

# The SHEPPARD SENATOR

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

## In the news

### Sheppard member becomes Thunderbird member

Congratulations to Capt. Scottie Zamzow, flight examiner at the 80th Operations Group! He'll be the opposing solo pilot for the 2004-2005 Thunderbirds, the Air Force's aerial demonstration team. Captain Zamzow will begin flying with the team in November.

### Weather conditions cause damage

Tuesday night's storm caused damages to property. The base claims office cannot pay for damages that occurred off base. Damages that happened on base must be filed with each person's private insurance company before filing at the base legal office. Uncompensated damages can then be filed at the base legal office. Uncompensated damage payment by the Air Force is not automatic. Claims rules will be applied to determine if there is a basis for payment. To file a claim, stop by the base legal office to receive a claims briefing. Proper forms to complete will be distributed at the briefings. Bring private insurance proof of filing and proof of payment. For more information contact the base claims office at 6-2443.

### Military personnel flight issues common access cards

The customer service element in the military personnel flight is currently issuing Common Access Cards to active-duty military, civil service employees, and contractors and non-appropriated funds civilians who require access to Sheppard's server. For more information, call 6-4633.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sean White

## It's showtime...

Three of the Air Force Thunderbirds perform a synchronized aerial maneuver. Sheppard's Centennial Air Power Celebration kicks off Saturday. The free air show and open house commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight. Aerial performers will include the Air Force Thunderbirds, Lima Lima, Tora Tora Tora and the World War II Airborne Demonstration team. Country music star, Chris Cagle; Katrina Elam, an up and coming country western singer; and Top Flight, part of the Air Force Band of the West, will also perform. For more information, see the insert in today's *Sheppard Senator*.



## Team Sheppard Training 2003



**82nd Training Wing:** 29,890 students trained to replenish America's combat capability  
**80th Flying Training Wing:** 75 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance



# 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](mailto: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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Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassermiller

**Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, presents Airman 1st Class Atonya Bowle, computer support technician at the 882nd Training Support Squadron, the Air Education and Training Command Medical Information Systems Airman of the Year award.**

## Busses aren't obeying traffic laws

**Q**uestion: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday we conduct physical training. For the past few weeks, I've noticed that the blue busses are not slowing down when we are doing our runs on the streets. Our road guards have tried to get them to slow down, but they just keep charging through with no regard for the safety of my soldiers. What actions can be taken to slow down the busses? This is also a problem with privately owned vehicles.

**A**nswer: I share your concern about the safety of all individuals conducting physical training on the streets of Sheppard.

The base shuttle bus must obey the speed limit of 25 miles per hour on base, unless otherwise posted, and 10 miles per hour around any troop formations.

The driver of the bus was given additional training and all drivers will be briefed again on all traffic safety laws.

Additionally, Security Forces has been reminded to ensure government vehicles, as well as privately owned vehicles, are following the rules.

## Physical conditioning temperature

**Q**uestion: How hot does it have to be outside before PC is cancelled? My husband ran a couple of weeks ago and it was 99 degrees outside.

**A**nswer: Good question. As you may be aware, we conduct physical conditioning sessions three days a week, and one of our primary concerns is the safety of all our airmen. To ensure PC is conducted safely during extreme temperatures, Air Force Instruction 48-101, Prevention of Heat Stress Disorders, is used to determine if PC will be conducted or cancelled. This instruction uses heat stages (I through V) to determine the severity of the hot weather. There are multiple weather factors used to determine the heat stage, to include, but not limited to, temperature, humidity and wind. Although the temperature on the day your husband ran PC was 99 degrees, the heat stage factor was within limits to conduct PC. The Military Training Support Office and Bioenvironmental track the heat stage consistently to ensure weather conditions are safe for our airmen to perform PC.

### Central Park Cleanup

**Q**uestion: I would like to know if there is a policy in place for the cleanup of Central Park. There should be a detail cleanup on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The wind this past weekend blew trash from Central Park all the way to the Base Theater. I spoke to the security forces Sunday morning and they went to White Hall to get a detail troop to clean it up.

**A**nswer: There is a policy in place requiring our military training flights to clean Central Park on a weekly basis, which begins on Saturday and ends the following Friday. The weekend in question, the responsible squadron neglected to clean the park both Saturday and Sunday. In order to prevent this from occurring in the future, the military training support office will brief the responsible MTF the Friday prior on its responsibility to clean the park. Thank you for your patience and concern in this matter. It's important that we all do our part in keeping Sheppard looking great.

### Softball Field Shelter

**Q**uestion: I spend quite a bit of time at the baseball fields during the season, and I was wondering

what can be done to get some more shelter to protect people from the hot Texas sun?

**A**nswer: We agree that sunshades would provide some needed relief from the sun to spectators and participants. Already, we have purchased these shades for the child development center and golf course as these programs provide year-round services to our customers (AETC Services funded the golf course shades under a special program with nonappropriated funds).

Sunshades would also be nice for our intramural and youth sports complexes.

However, because of the number of fields that we have and the associated number of bleachers we have that support them, we cannot justify the exceptionally high cost of these structures to accommodate all of our facility requirements.

We will, however, research and identify these requirements and add them to our prioritized list of unfunded requirements in the hope that we will receive sufficient fallout funding at the end of the fiscal year to make this purchase.



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# AF announces promotion release dates

By Staff Sgt. Matt Miller

Air Force Personnel Center

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** - The Air Force plans to release its list of new technical and master sergeant promotions June 26 (June 27 for those units across the international date line) and its list of new staff sergeant promotions Aug. 13 (Aug. 14 for those units across the international date line).

The lists of those selected for promotion will be available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page by close of business June 27 and Aug. 14 respectively.

To allow as many deployed airmen as possible to be considered in the regular promotion cycles, the announcements were delayed from the originally scheduled dates. The delays, however, will have no effect on the promotion effective dates: Aug. 1 for technical and master sergeants and Sept. 1 for staff sergeants.

Delays resulted from the Air Force allowing extra time for deployed and returning airmen to test, said officials here.

"Waiting to find out if you've been selected for promotion can be nerve racking, and we know that. But we want to give everyone the opportunity they deserve

to make promotion this year," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, chief of the enlisted promotions branch here. "By waiting to make selections we can consider more people.

"Our goal is to try and mirror, as closely as possible, a list where 100 percent of the eligibles had been able to test in the normal timeframe," said Chief Billingsley. "This delay will help ensure the Weighted Airman Promotion System continues to be fair and equitable for all airmen competing for promotion."

The personnel center's home page is at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

## IG office achieves AF award Office wins the 2002 John P. Flynn Inspector General Award

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Two offices in Air Education and Training Command have been named best in the Air Force at handling complaints recently.

The complaints and inquiries section of the AETC Office of the Inspector General here and the 82nd Training Wing IG office at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, are the 2002 recipients of the John P. Flynn Inspector General Award.

The complaints division at the headquarters garnered the award in the major command category. The division managed or oversaw more than 1,200 actions in 2002. The staff conducted sound analysis to ensure just 2 percent of cases were investigated, according to the nomination package submitted by Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander.

The headquarters IG team conducted three staff assistance visits and six inspections throughout AETC to ensure inspector generals in the field "had the tools for success," the nomination stated.

The complaints and inquiries section was the first in the Air Force to develop and employ an electronic case management system that will soon be launched Air Force wide.

The team briefed the system at the worldwide IG conference and also developed a training course, including a 106-page user's manual, to share their efficiency with the rest of the force.

The Sheppard IG staff was equally as innovative in its support of more than 110,000 people worldwide assigned to the largest technical training wing in the Air Force. It was named the winner in the wing category.

The team handled more than 320 contacts and conducted only one investigation, stressing resolution at the lowest level, according to the nomination package submitted by Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney, 82nd TRW commander.

The IG team saved Sheppard more than \$200,000 in manpower costs by conducting extensive complaint analysis to negate four reprisal

investigations, and saved or recouped thousands of dollars for individual complainants with pay and bonus problems.

The office was touted as an innovator by higher headquarters and had five "best practices" submitted for command-wide and possible Air Force consideration.

The staff also converted its congressional staffing package to an electronic format to more efficiently process those items, the nomination stated.

The Sheppard office worked to communicate its programs with customers by developing a brochure to help people determine the best local contacts to handle their concerns.

The IG team distributes more than 1,200 of the brochures monthly.

The Sheppard IG staff also conducted 17 new commander visits, 12 group commander visits, and briefed at 12 group staff meetings and 26 commander's call sessions to get the word out about IG programs.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service).



### New commander

**Col. James Silva, 982nd Training Group commander, took command of the 982nd TRG in a ceremony June 3. Col. Robert Simmons, former commander, will become director of operations for the 2nd Air Force.**

## Traffic management office undergoes changes

Sheppard's traffic management office has changed a few processes recently.

Documentation responsibility for personal property was transferred to the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, San Antonio, effective April 1.

Permanent party personnel

will continue to make appointments and receive counseling on their shipping entitlements at Bldg. 402, room 110.

Orders aren't necessary to make an appointment. Orders are only needed at time of appointment before counseling.

Shipments will no longer be

booked with a carrier at the Sheppard office.

All paperwork and documentation will be faxed to JPPSO-SAT the same day of counseling for booking or non-temporary storage processing.

All personal property inbound shipments will be con-

trolled by JPPSO-SAT.

Incoming personnel can continue to check on their shipment at our inquiry desk, or by calling 6-1848 or 6-2701.

TMO will continue to provide quality assurance such as personal property inspection, claims guidance and outbound

and inbound delivery support.

There will be no change in student TMO processing.

Students will continue to make appointments and receive briefings at Bldg. 551.

(Courtesy of the traffic management office).

# CSAF addresses AEF battle rhythm transition

By Gen. John Jumper

*Air Force Chief of Staff*

Once again, our great Air Force, in the finest tradition of America's armed forces, has served this country proudly in battle.

Our airmen were absolutely vital to the success of the recent campaign.

They demonstrated to the American people—and to the world—a remarkable level of commitment, competence and steadfast professionalism. Along with thousands of dedicated soldiers, sailors, Marines, coast guardsmen and our coalition partners, you have done a service for our nation and the world from which many generations will reap the benefits.

Whether in southwest Asia, the Pacific or Europe, protecting the homeland or sustaining our force, each of you committed your lives to defend our interests and our values. All airmen—active, Reserve, Guard and civilians—should be justifiably proud of what we've achieved.

For the first time in the history of the Air Force, we relied on the Air Expeditionary Force to present the full spectrum of our capabilities to combatant commanders around the world.

Through our 10 AEFs, our AEF Prime capabilities and our AEF mobility assets, we demonstrated our ability to package forces, carefully selecting the most combat-ready forces from our Total Force; build and present expeditionary units; and flow them to the theaters of operation in a timely and logical sequence. We rapidly delivered them to the war-fighters, while preserving a highly capable residual force to satisfy our global commitments.

To meet the tremendous demand for air and space power for Operation Iraqi Freedom, I directed a variation from our rotational AEF battle rhythm. Yet, consistent with the inherent flexibility of AEF operations, we tailored our response based on the needs of the AEFs.

This flexibility delivered the right capabilities in the right places at the right times, assuring victory in Iraq and demonstrating our resolve in the Pacific. With the threats from adversaries now diminished, it is time to return to pre-OIF operations and resume the rotational AEF battle rhythm.

We are acutely aware of the need to get our airmen home and return stability to our people's lives. Yet, we have pushed the AEFs hard.

Consequently, it will take some time to reset the AEF properly. Because many of our airmen were so heavily tasked over the last several months, we need a transition period to restart the AEF rotational cycle.

During this transition period, we will restart AEF rotations using our residual force (those who did not deploy over the last six to eight months) to the maximum extent possible.

The AEF Center has begun the challenging task of restructuring this limited residual force into two transitional AEFs. The first one will be fielded for a minimum of 120 days starting in July.

The extended vulnerability periods are necessary due to the high numbers of airmen currently deployed. And, while July represents the official restart of the AEF rotations, nothing precludes selected personnel from returning early if the component commanders and the AEF Center agree.

This transition phase will provide a manageable

adjustment period that will allow those who were deployed to reconstitute and recover before we ask them to deploy again in a steady-state battle rhythm in 2004.

At the same time we are working to reset the AEF cycle, we are also working to reduce the employment levels for our low-density, high-demand assets and our stressed career fields.

Collectively, they are the backbone of our reconnaissance and strike capabilities and made distant operations in an expeditionary environment possible. We need to continue to train and sustain those vital capabilities so they are ready to meet the call when it comes again.

During this transition and reconstitution period, our focus will be on taking care of the airmen who have served so admirably and restoring our capabilities to meet future AEF requirements.

Our people need time for their overall health, family matters, professional backlogs and promotion testing. Our units need to resume training, repair equipment, reduce backlogs and restock consumables to ensure UTCs are fully reconstituted.

Also, we need to recapitalize assets and reposition war reserve stocks to ensure we sustain the high state of readiness for which we are renowned.

You proved the AEF is agile, flexible and lethal; and you confirmed it is highly effective in presenting the full capabilities of the Total Force to our combatant commanders. It is the right war-fighting construct for our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Air Force, and has proven its worth in delivering decisive capabilities while providing a mechanism to give our people a sense of stability and predictability.

## How to protect identity and financial information

Sometimes offers can be too good to be true.

This is especially the case when the company or person making the extraordinary offer initiates contact.

In some cases, servicemembers are asked for a serial number and copies of either a military identification card or activation or deployment orders to claim some "free" product or service.

Such offers are likely identity theft ploys, which are designed to get personal information for future fraudulent use, or telemarketing scams, designed to lure victims with free offers and overcharge for products or services later.

Do not provide social security numbers, copies of ID cards or orders in response to "free" offers.

Be cautious and protect your identity and financial information. Primarily, be very wary of "cold" calls, unrequested or uninitiated calls.

They are probably either a telemarketing or identity theft scam. Do not provide any personal information until it is confirmed that the product or service offered is legitimate.

Never assume the business or person calling is a legitimate or reputable source, particularly when they initiated the contact.

Overall, be smart and think offers through. Any reputable offer will allow time to consider it thoroughly.

For more information, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or view the Sheppard Law Center brochures at <https://webm.sheppard.af.mil/82trwia/brochures.html>. For legal advice regarding a telemarketing or identity theft scam, please make an appointment with the Sheppard Law Center at 6-4262.

## Letter from schoolgirl shows appreciation for military

By Col. Riley Porter  
189th Airlift Wing commander

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. (AFP) — It's always special when something unexpectedly brightens your day.

It happened to me the other day when children from a local elementary school sent letters to the family support center to forward to our deployed Air Guard members.

One letter, written by fourth-grader Calie Barron, caught my attention.

"Dear Soldier," the letter started. Never mind that we're airmen. I'll let her slide because soldier is a term used

to describe all service members except Marines.

"Thanks for being brave for us and going to Iraq and stop(ing) them for us," she wrote.

Calie, it is a brave and honorable thing we do. We volunteered to serve our country, and we are proud to defend upstanding citizens like you who appreciate our service.

But it was her last sentence that stuck with me: "Another thing I want to thank you for is thanks for being there for us when we needed you the most."

Maybe this young girl is wise beyond her years. Perhaps she already understands you can't just create the

world's greatest military overnight. It takes years and years of training, honing the skills of each airman to the razor's edge.

In the Guard, we hone those skills during every unit-training assembly weekend and during annual training each summer. It is important that we put forth maximum effort every day. People like Calie are counting on us.

She concluded her letter with a simple, "Your friend, Calie Barron."

I haven't met Ms. Calie, but I think she's the kind of person I'd like to call a friend, too. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service).

## Commissary to have grand reopening sale

The base commissary will have a grand reopening celebration starting Wednesday. Special pricing and deals have been negotiated with commissary vendors for Wednesday-June 22.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place Wednesday at 9 a.m. and will be followed by product demonstrations and vendor-sponsored prizes.

The celebration will continue into the weekend with a special sales event on June 21 and 22. Special savings will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 21 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 22.

Numerous items will be discounted. Availability will be limited to quantities on hand, and vendors have priced everything to sell out.

Check [www.Commissaries.com](http://www.Commissaries.com) for more information. The Sheppard Commissary page has specials from each department listed every weekend.

Advance notice of special sales can be obtained by send-

ing your e-mail address to [hqcmdc@west.deca.mil](mailto:hqcmdc@west.deca.mil).

## Base to hold blood drive

The base is scheduled to hold a blood drive June 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the small auditorium in Bldg. 1900. For more information, contact Maj. Marina Ray at 6-6430 or Staff Sgt. Hall at 6-4168

## 82nd SFS invites Team Sheppard members to ride along

The 82nd Security Forces Squadron invites military personnel, civil service employees and family members 15 years or older to come out and ride along with Sheppard's base police.

Here is an opportunity to see firsthand what it takes to secure an installation and its resources.

This program affords members of the community the chance to observe the complexity of police work on Sheppard.

Participants ride with patrols and observe the daily

activities and incidents that take place throughout the installation.

For more information about the ride along program, call Senior Airman Shauna Snyder at 6-7616; family members 15-17 years old require parental approval.

## Education office provides veterans information

Active-duty members and veterans who have questions concerning their Veterans Affairs educational benefits can call the toll-free number, 1-888-GIBILL-1, and follow the prompts to get to the correct office concerning their questions. They can also contact the VA for information through the Web site at <http://www.va.gov>.

Information including current benefit rates and general program eligibility requirements are on the site. The site also has an "Ask a Question" option. The VA will normally respond within 10 days. The toll-free number for general VA benefit information is 1-800-827-1000.

## Housing residents to keep streets clean

Base housing residents need to not only maintain their yards and carport areas, but also the area 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.

## Base housing regulates basketball goal placement

The location of basketball goals, including freestanding goals, will be selected by a housing representative. Residents should not place them on sidewalks. For more information, contact the housing office at 6-5769.

## Education office reminds members about registration

Registration for the Wayland Baptist University Summer 3 Term begins Thursday. Registration lasts until June 24. Late registration will be held June 25-27.

The term last from June 25

through Aug. 2. For more information, call 855-4322.

## Education office retires some CLEP tests

Several College Level Examination Program tests at the education office will be retired June 30. General chemistry, college level German, general biology, Western Civilization 1 and Western Civilization 2 will be retired. Testing hours are Monday and Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call the education office at 6-6231.

## 82nd SFS combines functions

Beginning Tuesday, security forces will combine pass and registration, information security and personnel security. They will be located in Bldg. 402 in room 154. This will provide the base populace with a single location to complete security clearances, inquire about information security issues and register vehicles and weapons. Bldg. 402 is located centrally on the base.

# Student Activities

## Happenings on base and in the community

### Student center events

Every Monday, 7-9 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument/equipment, free.

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

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

Every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. - Karaoke Night, free.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Club BDU dance, \$3 per person.

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the ballroom, \$2 per person.

### 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.

### Red River Café Hours of Operation

Wednesday and Thursday: 4:30-10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday and Holidays: Noon to 9 p.m.

### Center to show cards, collectibles

Cards and collectibles show will be held on the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the student center. The next one is Saturday. The show is free. For more information, call 6-7659.

### Center to hold beach party, contest

A beach party and Father's Day contest will be held today from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The party will feature tropical beach decorations and party favors. There will be a limbo competition. Prizes will be given to the winner and the person with the most colorful attire. The winner of the Father's Day contest will win one free phone card. Call 6-7659 for more information.

### Student center to hold watermelon eating contest

The student center is scheduled to hold a watermelon eating contest July 4. A BDU dance will be held afterward.

For more information, call 6-7659.

### 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.

### Community center events Free table tennis classes offered

Free classes are held every Monday and Friday. Professional tournament instructors are available. For more information, call 6-3866.

### Community center to hold pool tournament

Pool tournaments are held every Saturday at 2 p.m. The fee is \$2 per person. There will be first- and second-place trophies. Call 6-3866 for more information.

### Center provides free video night

The community center has a free video night every night beginning at 5 p.m. with the big screen TV at the lounge on the second floor. People can watch a movie of their choice from a wide selection. For more information, call 6-3866.

### 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 entree choice and when they want to celebrate. Students can contact the dining facility manager/supervisor, or call 6-2080 for more information.



Photo by Mr. Jonathan Beck

Airman 1st Class Stefan Rizzo, a student at the 363rd Training Squadron, returns to his squadron after exchanging his linen.

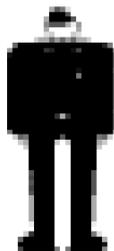


Photo by Mr. Jonathan Beck

Airman 1st Class Rob Erford, Airman Jarrod Webster and Airman Brandon Mosby, students from the 365th Training Squadron, read the paper during their lunch break at the mini mall.

**For movie show times and general activities at Services facilities, see Sheppard Scenes on Pages 11 and 12.**

# Sgt. Looksharp says:



The only color purse authorized in uniform is black and it must be free of any ornamentation. There are three types of purses; the issue handbag, leather/vinyl, or clutch style. Ref: AFI 36-2903, Table 2.3, Line 18.

If you have any specific questions or feel an issue needs to be included in the next article, contact the 82nd Training Wing Training Operations standard evaluation section at 6-6102 or e-mail them at [82 TRW/StanEval@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:82TRW/StanEval@sheppard.af.mil).

*See you at the air show!*

# Soundoff

What are you doing for your father for Father's Day?



*"Sending a gift and a card."~Staff Sgt. Yumon Smartt, 383rd Training Squadron*



*"Just got back from the post office. I sent him a personalized photo of a B-52 aircraft."~Capt. Paul Sturges, 373rd Training Squadron*



*"I've sent my father 2 Fathers Day cards and a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant because I can't be with him on his special day."~Mrs. Karey Anger, military family member*



*"I sent my father a proud to be an Air Force Dad T-shirt."~Airman Samuel Banks, 363rd Training Squadron*



*"I'm sending him a card and a gift certificate."~Staff Sgt. Irene Rodriguez, 82nd Logistics Readiness Squadron*

## Vehicle noise leads to citations

With the summer rapidly approaching more individuals are driving with their windows down and the music blaring.

According to the base traffic code, no person should operate a vehicle that emits excessive or unreasonable noise at any time of day or night.

Loud noise includes, but is not limited to, ineffective mufflers, loud stereo systems clearly audible beyond 100 feet, and unlawful use of the horn.

At no time should a person operate a vehicle on the installation that emits lewd or profane language that can be heard outside of the vehicle. Any driver who violates this guidance is subject to receive a citation.

While driving on base be considerate of others by keeping vehicles free of excessive noise.

For more information or make a traffic complaint, please contact the law enforcement desk at 6-2981 or 6-2982. (Courtesy of the 82nd Security Forces Squadron)

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# Child tax credit taxpayers to see advance payment

Beginning the last week of July, eligible taxpayers who claimed the child tax credit on their 2002 tax returns will automatically receive an advance payment of the 2003 increase in this credit.

Taxpayers will not have to take any action to get this advance payment of up to \$400 per qualifying child.

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service will perform all the calculations and automatically mail a notice and a check to each eligible taxpayer.

"There's no need to call, no need to apply, no need to fill out another form. The IRS will do all the work. A few

days after the notice, you will get the check," said Mr. Mark W. Everson, IRS commissioner.

The checks—an advance payment of the 2003 increase in the child tax credit—will be based on the child tax credit claimed on the taxpayer's 2002 tax return.

The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 increased the maximum child tax credit for 2003 to \$1,000 per child, up from \$600 for tax year 2002.

The law further instructed the Treasury Department to provide the difference—up to \$400 per child—as an advance payment to each eligible tax-

payer this summer.

The Treasury Department will issue about 25 million of these checks this year, beginning with three principal mailings on July 25, August 1, and August 8.

Taxpayers who filed returns after April 15 will receive their advance payments after the IRS processes their returns.

The IRS will send notices to taxpayers on July 23, July 30, and August 6, informing them of their advance payment amount.

The IRS urges taxpayers to hold on to these notices for their 2003 tax returns.

They will need to take the

advance payment into account when determining the amount of their child tax credit on the 2003 tax return.

This is an advance on 2003 tax returns, and not a reimbursement for taxes paid last year.

Also, the \$400 figure is a maximum payment. Some taxpayers will receive less than this, depending on their personal tax situation.

This payment must be accounted for in the upcoming 2003 tax returns. The IRS urges taxpayers to hold onto the notices, and those using the VITA program will be required to produce the notice at tax time.

Taxpayers receiving the early checks are solely those who filed for the child tax credit last year.

Taxpayers who are not eligible for the advance payment may still qualify for the increased child tax credit of up to \$1,000 when they file the 2003 tax return next year.

For further information on the advance child tax credit check out the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/newsroom](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom).

Also, taxpayers can contact the Sheppard Law Center at 6-4262 or email them at [sheppard.af.mil/82trwja/index.html](mailto:sheppard.af.mil/82trwja/index.html). (Courtesy of the base legal office).

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# AF simplifies travel payment processing

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has automated the process of filing travel-accrual payment requests for military travelers, making it available on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight Web page.

"This should simplify the process not only for the traveler but also deployed and home-station financial services offices," said Chief Master Sgt. Larry P. Gonzales, executive for enlisted matters to the assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management and comptroller at the Pentagon.

According to Chief Gonzales, the result is better customer service for the traveler while reducing the workload for deployed financial services office workers and improving payment accountability for home-station offices.

In the past, travelers who incurred charges en route to their temporary duty or deployment location had to fill out an accrual-payment worksheet and provide it to their home station financial services office, he said.

Many travelers often had to rely on assistance from deployed financial services offices to fax or e-mail the worksheet back to their home-station office for processing, he said.

"Because of technological challenges in some deployed locations, deployed finance offices often had to have one person fully dedicated to just faxing accrual-payment worksheets back to home stations," the chief explained.

Even when the lines were working, Chief Gonzales said there were no guarantees that the home-station financial services offices, because of the difference in time zones, received the worksheets.

The traveler often had to return to the deployed office or try to call their home station to find out if their accrual-payment request was successfully received and processed.

The new secure Web-based process on vMPF is much more convenient, he said.

Travelers can now complete their worksheet when they

want and on any computer with internet access, Gonzales said.

Once it has been sent, the traveler can rest assured that their home-station financial services office received and processed their request and issued the accrual payment. The payment can be made to the traveler's account or to their government travel card as directed.

"Although filling out the worksheet on vMPF is the preferred way for travelers to submit their accrual worksheets, because of real-world limitations, worksheets can still be faxed or sent via e-mail," the chief explained.

All Sheppard members who are deploying need to have their team chief contact the 82nd Comptroller Squadron to set up a pre-departure briefing. This briefing will ensure a copy of the orders are available and that each member understands the accrual process before departure. Any questions about this article can be addressed at the 82nd CPTS customer service section at 6-2907 or 6-1851.



## Thunderstorms: what to do if one comes along

By Mr. James Zillweger

Base safety office

This is the time of year when thunderstorms and lightning are common.

Lightning is one of the most dangerous forces of nature and causes more deaths annually in the United States than hurricanes and tornadoes combined.

Yet, most people don't take the necessary precautions to prevent being struck by lightning. The Air Force provides guidance on what precautions to take during these adverse weather conditions.

### General lightning safety for all AF activities and operations

—When lightning is detected or observed within the immediate vicinity of any activity or operation the following precautions should be taken:

—Do not go outdoors or remain out unless it is absolutely necessary.

### Seek shelter in:

—Dwellings or other buildings.  
—Protected underground shelters.

—Large metal-framed buildings.

—Enclosed automobiles, buses, aircraft and other vehicles with metal tops and bodies.

—Streets that may be shielded by nearby buildings.

### Certain locations are extremely hazardous during thunderstorms and should be avoided:

- Hilltops and ridges.
- Areas on top of buildings.
- Open fields, athletic fields and golf courses.
- Parking lots and tennis courts.
- Swimming pools, lakes and seashores.

—Near wire fences, telephone poles, clotheslines, overhead wires and railroad tracks.

—Under isolated trees.  
—Near electrical appliances, telephones, plumbing fixtures, and metal or electrically conductive objects.

—Aircraft dry bays, tanks and wheel wells.

### The two-tier notification system is as follows:

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—A lightning watch is in effect 30 minutes prior to thunderstorms within a five-nautical-mile radius of any predetermined location or activity. Lightning is a direct product of a thunderstorm. During a lightning watch, operations or activities may continue; however, all personnel must be prepared to implement lightning watch procedures without delay.

Be alert for any lightning activity and advise supervisory personnel of any observations.

—A lightning warning is in effect whenever any lightning is occurring within a five-nautical-mile radius of predetermined locations and activities. Personnel in affected locations or engaged in affected activities should cease all outside activity and seek shelter.

## General activities

### Base facilities close for air show

Several base facilities will be closed Saturday and Sunday for Sheppard's Centennial Air Power Celebration.

These facilities are the auto skills center, outdoor recreation, the enlisted club, the officers club, the community center, the north fitness center, the youth center, the skeet range and the north bowling lanes. Normal hours of operation will resume Monday.

### Lake Texoma to celebrate Father's Day

Sheppard Annex Lake Texoma will have a variety of activities for Father's Day.

People can bring their fathers to the lake on Father's Day for a weekend of outdoor activities.

They can go fishing, rent a boat and explore the lake, hike on one of the many trails and treat him to one of the King Ribeye steaks. Call (903) 523-4613 for more information.

### Library offers class on Internet surfing

The base library will hold a class on Internet surfing for beginners Saturday from 10:30-11 a.m.

People who are interested in attending must RSVP by Wednesday. For more information, call the library at 6-6152.

### Ceramics shop open for summer hours

The ceramics shop is open for summer hours. They have all the materials needed to start creative projects and offer free lessons.

More than 2,500 craft proj-

ects are available with a full-line of paints, glazes and supplies. The ceramics shop is located in Bldg. 832, the Health and Wellness Center building.

Summer hours of operation are Wednesdays-Fridays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 855-0118.

### Youth center to hold book adventure program

Kindergarten through sixth grade students may participate in the youth center's book adventure program going on now through Sept. 1.

Participants may create their own book lists from over 13,000 titles. Registration is free. The more participants read, the more points they earn toward prizes. For more information, visit [www.bookadventure.org](http://www.bookadventure.org).

### Youth center to hold dance

The youth center is scheduled to hold a dance tonight from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for kindergarten through third-grade students.

The fee is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. Membership pays! For more information, call 6-5395.

### Youth center plans trip to Plex

The youth center is scheduled to take fourth through sixth-grade students to the Plex tonight from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Fees are \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Membership pays! For more information, call 6-5395.

### Service facilities to close for July 4

Several base facilities will close for July 4. Family childcare, the child development center, north bowling center, north fitness center, the vet clinic, the youth center, the school age program and linen exchange will be closed July 3.

Family childcare, the child development center, the enlisted club, the officers club, outdoor recreation, the library, the north bowling center, the north fitness center, ITT, the vet clinic, the youth center, the school age program, linen exchange, the ceramics shop, the auto skills center and the community center will be closed July 4.

Family child care, the child development center, the enlisted club, the officers' club, ITT, the vet clinic, the school age pro-

gram and linen exchange will be closed July 5 and 6.

## Club activities

### Officers club has daily lunch specials

The officers club has daily lunch specials Monday through Friday. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members. Membership pays!

On Mondays, they serve a country lunch. Tuesday is Italian. Wednesday is Texas style. Thursday is Mexican, and Friday is seafood. Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

### Enlisted club offers darts, cards, dominoes

The enlisted club offers a variety of activities every day. Darts, cards, dominos and pool are available every day.

Also, a video game system is available every night to play in the sports bar. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Enlisted club to host live band

The enlisted club will host a live band in the lounge tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information, call 6-2083.

## Upcoming trips, show

### ITT planning upcoming trips in June

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

**Saturday** – Hurricane Harbor, cost is \$32 per person. Register by Monday. Departs at 8 a.m. from the community center. Tour includes round trip transportation and water park admission. It will return to base at 7 p.m.

**June 28** – Six Flags Over Texas, cost is \$40 per person. Register by June 23. Departs at 7 a.m. from the community center. Tour includes round trip transportation and theme park admission. It will return to base at 8 p.m.

### ITT gift shop has gift ideas for Father's Day

The ITT gift shop offers a variety of gifts for Father's Day. The shop is located in Bldg. 430 and is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. For more information, call 6-2302.

To submit current on-base activities, e-mail us at [sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil).

## At the Flicks

**Friday 6:30 p.m.**

Holes

**Friday 9 p.m.**

Confidence

**Saturday 2 p.m.**

Bulletproof Monk

**Saturday 4:30 p.m.**

Holes

**Saturday 9 p.m.**

Confidence

**Sunday 2 p.m.**

Holes

**Sunday 4:30 p.m.**

It Runs in the Family

**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

The Lizzie McGuire Movie

**This schedule is subject to change without notice.**

**For movie information, call 6-4427.**

**Holes (PG)** – Shia Labeouf, Sigourney Weaver – A teenager is sent to Camp Green Lake for a crime he didn't commit.

**Confidence (R)** – Edward Burns, Paul Giamatti – What Jake doesn't know might get him killed. A swindling job stealing money orchestrated by Jake and his gang goes wrong. When corpses start popping up, Jake knows it's only a matter of time before his number is up.

**Bulletproof Monk (PG-13)** – Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott – For 60 years, a mysterious monk has traversed the globe to protect an ancient scroll.

Now the monk must look for a new scrollkeeper. Kar is an unlikely candidate, but when he inadvertently saves the Bulletproof Monk from capture, the two become partners in a scheme to save the world from the scroll's most avid pursuer.

## Chapel Schedule

### Student programs

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

Saturday, 4 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel

Saturday, 4 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, 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 962, call Kalista at 6-4370

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

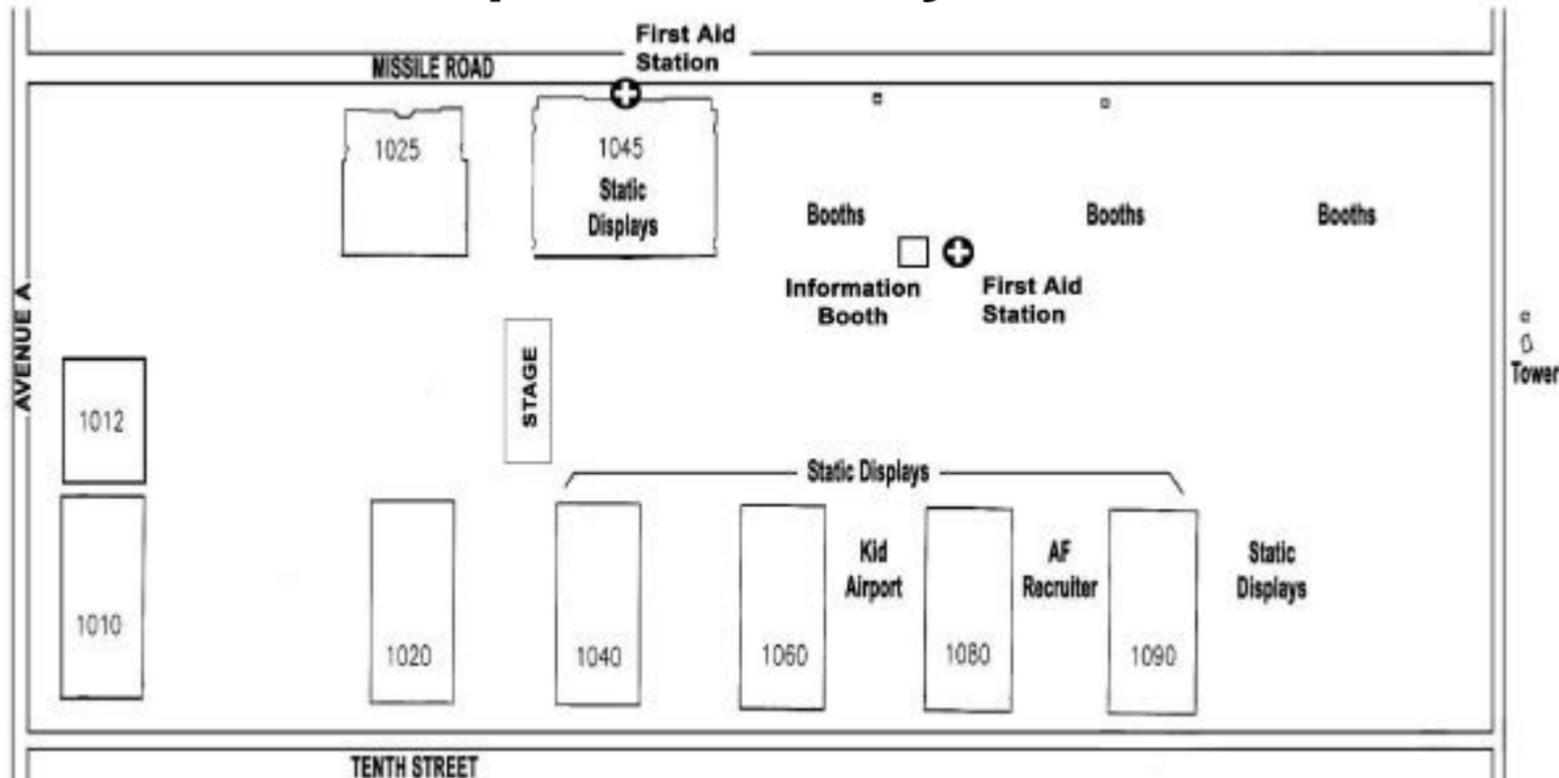


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JUNE  
2003

# Open house layout



## Air show schedule of events

### Saturday

- 10:30 a.m. Gates Open  
 11:50 a.m. Thunderbird #8 arrives  
 1 p.m. Opening – C-47/Jumpers  
 T-37/T-38 Fly-by  
 C-47 Show  
 Extra 300  
 2 p.m. P-51C (Tuskegee)/B-25  
 CF-18  
 Glider  
 3 p.m. F4U and Helldiver  
 F-86 and MiG-15  
 B-17 and P-47  
 4 p.m. Tora, Tora, Tora  
 F-15C  
 w/P-47 Heritage Flight  
 Lima Lima  
 5 p.m. AF Band of the West: Top  
 5:30 p.m. Flight  
 6 p.m. Thunderbird Arrival  
 6:30 p.m. Katrina Elam and  
 Chris Cagle Concert  
 9:30 p.m. Gates Close After Concerts

### Sunday

- 10:30 a.m. Gates Open  
 12:45 p.m. B-2 Fly-by  
 1 p.m. Opening – C-47/Jumpers  
 T-37 Fly-by  
 T-38 Fly-by  
 C-47  
 F-117  
 Lima, Lima  
 2 p.m. CF-18  
 F-86 and MiG-15  
 Tora, Tora, Tora  
 3 p.m. Warbird Mass— F4U and  
 Helldiver; B-17 and P-47;  
 P-51C (Tuskegee) w/B-25  
 and T-6  
 F-15C w/P-47 and P-51 for  
 Heritage Flight  
 Extra 300  
 4:15 p.m. Thunderbird Ground Show  
 4:45 p.m. Thunderbird Air Show  
 6:00 p.m. Gates Close After  
 Thunderbirds

*(Schedule subject to change without notice)*

## Commander welcomes all to Sheppard's Centennial Air Power Celebration

By Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr.

82nd Training Wing commander

This is going to be a great weekend! Sheppard's Centennial Air Power Celebration is sure to be fun and fascinating for all.

It's fitting that Sheppard AFB is hosting this event. As the Air Force's largest technical training base and home to the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program, we've helped shape the history, science, and dominance of air power for generations.

This weekend is a celebration of our historical accomplishments and a look to the future of what our training produces in combat capability. We've been in the air power business since our base's beginnings in 1941. We're still in the business of generating air power...and nobody does it better than you.

This year is especially noteworthy in that it marks the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brother's first flight and the 50th anniversary of America's premier aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds—it's sure to be a "wow" for the entire family!

We'll have vintage and modern aircraft on the ground and in the sky, as well as other demonstrations, concerts, displays, vendor booths and a wide



Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr.

variety of entertainment.

Thanks for all you do to ensure we're producing air power every day at Sheppard. Now sit back and enjoy the show!

Helen and I look forward to seeing each of you during these two days of fun!

## 80th FTW commander welcomes all to Sheppard's Centennial Air Power Celebration

By Col. Ralph Jodice

80th Flying Training Wing commander

Commemorating 100 years of flight, beginning with the launching of the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, N.C., in 1903, Sheppard is the perfect setting for this weekend's awesome salute to air power.

Not only do we produce the very best pilots for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Alliance, but Sheppard's world class technical training graduates also guarantee combat air power. Always remember, YOU are air power!

This weekend, when you're viewing the vintage aircraft, enjoying the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team, or simply reflecting on the evolution of air power from its Wright Brothers origins to the air and space power of today, consider that the rich heritage of the U.S. Air Force will continue to be shaped by the men and women training at Sheppard today and tomorrow.

Finally, a special thanks to the men and women of Team ENJPT and Team Sheppard: Your professionalism and commitment are second to none.



Col. Ralph Jodice

The Centennial Air Power Celebration is our way to say "Thank You" for all you do for Team Sheppard.



Courtesy photo

## Air Show Security

**Items to leave at home:**

- Backpacks
- Tote bags
- Camera bags
- Coolers
- Bikes
- Wagons
- Carts
- Roller skates/roller blades
- Skate boards
- Weapons
- Lawn chairs
- Pets

Due to the increased security posture on all military installations, expect to see more robust measures taken to ensure people's safety while visiting Sheppard.

People and their vehicles may be subject to search before entering the base and viewing areas.

Country music star, Chris Cagle, is scheduled to perform Saturday.



Photo by Senior Airman Greg L. Davis

**A-10 Warthog**



Photo by Master Sgt. Rose Reynolds

**B-2 Spirit**



Photo by

**AT-38, T-37, T-38**

## Autographs





### Daily Programming

Sheppard Today ~ 6 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.  
 Air Force News ~ 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
 Navy/Marine News ~ 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 Army News ~ 8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Programming runs 24 hours on **TSTV Channel 14**.  
 Check out the detailed schedule at  
[www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa](http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa).

### Today

**11:30 a.m.** ~ Making of an Air Force Recruiter  
**6 p.m.** ~ 80th Flying Training Wing Safety Briefing 2003  
**10:30 p.m.** ~ Sound of Freedom: *The Berlin Airlift*

### Saturday

**5:30 a.m.** ~ Heloise on Life in the Military  
**1 p.m.** ~ Safety Hour  
**6 p.m.** ~ 80th FTW Safety Briefing 2003

### Sunday

**9 a.m.** ~ Sheppard Chapel Presents: *Airman Nick Ybarra, Human video*  
**9:05 a.m.** ~ Leadership Breakfast: *Lt. Col. Richard Schwing*  
**1 p.m.** ~ Safety Hour

### Monday

**4:30 a.m.** ~ Maj. Jeff Johnson speaks at Bring

Your Child to Work Day

**4 p.m.** ~ History of Air Mobility Command  
**8 p.m.** ~ The Mission and History of Air National Guard

### Tuesday

**10 a.m.** ~ Famous Generals: *Hap Arnold*  
**11:30 a.m.** ~ Making of an Air Force Recruiter  
**3 p.m.** ~ *Ms. Susie Luchsinger*: Prayer breakfast speaker

### Wednesday

**2 a.m.** ~ Memorial Day bed races  
**10:30 a.m.** ~ 80th FTW Safety Briefing 2003  
**10:30 p.m.** ~ Sound of Freedom: *The Berlin Airlift*

### Thursday

**7 a.m.** ~ Safety Hour  
**9:30 a.m.** ~ *Airman Nick Ybarra, Human video*  
**9:35 a.m.** ~ *Colonel Schwing*

To make suggestions or to submit a unit video to **TSTV Channel 14**,  
 call **6-2732** or e-mail [TSTV@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:TSTV@sheppard.af.mil).

# Photographer plays ukulele

By Airman Jacque Lickteig

*Base public communication*

A warm summer breeze blows extravagantly green palm tree leaves.

Waves crash against the glistening white sand.

The smell of coconut lingers in the air, and tropical music from a four-stringed instrument dances on the wind.

Summertime is synonymous with tropical vacations.

Even though Sheppard isn't host to Hawaiian beaches, it's still possible to find tropical spirit in music from a ukulele.

Mr. T. R. Steele, photo lab supervisor here, is just the person to ask to play a ukulele tune.

Mr. Steele plays with the Dallas Ukulele Headquarters, a group that gathers twice a month to play music.

The group played at the ukulele festival in San Antonio.

He's been playing with the group since May 2002.

"I originally bought a ukulele to play a going-away song for a friend who was getting stationed in Hawaii," he said.

He said he became inspired to play the ukulele more when he heard the variety of music that could be played on it.

Being a musician since age 11, he was able to teach himself how to play the ukulele.

He's also played guitars, mandolins and banjos, Mr. Steele said.

Mr. Steele spends about 15-20 minutes a day playing his ukulele.

He plays country and rock songs on the ukulele.

He has also written five songs on the ukulele. In fact, Shorty Long, an Austin-based ukulele band, is considering either recording or using two of the songs Mr. Steele has written in their live sets, he said.

"There has been a resurgence of popularity for the ukulele. George Harrison, Beatles member; singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell and Pearl Jam's lead singer, Eddie Vedder, play the ukulele," said Mr. Steele.

He said he would like to get together with people around the base to play, so if anyone on base is interested in playing the ukulele, look him up and give him a call.



Photo by Mr. T. R. Steele

Mr. T. R. Steele plays a song on his ukulele. He plays with a group called the Dallas Ukulele Headquarters two to four times a month.

## Complete vouchers ensure speedy pay

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFP) — Department of Defense travelers can help ensure their travel vouchers are paid promptly by preventing common mistakes, according to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials here.

Some of the biggest sources of delay in the travel-pay process are incorrect or incomplete information on travel vouchers, officials said. The most common errors include:

- No traveler's signature or date.
- No reviewer's signature.
- No orders attached.
- Blank, incomplete or erroneously filled out itinerary.
- Orders do not match itinerary dates or location.

"Double checking the voucher before submitting it can prevent the voucher from being rejected or paid partially," said Claudia L. Bogard, director of corporate communications for DFAS.

DFAS employees try to help people by partially paying vouchers that contain some errors rather than rejecting the entire voucher, officials said.

In these cases, the payable amount is given to the customer with an advice of payment, which explains the reasons for only partial payment.

The customer may then submit a supplemental claim for the remainder.

Before making partial payments or returning the claim for a correction, DFAS customer-service representatives attempt to contact customers and allow 24 hours to correct the voucher.

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

# Sheppard Spotlight: 15 lines of fame

1. **Name:** Charles Weeks
2. **Rank:** Master Sgt.
3. **Organization and position:** 362nd Training Squadron, superintendent of the fighter training flight
4. **Hometown:** Wichita, Kan.
5. **Married or single (include your family if you'd like):** Married with two great kids.
6. **Hobbies or favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Spending time with my family, playing golf, woodworking, racing and fishing.
7. **Funniest childhood memory:** Catching my first fish. I dropped the pole in the water and my dad had to jump in the water to get the pole. Amazingly, I still caught the fish.
8. **Why did you join the Air Force?** For the education benefits.
9. **Why do you stay in the Air Force?** For the benefits and to serve my country.
10. **Date arrived at Sheppard:** Oct. 31, 1999
11. **Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Training new crew chiefs to be my replacements.
12. **Favorite book or movie:** "Down Under" by Bill Bryson.
13. **What is your dream vacation?** Australia.
14. **If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** Tony Stewart, a Nascar driver.
15. **Most prized possession:** An autographed Tony Stewart miniature car.



Master Sgt. Charles Weeks

Want to quit smoking? Call the health and wellness center at 6-4292 for information on smoking cessation classes.

# Centennial of Flight:

## *This week in air and space history*

**June 6, 1942** - First nylon parachute jump.

**June 6, 1966** - Gemini 9 landed in the Pacific Ocean after orbiting the Earth 45 times.

**June 7, 1990** - NASA announced termination of its Orbital Maneuvering Vehicle Program.

**June 8, 1625** - Cassini, astronomer, was born.

**June 8, 1963** - First flight of X-15 at Edwards Air Force Base.

**June 9, 1931** - Goddard patented his design for an aircraft propelled by a rocket.

**June 9, 1978** - Skylab was placed in low-drag attitude for the first time. It drifted out of low-drag using a third of its remaining nitrogen.

**June 10, 1929** - Astronaut James McDivitt, commander of Apollo 9, was born in Chicago.

**June 11, 1912** - First time an aircraft took off from a hotel roof.

**June 12, 1988** - Carolyn Shoemaker discovered her 14th comet, making her the greatest living comet hunter.

**June 13, 1979** - First manpowered flight across the English Channel by Paul MacCready's "Gossamer Albatross" pedaled by pilot and champion cyclist Bryan Allen. It took two hours and 49 minutes to cross using the 75 foot long plane.

**June 13, 1983** - Pioneer 10 became first manmade object to escape the solar system, 2.814 billion miles from the Sun.

**June 16, 1931** - Col. Edward Black, Sheppard's first commander and former executive office to Air Training Command commander, Gen. Rush Lincoln, arrived at Sheppard. Since no building existed, he established a headquarters on the ninth floor of the Hamilton building.



## Civilians, military update emergency contact information via Web system

**By Ms. Lynn Gonzales**

*Base public communication*

Air Force civilians can now use the same next-of-kin notification system available to military members to indicate which family members should be contacted in case of an emergency.

Like the virtual military personnel flight on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site, the Emergency Data System allows civilian employees to update contact information from any Internet-connected computer at work or home through a secure web application.

The implementation of both Web systems means that airmen no longer need to visit the mili-

tary personnel flight and civilians don't have to stop at the civilian personnel office to update their emergency information. The secure site requires new users to establish an account, which will allow them access to update the information throughout their careers.

The next-of-kin emergency data form takes about 15 minutes to complete. As with the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, the NOK includes questions about which relatives or other people should be contacted in an emergency and addresses and telephone numbers for them. The vRED and EMDS replaced the Department of Defense Form 93,

Record of Emergency Data, and airmen and employees are responsible for keeping their information current.

All active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen and civilian employees should update their information every six months, prior to deployments for military and after moving.

To establish an account or update information, people can visit the AFPC Web page at [www.afpc.fandolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.fandolph.af.mil), and select either the "vMPF" logo for military access or the "EMDS" logo for civilians.

For more information about the vRED or EMDS systems, call the Air Force Contact Center at (866) 229-7074.

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# Sports

## Sports Shorts

### Fastlanes bowling underway at south lanes

Base bowling center customers will have the opportunity to participate in a "Scratch 'n Win" game until Aug. 14. Call 6-2170 for more information.

### Aerobiccenter offers variety of classes

The aerobiccenter, located in the south fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Call 6-2972 for more information.

Abdominal class, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m., Monday-Friday at 8 p.m.

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

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

Basic step, Sunday at 2 p.m.

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

Advanced step/floor, Monday, Tuesday 5 p.m.

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

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

Body pump, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m., Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Sunday at 4 p.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.

### Skeet range offers skeet lessons

Skeet lessons are available at the trap and skeet range. Beginners to advanced shooters are welcome. Experienced

range attendants are on hand. For more information, call 6-4141.

### Spinning classes held at fitness center

The north fitness center holds spinning classes. Classes are held Monday and Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m., Monday - Thursday at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the north fitness center at 6-6336.

### North lanes to rock 'n bowl Friday, Saturday nights

A Glow in the Dark Rock It Bowl takes place every Friday and Saturday night from 5-11 p.m. at the north lanes. For more information, call 6-4806.

### Fitness center hours to change

The hours of operation for the base fitness centers will change during the month of June.

#### South fitness center

Monday - Thursday  
24 hour operations  
Opens at 4:30 a.m.  
Friday - 4:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday - noon - 8 p.m.  
Starting Wednesday - Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week

#### North fitness center

Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - noon - 8 p.m.  
Sunday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Main fitness center

Closed

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## Base pools open for summer

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

### Daily fees:

16 years and older – \$2 per person  
4 - 15 years – \$1 per person

### Pool hours:

#### Main pool

Monday - Friday – 1 - 7:45 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday – noon - 7:45 p.m.

North main closed on Tuesdays

South main closed on Thursdays

For more information, call 6-6494.

### Bunker Hill water park

Thursday - Tuesday – noon - 7:45 p.m.

Wednesdays – closed

For more information, call 6-4161.

### Capehart pool

Saturday - Wednesday – noon - 7:45 p.m.

Thursdays and Fridays – closed

For more information, call 6-4281.

### Water aerobics:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday – noon, 5 and 6:15 p.m.

Call 6-7491 for start dates.

### Lap swimming:

Now - Sept. 26, Monday - Friday – 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

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