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Base shelters evacuated pets

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Lackland welcomed 108 dogs, 63 cats, six birds, one rabbit, one fish and one hamster into a former dog-training building that was transformed into a pet shelter for military personnel and retirees who fled Hurricane Rita.

"Everyone was grateful," said Chief Petty Officer Jerry Potter, 341st Training Squadron. "It took a lot of stress off them, knowing their pets were being taken care of."

Chief Potter said the 341st TRS got the word to get a shelter ready Sept. 19 and received its first pet from the Corpus Christi area at 10 a.m. Sept. 20.

He said about 30 personnel worked around the clock in various areas of the pet sanctuary program, including veterinarians.

Most of the pets are owned by Navy personnel who have since picked them up and returned to Naval Station Ingleside after the evacuation order was lifted for the Corpus Christi area.

The last pet checked out Monday, Chief Potter said.

Some of the pets sheltered at



PROTECTION – Army Capt. Rosalind Pineda, Lackland veterinarian, vaccinates Ginger, a 12-week-old Siberian husky, for kennel cough as the puppy leaves Lackland's pet shelter. Holding Ginger is Nickie, 6, daughter of Culinary Specialist 1st Class Sean and Sarah Brotherton, evacuated from Naval Station Ingleside.

Lackland came from places that received some damage from the hurricane, including Beaumont, Galveston and Houston.

Army Capt. Rosalind Pineda, a Lackland veterinarian, was giving the dogs and cats an

intranasal vaccine for kennel cough as they left the shelter Friday.

She said none of the pets had the classic symptoms that include a hacking cough and wheezing "but because this has

been a stressful situation, we're sure it is something that is bound to occur."

Chief Potter said most of the dogs and cats were brought to Lackland in small carriers and they were transferred to larger kennels that gave them more room when they were checked in at a tent north of the Bob Hope Theater.

The animals then were taken by 341st TRS personnel to the shelter in Bldg. 7378 near the squadron's kennels.

"The pets have been doing extremely well," Captain Pineda said Friday. "What we've been seeing is just a stress-type of diarrhea, which is to be expected."

Army Capt. Erin Graves, a Corpus Christi veterinarian who examined pets as they were checked in, said the owners "all appreciated the Air Force taking care of their animals," noting that the owners were tired, and some had been on the road for 24 hours.

"I am amazed by how organized everything is," said retired Maj. Rhody Lee Nornberg, who brought in a cat around noon Friday from his evacuated home of Point Comfort, halfway between Galveston and Corpus Christi.

Team Lackland pulls together for hurricane relief

BY **KENNY PRUITT**
CHIEF, INTERNAL INFORMATION

From patient transport to pet care, the tireless efforts of Team Lackland contributed to the care and comfort of thousands of people displaced by the winds of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita last month.

Before Hurricane Rita, members of Lackland set up an evacuee reception center to process more than 900 military personnel and their families escaping the Gulf Coast, providing them with housing, food and medical assistance. Units also facilitated the arrivals of more than 1,000 others displaced by the hurricane. While preparing for the hurricane relief, Team Lackland stood ready to supporting a presidential visit.

"Team Lackland did an amazing job working with city emergency responders to have a trouble-free reception for all of the displaced persons from the two hurricanes," said Col. Mary Kay Hertog, commander of the 37th Training Wing. "We did this plus our 'normal' mission and didn't miss a beat."

For instance, the 37th Services Division activated and managed the Evacuee Reception Center in Arnold Hall.

They also provided three meals per day for the more than 900 evacuees. Base attorneys manned the "Legal Reception" section of the reception center around the clock. Airmen awaiting further training were tasked to set up beds and furniture and carry baggage.

Field and company grade officers manned the 37th TRW Crisis Action Team and command post positions over the entire course of the hurricane relief efforts. Watch officers also assisted in the San Antonio Emergency Operations Center.

The Family Support Center assisted more than 300 families, providing calling cards, commissary vouchers, Air Force loans and baby gift bags. Numerous Defense Language Institute teachers, civilians and military members donated clothing, canned food, baby diapers and more to support the evacuees.

Additional base personnel volunteered in

local shelters where needed.

Members of the 37th Civil Engineer Squadron set up 2,000 cots, providing additional capacity for the reception of displaced people from the Texas coast. The 37th Operations Support Squadron provided 24-hour manning to include volunteer coordination across the base.

The 37th Communications Squadron was actively involved in providing network, telephone, video and still photo support to Air Force and DoD agencies. Security forces provided security on and off the flightline for evacuees, relief workers and Airmen.

Throughout the base, safety was a big concern as scores of people entered the base through the flightline and gates.

"The safety staff went on 24-hour coverage of the flightline and related evacuation activities to observe for unsafe acts or conditions," said Michael Ballard, chief of safety for the 37th TRW. "It would have been a terrible thing to see a preventable accident of some sort happen here. These folks had already been through enough."

Energy Awareness Month – saving energy is a priority

BY **NANCY VARNER**
37TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

October is Energy Awareness Month, and Lackland is committed to reducing its energy consumption.

Utility providers and 37th Civil Engineer Squadron maintenance engineering personnel are teaming together to set up displays to promote energy conservation.

They are also providing handouts, office posters and stickers with energy conservation tips. The main goal of this program is to remind everyone when it's not in use, turn off the juice.

According to the Department of Energy, the United States has only about 5 percent of the world's population, yet consumes approximately 25 percent of the world's energy.

The federal government is by far the largest energy consumer in the nation, spending roughly \$8 billion for utilities last year.

Lackland alone spent more than \$20 million last year on energy. A 1 percent reduction in consumption at Lackland could mean more than \$200,000 saved per year.

If all of the more than 60 major Air Force installations in the nation saved as much, it would amount to \$120 million per year in savings.

It is more than dollars, however. Lackland's Energy Program complies with federal mandates and executive orders designed to trim the nation's energy consumption 35 percent by 2010.

The new Energy Bill, signed into law Aug. 8, gives updated guide-

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WEEKEND WEATHER



Today Partly cloudy Hi: 90 Low: 68	Saturday Mostly cloudy Hi: 94 Low: 70	Sunday Mostly cloudy Hi: 90 Low: 75
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SURGEON GENERAL DEDICATES NEW BASE LAB



Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George "Peach" Taylor Jr., left, speaks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 21 for the new Advanced Diagnostics Laboratory, a 3,000-square-foot facility built on the northwest corner of Wilford Hall Loop and Pepperrell Street. General Taylor said the lab's goal is rapid diagnoses of respiratory tract diseases that could infect the warfighter. At right, Barry Johnson, a technician in the lab, prepares a gene chip to be read by a bioanalyser. The lab provides medical support to the Air Force Basic Military Training population. Lab members include the Epidemic Outbreak Surveillance project team. Dr. Elizabeth Walter, ADL director, said the mission of the EOS team "is to test and evaluate new technologies for rapid diagnosis and surveillance that can be transitioned to the warfighter. The Lackland ADL will enhance our ability to bring cutting-edge technology to medical diagnosis of infectious diseases."



Photos by Robbin Cresswell

WIC offered on Lackland

BY CARL CLIFTON

OUTREACH COORDINATOR
CHISTUS SANTA ROSA WIC PROGRAM

Women, Infants and Children Program services are offered on Lackland Air Force Base and have been for the past nine years. The clinic is located in Bldg. 6122 on the corner of George Avenue and Truemper Avenue on the training side of the base.

The WIC Program is a supplemental nutrition program that helps families eat well and stay healthy. WIC is a federally funded program which was established in 1972 to combat anemia and inadequate growth. This program is intended to prevent health problems and improve the health status of participants during critical times of growth and development.

The primary mission of the Texas WIC Program is to give our most vulnerable children the best possible start by providing optimal nutrition during the critical stages of fetal and early childhood development.

WIC provides nutrition education, one-on-one counseling for nutrition, food vouchers for healthy foods, support and help with breastfeeding, referrals to health care and other programs, and immunizations review and referral.

Who is eligible? WIC is an equal opportunity program for pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children under 5. Clients must live in Texas, meet state income requirements and have an identified nutritional risk. To find if you are eligible contact your local WIC office for an appointment. For those who have just arrived and are awaiting housing the TLF receipt or letter will do proof of residency. If coming from an overseas or

out of state WIC, transfer papers from your previous WIC office are accepted. If transferring from an instate WIC clinic just bring your Texas WIC ID card to the clinic and we can begin your services in Texas.

What can you learn? WIC will teach you how to take care of yourself during pregnancy and how to breastfeed if you so desire. After you have your baby, WIC staff will help you learn when, what and how to feed your baby. WIC helps you learn how to keep your baby healthy in their first year of life with good nutrition and how to keep your child (between 1 year and 5 years of age) healthy with good nutrition.

Does WIC make a difference? Yes. This program was so successful it was nationally implemented after only three years as a pilot program. For every WIC dollar spent before birth there is \$2.44 savings in health care which is realized in the first 60 days. A total of \$4.21 of health care dollar savings per WIC dollar is realized for newborns and their mothers. Prenatal WIC reduces Texas infant mortality by 4 in 1,000 births. An evaluation of over 70 cases showed improved pregnancy outcomes and reduced incidence of anemia in children. Eligible women who did not participate in WIC during pregnancy were 8.5 times more likely to have a low birthweight baby than those on the program, according to a Medicaid report dated year 2000.

WIC services are free of charge. You can give your baby or child a healthy start in life. Just call or stop by your local LAFB WIC office to sign up. The telephone for the WIC clinic on Lackland is 674-7739. The clinic hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.. Making appointments is appreciated; however, walk-ins are welcome.

WIC is an equal opportunity employer.

ENERGY

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lines changing the baseline year from 1985 to 2003 and mandating 2 percent energy reduction per year through 2015, with 20 percent in overall reductions.

How can we as consumers help? There are many ways that simple changes in our daily habits can result in energy savings:

- Make sure your air-conditioning vents are clear and not partially covered.

- Turn lights off when you leave your office.

- Do not use space heaters or supplemental electric fans.

- Turn off office machines at night.

- Report all leaks promptly.

- Buy only energy efficient, or Energy Star certified, products and equipment.

- Keep blinds or curtains on south- or west-facing windows closed in the summer and open in the winter.

- Keep exterior doors and windows closed during the cooling and heating seasons.

- Close loading dock doors when not in use.

- Report all air conditioning or heating problems to your facility manager.

- Promptly report cracked or broken windows or any other energy-related problems to your facility manager or energy monitor

If you have any comments, questions or energy-saving suggestions, call the base energy manager at 671-0252 or the base conservation hotline at 671-SAVE (7283).

NEWS BRIEFS

WING COMMANDER TO BE FROCKED

Col. Mary Kay Hertog, 37th Training Wing commander, was selected for promotion to brigadier general February 2004 and confirmed by the Senate on March 18. She has now been approved to be frocked to that rank. The frocking ceremony will take place Oct. 31, presided over by retired Gen. Hal M. Hornburg. Her rank becomes official January 2006.

PROTESTANT SPANISH SERVICE SET

Lackland will inaugurate a Protestant service in Spanish from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sunday at Airmen Memorial Chapel. This first nondenominational Protestant service will be given in Spanish by Chaplain (Capt.) Gabriel Rios, followed by an English translation by the Rev. Luis Velazquez. Chaplain Gabriel Rios said subsequent services are planned in Spanish only. He said the service is for all interested base personnel, including students at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy as well as students and members of the Army Echo Company, Defense Language Institute English Language Center.

TECH TRADE SHOW OCT. 12

A computer and electronics technology trade show will be hosted by the 37th Communications Squadron from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Gateway Club. The free show features demonstrations on the latest in innovative technology and product support. On display will be computer furniture, computer-based training, electronic test products, high-level equipment simulation, integrated networks and cabling solutions, laptops, LCD panels/projectors, mass storage solutions and multimedia software. For more information, call 1-888-282-2262 or e-mail

info@atc-expo.com

BASE EDUCATION SURVEY

The Lackland Education Services Flight is conducting an online needs assessment and highly encourages all Team Lackland to participate in taking this short survey. It is an Air Force-wide survey that is base specific which is conducted every two to three years to assess the educational needs of the base population. The purpose of the survey is to measure satisfaction, quality, availability, delivery, service and to gauge the effectiveness of on-base programs. It will also be used for individualizing the base programs to meet mission needs. The survey takes no more than 10 minutes to complete and is accessible today. For more information, call 671-2895/6/7. To access the survey, go to

<https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/>

BLOOD DRIVES SLATED

Blood drives are scheduled today and next week to support Airmen serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Donor recruiter Ernie Astorga said more donations are needed now to make up for the closure of the donor center at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., because of damage from Hurricane Katrina. Drop-in donations can be made from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. today through Friday at the Lackland Blood Donor Center. Drives are:

■ Today, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Defense Language Institute, Bldg. 7437, point of contact Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Valdez, 671-0841.

■ Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon, 343rd Training Squadron, Bldg. 10215, Room 231, POC Staff Sgt. Brian Martin, 671-2841.

■ Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 37th Civil Engineer Squadron, Bldg. 5595, POC 1st Lt. Jeremy Jackson, 671-3506.

AIA SILENT AUCTION FOR CFC

The Air Intelligence Agency is hosting a silent auction through Oct. 7 in support of the Combined Federal Campaign and needs items donated that will spark auction excitement. To participate in the auction or donate auction items, go to

<https://aiaweb.lackland.af.mil/aiawebpages/pa/cfc/>

Items can be dropped off at Bldg. 2000, Room 152. The auction raised approximately \$1,500 for CFC last year. All proceeds from the auction this year will be donated to the many CFC agencies that are contributing to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. For more information, call 1st Lt. Kwan McComas Jr., online auction coordinator, 977-4959.

BAG SALE SET SATURDAY

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop will hold the monthly Bag Sale from 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, with consignments accepted from 9:30-11 a.m. The Thrift Shop is located at 6329 Barnes Ave., and the telephone number is 671-3608.

The shop will begin accepting fall/winter clothing Oct. 4. The shop manager, Sara Jacobs, said the shop has an excellent consignment ratio, and offers great merchandise at very reasonable prices.

The Thrift Shop's normal operating hours are 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with consignments accepted from 10 a.m.-noon.

Wolfgang Puck

Culinary students cook it up with chef

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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It's not every day that you see someone famous in person but that is exactly what happened to 11 Lackland culinary students Sept. 20.

The students were invited by USAA to attend a show by renowned chef Wolfgang Puck. USAA invited Mr. Puck as part of their wellness program.

Mike Kelly, executive director, military communications at USAA, invited the group to be part of the audience. Mr. Kelly, a retired Air Force major, said that with the emphasis on diet and physical fitness in the military today, he thought this would be a great opportunity for young Airmen to not only meet and see a famous chef at work, but to see that fitness doesn't only occur in the military.

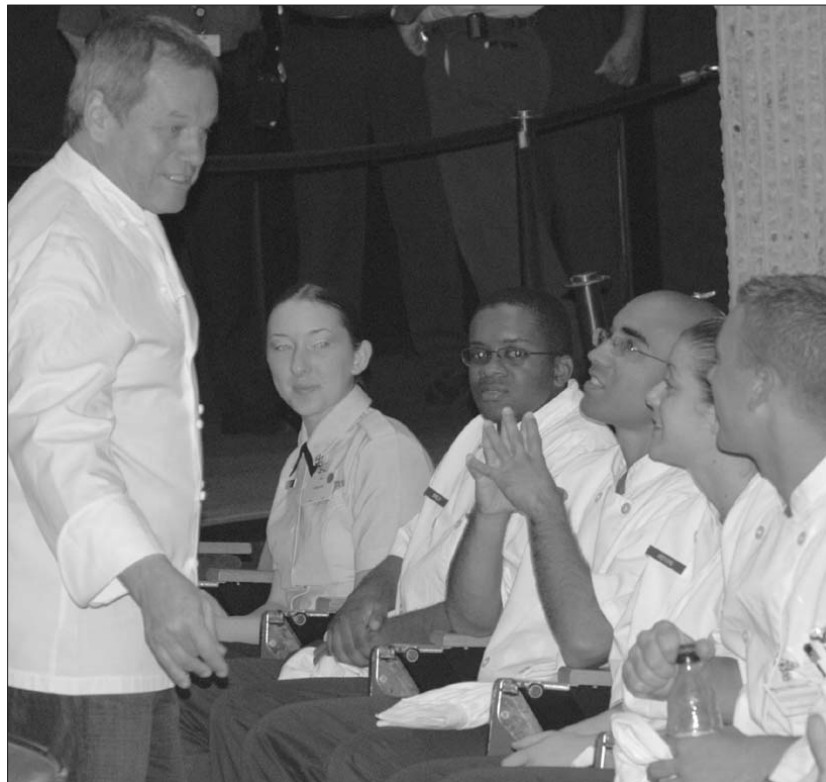
More and more corporations are focusing on wellness for the good of their employees as well as their companies, according to the USAA program director, Dr. Peter Wald, assistant vice president of wellness. He explained their philosophy on wellness, "We don't make people eat healthy, and instead we tell them why they would want to."

To complement the wellness philosophy, items in the six USAA cafeterias have been rearranged to encourage better eating habits. Now the donuts are in the back of the cafe, not the first items you see. The doctor says by putting the good food up front many never make it to the donuts.

Mr. Puck was very interested in the culinary school and the young students he met. He shook each one's hand and spoke with them briefly.

"My favorite part was when he was talking to us and we were telling him about the military," Airman Basic Emily Rykowski said. "I really enjoyed his show."

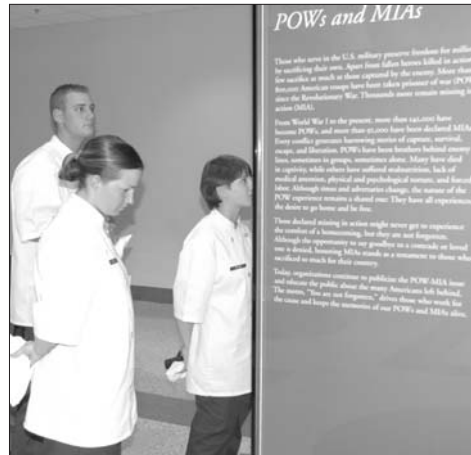
The culinary school attendees were recognized at the beginning of the show by Thomas J. Visvikis, executive director



CUTTING UP WITH STUDENTS – Wolfgang Puck, a renowned chef, talks with Lackland culinary students before his special cooking show at USAA. Students from left are Airmen Basic Autumn Teague, Jonathan Shiels, Airman 1st Class Anthony Mejia and Airmen Basic Cresta Mayers and Mitchell Haverley. The event was to highlight the importance of eating right as part of USAA's wellness programs.

of food services at USAA. During the cooking session, Mr. Puck acknowledged the Air Force and military several times. "We like the Air Force," he said. "Nobody says 'no.'"

Students responded to Mr. Puck's recognition of them on stage.



MILITARY HISTORY – Members of the Lackland Culinary School stopped to take in the historical exhibit inside the USAA building during a tour there Sept. 20. From left are Airman Basic Mitchell Haverley, Airman 1st Class Becky Lee and Airman Basic Samantha Vetter.

"I liked when he was making pizza and threw dough at me," Airman Rykosdki said. During the cooking show, Mr. Puck made pizza dough and encouraged the audience to take a shot at shaping the dough for pizzas. His way to pick participants was to lob a few globs of dough to the audience. Several Airmen caught one. Mr. Puck's caviar and salmon personal sized pizzas cost up to \$70.

Mr. Puck's assistant for the day, or sidekick, was David Garrison, executive vice president of the office of corporate services at USAA. He and Mr. Puck bantered back and forth to the enjoyment of the audience.

"To be completely honest," said Airman Basic Mitchell Haverley, "he was absolutely amazing!"

"He's sincere, down to earth, and so talented with everything he does," said Airman Haverley. "He teaches in an easygoing manner and really brings the laughs and smiles to peoples faces."

Instructors that traveled with the group of students were also happy to have the opportunity to meet a world-renowned chef.

"He was everything that I could imagine or expect from a world-renowned chef," said Tech. Sgt. Gregory Feathersone, instructor. "He had a very approachable aura about him."

And then there were his fans that got to meet him, including Chief Master Sgt. Steven Bedford, superintendent. "I really admire his positive attitude and his love for the culinary arts," Chief Bedford said. "He was very attentive to his audience and made them feel at ease."

Before the show, the students and instructors were given a tour of part of the USAA facility. There were many displays on the military since that is their biggest customer base. One part of the tour included a museum style-setup.

Airman Basic Jonathan Shiels said he liked "the chance to observe the setups in the museum (area) that involved the history of military and civilian use of the USO over the years."

CAP plays key role in disaster relief

BY TECH. SGT. RYAN MATTOX
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

SAN ANTONIO – With Hurricane Rita having passed through Texas and Louisiana, Civil Air Patrol units from the two states are working to provide aerial damage assessments, transporting officials and supplies, and conducting search and rescue missions.

The CAP has flown approximately 40 missions the past few days, about half of the Air Force total.

"We are gathering critical digital imagery for the specific need of assessing the damage in the areas affected by Rita," said Maj. Owen Younger at the Texas CAP Wing Incident Command Post in Addison, Texas. "We have lots of volunteers and cadets working together to get the job done."

Currently, CAP is staging 12 aircraft and crews out of Dallas Mission Base in Addison and from Stinson Field, near San Antonio.

"We have initiated our task of transporting members of the Army Corps of Engineers on damage assessment missions. Of particular interest is assessing the flood damage in east and southeast Texas," said 1st Lt. Arthur Woodgate, a Texas CAP spokesman.

Prior to Hurricane Rita's arrival, CAP units began posi-

tioning ground teams to safe areas as far west of the projected storm track as possible in order to be ready for immediate post-storm assistance.

"We were successful in moving our aircraft out of the storm path, therefore we didn't lose any aircraft," Lieutenant Woodgate said.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, CAP units in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama supported more than 670 air missions during which CAP pilots flew more than 1,300 hours.

These missions included search and rescue flights, emergency official transportation and impact assessments.

CAP, an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, performs 95 percent of all continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center located at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

More than 56,000 volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

And members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 25,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs.

CAP has been performing "missions for America" for more than 60 years.

RECOGNITION

Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award

AETC selects Lackland sergeant as recipient

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN
TALESPIINNER STAFF WRITER

Air Education and Training Command recently selected Master Sgt. Raymon Colon-Lopez from the 342nd Training Squadron Det. 1 as the 2005 Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award senior enlisted recipient.

The award annually recognizes the accomplishments of officers and enlisted leaders who exhibit the highest example of professional and personal leadership standards.

"I was brought up in an environment where effective leadership was everything, whether it was during garrison or combat,"



Master Sgt. Raymon Colon-Lopez

At Kirtland, Sergeant Colon-Lopez supervises 18 instructors and is responsible for the daily training of more than 150 pararescue and combat rescue officer candidates during four apprentice courses per year.

Before his arrival at Kirtland, the sergeant was the combat search and rescue lead planner for 22 high-risk classified missions into enemy territory. He was

responsible for conducting 15 direct action missions, which resulted in the deaths of two and the capture of 12 Al-Qaeda terrorists.

"One of the most important things I have learned is to be accountable for your people's actions and to stand up for your troops," Sergeant Colon-Lopez said.

"My formula is very simple – lead by example, be fair and never ask anything of your people that you are not willing to do yourself."

The Air Force established the Sijan Award in 1981 after Capt. Lance P. Sijan, who became the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor in 1976. After North Vietnamese

gunners shot down Captain Sijan in November 1967, the fighter pilot evaded capture for 45 days. He later died of severe injuries inside a prisoner-of-war camp.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Hometown: Port Lavaca, Texas

Time in Service: 12 years

Family: Single

Personal and Career Goals: To complete my bachelor's degree in business administration.

How does your job contribute to the overall success of the Lackland mission? As supervisor of the customer contract center, I take pride in assisting members with their pay and allowances, while they are here at Lackland or deployed. If there is anything we can do on this end to minimize their stress, we are here to do it.

What accomplishment during your career are you most proud of? I am very proud of being able to play such an important role in the grooming and

upbringing of the Air Force's Airmen.

Commander's comments: "Sergeant Boyum is an outstanding NCO," said Lt. Col. Charles E. Fiquett III, 37th CPTS commander. "She strives to provide each and every customer with the very best personalized service she can. Sergeant Boyum continues to provide superior training to our combat comptrollers to ensure they are ready to deploy at a moment's notice."



Tech. Sgt. April Boyum is the NCO in charge of finance customer service contact center with the 37th Comptroller Squadron.

INSTRUCTOR OF THE WEEK

Hometown: Portland, Ore.

Time in service: 11 years

Family: Wife and daughter

Personal and career goals: Put in 20 years of productive military service. Get my daughter to and through college.

What do you enjoy most about your job? The best things about the security forces career field are



Staff Sgt. Ryan M. Sprauer is an instructor with the 343rd Training Squadron.

the possibilities. You can deploy anywhere in the world, attend all types of courses and work in many different positions.

How has the Air Force added to your life? The biggest contribution the Air Force has made to my life is education. It has paid for a bachelor's degree and countless hours of professional education.

Supervisor's comments: "Sergeant Sprauer's contributions to the section are critical in the annual training of more than 4,000 Airmen on five weapons systems during the combat arms portion of the Security Forces Apprentice

Course," said Master Sgt. Charles L. Yates. "His expertise was noted recently by Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of Security Forces, when Sergeant Sprauer led a five-person Air Force team to an overall first place during a Department of Energy weapons tactics competition. In all, his team won three gold and two silver medals. His mastery of the combat arms arena ensures the Airmen who attend the course are highly skilled and ready to tackle the Air Force mission under any condition. Having him in my section is a true pleasure!"

AIA WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Hometown: Grand Junction, Colo.

Time in service: Three years, four months

Family: Single

Personal and career goals: My personal goals are to live a happy life and have a family. I hope to get a commission and make a career of the Air Force. But if that doesn't work out, I think as a civilian I have a lot to offer a private company. The Air Force core values have become very dear to me and I think they apply to every facet of life. I think private businesses need to have these values. To me they seem pretty scarce outside of the military.

How does your job contribute to the overall success of Lackland's mission? I would say the success of the missions of all organizations on base would contribute to the overall success of Lackland. I contribute to the success of the Air Force Information Warfare Center by helping to maintain and develop relations with outside organizations. These relations enable AFIWC to help mold the future of Information Operations through training future leaders and developing the next generation of IO innovations.

What accomplishment during your career are you most proud of? Volunteering to go to Iraq for four months was a big accomplishment in my eyes. I feel very proud to have gone over there and served. It really opens your eyes to have contact with a different cul-



Senior Airman Dennis Wilson is the program manager for the Commander's Action Group at the Air Force Information Warfare Center

Airman Wilson also leads our command section physical training program. In such a visible position, Airman Wilson is one of the first people with whom many Warfare Center visitors interface. He maintains the highest standards of dress and appearance, keeps his composure and professional demeanor at all times, manages his time wisely and leads by example. His contributions to the commander's action group ensure things run smoothly and that AFIWC is always represented professionally.

BMT HONORS

Congratulations to these Airmen for being selected as an honor graduate of basic military training. There are 28 honor grads out of 532 total graduates this week.

321st Training Squadron

Flight 523

Ivan D. De La Selva
Kevin C. Galbavy
Nicholas P. Gangemi
Scott T. Henderson
Christopher W. Hovey

Lannie W. Neely

Jacob L. Schillo

322nd Training Squadron

Flight 525

Brady M. Borum

John W. Gormley

Daniel D. Johnson

Joshua L. Krohn

Cody J. Mastel

Christopher W. Ricks

Brian S. Weisman

Flight 526

Carla J. Edmonds

Ashley A. Kocer

Nandini Lochan

Shannon F. Long

323rd Training Squadron

Flight 521

Jacob R. Jurotich

Korey R. Rebello

Flight 522

Jaron D. Dewhitt

John P. Krebs

Scott D. Williams

326th Training Squadron

Flight 519

Michael T. Barrett

James D. Sprague

Flight 520

Peter A. Irvine

Terry A. Myers

331st Training Squadron

Flight 517

Shawn Alexander

TOP BMT AIRMAN

Shannon F. Long, 322nd Training Squadron, Flight 526

TOP ACADEMIC FLIGHT

322nd Training Squadron, Flight 525

MOST PHYSICALLY FIT

The following Airmen and flights have been named the most physically fit of basic training this week.

Male Airmen:

Danny L. Cameron, 321st Training Squadron, Flight 523
Nathaniel A. Arnold, 321st Training Squadron, Flight 523

Female Airmen:

Guadalupe B. Ruiz, 331st Training Squadron, Flight 518
Irasema Barrutia, 322nd Training Squadron, Flight 526

Male Flight:

523rd Training Squadron, Flight 321

Female Flight:

320th Training Squadron, Flight 528

August winners

Winners for the Yard of the Month for August are:

Airman Scott Village

Commander's Choice

Tech. Sgt. Anthony and Loriann Williams, 37th Mission Support Squadron

Capehart

2nd Lt. Derek and Jennifer Brumley, 759th Surgical Operations

Billy Mitchell Village

Special Agent Clay and Melissa Graham, Det 352, AFOSI

North Wherry

Tech. Sgt. Brian and Chastity Bendele, 345th Training Squadron



37TH TRAINING WING



59TH MEDICAL WING



AIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



67TH INFORMATION OPERATIONS WING



CRYPTOLOGIC SYSTEMS GROUP



149TH FIGHTER WING



433RD AIRLIFT WING

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Training an expeditionary Air Force is vital

BY STAFF SGT. RANDOLPH J. RADOSEVICH
342ND TRAINING SQUADRON

The shift from training a sedentary [stateside] force to an agile [expeditionary] force has already begun. Our challenge exists in crafting synergy amongst commands and specialties ensuring a truly expeditionary fighting force.

Our first step should be to consolidate existing resources, then synchronize the entire training process.

This is a process where both the training for and the expeditionary deployment becomes a cyclical process.

By converting existing regional training centers into expeditionary training platforms used as launch pads and landing zones for deploying teams, the training centers of tomorrow will provide more than training. They will become the entire deployment process, assembling, outfitting, training, and decompressing entire units at a time.

Multiple units will conduct their mission rehearsals from theater-replicated joint environment forward operating bases capable of housing an entire wing.

Eventually these locations will become warehouses containing everything needed for deploying leaders to train their own units with assistance from veteran training guides and support elements that facilitate the entire process.

Upon arrival Airmen will receive categorized equipment issue and immunizations. Thus, lifting the logistical burden from

home stations while streamlining and standardizing equipment and training.

Training plans will be built to the needs and required capability specifications of each unit's mission.

These training plans built from modular blocks of instruction that are plug-and-play in design will allow for custom compilation and mission-specific execution.

Airmen will be placed in realistic scenarios where they begin to confront and apply learned skills while their leaders make critical decisions. After each exercise, thorough after-action reviews are conducted.

With training execution consisting of four categorized phases: Basic Skills (individual tasks), Battle Drills (collective tasks), Maneuver Warfare (situational training exercises), and Battlefield Rehearsal (self-sustained operations) the basic shoot, move, communicate, and survive skill sets layered with positional, unit and a mission-specific focus are taught gradually using the time-



ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL – Using a band of brothers design, expeditionary Airmen assemble, train, deploy, fight, decompress and return together.



Courtesy photos

WARRIORS – Every Airman is a warrior first.

less crawl, walk, run, sprint approach.

Training with dimension, vectored by combatant commanders, and an intelligence fed process would create an adaptive, dynamic and intelligent, agile combat support system. Organically structured, the system will continually evolve.

Taking a non-linear approach to training ensures all Airmen on the battlefield are the first to see, do, and act in a synergistic team effort.

Curriculum that is continually updated based on current joint doctrine powered by a smartly designed feedback process direct from the battlefield, both the deployed leaders and intelligence agencies, will ensure Airmen remain one crucial step ahead of insurgents.

All Airmen deserve common expeditionary task training. The common expeditionary task lists should be developed and kept fresh by current combatant command-

ers, adjusted based on real-time intelligence, contemporary experience and their lessons learned.

Lessons will immerse our warrior Airmen into a theory of skill, will and teamwork to be incorporated into expeditionary curriculum as the fundamental backdrop to training while encouraging our Airmen's commitment to personal and group self-study of history and the military art of war.

Upon completion of their expeditionary deployment, Airmen return to the expeditionary training platforms to turn in equipment, receive counseling, and most importantly, compile after-action reports and feedback.

It's been proven during Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom that all Airmen are warriors—FIRST!

We ought to be training career fields of leaders and followers with deployment experience; recruiting, retaining, and promoting only those Airmen who embrace the expeditionary Air Force way of life.

Consequently, we must begin to train all of our expeditionary forces to fight, protect and win.

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

To submit an Action Line, call 671-3333, or e-mail:

actionline@lackland.af.mil

Contact the Wilford Hall Medical Center Action Line at 292-4567, or e-mail:

59mdw.pa@lackland.af.mil

Action Line is your direct line for comments and suggestions on how to make

Lackland a better place to live and work.

It is also an avenue to resolve issues you have been unable to resolve through the responsible agency or your chain of command.

If your concern still can't be resolved, please call the Action Line or send it via e-mail.

Items of general interest may be

printed in the *Talespinner*.

If you leave your name and telephone number, or e-mail address, you'll receive a reply. Anonymous inquiries will not be published.

Including your contact information will also give us a chance to get more information, if needed, to solve the problem.



**Brig. Gen. (Sel)
Mary Kay Hertog**

Lights in BMV

Q: I live in Billy Mitchell Village housing, and the other day we got a letter on all our doors saying vehicles should be locked and parked in well-lit areas. I think someone needs to come out and check the lighting issue. I called the contractor last week and reported there were carport and other lights out, and they still have not fixed them. With all the extra people living in the area, I would feel better if we could get the lighting fixed.

A: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The carport lights at Billy Mitchell Village work on a sensor to come on at night to provide proper lighting. Goldenlook, our Housing Maintenance contractor, has received three separate calls in the past two weeks for lights out in carports in Billy Mitchell Village. The contractor repaired one of these Sept. 16 and is waiting for parts for the other two. They will sur-

vey all carport areas to ensure lights are working properly. Residents are encouraged to report any inoperative carport lights to housing maintenance at 673-1780.

What's the speed limit?

Q: Security Forces is doing a great job monitoring traffic on Selfridge, but you shouldn't have to have cops there to make people obey the speed limit. My concern, however, is the confusion about what the speed is on Kellac Road. I've lived on Kellac Road for almost eight years, and I know that it is 15 mph, but people use it as a drag strip all the time. When we turn on Kenly Avenue, we are supposed to drive 15 mph during the school day. When school ends, is it still 15 mph or does it go up to 30 mph? On the weekends is it 30 mph? Do you need to slow down to 15 once you hit Kellac Road? We need clarification of the speed

limits.

A: Thank you for taking the time to express your appreciation for our traffic enforcement efforts. The 37th Security Forces Squadron aggressively runs radar and patrols in troubled areas, and their efforts have been paying off. After reviewing your concern, we've decided to make this an agenda item for the next Traffic Safety Working Group. Although all signs posted follow base guidance, changes could be made in this area. Currently, the signs reflect school speed zones, but do not address specific times, as seen at other school zone locations. This is because the area is considered a 15-mph zone at all times. We will recommend to the working group to place signs reflecting specific times or place End of School Zone and 30 mph signs at the points where the speed limits change from 15 to 30 mph. Thanks again for bringing this concern to our attention.

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Air Force Federal Credit Union 673-5610
Bank of America Military Bank 674-6266
Base Exchange 674-6465
BMT Reception Center 671-3024
Billeting - visiting Airmen 671-2556
Billeting - visiting officers 671-3622
Chaplain (Base) 671-4208
Chaplain (WHMC) 292-7373
Chaparral Fitness Center 671-2361
Child Development Center 671-3168

Clothing Sales Store 671-3401/674-0190
Commissary 671-2537
Eisenhower National Bank 671-8420
Family Support Center 671-3722
Gateway Club (NCO) 645-7034
Gateway Club (Officer) 645-7034
Gateway Fitness Center 671-1348
Golf Course 671-3466
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Locator (civilian) 671-3107
Locator (DLI) 671-2927

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Public Affairs (Base) 671-2907
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Security Forces (WHMC) 292-7135
Security Service F.C.U. 357-9000
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Training Annex Fitness Center 671-4525
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Visitor Reception Center 671-3069
Warhawk Fitness Center 671-2751
Westover Hall Fitness Center 671-2554
WHMC Information 292-7100

Spirit of New Orleans still alive despite tragedy

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS TIM BAZAR
314TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. – Four hours after I found out I'd be heading out for my first deployment to report on the 347th Expeditionary Rescue Group's search and rescue mission for Joint Task Force Katrina, I was en route to Jackson, Miss.

Naturally, a number of thoughts ran through my head: What should I brace myself for? Will I end up in New Orleans? Should I bring my own water and food?

It seemed ironic to me that almost four years after Sept. 11 – the whole reason I joined the Air Force – a whole other group of people were now in need of help. I had a prime opportunity to show how the Air Force is helping in the

nation's moment of crisis.

Between Little Rock and Jackson, there wasn't a turn made that you couldn't see the hustle and bustle to provide relief to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast.

Electric company trucks and Army vehicles, some with convoys up to 30 vehicles long, lined both sides of the highway; gas cans, sleeping bags and coolers were sold out everywhere; gas station owners had cordoned off pumps due to shortages of fuel; hotel parking lots were full of cars with suitcases and boxes piled on luggage racks.

Naturally, I wanted to see first hand what caused all of this.

So, when I got the chance to fly over New Orleans on a search and rescue mission, I jumped at it; but nothing

could prepare me for what I was about to see.

What was once a bustling city brimming with southern history was now an underwater ghost town. The only things left behind now were shells of homes, piles of rubble, animals fighting to stay alive, and the smell of trash and death.

Watching the events unfold is nothing like being there. Seeing people sleeping on cots outside the convention center and Superdome, watching what must have been dozens of helicopters flying grids to look for anyone left alive, hurting because you can't give up a space on the helicopter to save an animal stranded on a porch or rooftop.

People walk in waist-high sludge to save what's left of their possessions. Dogs swim

house to house in contaminated water looking for anything edible, fuel fumes fill the air and shine in the reflection of the water drowning most of the city.

It's unbelievable. Just a few weeks ago it would have been difficult to find a parking spot anywhere; now people are few and far between.

But even though most have left the city and everything seems lost, the spirit of "The Big Easy" lives on.

Signs like "We will rebuild New Orleans," and "Nothing can stop us from coming home – not even you, Katrina," line rooftops and car hoods, obviously painted by people waiting to be rescued.

Most of the people I talked to seem optimistic about their futures. They want to return home, save what they can and

start their lives over.

But when I asked one mother of three why she wanted to go back to New Orleans, she said, "Because I want to prove every naysayer wrong. We can rebuild our lives and nothing will hold us back, ever."

The messages left behind are symbolic not only of the spirit of people in the Gulf Coast, but of people all across the nation. It is an undying determination to keep going on.

Even in the shadow of what seemed to be an unrecoverable disaster, people have begun opening their arms and giving everything they can.

I am proud to be a part of the spirit of humanity and kindness that has spread across the nation and the world.

MILITARY JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

The 37th Training Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate administered the following Article 15s during the week Sept. 19-23:

■ A senior airman, 37th Logistics Readiness Squadron, violated Article 86 (AWOL) and received a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand

■ An airman, 326th Training Squadron, violated Article 90 (assault) and received a forfeiture of \$571 pay.

■ An airman, 342nd Training Squadron, violated Article 92 (dereliction of duty) and received a forfeiture of \$323 and a reprimand.

■ An airman basic, 343rd Training Squadron, violated Articles 92 (dereliction of duty), 107 (false official statement) and 111 (drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle, aircraft, or vessel) and received forfeiture of \$400 for two months and 30 days correctional custody.

■ An airman basic, 343rd TRS, violated Article 134 (fraud) and received forfeiture of \$400 for two months and 45 days base restriction.

■ An airman first class, 345th Training Squadron, violated Article 92 (failure to obey

order or regulation) and received a forfeiture of \$323, a reprimand and a suspended reduction to airman.

■ A senior airman, 59th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, violated Articles 92 (failure to obey order or regulation) and 111 (drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle, aircraft, or vessel) and received a reduction to airman first class.

■ An airman first class, 59th Medical Support Squadron, violated Article 92 (failure to obey order or regulation) and received a reduction to airman.

■ An airman first class, 959th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, violated Articles 86 (AWOL), 89 (disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer), 91 (insubordinate conduct toward noncommissioned officer) and 92 (failure to obey order or regulation) and received a reduction to airman.

Mandatory Uniform Code of Military Justice briefings for second-term re-enlistees are conducted at 1:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month in the 37th TRW headquarters courtroom.

SECURITY FORCES BLOTTER

These incidents, reported by the 37th Security Forces Squadron, took place from Sept. 19 through Sunday on Lackland:

■ Two civilians were detained at the base exchange for shoplifting \$240 in merchandise.

■ An airman basic from the 342nd Training Squadron was apprehended at Bldg. 112 for simple assault.

■ A senior airman from the 37th Logistics Readiness Squadron reported someone had entered her room at Bldg. 1212 and left drugs.

■ A seaman from Naval Air Station Ingleside was apprehended for drunk driving at Gateway West.

■ A civilian reported her credit card stolen from her secured locker in Bldg. 7025.

■ A senior airman from the

59th Training Squadron reported his video game valued at \$35 was stolen from his room in Bldg. 10055.

■ A dependent spouse was detained at the BX for shoplifting \$110.51 in merchandise.

■ An airman first class from the 37th Communications Squadron was apprehended at Bldg. 1212 for provoking speeches and gestures and racial slurs.

■ A civilian was detained at Selfridge East Gate for drunk driving.

■ An airman from the 342nd TRS was apprehended at Lackland Training Annex Gate 1 for underage drinking.

If you have information about criminal activity on Lackland, call the Security Forces Control Center at 671-2018. To report an emergency dial 911.

You may remain anonymous.

Medics transform 'Toy Land'

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. LEE ROBERTS

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

ELLINGTON FIELD, Texas – The Texas Air National Guard stood up Task Force Compassion here to provide Hurricane Rita evacuees medical support and to evacuate non-critical patients from overburdened local hospitals.

Task force Airmen and Soldiers began setting up a 10-bed medical treatment facility overnight in Ellington's abandoned base exchange and opened for business Sept. 26.

The treatment facility has 47 medics from the 147th Medical Group, Ellington Field, the 149th MDG at Lackland, the 136th MDG at Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth and the Army



TECH TRANSFORMATION – Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Cisneros Jr. sets up medical equipment before the opening of a 10-bed medical treatment facility here. Sergeant Cisneros is a member of Task Force Compassion.

National Guard Support Medical Battalion in San Antonio.

"If you go in there now, you'll be surprised because there is still a sign on the wall advertising Toy Land. Next to it is a sign that says 'Intensive Care Unit,'" said Maj. (Dr.) Richard Bradley, assigned to Ellington.

"It's a playful anecdote given our medical teams aren't playing around," he said. "They are working very hard around the clock to transform Toy Land into an efficient treatment facility."

Ensuring the facility is clean and meets medical hygiene standards is a monumental task by itself, the major said.

Nonetheless, medical personnel are installing beds and basic essentials, and they are setting up for clinical operations such as X-ray, laboratory and transport services.

Major Bradley stressed that medical missions are being accomplished as quickly as possible in preparation for the expected arrival of patients. With such an experienced team, he doesn't expect any major delays in standing up operations.

Senior Airman Kelly Smith, a 149th MDG medical technician, arrived late Sept. 26. Having just worked at a field hospital in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, she knows how vital this hospital is in a pinch.

"I know from personal experience that our field hospital allows us to help the people who need it most," Airman Smith said. "I know when I'm able to do something for somebody that's making their life a little bit better, it's satisfying."

More medical personnel will begin arriving soon to support the task force. They will come from medical groups in Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin.

According to Lt. Col. Danny Davis, commander of Task Force Compassion, the medical contingent has been busy doing other things.

Medics set up an expeditionary support team, aeromedical staging facility and an aeromedical evacuation liaison team to help handle patients.

The colonel said military and civilian authorities are routing patients to other medical facilities throughout the region.

The colonel said medics are also accepting patients from the affected areas of the Texas-Louisiana border if beds are unavailable in Houston-area hospitals.



STOCKING SUPPLIES – Second Lt. Rose Russ, right, and Senior Airman Kelly Smith sort and stock medical supplies here while transforming an abandoned base exchange facility and Toy Land into a 10-bed medical treatment facility. Both are members of Task Force Compassion.

Avoiding Rita's wrath

Wilford Hall team members provide care and assistance

BY DEWEY MITCHELL

WILFORD HALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The staff of Wilford Hall Medical Center quickly stepped up to provide care and assistance to Gulf Coast residents and patients evacuating before Hurricane Rita struck the Texas and Louisiana coastline early Saturday.

Among the first getting help were five infants in incubators, who were flown by civilian helicopter out of harm's way last Thursday from Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

It was a day of firsts for one evacuee family.



Photo by Dewey Mitchell

MOTHER AND CHILD REUNION – Alethea Jackson holds her newborn daughter, Samarey, Friday in her Birthing Center room. Born Thursday in Beaumont, Samarey was quickly transported to Wilford Hall along with four other infants from the hospital. Her mother rejoined her several hours later.

Alethea Jackson's first child, Samarey Jackson, was born at 12:48 p.m. and was transported 20 minutes later by helicopter to Wilford Hall Medical Center. Ms. Jackson was flown by C-130 Hercules to Kelly Field on and the two were reunited at Wilford Hall late Thursday. "It was also my first time to fly in an airplane," said Ms. Jackson from her post-partum room. The pair were released on Saturday.

Three of the remaining infants continue to receive care in Wilford Hall's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, while one was transferred to another hospital.

About the same time Thursday, a 15-member team of nurses and technicians departed in two ambulance buses for Victoria, Texas, where they met up with eight civilian ambulances from other cities for a joint mission to evacuate patients from the hospital there. The two Air Force teams transported litter and ambulatory patients to hospitals in Floresville, Fredericksburg and San Antonio. The mission took longer than 12 hours, covering more than 250 miles.

Meanwhile, four Critical Care Air Transport Teams were activated and sent to the Regional Airport at Port Arthur where they would stand by to transport critical patients to hospitals in four different states. The three-person team consists of a critical care physician, critical care nurse and a respiratory therapist.

Altogether, the teams safely transported 43 critical patients to hospitals in Dallas; Little Rock, Ark.; Lexington, Ky.; and Oklahoma City. The missions were flown Thursday and Friday. They were part of Air Force operations that transported about 23,000 evacuees, including 1,950 patients from the Port

Arthur airport.

Other Wilford Hall staff members screened the 990 evacuees who processed in at Arnold Hall on Lackland. Of those, 32 required medical assistance. Nine more were treated for illness at the hospital dispensary.

From newborns to senior citizens, civilians and military, those fleeing the advancing storm received excellent care with the help of the 59th Medical Wing's professionals who are comfortable operating in a national disaster arena.



Photo by Maj. William Cody

AMBULANCE BUS EVACUATION – Airman Danny Au, a medical technician from Wilford Hall, takes the blood pressure of a patient being evacuated on an ambulance bus from the hospital in Victoria, Texas. Patients were transported to San Antonio and area hospitals for care during the storm.

12 Airmen win gun match medals

Twelve medals were awarded to winners during Excellence in Competition matches, held Aug. 19 for rifles and Aug. 26 for pistols, by the 342nd Training Squadron at the Lackland Training Annex Firing Range.

Here are the medalists in the M-16 and M-9 competition:

M-16 competition

Staff Sgt. Michael Gilbert, 37th Security Forces Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Brady M. Rodgers II,

37th Communications Squadron

First Lt. Christopher Davino, 453rd Electronic Warfare Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jeffery W. Bachman, 343rd Training Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan H. Twichell, 342nd TRS

Staff Sgt James Dooley, 342nd TRS

M-9 competition

Capt. James C. Winters, 342nd TRS
Staff Sgt. Joseph Sanchez, 342nd TRS

Senior Master Sgt. Patrick L.

Wilson, 342nd TRS

Tech. Sgt. Steven C. Perez, 37th CS
Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Howarth,

37th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Levi Cass, 342nd TRS

The Excellence-in-Competition Program is an awards program recognizing marksmanship. It is open to any active-duty, Guard or Reserve military member. For more information about the EIC Program, visit

www.afsv.af.mil/AFSports/Sports/Shooting.htm

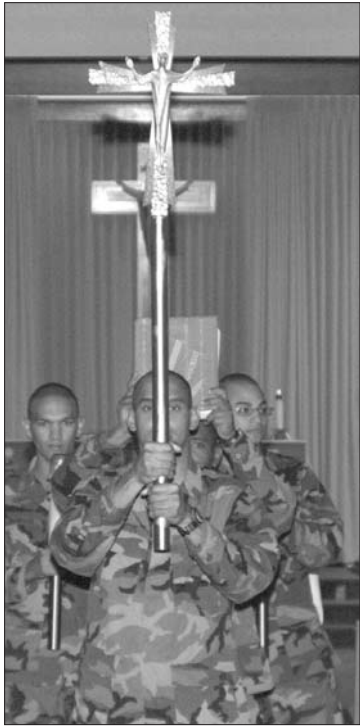


Photo by Alan Boedeker

HISPANIC MASS

About 200 Spanish-speaking students attended a Hispanic Mass on Sunday at Hope Chapel. At left, the Cross is brought forward during the processional. The Rev. Albert Verbrugghe, reserve chaplain, said in his message in Spanish that hardworking Hispanic people have helped enrich the culture of the United States. He said the message was intended for the originally planned Hispanic Heritage Service followed by lunch and international expositions that was cancelled because of Hurricane Rita.

4 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Three civilians from Lackland and a team of less than 10 members were named as category winners at the Excellence in Government Awards Ceremony and Luncheon Sept. 23 at the Omni Hotel. Chatting prior to the award presentations are Col. Gina Grosso, right, 737th Support Group Commander, and Air Education and Training Command action officers from Randolph, Lt. Cols. Anita Springer and David Marttala. Award winners are: Sylvia Flores, 37th Mission Support Squadron, Family Support Center, Specialist Award; Richard Solis, 67th Information Operations Wing, Judge Advocate General, Student Award; William Marion, 67 IOW, Wing Plans, Professional Award; and 341st Training Squadron, Specialized Search Dog Course, Team Award.



Photo by Alan Boedeker

Family Support Center helps inmates prepare for freedom

STORY AND PHOTO BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN
TALESPINNER STAFF WRITER

Sue O'Neal believes a repentant Airman who has committed a crime and is serving time in a military confinement facility for the wrongful deed deserves a second chance.

"We all make mistakes in life," Ms. O'Neal recently said. "Some people end up paying for those mistakes. Some don't. But in my view, no one is a throw-away."

Ms. O'Neal is a transition assistance specialist for the Family Support Center. As part of the center's Family Support Program, every two weeks she goes to the Lackland Regional Correctional Facility and conducts classes there to help inmates prepare for the job market after they receive release from incarceration.

"I don't see the inmates as different from the rest of us," said Ms. O'Neal, who has worked previously with inmates and parolees as a social worker in California and New Mexico. "All of us have a stake in their success. If they are supported and encouraged to address their problems, they have a chance to become a productive member of society."

Ms. O'Neal covers various topics during her classes, including how to handle the touchy subject of past incarceration on a job application or resume or during a job interview.

"Many of the inmates have families and will need to hit the ground running when they are released," Ms. O'Neal said. "They need to do job searches and prepare resumes."

The center also assists the inmates through Sylvia

Flores, a community readiness consultant and licensed social worker, as well as a retired master sergeant. Ms. Flores holds group-counseling sessions and classes on anger management, parenting, building successful relationships, self-esteem and other behavioral topics for the inmates.

"The inmates teach me about life and its hardships," Ms. Flores said. "They increase my world perspective and remind me not to be judgmental when I'm working with others."

Master Sgt. Jose Martinez from the 37th Mission Support Group also teaches "Four Lenses" classes at the facility, which help inmates understand values and personalities.

Ms. O'Neal established the instructional program for inmates five years ago after the facility asked for her help and expertise.

"Before the program started, none of the inmates had any access to classes or information on how to prepare for employment," Ms. O'Neal said. "Another difficulty was the lack of opportunity for the inmates to network with potential employers, employment agencies and human resources personnel at various companies because of telephone restrictions at the facility."

Recently, facility officials have allowed four inmates at a time to wear BDUs and leave confinement temporarily to visit the center once a week to begin job searches and contact potential employers. A personal computer has been set up in the facility to help inmates work on cover letters and resumes.

Ms. O'Neal would like to see the facility install more computers, as well as a library.

"I love and believe in this program," Ms. O'Neal



COUNSELING SUPPORT – Sue O'Neal, Family Support Center, counsels an Airman inmate from the Lackland Regional Correctional Facility on how to search for employment after incarceration.

said. "These inmates are still part of the Air Force family, and many served honorably before getting into trouble. Over the years, I have had many inmates who have been released call, write letters or e-mail me to let me know they obtained jobs or got into college."

Air Force taking applications for overseas study

RANDOLPH – The Air Force is offering the opportunity for graduate study overseas for two years to at least 10 to 12 line officers through the Olmsted Scholar Program. Those selected will begin study for the 2006-2007 school year.

The Olmsted Selection Board is scheduled to convene in December and will nominate 15 candidates to the Olmsted Scholar Foundation Board for final selection at the board of directors' forum conducted in March 2006.

Program participants will gain an in-depth understanding of a foreign language and culture so they will be knowledgeable and sensitive to the viewpoints and concerns of people around the world as they progress within their Air Force career. Program applicants do not have to be familiar with the country's language to be eligible to apply/compete for study in that country.

The program involves cultural immersion by an offi-

cer and their family (if applicable), as well as study at a university in the native language. Officials are selecting officers with demonstrated leadership and scholastic abilities.

Applicants must be an active-duty line officer with between three and 11 years of commissioned service, and no more than 11 years' total service by April 1, 2006.

Officers must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale for their undergraduate degree. They must have achieved at least a 550 on each portion (verbal and quantitative) on the Graduate Record Examination. Finally, they must have scored at least a 110 on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery.

Language training (up to a year) will be provided prior to or in conjunction with overseas assignment. Every effort is made by the services and the faculty at the Defense Language Institute to allow a scholar's spouse to take language training on a space-available basis.

Applicants selected as Air Force nominees to the Olmsted board should have their spouses take the Defense Language Aptitude Battery and Defense Language Proficiency Test if their spouses are proficient in a foreign language.

All applications must arrive here by Nov. 18. Applicants should send completed applications to the following address: HQ AFPC/DPAFE, 550 C Street West, Ste 36, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4734.

Participants in the Olmsted Scholar Program incur an active-duty service commitment equal to three times the length of training spent in graduate study in a foreign country, effective upon completion of this assignment. Application procedures can be obtained at:

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/fdso/Olmsted.htm
or from local military personnel flight customer service personnel. For more program information, visit:

www.olmstedfoundation.org

Air Force national museum adds Wild Weasel exhibit

DAYTON, Ohio – An exhibit commemorating the accomplishments of the “Wild Weasels” during the Vietnam War was unveiled recently at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The name “Wild Weasel” originates from the U.S. Air Force’s first anti-SAM program, known as “Project Wild Weasel,” that took place in 1965 during the Vietnam War.

The Wild Weasels were specialized U.S. Air Force crews and aircraft that suppressed enemy air defenses, including the Soviet SA-2, with direct attacks from 1965 to 1972. These attacks were some of the most dangerous missions in the Southeast Asia War.

“We are extremely honored to have an exhibit that pays tribute to the kind of courage and bravery exemplified by the Wild Weasels,” said retired Maj. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, National Museum of the U.S. Air Force director. “Their story is one that we are excited to share with the public because they accomplished their mission despite the long odds and great risk to themselves.”

Developed in the mid-1950s, the SA-2 was the first effective Soviet surface-to-air missile. The Soviets used it to shoot down Gary Powers’ U-2 over the United Soviet Socialist Republic in 1960 and Maj. Rudolph Anderson’s U-2 over Cuba in 1962.

Shortly after the start of “Operation Rolling Thunder” in the spring of 1965, North Vietnam began receiving



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tracy L. DeMarco

WILD WEASELS – The newest addition to the museum is the “Wild Weasel” exhibit which contains an F-105G “Thunderchief,” an SA-2 surface-to-air missile and launcher, and a variety of other Vietnam War memorabilia.

SA-2s, and with Soviet help, built several well-camouflaged sites. In addition, the North Vietnamese also ringed SA-2 sites with anti-aircraft artillery, making them even more dangerous to attack.

The Air Force placed great hope on the success of the

Wild Weasel concept. Project Wild Weasel used modified two-seat F-100Fs, with the pilot flying and firing the weapons from the front seat, while an electronic warfare officer tracked enemy radar systems in the back seat.

On strike support missions deep into North Vietnam, Wild Weasels ranged ahead of strike forces to suppress SAM sites and destroy radar sites. They remained in the area until the strike force was gone.

In North Vietnam, the Wild Weasel would “troll” for SAM sites, acting as bait to tempt them to fire. When a SAM site fired, the tell-tale smoke and dust created by the SA-2 launch visually revealed its exact location. After the trolling Wild Weasel outmaneuvered the missile with a “SAM break,” the aircrew or another aircraft would attack and destroy the SAM site.

Though some believed that SAMs would be “the death of the flying Air Force,” the Wild Weasels provided an effective counter measure, paving the way and protecting strike forces over North Vietnam. The Wild Weasels accomplished their mission at great risk to themselves – 34 Wild Weasels were killed or missing in action and 19 became POWs. In addition, they lost a third of their aircraft in combat. Visit:

www.wpafb.af.mil/museum

for more information on this exhibit or other exhibits at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Defensor Fortis

343rd trains officers to be Defenders

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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343RD TRAINING SQUADRON

In recent years the Air Force has found itself in more austere locations than ever before.

The security forces mission has rapidly and dramatically expanded to include detainee control operations and combat convoys throughout the countries of Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond.

Security forces have become the combat arm of choice for the joint commanders throughout the world, and have transformed into a highly flexible, multi-faceted organization.

Benefited by the unwavering drive and enthusiasm of enlisted Defenders, security forces officers are charged with preparing and leading the force into this challenge.

Of course, the lieutenants selected to earn the Defensor Fortis flash do not come from their commissioning source with the technical knowledge or leadership skills needed to fulfill this demanding role.

That is where the 343rd Training Squadron's Security Forces Basic Officer Course steps in. The "OC," as it is affectionately called by the students, is one of the longest and toughest officer technical training schools the Air Force has to offer.

The OC is 78 training days in length, encompassing 669 technical training hours. The average class trains 44 active-duty, Air National Guard, Air Reserve and foreign service second lieutenants through lieutenant colonels.

Instructors are hand-selected from a pool of 265 of the best enlisted Defenders the security forces has to offer.

The 10-member cadre staff is charged with bringing these officers through the course in a "cradle-to-grave" format – meaning they are side-by-side with the students from the day they enter training until the day they graduate.

The entire course is conducted at the 343rd TRS Operating Location Alpha at Camp Bullis on the north side of San Antonio. Camp Bullis is a 28,000-acre range site



MOUT – Students perform preliminary close quarters battle procedures.

owned by Fort Sam Houston.

The Air Force uses 15 ranges to include a hand grenade range, military operations in urban terrain village and various patrolling sites.

The course is set up in four blocks: Security Forces Fundamentals, Military Policing, Security Forces Operations, and finally Air Base Defense/Ground Combat Skills.

The course's mission statement is simple, but intense: "Train highly capable combat leaders for the world's premier Security Force." This is accomplished through a training regime that is as dynamic as it is long.

Roughly one-fourth of the course is conducted in classroom lecture format.

The lectures focus on the management of the Air Force's largest enlisted career field. Students learn about case law, search authorization, the nuclear asset security theories, history of the career field

and lessons learned from past and current operations.

The core focus of the course is in the field using various scenario-based training methods to teach core skills – with instilling leadership as the ultimate goal.

Students are trained to be highly proficient in all levels of the "Use of Force" model to include verbal control, searching, handcuffing, use of the expandable baton and when or when not to use deadly force.

Students participate in various exercises in crisis intervention and handling domestic violence scenarios.

They are placed in mock weapons storage areas to witness problems that could occur when securing nuclear weapons.

In addition, they are tasked with table-top exercises and training in on-scene commander procedures.

At 3 o'clock in the morning at any given base the lieutenant security forces flight commander will likely be both

the incident commander and on-scene commander until wing leadership arrives, which depending on severity is often after the incident is resolved.

Students are given all the tools needed to lead a security forces flight of 25 to 125 Defenders.

In addition to daily home station operations, students are taught various

skills necessary to lead in a deployed environment. Air Base Defense and Ground Combat Skills training encompasses two and one-half months of the four-month course and is the basics of all training.

The last month of this course is called the "Field Month." These Defenders are trained on basic combat convoys, mounted and dismounted patrols, search and clear operations and how to set up the defense of an airbase. Most importantly, they are taught to effectively use troop leadership procedures.

An Operation Order is drafted for all movements and provides in-depth information that will clearly explain roles and tasks to accomplish mission success.

The course wraps up with a three-day, 72-hour field training exercise at the Camp Bullis Combat Landing Strip, Maisey Airfield – named after security forces Capt. Reginald Maisey Jr., who was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his actions in Vietnam.

During this exercise, students are pushed to their mental and physical limits to develop their leadership skills in times of crisis.

At the end of field training they are awarded their badge and beret, thus earning the recognition as a fully functioning and highly capable combat leader.

Like all career fields, the security forces career field demands strong leadership skills and an understanding of the larger Air Force mission.

The course provides the basis of these skills to ensure graduates are able to lead our great Airmen Defenders in this ever-changing mission. The OC builds "The Defenders of the Force"!



RED-MAN – Officers are put through the paces for their "Use of Force" training. The "Red-Man" allows for the officer to use true-to-life contact control measures on a potentially hostile adversary.



COMING ON LINE – A squad of security forces officer course cadre moves during field training.

Vietnam sentry dog hero

BY JAMES COBURN
TALESPIINNER STAFF WRITER

Nemo, a sentry dog that saved his handler's life and prevented Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam, from being overrun during the Vietnam War, will no longer be forgotten.

As veteran dog handlers watched Friday, graduates of the Specialized Search Dog Course at Lackland dedicated a monument to Nemo on the concrete foundation of his former home in the 37th Security Forces Squadron's kennel area at the south end of Craw Avenue.

Nemo alerted to four Viet Cong approaching his sentry post the night of Dec. 4, 1966, according to a report of the incident. Nemo was shot in the right eye and his handler, Robert Thorneburg, was shot in the shoulder. Ignoring his wound, Nemo attacked the enemy, giving his handler time to call in backup that thwarted an attack.

In addition to the monument, a group of Texas veteran dog handlers has plans to recreate his kennel, to include a sculpture of Nemo.

The memorial to Nemo was the idea of Specialized

Search Dog Team 2, which raised \$703 during a car wash to pay for the monument, said an instructor for the team, Marine Sgt. Chris Willingham, 341st Training Squadron. The dedication ceremony was held shortly after the seven-member team graduated from the 4 1/2-month long course.

Sergeant Willingham said instructors gave team members an assignment to research military working dog history for each of their respective services. The team leader, Air Force Staff Sgt. Charles Long, uncovered the story of Nemo, "the most famous war dog that served in Vietnam," and learned that Nemo died at age 10 of natural causes at Lackland in December 1972, and that his house was removed later. All that remained was the concrete slab.

Sergeant Long said during the dedication that the monument is so Nemo and the dog handlers who served in Vietnam "will know they're not forgotten."

Terry Strickland, a sentry dog handler from Austin, Texas, who served in Vietnam in 1967-68, said Texas dog handlers plan to recreate Nemo's kennel just as it was. "We've got the sign and dog house made." He said a sculpture of Nemo is being made. "Even his right eye's going to be out," Mr. Strickland said. "He's in our hearts,



Courtesy photo

NEMO IN RETIREMENT – This file photo shows Nemo in his kennel at Lackland before his death at age 10 of natural causes in December 1972.

so why can't he be here?"

The veterinarian for the 377th Security Police K-9 unit at Tan Son Nhut saved Nemo's life, but could not save his eye. Nemo recuperated at Tan Son Nhut,

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receiving many get-well cards from American children. His handler was evacuated to an Air Force hospital in Japan for treatment.

Nemo was returned to sentry duty, but later required more treatment for his wounds. The Air Force decided to officially retire him, sending him home to Lackland for the best care possible. Nemo arrived at Kelly Field on July 22, 1967, and was given a permanent home at the 37th SFS kennel area. He was awarded the Purple Heart and an outstanding unit citation.

Mr. Strickland said Mr. Thorneburg works at a nuclear power plant in South Carolina. "I talked to him umpteen times trying to get him to come to the ceremony, but he just wouldn't. I don't know why."

Nemo "was an inspiration to thousands of dog handlers" who trained at Lackland while he was alive or were told his story after he died, Mr. Strickland said.

Kelly Bateman, a 1970-71 Vietnam veteran dog

handler from Wimberley, Texas, said of the monument: "I think it's wonderful. It's a long time coming. I thank these young men who did this, that actually got it going."

Ernie Childers of Bedford, Texas, stationed 1970-71 in Thailand, said he learned about Nemo while going through sentry dog school at Lackland. "You can't go into your future without knowing your past."

Jimmy Thornton, a 1968-69 Vietnam veteran dog handler from San Antonio, said he met Nemo at Lackland in 1972. "Nemo was one that stood out. He did his job for his country, like they're doing now."

NOT FORGOTTEN – Staff Sgt. Charles Long dedicates a monument to Nemo as his fellow graduates of the 341st Training Squadron's Specialized Search Dog Course uncover the memorial Friday in the 37th Security Forces Squadron kennel area.



Photo by James Coburn

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approved in conjunction with TDY travel or by students attending training schools on Lackland. If you wish to see a demonstration of the DTS process, click on the following link and follow the prompts to the DTS Robo Demo show.

https://wwwmil.lackland.af.mil/37cpts/dts/dts_auth_demo.htm

For more information go to the Web site www.defensetravel.osd.mil/dts/site/index.jsp

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

A seminar on How to Apply for Federal Employment will be given 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday in Bldg. 1249. Learn about the different types of federal resumes one has to use for the various government agencies. To sign up for this class use the following Web site

<https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>

SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR

A Smooth Move seminar will be held 8-10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bldg. 5616. Talk to representatives from the following offices about your move: legal/claims, traffic management, TRICARE, Finance, Personal Financial Management Planning, Family Issues, and Relocation Assistance Program. Sign up by using the Web site

<https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>

FAMILY BINGO RESUMES

The Family Bingo Program is Sunday at the Kisling Community Center Bldg. 2008. Play Bingo all afternoon for \$1 per card. For more information, call 977-2960.

OVERSEAS WITH EASE

The Overseas with Ease seminar, 10:30 a.m.-noon Thursday at Bldg. 5616, will cover

permanent change of station checklist, culture shock, Web sites, electrical conversion, transformers, what to pack, and more. For details call 671-0638. To sign up for this class use the Web site

<https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>

PICNIC TO THANK JUNIOR ENLISTED

The 5th annual Junior Enlisted Appreciation Picnic is set for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 14 at Stillman Park. First sergeants are selling \$1 tickets to help pay for hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda and water to be served at the picnic. Games, competitions and prizes are included. The picnic is being sponsored by the Team Lackland Top III to thank E-1 to E-6 enlisted personnel for their hard work.

TDY MILEAGE RATE INCREASES

The mileage rate for personally owned vehicles (POV) travel increased from 40.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cents effective Sept. 1.

SAPD HOLDS MINI JOB FAIR

A mini job fair with the San Antonio Police Department will take place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 12 in Bldg. 1249. They will be taking applications and answering general question on employment with their agency. For further information call the Family Support Center, 671-3722.

Library hours normal again

Lackland's main Library returns to normal operating hours Monday. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; and noon-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 671-3610.

BDU AETC UNIFORM OF THE DAY

As of Sept. 12, the uniform of the day for all AETC personnel is either BDUs or flight

suit and this includes all 37th Training Wing Airmen. The only exception is if a member is going off base to represent the Air Force, they should wear blues unless otherwise directed.

DORM WORLD 3 COMPETITION

The Dorm World 3 Battle of the Dorms competition will be held through Jan. 6. Fun events are sponsored by Air Education and Training Command for personnel staying in dormitories over the holidays, such as bowling, volleyball, dodge ball, a ropes course and a scavenger hunt. A party with food and prizes is thrown for residents of the winning dorm. Dorm 2006 won the first two competitions.

JEWISH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be held at the Airmen Memorial Chapel. Rosh Hashanah begins Monday at sundown and ends the Wednesday at sundown. Services will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday; and 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Yom Kippur begins Oct. 12 30 minutes before sundown and ends Oct. 13 45 minutes after sundown. Services will be: 6:45-8 p.m. Oct. 12 and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 13.

BASE EDUCATION SURVEY

The Lackland Education Services Flight is conducting an online needs assessment and highly encourages all Team Lackland to participate in taking this short survey. It is an Air Force-wide survey that is base specific which is conducted every two to three years to assess the educational needs of the base population. The purpose of the survey is to measure satisfaction, quality, availability, delivery, service and to gauge the effectiveness of on-base programs. It will also be used for individualizing the base programs to meet mission needs. The survey takes no more than 10

minutes to complete and is accessible today. For more information, call 671-2895/6/7. To access the survey, go to

<https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/>

CLIMATE SURVEY TO SHAPE FUTURE

The 2005 Air Force Climate Survey launches Saturday. The motto of the 2005 Climate Survey is "Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow."

The survey provides a total force perspective and includes active-duty members, civilians, the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard.

The survey runs through Nov. 23 and can be completed online anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer. The survey can be found at

<https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>

GATEWAY THEATER

TODAY
Four Brothers, 5 p.m. (R), starring Mark Wahlberg and Andre Benjamin.

SATURDAY
Valiant, 1 p.m. (PG), animated, voices Ewan McGregor and Ricky Gervais.
Skeleton Key, 4 p.m. (PG-13), starring Kate Hudson and Gena Rowlands.
Four Brothers, 7 p.m. (R).

SUNDAY
Four Brothers, noon (R).
Skeleton Key, 3 p.m. (PG-13).

Closed Monday through Thursday
Adults - \$3.50, children - \$1.75.



SPORTS

ARENA

VOLLEYBALL NOTE

The Lackland Warhawks Women's Varsity Volleyball Team will begin practice and tryouts noon-2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Warhawk Fitness Center. For more information, call coach Tony Medlin, 673-1157.

OKTOBERFEST RUN

The Fitness and Sports Office will hold the Oktoberfest 5K Run 7-8:30 a.m. Oct. 5 between Truemper Street and Selbridge Avenue. Hot apple cider will be served at the end of the race. Units can count the run for physical training requirements. Call 671-4850 for more information.

COACHES NEEDED

The Fitness and Sports Office is seeking a coach and an assistant coach for the Lackland Women's Varsity Basketball Team and men's and women's varsity volleyball, football, soccer and intramural soccer programs. Call Jerry Tiger at 473-2725 or 671-2725 or e-mail tiger.gerald@lackland.af.mil

WATER SPORTS

If you are into wakeboarding, wake skating or slalom skiing and would like to join the first Lackland Varsity Water Sports Team; we are looking for "competition" and "team" riders. Practices are set for Texas Ski Ranch and Medina Lake. Call Pebbles Atwood at 845-4198 or Jason Bowman at 396-9036 or e-mail pebbles.atwood@lackland.af.mil

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Jason.Bowman@lackland.af.mil

OFFICIALS NEEDED

Lackland Youth Sports Programs need officials and scorekeepers for all sports. Pay and training are provided. Call Johnny Bailey at 671-1245 or e-mail johnny.bailey@lackland.af.mil

LADIES GOLF INVITE

The Gateway Hills Ladies Golf Association invites all ladies with a valid military ID to join play at 9 a.m. Tuesdays at Gateway Hills Golf

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DIVISION II FLAG FOOTBALL

Naval group sinks Comptrollers

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN
TALESPINNER SPORTS WRITER

Both sides traded blows like two evenly matched boxers through most of the game. But a tough defense and a key interception proved to be the difference for the winner.

That's what happened as Naval Security Group Activity/Company H defeated the 37th Comptroller Squadron 25-13 during the Division II intramural flag football Monday at the Femoyer Street field.

"If and when we meet them in the playoffs, we'll have to give 100 percent again," said Anthony Spiller, NSGA/Co H coach. "It was a hard-fought game. It was very uplifting, coming off a hard loss last week."

Spiller referred to the 12-8 contest the Navy dropped to the 543rd Support Squadron on Sept. 21, their only loss to date. Their victory over Comptrollers boosted NSGA/Co H to a 5-1 record and a share of first place.

The Comptrollers departed Femoyer Street with a 6-1 record and their first loss of the season.

"No excuses, they whipped our tail," said Joseph Rainey, Comptrollers coach. "I'll give them tons of credit for playing their best game of the year. We made their quarterback and receivers look like Joe Montana and Jerry Rice, while we couldn't snap, throw or catch the ball."

The Navy went four downs and out during their first possession of the game.

Comptrollers took over at the Navy 38-yard line. Soon, they moved to the 18-yard line, and quarterback Joseph Rainey ran for a touchdown. Rainey completed a pass to Ivan Keene for the point after, and that gave the Comptrollers a 7-0 lead.

As the game moved into the second quarter, an 18-yard TD run by quarterback Chawa Pearson put Naval on the board. A pass from

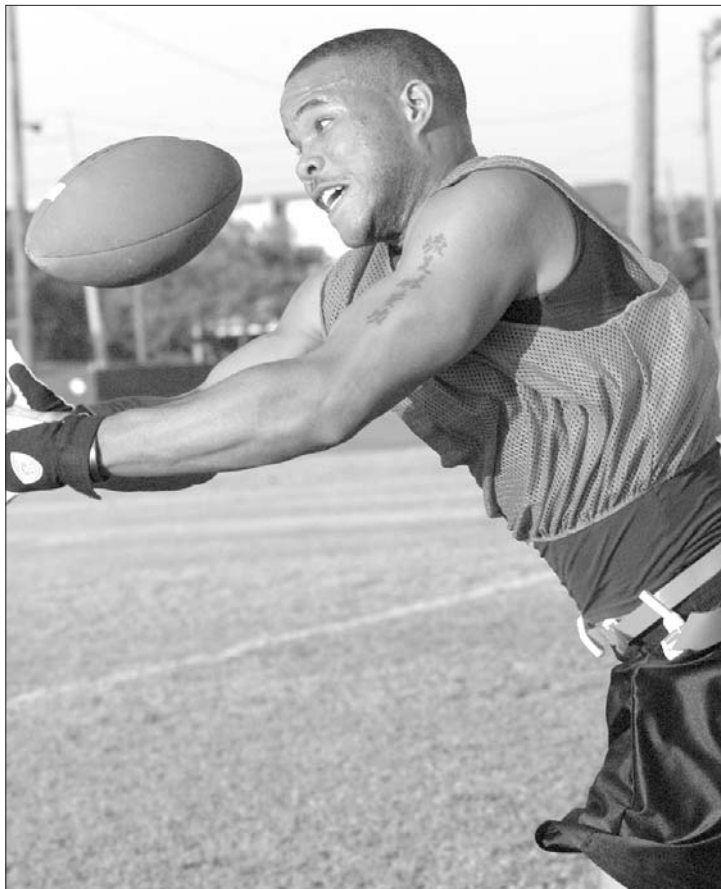


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EYES ON BALL – Naval Security Group Activity/Company H receiver Royce Colley makes a crucial catch that led to a touchdown Monday at the Femoyer Street field.

Pearson to center to Will Lucas for the point after tied the game at 7.

Comptrollers recovered the ball on their own 20 and went nowhere. After Naval defender Royce Colley broke up a long sideline pass, Comptrollers punted.

Naval received the punt and returned to the Comptrollers' 36. A series of passes from Pearson to Lucas, Ivory Carter, Colley and Cipriano Ruvalocaba brought Naval to the 11. Then, Pearson completed another TD pass to Colley. The point after attempt failed. Nevertheless, Naval had a 13-7 lead as the first half ended.

The Comptrollers came back quickly as the second half got under way. A 25-yard pass completion from Rainey to Keene brought them to the Naval 35. After the Naval defense chased Rainey to the left sideline for several plays, Rainey sprinted right after the snap and completed a 31-yard TD pass to James Hubby. The score remained tied at 13 after the Comptrollers failed to get the extra point.

Naval got the ball back on their own 20. Keene broke up a pass intended for Ruvalocaba.

Then, Pearson released a spiraling pass Colley managing to hang onto while tumbling over the turf with his legs tangled with Keene. That put Naval on the Comptrollers 8. After an incomplete pass, Naval ran an option play, and the backfield toss from Spiller to Christopher Berry gave them a touchdown and a 19-13 advantage. The PAT attempt failed as the third quarter came to a close.

The Naval defense stopped Comptrollers cold during the next series of downs. A pair of passes intended to Hubby went incomplete. Colley broke up another pass. Then, Naval defender Jonathan Powell intercepted, and that ended any further advance by Comptrollers for the remainder of the game.

As the clock began to run out, Naval scored again. Pearson completed a 34-yard pass to Berry. Pearson ran to pick up another nine yards and bring the ball to the Comptrollers 22.

Winsome Culley nearly intercepted for Comptrollers near end zone. Hubby almost intercepted, too, after a pass bounced off his belly.

But none of that hurt Naval, as Pearson completed a 22-yard TD pass to Colley to end the game.

OVER-35 SOFTBALL

Engineers drop AIA as playoffs open

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN
TALESPINNER SPORTS WRITER

The 37th Civil Engineer Squadron slammed their rivals with 16 hits as the playoffs for the Over-35 base intramural softball championship got under way Tuesday at Diamond 3.

CES defeated Air Intelligence Agency, Headquarters 14-3 during game one of the playoffs and easily advanced to the second round of the double elimination tournament.

Now – especially after winning the regular season title with an 8-1 record – the Engineers look quite ready to make a solid bid for the post-season trophy.

"I expect us to take it," said Ken Ashe, CES coach. "I think we have the best team out here."

During the contest against AIA, the Engineers got stronger from inning to inning. They scored three runs in the first, five in the third and six in the fifth. Just about every batter from the top to the bottom of their lineup contributed something to their lopsided victory.

Second baseman Ruben Constancio went 2-for-3 and



Photo by Alan Boedeker

COMING HOME – Umpire Roman Gonzalez observes as left center fielder Keith Ires scores for Air Intelligence Agency, Headquarters against 37th Civil Engineer Squadron catcher Bobby Moreno Tuesday at Diamond 3.

scored three runs. Shortstop Ed Constancio, extra hitter Chris Parker, left fielder Ezekiel Vaughans and third baseman John Voelker each went 2-for-3 and scored twice. Ashe went 2-for-3 and scored once. Left cen-

ter fielder Tony Sowa went 1-for-3 and scored once. Right fielder Raul Nino went 1-for-2 and scored once.

Also for CES, extra hitter Mark Smith drove in Ashe with a sacrifice fly. Right center fielder Scott

Jungk went 2-for-3 and drove in Sowa. Jungk covered his outfield position well and completed three putouts. And, he assisted on a double play in the second inning.

AIA scratched out one run in the fourth inning and two in the fifth.

Second baseman Ron Dunlap reached base on a fielder's choice and scored on a single by right center fielder Dan Narvaez in the fourth. Left center fielder Keith Ires singled and scored on an infield out, and catcher Hector Alicea walked and scored on a single by extra hitter Al Ortiz during the fifth.

After CES beat AIA, the 37th Mission Support Group defeated the Cryptologic Systems Group 14-3 in game two of the playoffs.

Next, CPSG beat AIA 23-8 during game three and eliminated them from the tourney.

The second round of the playoffs is set for Oct. 4, when CES will battle MSG in game four.

CPSG will play the loser in game five. Next, the winner of game four will play the winner of game five during game six. If necessary, game seven is set for Oct. 12.

