

# The SHEPPARD SENATOR

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

## Below the zone

Congrats to the following airmen who were selected for promotion six months early to senior airman.

Airman 1st Class Octavia Hale, 363rd Training Squadron

Airman 1st Class Katherine Guinn, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Janine Scott, 82nd Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Mark Hill, 82nd Security Forces Squadron

## Yards of the month

Congratulations to the winners of June's Yards of the Month Competition. The winners are Capt. Victor Ierulli, 82nd MDOS, for officer and Staff Sgt. Jose Agosto-Gonzalez, 363rd TRS, for enlisted in Capehart; Master Sgt. Wayne Silverling, 364th TRS, in Bunker Hill; and Staff Sgt. William Cordero, 363rd TRS, in Wherry.

## Yards of the quarter

Congratulations to the winners of the second quarter Yards of the Quarter Competition. The winners are Maj. Gerald Roberts, 88th FTS, for officer and Tech. Sgt. Michael Wenk, 82nd TRSS, for enlisted in Capehart; Master Sgt. Wayne Silverling, 364th TRS, in Bunker Hill; and Master Sgt. Chadd Austin, 362nd TRS, in Wherry.



*82nd Training Wing: The results are in. See Page 4*



 **Team Sheppard Training 2002** 

82nd Training Wing: 44,649 students trained to replenish America's combat capability

80th Flying Training Wing: 220 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance

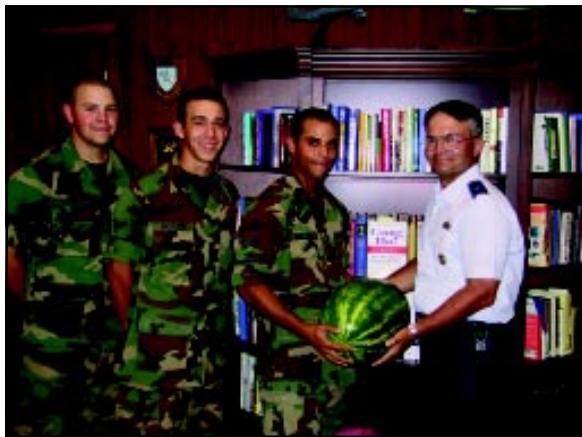


## Action Line 676-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

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

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**Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. accepts a watermelon presented by Airmen Robert Yates, John Marcozzi and Nabeel Razzak on behalf of the city of Terral, Okla. The airmen are members of Sheppard's Special Activities Team that performed at the Terral Watermelon Jubilee July 20. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)**

### Housing concerns

**Q** I would like to know why base housing doesn't supply fire extinguishers within the household if you are living on base.

Also, why are students placed in housing next to permanent party and/or instructors? I know the rule about not associating with students, but when they are your next door neighbor, that makes it very difficult.

**A** We have 1,288 houses on base and providing extinguishers and servicing them is cost prohibitive, and it isn't required by the Air Force. Occupants are highly encouraged to purchase their own extinguishers. If you feel more comfortable having an extinguisher and decide to purchase one, the following type

is recommended: multipurpose dry chemical with a minimum 2A:10B:C rating.

Regarding students living next to permanent party and/or instructors, we must offer the next available house to the next eligible member on the list. We have had students living next to permanent party and instructors throughout the years and have never encountered problems. If problems should develop, please contact the housing office.

### Pool usage

**Q** This year, I purchased a family pass for the pool. I asked for a copy of the pool rules at the time of purchase and was informed that they weren't available. After using the pool twice, I was informed that the

Capehart pool will stop allowing children under 3 years old to use the pool except on Mondays and Tuesdays all day. Evidently, this is not a new policy, merely an enforcement of an old policy.

This policy makes the pool of absolutely no use to me, and most other families with children under three. The only time I am normally able to go to the pool is during weekends, and it would be irresponsible to ask my wife to try and supervise two young children in the pool at the same time without me.

It seems to make more sense to change the two days where young kids are allowed in the pool to the weekend or perhaps half of each weekend day. The pool has agreed to refund my pool pass fees, but

I would rather have use of the pool.

**A** Pool rules are on display at the front counter and are located on the fence inside the pool facility. I'll make certain that the lifeguards have extra copies to give to the customers.

You have a point regarding the "family swim time," and the services division has already looked into the possibility of establishing Capehart as a "family swim" pool. Children 3 years of age or younger are now allowed into the large pool accompanied by a guardian 18 years of age or older. This will be allowed during all operating hours at Capehart except during the lifeguard breaks. We also require all children 3 years of age or younger to have snug fitting

"swim" pants. All other current pool rules will apply.

### Sun shelters for Capehart swimming pool

**Q** I am writing to request that serious consideration be given to the installation of sun shelters at the Capehart swimming pool.

**A** I agree. There is very little sun protection at the Capehart pool and a work order to build new larger shelters has been turned in. This is a long-term solution that may take time so, in the interim, the services division will purchase new umbrellas for the tables - several old ones were destroyed in the recent storm. This should provide a little more protection than what is currently available.



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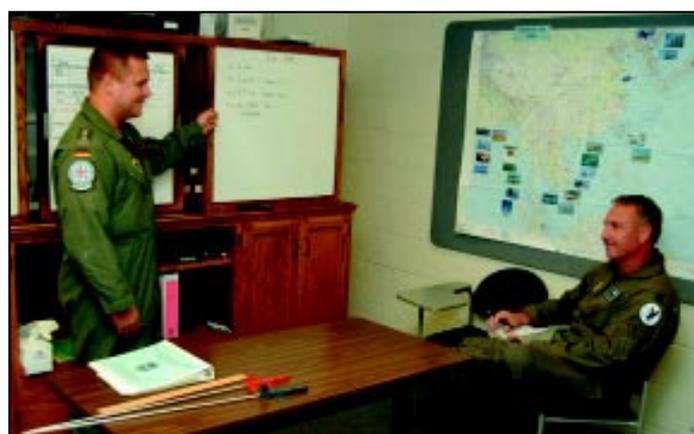
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# Inspector General Team looks at Team Sheppard



The Air Education and Training Command IG team concluded their operational readiness inspection of the 82nd TRW. Prior to the out brief Tuesday, Col. Felix Grieder, AETC Inspector General, visited some areas around Sheppard. During his visit, the colonel toured the 361st Training Squadron dorm and the military personnel flight while inspectors continued their look at the 80th Flying Training Wing. (Photos by Mike McKito and 2nd Lt. Laura Renner) The 80th FTW's unit compliance inspection ends today. The AETC IG team looked at various aspects of the 80th, including preflight briefings, RAPCON and the maintenance shop. (Photos by T. R. Steele)

# 82nd TRW commander: We are tomorrow

By Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr.

82nd TRW commander

EXCELLENT!

Congratulations 82nd Training Wing warriors, you did it!

I'm proud of each of you and the amazing job you do.

It's obvious the IG Team saw the same spirit and energy in your presentations, work areas and job performance that I see in action every day.

Let the ORI out briefing be your benchmark, an honest appraisal of your operations, a rallying cry to innovate while you educate. In many ways, the ratings you just received are an assessment of how you're serving the American people, and as we already knew, you're doing them proud!

In two years, we get to do it again, and I'm sure we'll have much more to show the IG! Take a sigh of relief, but keep up the intensity – the job of training airmen never rests.

Always remember what you do is vital to sustaining the combat capability of America.

In fact, I heard a comment at the 373rd Training Squadron change of command ceremony a few days ago that reinforced the importance of our

mission and the enormous responsibility you shoulder.

Outgoing commander Lt. Col. Shari Massengale explained "your" impact in a simple but powerful comment: "We are all about tomorrow."

At every one of these events, I hear some sort of motivational line or thought that I think, "Wow, they've got something there." True to form, Lieutenant Colonel Massengale's comment is another gem we can learn from.

"We are all about tomorrow!"

Clearly, our training mission dictates that we will create the strength and fury of our future air and space power. Yet, at Sheppard, I see that there's much more to that mission than simply a checklist of required skills.

We've created a culture of innovation that transcends training. Gung Ho Teamwork – officers, NCOs, civilians, contractors – are proving their commitment to "making it better" by finding ways to exploit technology in training and helping students to be more successful during training.

Thanks for ensuring that tomorrow's Air Force will remain ever-ready to meet any challenges.



**WOW!**

Maj. Gen. John Regni, 2nd Air Force commander, speaks to the audience of 82nd Training Wing members at the operational readiness inspection out brief Tuesday. After the results of the ORI were announced by the Inspector General team, General Regni said, "There is one word that pops into my head, and that word is WOW! Innovation and how to get the job done, that's what this rating is all about." The 82nd TRW received an overall "excellent" rating. (Photo by Lynn Bullard)

## Sheppard welcomes 11 new squadron commanders

*Editor's note: Eleven changes of command took place during the month of July. We extend a warm welcome to the squadron commanders who have joined Team Sheppard.*

**July 2**

361st Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. James Bruno  
took command from  
Lt. Col. Wayne Stiles

**July 12**

82nd Comptroller Squadron  
Maj. Kirk Schneider  
took command from  
Maj. Keith Graham

**July 19**

82nd Civil Engineering Squadron  
Lt. Col. Gregory Emanuel  
took command from  
Col. Hal Tinsley

**July 22**

82nd Medical Operations Squadron  
Col. John McCafferty  
took command from  
Col. Alton Powell

**July 22**

82nd Dental Squadron  
Col. Steven Nevins  
took command from  
Col. Gary Vigil

**July 22**

82nd Medical Support Squadron  
Lt. Col. Phyllis Craft  
took command from  
Lt. Col. Robert Lenahan

**July 22**

363rd Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. John Bukowinski  
took command from  
Lt. Col. James Lewis

**July 23**

373rd Training Squadron  
Maj. Richard Schwing  
took command from  
Lt. Col. Shari Massengale

**July 24**

362nd Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. Nancy Kunkel  
took command from  
Lt. Col. Scott Miller

**July 25**

382nd Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. Paul Goven  
took command from  
Lt. Col. Thomas Rice

**July 26**

365th Training Squadron  
Maj. Xavier Villarreal  
will take command from  
Lt. Col. Robert Yarbrough

# Team Sheppard member one of eighteen elite

By 2nd Lt. Laura Renner

*Base public affairs*

A Team Sheppard member is one of 18 enlisted members selected to attend the Tri-Service Physician Assistant Training Program.

Since Staff Sgt. David Franklin-Fernandez joined the Air Force almost nine years ago, it has been Sergeant Franklin's dream to be a physician assistant.

"I love medicine," said Sergeant Franklin about why he applied for the program. "I wanted to have more responsibilities in the care of patients,"

A physician assistant's role stands between a nurse and a doctor. They can prescribe medication; under supervision,

they may see patients; can perform minor surgeries; and can assist in major surgeries.

While working as a medical technician at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Sergeant Franklin began the process to apply. When he was earning his behavioral science degree at the University of Maryland, he took the minimum of 60 credits in specific courses necessary to apply for this program.

During this time, Sergeant Franklin came here to be an instructor in the 383rd Training Squadron.

"Being away from the hospital made me realize being a PA is something I really want to do," he said.

Sergeant Franklin will

spend one year at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then another year getting hands-on training. After the training, he will be awarded a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

"I'm really excited," Sergeant Franklin said. "I still can't believe I'm going."

Sergeant Franklin had this advice for future applicants, "Don't give up on what you want to do. Go to the source.

"Talk to PAs who went through it because they're going to give you the best advice on what the job's about and what you'll go through. I even shadowed at the hospital to see if this was something I really wanted to do."



**Staff Sgt. David Franklin-Fernandez**

# 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 music.

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

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

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

### Hours of Operation

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.

### Games events

The student center hosts and demonstrates role-playing games, card games and miniature wargames, such as Dungeons & Dragons, Magic: The Gathering and Warhammer 40k, every Sunday in the sports bar at 2 p.m. For more information, call Pegasus Loft at 855-5020.

### Golf etiquette lesson

Students are invited to the Wind Creek Golf Course for

free golf etiquette lessons. Lessons are held every Sunday from 12:30-1 p.m. For more information, call the golf course at 6-6369.

### Talent show

The student center will host a talent show Saturday from 7-8:30 p.m. The show is a chance for the non prior students to showcase their musical and artistic talents, including theater, dance, rap and poetry. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

### Bingo

Students are invited to enjoy a game of bingo Aug. 4 from 6:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$1 per card. Prizes will be available for the winners. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

### 1950s dance

The student center will host a 1950s dance Aug. 9 from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. There will be a prize for the best dressed person in 50s attire. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

### Oratory contest

Students are invited to compete in an oratory contest Aug. 9 from 4-6 p.m. at the student center. Competitors will draw on a list of speeches provided by the student center within 72 hours of the event. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners. Students will be judged on delivery, interpretation

and presence. For more information, call Sam Reola at 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 4-9 p.m.

#### Tuesday

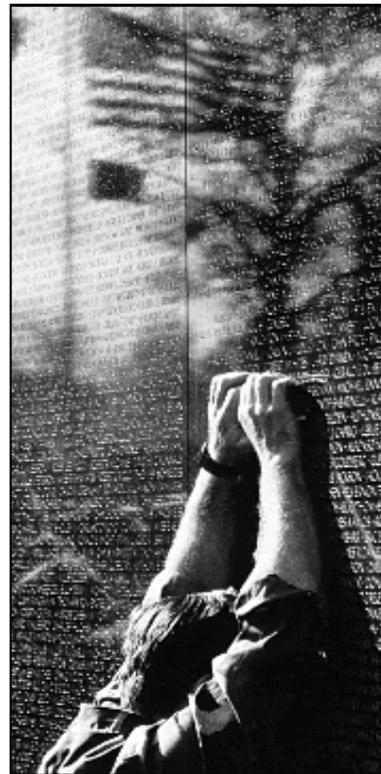
Base chaplains offer helpful classes every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., in the north chapel for students awaiting training or those having already graduated.

#### 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

Midwestern State University's art department invites students to the Student Exhibition and Graduating Senior Exhibition in the Fain Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibition runs through Sept. 5. Call 397-4267 for more information.



## The Moving Wall

The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall is coming to Wichita Falls Aug. 16, 17 and 18 at Crestview Memorial Park, 1917 Archer City Highway.

Volunteers are needed to assist with all aspects of the event, including assisting elderly, parking, security, passing out water bottles, computer assistance and helping people find names on the wall.

For more information or to volunteer, call Cheri White with the Vietnam Veterans at 855-6088.

## One more question from Doctrine's "50 More Questions Every Airman Can Answer"

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

### 14. What is a joint force?

The term "joint force" is a general military term used to describe a type of U.S. military organization. It describes a single force under a single commander who has operational control of the force. The force must include significant elements from more than one U.S. military department. Joint forces can exist at the unified, sub-unified and task force levels. Examples of joint forces at the unified level include unified combatant commands like U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. European Command or the U.S. Joint Forces Command. An example of a joint force at the sub-unified command includes U.S. Forces, Korea. An example of joint forces at the task force level includes the current Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq. A historical example is Joint Task Force Provide Promise (1993-1997), which was established to provide humanitarian relief to Bosnia during its civil war. (Courtesy of Air Force Doctrine Center)



**Sgt. Looksharp says...**

**"The BDU shirt may not be removed in a public area unless duty is performed in that area.**

**When the BDU shirt is removed, the only authorized undergarment is a brown or black crew-neck T-shirt without pockets."**

# Learning and Development Center provides students test help

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Base public affairs

Do you have test anxiety, difficulty staying awake in class, or are not quite sure how to take good notes?

The 82nd Training Wing Learning and Development Center has created an innova-

tive solution to all these problems.

The WLDC offers a number of courses for students awaiting training here.

One course of particular success, which began in February, is the two-day Academic Effectiveness Training for SATs. It will lower wash-back and elimination rates, according to Captain (Dr.) John Leckie, 82nd TRW Training Operations.

“Our objective is to produce ‘strategic learners,’” said Captain Leckie. “SATs that take this course spend less time studying and get better grades.”

Day one of the course fo-

cuses on study skills, such as note taking, reading comprehension, test preparation and memorization tools. The second day deals with time management skills, test taking and other areas of academic self-management. The two-day course offers in-depth training and proficiency exercises that the WLDC’s regular one-hour courses do not contain.

Students who have been washed-back and are waiting for their next classes may also find the two-day course helpful in avoiding future problems, said Captain Leckie.

“I recommend every airman

take this course,” says Airman Michel Pardini, SAT in biomedical equipment repair.

Attendance in the Academic Effectiveness Training is mandatory if a SAT is given an appointment slip by his or her Military Training Leader. But the course is also voluntary.

If SATs wish to attend the two-day course and have not already been given an appointment slip for a particular class, they need only to talk to their MTL to do so.

“The instructor was interesting, kept you interested and got the information across,” said

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Petty Officer 1st class Wallace Johnson talks to students awaiting training about the programs offered at the Learning and Development Center. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander)

## Airpower history -July 27, 1972-



Thirty years ago on July 27, the F-15A took its maiden flight at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

This brand new fighter type had been developed as an air superiority fighter. McDonnell Douglas’ chief test pilot, Irving L. Burrows, took the new F-15A Eagle on a 50-minute sortie that reached 12,000 feet and 250 knots.



### ***5,000 hours and counting***

Lt. Col. Brad O'Connor, an instructor pilot with the 89th Flying Training Squadron, receives a celebratory soaking after completing a training flight that pushed him over the 5,000-hour mark for military flight time – equal to 208 days inside a military aircraft. During his career, he's flown 10 different aircraft and served in Operations Allied Force and Southern Watch. *(Photo by Lynn Bullard)*

### **Airpower history**

***-July 28, 1976-***



Twenty-six years ago on July 28, two SR-71 aircraft piloted by Capt. Elden Joersz and Maj. Aldophus Bledsoe were used by NASA as testbeds for high-speed, high-altitude aeronautical research.

On July 27 and 28, the SR-71A set speed and altitude records: Altitude in Horizontal Flight with 85,068.99 feet and Speed Over a Straight Course with 2,193.16 mph. They had an unrefueled range of more than 2000 miles.

## Injuries: report or risk them happening again

By Charlan S. Towsley

82nd TRW safety office

Mishaps must be promptly reported to each employee's supervisor, the unit safety representative and 82nd Training Wing safety office.

Problems arise when either the injured individual, military or civilian, or the supervisor fail to report even minor injuries. There is no way to know how often this happens, but it does.

Now and then an unreported injury is discovered because complications result from improper self-treatment or the injury is more severe than first believed. Many of

these unreported incidents probably don't come to management's attention. Also, some of the reportable mishaps that result in lost duty time aren't reported.

Why is this a problem, and what is the concern?

Every mishap contains a lesson. If it goes unreported, no one, except possibly the injured person, learned anything from it, which means the circumstances that produced the injury could reoccur and perhaps produce more serious injuries.

If injuries are not reported promptly to wing safety, the

timely investigation of the mishap is hindered. Mishaps need to be thoroughly investigated, reports written, coordinated with the appropriate commander for corrective action, and forwarded to higher headquarters within a specified time from the date of injury. Late notifications delay the reporting process. More importantly, they may not prevent another person from being injured in a similar mishap.

Use risk management to prevent injuries. However, if you're one of the unlucky few who gets injured, report it immediately.



### Render proper salute

An airman renders a salute to a senior officer in a staff car. Military members should keep a watchful eye for staff vehicles marked with a metal rank plate and render a salute as a greeting to the person in the car. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)



Be safe when out camping this summer. Here are some tips for safe camping:

- Check all your equipment before departing.
- Let family or friends know where you're going.
- Camp on high ground.
- Inspect the camping area to locate any hazards.
- Boil doubtful drinking water or carry a sufficient supply of potable water.
- Follow the rules of the campground for building fires.
- Put campfires out when you leave the area.
- Wear proper clothing and footwear.
- Don't feed the animals.
- Use common sense, good judgment and self-discipline in all camping activities.
- Be smart and think safety. Remember risk management. (Courtesy of 82nd Training Wing safety office)

# Base reserve recruiter provides untapped service for Air Force

Sheppard has an assigned Air Force recruiter.

Master Sgt. Rudy Cantu is the in-service recruiter for the Air Force Reserve assigned to the 82nd Mission Support Squadron.

Every separating Air Force member eligible to continue to serve their country is required to attend one of Sergeant Cantu's monthly mandatory briefings.

As an Air Force Reserve member, people enjoy many of the same benefits as active-duty personnel. Reservists enjoy 24 commissary visits a year, unlimited base exchange

visits and unlimited services facilities such as outdoors recreation or use of the fitness centers.

Reservists can also retain the same level of serviceman's group life insurance for the same price.

For education benefits, the Air Force Reserve also offers a tuition assistance program similar to the active-duty program, paying 75 percent of college tuition for eligible members. Reserve members can take advantage of the Montgomery G.I. Bill, and, in most cases, qualify for an enlistment bonus.

Air Force Reserve members can also qualify for a reserve retirement after 20 years of combined active-duty and reserve duty. All these benefits for 39 days a year of service, which equals to one weekend a month and two weeks a year.

The Air Force Reserve has five different programs officers and airmen can participate in to fulfill their military service obligation in the reserves:

1. The unit program allows officers and airmen to participate in a reserve unit one weekend a month and two weeks a year.

2. Air Force Reserve Technicians are reserve members and full-time civil service employees and must participate in a reserve unit, one weekend a month and two weeks a year.

3. Unit Active Guard and Reserves are reserve members who are full-time active duty and, in most cases, work at an active-duty base.

4. Individual Mobilization Augmentee program offers two types of IMA positions for officers and airmen to augment at an active-duty Air Force base:

- a. Category A: Members

are required to perform 48 training periods and 14 days of annual training per year.

- b. Category B: Members are required to perform 24 training periods and 14 days of annual training per year.

5. Headquarters AGR are reserve members who are full-time active duty, and normally perform duty with Air Force active-duty organizations.

One of the major reasons the Air Force Reserve is successful is the experience of its members. Over 93 per

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cent of Air Force Reserve members are prior service members from different branches of the Armed Forces.

The Air Force offers its members two programs to help them transition into the Air Force Reserve. They are the Palace Chase and Palace Front Programs.

The Palace Chase program is an early release program that allows active-duty Air Force officer and enlisted members to transfer into the Air Force Reserve.

Officers must be eligible for a Reserve Appointment. Enlisted members must

have completed 24 months of a four-year initial enlistment or 36 months of a six-year initial enlistment by their date of separation.

The Palace Front Program is a transfer program that allows active-duty Air Force officers and enlisted members to transfer into the Air Force Reserve the day after their date of separation. Members can apply for Palace Front within 90 to 180 days of their DOS.

Sergeant Cantu gives an informational briefing about the Air Force Reserve and its program. The Palace Front program is briefed on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. in Bldg. 402, Room 323. The Palace Chase program is briefed on

the third Wednesday of every month also at the same time and location.

A benefit about attending these mandatory briefings is that it is an opportunity to learn what options members have after they separate and take advantage of both worlds.

Whether it is for employment, education or retirement, these goals can be met in the Air Force Reserve. Members can continue to serve their country with the same sense of pride they served on active duty. They can create a life in the Air Force Reserve where they can go above and beyond. (*Courtesy of Air Force Reserve In-service Recruiter*)

## TEST

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Airman Michael Parra, SAT in biomedical equipment repair.

Airman Parra attended classes at the University of Texas, El Paso, and was required to take a study skills class during his freshman year. He said he found the two-day course to be nothing like the UT class and learned more from the WLDC two-day course.

Both Airman Pardini and Airman Parra said they are grateful that they took the two-day course before starting the 11-month Biomedical Equipment Repair Course Aug. 2.

According to Captain Leckie, many students lack self-confidence. The WLDC can help students improve their confidence, which will allow

them to pay better attention in class, better use the skills they have and perform better on tests.

"I hear, 'I can't do this' all the time," said Captain Leckie. "We show them how they can."

Captain Leckie and the staff at the WLDC said they are confident in the two-day academic effectiveness training for SATs, as well as all the other programs that the WLDC offers to SATs.

"If you don't learn something from this class, I'll buy you a Coke," Captain Leckie said.

For more information on the WLDC and the courses offered, including the two-day course for SATs, stop by 530 H Ave. for more information, or call 6-1775.

**Support  
Sheppard's clubs.  
Join today!**

# Soundoff

## What is your favorite Air Force weapon system?



*"The F-22 Raptor for its air superiority."*

~Senior Airman Michael Neal,  
361st Training Squadron



*"People. They get the job done."*

~Lt. Col. Mike Yarbrough,  
365th Training Squadron



*"The F-16 and B-2 for their futuristic look and lethal image."*

~Airman Matthew Schexnayder,  
361st Training Squadron



*"People, because what good are any of the weapon systems without people?"*

~Staff Sgt. Heather Smith,  
82nd Training Wing



*"Staff Sgt. Slavens. He taught me everything I know. He is the best MTL on base!"*

~Airman 1st Class Sean Feehan,  
362nd Training Squadron

Drinking & driving  
don't mix!



Tech. Sgt. Donald Howard, gives some insight on an upcoming block to his son, Airman 1st Class Richard Howard. Both are currently students assigned to the 882nd Training Group. (Photo by Mike McKito)

## Father, son train together

By Mike McKito

Base public affairs

"He's been a little piece of home," said Tech. Sgt. Donald Howard about his son Airman 1st Class Richard Howard.

Both father and son are students in the 882nd Training Group. Sergeant Howard is attending the Medical Service Apprentice Course, and Airman Howard is in the Health Services Management Apprentice Course.

Sergeant Howard is a 16-year veteran of the active Navy and Navy reserve. Almost one year ago, he joined the Air Force Reserve and subsequently arrived for training at Sheppard.

Ever since Airman Howard arrived at Lackland, he said he's been anxious to come here.

"I've looked forward to coming to Sheppard since basic because my dad was here," said the younger Howard.

Time together, however, will soon come to an end as Sergeant Howard will depart for his next phase of training at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and then back to his home unit at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York. Time separated will be short-lived, since Airman Howard, also in the Air Force Reserve, will report to Niagara Falls ARS upon his graduation Sept. 3.

"I'm proud of my son and glad he chose to join the Air Force," said Sergeant Howard.

Beginning in January 2003, both father and son will serve side-by-side at their new unit.



**Tech. Sgt. Joe Fuccio leans on his money saving IDEA. He will receive \$5,565 award for saving the Air Force more than \$37,000. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Laura Renner)**

## Changing rules saves cash

**By 2nd Lt. Laura Renner**

*Base public affairs*

Another Team Sheppard member submitted an idea to the Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program and will now be awarded more than \$5,000 for it.

While an instructor at the propulsion school in the 361st Training Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Joe Fuccio found an improvement could be made, so he made it.

During class one day, Sergeant Fuccio was going over the technical order for the F110 engine. While doing this, he found the Aerospace Propulsion Flight, F110 section, could utilize equipment they had on hand to satisfy training requirements instead of buying new equipment as required by the TO.

Students in this flight learn all about the F110 engine that is used in the F-16. Students going on to work on the B-1, B-2 U-2, and F-117 are also in the flight as these planes' engines are quite similar to the F-16's.

To get hands-on experience, students will actually

work on the engine. Accordingly, these engines must have something to rest upon. The engine's TO called for a stand similar to the one already in place; however, the TO's stand cost significantly more.

"The stands we have now will last indefinitely because they are protected from the elements and are regularly maintained," said Sergeant Fuccio. "So why purchase new ones when these do the job perfectly fine?"

Also, to avoid delaying or interfering with class time, instructors would come in during personal time to assemble the stands, thoroughly inspect them and swap them out.

"Swapping the stands alone would have taken a whole day," Sergeant Fuccio said. It would have been a big, unnecessary hassle."

Rather than waste more than \$37,000 to purchase new stands, Sergeant Fuccio worked to change the TO. The process to make this change took approximately

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## General activities

Half price pool passes

Pool pass prices will be slashed to half price Thursday. Family pool passes will cost \$30, and individual pool passes will be \$15. They are available at outdoor recreation, the Madrigal Youth Center, or base swimming pools.

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 lap swimming, call 6-6460.

### Main pool – 6-6469

Monday-Friday, 1-7:45 p.m.

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

Weekends only after Labor Day. Also open Monday and Friday for lap swimming.

### Capehart pool – 6-4281

Everyday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Today, closed for maintenance.

Closed after Labor Day.

Family swim time all hours of operations at the pool.

### Bunker Hill water park – 6-4161

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

Weekends only after Labor Day.

### Give Parents a Break Program

Give Parents a Break Program is now being offered once a month by the child development center. Those eligible to use the program include parents of children 6 weeks through 5 years old whose spouse is deployed, on extended TDY or required to work extensive extended shifts. Also included are those parents who have been experiencing family crises such as the birth of a baby, serious illness of a family member, death in the family or extended illness of a family member. The next program will be held Aug. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. Register two weeks in advance or by Aug. 2. Call the child development center at 6-2038 for more information or dates.

## Club activities

### No smoking policy

The officers and enlisted club will begin the Air Force no smoking policy within the club buildings Thursday. After Thursday, they ask that people don't smoke inside the club buildings. Call the officers club at 6-6460 or enlisted club at 6-2083 for more information.

### O'Club sandwich menu

The officers club offers a new sandwich line menu during lunch Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All ranks are welcome. The menu includes three combo meals, four wraps and four club specialties. Prices range from \$3.25 to \$5.25. For more information, call 6-6460.

### Motown, blues and jazz

The enlisted club provides an evening of motown, blues and jazz music every Sunday from 6-11 p.m. Call 6-2083 for more information.

### Wings or shrimp Wednesdays

The officers and enlisted clubs offer a choice of one pound of wings or one-half pound of shrimp Wednesdays during the social hour. For more information, call 6-6460.

### Member Rewards Program

The Member Rewards Program ends Wednesday. Officers and enlisted club members in Air Education and Training Command are eligible to win prizes, including two vacations. Members who purchase \$2 or more in food from the clubs will receive an entry form and qualify for the grand prizes. Call 6-6460 for details on the promotion or more information.

## Upcoming trips

For tickets to area attractions, to sign up or get information about tours, visit the Information, Tickets & Tours office in the community center building or call 6-2302.

Aug. 3 – Rangers game tickets cost \$28.

Aug. 10 – Six Flags tickets cost \$40. Sign up deadline is Aug. 5.

September – Dallas Cowboy game tickets are on sale now and cost \$45.

## At the Flicks

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

Windtalkers

**Friday 9 p.m.**

The Bourne Identity

**Saturday 2 p.m.**

Closed for ORI

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

Closed for ORI

**Saturday 7 p.m.**

Closed for ORI

**Sunday 2 p.m.**

Closed for ORI

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

Closed for ORI

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

The Bourne Identity

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

**Windtalkers (R)** – Nicholas Cage, Adam Beach – Marine Joe Enders is assigned to protect Ben Yahzee, a Navajo Code Talker, the Marines' new secret weapon. Enders' orders are to protect his code talker at all costs. At the Battle of Saipan, when capture is imminent, Enders is forced to make a decision: if he can't protect Yahzee, can he bring himself to kill him to protect the code?

**The Bourne Identity (PG-13)** – Matt Damon, Franke Potente – Although completely without identity or background, Jason Bourne possesses extraordinary talents in fighting, linguistics and self-defense that speak of a dangerous past. He sets out on a desperate search, assisted by a woman named Marie, to discover who he is and why people want him dead.

## 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

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

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Solid Rock Worship

(Liturgical), South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel

Service, South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community

Service, North Chapel

### Religious education

Saturday, 4 p.m., Marriage Group, Intercessory Prayer Team, Women's Bible

Surfing, South Chapel

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

Bldg. 962

### Bible studies

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

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

## IDEA

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two weeks.

The IDEA program creates a venue to reward people who increase productivity while saving the Air Force money.

“This is the only program that

I know of that the Air Force pays its members for a really great IDEA. Funding is unlimited,” said Sam Graham, the base IDEA program manager.

In most cases, the award is based on 15 percent, not to exceed \$10,000, of the savings in the first year. In Sergeant Fuccio’s case, he will receive a \$5,565 award for his IDEA.

Sergeant Fuccio also offered the following advice, “Get into your TOs because they are written by humans who make mistakes. Finding those mistakes and making improvements gives you the opportunity to make your job easier, safer and allows funds to be spent on more

important things.”

Sergeant Fuccio said the IDEA program offers many benefits.

“In the words of Sam Graham, ‘You can’t drive around this base one

time without getting two IDEAs.’ So keep your eyes open because not only do you make the Air Force better, but you get a little reward for yourself, too,” he said.



**The F-16 engine used by training students sits on the newly-approved stand. (Courtesy photo)**

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**Hospital closure**

The hospital will be closed Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m. to participate in the "Post-ORI Celebration." Emergency services will be available.

**Finance office closure**

The finance office will be closed today from noon-4:30 p.m. for an off-site event. In case of emergency, contact pager 915 using the base paging system.

**Range trespass notice**

The Sheppard Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Range on Missile Road (Bldgs. 2123, 2125, 2127 and the surrounding area) is off limits to all personnel who aren't conducting official business or receiving training. Trespassing is not only illegal, but very dangerous.

For questions concerning weapons training or scheduling, call the base firing range at 6-2251.

**Air Force Marathon**

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will host the 2002 Air Force Marathon Sept. 21. People interested in running can register in the following categories: individual, wheelchair, four-member relay team and 3- to 5-member marathon team. The festivities for the event include a two-day sports exposition, pre-race pasta dinner, race day opening ceremony, awards ceremony and a free post-race party. Participants must register by Sept. 4. Registration and race information are available on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or by calling 1-800-467-1823.

**Vehicle alignments**

The Auto Skills Center, Bldgs. 55 and 57, can check vehicle alignment with the new Hunter Series 611P Alignment Computer with DSP400 Digital Signal Processors and Camera. The cost for wheel alignment is \$40 with any cutting, drilling, dismantling or replacement of parts costing extra. Hours of operation are 1- 9 p.m., Wednesday thru Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Auto Skills Center is closed on Monday and Tuesday. Call Art at 6-4110 for more information.

**Volunteers needed**

Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down for the noncommissioned officer induction ceremony Aug. 30 at

the enlisted club. If interested, contact Staff Sgt. Edmund Allen at 6-4474, Senior Airman Kenneth Daniel at 6-2365, or Staff Sgt. Timothy Molock at 6-2810.

**Blood drive**

The 364th Training Squadron will sponsor a blood drive Monday. It will be held at the community center from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Lt. Albert Tucker at 6-1844, ext. 4305.

**Pet embargo**

From now through Sept. 15, there is a pet embargo with all commercial passenger airlines. Because of the extreme temperatures on the flight line and baggage compartments, airlines will not book pets. Air Mobility Command will con-

tinue booking pets, since they have climate-controlled areas. Individuals who wish to have their pets join them at their duty assignment may consider commercial cargo aircraft, since some have climate-controlled area. Any questions may be referred to the passenger travel office, TMO, 6-7153 or 6362.

**Dental assistant training program**

The 82nd Dental Squadron in association with the American Red Cross is accepting applications for a Red Cross Dental Assistant Training Program. The program is six months long and will begin Aug. 12. For information or to register, call Tech. Sgt. James Scaife at 6-4474 or visit the dental clinic.

**Ceramics Shop**

Sheppard ceramics shop has all the materials needed to start creative projects.

Items for sale include paints, brushes, music boxes and lamp kits. They also offer free lessons, and project storage space is on hand.

More than 2,500 craft projects are available with a full-line of paints, glazes and supplies. Project packing and shipping services are also offered.

The ceramic shop is located in the HAWC building (Bldg. 832). Summer hours of operation are Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. It is closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 855-0118.

## Time for physicals

By Maj. Cynthia Martin

*Pediatric Clinic Element Chief*

It's time to start thinking about getting physicals for your children.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends annual physicals for children who are 2 to 17 years old, except ages 7 and 9. If your child is required to complete a physical before school, schedule them now. In the future, schedule your child's physical in his or her birth month.

An annual physical is a comprehensive evaluation of the child's health and will fulfill the requirements for school, sports and camp physicals. Physicals are good for one year. They are available in the pediatric, family practice and flight medicine clinics.

Clearance forms may be completed if there is documentation of a physical in the child's chart in the past year without repeating the physical. Take the forms to your child's assigned clinic. It may take up to three days to pull the record and complete the form.

If your child doesn't require a physical before school, schedule it in his or her birth month. The appointment will be scheduled in the clinic to which you're assigned. Pediatric and family practice clinics' physicals are available the same day or up to one week in advance by calling 6-1847. Flight medicine clinic physicals are available by calling 6-6509.



### *Military tradition*

The sounding of retreat signals the end of the official duty day and serves as a ceremony for paying respect to the U.S. flag. Every Tuesday, technical training students attending various courses here participate in a retreat ceremony that includes a band. The ceremony emphasizes the importance of this tradition. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear)

# Sports

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## Sports shorts

### Intramural bowling

The upcoming 2002-03 Intramural Bowling Organizational meeting will be held at the community center Aug. 6 at 3 p.m. The meeting will include a vote for a new secretary and on the Constitution/By-laws. As a reminder, both bowling centers become no smoking facilities Thursday.

### Bowl the Colorama

Bowl the Colorama at the south lanes, Bldg. 318, Aug. 3 and 31 at 7 p.m. The cost of each event is \$13 per person. For more information, call 6-2170.

### 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.

*Texas 3-Club Scramble:* The golf course will hold the Texas 3-Club Scramble Aug. 3 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$15, which includes cart. Sign-up and refund deadline is Thursday. The format will be three-person scramble using 50 percent of combined team handicap.

*Couples Tournament:* The golf course will hold a couples golf tournament Aug. 11 with a 4 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$10. The format will be a two-person, male and female,

scramble for nine holes with no handicap required. After nine holes of golf, the officers club will cater at the Wind Creek Snack Bar for all those who participated in the tournament. Food served includes cheeseburgers, potato salad, and beans with tea or water.

### R & R - Return to fitness prescription program

Fitness programs are now available for adults over 50. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the south fitness center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Yulanda Moffett at 6-2972 or ext. 7491.

### 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 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 4:15 p.m., Thursday 6 p.m., and Saturday 3 p.m. For more information, call 6-2972. All classes are free.