about it, sing about it and I can express myself through my music."

Even if he never makes it big, Neal said he'd still be content.

I might be playing in bars for the rest of my life, but I'll be happy doing it."

## Soundoff

What will you remember most about Ronald Reagan?



"He ended the Cold War," Regina Brown-Foster, 82nd Mission Support Squadron



"His movies," Staff Sgt. Josh Erickson, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron



"He was a very inspiring president," Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Willie Frisson, NRD Dallas



"His fantastic leadership," Tech. Sgt. Wayne Tuckwell, 366th Training Squadron



Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller

### That's a rap

Airman Rafael Jackson, the student talent show winner and a student from the 363rd Training Squadron, and Airman Charles Hawk, third place winner and a student from the 360th TRS, rap free-style after the talent competition Saturday night. The second place winner was Airman Jonathan French, a banjo player from the 365th TRS.

## If you break it, they will come

By Master Sgt. Andrew Gates  
455th Expeditionary Operations Group Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFP) – Outside, there is a simple, painted sign: "If you break it, we can make it."

Inside, there is an array of equipment, somewhat reminiscent of a high-school machine shop.

On either side, the fabrication branch Airmen here have a vital mission: To fix or make the parts and tools needed to keep the 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt IIs flying over Afghanistan, said Staff Sgt. Marc Sellers. He is the fabrication branch flight chief for the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"The A-10 is a very old aircraft, so you can't get a lot of parts anymore," he said. "We'll repair worn or broken parts and bring them back into (the manufacturer's specifications for safe flying). If we can't fix the part, we can make it."

The branch uses basic material -- sheet metal and metal bar stock -- to do their job.

"Mostly, we make the skin, brackets and ribs for the A-10," Sergeant Sellers said. "But, if you hand me a chunk of metal, I can hand you back a pair of pliers."

Working here is much different than operations at Eielson AFB, Alaska, where all the Airmen in the fabrication branch are based. The biggest difference here is not having a full range of machining equipment to use.

"We have a pipe bender at home that allows us to whip out hydraulic lines quickly," Sergeant Sellers said. "Here, when we make a hydraulic line, we have to fill a metal tube with sand, crimp the ends and beat on the tube until it's the right shape; the job is a lot more physical. We are making repairs the way they were done 30 years ago."

Airmen in the shop find themselves working on all types of projects -- even those for other services.

"None of the other services have the same fabrication capabilities," Sergeant Sellers said. "We fit projects in for the Army, Navy and Marines when we have time."

In a typical day, he said, the team spends about 70 percent of its time working Air Force issues and 10 percent each making parts or equipment for the other three services.

Recently, the Airmen put together a tool to replace bearings on Army helicopter stabilizers.

"One of the stabilizers has two bearings that (maintainers

need) to repair," Sergeant Sellers said. "Before we made the tool, they had to send the stabilizer away to be repaired -- which often took (up to) four weeks."

Now, the Army maintainers can remove the stabilizer here and fix the problem in four hours."

They also repaired a nitrogen cart for the Army, which was destroyed after it fell off a forklift.

"We stripped the cart down, repaired the frame and put it back together," Sergeant Sellers said. "Now, the cart is back in service, looks like new, and we saved the military about \$45,000."

No matter what task is before the branch, the job requires a lot of innovation. One of the oddest tools the team made here looked "like a robot octopus," Sergeant Sellers said.

"We built a contraption that lets (maintainers) drain the fuel from an A-10 -- the aircraft has four independent fuel drain valves," he said. "Before we built this item, the weapons team had to remove all the weapons from the aircraft for safety. Then, the maintainers had to drain each valve separately. With this tool, (maintainers) can drain all four valves at the same time."

An additional benefit of the

new tool is for the weapons team.

The Airmen can put munitions in "safe" mode instead of removing them.

"Anytime we make a repair or develop a new technique, we check with a technical expert," Sergeant Sellers said. "That way, we ensure we stay within specifications, and that the procedure is safe."

The Airmen in the branch said they enjoy the different aspects of their job here.

"I enjoy welding (aerospace ground equipment)," said Senior Airman Brian Wakelee. "It's not something we do at home, and I think it's somewhat relaxing."

"I get to see a direct result of my work," said Staff Sgt. Zabud Carper. "When we finish repairing an airplane, we know those A-10s are flying combat missions. When pilots come back talking about dropping munitions and everyone's excited, it makes it more real."

"I like having the responsibility and the tools to get an airplane fixed and back in the game -- to have 200 people depending on me," Sergeant Sellers said. "This job has become especially rewarding [because] I'm here representing the people who were lost in September 2001, and I'm helping secure our future from terrorist threats."

## In **FILM**



### Envy (PG-13)

Today at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
Ben Stiller, Jack Black - When a schmo becomes rich selling an invention called Vapoorize, his longtime friend and neighbor is driven insane with envy.



### Kill Bill Vol. 2 (PG-13)

Today at 9 p.m.  
Saturday at 7 p.m.  
Sunday at 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday at 7 p.m.  
Uma Thurman, David Carradine - Now The Bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest of the five.



### Ella Enchanted (PG)

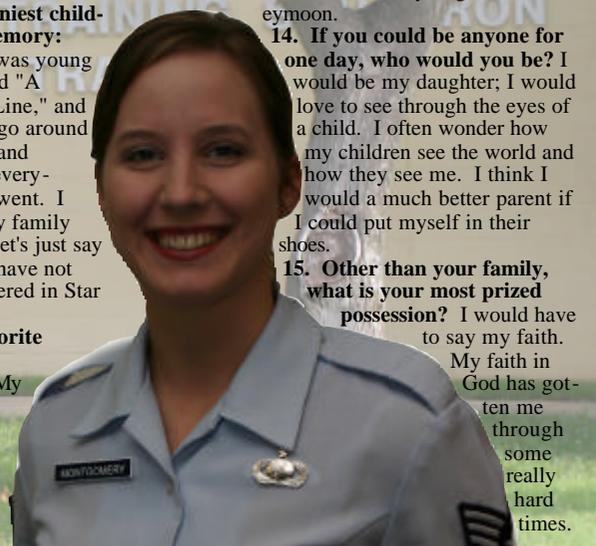
Saturday at 2 p.m.  
Sunday at 2 p.m.  
Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy - Ella of Frelly was born with the "gift" of absolute obedience given by a magical fairy godmother.

## Sheppard Spotlight 15 lines of fame

- 1. Name:** Shanna Montgomery
- 2. Rank:** staff sergeant
- 3. Organization and position:** 982nd Training Group, resource advisor
- 4. Most rewarding aspect of your job:** I have the opportunity to be involved with 45 Air Force installations. I am here at headquarters for the 982nd Training Group and we own 44 field training detachments and the 982nd Maintenance Squadron.
- 5. Why did you join the Air Force?** I did it for stability. The reason I can't say to see the world is because I am from Texas and I have remained in Texas my whole eight-year military career.
- 6. Favorite Air Force assignment:** The only one I have had Sheppard.
- 7. Date arrived at Sheppard:** April 29, 1996.
- 8. Hometown:** Anson, Texas.
- 9. Married or single:** I am married to Diketrick Montgomery and we have 3 wonderful children,

- Draven, Jasmyn and Micah.
- 10. Favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** I spend most of my time away from work with my family.
  - 11. Funniest childhood memory:** When I was young I watched "A Chorus Line," and I would go around dancing and singing everywhere I went. I drove my family crazy. Let's just say I would have not been entered in Star Search.
  - 12. Favorite book or movie:** My favorite book is "The Color Purple," and my

- favorite movie is "Grease."
- 13. Dream vacation:** I would like to go on a trip with my husband by ourselves. We did not take the time or the money to go on a honeymoon.
  - 14. If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** I would be my daughter; I would love to see through the eyes of a child. I often wonder how my children see the world and how they see me. I think I would be a much better parent if I could put myself in their shoes.
  - 15. Other than your family, what is your most prized possession?** I would have to say my faith. My faith in God has gotten me through some really hard times.



## Community

### Lake Texoma nature hike

There will be a nature hike Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To join, meet them at the lodge lobby, but bring a water bottle. For more information, call (903)523-4613.

### Club activities

#### Latin night

The enlisted club will host a

Latin night Saturday beginning at 9 p.m. Admission is free to members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, call 6-2083.

#### Family night

There will be a family night at the enlisted club Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The cost is \$5.95 for members, \$7.95 for non-members, \$2.95 for members' children and \$5.95 for non-members' children. Call 6-2083 for more

information.

## Chapel schedule

### Catholic services Confession by appointments only

#### Sunday

Mass: 9 a.m. (south chapel) and noon (Solid Rock Cafe) and 5 p.m. (south chapel)

Religious education:

pre-kindergarten through adult: 10:30 to 11:40 a.m. (Bldg. 962) RCIA: 1:30 to 3 p.m. (Bldg. 962)

#### Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m. (south chapel)

#### Protestant services

#### Sunday

10:30 a.m. Community Worship (north chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Inspirational Gospel Worship (south chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship (Solid Rock Cafe)

#### Protestant Parish Ministries

Protestant Men of the Chapel: Saturday, 6:30 a.m. (south chapel)

PMOC Breakfast/Fellowship Feb. 14, 8 a.m. (Golden Corral)  
Weekday Bible studies: Tuesday, 6 p.m. and Thursday, noon. (south chapel)

#### Protestant Religious education

Sunday school: pre-kindergarten through adult, 9 a.m. (Bldg. 962)

Tuesday Bible study, 6 p.m. (south chapel) Thursday, noon Bible Study, lunch provided (south chapel)

PWOC Thursday Bible study, 6 p.m.

PMOC Tuesday Bible study, 6 a.m. For more information about the chapel, call 6-4370.

## Student ministry

### Solid Rock Cafe (Bldg. 450)

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Saturday, 1 to 11:30 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday Protestant Bible study, 4 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Worship Service, 5 p.m.

Holy Communion Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Praise and Prayer, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Students Awaiting Training classes, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:15 to 10 a.m.

Chapel Ropes Meeting, Tuesday, 11 a.m. to noon and 4:15 to 5 p.m.

Parents and Tots, Monday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 10 to 11 a.m.

Praise Band Rehearsal, Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon.

Solid Rock Saturday Meal, 6:15 p.m.

## Student stuff

### Beach party at Club BDU

Club BDU will host a beach party Saturday from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information, call 6-7659.

### FITS

Saturday - Wall climbing will begin at 10 a.m. at the north fitness center.

June 19 - Kickball will begin at 10 a.m. For more information, call 6-6336.

Think before you drink. Hand your keys to a wingman.

## Sheppard Senator

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander

### Sheppard Senator editorial team

Maj. Manning Brown, Public communication director  
 Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski, Noncommissioned officer in charge  
 Bill Thornton, Internal Information Chief  
 John Ingle, Editor, design team member (6-7244, sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil)  
 Senior Airman Chris Powell, Sports editor, design team member  
 Airman 1st Class Jacque Lickteig, Staff writer, design team member  
 Terri Tyler, Action Line coordinator (6-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil)



Published by the Times Publishing Company of Wichita Falls, Texas, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 82nd Training Wing.

This commercial-enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of *The Sheppard Senator* are not necessarily the official views, or endorsed by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

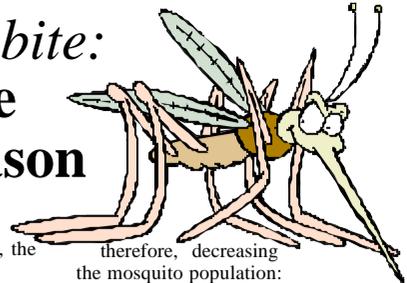
The appearance of advertising in this publication including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the DoD, the Department of the Air Force or the Times Publishing

Company of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or other nonmerit factors of the purchaser, user or patron. Content is edited and prepared by the 82nd TRW public communication office. Copy deadline is noon Friday the week before publication. All photos are U.S. Air Force photos unless otherwise credited. E-mail submissions to sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil 82nd TRW/PA, 419 G Ave., Ste. 3, Sheppard AFB, Texas 76311-2943.

## Escaping the bite: Surviving the mosquito season

Public Health Flight



As the weather begins to warm up, the mosquito season begins.

Besides being an annoyance, mosquitoes can transmit many diseases including West Nile encephalitis.

In 2003, 717 confirmed cases of West Nile were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since a virus causes West Nile, there is no treatment or cure. There is no human vaccine.

The best preventive measures to prevent mosquito bites include wearing protective clothing and using insect repellent when you are outdoors. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that repellents used on children should not contain more than 10 percent DEET, but concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET have been shown to be acceptable for adults.

Indoors, you should make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

The list of actions below can help prevent mosquito-breeding sites around your home,

therefore, decreasing the mosquito population:

- Remove all discarded tires from your property.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered.
- Drain water from pool covers.
- Change the water in birdbaths every 3 to 4 days.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

For more information, contact [www.west-nilefever.com](http://www.west-nilefever.com), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us), Wichita Falls Health Department Mosquito Control at (940) 761-7890, or Sheppard AFB Public Health at (940) 676-5978.

## Commander's Corner



Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Will Yarbrough

Master Sgts. Larry Anderson, Will Yarbrough and Warren Hall, from the First Sergeants Group, present a \$1,000 check to Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander,

as a donation to the Enlisted Widows Home. The FSG raised the money from selling burritos and hosting a bowling tournament this year.

## AFVAP helps rock the vote

By Capt. Paul Pethel  
372nd Training Squadron

In less than five months, it will be time to vote for the leader of the free world and the Air Force Voting Assistance Program is here to help with that huge responsibility.

The Air Force Voting Assistance Program is an ongoing effort to assist active-duty military members to register and vote either in person or by absentee ballot.

Sheppard's installation voting plan enables all active duty military and their family members to receive assistance with voting for all elections, with a special emphasis on the period prior to this year's general election in November.

The Air Force and Sheppard's goal is 100 percent contact with all active duty members, to make sure everyone has the tools and knowledge needed to vote.

But why should you vote? Voting is a powerful example of democracy in

action, and as members of the armed forces we protect this fundamental right. It's a responsibility and an obligation to exercise the right to vote for our nation's leadership.

This year's election will determine our choices for president, vice president, 34 senators, the entire House of Representatives, 13 governors, and thousands of local officials.

Each squadron has appointed unit voting assistance counselors who will walk you through the process of absentee voting.

You may have already seen some of the voting posters throughout the base or attended a commander's call where your UVAC has explained their roles and there are plenty more activities planned to encourage voting participation. If you would like to register locally, we can help you do that too. There are forms you can fill out and mail to register, and we can put you in contact with appropriate local election officials. A primary resource for your voting questions is the Federal Voting Assistance

Program website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). It contains the current voting assistance guide, an on-line federal post card application, and links to state election and federal government sites.

While the on-line FPCA is a useful alternative, it differs in several regards. The hardcopy FPCA will be delivered to you by your UVAC. Take the time to review the fields and then ask for assistance in filling it out, after which it can be mailed postage free. The on-line FPCA must be printed out and mailed at your expense.

The base operator maintains a current roster of Unit Voting Assistance Counselors.

Additionally, you can call the base voting assistance hotline at extension 6-6406 and leave a message.

Capt. Paul Pethel, the alternate installation-voting officer, will return your call.

Stay informed and ready to exercise your right to vote.



I GUESS THIS ROCKET KIT IS A LITTLE REDUNDANT AT THIS POINT!

## Preventing FOD, costly repairs

Master Sgt. Chris Forno  
80th Flying Training Wing Flight Safety NCO

Landing gear safety pins ingested by a running jet engine; a loose bolt jammed in a flight control bell crank mechanism; a stray piece of safety wire that shorts out a circuit breaker panel.

All of these scenarios represent foreign object damage that could wreak havoc on combat or training missions. Even if AFI 21-101, Maintenance Management of Aircraft, didn't require it, we'd have no trouble recognizing that an effective FOD prevention program is vital to safe, successful flying activities in today's Air Force.

Each fiscal year, FOD costs the Air Force millions of dollars, diverting valuable resources needed for the readiness of our Air Expeditionary Forces.

### What is FOD?

When an item that shouldn't have been there — a foreign object — causes aircraft or support equipment damage, it's classified as FOD.

Foreign objects is a term that includes just about anything that doesn't belong, like tools, test equipment, scraps of safety wire, extra washers, or personal items — like pocket change — that get left behind during the performance of a job. FO can easily damage jet engines, critical control mechanisms or short circuit electrical components.

### Doing your part

Supervisors of maintenance, operations and base support personnel are responsible for providing FOD awareness and prevention training to their troops who work in and around, or transit through, aircraft opera-

tional areas, as part of their daily job.

But FOD prevention isn't just a supervisory, Quality Assurance or Wing FOD Prevention Program manager's job—it's an inherent responsibility for all personnel involved in Air Force aircraft and equipment operations.

Some "big picture" perspectives on preventing FOD are:

- Practicing good house-keeping habits is the most effective method of eliminating FO. Thorough, regular flight line FOD walks which include all aircraft parking areas and aircraft hangars are fundamental to preventing FOD damage.

- A tool left inside an aircraft can kill. When you account for tools, equipment and work order residue before departing the job site, you've eliminated a huge potential source of FOD mishaps.

- Control of personal equipment — hats, pens, pencils, coins, line badges and the like — is especially important since these items aren't subject to the same organizational accountability standards as tools, tech data and other equipment.

- Using nondestructive inspection techniques — x-ray, borescope and other state-of-the-art equipment — is strongly encouraged, particularly during major aircraft maintenance inspections.

- Due to the environment in which operations are conducted, any number of different sources can drop, blow or otherwise deposit foreign objects in the flight line area. Systematic removal of FO ensures hangars, ramps, taxiways, runways, and access roads are safe for daily operations. Regular use of

sweeper trucks on runways and taxiways prevents aircraft engine and tire damage.

- And of course, it's always imperative to maintain heightened situational awareness around operating aircraft engines to prevent ingestion of your ear defenders, ground cord, clothing, tools and the like. Oh yeah — you, too...

Resources: FOD Prevention, Awareness and Education

Initial and refresher awareness training are required for most personnel, so education is the cornerstone to a successful FOD prevention program. Placing posters in work centers and on bulletin boards, and rotating them regularly can educate and motivate.

The DoD's Defense Visual Information Directorate has several products that could be used in an education program. You can visit the DVI Directorate's home page on the web at <http://dodimagery.afis.osd.mil/> and access the search engine at <http://afishp6.afis.osd.mil/dodimagery/davis/>.

### Only you can prevent FOD

An effective FOD prevention program is one that is aggressive.

Many resources are available to implement a successful program. Today's Air Force is ever changing and is always challenging: To be the best at what we do requires readiness. We cannot allow FOD to rob us of the valuable resources needed for the defense of our great nation!

To know more about the 80th FTW's FOD Prevention Program, you may contact Master Sgt. Chris Forno at [christopher.forno@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:christopher.forno@sheppard.af.mil).

## Action lines

### Child development center

Question: My husband and I are both active duty and we recently had a baby. When I went to the child development center to enroll our baby, I was told that I could put her on the waiting list. I was also informed that active-duty military have no priority over civilians.

Usually every installation has a priority policy established by the wing commander. Is there any way that this policy can be researched and possibly changed. Most civilians have family in the area, and they can depend on them for help. Active-duty members usually don't have family in the area. There's a definite need for

changes when the waiting list has over 23 infants and we are told the wait is 7 to 8 months.

Answer: We appreciate your comments. The CDC has a capacity for 183 children, and all of the slots are full. There are currently more than 100 children on the waiting list. We are aware of the need for a larger facility to meet the child care needs on Sheppard and are working on a possible new center that would increase our capacity to nearly 300.

There is an established priority list for people who can use the center. It focuses on the needs of all of Team Sheppard. This list is within the guidelines established by the Air Force to take care of the total force. Of

our 183 slots, DoD workers fill 14.

The requirement for their use is just as stringent as the military. Their spouses must be working full time or be enrolled as a full time student. Many DoD parents are career civilian professionals and transfer like their military counterparts.

We encourage parents awaiting care to use our family day care homes, which have highly trained and certified caregivers who can accommodate the needs of your child.

### Shed Removal on Sheppard

Question: I'm calling about the removal of sheds on Sheppard property. I understand that they need to be removed and with good reason,

but I'm wondering if we're cutting them up and selling them as scrap metal.

I was wondering if the base could bid them out for people to purchase because they are great sheds. Give everybody one week to move them out and if not, then cut them up or turn around and sell them to someone else.

The base could make a lot more money, which could be used for Air Force Aid or CFC or given to a base youth program. It would be a win/win situation for all. The base gets them removed free of labor, they make money in the process and if it doesn't work out, eventually the sheds will get removed.

Answer: I'm glad you have noticed the wing's effort to get rid of these sheds. It is the responsibility of the unit that owns the shed to empty and dispose of any that are not architecturally compatible with its surroundings.

All serviceable sheds must be disposed of through DRMO, just as with any other excess government property.

Based on the Federal Property Management Regulation, the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, and DoD Regulation 4160.21-M, the proceeds from DRMO sales are returned to the U.S. government. To dispose of excess govern-

ment property by sale in some other way, and then direct the proceeds to a charitable organization would be a violation of public law and DoD regulations. The 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron is helping units transport them for disposition through DRMO.

Any sheds that cannot be easily relocated must be demolished. In these cases, the metal is recycled.

Submit your questions and concerns to [action.line@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:action.line@sheppard.af.mil) or call 6-2000. Your submission may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

Marine poolers have each other's back



See Page 2B

# Sheppard Sports



Deployed artillerymen gun for martial arts qualification

See Page 3B

Vol. 57, No. 23

June 11, 2004

## Men's softball team shows signs of improvement

By Ron "Bama" Brown  
982nd Maintenance Squadron

The Sheppard Men's varsity softball team is beginning to show signs of improvement. While they once stood below .500 in the city league, they now have rebounded to a solid 5 - 3 record. Their most recent regular season victory was a strong 19 - 11 win against Perkins Paint of Wichita Falls.

Sheppard's defense has improved dramatically from the beginning of the season. The infield has become much more consistent in making the routine outs and the outfield continues to be a strong asset for the Senators. No doubt, the addition of newcomers Chris Brade and Will Daniels, coupled with the experience of Bill Muse, has revitalized the outfield. The outfielders for the Senators aren't just fast, they are sudden. Many opposing batters have hit into the three man out-

field only to find the gaps they thought were there, were just figments of their imagination.

Offensively, Brian Seddon and Carlos House have taken it upon themselves to keep the offensive throttle pushed to the limit. Both have batting averages pushing the .650 mark, but what really sets them apart is their power.

During their latest tournament, the Sids for Kids tournament, the Senators began to show life outside of the regular season. According to coach James Christman, "this tournament really allowed a lot of the younger players to grow into varsity level form."

Most of the Senator games resembled baseball scores, with the Senators splitting the four games. A 5 - 4 win in their first game was followed by a 9 - 8 loss in their second game. The third game saw the Senators put up a few more runs in a 16 - 10 win, but it was in the fourth game that it appeared the Senators had finally found their stride.

A 28 - 11 win seemed to signal that the Senators had finally put all the pieces together and were ready to make a strong run, but they fell to the Texas Toads 10 - 9.

"I can see the new guys getting more confident and feeling better about playing at this level," Coach Christman said. "But maybe more important, I can see where the veterans are beginning to really play better and reduce some of the pressure on the newcomers."

The men's varsity team will be playing in a regional Armed Forces Qualifier Saturday in Eules.

The Lady Senators are still very much in the rebuilding process. A 1 - 7 record in the regular season may not accurately tell the story, but it does point out that improvement must continue to happen.

The Lady Senators recently participated in the Sids tournament, held May 28 to 31, in Wichita Falls. While the Lady Senators went a disappoint-

ing 0 - 2 for the tournament, this did mark the first time in years that a Lady Senator team actually played in a tournament this early in the season.

The Lady Senators will compete in the Women's National Invitational Tournament the second weekend in June. The regular season and tournaments provide invaluable experience for a team beginning anew.

The hope is that by playing games, gaining experience and coming together as a team now, the Lady Senators will be ready to effectively compete at the command level tournament and at the World Armed Forces tournament in August.

Becky Davis continues her assault on the softball, consistently batting above .700. Lisa Haynes has begun to make noise by adding a .667 average. Kate Langley has come out of a recent slump in a big way by frequently hitting for extra bases, including a monster dinger in the last regular season game.

## Sports Briefing

### 5th Avenue to close for physical readiness training

Non-prior service Airmen will start having physical readiness training beginning June 21 at the new one-mile track east of Avenue K every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

During that time, 5th Avenue will be closed to traffic from 9 to 9:20 a.m. and 5 to 5:20 p.m. from Avenue F to Avenue K to let Airmen march to the track.

Traffic will also be unable to cross 5th Avenue from Avenue F to Avenue K from 10:10 to 10:40 a.m. and 6:10 to 6:40 p.m. when Airmen are marching back to their squadrons.

While training is being held for these Airmen, the one-mile track will be closed to the rest of the base personnel. Also, when 5th Ave is shut down during the times listed above, no vehicles will be able to exit the post office.

If you have questions concerning the PRT program, call 6-6102 or 6-5412.

### Take Off Pounds Sensibly class

The Take Off Pounds Sensibly class is at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the health and wellness center.

TOPS is a non-profit, non-commercial weight loss support organization. TOPS members are dedicated to helping each other lose weight safely and take off pounds sensibly.

For more information call 855-4308.

### AETC youth golf sign ups

Registration for the Air Education and Training Command Youth Golf Program has begun.

People who missed out on the sign ups last week still have a chance to register. Registration will continue until the slots are filled.

The classes will be Level 1 from July 5 to July 9, and will cost \$59.95 which includes the clubs, bag, shirt and hat. Level 2 will be from July 12 to July 16, and will cost \$30 which will include a shirt and hat.

The AETC youth golf tournament is at 9 a.m. July 19.

### Stars and Strikes bowling

The Stars & Strikes Bowling lasts until Aug. 30 at the north and south bowling centers.

Bowling participants will receive punch cards during the Stars & Strikes bowling.

The cards will be annotated with every paid game bowled or large fountain beverage purchased. For every 15 annotations, bowlers and non-bowlers will receive a reward for that level.



Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller

Lt. Col. Mack Breeland, 360th Training Squadron paddles his way to the finish line during Sheppard's fourth annual Build a Boat Race Saturday. Teams were given only cardboard and duct tape, and then picked a person to ride the boat the full length of the main pool.

## Sheppard gets wet 'n' wild at boat race

By Senior Airman  
Chris Powell

Senior sports editor

Cardboard and duct tape may not be the most ideal supplies in building a boat, but that's just what 22 teams used in the fourth annual Build a Boat Race here Saturday.

Participants took about two hours to build their boats, then teams selected one person to race their boat the full length of the main swimming pool and back.

The event had five categories for which winners were selected, including main spirit, creativity, cheering, spectacular sinking and the fastest time.

The Navy detachment won the spirit category, the 82nd Contracting Squadron won the creativity award, the 360th Training Squadron won the cheering category, the 82nd Security Forces Squadron won the spectacular sinking category and the 381st TRS had the fastest time of 44 seconds.

Some of the boats were made was a battleship by the Navy, a canoe by the 361st Training Squadron and a cardboard box by the 360th TRS.



Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller

A racing participant's boat tips over during Sheppard's Build a Boat Race Saturday.

## Marines, U.S. soccer foundation equip Haitian Athletic Association

Story by Sgt. Ryan S. Scranton  
MCB Camp Lejeune

Marines played soccer against one of the local teams.

"We've played other teams before. It's been a great way for us to meet and interact with the community, and the Athletic Association has done a lot for the local people as well," Arthaud explained.

The sports complex was started seven years ago as a way to bring the community together. "I started this as more of a social program," said Robert Duval, the association's president, "Soccer was just an excuse to bring people together."

But the complex does more than bring people together. Duval has been able to give an opportunity to kids with very little future.

"Ninety percent of these kids do not have parents, through this complex I've been able to feed them and even provide a temporary home for a few when I can."

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Marines and sailors from India Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, took time away from their day-to-day duties to deliver some soccer equipment to a local sports complex and challenge one of the local soccer teams to a friendly match.

The Marines delivered a variety of cleats, balls and jerseys donated by the United States Soccer Foundation before engaging in some friendly competition with a team from the Haitian Athletic Association.

"This was a good opportunity for us to get a break from operations, get a workout and help the community all at the same time," said Capt. Jason Arthaud, India Company commander.

The game was not the first time that the

## Falcon wrestlers continue to grapple in off-season

Courtesy of the Air Force Academy News Service

Although the official NCAA wrestling season ended in March, many Air Force wrestlers gained valuable experience by participating in post-season freestyle and Greco tournaments. Several current and former Academy wrestlers gained national recognition for their off-season efforts.

All-American Kevin Hoy, a 2003 graduate, and Phil Johnston, a 2000 graduate, both placed fourth at the Olympic Trials. They each made it to the semifinals before falling.

Brendan McLean, Jonathan Koch and Matt Crippes competed at the Fila Junior World tournament. McLean placed third and will continue to wrestle in the summer, as he qualified for a summer tour.

The trio was joined by Brandon Strong, Beau Tresemmer and Josh Peterson at the University Nationals in both freestyle and Greco. Peterson and Tresemmer both placed eighth to earn All-American honors. Tresemmer also won the award for most falls in least amount of time. McLean placed seventh in Greco and eighth in freestyle. Crippes gained additional experience, going 4-4 at the Concord International Cup.

**Bowling**

For more information, call 6-2170.

**No Tap Tournament**

There is a No Tap Tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$13 per person.

**Combo bowling held every Thursday**

Combo bowling will be held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the south lanes.

For more information, call Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619.

**Rock It Bowl at the north lanes**

A glow-in-the-dark Rock It Bowl takes place every Friday and Saturday night from 5 to 11 p.m. at the north lanes.

**Community center**

For more information, call 6-3866.

**Jeet Kune Do classes**

There are Jeet Kune Do classes from 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays at the community activity center. Cost is \$35 per month.

**Tang Soo Do classes**

There are Tang Soo Do classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for people ages 7 and older.

Cost is \$25 for adult members and \$20 for children members. The cost for

children who are nonmembers is \$25.

Call 6-6826 for more information.

**Pool tournament**

The pool tournament is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the community activity center.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

**Table tennis tournament**

The table tennis tournament is at 5 p.m. the second Saturday of every month. Cost is \$2.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

**Chess tournament**

The chess tournament is at 10 a.m. the last Saturday of every month.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

**Fitness center**

For more information, call 6-2972.

**Aerobics at north fitness center**

Beginning July 5, all aerobics classes will be held at the new fitness center.

**Push it to the Max**

Push it to the Max is a free program that's designed to teach people how to do correct push ups and will improve push up ability.

The program is from 5:30 to 7 a.m. Tuesdays in the aerobic room at the south fitness center.

**Air Force cycling program**

This program is designed to promote cycling as a life-long recreational activity that supports personal fitness goals.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Moffett at 6 - 2972.

**Spinning at the north fitness center**

There are spinning classes at 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the north fitness center.

**Aerobiccenter offers classes**

The aerobiccenter, located in the south fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week.

**Abdominal class**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

**Cardio blast**

Monday at 7:15 a.m.

**Step aerobics**

Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15 a.m.

**Body pump**

Monday at 6 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m.  
Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**Yoga and pilates**

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

**Basic step**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.  
Sunday at 2 p.m.

**Kickboxing**

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.  
Sunday at 3 p.m.

**Intermediate step**

Saturday at 10:15 a.m.

**Advanced step**

Monday, Tuesday at 5 p.m.

**Combo step**

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

**Golf**

For more information, call 6-6369.

**No Pin Special**

The No Pin Special starts at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Wind Creek Golf Course. Cost is \$26 plus green fees.

This includes breakfast and lunch, so the players should show up at 7 a.m. for their breakfast.

**Pool**

For more information, call 6-6494.

**Lap swimming**

People can participate in lap swimming from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. until Sept. 24 at the main pool.

For more information, call 6-6494.

**Pool passes**

The pool passes can be purchased at outdoor recreation, Information Tickets and Travel office and all of the pools.

The individual pass costs \$35 and the family pass pass is \$65.

**Water aerobics**

The water aerobics class is at noon, 5 and 6:15 p.m. ever Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting.

The class is free.

**Youth center**

For more information, call 6-5935

**Youth soccer registration**

Youth soccer registration has started for youth ages 5 to 10 years old at the Madrial youth center.

Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

**Youth flag football registration**

Youth flag foot ball registration has started for youth ages 6 to 10 years old at the Madrial youth center.

Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

**Volunteer coaches**

Volunteer coaches are needed for the Madrial youth center's upcoming flag football and soccer leagues.

Programs run from August to early November.



Photo by Marine Staff Sgt. A.R. Hay

**I got your back**

Eight poolees were selected to represent each Recruiting Sub-Station to compete in the fireman's carry, the most combat-related event of the day. About 450 poolees of Recruiting Station New York gathered to compete for bragging rights at the annual pooler field meet May 29 in Central Park.

**TSTV schedule**

Informative, educational and entertaining programming is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on Team Sheppard TV, channel 14. In addition to Department of Defense productions, the base public communication office produces local programming exclusively for Team Sheppard.

For more information about TSTV or to share your ideas with the TSTV staff, please contact public communication at 6-1327 or check out our Web site at

<http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa/default.htm>

**Friday June 11**

10 a.m. Into the Mouth of the Cat: Lance Sijan  
5 p.m. Famous Generals: George S. Patton  
9 p.m. Montford Point and Beyond: A Chapter in Marine Corps History

**Saturday June 12**

10 a.m. Famous Generals: Dwight D. Eisenhower  
5 p.m. History of the Navy: Cold War Navy (1945-1964)  
9 p.m. Famous Generals: Joseph W. Stilwell

**Sunday June 13**

10 a.m. Soldier Medic: A Proud Heritage  
Extending into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

5 p.m. Leadership Breakfast: Col Rebecca Russell on Generosity  
9 p.m. The Mission and History of the Air National Guard

**Monday June 14**

10 a.m. Lunch and Learn: Lt. Gen. (ret) Eickmann; Oklahoma City and Homeland Security  
5 p.m. History of the Navy, Part 2  
9 p.m. Level I Anti-Terrorism Briefing

**Tuesday June 15**

10 a.m. The Army in Action – Global War  
5 p.m. Montford Point and Beyond: A Chapter in Marine Corps History  
9 p.m. Air Force News Special Edition – The Centennial of Flight

**Wednesday June 16**

10 a.m. Navy Marine Corps News  
5 p.m. Famous Generals: Joseph W. Stilwell  
9 p.m. Air Power Over Kosovo – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Command and Control

**Thursday June 17**

10 a.m. Sheppard Today  
5 p.m. The Mission and History of the Air National Guard  
9 p.m. Heroes of Combat Camera



Photo by Marine Sgt. Jose L. Garcia

Lance Cpl. Gerardo D. Montes, from Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, simulates reaching out and gouging out an eyeball during a two-week Marine Corps Martial Arts Program course. The course offered Marines an opportunity to advance from tan to gray belt.

## Kung fu fighting: Deployed Artillerymen gun for martial arts qualification

By Cpl. Macario P. Mora Jr.  
1st Marine Division



Photo by Marine Sgt. Jose L. Garcia

Lance Cpl. Jordan P. Lamoreaux, a radio operator with 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment's Battery E, performs an armbar on Lance Cpl. Zachery E. Edmonds, radio operator with the battalion, while participating in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

**CAMP AL ASAD, Iraq** — Nearly 30 Marines with 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment's Battery E started smacking, kicking and bruising their way to earning a gray belt.

For the cannon-cockers here in Iraq, the two-week course is a chance to catch up on training and help the time pass. More importantly, it's a chance to refresh themselves on a low-intensity skill they may need while deployed.

"It's important for them to know how to properly defend themselves," said Capt. Robert B. Thomas, a black-belt instructor from Denver. "It's just as important though, that they know when to use the techniques they're learning."

The Marines are learning the techniques for strikes, kicks and grappling moves just as they would back in the United States. But here, there are no pads. There's no grassy field for soft landings either.

"This training is motivating," said Lance Cpl. Gerardo D. Montes, from Laredo, Texas. "It helps us discipline ourselves with our physique. It also teaches us how to be responsible when using force. It gets you dirty but we live in the dirt anyways."

"This keeps us more up to date with the martial art belts," added Lance Cpl. Javier Rivera Jr., from Los Angeles. "Being the tallest in my unit has its advantages and disadvantages. Martial arts training makes us stronger mentally and physically."

Marines, covered in sand and steadily adding bruises to their body, are using the time to advance their own qualifications, even as they perform their daily duties. Even those



Photo by Marine Sgt. Jose L. Garcia  
Marines from Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, kicked up and rolled around in the dirt during a two-week Marine Corps Martial Arts Program course.

with prior competition fighting experience are gleaning new lessons toward their next qualification.

"I fought in 'Rage in the Cage' tournaments and other organized fights in Arizona," said Lance Cpl. Jordan P. Lamoreaux, a

radio operator with the battery from Mesa, Ariz. "The MCMAP program is one of the best martial arts out there. It's very balanced, teaching grappling and striking moves."

The former kick boxer said he hoped to leave Iraq as a green-belt instructor and train for his black belt as soon as he becomes a noncommissioned officer.

"Right now my rank is holding me back," Lamoreaux said. "But I will get it. This is really good stuff."

## Sailors volunteer at Special Olympics

By Journalist Seaman Ryan McGinley  
Commander Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) – Sailors from Afloat Planning System, Pacific (APSPAC) and Cruise Missile Support Activity (CMSA) volunteered for the Hawaii Special Olympics powerlifting competition May 30 at the University of Hawaii.

Eighteen Sailors took time out of their Memorial Day weekend to help spot, support and run the powerlifting competition for gifted Hawaiians from many of the islands.

"I have a family member who is specially gifted. So, in memory of her, I am helping out here," said Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Carl Turner, APSPAC volunteer. "It just makes you feel so good to help the other people."

Sailors helped the athletes by spotting the weights while they lifted, calculating paperwork and setting up the events.

While the events are competitions, one Sailor said the best part was the spirit of the athletes.

"It's nice to watch the competition, [and] no one's going against each other," said Lt. Dan Truesdell, CMSA volunteer. "The athletes that are competing against each other are rooting for each other."

Although the work was important to the competition, most of the Sailors who volunteered found the communication between themselves and the gifted athletes to be the most important part.

"The best time is in between the events when you can interact with them, and I will definitely recommend it to anybody," said Truesdell.

Sailors have been volunteering at the event for many years, working with the community to help things run smoothly.

"I think it's important to show the community what the military does," said Winston Ho, powerlifting director for Special Olympics. "The military is part of the ohana, part of the community."

For related news, visit the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Navy NewsStand page at [www.news.navy.mil/local/cnrh](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cnrh).

**Be safe. Buckle up, and don't drink and drive.**