

# The SHEPPARD SENATOR

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

## Yards of the month

Congratulations to the winners of May's Yards of the Month Competition. The winners are Maj. Gerald Roberts, 80th FTW, for officer and Master Sgt. Glenn Kelleher, 363rd TRS, for enlisted in Capehart; Staff Sgt. Michael Rudisill, 361st TRS, in Bunker Hill; and Master Sgt. Chadd Austin, 362nd TRS, in Wherry. All winners received congratulatory letters from the support group commander and a gift from the BX.

## Freedom Fest

Come enjoy Sheppard's 4th of July Freedom Fest celebration. Games, entertainment, aircraft displays, crafts, a car show, food, sports and more are slated. A spectacular fireworks finale will be held at 10 p.m. Freedom Fest is free and open to the public. No backpacks, coolers or pets are allowed. Crafts vendors and private organizations interested in having a booth can call 6-3866 for more information. Car show registrants can pre-register by calling 6-4141 or 6-3492.

## Savings bond campaign

The time is now to save for your future. The savings bond campaign will run until June 30. Contact Maj. Todd Walton at 6-4830 or Maj. Jerome Hyzy at 6-1197 for more information.

## Juneteenth

The African American Heritage Committee will celebrate Juneteenth with a family day June 19 at the hospital pavilion area. Everyone is invited to attend.



## Slip 'n slide

Steven Williams, son of Tech. Sgt. Christopher Williams, an instructor with the 363rd Training Squadron, careens down a water slide Tuesday at "Water Fun," one of the weekly events held at the youth center. Other events include field trips, membership drawings and movies. Visit the youth center, Bldg. 196, to learn more about their activities. (Photo by Mike McKito)

## Change of command for 82nd Training Group

By Lynn Gonzales

Base public affairs

The 82nd Training Group held a change of command ceremony Wednesday at 9 a.m. on the parade grounds.

Col. Joseph Seawell took command of the 82nd TRG from Col. Sue Caudill.

Colonel Caudill heads to Headquarters Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va. She will be lead the maintenance management division of the directorate of maintenance and logistics.

Colonel Seawell came to Sheppard from the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., where he served as shift director for the Air Force Combat Support Center, a unit under the directorate of logistics and readiness for the office of the deputy chief of staff of installations and logistics at Headquarters U.S. Air

Force.

In this position, he monitored, analyzed and reported operational events with strategic installations and logistics implications during contingency, emergency and exercise situations.

Colonel Seawell was commissioned through Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1979.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in education degree at the University of Houston in 1977 and a Master of Arts in management degree from Webster University in 1985.

The colonel has held assignments at five major commands. He has also served as an exchange officer in the Japan Air Self Defense Force's first technical training center, performed as a staff officer at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces and has



Col. Joseph Seawell accepts command of the 82nd Training Group from Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. at a ceremony Wednesday. (Photo by Lynn Bullard)

been an action officer on the Air Staff.

His most recent assignment was as chief of the Quadrennial Defense Review Integration Team for the office of the deputy chief of staff of installations and logistics.

Colonel Seawell's military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Medal.



Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. speaks to a group of cadets from the Air Force Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps detachments who visited here as part of Operation Air Force. The program introduces cadets to what the Air Force does on a daily basis through tours of base agencies and shadowing career fields. (Photo by Mike McKito)

Education survey results

A few months ago, the education office did a survey. Can the results be printed in the base newspaper so everyone can see the outcome? I called the education office and they said they would not publish it. Why?

This survey was designed to provide information that would assist the Base Education Office in better serving its customers with quality education programs. The size of the survey and the complexity of its responses don't lend themselves well to

mass distribution. Nearly 600 surveys were returned, providing information for 12 categories of questions and over 90 sub-categories.

This survey data is currently being analyzed by the education office to determine its value and how it can best be used to support Team Sheppard's educational programs. Once all survey analysis is complete, the results will be published in the Senator.

When the information provided by this survey results in improvements to Team Sheppard's educational programs, then you'll see those improvements publicized far and wide, including in the Senator.

Action Line 676-2000, 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 AFB a better place to live, work and play. Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 676-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number. Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in The Sheppard Senator. AAFES.....6-2211 AF suggestion office....6-IDEA AFI 36-2903 issues.....6-2984 Civil engineer/housing...6-2846 Facilities maintenance...6-6524 Civilian pay.....6-4890 Commissary.....6-2750 Comm squadron.....6-5524 Dress and appearance....6-2984 Education office.....6-6231

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Promotion release dates announced

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - The Air Force plans to release its newest list of technical and master sergeant promotions June 27 (June 28 for those units across the international date line) and its newest list of staff sergeant promotions Aug. 14 (Aug. 15 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 28

and Aug. 15 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 Air Force officials.

"We want to make sure we

consider as many people as we possibly can so when we run the selection list it will closely mirror what it would look like if 100 percent of the eligibles had tested in the normal timeframe," said Senior Master Sgt. Nathalie Swisher, chief of the enlisted promotion management section at Randolph. "This ensures the Weighted Airman Promotion System continues to be fair and equitable for all NCOs competing for promotion."

Today is the Army's 227th birthday. The Senator staff wishes a happy birthday to America's soldiers!



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# Commentary: SECAF reflects on past year, looks to future

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The following is a message from Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche to Air Force personnel:

To the men and women of the U.S. Air Force:

One year ago this month, I was sworn in as your 20th secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian airmen. During this time, I've had the deep honor and pleasure to serve alongside Gens. Mike Ryan and John Jumper, and our chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Jim Finch. It is impossible to imagine three more dedicated and professional Air Force leaders.

As I reflect on the year gone by, my first thoughts are with the airmen of our force who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation and the freedoms we hold dear. Remember them and their families. Their supreme sacrifice, along with the countless heroes who have gone before them, is why we live free in this great na-

tion.

Each of you should be extremely proud of your achievements and service this past year, from combat operations and homeland defense in the war against international terrorism to your admirable and noble daily endeavors that guarantee the readiness, health, security and morale of our fighting force. In my travels around our Air Force, I've been impressed and humbled by your ingenuity, commitment and willingness to serve. Thank you for everything you've done to make our Air Force the best the world has ever known.

Of utmost importance to me is our continued focus on warfighting, and honing the edge that enables us to remain expeditionary and responsive to the needs of our nation. The American people trust and admire what you do. They know that America's Air Force provides a full spectrum of air and space capabilities that deliver unprecedented firepower, mobility, awareness and deterrence to our joint forces. And, once again,

they've witnessed first hand your truly remarkable performance during operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Through your incredible efforts in this campaign, from deploying troops and building bases to coordinating fires and engaging targets, you've again demonstrated the unrivaled skill of airmen. Consider what we've done for just a moment.

In the first eight months of our war on terrorism, we flew more than 35,000 sorties, employing 78 percent of the total munitions used and damaging or destroying nearly three-quarters of the coalition targets. Our tanker force flew more than 10,000 refueling missions, supporting aircraft from all services.

Our intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets, manned and unmanned, have flown more than 2,000 missions and, when combined with our indispensable space systems, delivered unprecedented battlefield awareness as well as a vision of the exciting future in this evolving



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mission area. Our heavy-lifters (cargo aircraft) delivered more than 2.5 million humanitarian daily rations to the people of Afghanistan. Our combat support units have occupied, established, or rebuilt bases throughout Southwest and Central Asia.

And we accomplished all this despite the challenge of waging a combined campaign in a landlocked nation. Through your efforts, you confirmed to our nation and the world the unmatched

value, flexibility and promise of air and space power.

While we've achieved many of our objectives, there remains much work to be done. The fight continues, with many of you going into harm's way daily. Our ongoing missions and your unrelenting sacrifices testify to your commitment to eradicate this threat to our nation and freedom-loving people everywhere. Most important, we

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# Commentary: It's time to make our Air Force structure better

By **Gen. John Jumper**  
Chief of staff of the Air Force

Our service has witnessed dramatic change over the past decade. Beyond our transitioning to an expeditionary construct to address this new environment, we have made few changes to our organizational structure. Right up front I want to say that nothing is broken—I'm extremely proud of the job each of you have done rising to meet our many challenges. People are working hard to make our weapons systems work, and the successes of the past 12 years tell us that we can organize for success in more than one way. Many questions arise: Are we organized as smart as we could be, given all we have learned about the expeditionary world we've lived in over the past decade plus? If we are to continue to deploy in sub-squadron size packages into expeditionary wings as part of Joint Task Forces, are we organized at home the way we should be? If we are to continue to deal with aging weapons systems, are we growing the right kind of focused maintainer to deal with those problems? If the trends of the last decade continue to dictate that we deploy rapidly into tent cities on bare or ill-prepared bases, are

we growing the kind of support personnel who understand all that is needed to pick up a unit, get it there, and sustain it?

When it comes to deploying and sustaining the force to fight our nation's wars, I believe the two hardest things we do in our Air Force are flying and fixing our weapons systems—especially old weapons systems. This does not mean that the rest of us who don't have a stick, yoke, launch button or wrench in our hands are not important. It means that the nation pays for an Air Force to help win the nation's wars and our value as air and space warriors is measured by how we contribute to those victories. If you wear a blue suit or are a civilian in the Air Force you are an important part of our victories. I believe that flying and fixing our weapons systems are essential skill sets, along with mission support. Each requires PhD-level expertise, proficiency and leadership. This level of proficiency is only possible if we allow our leaders to develop great depth in their specific fields. It is for this reason that we will transition into a new Combat Wing Organization designed to fully develop commanders with specific functional expertise to fully plan and execute air and space

power as part of expeditionary units.

The Combat Wing Organization will retain the Operations Group, which will continue to focus on the skills of tactical employment that make ours the greatest Air Force in the world. The group and squadron commanders will be leaders in the air and on the ground—role models, ready to lead the first missions into combat. The planning, training, and employment of our weapon systems are fundamental core capabilities and require the undivided attention of our operational commanders. We will also ask the commanders in our Operations Group to become more active in the operational level of war—the skills of commanding air and space power.

Maintaining the health of our aging fleets balanced with the need to produce the sorties that help win wars is a core capability that requires focus and proficiency. To that end we will establish a Maintenance Group. Commanders within the Maintenance Group will be responsible for the full spectrum of base-level weapon system maintenance and to produce sorties at the designated rates. Units within the maintenance organization will

continue to be identified with, located with, and deployed with the operational squadron they support. This will include slices of maintenance organizations such as munitions, component, and equipment maintenance designated to deploy with specified units. They will wear the colors of that squadron and will continue to interface on a daily basis with the scheduling and detailed integration of that squadron's activities. The Maintenance Group commander is expected to be the role model to maintainers just as the Operations Group commander is to the operators.

Recent events have clearly focused us not only on sustaining home base capabilities, but also on rapidly employing our weapon systems and establishing our operational presence anywhere in the world. This expeditionary capability will fall largely on the professionals in our new Mission Support Group. This group merges the current Support Group with the Logistics Readiness, Contracting, and Aerial Port Squadrons as applicable. Here is where we will hone the expeditionary skills of crisis action planning, force pro-

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tection, load planning, communications, in-transient visibility, reception, contracting actions, bare base preparation, munitions and fuels site planning, personnel readiness, and contingency bed down. Contingency bed down will include such areas as falling in on an existing expeditionary wing or group, weapon storage, tent city administration, and integrating with a contingency theater's supply system. We are just beginning to develop this skill set. The spectrum of skills required to be a proficient mission support commander now

reside as unrelated elements. These skill elements need to be brought together as a core competency as we are tasked to operate large support functions which in some cases are not associated with deployed Air Force operational units.

Medical Groups will remain organized as they are although specific changes that deal with medical operations at home and deployed are being worked for later implementation.

Our Combat Wing Organization will allow us to grow leaders with the depth of experience and expertise needed to plan and execute in the full spectrum of deployment, combat planning, execution, and sustainment. Al-

though the reorganization is called the Combat Wing Organization this is not just about the wings that fly—almost every unit in the Air Force supports our Air Expeditionary Force in some way. Our support unit leadership will be trained in the dynamics of contingency support with the opportunity to command during deployed operations. Over the next several months, we will identify the way ahead for increased training opportunities for leaders of these new groups.

One difficult part of this transition will be for the units whose flightline maintenance will transfer to the command of the Maintenance Group. I have already heard from some who talk about

“losing” their maintainers, or believe we are organizing away from the way we will deploy and fight. This is simply not true. When I was a squadron commander there was an Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) attached to my squadron. I didn't command the AMU. The officer in charge of the AMU was trained by the Colonel who ran the maintenance organization. This colonel had been in the business of maintaining airplanes for 24 years. When the squadron deployed, there was no doubt that the AMU would come under my command. But that AMU had been trained by someone who knew the fixing business as well as I knew the flying business.

The Combat Wing Organization is very similar to the organization that was in place between 1978 and 1991. It is the organization that brought us Mission Capable rates greater than 90% in Desert Storm and it works. As I said in the beginning our operators have not flunked maintenance—we aren't fixing something that's broke, we are making it better. Thank you for your support. *(Editor's Note: This is how a normal operational Air Force wing will look. However, since Sheppard is a multiple wing training base with both technical and flying training, how we will look after reorganization has yet to be determined.)*

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need to prepare and resolve ourselves to see this through to the finish, regardless of where the fight takes us.

Many of you are deployed around the world at remote and inhospitable settings, spending extended time away from your families. Many more are scheduled to deploy in the months ahead. Some of you no longer are benefiting from the air and space expeditionary force schedule and are facing more frequent deployments. We've asked many of you to put in long hours well beyond your normal schedules and we've stretched our force to cover expanded missions in new locations. Many of our people are affected by Stop-Loss.

We're working to mitigate the numbers affected as soon as possible, but until we do, our folks' lives will remain on hold until we complete this campaign. And we have thousands of Air National Guardsmen, Air Force Reservists, and Individual Mobilization Augmentees who are serving for extended periods at great personal cost to their civilian jobs and their family lives. I recognize your sacrifice and commend you for your service.

Our nation needs its Air Force as never before, and your Air Force needs each and every one of you, your talents and your service as never before. Yet, regardless of these challenges, you continue to train, maintain and fight with a level of professionalism unmatched by any force ever assembled.

As I look to the journey ahead, I'm excited at the opportunities

we have to serve our nation as we face the challenges posed by our evolving security environment. I look forward to continuing that journey with you.

I remain focused on developing new strategies for air and space power in this new millennium; delivering innovative and effective capabilities to the warfighters; improving Air Force retention, professional education and leadership development; eliminating the inefficiencies in how we do our business; and transforming our acquisition processes to ensure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base.

Most important, I want to ensure we care for our people and their families through these challenging times. Communication, engaged leadership at all levels, and a genuine concern for the value of our people and their daily sacrifices are vital to building and sustaining a motivated and capable force.

On that day one year ago, I committed myself to serve in a manner befitting of the great men and women of our Air Force and to serve just as each of you do every day all around the globe — with integrity, selflessness and in the earnest pursuit of excellence. Your entire leadership team — General Jumper; my talented undersecretary, Peter Teets; our vice chief of staff, Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong; and myself — is firmly committed to these values.

Your service and sacrifices the past year have been truly magnificent and have earned the justifiable admiration of our nation and the respect of the world.

# The facts on mold growth

**By Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton**

*Base public affairs*

Mold grows in all types of buildings, both on and off base. While there is no definitive evidence proving a connection between mold and any particular health problem, conditions that create mold should be addressed, and mold should be removed. Generally, the culprit is some source of moisture, such as high humidity or a leaking pipe, that creates the right conditions for mold to grow.

## What is mold?

Molds are naturally occurring fungi that can grow on any porous surface, both indoors and outdoors, as long as moisture and oxygen are present. Molds are very common in buildings and homes and will grow anywhere indoors where there is moisture. Large mold infestations can usually be seen or smelled.

There are currently more than 20,000 species of mold. One of those types of mold is *Stachybotrys chartarum*, which is often found in homes and buildings. It can grow on material with a high cellulose and low nitrogen content, such as fiberboard, gypsum board, paper, dust and lint. Growth occurs where there is moisture from water damage, excessive humidity, water leaks, condensation, water infiltration or flooding. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is not necessary to determine the type of mold growing in an indoor environment. All molds should be treated the same with respect to potential health risks.

## How can mold be removed and prevented?

Conditions causing mold growth, such as water leaks

and condensation, should be corrected to prevent mold from growing. Cleaning up mold without addressing the source of excess moisture may cause mold to simply reappear.

Porous surfaces from which mold can't be completely removed, such as ceiling tiles or carpet, should be replaced.

To prevent future mold growth, the environmental protection agency has offered the following guidelines:

- Fix leaks in buildings as soon as possible.

- Watch for condensation and wet spots. Fix moisture problems as soon as possible.

- Prevent moisture due to condensation by increasing surface temperature or reducing the moisture level in the air.

- Keep heating, ventilation and air conditioning drip pans clean, flowing properly and unobstructed.

- Vent moisture-generating appliances, such as dryers, to the outside where possible.

- Maintain low indoor humidity.

# Student Stuff

## Happenings on base and in the community

### Student center events

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Hours of Operation

Mon-Thurs: 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.

### Steak Night in the Park

The student center invites students to come to Steak Night in the Park Saturday from 4-6 p.m. Students must bring their own steaks. The student center will provide all the trimmings. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

### FX band

The student center presents "Hard Drive FX

Band" the second Sunday of each month from 3-5 p.m. This event is free for students. For more information, call Lisa Christman at 6-2491.

### Comedy show and dance

The student center presents Comic View comedians Annie McKnight and Corey Cook, with host Walt-Bruce June 22. Admission from 7-9:30 p.m. will be \$5 and includes comedy show and dance afterward. Admission from 9:30 p.m. to midnight is \$2 for the dance only. This show is for students only. For more information or tickets, call 6-6427.

### Battle of the Bands

The student center will host the "Battle of the Bands" June 23 from 1-6 p.m. The student center will be serving free food to students. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. There will be a DJ in the park for entertainment. This event is sponsored by Chaney Financial Group and Coke. *(No federal endorsement of sponsor intended)*. For more information, call Lisa Christman at 6-2491.

### Beach dance

There will be a beach dance June 28 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the student center ballroom. The dance will feature a limbo competition and prizes for the best colorful attire and the limbo winner. For more information, call Sam

Reola at 6-7659.

### Chapel Events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

#### Saturday

On 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 4-9 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Base chaplains offer helpful classes every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., in the north chapel for students awaiting training or those having already graduated.

#### Sunday

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

### Other Events

#### Long drive contest

Wind Creek Golf Course will host a students' long drive contest Sunday beginning at noon. The deadline to sign up is today. For more information, contest rules and registration, stop by Wind Creek Golf Course, or call 6-6369. This event is open only to non-prior service students.



### Another ace from Ammo

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Burleigh, 82nd Training Wing command chief master sergeant, presents Staff Sgt. Lawrence Broughton, a 363rd Training Squadron student from the Maryland Air National Guard, the command chief coin of excellence. Sergeant Broughton achieved a 100 percent average in the Munitions Apprentices Course. *(Courtesy photo)*

### Student views: the Air Force so far

By Airman Richard Leary  
361st Training Squadron

On a warm sunny day in October, I wandered into the Air Force recruiting office of Tech. Sgt. John Dunbar in Littleton, Colo.

I had recently separated from my previous employer and was unsure of my future. After speaking with Sergeant Dunbar, I was very excited about all of the benefits the Air Force had to offer, and I then decided to enlist.

I entered active duty on April 9 and found myself at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

I was slightly overwhelmed by the new envi-

ronment and by the presence of Staff Sgt. Nicolas Taylor, my military training instructor, but basic training flew by. I have not regretted my decision to join the Air Force.

I am now in tech school here learning to be an aircrew life support apprentice.

I am very proud to be serving my country, and I know my family is proud of me.

I encourage anyone out there who has no clue what to do with their life to give the Air Force a chance to show you what it has to offer.

Remember: No one comes close!

## Crime prevention notes:

**Lock your valuables when in public places:** Airmen have reported several thefts of wallets or personal items, such as jewelry, when at the base gyms or a base pool. In every instance, the personal items were left unsecured. For example, airmen shoved their wallet in a shoe and put it under a bleacher for safekeeping. Not smart! Safekeeping means lock it in a locker.

Another example is an airman who went to the pool, put his wallet in a locker, did not use a lock and returned to find it stolen. **Lock your valuables!**

# Countdown to the ORI: four weeks to get ready

## Day 20: Suspenses

All supervisors should track down every piece of paperwork that they have generated in the last 25 days and determine its status. Is it lost? Is it late? How about OPRs and EPRs? What about awards and decorations? Remember, business as usual doesn't come to a halt while we are being inspected. If you find your paperwork is getting away from you, use documentation and make a list of to whom you sent it and when it was sent out.

## Day 19: Conduct a weigh-in

Weigh in all personnel in your flight, section, etc. Who is over their maximum allowable weight? Do they meet the instruction requirements for body fat? Have they already been identified? If not, get with the first sergeant and see what's the next step. CSSs: check your weight management folders. Is all the documentation correct? Make sure that everyone is in the correct phase of weight management as required by the instruction.

Track down and correct any discrepancies in these folders. Document what you fixed, why, what you couldn't fix and why not. Conduct uniform inspections with proper badges, rank and headgear.

## Day 18: Wallpaper day

Bulletin boards, grease boards, maker boards, anything and everything that hangs on the wall for informational purposes gets updated today. Check the classrooms, labs and MTF areas. Check the hallways

and common rooms that your customers use everyday. Check that wall you walk by everyday. Is everything up to date? Make sure the required posters, letters and announcements are posted.

## Day 17: Publications review

Nine days since the last check. We tend to accumulate things that we don't need. Let's get rid of five-year-old TIG briefs. Double check publications for currency. Check the appropriate Web sites for the same

thing. Are there things on the Web site that are too old and should be deleted?

## Day 16: Catch-up day

If you are on schedule, all major training should have been completed four days ago. It probably wasn't. Check again and reschedule accordingly. If all your training is done, give a quick "way to go" to the people who helped accomplish it. Let them know that they did well. If it isn't finished, review again the items at Day 43.

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## AETC transfers training courses

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Under a plan to consolidate similar training functions, Gen. Don Cook, the commander of Air Education and Training Command, announced June 4 the realignment of several technical training courses at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., Lackland and Sheppard Air Force Bases in Texas, Altus Air Force Base, Okla., and Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Known as the Centers of Excellence in Technical Training, the plan redistributes training courses and associated resources at AETC bases to align the technical expertise associated with a training discipline at one location, officials said. This change will allow students, instructors and training equipment used for similar courses to be concentrated at a single training center.

The changes bring undergraduate enlisted aircrew training to Lackland. Sheppard becomes the center for all avionics maintenance training, while Keesler becomes the training center for electronic principles, education and training, and finance. Altus and Little Rock gain basic loadmaster training for their aircraft.

The changes are scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by late 2003 to ensure a smooth transition at all affected locations, said officials. *(Courtesy of AETC News Service)*

Want to quit smoking?  
Ask about smoking cessation classes at 6-4292.

# Briefs

Support Sheppard's clubs. Join today! Call the enlisted club at 6-2083 or the officers club at 6-6460.

## HHC meeting

The Hispanic Heritage Committee invites all of Team Sheppard to attend their monthly meeting today at 11 a.m. at the enlisted club. Also, the HHC has immediate vacancies for the positions of treasurer and secretary. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stewart Frazier, Master Sgt. Marlon Pesantez or Staff Sgt. Dora Diaz at 6-3310, 6-4125 or 6-7468.

## Humane Society non-cash donations

Volunteers from the 364th Training Squadron will be collecting non-cash donations for the Wichita Falls Humane Society today at the commissary. Items needed include dry and canned cat food, dry dog food, cat litter, towels, sheets, powdered laundry detergent, paper towels, bleach, hand soap and hand sanitizer.

## JROTC instructor duty

Air Force Junior ROTC has opportunities for retiring or retired active-duty officers and NCOs to become AFJROTC instructors. Those who retired in the past five years or are within six months of retirement are eligible to apply. Those interested in applying for instructor duty should contact HQ AFJROTC instructor management at (334) 953-2660 or DSN 493-2600. To obtain an application or more information regarding AFJROTC, visit: [www.afoats.af.mil/afjrotc.htm](http://www.afoats.af.mil/afjrotc.htm).

## AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 1054, will hold a general membership meeting at the enlisted club from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Lucia Carracedo at 6-6221 or Master Sgt. Bionca Dean at 6-2286.

## *Views: Decide to re-enlist*

**By Staff Sgt. Troy Turner**

*82nd Mission Support Squadron*

“So help me God.” Those words conclude the oath of enlistment.

I recently said that statement for the third time in my eight-and-a-half-year career. I came in straight out of high school after being on the delayed enlistment program from the beginning of my senior year.

I didn’t know how long I planned to stay but knew it was something I wanted to do. My grandfather was in the Navy for four years during World War II, and my dad and aunt were each in the Air Force for four years.

Growing up, I would always listen to their stories, where they’ve been and the friends they made while they served. So I figured if it was good enough for them, it was good enough for me.

Since then, I’ve had a blast. I’ve been to Colorado, Korea and Texas. While here, I’ve been to Panama and Sicily. I’ve been promoted four times and received numerous raises. Compared to the “outside,” I’ve got it good. When I go home and see the folks I went to school with, they’re still living at home or working the same old minimum wage job. Some went on to college, got their degrees and have good jobs, but they’re still paying for the schooling or aren’t using their education to its full potential. Most haven’t left town.

I wouldn’t trade this way of life for anything. If you’re sitting on the fence of re-enlistment, think to yourself for a minute – even write it down – what you’ve accomplished while you’ve been in and then ask some of your civilian friends what they’re up to. I think you’ll find that re-enlisting in the world’s most powerful air and space force will be the best decision you’ll ever make, again.

## Safety Corner

If you own a backyard pool or live in an area with pools, enroll your children in swimming classes now. Infants who are a few months old can learn to swim their way to safety.

Buy an approved safety cover to keep the pool covered whenever it's not in use. Fence in the pool to prevent curious youngsters from entering the area without permission.

Never allow children access to the pool without adult

supervision. Even if the pool has been drained, they can fall in and seriously injure themselves.

According to base policy, swimming and wading pools, spas and hot tubs must be secured at all times unless attended by an adult. This can be done with a locked cover, fenced-in yard, or by draining the pool, spa or hot tub. Preventive action now could prevent a tragedy later. *(Courtesy of the 82nd Training Wing safety office)*



### Scholarship winners

The winners of the 2002 African American Heritage Committee scholarships, Marsha Simmons, Hirschi High School, and Steven Phillips, Burkburnett High School, pose with their certificates. The Sheppard AAHC gives two \$500 awards to local seniors who demonstrate sustained academic achievements and leadership. *(Courtesy photo)*

## Officials separate promotion, candidacy notification

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force personnel officials announced a change June 10 that will separate the announcements for promotion selection and school candidacy for officers.

Previously, promotion results and professional military education candidacy were announced together for Air Force major- and lieutenant colonel-selects.

Now, starting with the release of the 2002 major promotion board results in June, PME candidacy will be announced separately, one to two weeks after the promotion release, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of Air Force promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon.

“While the designation process for schools will continue to be made by the promotion boards, the change in how the results are announced is meant to highlight the achievement of being promoted,” Lieutenant Colonel Middleton said.

Separating the announcement of in-residence PME candidacy from a promotion board’s results will allow everyone to focus appropriately on the promotion announcement when it is made, said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche.

“We don’t want to take the shine off of a new rank for those people who are not also designated school candidates,” Roche said.

“They can still compete at the board for in-residence slots, and also take school by correspondence or seminar.”

## General activities

### Chess club

The community center is forming a chess club. All permanent party military members, dependents and civilians are eligible to join. Official chess sets, clocks and official guides will be available. This club will meet in the community center multi-purpose room every Saturday at noon beginning this week. Chess players are welcome to bring their own equipment. For more information, call 6-3866.

### Second annual build-a-boat race

The build-a-boat race will be held Saturday at the main pool. Races start at 10:30 a.m. For more information and registration, call 6-3866.

### Pool hours of operation

The main pool, Capehart pool and Bunker Hill Water Park are open from now until Labor Day. Season pool passes are available at any of the pools during normal hours and at outdoor recreation, the ITT office or the youth center. Pass prices are \$30 for an individual pass and \$60 for a family pass. Daily fees are \$2 for people age 16 and older and \$1 for people age 15 and under. For information about water aerobics, call 6-7491. For information about lap swimming, call 6-6460.

### Main pool – 6-6469

Monday-Friday, 1-7:45 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, noon-7:45 p.m.

### Capehart pool – 6-4281

Everyday, noon-7:45 p.m.  
Weekends only after Labor Day.  
Family swim time Monday and Tuesday.

### Bunker Hill water park – 6-4161

Thursday-Tuesday, noon-7:45 p.m.

## Upcoming trips

Information, tickets and tours will host a June 22 trip to Hurricane Harbor Water Park. The cost of \$30 per person includes round-trip transportation and water park admission. Those interested must register by June 18.

### Lone Star Park Horse Races

Information, tickets and tours will

host a July 6 trip to Lone Star Park Horse Races and Trail Dust Steak House. The cost is \$38 per person, which includes clubhouse seating for the Spring Thoroughbred races at Lone Star Park and dining at Trail Dust Steak House. Those interested must register no later than June 25.

## Club activities

### Enlisted club comedy jam

The enlisted club will host a comedy jam featuring Comic View comedians Annie McKnight and Corey Cook June 21. Doors will open at 8 p.m., and the show will start at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Ticket prices the day of the show are \$8 for members and \$11 for non-members. This show is for a mature audience. For more information and tickets call 6-6427.

### All-you-can-eat seafood buffet

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

### Family Night

The enlisted club will host Family Night Thursday from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Guests can enjoy the family buffet and register for assorted door prizes. All ranks are welcome. This event is sponsored by Chaney Financial Group (*no federal endorsement of sponsor intended*). For more information, call 6-6427.

### Officers club game league

The officers club game league holds tournaments in 9-ball, cricket, shuffle board, foosball and crud starting at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Food and beverages are 15 percent off during league play. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 6-6460.

### Big Bucks Club drawing

Sheppard club members are eligible for the Big Bucks Club Card drawings held every Friday from 6-7 p.m. at the officers club or enlisted club.

## At the Flicks

### Friday 6:30 p.m.

Deuces Wild

### Friday 9 p.m.

Sorority Boys

### Saturday 2 p.m.

Sorority Boys

### Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Jason X

### Saturday 7 p.m.

Life or Something Like It

### Sunday 2 p.m.

Deuces Wild

### Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Sorority Boys

### Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Deuces Wild

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

**Jason X (R)** – Kane Hodder, Lexa Doig – In the future, Earth is no longer inhabitable. Humans, having nowhere else to go, have colonized outer space. When a colony receives two cryogenically frozen bodies, they defrost them only to discover that one of them turns out to be Jason Voorhees, a psychotic historical mass murderer.

**Life or Something Like It (PG-13)** – Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns – What's the most important thing in life? Is it love, or is it your career? Is it work, or is it your family? Lanie must ponder these questions after a street savant tells her that she will

die in seven days.

**Deuces Wild (R)** – Stephen Dorff, Brad Renfro – Leon and Bobby are brothers who, with their friends, are determined to maintain their way of life in their neighborhood. They are "The Deuces." Loyalty means everything to them, and protecting friends and family is their main priority.

**Sorority Boys (R)** – Barry Watson, Harland Williams – Strapped for cash, three friends find themselves drawn to the last desperate hope for free housing: one of their campus' sororities.

## Chapel Schedule

### Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel  
Saturday, 5 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel  
Sunday, 5 p.m., Student bible study and activity night, North Chapel

### Catholic activities

#### Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel  
Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel  
Sunday, noon, North Chapel  
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., North Chapel

### Religious education

Sunday, 10:20 a.m., classes for preschool through adult, Bldg. 962

### Reconciliation

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

### Protestant activities

#### Worship services

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Praise and Worship, South Chapel  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Hospital Chapel  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel

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

### Religious education

Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Growing in God's Grace, South Chapel  
Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

### Bible studies

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., South Chapel  
Thursday, noon, South Chapel  
Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962  
Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study  
Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

### Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 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

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

# Members of aircraft systems flight get realistic training

By 2nd Lt. Laura Renner

*Base public affairs*

The 364th Training Squadron's Aircraft Hydraulic Systems Apprentice Course is a 49-academic day course that offers training on the hydraulic systems for both cargo and fighter aircraft.

Aircraft hydraulic systems supplement power to aircraft subsystems such as flight controls and landing gear.

Flight control systems move the ailerons, horizontal stabilizers, and the rudder to

initiate aircraft movement during flight.

The course consists of four blocks.

Block 1 concentrates on the fundamentals of hydraulics, including safety, the use of hand tools and hardware items.

Block 2 focuses on the units and systems of aircraft hydraulics systems and components.

In Block 3, students learn overhaul maintenance. They practice overhauling procedures and then test each

component.

And in Block 4, students receive realistic training, practicing flight line maintenance, which consists of aircraft inspections, removal and replacement of parts, and jacking the aircraft to perform landing gear option operational checks.

Students learn that they must do everything by the book.

"Utilize technical data," said Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales, Air Force master instructor. "We enforce that

to students throughout the entire course."

Tech. Sgt. Gonzales said the course also offers exclusive training.

"One key thing that I find unique about this course is the realistic training we offer the students," he said. "That means we utilize actual aircraft in all aspects of our training."

The course is accredited by the Community College of the Air Force and is part of the Interservice Training Review Organization. Enlisted

and officer students from the Army and international armed services take this course.

The course leadership is also made up of people with diverse backgrounds.

Air Force Capt. Robert Nash is the flight commander, while civilian Mr. Charlie Haynes is the course supervisor, and Army Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Roth is the assistant supervisor.

**Drinking and driving don't mix!**

# Soundoff

With Flag Day approaching (June 14), what is the significance of the American flag to you?



*"It's not just a piece of material. It represents our job. We should hold it in the highest of things. It's the symbol of freedom."*

~Master Sgt. Randy Hill,  
361st Training Squadron



*"It signifies the freedoms of our country, freedoms that have been fought for."*

~Nick Messersmith, visiting from Goodfellow Air Force Base



*"It signifies the unity of our nation, our freedom, and everything that my life and job stands for."*

~Capt. Erik Dunn, 364th Training Squadron



*"It means freedom. It means the promise of untold possibilities along with challenges. And it is a role model to the world with a few exceptions."*

~Staff Sgt. Michael Celkis,  
366th Training Squadron

# Sports

## Fourth of July Freedom Fest sporting events

*Event*

*Date*

*Register by/Cost*

Two-day softball	June 21-23	June 19/\$100 team
5/10K fun run	July 4	July 4/\$10 person
Mud volleyball	July 4	July 2/\$35 team
One-day softball (men's/ women's)	July 4	July 2/\$35 team
Three-point basketball shootout	June 29	June 29/Free

People can compete in either individual or team events. Registrations may be extended if events are not filled. Spectators are welcome. For more information or to register for an event, call Brian Eskew or Tech Sgt. Johnson at 6-6622 or any fitness center.

## Sports shorts

### Golf course events

Wind Creek Golf Course holds many tournaments, clinics and lessons each week. For more information on these events, call the golf course at 6-6369.

### Squadron cardio combat

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

### Aerobics classes

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

offered as early as 5:30 a.m. and as late as 7 p.m. in low impact, intermediate and advanced exercise, including floor and step exercises, muscle sculpting and kickboxing. Call 6-2972 for specific times and classes.

### Yoga-pilates classes

The south fitness center is now offering yoga-pilates classes Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday at 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 4:15 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. For more information, call 6-2972. All classes are free.

### Return to fitness prescription program

Fitness programs are now available for adults over 50. Classes are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the south fitness cen-

ter. For more information, call 6-2972 or 6-7491.

### Golf tourney

The Sheppard Chief's Group will host a golf tourney at Wind Creek Golf Course June 21. Shotgun start at noon. The entry fee is \$20 plus green fees. Those interested must register by Tuesday. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Edward Godsey at 6-4122 or Chief Master Sgt. Kelly Brimhall at 6-2077.

### Youth tennis lessons

The Wichita Falls Tennis Association will offer tennis lessons to children ages 6-18 from Monday to June 28 at the hospital tennis courts. The fee is \$10 for 10 hours of lessons. Registration will be held at the courts. Beginner classes are from 8-9 a.m. and advanced classes are from 9-10 a.m.

Send sports stories to [sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil).