

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

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

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Congrats to the following
first lieutenants selected
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Michael Kennebrae,
AAFES Dallas; James
Malcom, 366th TRS;
Michael Hammack,
372nd TRS; Troy Kohler,
372nd TRS; Teresa Rose,
82nd CES; Deborah
Hummel, 82nd CS;
Brenda Lienke, 82nd
CONS; and Gloria Ensser,
82nd LRS.

Sunday brunch

The officers club will offer
brunch Sunday from 11
a.m. to 2 p.m. All ranks
are welcome.



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Preston Keres

The tragic events of Sept. 11 launched the United States into a war against terrorism. What must not be forgotten is the heroism of the men and women who responded to the devastation of the World Trade Center. On that day, the whole country bared witness to the heroes at "Ground Zero."

A nation remembers

By **Chaplain (Maj.) Frank Hamilton**

Base chapel

On Wednesday, the Sheppard Air Force Base community is invited to attend an Interfaith Memorial Service commemorating the events of Sept. 11.

The service is sponsored by the base chapel and will be held in the base theatre, which is lo-

cated at the intersection of 8th and G streets. The service will be from 8 to 9 a.m., but participants are invited to come at 7:45 a.m. for personal prayer, reflection and to view a memorial slide show commemorating the heroes of that day.

The service will include music by the Melodious Medics, the Student Choir and a meditation by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Fogltance. It will conclude

outside with a flyover supplied by the 80th Flying Training Wing and with "Taps" playing over Giant Voice.

Civilians are encouraged to wear red, white and blue Wednesday, which has been designated Patriot Day. Inside this newspaper is a complimentary paper flag supplied by the Times Record News to be displayed in windows.

People in schools, home day

care and families are also encouraged to express their feelings through poems, artwork, etc., for display at the local mall. This is not a contest, but an expression of patriotism. Submit items to Laura McGowan, or call her at 6-7247.

Individuals can also participate in the commemoration by turning their porch and headlights on at 7:46 a.m.



Team Sheppard Training 2002

82nd Training Wing: 54,579 students trained to replenish America's combat capability

80th Flying Training Wing: 248 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

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

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

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Laura Renner

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. presents Staff Sgt. Brian McComb, 381st Training Squadron, with a check for \$9,332 for his IDEA to replace 104 classroom computers purchased every three years with two projectors, two SMARTboards and two computers. Sergeant McComb saved the Air Force more than \$70,000.

T-shirts at the swimming pool

Why are we not allowed to wear t-shirts in the swimming pools? That should be a personal preference. Some people don't like the overexposure to the sun, and some people are modest because bathing suits don't cover all the areas they want covered. Also, why can't you have blow-up inner tubes and beach balls in the pool? I thought these were summer toys to be used in the pool.

The "no shirt" policy is a matter of individual safety. Clothing hampers the ability to swim because it becomes heavy in the water and may get entangled around swimmers' arms and legs. T-shirts are allowed during structured swim classes and water aerobics where an instructor is working closely with students. There are "water shirts" available through sports stores. These shirts are made specifically for water sports and are made to form to the body without the ballooning effect of t-shirts. These are allowed in the pool because they are very much like a

bathing suit and do not hamper a swimmer in any way. Only properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices are allowed during open recreational swim time. This is a guideline that is found in AFI 34-110, Air Force Outdoor Recreation Programs. Only pool or aquatic toys approved by the outdoor recreation manager may be used during special events.

ID checks

I recently entered the base through the main gate during a 100% ID check. I do not have a problem showing my ID whenever needed, so I got my card out to show the gate guard. In front of my vehicle was a contractor who mows the grass. He was waved through without showing anything but his vehicle pass taped to his windshield. Now if I, a military member with a base sticker, need to show my ID card during a 100% ID check, everyone else should as well. The contractors should have some type of visi-

tor pass in addition to their vehicle pass. If they don't, they should! If someone wanted to enter the base, this would be the way to do it. Get a golf cart and throw some weed eaters in the back and you're on!

Visual recognition is a valid form of identification for entry. If the gate sentry recognizes each occupant of a vehicle, he or she is clear to wave the car onto the base. As these lawn-mowing contractors are on the base nearly every weekday (entering and exiting base several times daily), the majority of the gate sentries are very familiar with them—after checking an ID card multiple times in the same day. Consequently, they are able to recognize the cardholder. You may also see gate sentries wave in military members without checking their cards for the same reason.

Regardless, we will reiterate to the gate sentries to maintain vigilance to ensure only authorized personnel can enter the base.

TWIG

How does the Wing Inspector General system help the commander?

Personal complaints and fraud, waste and abuse disclosures are tools the chain of command can use to identify and resolve problems that may affect the accomplishment of the unit's mission or the morale of the personnel who are assigned to that unit.

Often, the issue involves more than a conflict between two individuals. There may be underlying systemic problems that impede unit efficiency and effectiveness.

The IG can serve as the conduit for these complaints, but the quickest way to resolve most issues lies with the chain of command, starting with the first-level supervisor. *(Courtesy of the 82nd Training Wing Inspector General)*

“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” –Thomas Jefferson

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Sept. 11 offers opportunity for solemn commemoration

By Gen. Donald Cook

Commander of Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Sept. 11 is forever and indelibly imprinted on the national psyche as a day when the enemies of freedom attacked our country killing thousands of our citizens and changing our world forever.

As we approach the one-year observance of that tragic and horrific day, preparations throughout our great nation are underway to honor the memory of those innocent people who died and to rededicate ourselves to the cause of freedom and justice.

Memorial services and observances will be held in our nation's capital, in our great cities and in our small towns. Americans will come together on college campuses; in our high schools, middle schools, and grade schools; in our churches, synagogues and mosques; on our military installations; and at our national monuments. They will come together to grieve and pay homage to those

who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

There also will be gatherings that will focus on the perpetrators of these terrible terrorist acts. These gatherings may concentrate on symbolic acts to purge the evil wrought against our country. Although such demonstrations may be permissible under the laws of the land, they have the potential of inadvertently degenerating into demonstrations against particular ethnic groups and religious followers.

Our desire, responsibility, and I dare say our need to memorialize those who died on Sept. 11 can take many forms, but participating in any demonstration that maligns a particular ethnic group or religion, that sensationalizes acts of vengeance, and attempts to precipitate unconstructive hate and violence only denigrates the memory of those who sacrificed so much in the name of freedom. Our nation was built on tolerance and justice for all.

On this solemn anniversary, let each of us build on that noble and strong foundation by showing our



“On this solemn anniversary, let each of us build on that noble and strong foundation by showing our respect and reverence for our fellow citizens, citizens from around the world, and service men and women who fell under the blade of hatred, and before the enemies of freedom.”

– Gen. Donald Cook, commander, Air Education and Training Command

respect and reverence for our fellow citizens, citizens from around the world, and service men and women who fell under the blade of hatred, and before the enemies of freedom. Let us not stoop to the level of our enemies by burning flags and effigies or otherwise fanning the fires of hatred. We, the American people, and we the members of the United States Air Force hold ourselves to higher standards. Let our actions on Sept. 11 tell the world who we are and what we stand for: freedom, justice and equality for all.

In the past 12 months, the resolve of the American people has risen from the ashes of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93. We are more determined than ever to wipe terrorism from the face of the earth, because we cannot forget the images of that day.

The men and women of Air Education and Training Command are fully engaged in that battle. Many of our people have and will continue to deploy to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. And every day, we recruit,

train and educate the finest men and women our nation has to offer to sustain the combat capabilities of the mightiest Air Force in the world.

We will most appropriately honor those who died on Sept. 11 by our noble service to the nation and its people. We will also honor those courageous Americans who have died in combat fighting for freedom. We will most suitably remember them on the first anniversary of the attack by our reverence and solemn vigilance to persevere in this fight.

362nd Training Squadron member immortalizes Sept. 11 on wall



Photo by 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Airman 1st Class Jason Uria, 362nd Training Squadron student and member of the North Dakota Air National Guard, poses with the mural he painted on a wall in Dining Facility 526. The mural depicts a large eagle's head with an American flag flying in the background behind the two damaged World Trade Center towers. It is flanked by a tally of the total number of casualties from the attacks on the left and a poem written by Airman Uria that describes the tragedy on the right.

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Base public affairs

Have you ever been so inspired that you found yourself doing something you didn't know you were capable of doing?

Airman 1st Class Jason Uria, 362nd Training Squadron student and a member of the North Dakota Air National Guard, did. He was so inspired by the events of Sept. 11 that he found out he could paint, even though he had never picked up a paintbrush in his life.

“I like to sketch now and again, but I have never painted before I started this mural,” said Airman Uria.

Sprawled across the walls of Dining Hall 526 is a mural in memory of all the victims of Sept. 11.

The mural is painted on a solid black background. The total number of victims from the World Trade Center, New York Police Department, New York Fire Department, the Pentagon and the Port Authority Police Department are totaled up on the left side of the fresco. In the center of the mural is Airman Uria's artwork, and to the right of the artwork is a poem he wrote.

“I heard Mr. Osburn, the dining hall manager, was looking for someone who could draw,” explained Airman Uria. “When I volunteered, they asked if I would like to paint a

9-11 memorial on the wall. It seemed a bit overwhelming, but well worth a try.”

It took about 100 hours to complete the mural, said Airman Uria. He started the mural before his class in the 362nd TRS started. However, after his class started, the airman would work on the mural on the weekends and after duty hours.

“The dining facility staff was great,” he said. “They came in after hours with me so I could come and work on the mural after class.”

According to Airman Uria, the poem was one of his greatest challenges. He was unhappy with the stencils he found in the stores. So, rather than settling for something he didn't feel would look right, Airman Uria designed and created his own stencils for the lettering of the poem.

“The poem took as long as the painting itself,” he said.

Airman Uria has been at Sheppard since March 18. He will graduate Dec. 5 as an F-16 crew chief, leave Sheppard and return to school at the University of North Dakota, where he will continue his studies in aviation.

“Painting this mural was a real honor,” Airman Uria said. “I think it's really cool that when I leave Sheppard it will still be here for future airmen to see and to always remember Sept. 11.”

Five for one deal: can't beat it

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander
Base public affairs

When you think of joint training, think of Sheppard.

Sheppard is home to many Interservice Training Review Organization Programs that, depending on the course, can have students from all the sister services learning under one roof on the exact same course material.

When you see the blue Navy and Coast Guard uniforms, the newly digitized Marine BDUs, and Army patches, think ITRO.

Courses including the dental assisting, utilities, biomedical equipment repair, telephone systems, cable antenna, fiber optics, and digital switching are a few of what Sheppard has to offer to the U.S. military.

"Why train three different services in three different courses, when we can do it with one joint, consolidated course?" asked Edward Lee, 366th Training Squadron instructor supervisor.

Lee has been working with Utilities Systems Apprentice ITRO courses since 1995. The utilities course teaches the Air Force, Navy and Army for as many as 26 days before each service breaks off into their own service specific course curriculum.

"ITRO courses not only consolidate training, they also give the students an opportunity to learn about each other's services and uniqueness of each service," said Lee.

"The students have an opportunity to see the different mission requirements of each service," said Sherry Tucker, 382nd TRS, "and when they meet again out in the field they'll be able to work together because they trained together while at Sheppard."

The 364th TRS is the only place on base where you'll find students from all five services training together. The telecommunication courses house Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, Army and, of course, Air Force.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Students from all branches of the armed forces participating in Interservice Training Review Organization Programs pose for the camera.

ITRO courses not only bring students from all our sister services, they also bring instructors the same way. The number of instructors from each service is proportional to the number of

students from that particular service. For example, if Navy has 40 percent of the students in a course, they will also have 40 percent of the instructors.

ITRO was formed in 1972 as

way to consolidate similar training programs between the sister services, saving money and resources for the Department of Defense and creating interservice curriculum.

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Reasons We Give: A Contribution Brings Out The Hero In You

2002 Combined Federal Campaign

"Reasons We Give: A Contribution Brings Out the Hero in You"

Team Sheppard's 2002 Combined Federal Campaign begins Sept. 16, with the theme "Reasons We Give: A Contribution Brings Out the Hero in You."

The CFC is the annual program that gives all federal employees the opportunity to donate to local, national and international charitable organizations that can make a positive difference in the lives of thousands who find themselves in a time of need or crisis.

The program began in the 1960s to create one fund-raising entity that federal employees could support. There are now over 1,400 charitable organizations that are recognized by the CFC.

Each organization has met strict compliance standards for service and financial accountability before being accepted by the CFC. Team Sheppard's Family Support Center, Family Services, Child Development Center, and Youth Centers are four of the 40 local agencies that can benefit from your contributions. Last year more than \$143,068 was earmarked

for local contributions, providing many charitable organizations in Wichita Falls with operating resources to use throughout the year.

Last year's CFC campaign was an overwhelming success, with \$371,522 raised by Team Sheppard (116 percent of its goal). This year's goal is \$327,000, a 2 percent increase over last year's goal and should be easily obtained if everyone embraces this year's CFC theme by "Bringing Out The Hero" in themselves.

Individuals who have questions about the CFC should contact their unit coordinator, or the base coordinators, Lt. Col. Robert Mitchell, 982nd Training Group, at 6-4441; 1st Lt. Adrienne Schmedthorst at 6-6363; and 1st Lt. Chris Meeker at 6-2336. Individuals can also learn more about the CFC by visiting www.opm.gov/cfc.

The base will host a CFC Kickoff Breakfast Sept. 10, at 7:30 a.m. at the officers club. Contact your CFC point of contact if you would like to attend. (Courtesy of the CFC base coordinators)

Loadmaster training comes to end at Sheppard

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Base public affairs

The 360th Training Squadron pinned on the last set of loadmaster wings at 10 a.m. Aug. 28, graduating the last Basic Loadmaster class at Sheppard.

The BLM course arrived at Sheppard in the late 1950s from Pensacola, Fla., and will move again to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

The move is part of the "Centers of Excellence" initiative. Training at Sheppard has been a more generic course that can be broadly applied to numerous airframes, according to Jake Long, 360th Training Squadron instructor supervisor since 2000, and instructor since 1973. The move creates more specified training on specific airframes. Little Rock will train only on the C-130 and Altus will train on the C-5 and C-17 airframes. In addition to the more specific loadmaster training, BLM will be integrated into the Flying Training Program for loadmasters.

In two to three weeks, the Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course for Operators will take over the facility that BLM has used. The facility will go through renovations in order to

transform portions of it to better support the AMOC for Operators training, according to Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander.

The graduation ceremony for the last 12 loadmasters to come out of Sheppard was held in a small room in building 996. It was filled with family, friends, current students and past graduates from the previous class as well as one of the courses first BLM class graduates.

Out of the 12 graduates, there was only one "top graduate." Airman Felix Salazar, 360th TRS, graduated at the top of his class with a 97 percent average, no failures on any of his 52 Progress Checks, and received a recommendation from his instructor. Airman Salazar is a non-prior service student that came to Sheppard straight from basic training.

General Rooney gave a few parting words of encouragement to the graduating students and spoke about the future, informing the new graduates that the loadmaster brings smiles to faces all over the world with their work.

"The bases you are headed to are looking forward to your arrival," said General Rooney. "As loadmasters you have a very important mission to ac-



Photo by 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Students from the last Basic Loadmaster class at Sheppard graduated Aug 28.

complish."

General Rooney told the class that he grew up on the "heavy side" of the Air Force and learned very quickly to appreciate the loadmaster.

"You will get to see the world, and you will accomplish so much over the next three to four years," said the general to the new graduates.

According to the Air Forces' newest loadmasters, being the last BLM class to graduate from Sheppard made them feel special.

"I'm the first in my family to join the Air Force, and being the last class makes it all much more special," explained Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Burke, 360th TRS.

"Finding out that we were the last class was pretty exciting, it was an extra bonus," said Airman 1st Class Crystal Mertz, 360th TRS. "I can't wait to tell my mom and friends."

Sammy Miller, 782 Training Group training administrator, was also present at the graduation. Miller graduated from one of the first BLM classes here at

Sheppard in 1956.

"The course was longer back then," said Miller. "Eight weeks long."

BLM has a long history at Sheppard, stretching almost half a decade. That won't soon be forgotten by the thousands of loadmasters that have come through Sheppard. However, a new era in loadmaster training is about to begin at Little Rock and Altus, which will become centers of excellence in Basic Loadmaster Training.

Personnel official clarifies AETC BDU cap, patch policy

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — The deputy director of personnel for Air Education and Training Command sent a message to the field Tuesday to clarify the command wear policy for battle dress uniform caps and patches.

"With the upcoming restructuring of our wings into the objective wing, there have been several concerns regarding the wearing and acquisition of new patches and organizational hats," wrote Col. Michael Miller in the message.

The message reiterates current AETC policy on the wear of those BDU items as follows:

Organizational baseball caps

People can wear woodland pattern baseball-style caps, with or without a meshed back, in addition to the issue BDU cap. The person's unit may be identified on the cap by a combination of black numbers and letters, a maximum of 2 inches high, designating organizations at squadron level and above.

Lightning bolts, clouds, dart designs, badges, emblems or colored baseball caps are not authorized for wear in AETC.

In addition, the issue BDU cap is the only headgear authorized for wear with BDUs during exercises, contingencies or deployments.

One exception to this policy is that command inspector general team members may wear dark blue IG caps for the period of an inspection.

A second exception allows combat arms personnel to wear red caps while on the firing range.

This guidance does not affect people who wear berets, such as security forces personnel. Those members should follow the wear guidance in Tables 3.4 and 3.6 of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, the colonel said.

Patches

Subdued, sewn-on AETC command emblem patches will be worn on the right

breast pocket centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket.

Subdued, sewn-on wing patches will be worn on the left breast pocket, centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket.

One exception to this policy allows people who are authorized to wear the Air Force recruiter badge, security police shield, fire protection shield or missile badge. They can wear those devices on the left breast pocket in place of the wing emblem.

Installation commanders may authorize subdued sewn-on unit emblems for wear centered 1/2 inch above the name tape over the right breast pocket. Emblems worn in this location must be subordinate to emblems worn on the left pocket.

People authorized to wear the PME badge or AETC instructor badge may place it above the right pocket instead

of the unit emblem. People assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC instructor badge.

MORALE patches

Morale patches are not authorized for wear in AETC. Morale patches include, but are not limited to, specialty patches such as Prime Beef, Prime Rib or Response Force or competition patches such as Gunsmoke, William Tell or Giant Sword.

Also, recognition patches such as the Hennessy, Daedalian, Journeyman or various technician awards are not authorized for wear.

"There are several suggestions regarding patches and organizational hats, as well as many other uniform items, meeting the 96th Uniform Board in October," Colonel Miller said.

"We cannot speculate on the outcome of the uniform board. Personnel in AETC must conform to current AETC policy," he added.

Soundoff

A year after, what inspires you to serve everyday in the Armed Forces?



"To continue living the lives for the loved ones that were lost."

~Airman 1st Class Jessica Emkes-Holtzclaw, 361st Training Squadron



"Being in the military is the highest form of public service."

~Staff Sgt. Steven Saffell, 361st Training Squadron



"I'm proud to say I serve my country especially after Sept. 11th."

~Staff Sgt. Sherri Verrier, 383rd Training Squadron



"E-mails from friends back home telling me they're proud of what I'm doing."

~2nd Lt. John McClelland, Headquarters Pacific Air Force, Financial Management



"The same reason I joined: to defend our freedoms."

~Staff Sgt. Teresa Komandt, 82nd Training Wing, Wing Staff Support

Food drive

The First Sergeant's Council is conducting a food drive in support of the base Family Support Center Sept. 14. They will be collecting baby items for younger families. They will also accept non-perishable items. There are three ways to make a donation: leave the items in front of your home and we'll pick them up on the morning of Sept. 14, bring them by Master Sgt. Russell Horton's office in Bldg. 402, or drop them off at the center.

Hospital dining facility hours

The dining hall in the hospital has halted all breakfast service. Lunch hours remain from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and are open to all patrons.

September social

Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club presents "ENJPT.....EN what???" sponsored by the spouses of the 80th Flying Training Wing for its September social function. The event will be held Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. at the officers club. The cost is \$4.30. Reservations are required by noon Sept. 16. Call Betsy at 691-7542

or Melody at 855-0987 to make a reservation or for more information. Childcare is available with a reservation at one of the above numbers.

Hispanic Heritage meetings

Hispanic Heritage Month is approaching, and the Hispanic Heritage Committee needs your help to make it a success. They will be holding meetings on a regular basis to plan events. Come out to show the base community what the Hispanic culture is made of. Anyone who is interested in helping or becoming a member of the committee, contact Tech. Sgt. Stewart Frazier at 6-3310, Master Sgt. Marlon Pesantez at 6-4125, or Staff Sgt. Dora Diaz at 6-7468.

Notice for vendors

Food vendors and vendors of handmade arts and crafts, antiques and/or collectibles are needed for the Sheppard Officers' Spouses' Club annual "Hangar Holiday" Christmas, Crafts & Antiques Fair to be held Nov. 16 and 17. This event raises thousands of dollars to support several local organizations and chari-

ties and the SOSC's Scholarships and Grants Program. It is open to the community and offers free admission. Cost for each 10 by 10 booth is \$70 or \$80 with electricity. Space is limited, so make your reservation now. Contact Jill Sablatura at 851-8917 for more information.

Legal office and military justice moves

The base legal office move was rescheduled to next week. They are still open for business and will maintain normal business hours throughout the move. Military justice moved to the new buildings. Call military justice at 6-3992 before visiting.

Housing maintenance contract

The housing maintenance contract is operated under a civilian contract and is monitored for quality service under the Customer Complaint Program. If you have any comments or complaints that are not handled promptly and courteously, use an AF Form 714, Customer Complaint Record, to voice your comments or complaints, or call Alice Fulkerson,

chief QAE, at 6-5770, or Joyce Walters, housing facilities chief, at 6-5769.

New claims office hours

The claims office accepts claims by appointment. They take claims in on Mondays from 8-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Walk-in service is available for turning in the DD Form 1840/R. Contact the claims office at 6-2447 for more information.

Pass and Registration move

Pass and Registration moved to a new location. The office is now located in Bldg. 402, the MPF.

Pet embargo

There is a pet embargo with all commercial passenger airlines until Sept. 15. Because of the extreme temperatures on the flight line and baggage compartments, airlines will not book pets. Air Mobility Command will continue booking pets, since they have climate-controlled areas. Individuals who wish to have their pets join them at their duty as-

signments may consider commercial cargo aircraft, since some have climate-controlled areas. Any questions may be referred to the passenger travel office, TMO, at 6-7153 or 6362.

Guard openings

The New Hampshire Air National Guard is looking for qualified Air Force personnel who are separating soon. They will retrain members for the Palace Chase program. There are more than 100 part-time openings available. For more information, call DSN 852-3502 or 1-800-257-9368. Listed are the Air Force Specialty Codes available.

AFSC'S: 1COX2; 1C1X1; 2A1X2; 2A1X3; 2A5X1L; 2A6X2; 2A6X4; 2A6X5; 2A6X6; 2A7X2; 2A7X4; 2E0X1; 2E1X2; 2E1X3; 2E1X4; 2E6X3; 2F0X1; 2R1X1; 2S0X1; 2S0X2; 2T0X1; 2T1X1; 2T3X1; 3A0X1; 3E0X1; 3E0X2; 3E1X1; 3E2X1; 3E3X1; 3E4X1; 3E4X2; 3E4X3; 3E5X1; 3E7X1; 3E9X1; 3M0X1; 3P0X1; 4A0X1; 4B0X1; 4E0X1; 4N0X1; 4T0X1; 6C0X1.

From master sergeant to doctor

Sheppard instructor becomes first crew chief to earn Ph.D.

By Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton

Base public affairs

Even though he's used to being called "sergeant," one Sheppard NCO has another title he can go by – doctor.

Master Sgt. Richard McVay, chief of the 362nd Training Squadron's Training Development Element, has become one of a handful of Air Force enlisted members to complete a doctorate degree.

Sergeant McVay recently graduated from the University of North Texas with a Doctorate of Education degree. He majored in applied technology and training development, while his minor field of study was computer education

and cognitive systems.

According to Air Force personnel statistics, Sergeant McVay is one of a dozen enlisted members holding a doctorate degree. He is also the only crew chief currently serving in the Air Force to have achieved such a distinction.

Sergeant McVay enlisted in the Air Force in January, 1985, with a high school diploma.

After completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he attended technical school here at Sheppard. His first permanent duty assignment was MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force. Through CCAF, he was awarded credit for training he had already received.

After enrolling in CCAF, Ser-

geant McVay discovered two important things: he was just several classes away from completing an Associate in Applied Science degree in aircraft maintenance, and his CCAF credits could be transferred to other local colleges.

Sergeant McVay enrolled at the St. Leo College extension at MacDill. He majored in liberal arts and completed an associate's degree in 1987. He continued at St. Leo College, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in human resource management in his spare time.

"Working as an F-16 crew chief, I can say without exaggeration that time off is hard to come by, yet, I always managed to make it to classes and somehow complete assignments," said Sergeant McVay.

Sergeant McVay continued to pursue his education at the University of Maryland extension at Osan Air Base, Korea, and at another extension of St. Leo College.

He was awarded his bachelor's degree in 1992.

While at Shaw, Sergeant McVay earned a Master of Science in human resource management from Troy State University in 1993.

After being reassigned to Sheppard, Sergeant McVay completed a second CCAF degree in military instruction, along with the University of North Texas doctoral degree in applied technology and training development.

"Earning a doctorate while on active duty is like feeding an elephant with a teaspoon," said Sergeant McVay. "It's a long process, but eventually, if you're persistent, you'll get there."

Sergeant McVay said that while all of his degrees are important to him, his CCAF degrees are especially meaningful.

"Those degrees have a special place for me. They're what started me down this path," said Sergeant



Master Sgt. Richard McVay

McVay. "Anyone who isn't taking advantage of Air Force educational benefits should be. I got degrees from CCAF and used tuition assistance the rest of the way. If it wasn't for these things, I wouldn't be where I am today."



Piece of mind

"Hey, you freak," you say to yourself as another driver cuts you off. You speed up to catch him so you can give him a piece of your mind. How will you do it? Hand gestures, horn honking or using your cell phone as a projectile seem like appropriate measures.

None of those options is wise. The main reason is simple. Anything you do other than driving, diverts your attention from the road and puts you at greater risk of being involved in an accident. Whether it's road rage, talking on a cell phone, reading a map, putting on makeup or eating a bagel while driving, they are all bad ideas. Concentrate on driving, and you'll more than likely arrive safely at your destination, and your family and co-workers will have peace of mind.

Student Activities

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 Sun-

day in the sports bar at 2 p.m. For more information, call Pe-gasus 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.

Cards, collectibles show

This show will be held on the first Saturday of every month. The next show will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

Comedy show

For non-prior students, the student center is hosting a comedy show Sept. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Bingo night

The student center will host bingo night Sept. 15, from 6:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$1 per card. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

Build-A-Boat race

For non-prior students, the

student center is having a Build-A-Boat race Sept. 28, from 9 a.m.-noon. 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 who have 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.

Through Security Forces' eyes

Staff Sgt. Kelvin Meredith

82nd Security Forces Squadron Reservist

"They're checking ID's, oh great, don't they ever take a break?" The answer is no, we never do, keeping the base safe for me and you.

Standing there on post in the energy sapping sun and rain, Watching carefully as vehicles hurriedly change lanes.

Looking at the guard, what do you think, what do you see? "Boy, it's hot today, better them than me."

What you might not know or realize as you enter the gate each day,

Is the fact that the sentry may not be from here, but far away.

You see, most of the SP's are National Guard and Reserve, Giving you the safety and security you all deserve.

We are from San Antonio, Little Rock, Minnesota, and even Dover;

Thinking of our jobs, and families we left behind, over and over. We have been away for nine to eleven months, away from the norms,

Weathering the duties of an SP in the heat, snow, and thunderstorms.

Though admittedly we are all ready to leave,

In our nations security we believe.

We were called to duty for the protection against terrorism, but it does not equal to our sense of patriotism.

Therefore, we do what is needed until the day of our release, Seeing the familiar faces with a sense of peace.

For the mysterious couple in the little red car who brings sodas to the gate,

To the lieutenants wife's pie that gave us all stomach aches.

To the new General who shared a pizza at his arrival,

Obviously a man who knows our survival.

Thank you from deep within, and never fret;

We will be there all day, that you can bet.

Noone knows what the future has in store,

But from the Guardsmen and Reservist you'll get the security you asked for.

Do me a favor, make an SP's day,

Wave and smile as you are driving away.

On that note I'll close and sign out,

I better hurry, I'm running late for guardmount.

Thanks for letting me stand a little ground,

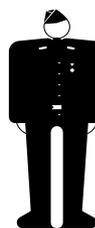
See you at the gate, or somewhere else around.

One more question 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.

9. What is operational risk?

Operational risk is generally understood as the probability (not the possibility) and the expected severity of loss of friendly force when engaged in specific combat operations. Operational risk is a factor that commanders must consider before employing their forces. Operational risk is captured by the questions, "How much am I likely to lose if I do things this way?" and "Is doing it this way worth losing that much?" Operational risk management is a process that commanders use to anticipate and reduce risk to their forces. The bottom line is this: all military operations entail some risk to people and equipment. The commander decides how much risk he or she is willing to assume for specific operations. When the objectives are critically important, the commander may be willing to risk quite a bit; when objectives are less critical, the commander will likely risk less. Finally, operational risk directly ties to the air and space power tenets of balance and priority. Risk is one factor in achieving proper balance, while priority often determines the level of acceptable risk. Ultimately, commanders accept risk. They have that authority and are responsible for mission accomplishment. (Courtesy of Air Force Doctrine Center)



Sgt. Looksharp says...

"Men are not authorized to wear earrings while in uniform or on base. Women may wear one small, spherical gold, silver, diamond or pearl earring per ear."

Resume requirements clarified for AF civilian employment

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Palace Compass officials at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, recently clarified whether or not applicants need a resume when applying for civilian employment.

"Applicants for job vacancies filled by the Air Force Personnel Center may not need a resume," said Lee McGehee, technical director. "But all applicants must self-nominate by midnight central standard time on the closing date of the vacancy announcement to be considered for the openings."

Current permanent Air Force civilian employees do not need a resume to be considered for vacancies filled internally, through merit promotion, McGehee said. However, permanent Air Force employees eligible and interested in a new appointment under the Veterans' Readjustment Act (30 percent or greater disabled veterans) must submit a resume with supplemental data.

Non-Air Force applicants must submit their resumes with supplemental data and self-nominate to be considered, she said.

For most jobs, resumes must be on file before self-nominating. The exception applies to positions filled through the delegated examining unit. Those applicants may self-nominate as they submit their resumes.

Resumes are kept on file for one year for non-Air Force applicants and indefinitely for Air Force employees. Resumes must be resubmitted after the one-year period for non-Air Force applicants, according to McGehee.

For more information on civilian resumes, visit the Air Force Personnel Center's civilian employees homepage at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/>.

21st century management Leave and LES go to Web

**For up-to-date news from all around the Air Force,
visit AFLink at www.af.mil.**

The logo for LeaveWeb features the word "LEAVEWEB" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a dark blue background with a subtle grid pattern. The word is flanked by two stylized, light blue wing-like shapes that point outwards.

Air Force Financial Leave Request and Approval System

LeaveWeb is an automation effort that takes the footwork, mailing, manual processing and paper out of the leave request/approval process. People will request leave by signing into the Web site <https://leave.sheppard.af.mil>. The request will then route through the approving official, orderly room and finance for processing. Required actions are prompted by E-mail notices. A great by-product of this system is the management reports orderly rooms can give at a moment's notice, detailing strength and disposition of a unit. 2nd Lt. Calvin Henderson, 6-5268, is the base project officer while unit leave monitors are local experts. LeaveWeb will be implemented base-wide by the end of September.

Personnel can now go on-line to view current, future, and past Leave and Earning Statements and mid-month statements; change Federal and State tax withholding; start or change direct deposit information; change home address; start, change or stop Thrift Savings Plan contributions; and turn off the production and distribution of hard-copy pay statements. Visit <https://emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm> to get started.



Remembering POWs/MIAs

This year's national POW/MIA Day is Sept. 20.

The 82nd Training Wing will honor former prisoners of war and those still unaccounted for as missing in action in a parade at 8 a.m. at the parade field.

In addition, a reception will be conducted in the community center immediately following the parade.

Both events are open to all of the Team Sheppard community and invited off-base guests. The guest speaker for this year's event will be retired Maj. Ira Simpson who is an ex-POW.

For more information on the POW/MIA Day event, contact Master Sgt. Lawrence Rhoades, 82nd Security Forces Squadron, at 6-2313.



Photo by James Harrison

This small, empty table set for one person symbolizes the fact that members of the profession of arms are missing. Since they are unable to be with us at this time, we remember them until the day they return home.

Jewish New Year period starts today

The Jewish New Year period starts at sundown today. Holy Day observances will take place today, Saturday and Sunday.

According to Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah marks the start of a 10-day period of spiritual self-examination and repentance. This period culminates with the observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish Year.

Intensive prayer is the central mood of this Holy Day. Acknowledgement of God's sov-

ereignty over the world and his rulership over everyone are the major themes of prayers on these Holy Days of Obligation.

The special Biblical precept that is most identified with Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the ram's horn. The sound of the Shofar has been regarded as a call to penitence and a reminder of the binding of Isaac. The Genesis 22 text describes Abraham's test of faithfulness to God, culminating in the substitution of a ram whose horns were caught in

a bush, as a sacrifice.

Jewish military members and their dependents may attend services at House of Jacob Synagogue at 3414 Kemp Blvd. in Wichita Falls, Texas. Services are offered today at 8 p.m., Saturday at 9:15 a.m. and Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Rides to these services can be scheduled by calling Maxine Simpson at 322-4177.

For more information about the services, contact the chaplain's office at 6-2111. *(Courtesy of base chapel)*

African education: *A Sheppard lieutenant shares his thoughts on a trip to Tunisia*

By 2nd Lt. Chris Finan

80th Operations Support Squadron

As the sun slid slowly toward the horizon, we made our way across the dunes toward the ancient fortress. I watched the sun, eagerly anticipating both a picturesque sunset and respite from the searing Sahara heat. But darkness would bring its own tribulations.

The sandy wind began to punish my exposed skin. I was grateful I had given into my tourist tendencies and bought one of the headscarves the young Berber boy was peddling earlier at our encampment. I covered my face and urged my camel forward toward the now blurry spot on the horizon.

Our destination was the ancient Roman fort of Tisavar, built during the second century as a desert outpost on the Limes Tripolitanus defensive line. It had weathered the years well, serving later as a Berber stronghold. Now it had become the principal, and one of the only, tourist attractions in the Central Sahara.

Lying just west of the Ksar Ghilane Oasis, which served as our encampment, the fortress now boasted its newest improvement since the Romans departed — a café serving Coca-Cola. This irony epitomizes all of Tunisia. The nation is a classic example of East meets West, a consummate clash of civilizations.

Although Tunisia is the small-

est nation in North Africa, its strategic position along the central Mediterranean has made it a focal point of many empires and ensured a rich history.

Best known for the city-state of Carthage during the second and third centuries B.C., archenemy of Rome and foe in the Punic Wars, Tunisia has been influenced by many peoples. The Phoenicians, Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, Arabs, Ottomans and French all have played a role in Tunisian history. This mélange of influence has served to create a unique cultural atmosphere that gives its 9.5 million people an identity combining their African, Arab and European heritage.

I was given the privilege to visit Tunisia thanks to a supportive chain-of-command and the Air Force Foreign Area Officer Program. The Tunisia trip was a month-long language immersion course designed to provide Air Force officers with some knowledge of a language an environment to improve practical skills. The course itself consisted of language class Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., then one hour of one-on-one tutoring in the afternoons. In addition, each week there was an excursion during a weekday afternoon to either a local business or cultural center and an all-day excursion to a historical site each weekend. Although this particular program was open to

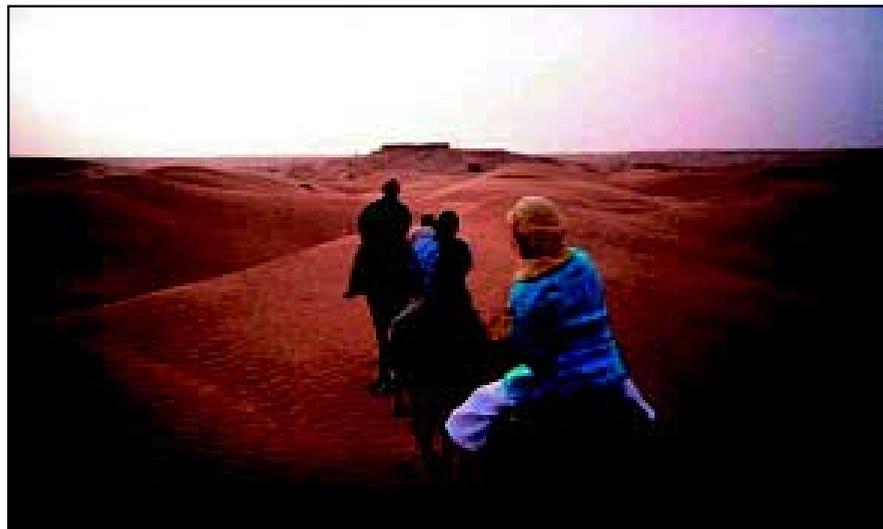


Photo by 2nd Lt. Chris Finan

Air Force members ride through the Sahara toward Tisavar on a weekend excursion they took while participating in the Air Force Foreign Area Officer Program.

officers with Arabic experience, there are many similar language immersion opportunities available. For more information about FAO opportunities, visit: <http://www.safia.hq.af.mil/afaa/afao/2002site/index.htm>.

My overall impression of Tunisia was that of a country with friendly people, incredible history and a stable government. In many ways, I sensed an ongoing crisis of identity due to the clash of civilizations that has taken place — a struggle between the remnants of

French colonialism, mainly a well-entrenched aristocracy, with a traditionally Muslim populous.

Islam seems to be affected by this clash as well, though the country is overwhelmingly Islamic. I only witnessed a sole person during my month stay praying in public, alcohol seems to be indulged by many, even openly, and the appearance of the people on the street reminded me more of Western Europe than what I expected in the Middle East.

These idiosyncrasies serve to illustrate how profound foreign influence can be on a nation. In this case, Tunisians are still struggling, even after 46 years of independence from the French, to figure out just what influences are worth embracing as their national identity.

Nevertheless, despite the questions of identity, this mix of cultures has created an amazing amalgam of past and present, East and West, and Coca-Cola and camel riding.

Air Power History

-Sept. 1, 1953-



The Air Force announced its first jet-to-jet aerial refueling.

-Sept. 5, 1923-



Two condemned naval vessels were sunk during Army tests.



General activities

Pool hours of operation

The main pool and Bunker Hill Water Park are open weekends only. 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

Weekends only. Also open Monday and Friday for lap swimming.

Bunker Hill water park – 6-4161

Weekends only.

New bass boats

Outdoor Recreation has three new 17-foot Starcraft bass boats. These boats have a 40 horsepower engine and allow six passengers in each boat. For more information, call 6-4141 or call the Lake Texoma annex in Whitesboro, Texas, at (903) 523-4613.

Ceramics shop

The 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. 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. For more information, call 855-0118.

Auto alignment

Stop by the auto skills center, Bldgs. 55 and 57, to get a vehicle alignment. The base price for a wheel alignment is \$40 with any cutting, drilling, dismantling or replacement of parts costing extra. Call 6-4110 for hours of operation or more information.

Family child care homes

Family Child Care Homes are now recruiting housing residents interested in earning an income while staying at home. All materials, licensing and training are free. The FCC office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. For more information, call the office at 6-4237.

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 Sept. 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. Register two weeks in advance. Call 6-2038 for more information.

Club activities

Comedy jam

The enlisted club presents the Enlisted Club Comedy Jam Weekend. Comic View comedians will perform at the Enlisted Club Ballroom Sept. 20. Tickets are \$6 for club members and \$13 for non-members. Reserved seating is available with advance ticket purchase. This show is for mature audiences. All ranks welcome to attend. Call 6-6427 for more information.

Football frenzy 2002

Enlisted club members again have the opportunity to win a trip to a regular season football game, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl. Football fans can watch the games and enter to win prizes at the enlisted club. For more information, call 6-2083.

Family nights

The officers club will host Family night Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., and the enlisted club will host one Sept. 26 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Call 6-6460 or 6-6427 for more information.

"Electrifying" giveaway

The officers and enlisted clubs started their "Electrified Membership Drive." During this drive, the clubs will be giving away electronic equipment to current and new club members. People who join a club will be eligible for prizes. Current members are automatically entered to win in a separate drawing. The drive lasts until Dec. 20.

Live jazz music

The officers and enlisted clubs present live jazz music performed by Jeff Smith. Dates and times are today from 5-9 p.m. at the officers club and Saturday from 9 p.m.-midnight at the enlisted club. Call 6-6460 or 6-2083 for more information.

Upcoming trips

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

Saturday – Grapevine Mills Outlet Mall trip tickets cost \$15 per person.

Sept. 15 – Dallas Cowboy game tickets are on sale now and cost \$45. Sign up by Tuesday.

Sept. 21 – Six Flags Amusement Park tickets cost \$40 per person. Sign up by Sept. 17.

Outdoor Recreation also has trips and events scheduled. Call 6-4141 for more information.

Sept. 14 – Wichita Mountains Hiking Trip costs \$16 per person.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Men in Black II

Friday 9 p.m.

Eight Legged Freaks

Saturday 2 p.m.

Country Bears

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Stuart Little 2

Saturday 9 p.m.

Road to Perdition

Sunday 2 p.m.

Stuart Little 2

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Road to Perdition

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Road to Perdition

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

Country Bears (G) – Haley Joel Osment, Christopher Walken – Beary is a 10-year-old cub who is raised by a human family unaware that he is adopted until his jealous brother tells him. When Beary leaves home to find out where he belongs, he's lead to the Country Bear Hall in Tennessee and befriends the now defunct band, the Country Bears. The once successful and highly influential 1970s band reunites for a benefit concert.

Stuart Little 2 (PG) – Geena Davis,

Hugh Laurie – Round two of the life of mouse, Stuart Little. The sequel focuses on family, love and freedom. Stuart isn't the baby anymore either.

Road to Perdition (R) – Tom Hanks, Paul Newman – Michael Sullivan is a hit man for an Irish gang in the Depression-era Midwest. When his work crosses into his private life, leading to the death of this beloved wife and son, Sullivan and his surviving son set out on a journey of revenge.

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, noon, Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, South Chapel

Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 p.m., South Chapel

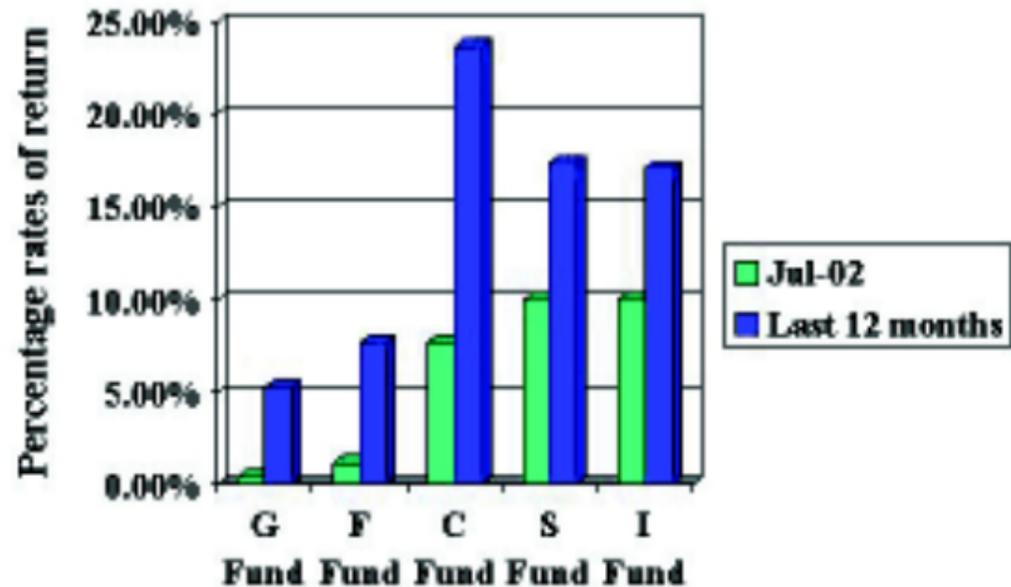
Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177

Letter 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**

Thrift Savings Plan return rates



Rates of return were updated on Aug. 5. The G, F, C, S and I Fund returns for the last twelve months assume, except for the crediting of earnings, exchanging balance or (time-weighting) from month to month, and assume earnings are compounded on a monthly basis.

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

Achievers

Congratulations to the following 82nd Medical Group Quarterly Award Winners for April to June.

Capt. Nicole Ogburn, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron

Master Sgt Edward Montgomery, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt Steffanie Burch, NCO of the Quareter, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Grant Wisner, Junior Enlisted of the Quarter, 82nd Medical Support Squadron

Princess Skaggs, Civilian, GS-8 and Below of the Quarter, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron

Joe Wallace, Civilian, GS-9 and Above of the Quarter, 82nd Medical Support Squadron

Hispanic Heritage Month to begin

Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 14. The Sheppard Air Force Base Hispanic Heritage Committee has organized some celebration events. For more information on these events, contact Master Sgt. Marlon Pesantez at 6-4125.

Sept. 14 from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Latin Night Dance sponsored by the enlisted club

Sept. 16 from 7 - 8 a.m.

Prayer Breakfast at Chapel 1 Annex with Dr. Jose Martinez

Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Taste of Culture at the base exchange, a sharing of typical Latin food donated by local restaurants

Oct. 10 from 9 p.m. - ?

Noche Sensacional Dance at the enlisted club with a performance by the band, Carabali of Dallas

Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. - noon

Hispanic Heritage Luncheon at the officers club with Lt. Col. David Resendez, 344th Recruiting Squadron commander



Courtesy graphic

To place an ad in *The Sheppard Senator*, call 767- SOLD (7653).

The search for a champion:

2002 Intramural Softball Tournament eliminates all but four teams

By Staff Sgt. Brent Casey

Base fitness centers

The 2002 Intramural Softball Tournament's championship game will be played today at 6 p.m. at Field 1.

Semi-final play has been winding down over the past few days, and each day, fewer teams have a shot at becoming Sheppard's intramural softball champions.

The 382nd Training Squadron sneaked by the 364th Training Squadron recently to get into the semi-finals of the tournament.

The first 7 batters scored in

the first inning.

After two innings, the game was tied at 11 for both teams.

Once the 382nd TRS took the lead again, they never looked back. The game ended with a final score of 21 to 13.

The 382nd TRS then faced off against the 362nd Training Squadron on Wednesday. The 382nd TRS came away with a 14-13 victory.

Also on Wednesday, the 366th Training Squadron went up against the 82nd Services Division, with the 366th TRS winning 15-6.

The 360th Training Squadron beat the 365th Training

Squadron 11-9 in another Wednesday game.

Meanwhile, the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron and the 364th TRS fell to the losers bracket and are awaiting the games to be played.

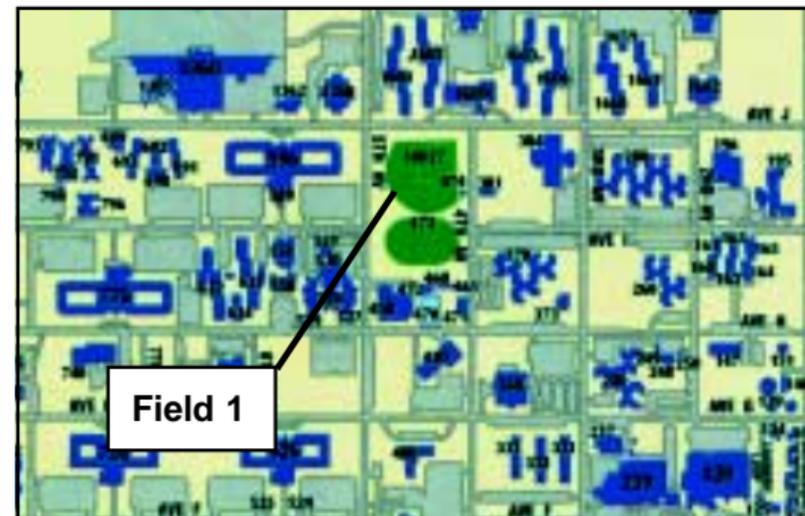
Many surprises are still to come in this tournament. Two more games remain before the championship tonight.

Those teams still in the running are the 382nd TRS, the 364th TRS, the 366th TRS and the 360th TRS.

Tonight's game is sure to be a good one, no matter who ends up in the championship showdown.

Catch the 2002 intramural softball championship game

Play begins tonight at 6 p.m. at Field 1



Sports shorts

5K fun run

A 5K fun run will be held to promote Family Health and Fitness Day USA Sept. 28 starting at 8 a.m. at the north fitness center. For those who are participating in the incentive program, "Fit Club," they can earn extra points for the run. Those interested in a T-shirt will have to pay and pre-register by Sept. 26.

Basketball tournament

There will be a basketball tournament at the south fitness center Sept. 27-28. The cost is \$40 per person, and \$35 for students. There is a four-player limit per team. The deadline is Sept 13. Call Staff Sgt. Edward Brown at 6-5421 or 6-7317 for more information.

Aerobics classes

The aerobics 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.

AAHC golf tournament

The Unity Golf Tournament scheduled for today at the Wind Creek Golf Course has been postponed indefinitely. New dates and times will be announced as they become available.

Golf couples tournament

A couples tournament will be held at the Wind Creek Golf

Course Sunday at 4 p.m. The format will be two-person scramble with nine holes. The \$10 entry fee does not include green fees or carts. Prizes will be awarded. No handicap is required. After nine holes of golf, the officers club will cater at the Wind Creek Snack Bar. For more information, call the Wind Creek Golf Course at 6-6369.

Two-person scramble

The Wind Creek Golf Course presents the two-person scramble tournament Sept. 14 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The cost \$15. Cart and meal are included. Green fee is not included. Prizes will be awarded. Players must pay at sign-up. The entry deadline is Sept. 12.

For more information, call 6-6369.

Yoga-pilates classes

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

R & R - Return to fitness prescription program

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

Call Tech. Sgt. Yulanda Moffett at 6-2972 or 6-7491 for more information.

Squadron Cardio Combat

The fitness centers invite everyone to participate in Squadron Cardio Combat. By participating in individual exercise regimens, people can track their workouts and score points for their squadron. For more information, call the south fitness center at 6-2972.

No tap tournament

There will be a no tap tournament Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the south bowling lanes. Single handicap is required. Players can knock down at least nine pins for a strike. For more information, call 6-2170.