

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Air Power
Quote of the Week

"If we maintain our faith, love of freedom, and superior air power, the future looks good."
- Gen. Curtis LeMay

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Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, celebrates the opening of the Airman's Attic with Juanita Wright, Airman's Attic committee chairwoman, at a Wednesday ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Airman's Attic supplies some airmen with basic necessities such as uniforms.

Airman's Attic opens

By Senior Airman Brad Pettit
Editor

A ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday signified the grand opening of the Airman's Attic, a new base facility whose purpose is to provide some airmen (staff sergeants and below referred by their first sergeants) with uniforms, furniture, baby items, housewares, furniture and small appliances at no cost.

The Airman's Attic is headed by the 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant and Laughlin first sergeants, while the Enlisted Spouses Club facilitates all

donations made by Laughlin people.

Hours of operation for the Airman's Attic are from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday or by appointment through unit first sergeants.

People are encouraged not to leave donations at the door of the Airman's Attic in order to avoid clutter outside the building.

The Airman's Attic is located in building 369, previously the Teen Center, across the street from the XL Fitness Center.

Those interested in making donations can call Juanita Wright at 298-1251, Lynette Enyeart at 298-0195 or can bring donations to the Airman's Attic during operating hours.

Beach bash set

Compiled from staff reports

A pre-air show beach bash is scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. May 10 at the base picnic grounds for the base population and Air Amistad 2002 visiting air crews.

Those attending are encouraged to wear their favorite Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, leis and straw hats to compete in a "best dressed" contest. Entertainment includes live beach music, a hula contest, tug of war, horseshoe tournament, limbo contest and beach volleyball. A pit-roasted pig and Hawaiian-style chicken will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. for a \$4 entry fee.

"If you liked the hayride and hoedown, you're going to love this," said Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander. "The hayride and hoedown attracted approximately 1,000 people. I hope to see at least this many at the beach bash and many more at the May 12 air show."

For beach bash information, call 298-5830.

Laughlin mourns loss

Compiled from
staff reports

Laughlin people mourned the loss of 2nd Lt. Scott Butler at a memorial service Thursday at the base chapel.

Butler, who was midway through the Laughlin Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Program, died in an April 25 motorcycle accident while on his way to work.

"We deeply mourn this tragic loss," said Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying



Butler

Training Wing Commander. "Our hearts and prayers go out to Lt. Butler's family in their time of grief."



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9 days
until...





Commanders' Corner

By Lt. Col. Robert Rosedale
86th Flying Training Squadron Commander

Knowledge gained from adversity important

So, how much adversity can you take? It's an interesting question, and one that I've been pondering lately. Not that I'm suffering that much... trashed two-week old Volvos are really just inconveniences and amusing stories. They aren't life-altering events.

Terrorist attacks, tragic accidents that claim young lives, millions of dollars in hail damage to an entire flying training wing, now, those are significant adverse events – unless you compare it to living with cancer for 30 years. A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to visit with a

90-year old woman who was continuing to fight that adversity every day. Kind of makes hail damage seem trite.

I've come to the conclusion that dealing with adversity is really a mental game. You win by learning more about yourself, more about your friends and family, more about your nation and its ideals, more about your enemies and more about human nature. It's what you learn that's important, not what you lost. It's also the knowledge gained from adversity that allows us to persevere in the face of tougher obstacles.

On the other hand, it's possible to learn nothing. In which case, it seems to me, what appeared to be adversity was really a mere inconvenience. If life's obstacles are just inconveniences, who cares? Go around them, forget about them, or ignore them. Otherwise you're just wasting time.

It'd be very easy for anybody in the 47th Flying Training Wing to learn nothing and just whine about how bad things have been since September 11th or to complain about the

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Top Three Talk

By Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis
47th Flying Training Wing career adviser



First-termers should know important dates

New Air Force service members must absorb a lot of information. Career development courses help first-term airmen get their five-skill level, while on-the-job training makes them proficient in their careers.

When first-termers acquire this knowledge, they may notice that a lot of their initial enlistment time is gone. They must then make a difficult decision – do I stay or do I leave?

First-term airmen should decide if they enjoy their current jobs. If they do, great. But, if they want to give other career fields a try, they should remember the time frames outlined below.

Crosstraining

The option to retrain is open to four-year enlistees with 35-43 months of service and for six-year enlistees with 59-67 months of service.

Re-enlisting

It's not a right to re-enlist, it's a

privilege. A commander decides whether or not an airman can re-enlist under the Selective Re-enlistment Program.

If a first-termer's commander recommends them for re-enlistment, it is very important that they apply for a Career Job Reservation. A CJR allows the airman to reserve a slot in a particular career field.

Even those crosstraining or seeking employment in the civilian sector should get a CJR. Sometimes things change and you don't want to get caught short. For a list of available career fields, call the Military Personnel Flight at 298-5276.

After a person has been approved under SRP and the CJR is approved, he may re-enlist up to a year prior to the termination date of the original enlistment

Below the Zone

Exceptional performers are eligible to compete in the promotion be-

low-the-zone program after being promoted to airman first class. An airman qualifies for this program after reaching 36 months time in service and 20 months time in grade or 28 months time in grade, whichever occurs first.

An airman aiming to compete for this program should write down everything he has accomplished, focusing on what the Air Force calls the whole-person concept. Anything related to education, leadership, awards, self-improvement, letters of commendation, volunteerism and giving to charity should be included. Anything that will reflect well on you as an airman should be documented prior to competing in the program.

If selected under BTZ, an airman sews on senior airman six-months earlier than in the normal promotion projection, allowing him to test for

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“Excellence – not our goal, but our standard.”

– 47th FTW motto

FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

Preventing discrimination key to success

By Lt. Col. Paul Goven
Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.
27th Medical Support Squadron

One of the quickest ways to destroy the morale of an organization and its ability to accomplish the mission is to tolerate discrimination in any form.

Discrimination can have serious consequences on unit teamwork, which is the main ingredient we need to succeed as an Air Force.

If you believe discrimination is practiced within your work environment, in whatever form, do not tolerate the condition. Take immediate action, speak up and seek help. Here are a few helpful hints.

Consider using an informal method of resolution if the behavior is minor. Speak with the individual in person, or you may want to write a letter. But, in either case, send a clear message that you want the behavior to stop.

Warn the individual that if the behavior doesn't stop, you will take further action. You

can also go to your supervisor or others in your chain of command and ask for their assistance in resolving the situation.

Always maintain records of what happened that include dates, times and locations.

In many instances, using an informal approach will resolve the problem. If you feel uncomfortable with the informal process or are not able to resolve the issue at that level, then seek the advice of the military equal opportunity office.

The MEO staff can guide you through the process and assist you with filing a formal complaint if you believe one is needed. Remember, as an Air Force team, we have a national security strategy to execute. As we focus on the nation's objectives, there are many variables beyond our control, but discrimination is not one of them.

One of the Air Force's greatest strengths is the diversity of its people, the Air Force's most precious resource. Let us continue to respect different backgrounds, cultures and beliefs.

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misfortune and terrible luck we've had this year. Who would blame us? We could all stay bitter and cry ourselves to sleep at night, hoping that adversity doesn't strike again too hard or too soon, and we'd probably get a lot of sympathy from everyone outside the gate.

Instead though, the wing perseveres. We don't persevere by sidestepping the problems, or by forgetting about them or by ignoring them and hoping they'll go away. We persevere by learning how to take care of each other better; by trusting each other more; by focusing on solutions to the problems; and by doing our jobs professionally and with integrity despite the obstacles. These experiences unite us and build a stronger foundation capable of overcoming future obstacles and dealing with greater tragedies.

One more thing, I think adversity clarifies. It clarifies all the things that are too easily blurred by day-to-day comfort. It clarifies our priorities, our relationships, and our dreams and aspirations – it's even clarified my thoughts about adversity. So, there you go... as far as I can tell, real adversity is just another way-too often, a very painful way-to gain knowledge and clarify life. I need all the knowledge I can get and, I must say, I've learned a lot lately. I've learned a lot about myself, but more importantly, I've learned a tremendous amount about what makes this wing a family. So what's the answer? How much adversity can you take? The answer is easy: All of it!

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staff sergeant earlier than his peers.

Performance Feedback

Performance feedbacks (Air Force Form 931) are a very important part of professional development. This identifies an airman's overall strengths, weaknesses and sets standards.

An initial feedback is held within 60 days of being assigned a supervisor and every time airmen are assigned a new supervisor. Airmen who have not had a performance feedback should request one from their supervisor.

Enlisted Performance Report

The Enlisted Performance Report is the most important piece of paperwork that is written on you. It is also based on the whole-person concept. It touches on BTZ, special duty assignments, retraining, SRP, assignments and, most importantly, promotions.

Normally, A1Cs or below receive their first EPR at 20 months time in service. If an A1C or below is permanently changing station prior to the initial 20-month EPR, the supervisor should complete a letter of evaluation (Air Force Form 77) and place it in the personal information file prior to departure. The gaining supervisor uses this information to write an EPR at the next duty station.

I hope this information has helped you make an informed career decision. Remember, ask your supervisor if you have questions. Your career and entitlements should be as important to you as they are to me!

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW Commander

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.

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Legal office kudos

I would like to thank the legal office staff for their professionalism and speed with which they processed my claim – especially during this time with everybody filing claims and their workload being very heavy. They were fair, accurate and quick. They did a really good job. Thanks.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hensley,
47th Operations Support Squadron

Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

What is a supporting commander?

A supporting commander is any commander from a commander-in-chief on down to the tactical commander who provides assistance to another commander. The DOD dictionary defines it as, "a commander who provides augmentation forces or other support to a supported commander or who develops a supporting plan."

Laughlin major wins photography award

Compiled from staff reports

A Laughlin major again proved his worth as a photographer at the 2001 Air Force Photography Contest judged at Randolph Air Force Base recently.

Maj. Robert Hicks, 47th Support Group logistics director, tied for first place in the Adult Color Prints Military Life category.

Hicks took the photo at Arlington National Cemetery in the fall of 2000 while stationed at the Pentagon.

He said he knew he had a good shot when he took the photo.

"Fall in the [Washington]

D.C. area is beautiful," said Hicks. "The graves added a nice symmetry and the shot was framed well. There was a nice mist coming off the ground. I took about a dozen shots of it. I knew I had a good shot when I took it."

Hicks, who has been interested in photography for the past four years, had never entered a photo in a contest before.

"My wife was the one who prompted me to enter this one," Hicks said. "Without her I never would have entered at all."

Hicks' photo won the 2001 Air Education and Training Command photography contest.

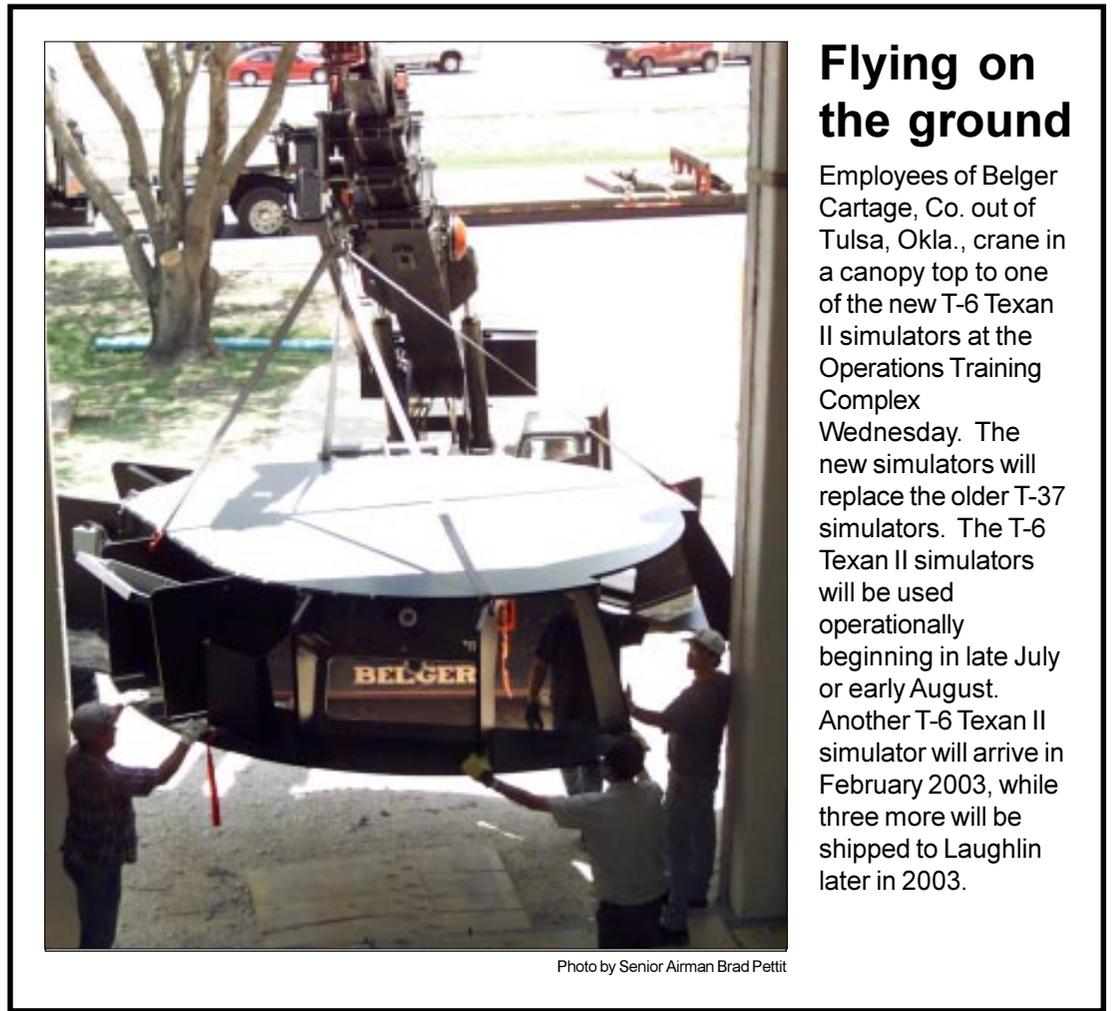


Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Flying on the ground

Employees of Belger Cartage, Co. out of Tulsa, Okla., crane in a canopy top to one of the new T-6 Texan II simulators at the Operations Training Complex Wednesday. The new simulators will replace the older T-37 simulators. The T-6 Texan II simulators will be used operationally beginning in late July or early August. Another T-6 Texan II simulator will arrive in February 2003, while three more will be shipped to Laughlin later in 2003.

Blood drive scheduled

A Laughlin blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Fiesta Community Center.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Todd Draper at 298-6418.

Job fair scheduled

The Laughlin and Del Rio communities will host a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 9 at the Del Rio Civic Center.

For more information, call 298-5620.

Dental booth at air show

A "mini" dental clinic fair will provide information about oral healthcare at Air Amistad 2002 May 12.

Dental clinic members will be on hand to answer questions you may have about your teeth and gums. Activity books and toothbrushes will also be distributed.

For details, call the dental clinic at 298-6331.

Cessation class set

A tobacco cessation course will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 14 in the health and wellness center conference room.

For more information, call Maj. Nina Watson

Newslines

or Staff Sgt. Guillermo Gallegos at 298-6463 or 298-6464.

Military spouses honored

The Laughlin community will honor military spouses with several events throughout the month of May.

For more information, call Aida Gutierrez at 298-5327 or come by the Family Support Center.

Pride Store hours change

The Pride Store hours are now from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call the Pride Store at 298-4356.

Clubs offer rewards

Club members in Air Education and Training Command are eligible to win a variety of prizes, including two vacations during the 2002 Member Rewards program June 1 through July 31.

Club members purchasing \$2 or more in food from their club will automatically receive a Mem-

ber Rewards entry form and qualify for grand prizes of an Orlando vacation or a one-week stay at an Armed Forces Vacation Club resort. Details about the promotion are available at the club.

Member Rewards program is made possible by the club and sponsorship from Orlando FLEXTICKET and the Armed Forces Vacation Club.

Beware of rattle snakes

All base housing residents should remain vigilant for snakes as there have been several sightings of rattle snakes in the housing area.

Everyone is encouraged to be cautious, and should you see a snake, do not go near it. Simply back away and immediately call Entomology at 298-5126 for assistance.

Readiness programs set

Going on a TDY (30 days or longer), deployment or remote assignment? Is your spouse currently on temporary duty assignment for 30 days or longer, deployed or on a remote assignment? Did you know that you're eligible for morale calls, Give Parents a Break, free calling cards and other Family Support Center programs?

For more information, call Tech Sgt. April Melancon, Family Readiness NCO at 298-5574.

Poetry contest winners announced

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin people expressed themselves through poetry in the "Are You a Poet and Don't Know It?" contest hosted by the Book Mark Library in April.

The contest, held in celebration of National Poetry Month, was divided into three categories. The winners from each category received a prize.

Katie Kubiak took first place in the

age 10 and under category. Lauren Clark's poem won first place in the ages 11 through 18 category, while Jordyn Mathers and Kristina Collier finished in second and third place respectively in the same category. In the age 18 and over category, April Melancon won first, while Sean Campbell took second and Cara Ebner received a third place recognition.

For library event information, call 298-5119.



Photo by Rob Poteat

Honorary mayor

Dora Alcala, Del Rio mayor, inspects a 47th Flying Training Wing coin given to her by Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander. The colonel gave her the coin after he had been named the honorary Del Rio mayor at an April 23 city council meeting.

Laughlin pushes mission following severe hailstorm

By Airman Timothy J. Stein

Staff writer

Laughlin, while still recovering from the severe hailstorm of April 7, proved it could handle natural disasters and still produce the world's best pilots.

"It is quite an accomplishment for the wing," said Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander. "We really came together as a base to minimize the effects of the hail storm. Recovery is ahead of schedule."

The base's mission to train the worlds best pilots was heavily affected since the storm had damaged more than 100 aircraft.

To help combat the temporary loss of those aircraft, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.; Columbus AFB, Miss.; and Sheppard and Randolph AFB provided 32 T-37s to help Laughlin continue to train its pilots.

"Thanks to the help of our sister pilot training bases, and by scheduling training with minium turnarounds between aircraft, Laughlin student pilots stayed on course in their training," said Rosborg.

Rosborg said he also was pleased with how quickly the base is getting cleaned up. "We are ahead of schedule with the base cleanup. That is a direct reflection of the pride and dedication people have on this base. While everyone helped contribute to the effort, I am really proud of the extra hours our civilian employees are putting in to get everything up and running again."

While much has already been done, there is still a lot to do, said Rosborg. "One only has to take a drive around the base to see where work still needs to be done. You can still see damage done to basewide infrastructure such as building roofs, power lines and government vehicles. There were also a lot of privately owned vehicles that received damage."

Nobody knows more about the damage done to privately owned vehicles than the Laughlin legal office, which has been receiving damage claim forms since the storm.

"We have definitely been busy since the hail storm," said Lt. Col. Cheryl Thompson, 47th Flying Training Wing staff judge advocate. "We have been taking in back-to-back claims for the last three weeks and we don't see any end in sight. So far we have processed over 200 claims and expect to see another 500 to 600 claims."

The work of the legal office is just one example of how everyone has had to step up because of the storm, said Rosborg.

"All base agencies have really come through during this crisis," he said. "Laughlin has proved that it can continue with the mission despite an unforeseen disaster such as the hail storm. With everyone working together, "Team XL" can weather any storm."

Thinking about getting out? Think again!
Call the career assistance adviser at 298-5456 for guidance.

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<http://www.af.mil/newspaper>

Academic degree candidates sought

The National Reconnaissance Office is soliciting candidates for advanced education opportunities offered by the Air Force Institute of Technology program. Thirteen positions are being offered to meet the NRO's advanced academic degree needs with schools beginning in fall 2003.

This is a great opportunity to eventually participate in the NRO's space programs. The NRO directly supports the Under Secretary of the Air Force and is a 100 percent selectively manned unit. After the degree is obtained, within the time allotted, each candidate will complete a follow-on assignment in space acquisition or operations at the NRO for a period of four years. The majority of the assignment will be in the Washington, D.C., area. Exceptional personnel are sought for these programs. The NRO process is extremely competitive. Applicants must have a grade point average and GRE scores at least meeting AFIT eligibility requirements. There is no specific officer grade requirement for applying. However, the majority of personnel selected are non-rated captains.

Master's and doctorate degrees are available in a variety of advanced academic degree programs.

Please fax all application packages to one of the following fax numbers and address them to: AFELM Acquisition & Training: DSN: 898-5487/5407 or (703) 808-5487/5407

Application packages must arrive the AFELM Acquisition & Training Office by Aug. 16. For further information, call Staff Sgt. Eckenrod at DSN 898-1716 or (703) 808-1716, e-mail: philip.eckenrod@pentagon.af.mil or Tech. Sgt. Kramer, DSN: 898-2512 or (703) 808-2512, e-mail: george.kramer@pentagon.af.mil.

(Courtesy of Laughlin Education Office)

Student pilots earn awards

Selected pilots of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-08 recently received awards for their flying and academic accomplishments while in pilot training.

Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy

2nd Lt. Robert Odom

(Fighter/Bomber)

2nd Lt. Shannon Nielsen

(Tanker/Airlift)

Distinguished Graduates

2nd Lt. Robert Odom

(Fighter/Bomber)

Capt. Sean Morgan

(Tanker/Airlift)

2nd Lt. Shannon Nielsen

(Tanker/Airlift)

Flying Training Award

2nd Lt. Robert Odom

(Fighter/Bomber)

2nd Lt. Shannon Nielsen

(Tanker/Airlift)

Academic Training Award

2nd Lt. Laura Maher

(Fighter/Bomber)

Capt. Sean Morgan

(Tanker/Airlift)

Outstanding Officer

Capt. Sean Morgan

(Tanker/Airlift)

Daedalian Award

2nd Lt. Laura Maher

(Fighter/Bomber)

Citizenship award

2nd Lt. Joshua Peck

Outstanding Second

Lieutenant Award

2nd Lt. Graham Boutz

How does your spouse contribute to your military career?



Maj. Jim Payne
47th Flying
Training Wing
director of staff

“By her dedica-
tion through
prayer that I be a
man of integrity.”



**Chief Master
Sgt. Stephen
Enyeart**
47th Flying
Training Wing
command chief

“She keeps me
sane, motivated
and looking for
the best way to
make the mission
in our life work.”



**Staff Sgt.
Kasimu
Greenidge**
47th Support
Group work
group manager

“She is very
supportive and
understanding of
the Air Force
needs.”

Lightning: a deadly light in stormy sky

By Dr. (Capt.) Lisa Firestone
47th Medical Group flight surgeon

For centuries, the ominous power of lightning has been portrayed throughout Greek and Roman mythology as well as a number of other cultures. It has been used to decide important matters of state in ancient Roman culture, Navajo Indians believed that it created the Grand Canyon, and in Africa the Basuto tribe views lightning as the great thunderbird Umpundulo, flashing its wings in the clouds as it descends to Earth.

Fatalities from lightning are more common than those from tornados, hurricanes and earthquakes. Each year there are more than 5,000 people struck by lightning. Lightning is one of the top three causes of environment-related fatalities along with winter weather and extreme temperatures.

For lightning safety, follow the 30-30 rule. If you see lightning and count 30 seconds or less before you hear the thunder, you are already in danger. Seek shelter. Do not resume activities until

at least 30 minutes after the last thunder and lightning. To estimate your distance, in miles, from the lightning, take the number of seconds between the “flash” and the “bang” and divide by five. Remember, lightning can come out of the “clear blue sky.”

If a storm strikes, seek safety in a building or an all-metal vehicle. Do not go in a tent as the metal support poles may act as lightning rods. If you are stuck in a tent, stay as far away as possible from the metal poles and the wet cloth. Golf, bus and rain shelters may increase the lightning risk depending on the size and height of the building.

Rubber-soled shoes and tires do not provide insulation. Cars are protective since the metal dif-fuses the current around the occupants to the

ground. If indoors during a storm, avoid open doors, windows and fireplaces. Stay off of the telephone and the computer and avoid plug-in electrical appliances. If you are on the water, seek the shore.

If stuck in a storm, stay away from metal objects like bicycles and motorcycles. Avoid power lines and ski lifts. Discard anything that increases your height such as a backpack.

If you are totally in the open, stay away from single trees. Follow the “lightning position.” Squat with both feet close together and hands over your ears. This mini-

mizes your height, the area touching the ground, and the possibility of hearing damage.

Know the weather and avoid being caught in a storm.



(Courtesy photo)

Interested in the Air Force?

*Call Del Rio's
Air Force recruiter at
774-0911.*

Anti-terrorism: What can you do?

The best measure against anti-terrorism is preparation. For details, log on to www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/unexpected.html.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

We all scream for...

Staff Sgt. Bianca Lueras, 47th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy services journeyman, enjoys some ice cream at an ice cream social April 25 at the Fiesta Center. The social was held in honor of all Laughlin volunteers for their contributions to the local community. Together, these volunteers contributed more than 40,000 volunteer hours, saving an estimated \$605,205. Richard Pratt was awarded the Volunteer Excellence Award at the social for his volunteer efforts. This award recognizes one person from the ranks of federal civilian, family members, military and federal retirees for his or her volunteer community service.

Chapel Schedule



Catholic

Saturday 5 p.m., Mass
Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall
Thursday 6 p.m., Choir
Tuesday-Friday ● 12:05 p.m., Mass
● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days of Obligation
Reconciliation Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment

*Religious Education/
Bible Study* 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

Jewish Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

Friday 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m., General worship
Wednesday ● 12:30-2:15 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., Women's Bible Study at chapel
● 6 p.m., Choir at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

The *XLer*



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Michele Perez

47th Flying Training Wing protocol chief

Hometown:

Margarita, Canal Zone

Family:

Husband, Mike; sons, Ryan, 19, and John, 15

Time at Laughlin:

22 years

Time in service:

25 years Civil Service

Greatest

accomplishment:

My boys

Hobbies: Golf and tole painting

Bad habit: Junk food

Favorite film:

Gone With the Wind

Favorite musician:

Neil Diamond and

Jimmy Buffett

If you could spend one

hour with any person,

who would it be and

why? My grandparents,

especially my mother's

father. I would love to

hear words about the

building of the Panama

Canal.



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or call 298-5236.**

Sportslines

Softball spots available

All active-duty people interested in competing for a spot on the Air Force men's or women's softball team must submit Air Force Form 303 to the XL Fitness Center by June 3 for the women's team and June 10 for the men's team. Forms are available at the fitness center.

For more information, call Tech Sgt. Rick Horn at 298-5251 or Tom Kerr at 298-5326.

Bowling standings

Team	Points	Team	Points
OSS	147-93	Services	124-116
Boeing	140-100	CE	112-128
DeCA	134-106	Commtracting	95-145
FTW	127-113	SFS	81-159

Volleyball standings

Eastern Division		Western Division	
84/85 FTS	7-0	86th FTS	6-1
47th Comm/Con	5-2	47th SVS	2-5
87th FTS	4-3	47th Med Group	1-6
LCSAM	3-4	47th OSS	0-7

Security forces member named Laughlin athlete of the year

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A 47th Security Forces Squadron member recently was awarded a trophy naming him Laughlin's 2001 athlete of the year.

Staff Sgt. Gregory Leonard, noncommissioned officer in charge of reports and analysis, was awarded the trophy because of his involvement in athletic activities on base and in the local community.

"It is an honor to win this award," said Leonard. "It is great to get this kind of recognition."

Leonard, who participates in most of Laughlin's intramural sports as well as several sports outside the base, was nominated by his commander, Maj. Joel Dickinson, 47th Security Forces Squadron Commander, to be the athlete of the year. From there, Leonard was picked over other nominees from other squadrons for the award.

Leonard said athletics have always been important to him.

"I have played sports ever since I was a little kid," said Leonard. "I think everyone



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Staff Sgt. Gregory Leonard, 47th Security Forces Squadron reports and analysis noncommissioned officer in charge, displays some of his sports equipment Tuesday outside of the 47th SFS building.

should get involved in sports for the exercise and the fellowship it promotes."

Leonard hopes this award will show his son and any future grandchildren what kind of guy he was when he was younger.

"Winning this award is awesome," said Leonard. "I can show my son and his kids that not only did his father/grandfather defend his country, he was a pretty good athlete as well."