

# The SHEPPARD SENATOR

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

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## In the news

### Services to hold Family Night

The 82nd Services Squadron is holding a Family Night at the Capehart Pool Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$5.95 for members, \$9.95 for non-members and \$2.95 for children 5 to 12 years old. The cost includes items from the hamburger and hot dog menu.

Prizes and games will be available for guests.

### Officers and enlisted calls scheduled

An officer's call has been scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. in the Officers Club.

Enlisted personnel will have a mandatory enlisted call Aug. 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. All E-1s through E-3s are required to attend.

### Pass and registration stickers available

Stickers are now available for vehicle registration in Bldg. 402, room 114.

Personnel are required to have proof of insurance, a current driver's license and a temporary pass, if applicable, when getting a sticker.

For more information, call 676-4135.

## Change of command

A change of command ceremony will take place today on the maintenance ramp at the 80th Flying Training Wing.

Col. H.D. Polumbo Jr. will take command from Col. Ralph Jodice at 8 a.m.

# A n i m a t e d t r a i n i n g

Sheppard instructors, instructional technology team work to improve training

### By Mr. John Ingle

Base public communication

It's amazing the click of a mouse and touch of a button could bring archaic training methods to life on a computer screen.

That's what a group of individuals have done for several of Sheppard's training squadrons for the last year to help students get a better grasp on what their role will be in the Air Force.

Tech. Sgt. Rex Harris, a simulation developer for the 782nd Training Group's Instructional Technology Unit, and a crew of about 15 developers and programmers have worked hand-in-hand to develop some of the latest training tools for the 82nd Training Wing.

"If you can think it, we can build it," Sergeant Harris said, reciting the ITU's motto.

Anything from electronics equipment, flight controls and fuel pumps have been created for simulation or animation for squadrons on the base. But, that hasn't always been the case.

The office was busy producing Web-based and CD-ROM courses before this time last year, but requests for simulated or animated instructional tools was minimal. Col. Arvil White, commander of the 782nd TRG, took interest in putting technology in the classroom and promoted the office's services and business began to pick up.

"Within two months, we had 60 to 70 work requests," he said. "Now we have about 50."

The concept is fairly simple, as seen with the recent request by Tech. Sgt. Eric Johnson, a liquid fuels instructor with the 366th Training Squadron.

In the past, instructors relied on black

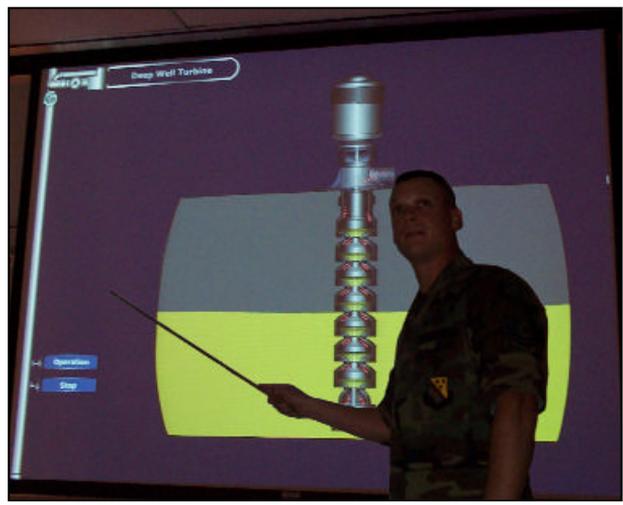


Photo by Airman Jacques Lickteig

**Tech. Sgt. Eric Johnson, a liquid fuels instructor in the 366th Training Squadron, uses computer animation of a deep well turbine to show and explain how the equipment works. The 366th TRS is one of many squadrons on base that have turned to computer animation and simulation to help students get a better grasp on specific units of training.**

and white paper and a lot of words to convey how a centrifugal pump worked. With the help of Sergeant Harris and the ITU team, Sergeant Johnson and other fuels instructors were able to show how the pump worked.

"Basically, what they did was animated it for us," Sergeant Johnson said. "(Students) can see how the pump actually works" instead of having to imagine it.

The initial thought among the instructors was to find a way to better explain and

teach young soon-to-be fuels specialists how the machinery worked, he said. What they got was a better teaching instrument and an increase in productivity from the students.

Test scores in the liquid fuels course have increased by 6 percent while the 10-question progress checks at the end of units have gone up 45 percent.

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## Team Sheppard Training 2003



**82nd Training Wing: 45,961 students trained to replenish America's combat capability**  
**80th Flying Training Wing: 128 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance**





Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

**Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander presents the 82nd Training Wing Second Quarter Entry Level Civilian of the Quarter Award to Ms. Shawna Kettell from the 82nd Training Group.**

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

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have.

I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 6-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number.

Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard will be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

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### High speed Internet connection for Wherry Housing area

**Q**uestion: The Digital Subscriber Line access in Wherry Housing is at the bare minimum. People can only get a little faster than dial up. Capehart Housing gets full 1.5 high-speed Internet access.

People in Wherry Housing are forced to sign up with cable service to get high-speed Internet access. What are the chances of having other companies offer their services to Wherry Housing residents?

**A**nswer: DSL is a technology for bringing high-bandwidth information to homes and small businesses over ordinary copper telephone lines. However, the rate of bandwidth is limited by the proximity of the telephone company central office that offers DSL service. Because of this distance, the Wherry Housing customers may not get the full 1.5 high-speed Internet access available to other customers within a closer proximity. Other DSL providers have announced intentions of providing the service; however, there are no definitive dates and the quality of service cannot be guaranteed pending the central office location. Because of the proximity

limitations as described above, an alternative to DSL is cable service.

### Signs to the bowling alley

**Q**uestion: Every location on base appears to be identified except for the bowling alleys. There's not a single sign pointing to them. Then when people get there, they are harassed by security forces if they park across the street in what appears to be the bowling alley parking lot. So, I was wondering why there are no signs and where are people supposed to park?

**A**nswer: You're right; we do have several signs around the base directing folks to our many facilities. Our current signage is in line with Air Education and Training Command guidance: "...identify essential functions such as command elements and functions frequently used by visitors and newly assigned personnel...In all cases, signs must be kept to a minimum (AETCI 32-1001)." We do our best to limit signs to help maintain an uncluttered base appearance. Our goal is to direct the largest number of people using the least amount of signs. We sincerely regret you had difficulty parking as you visited our great bowling center. Please come back

often and feel free to park in the Bldg. 402 parking lot directly across from the south lanes or in the north chapel and Bldg. 716 lots if using the north lanes.

### Youth center buses

**Q**uestion: I am concerned about the buses used by the youth center to transport our children on field trips out of town. Last summer, the bus broke down on two separate occasions, on one trip to Oklahoma City and the other to Dallas, leaving the children stranded along the highway for more than two hours in the July Texas heat.

I called the youth center to discover that the bus had broken down on the way to Dallas again recently, and the children were once again outside in the July sun for two hours.

This is unacceptable. How old are these buses? Do you have vehicle maintenance standards for the safe transport of our children?

The youth center staff reports that this recent incident was "finally enough" to convince "someone" we need a new bus. Why wasn't this rectified last summer? Is anything really going to be done to offer our children a safe and reliable ride? Thanks in advance for your assistance.

**A**nswer: We, too, share your concern on child safety. The vehicles we use are maintained on a strict schedule with a contractor in the local community. In this particular case, one of the belts broke causing the vehicle to not function properly. The driver calmly pulled the vehicle over to the side of the road and the second bus following behind pulled over as well. Within minutes, the youth center received a call on the situation and immediately dispatched another vehicle.

The children were moved to the second bus and were entertained in an air-conditioned environment while waiting for the other vehicle to arrive. The wait was less than an hour, and both vehicles proceeded on their trip while the disabled bus received a new belt at a local garage and was picked up on the return journey.

Ensuring we have safe transportation for our children is a top priority! The non-appropriated funds have been committed for a new bus, and the paperwork has been submitted for purchase. Since special alterations are required for the back of the bus, we hope to receive it in a couple of months. In the meantime, we are reviewing our maintenance schedules to ensure our buses are as safe as we can make them. We appreciate your concern.



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# Commander gives farewell to wing, base

By Col. Ralph Jodice

80th Flying Training Wing

Two weeks ago, I found the *Sheppard Senator* article I wrote when I took command of the 80th Flying Training Wing July 17, 2001. As I re-read the article, I realized that the concepts I laid out over 2 years ago had turned into reality today.

So, I thought "you could just change the date on the 2001 article to 2003 and be done with it." Well that would not be right and I do have some closing thoughts I want to leave with the 80th, the Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program and Team Sheppard.

The mission for the 80th FTW remains clear...provide combat airpower for the Alliance by producing the best pilots we can. It is simple and straightforward. Providing combat airpower does not center on weapons systems, combat aircraft, missiles or satellites.

Combat airpower is about people. It is people that are "Focused" on the mission. They connect to the mission everyday.

No matter where you work, you know that your job is the most important job in the wing.

The first line of the airmen's creed says, "no one is more important than I." You, and what you do for the wing, is the most important thing you have to do today.

According to Chief Master Sgt. James Miller's story at Airmen Leadership School graduation two weeks ago, sometimes making a bologna sandwich is the most important thing to get the mission done on a given day. If you missed the chief's story, track him down and have him tell it again.

Your "Attitude" must be one that everyone looks for to the example. Your positive, can-do attitude will be infectious and must carry the day.

The people I come in contact with daily around the wing have that positive, can-do attitude. I see it on your faces and in your eyes, I hear it in your voices and I see it in the way you carry yourselves - with confidence and pride.

The same is true in the 82nd TRW, around all of Sheppard and the Texoma area.

Although you have your own individual jobs, you are most effective when you function as a team. The synergistic effect of

"Teamwork" cannot be beat.

St. Mary's Grammar School in North Carolina, where I coached basketball, called it the 6th man (we "borrowed" the idea from Texas A & M's 12th man for their football team). When we played for a championship, the effect of the entire team to include those in the stands was electrifying!

Your contribution to Team ENJPT and Team Sheppard is just as electrifying. You exceed standards wherever you look. In fact, meeting standards is not your "standard." Exceeding standards and knocking the socks off of folks is your standard.

Your individual efforts do make a difference. However, it is the simple fact of putting all those individual efforts together into a team approach that puts you over the top and out front.

Judy, our family and I thank everyone in the 80th, ENJPT, the 82nd, Team Sheppard and the communities of Burk Burnett, Iowa Park and Wichita Falls for a fabulous two years. It is the people that make our wings, Sheppard and the surrounding communities great.

You and what you do every



day is what we will miss the most. However, we leave here knowing that you will only get better and will continue to take everything to new heights because you are FAT (Focused on the mission, have a positive, can-do Attitude, and function as a Team).

The honor and privilege to be the wing commander of the 80th and ENJPT and to be part of

Team Sheppard and this local area is one Judy and I will never forget. It will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Thank you for your dedication to mission accomplishment, your discipline to do it right the first time and every time, and your commitment to excellence. You guarantee that combat capability stands here and because of you, no one comes close.

## Officials cancel Bright Star 2003

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Department of Defense officials announced the United States would not participate in this year's Bright Star exercise scheduled for September.

The decision was made in view of continued operations in the global war on terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere by the United States and other nations, said officials. The Bright Star exercise will not be held this year.

"This was an extremely difficult decision," said Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. "Given our current worldwide commitments, it seemed best to take a temporary break from this exercise, as we did after Operation Desert Storm. Bright Star is one of our most important exercises and reflects the value we attach to our strong relationship with Egypt."

Bright Star is a combined exercise conducted biennially since 1981 in which more than 70,000 troops from more than 10 countries normally participate.

The department regularly evaluates the potential impact of scheduled exercises on real-world operations. To date, 49 of 182 exercises originally intended this fiscal year have canceled or rescheduled.

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"No one is failing them," Sergeant Johnson said. In all, Sergeant Johnson and other instructors have requested 25 different simulations to help train students. Six have been completed.

Airman Basic Alex Bakcsi, 23, of Denver, Colo., said the animation has made understanding how fuel flows through the pump easier.

"It would definitely be a lot more difficult," he said. "Trying to imagine it without the animation would definitely take a lot of imagination to make a picture."

Sergeant Holman said the baseline time to finish a simulation or animation project is about 73 days. The group also develops Web-based courses, which take about 250 days to complete.

Complexity of the request determines whether or not the project is finished early or if more time is needed, he said.

The ITU staff changed the way they did business from one person working on a project from start to finish to making projects a group effort. Sergeant Holman said that has cut production time in half.

He attributed the recent success to knowing where they are going before they actual development of the software begins. About 80 percent of the project is spent on planning such as making sto-

ryboards and holding production meetings.

The remaining 20 percent is spent on actually developing the product.

What that means in dollars and cents is the ITU office is saving anywhere from \$10,000 to \$25,000 on the projects. Some would cost even more if contracted out.

Sergeant Harris said civilian companies charge an average of \$20,000 per instructional hour to develop an animated or simulated product. It costs ITU about \$2,000 per instructional hour.

The return on investment isn't measurable, Mr. Jack Roberts, chief of ITU, said because a dollar sign can't be given for the amount of time and effort that is saved because of the advanced training tools.

But, what can be measured is the amount of money that is saved from students not washing back or completely out of a program.

Before liquid fuels received the animated product, Mr. Roberts said four students were washed back for one week at a cost of \$505.55 per student. Two students were eliminated from the program all together.

At a cost of \$5,021.14 to build the six fuels animations, Mr. Roberts said the programs have paid for themselves.

Sergeant Holman said simulated and animated training can't replace a lot of the hands-on instruction airmen receive, but animation could fit into almost any curriculum.

# 108 senior airmen to pin on staff sergeant

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# CMSAF says feedback key to survivability of new uniforms

## By Airman 1st Class Amy Christopher

3rd Wing Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFP) – Feedback will be key for Air Force leaders making their decision on the newly proposed utility uniform, said the Air Force's top enlisted airman.

"We want airmen's feedback," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray during his visit here Aug. 6 to 10. "We don't want 'shoot-from-the-hip feedback,' but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action, and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment. A Web site will be available to provide a forum to cap-

ture comments and suggestions. We'll use these comments in addition to the feedback from the test participants in our final decision about the uniform."

Elmendorf was selected as one of just nine bases Air Force-wide to participate in the wear test of the new uniform, which will be seen on some airmen beginning in January.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform and includes many new features. They are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen. The wear-test period extends from January through July.

"The need for a distinctive Air Force utility uniform stems

from years of feedback from the field on our current (battle dress uniforms)," Chief Murray said. "Airmen throughout the years have complained of poor fit, the desire for better material, more functionality and more distinction from the other services. The timing is right."

Current Air Force uniforms are supplied through Army sources, and the Army looks at its own uniform and makes changes that suit their mission. Chief Murray said the Air Force needs to do the same with a uniform specifically designed to meet the needs of 21st-century airmen.

"Airmen take great pride in wearing the uniform well and presenting a professional appearance to each other, to sister serv-

ices and to the public," Chief Murray said.

The chief also wanted to assure airmen the wear test of the new utility uniform is most certainly not a snap decision.

"This is not change for the sake of change," he said. "It is a well-thought-out proposal that will now go to the field in a wear test for feedback."

Early in 2004, airmen at nine bases selected throughout the Air Force will wear the uniform and give feedback on its fit, durability, comfort and functionality, he said.

The chief is confident airmen will do their part to help Air Force leaders make a decision on the new uniform.

"One of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is

the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape," Chief Murray said. "This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward. I believe it's a uniform fitting of the world's greatest expeditionary air and space force, and one that, if implemented, we will all be proud to wear."

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November, officials said. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005.

### Dental assistant training program to begin

The 82nd Dental Squadron and the American Red Cross are currently accepting applications for the fall 2003 Red Cross Dental Assistant Training Program.

Training begins Sept. 15 and will last about seven months.

People interested in the program should have his or her application in no later than Aug. 29. Interviews will be conducted in early September for candidates.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. James Scaife at 676-4474.

### MSU no longer offering classes on base

Midwestern State University will be closing its Sheppard office and won't conduct classes on base beginning Sept. 1.

Current MSU students needing assistance or information should see their program advisor. New and prospective students should contact the department for the



program he or she is looking to enter.

MSU has been proud to serve military personnel and family members at Sheppard and will continue to serve them. Catalogs, schedules and school brochures can be picked up at the education office on base or the Hardin Building at MSU.

For more information, contact Delores Jackson, military outreach coordinator, at 855-4491 or 397-4400.

Students can also access the university's Web site at [www.mwsu.edu](http://www.mwsu.edu).

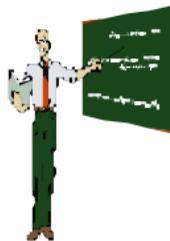
### Troops to teachers

Airmen, sailors and soldiers

who will soon be separating from their respective service could find another rewarding career in teaching.

The Family Support Center will hold a presentation Sept. 5 on the Troops to Teachers program to let active duty members and other with prior military service know how they could make the transition.

In order to qualify for the program, an eligible veteran must first register with the national Troops to Teach-



ers program. When the veteran is accepted into a teacher certification program, he or she requests a stipend to help pay for the program.

Participation in any state approved teacher certification program will qualify for the stipend.

Financial aid is also available for retired military personnel and other eligible veterans. Funds were authorized to pay for the certification programs of degreed veterans up to \$5,000 or as a bonus up to \$10,000 for teaching in a "high needs" school.

For more information, visit [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com) or by contacting the Troops to

Teachers office at (800) 231-6242.

### New cell phone law to go into affect

House Bill 624 will go into affect Sept. 1, making it illegal for motorists to use a cell phone while driving.

Motorists are encouraged to pull off the road or use a hands-free setup if a call must be made.

An individual could be fined \$25 to \$100 if caught outside of a school zone and up to \$200 in a school zone.



# Students connect at Solid Rock

By 2nd Lt. Ellen Harr

Base public communication

*Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles about the Solid Rock Cafe.*

On Saturday afternoons, the south chapel is full of technical training students.

But the students aren't there for a training block or mandatory event. They are at the chapel for Solid Rock Café, an interfaith chapel program that promotes hospitality, fellowship and wholesome fun.

Airman 1st Class Jason Ward, 361st Training Squadron, began participating in Solid Rock Café as soon as he arrived here for tech school. A friend told him about the events at Solid Rock Café and he has been attending ever since.

"I came one Saturday, actually the very first Saturday that I got here, and I've been coming ever since, about 21 weeks," he said.

Airman Ward explained that Solid Rock gives him a place to relax and recharge after a challenging week of training.

"It's a place where I can come, relax and be myself. We come,

hang out, have a good time and meet with friends. It's basically my family here. It keeps me sane," he explained.

"I first came to Solid Rock because I needed a place to hang out. I've been here ever since," added Airman Nicholas Smith, 365th Training Squadron.

The students agree the friendships they've formed at the Solid Rock Café keep them coming back each week.

"It gives you a chance to meet people from different squadrons. With being on the job, all you meet are people in your squadron. You don't get to meet (people in other career fields) like medical, avionics and crew chiefs. Now I have a lot of good friends from other squadrons," said Airman Ward said.

The friendships are important to them while they are at Sheppard, but the students hope they last long after tech school.

"I will definitely take friendships and memories when I leave Sheppard. I will think back on something like this and think 'Wow, I'm glad I was a part of this,'" said Airman Smith.

Students also get a chance to plan and lead many of the activities at Solid Rock Café. They plan and prepare the evening meal twice a month, help set up and tear down the games and equipment and perform in the praise band, "The Rock."

Chaplain (Maj.) William Ziegler, who directs the student ministry programs, said that student leadership is an important part of the Solid Rock program. He explained the chapel supports the students' ideas and offers them a place to form a community. The chapel also welcomes students' families to the Solid Rock Café. Spouses and children can participate in the activities and also join in the evening meal, which is served at 5 p.m. each Saturday. Chaplain Ziegler also said Solid Rock is a wonderful way to serve the student community and promote their spiritual health.

"I realize this is a great way to reach all of the students that have no place to go on a Saturday. Not only students but for family members of students as well," Chaplain Ziegler said.

The opportunity to play a lead-



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

**Airman 1st Class Mark Christy, a student at the 363rd Training Squadron, makes his move during a strategy game at the Solid Rock Cafe.**

ership role in Solid Rock Café every Saturday also helps students as they train during the week. Airman Ward said his experiences as a student leader at Solid Rock have helped him learn how to work with people on the job.

"In my field, if you can't work with people you're not going to survive. We communicate with the crew chief, avionics and control tower to find out what's going

on. So working with people key to job accomplishment," he said.

Airman Ward said he also values the chance to work closely with the base chaplains.

"I've realized how much responsibility the chaplains actually have. All the chaplains here are great, they all do a great job," he said.

"If it weren't for the students and the chaplains there wouldn't be a place like Solid Rock."

# Student Activities: Sheppard community events

## Student Center Events

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

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

Every Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. - Pool Tournament, \$2 per person.

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

Every Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Club BDU dance, \$4 per person.

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

## Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m. Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

## Red River Café Hours of Operation

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

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

Sunday and Holidays: Noon to 9 p.m.

## Center to host luau contest at Club BDU

The center will host a luau contest at Club BDU Aug. 22 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is \$4 per person. Call 6-7659 for more information.

## Special Labor Day events to be offered at student center

On Aug. 29, there will be a Club BDU Dance from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at a cost of \$4 per person. There will also be free karaoke from 7-9 p.m. On Aug. 31, there will be a special dance at Club BDU from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is \$4 per person. Call 6-7659 for more information.

## Chapel events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

## Saturday

All students are invited to the "Solid Rock Cafe" held each Saturday at the south chapel. Dinner is served at 5 p.m.,

and a variety of scheduled activities take place from 3-9 p.m.

## Sunday

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

## Community center events Free table tennis classes offered

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

## Pool tournament

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

## Free video night

The community center has a free video

night every night beginning at 5 p.m. on the big screen TV in the lounge on the second floor. For more information, call 6-3866.

## Other events Fitness center to have triathlon camp

The fitness center is scheduled to have a mini triathlon training camp tomorrow as part of Fitness Incentive Training for Students. For more information, contact Mr. Ray Sanchez at 6-2972.



## Dining facilities celebrate birthdays with dinner

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



# 'America's Flagship' retires after 42 years of service

By Journalist Seaman Ron Kuzlik

Navy Region Southwest Public Affairs

CORONADO, Calif. (NNS) — 'America's Flagship' the USS Constellation (CV 64) was decommissioned Aug. 7 after 41 years, nine months and 11 days of naval service in a ceremony at Naval Air Station North Island.

Former President Ronald Reagan presented a Presidential Flag to the ship in 1981, and tagged Constellation with the nickname 'America's Flagship.'

Coincidentally, the newly commissioned USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) will replace Constellation when it arrives in San Diego next summer.

Lt.j.g. Jenny Krug, combat systems division officer, has been on the crew of a precommissioning unit (PCU), but never part of a decommissioning crew.

"It's really interesting working the opposite side of a PCU," said Lieutenant Krug. "The decommissioning is a sad moment in the life of 'Connie', if you think about the ship's history and all that it's done."

Commissioned at New York Naval Shipyard Oct. 27, 1961, the Constellation is the third ship to be christened with the name, and bears the motto "Spirit of the Old, Pride of the New." It has seen service in the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and most recently, returning from a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since its commissioning, nearly 120,000 Sailors and Marines have served aboard the ship. The arresting gear aboard has amassed an impressive 436,000 "traps," or landings.

Connie, as the ship is known to the crew, departed San Diego Nov. 2 for its 21st and final deployment. It arrived in the Arabian Gulf Dec. 17, and remained on station for four months

before departing April 17 and returning to San Diego in June.

The Constellation was the first to launch air strikes in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Connie subsequently flew more than 1,500 sorties, dropping more than 1.7 million pounds of ordnance on strategic military targets. In addition, Connie produced, packaged and dropped about 600 million leaflets over Iraq, more than 25 for every man, woman, and child in Iraq.

"Connie is an amazing ship," said Ship's Boatswain, Chief Warrant Officer Mike Frost. "It doesn't matter

what you wear on your sleeve or what's on your collar, we are a team, 'The Connie Team.'"

That dedication has allowed Constellation to be honored with more than 30 awards, including one Presidential Unit Citation, one Southwest Asia award, two Battle 'E's, seven Armed Forces Expeditionary awards, three Navy Expeditionary Service awards, six Meritorious Unit Commendations, three Navy Unit Commendations, six Vietnam Service Awards, and six Republic of Vietnam Unit Citation (with Palm) for Galantry.



U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Charles Alvarado

Sailors aboard USS Constellation (CV 64) render honors with the playing of the National Anthem during the decommissioning ceremony for the Constellation. The ceremony, held at Naval Air Station North Island, marked the end of the carrier's nearly 42 years of service to the nation.

# — Soundoff —

## **If you could be king or queen for a day, what would you do for Sheppard?**



*"I would put sun canopies over the bleachers at the softball fields for the fans." ~ Capt. Jason Kellhofer, 82nd Training Wing legal office*



*"Congratulate everyone for a job well done and do something to keep up the morale." ~ Mrs. Janice Smith, military family member*



*"I'd make the base bigger, make more dorms and make the quality of life better." ~ Army Private 1st Class Isabel Mendez, 366th Training Squadron*



*"I would give everyone a day off." ~ Staff Sgt. Armando Vazquez, 366th Training Squadron*

# Joint training for joint fighters

By Mr. Jim Garamone

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON - A Marine unit facing combat runs into opposition. The call goes out for fire support. In the past, the call would likely have gone to a Marine artillery unit or air asset.

Today, that call could go to an Army helicopter unit or an Air Force precision-strike aircraft. It could go to a Navy fighter-bomber staging off a carrier or even to a submarine that would launch a Tomahawk missile.

In other words, the joint force is now a reality and the American military must train as it fights.

The biggest transformation in training will be the emphasis on joint operations. "We fight as a joint team," Mr. Paul Mayberry, deputy defense undersecretary for readiness said. "We

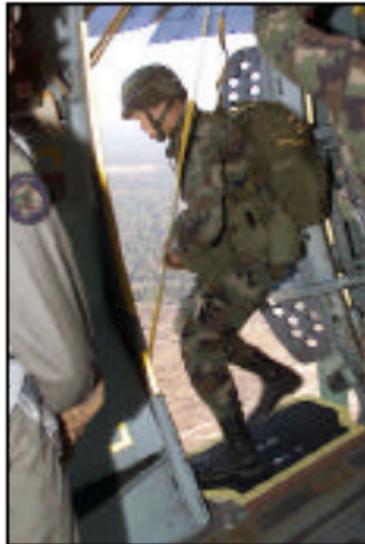
must train routinely in a joint environment."

The Joint National Training Capability is the centerpiece of the new training initiative.

The capability was initially supposed to be a Joint National Training Center - a place where joint task forces would train before deployment.

But the thinking changed and experience showed that the center does not have to be a physical place, but a way to link forces throughout the world. So an Army unit, for example, training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., could link with Air Force units training out of Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The units don't even have to be in the same hemisphere. Using simulations, staffs can train wherever they can get a computer connection.



DoD photo by Kenn Mann, U.S. Air Force.

**A soldier from the Army's 82nd Airborne exits out of an Air Force C-141B Starlifter over the Sicily Drop Zone at Fort Bragg, N.C., during an aerial assault exercise that sharpens the airdrop capability of aircrews.**

# Public health explains rabies

By Staff Sgt. Myron Thomas

*Base public health office*

In recent months, records show a downward trend in animal bites concerning our military family population.

Every year there are thousands of dog bites, cat bites, and scratch incidents.

Why should you be concerned? A wide variety of animals, such as dogs, cats, skunks, bats and coyotes can carry rabies.

This year, one skunk tested positive for rabies in Wichita County. This should concern you, especially if you are a pet owner.

Pets that come in contact with rabid animals have a very good chance of becoming infected if they're injured, scratched or bitten by the infected animal.

If your pet has been in a fight with a wild or stray animal, it would be prudent to take your pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Do not let family members walk up to stray animals. You do not know where they have been, their immunization status or what other animals they have been in

contact with.

If you or your family members are bitten or scratched, wash the wound with soap and water and seek medical care immediately. The treating physician will be able to properly treat you and your family.

If you or one of your family members are seen at a medical facility off base, it is very important that you follow-up with the Sheppard Acute Care Clinic the next day. This will ensure that you or your family members get proper follow-up medical care. The proper base authorities, such as public health and the base veterinary clinic, will also be notified.

Animals residing on base should be registered with the base veterinarian. Their immunizations can be confirmed very easily. Dogs and cats are given rabies shots on an annual basis.

If there are any other questions concerning animals on base, you may contact the base veterinarian at 6-2206.

If you have any questions concerning animal bites or the rabies prevention program, contact the 82nd Aerospace Medical Squadron public health office at 6-5978.

## Self-help store offers supplies

The self-help store offers a wide variety of free home improvement items to base housing residents.

It carries front door latches, door sweeps and weather stripping.

The self-help store has light switches and outlet covers, short, medium and long curtain rods, hollow wall anchors for hanging pictures, passage doorknob sets and locking doorknobs for the inside of the house also.

For bathroom needs, the self-help store has six-setting showerheads, faucet and shower knobs, shower curtain rods, single and three-tier towel bars, soap dishes, toothbrush holders, toilet seats, short and long toilet tank fill valves, tank float balls, toilet tissue dispensers and bathroom-use heat lamp bulbs.

The self-help store issues washable range hood filters for stoves.

It's recommended that people change heating and air conditioning filters once a month. People with pets should change theirs twice a month. The self-help store issues these out as well.

For house safety, the self-help store

offers safety outlet plugs, safety cabinet and drawer latches, oven locks and stove knob covers.

The store also offers poison-free insecticides and has glue boards and traps for mice and rats.

The self-help store doesn't just offer items for the interior of the house. For gardening, the store offers rubber edging to outline plant and flower beds. The store also issues five bags of eucalyptus or cypress mulch per quarter. The store also has Bermuda and Fescue grass seeds, along with compost bags, rakes, shovels, pruning shears, bow saws, grass clippers and more.

The lawn equipment is also available to those who need it.

With prior approval of the housing office, the store issues standard-color house paint, touch-up paint, spackling, sandpaper, stir sticks, drop cloths and paint brushes and rollers.

The self-help store is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-7755.



### Daily Programming

Sheppard Today ~ 6 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.

Air Force News ~ 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Navy/Marine News ~ 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Army News ~ 8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Programming runs 24 hours  
on TSTV Channel 14.

Check out the  
detailed schedule at  
[www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa](http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa)

### Today

2 a.m. - Air Mobility History

7 a.m. - 50 Years of the UCMJ

1 p.m. - Flying for Freedom:  
*The Women Air Force Ser-  
vice Pilots*

### Saturday

5:30 a.m. - Air Force Escape  
and Evasion Society pres-  
ents: *Leecroy Clifton*

9 a.m. - The Third Century  
of: *The American Experiment*  
3 p.m. - The Memphis Belle

### Sunday

2 a.m. - Air Mobility History

1 p.m. - Flying For Freedom:  
*The Women Air Force Ser-  
vice Pilots*

4:30 p.m. - Operational Risk  
Management

### Monday

4:30 a.m. - AFEES presents:  
*Joseph E. Manos*

11:30 a.m. - Wind Through  
the Wires: *World War I Avia-  
tion*

6 p.m. - Sheppard Idol

### Tuesday

7 a.m. - 50 Years of the UCMJ

4 p.m. - Into the Mouth of

the Cat: *Lance P. Sijan Story*  
8 p.m. - Safety Hour: *Driv-  
ing Space*

### Wednesday

9 a.m. - The Third Century  
of: *The American Experiment*

9:30 p.m. - Freedom Flyer  
Reunion

10:30 p.m. - The Sound of  
Freedom: *The Berlin Airlift*

### Thursday

4:30 a.m. - AFEES presents:  
*Joseph E. Manos*

10:30 a.m. - Safety Hour:  
*Doing It Right*

11:30 p.m. - Military Family  
Separation Series: *Family  
Reunion for Waiting Spouses*

Want to be on TV? Call  
676-2732 to star in a  
commercial on TSTV.

# Female firefighter extinguishes stereotype

by Ms. Ida Barry

45th Space Wing Public Affairs

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Many people think of firefighters as burly men with the strength of the Incredible Hulk. One female here breaks that mold.

Staff Sgt. Suzanne Blundell, from the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron, is the only female firefighter at the base fire station. It is a job that sets her apart from her peers while she serves as a role model for women who want to take on jobs they do not normally tackle.

"When I came into the military I had a guaranteed job as a signal intelligence analyst and the career field got canceled," Sergeant Blundell said. "The new career list I was given included firefighter so I picked it. It was right up my alley because I like being active and occupied all the time. I made the decision there and then and have never looked back."

"This is a family, and she is part of it," said Mr. Richard Daniels, operations assistant chief of Shift B. "She works alongside us as if there is no gender. It makes no difference that she is a female. She is part of our team."



U.S. Air Force photo by Jim Laviska

**Staff Sgt. Suzanne Blundell, a 45th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, directs Senior Airman Jamey Eaton during fire hose training. Sergeant Blundell is the only female firefighter at the base fire station.**

"They are careful not to step on my toes or say anything that is offensive," Sergeant Blundell said. "They protect me in my personal life much as a big brother would his sister. It's like having 20 big brothers yet half of them are younger than me."

Although they are protective of her, she is not given any

special treatment when responding to a call. She is expected to work just as hard and pull her fair share of the load, doing exactly as they do.

She is trained to respond to calls that include medical, structural building fires, personnel and water rescues, plane crashes, flight and ground emergencies and haz-

ardous material.

"It's all in a days work and ... the type of vehicle I am on that shift (determines) if I go on that call," said Sergeant Blundell. "I have to be on my toes at all times."

"I have been working with her for almost a year and this is not an awkward situation at all," said Airman 1st Class

Thomas Bielei, 45th CES firefighter. "She's outstanding in her work. She is certainly not given any preferential treatment and works harder than a lot of the guys do. I admire her motivation."

Her shift work involves working 24 hours on and 24 hours off, including weekends, holidays and wing down days.

"The worst part of the job is that I don't get enough time to spend with my family and friends," said Sergeant Blundell. "Most moms are there ... to cook dinner and put their children to bed every night. Because of my job, I am not able to do this. Thankfully, I have their grandmother to care for them while I am at work."

Sergeant Blundell advises women considering this career field to be thick-skinned, work on their upper body strength, have lots of determination and most importantly, to stick with it.

"I probably get burned out easier than most of the guys, but I keep trying," she said. "The guys give me a lot of encouragement to keep going."

# Sheppard Spotlight:

## 15 lines of fame

1. **Name:** Vestavia R. Stubbs
2. **Rank:** Airman 1st Class
3. **Organization and position:** 982nd Maintenance Squadron, information manager
4. **Hometown:** Auburn, Ala.
5. **Married or single (include your family if you'd like):** Engaged to a wonderful person.
6. **Hobbies/Favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Shop and sleep.
7. **Funniest childhood memory:** When I was about 11 my cousin and I set my grandmother's shower curtain on fire with hairspray and a lighter.
8. **Why did you join the Air Force?**

Because of the educational benefits.

9. **Why do you stay in the Air Force?** So I can complete my degree.

10. **Date Arrived at Sheppard:** December 2002

11. **Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Working with wonderful people.

12. **Favorite book or movie:** Grease

13. **What is your dream vacation?** To visit Hawaii.

14. **If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** My mother, she is the one I look up to.

15. **Most prized possession:** My self-respect.



Airman 1st Class Vestavia Stubbs



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. T. Collins

## ***Hitting pay dirt***

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM --** A search team discovers a MiG-25 Foxbat buried beneath the sands in Iraq. Several MiG-25 interceptors and Su-25 ground attack jets have been found buried at Al-Taqqadum air field west of Baghdad.

## General activities

### Ceramics shop open for summer hours

The ceramics shop is open for summer hours. All the materials needed to start creative projects are available. More than 2,500 craft projects are available for free lessons with a variety of paints, glazes and supplies. The ceramics shop is located in Bldg. 832, the health and wellness center building. Summer hours of operation are Wednesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 855-0118.



### Lake Texoma to have nature hike

Lake Texoma is scheduled to have a nature hike Saturday. People who participate will get the chance to view different types of trees, vegetation and grasses. Call (903)-523-4613 for more information.

### Lake Texoma to have boat race

Lake Texoma will have a boat race Aug. 23 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Winners will receive a medal. Call (903)523-4613 for more information.



## Club activities

### Officers club has daily lunch specials

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

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

### Enlisted club offers darts, cards, dominoes

The enlisted club offers a variety of activities. Cards, dominoes and pool are available every day. Also, a video game system is available every night to play in the



main bar area. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Officers club to have prime, wine night

The officers club is scheduled to have a prime and wine night tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for members only. Cost is \$16.95 for two people. For more information, 6-6460.

### Enlisted club to hold variety night

The enlisted club is scheduled to host a variety night Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. For more information, call 6-2083.

### Enlisted club to present comedy night

The enlisted club is scheduled to host a comedy night Aug. 22 beginning at 9 p.m. The doors will open at 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-2083.



### Enlisted club to have oldies but goodies night

The enlisted club is scheduled to host an oldies but goodies night Aug. 23 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Call 6-2083 for more information.

### Upcoming trips, show ITT planning upcoming trips in August

ITT offers tickets and tours to local and surrounding attractions. Call 6-2302 for more information about any of these trips.

**Six Flags** – Ride more than 100 rides and shows, including the all-new Superman Tower of Power, Titan and Batman Aug. 23. The tour includes transportation and admission. Cost is \$53 per person. Register by Monday.

**Fort Worth Zoo** – Observe a variety of animals at the zoo Sept. 6. Tour includes transportation and admission. Cost is \$42.50 per person. The tour will depart the community center at 9 a.m. and return to base at 6 p.m. Register by Sept. 1.



**Atlanta Falcons vs. Dallas Cowboys** – Watch the Cowboys play live Sept. 7. Tour includes transportation and admission. Cost is \$60 per person. The tour will depart the community center at 11 a.m. and return to base at 9 p.m. Register by Sept. 1.

## At the Flicks

<p><b>Today 6:30 p.m.</b> 28 Days Later Today 9 p.m. Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle <b>Saturday 2 p.m.</b> Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas <b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b> Legally Blonde 2</p>	<p><b>Saturday 7 p.m.</b> Terminator 3 <b>Sunday 2 p.m.</b> Sinbad: Legend of the 7 Seas <b>Sunday 4:30 p.m.</b> Terminator 3 <b>Thursday 6:30 p.m.</b> Terminator 3</p>
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**This schedule is subject to change without notice. For movie information, call 6-4427.**

<p><b>Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (PG-13)</b> – Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore – The sequel reunites Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu as the indomitable crime-fighting heroines. In the Angels' new adventure, the captivating trio once again demonstrates their expertise espionage, martial arts and disguise.</p>	<p><b>Book of Peace</b> and frames Sinbad for the crime. Sinbad travels to the realm that Eris resides in, where he is challenged by terrifying monsters in this animated adventure.</p>
<p><b>Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (PG)</b> – Animated – Eris, the goddess of Chaos, steals "The</p>	<p><b>Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde (PG-13)</b> – Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field – Elle Woods returns in this sequel, as she turns her legal and fashion-savvy know-how toward getting a bill passed through Congress in Washington.</p>

## Chapel Schedule

<p><b>Student programs</b> Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, north chapel Saturday, 3 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, south chapel Saturday, 3 p.m., Marriage Group, south chapel Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Evening Gathering, north chapel</p> <p><b>Catholic activities</b> <b>Mass</b> Saturday, 5 p.m., confessions at 4 p.m., north chapel Sunday, 9 a.m., north chapel Sunday, noon, north chapel Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., north chapel</p> <p><b>Reconciliation</b> Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., north chapel</p> <p><b>Protestant activities</b> <b>Worship services</b> Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, south chapel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community Service, north chapel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Holy Communion Service, hospital chapel</p>	<p><b>Religious education</b> Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962</p> <p><b>Bible studies</b> Tuesday, 6 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, south chapel Thursday, noon, Protestant Bible Study, south chapel Thursday, 7 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</p> <p><b>Lay-led faith groups</b> Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 p.m., south chapel, call Master Sgt. Abdullah Shamsid-deen at 6-7282. 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, call 6-4370 for information. Buddhist activities, call 6-4370.</p>
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**For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370**

# Centennial of flight:

## This week in air and space history

**August 1964** - The 4245th Strategic Wing at Sheppard participated in "Operation Top Rung Five" in which its bombers were joined by other bombers from SAC in a practice bombing run over American cities.

**Aug. 15, 1991** - NASA Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) is launched aboard Soviet Meteor 3 satellite. The TOMS takes a photo of Earth's southern hemisphere and oval ozone hole.

**Aug. 16, 1969** - Ticker-Tape parade for Apollo 11 crewmen in Houston, Texas (1969).

**Aug. 17, 1978** - First transatlantic trip in a balloon.

**Aug. 17, 1988** - 50 people set a world record for flying in a single hot air balloon at Lelystad, Netherlands.

**Aug. 18, 1868** - Helium discovered on the Sun.

**Aug. 18, 1926** - A training plane is dropped at San Diego Naval Air Station, California, by means of a parachute, the first time this feat is accomplished.

**Aug. 19, 1871** - Orville Wright born.



**Aug. 20, 1913** - First loop of aircraft performed by Lt. Peter Nesterov in France.

**Aug. 20, 1975** - The Viking 1 orbiter and lander are launched to Mars.

**Aug. 21, 1922** - Lawrence Sperry drops landing wheels from his plane in flight and successfully lands with a skid device in experiments carried out in Farmingdale, New York.

**Aug. 21, 1972** - First hot air balloon flight over the Alps.

**Aug. 21, 1972** - First unmanned telescope in space.

**Aug. 21, 2002** - The Atlas 5, intended to carry twice the capacity of previous Atlases, lifts off on its maiden voyage from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station carrying a European-built telecommunications satellite.



# Base pool schedule

Base pool passes are on sale at Bldg. 2117. Passes for individuals: \$35. Family passes: \$65. Daily fees are \$2 per person for ages 16 and older, \$1 per person for ages 4-15. Call 6-4141 for more information.

For more information, call 6-4161.

## Capehart pool

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

Thursdays and Fridays - closed

For more information, call 6-4281.

## Water aerobics:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - noon, 5 and 6:15 p.m. at main pool  
Call 6-7491

for start dates.

## Lap swimming:

Monday through Friday until Sept. 26 - 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at main pool



## Main pool

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

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

North closed

Tuesdays

South closed

Thursdays

For more information, call 6-6494.

## Bunker Hill water park

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

Wednesdays - closed

# Fitness center offers classes

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

## Abdominal class

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Monday-Friday at 8 p.m.

## Aerobics

Monday at 7:15 a.m.

## Step aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 a.m.

## Body pump

Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m.  
Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

## Yoga and pilates

Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Thursday at 6 p.m. Saturday at 3 p.m.

## Basic step

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

Sunday at 2 p.m.

## Intermediate step

Saturday at 10:15 a.m.,  
Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## Advanced step

Monday, Tuesday 5 p.m.

## Combo step

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

## Kickboxing

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

## Step/Floor

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

## Spinning

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.  
Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m.  
Monday at 7 p.m.



# Motorcyclists have a voice on base

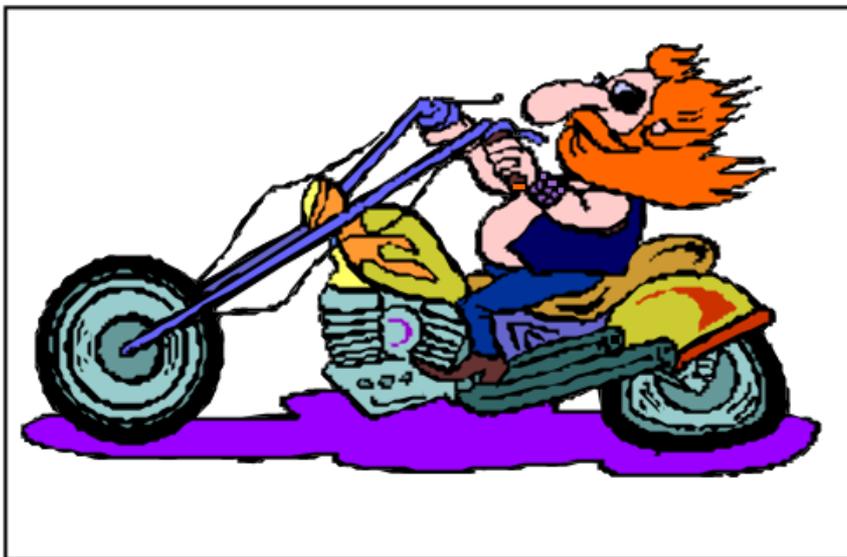
In keeping with the Air Force's vigilance to keep personnel safe, a motorcycle club has been formed on base.

The purpose of the Sheppard Rider's Association is provide a safe venue for new and old riders to enjoy the thrill of riding a motorcycle.

Master Sgt. Paul Anderson, president of the association, said it also give experienced riders an opportunity to help beginning riders learn the basics.

"It has been around since the first of the year when the general made it mandatory," Anderson said.

Meetings are informal, except for a quarterly mandatory meeting. The next mandatory meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.



in the upstairs conference room of Bldg. 1500.

A newsletter, the "Motorcycle News," began circulating Aug. 8 to provide tips, events and stories to riders.

The newsletter will be a

monthly publication. Other riders on base are encouraged to send in articles to Sergeant Anderson.

Civilian and military personnel are encouraged to be part of the association.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

## Strike!

365th Training Squadron slow-pitch softball team shortstop Josh Keleher swings at a pitch in Monday night's student champi-

onship game. The 362nd Training Squadron team inched by the 365th to win the game 8 to 7.

## Sports Shorts

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

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

### South bowling lanes to have moonlight colorama tournament

The south bowling lanes will host a moonlight colorama tournament at 7 p.m. Aug. 23. Cost is \$13 per person. For more information, call 6-2170.

### Hotter'N Hell 100 to kick off

The Hotter'N Hell 100 bicycle ride is scheduled to kick off

Aug. 23. People who participate in the event can ride 100-mile, 50-mile or 25-mile routes. Also available are 100-kilometer and 10-kilometer routes. Register the morning of the event at the event or beforehand at [www.hh100.org](http://www.hh100.org). For more information, call 6-6065.

### West Point, Texas Christian University to square off

West Point is scheduled to play the Texas Christian University Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Amon G. Carter Stadium. Call 1-877-849-2769 or visit <http://goarmysports.ocsn.com> for tickets. Cost for tickets is \$23 for the Army section, \$11 for military group seating in the end zone and \$15 for non-group seating in the end

zone. For more information call ITT at 6-2302.

### South fitness center to have lunch bunch basketball

The south fitness center is scheduled to have lunch bunch basketball from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call 6-1493.

### Thursday reject bowling league to have meeting

The Thursday reject bowling league will have a meeting 11:30 a.m. Aug. 28 at the community center. Bowling starts at 12:30 Sept. 4 at the south lanes. For more information, call Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619.

# 364th TRS pounds 82nd CS, takes championship

**By Airman Jacque Lickteig**

*Base public communication*

The 364th Training Squadron intramural slow-pitch softball team crushed the 82nd Communications Squadron team with a 14-3 victory in Tuesday night's championship game at Field 1.

The game etched the 364th TRS's first-place standing, the 82nd CS's second-place standing and the 382nd Training Squadron's third-place standing in stone.

The 82nd CS squeezed in two runs in the top of the first inning. The 364th stopped the leak and grabbed the third out with 82nd CS second baseman Mitchell Dubski at bat.

In the bottom of the first, 364th TRS right fielder John Hirst hit a single. Third baseman Dennis Little brought him in with a homerun to even the score. 82nd CS left center fielder Jeff Weyen closed out the inning by gloving a fly ball hit by 364th TRS first

baseman Lance Turner.

364th TRS pitcher Rich "Machine Gun" Pier shut the

five runs in the bottom of the second bringing the score to 7-2.

Pier blanked the 82nd

inning with two consecutive outs. Pitcher Ted Paisley broke out with a triple, but was left

364th TRS second baseman Eli Gross bagged an RBI and right center fielder Steven Gifford put up a sacrifice fly to bring the score to 9-2.

The 364th TRS held the 82nd CS scoreless in the top of the fourth.

The 364th TRS batted around and brought another five runs in the bottom half of the inning upping the score to 14-2.

The 82nd CS tried to start up a rally in the top of the fifth after right center fielder Eric Griffin scored a run to bring the score to 14-3, but the 364th TRS squelched the spark.

The umpires called the game under the 10-run rule before the bottom of the fifth.

The first-, second- and third-place trophies were handed out after the game.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

**Members of the 364th Training Squadron intramural slow-pitch softball team pose with the championship trophy they won in Tuesday night's game against the 82nd Communications Squadron team.**

82nd CS out in the top of the second inning.

The 364th TRS poured in

CS again in the third inning. Shortstop Gabe Gorjup and first baseman Terry Ratcliffe started

stranded on third after left fielder Larry Bandy grounded out.

In the bottom of the third,

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# Sheppard members take championship

By **Airman Jacque Lickteig**

*Base public communication*

Two Sheppard members swept the Air Education and Training Command Powerlifting Championship and the Amateur Athletic Union Combined Military Powerlifting Championship.

Power-lifters Steven Petersen, from the 363rd Training Squadron, and Kevin Scholz, from the 362nd Training Squadron competed at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.,

July 12.

Petersen won first in the AETC and AAU championships in the under 220-pound weight class sub-masters division.

Petersen lifted 507 pounds in the squat competition, 352 pounds in the bench press competition and 540 pounds in the dead-lift competition.

Scholz placed first in the AETC and second in the AAU 275-pound weight class open divisions.

Scholz lifted 525 pounds in

the squat competition, 380 pounds in the bench press competition and 500 pounds in the dead-lift competition.

Petersen said he's been competing for about ten years. He's competed in about 30 to 40 competitions, and he's placed in most of them.

"I enjoy the sport. It's a competitive one but most of the people are friendly," he said.

Scholz said this was his first competition.



Photo by Airman John Hueseman

**Kevin Scholz, a first-time competitor, squats 525 pounds in the Air Education and Training**

**Command Powerlifting Championship July 12. Scholz took the title for his weight class.**