

**“If we should have to fight, we should be prepared to do so from the neck up instead of the neck down.”**

– Gen. James Doolittle

## News in Brief

### Daylight-saving time

Laughlin members are reminded to set their clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday for daylight-saving time.

### Pilot graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 03-07 will graduate at 10 a.m. today in Anderson Hall auditorium.

### AFAF

Laughlin kicks off its Air Force Assistance Fund campaign today. See story page 5.

### Bowl-a-thon

The Laughlin Top 3 are having a bowl-a-thon from 2:30 to 5 p.m. today at Cactus Lanes in support of the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, a charity in the Air Force Assistance Fund. People wishing to sponsor a bowler may contact their unit Top 3 member.

## Mission status

(As of March 28)

Days ahead or behind with mission capable rate

T-37	-1.14	87.1%
T-1	-1.10	82.6%
T-38	-0.63	76.2%
T-6	-5.07	82.0%



Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Conde

### Charge...

Senior Airman Josua Aston, 47th Security Forces Squadron desk sergeant, storms through the old radar approach control building during special weapons and tactics team training exercise conducted at Laughlin. See story page 7.

## Laughlin loses 18 civilian positions

By Capt. Paula Kurtz

Public Affairs

Laughlin leaders have identified 18 civil service and 10 military positions to be eliminated here under the Air Force's fiscal year 2004 manpower reductions. The military positions will be eliminated through natural attrition. Of the identified civil service positions, four are vacant.

Individuals currently filling the remaining 14 positions were notified by their chain of command on March 28. Following notification, Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, addressed these employees at a Friday morning meeting.

“This is about mission and it's about people. That's the way we are going to treat it,” Colonel Woodward said. In comparing the government's reduction in force to cuts taking place in the private sector, Colonel Woodward pointed out that the Air Force strives to place its members in other positions before terminating their service.

“In a civilian company you could be handed a pink slip today and told your last day is tomorrow,” Colonel Woodward explained. “In the Air

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## U.S. demands Iraqi unconditional surrender

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The only thing the coalition is willing to discuss with the leaders of the Iraqi regime is their unconditional surrender, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said today.

To get an idea of the progress the coalition is making in Iraq, people must try to view the world as Saddam Hussein – if he's still alive – sees it, he said.

In northern Iraq, coalition special operations forces are working with local groups to bomb Republican Guard targets and otherwise harass Iraqi forces. The U.S. 173rd

Airborne Brigade is now at full-strength in the area and is providing security.

In the west, special operations forces are ensuring critical areas are held, and Iraqi forces are not able to fire surface-to-surface missiles at their neighbors.

In the south, coalition divisions are securing Basra, while still others are poised to take on Republican Guard forces before Baghdad.

Rumsfeld traced the actions of the first 12 days of combat. He said most people expected the operation would be much like Desert Storm in 1991.

“In that case, as you'll recall, it

was a sustained 38-day air campaign, followed by a brief ground attack,” Rumsfeld said. “In this case, the ground attack actually started before the air war, with thousands of special (operations) forces pouring into all regions of the country and a large force rolling across the Kuwaiti border into southern Iraq.

And the Iraqi people are seeing the regime is crashing down, Rumsfeld said. “The majority of Iraqis do not support Saddam Hussein's regime,” he said. “Their obedience is based on fear. And that fear is beginning to slip away as coalition

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## Commanders' Corner

Lt. Col. Russ Mack  
47th Flying Training Wing Safety chief

### Military oath more important today

Is the oath of office just as important to you today as it was when you enlisted? During my recent promotion to lieutenant colonel, I formally recited the oath of office for the seventh time in my 15-year Air Force career. But it wasn't until afterward that I reflected on what the oath actually means to me.

The oath is rooted deeply in our military heritage and is symbolic of what the men and women of our armed services, past and present, have died to uphold.

I expected my promotion day to be just another day of office work and flying; however, in reality it was much more than that. As we all know, the pin-on ceremony is a large part of our military tradition in both the officer and enlisted ranks. Traditionally, it is highlighted by reading the promotion order, a few encouraging words from the commander, the pinning- or punching-on of the new rank and reciting of the oath of office. As simple as the ceremony is, the reading of our oath is a rich symbol of our military tradition.

Today's Air Force and the Department of Defense are getting smaller every year and the men and women of the armed forces are consistently tasked to do "more with less." With our country at war in the Middle East and the North Koreans producing weapons of mass destruction, it is imperative we all remember the principles behind the reasons we enlisted to serve in our profession of arms. We are today's guardians of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The military oath of office serves as the most important reminder of the commitment we

have made.

Although there are slight differences between the oath taken by our enlisted personnel and officers, one common theme exists between them: "...do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely; without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

As a young lieutenant, I put my faith in this oath of office when I participated in Operation Desert Storm. I don't wish going to war on any one, but I wouldn't exchange the experience for anything because it gave me reason to consider the commitment I had made to the oath. Today many of our men and women in the armed forces, to include our own Team XL members, sit poised to defend our country.

The mission of team Laughlin is vital to the overall success of the Air Force - both now and in the future. It may not be front-line combat, but our mission replenishes the combat Air Force of the future so we may continue to defend the nation and ideals we stood up and pledged to uphold.

So if you haven't thought about the oath you pledged when you enlisted in our profession of arms, today more than ever, is a great time to do it. To answer my opening question, the oath of office I took is more important today than it was some years ago ... because it's time once again to fly, fight and defend my country.

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### Parental involvement strengthens family

By Janet Craver

Laughlin spouse

Parenting is an awesome responsibility which brings both joy and sorrow. We see the effects of poor parenting or no parenting by the delinquent behavior of children and parents. Just pick up the newspaper or surf the Internet news for confirmation.

Effective, involved parenting results in youth who want to contribute to their family, the interests of others and their community. Some children rebel despite the efforts of loving, re-

sponsible parents.

Children require the time and attention of their parents, which equals true love. Sacrifice, love and selflessness are the foundation to help the a child grow up with a belief in the goodness of others. Gangs and violence result when a child is not taught appropriate boundaries with love and consistent discipline.

Where to start? Dr. Glenn Latham, behaviorist and author, has a wonderful book, "The Power of Positive Parenting." I discovered this book as a young parent nine

years ago and I still learn from it today.

Dr. Latham helped me examine my children's behaviors and determine which were inconsequential and which were inappropriate. I determined that many of the things that were driving me nuts were in fact age-typical inconsequential behaviors. These are defined as actions that do not harm another - whining, tantrums, etc. My reactions to them were entirely counterproductive.

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**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.

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.

Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



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

– 47 FTW motto

**Yellow ribbons – awaiting American heroes**

**Lt. Col. Elizabeth Clark**

*47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron*

As I drove around base this past week, I noted yellow ribbons on trees and posts. America is waiting for its heroes to come home. Some of our heroes are imprisoned under inhumane conditions, others are missing and feared dead. It makes me glad and proud to be an American to know we do not forget our military in times of war.

I have my own yellow ribbon story I would like to share with you. Although I have not been given the chance to deploy to the Middle East this time, I did go to war during Operation Desert Storm 12 years ago. I was a brand new captain at my first duty station, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

I departed Altus in January and returned in early March without much fanfare. I was relocating to Howard Air Force Base, Panama, in May, so I had prom-

ised my aunt and uncle who live in Blackwell, Okla., I would visit. My trip to visit them had been cancelled five times by the time war broke out, so I was determined to visit. I spoke with my Aunt Verna and received detailed instructions on which highways to take and which exits. I was expected for lunch.

As I drew close to my exit, I got a little nervous. After all, I had not seen these people since I was 5 years old. As the exit dumped me out on a rural road with three miles to my aunt's and uncle's house, every bush, tree and post were wrapped with yellow ribbons. I got half way to the house and began to cry at this incredible out pouring of love and respect. I reached the house, and I was greeted by the entire population of Blackwell, Okla., for a hero's welcome. I was really crying now. I was grabbed and hugged by numerous strangers and finally my aunt and uncle. I was truly welcomed home. That is my yellow ribbon remembrance.

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I learned to simply ignore a great variety of annoying behaviors. (I like to think that I have; I am far from perfect.) I also learned to minimize inappropriate behaviors and how to maximize the effectiveness of techniques such as “time out.” The crazy part was that it worked fantastically. Sometimes my husband and I thought the kids were only feigning good behavior as part of some evil conspiracy, but it turned out they really were just being good.

The difference between inconsequential behavior and inappropriate behavior is that inappropriate behavior consists of that are rude to the

point of harming another.

Family night or family home evening presents an opportunity to strengthen family ties. Someone conducts and welcomes everyone to family home evening. The rest of the family responds by saying, “We are glad to be here” even if they are not. The conductor announces the opening and thanks those participating. Now do one of the following:

Ask a family member to lead the pledge of allegiance, read a scripture or recite a short poem, story or a family-friendly joke.

Next, offer a lesson to teach a character trait or moral value. After the lesson, you can choose an activity appropriate to the ages of your children and interests. A fun treat al-

ways entices everyone to participate.

The conductor thanks the person who gave the lesson, shared a poem, and provided the treat. Now the conductor offers a closing activity. It is worth the effort to be consistent and set this time aside each week to strengthen the family.

These few ideas alone will help strengthen families. Anything of real value takes effort to create and maintain. Begin where your family is now and nurture your hope and faith for a better life.

No parent is perfect; just as no child is. Love, service, forgiveness, sacrifice, self-control, repentance and endurance are necessary actions to put family first and keep the bonds of love unbroken.

**Border Eagle commentaries**

The Border Eagle encourages base members to take part in their paper. Anyone wanting to write a commentary for the Viewpoint pages of the paper is welcome.

Commentaries can be written about any aspect of Air Force life you find interesting. Commentaries should be 250 to 500 words in length. Public Affairs reserves the right to edit all submissions for length

and clarity.

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**Heard any good stories or news lately?  
Contact your public affairs office at 298-5988.**

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Force, we operate at a higher standard. I give you my word that we will do everything possible to make sure that anyone who wants to stay employed at Laughlin gets that opportunity."

Colonel Woodward opened the meeting by explaining the higher headquarters tasking and how the affected positions were chosen. Group commanders consulted with squadron commanders and flight chiefs to rank their positions based on wing-wide impact before forwarding their recommendations to Colonel Woodward for final approval.

"There were no good choices in this process,"

Colonel Woodward said.

"We are a small base and every person is a valuable member of this team. Unfortunately, we had

to make some tough choices and we did the best we could within the parameters we had."

The next step is for all civilian employees to ensure their personnel records are properly updated and document the full range of their experience and skills.

"Members have until April 11 to update their records," said Esther Gomez, chief of the civilian personnel office. "After that time, AFPC will start evaluating the records based on tenure, veteran's preference, years of creditable service and individual performance ratings to determine possible placement opportunities."

This process should be complete in the July time frame, Ms. Gomez said.

In addition, Laughlin has requested approval from higher headquarters to offer all qualified Laughlin members the Voluntary Separation Incentive and Voluntary

Early Retirement options. If approved, qualified members will be able to apply for these options between May 31 and June 15.

"These offers will be open to all civilians meeting the requirements," said Ms. Gomez, "not just those in the eliminated positions. If someone decides to separate or retire, it could open a job for one of our displaced members."

Laughlin members can look for an in-depth story on the VERA and VSIP programs in next week's Border Eagle.

Although the eliminated positions have been identified, Ms. Gomez pointed out that as those people with seniority are placed,

Laughlin members wanting information on the civilian manpower reductions can check out the link in the Civilian Personnel Web site starting Monday. Go to [www.laughlin.af.mil](http://www.laughlin.af.mil), select Organization, then Civilian Personnel, then Rif Faq.

other Laughlin civilian employees will likely be affected. In an effort to pass reliable information and address concerns regarding this reduction in force,

Colonel Woodward held two Civilian Information Update meetings Wednesday at Anderson Hall Auditorium.

"The truth is, right now we just don't know who ultimately will be affected," Colonel Woodward said. "I'm hopeful that we'll be able to find a position at Laughlin for every one of these XL'ers. These are hard-working and talented individuals and we can't afford to lose a single one."

All employees who will be affected by the reduction in force will receive a formal notice in July.

As Colonel Woodward reiterated his commitment to help those who are affected by the manpower reductions, he acknowledged that, "It may be impossible to make everyone completely comfortable.

"As we go through this process, what I ask of you is to keep an open mind, think about your options and help us to work something out."



Photo courtesy of the Del Rio News Herald

## Post the colors

The San Felipe Del Rio Veterans Honor Guard posts the colors during a prayer service to honor military members in combat Sunday outside the county courthouse in Del Rio. The service was held to honor military members in combat. Around 300 people attended the event.

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forces advance."

Rumsfeld said that the regime is using death squads to maintain the climate of fear among the people and to force men to fight. "They are vicious, to be sure, but they are now taking heavy losses," he said. "And the regime's tactics have been unable to slow or stop the coalition."

And in all this, where is Saddam? "The night before the ground war began, coalition forces launched a strike on a meeting of Iraq's senior command and control, and they have not been heard from since," he said. "The fact that Saddam Hussein did not show up for

his televised speech today is interesting."

The secretary said the Iraqi regime is so desperate that officials are spreading rumors that the coalition has entered into a cease-fire negotiation with them. "Their goal is to try to convince the people of Iraq that the coalition does not intend to finish the job," he said.

"There are no negotiations taking place with anyone in Saddam Hussein's regime," Rumsfeld continued. "There will be no outcome to this war that leaves Saddam Hussein and his regime in power. Let there be no doubt. His time will end – and soon. The only thing that the coalition will discuss with this regime is their unconditional surrender."

**Any concerns about work, Laughlin or the Air Force should be addressed through the chain of command. If problems persist, contact the Inspector General, Lt. Col. Peter Godwin at 298-5638.**

# Air Force Assistance Fund campaign begins

The 47th Flying Training Wing begins its five-week Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign today through May 9.

The AFAF campaign is an annual, on-the-job fundraising appeal conducted by Air Force people for the benefit of Air Force people and their families.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people, surviving spouses, and families. Charities receive 100 percent of AFAF contributions. This is the 30th year of the fund drive.

“Requests for assistance are up more than 13 percent since Sept. 11, 2001, while the investments that fund 70 percent of our programs are down 20 percent,” said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society’s chief executive officer. “In 2002, we helped 34,000 people with \$24.1 million of assistance. That’s a lot of help.”

Charities under the AFAF umbrella include:

■ The Air Force Aid Society, the official charitable organization of the

Air Force. It provides airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. The family support center has full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

■ The Air Force Enlisted Foundation at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., providing rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

■ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members; includes indigent widows fund for widows and widowers of Air Force officers. The Air Force Villages Web site is at <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

■ The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, providing rent and financial assistance to indigent

widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is at <http://www.info@lemayfoundation.org>.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible as an itemized federal deduction. For more information on the AFAF campaign, visit the Air Force Personnel Center’s voting and fundraising Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund>.

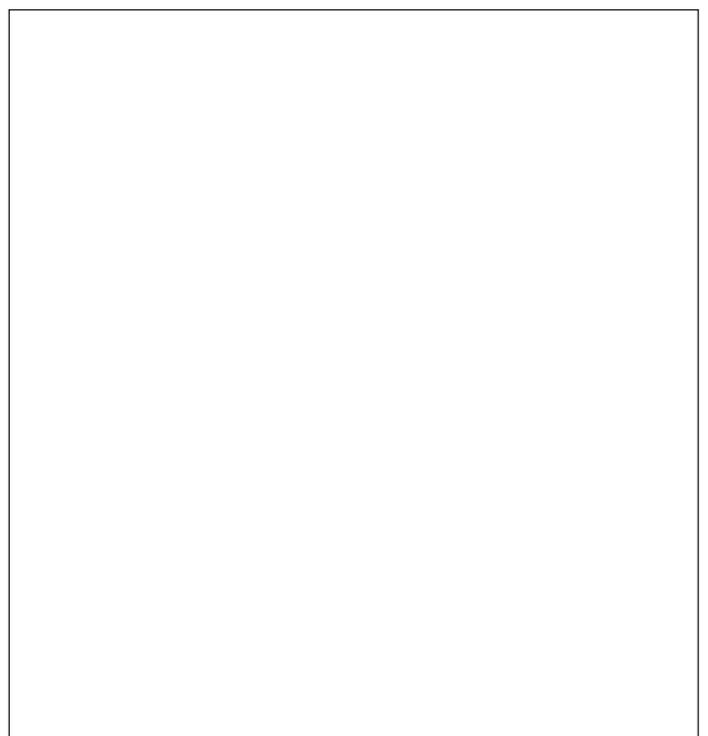
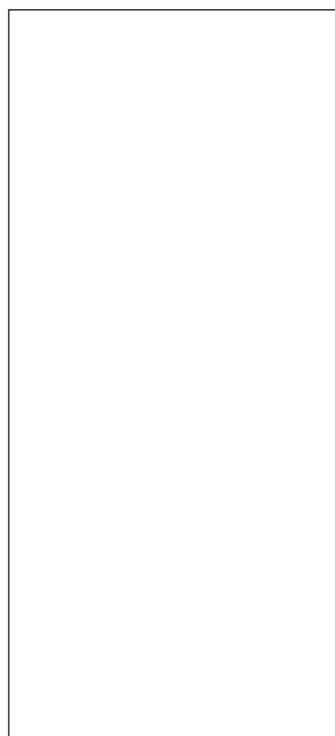
The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force announced a \$4.8 million goal for 2003. Last year Air Force people gave more than \$5.1 million.

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# IPs attend Freedom Flyer reunion

## Pilots hear former Vietnam POW stories, observe end of 30-year 'freedom flight' era

**By Tech. Sgt. Anthony Hill**  
*Public Affairs*

Eight first-assignment instructor pilots from the 87th Flying Training Squadron visited Randolph Air Force Base March 28 to attend the annual Freedom Flyer Reunion and witnessed a 30-year tradition of "freedom flights" come to an end.

The pilots attended a prisoner of war symposium and wreath-laying ceremony, and listened to personal stories by some of the 65 freedom flyers in attendance. The group also viewed a missing-man flyover as retired Cols. Quincy Collins and James Hughes, former Vietnam POWs, received the final flights they never took after repatriation 30 years ago.

First Lieutenant Ryan Freeman considered it a once-in-a-lifetime chance to personally see and hear former Vietnam POWs like retired Brig. Gen. Robbie Risner talk about leadership challenges and retired Col. Bill Baugh and retired Lt. Col. Laurie Lengyel discuss the "great escape" while in captivity.

"The symposium was awesome," said Lieutenant Freeman. "It allowed us to put a face with names of people we've heard, read and studied about. There's nothing better than to have a living piece of American history in front of you, telling their stories."

As reunion members shared stories, some also shared words of wisdom, specifically for the younger generation that follows them in leadership and service to America.

Retired Lt. Col. Gene Smith, a freedom flyer and featured speaker during the wreath-laying ceremony, stressed the importance of knowing Article 6 of the Code of Conduct. "It applies, not only if you're a prisoner of war, but while you do your duty to your country and your service, and as a civilian as well," he said.

Randolph's 560th FTS has hosted the reunion each year for the past three decades, honoring the former POWs and those who served but never returned home from Vietnam.

One special part of the reunion has always included former POWs receiving their final freedom flights, so-called as a reflection of the call sign "Freedom 01" of the flight that brought the first group of POWs home in 1973.

However, this year marked the end of the freedom flights, celebrated with champagne and congratulatory festivities, as Colonels Collins and Hughes became the 192nd and 193rd former POWs to receive final flights at Randolph.

Although the freedom flights era has ended, the 560th FTS organizers



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Hill

Retired Col. Quincy Collins, former Vietnam prisoner of war, receives a hosedown as he steps out of a T-38 following his "freedom flight" at Randolph March 28.

said the annual reunions will continue as long as any of the members are able to get together.

During his address, Colonel Smith reminded everyone in attendance of the reunion's significance, especially as America currently conducts Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"This event is about the sacrifice of lives people have given this country," he said. "Freedom is not free. It is paid for with a price that is dear. It is paid for with lives of young Americans, men and women. It is paid for with families who give those men and women."

Colonel Smith also encouraged

young people to take some of the lessons they learn to heart as they listened to the former POWs share their experiences and how they survived years in captivity.

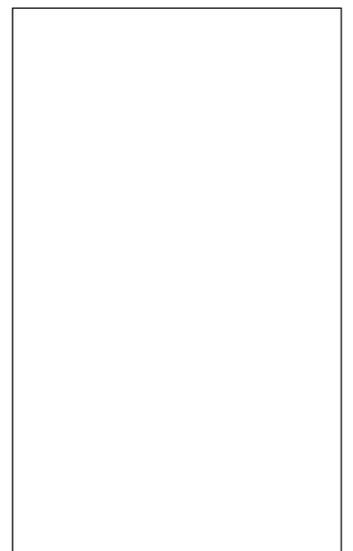
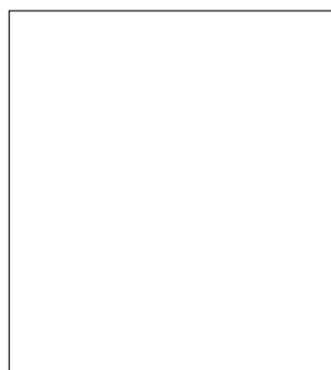
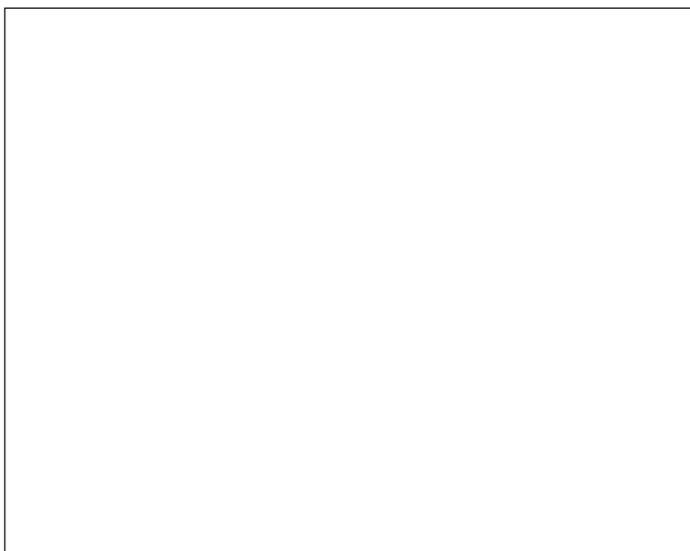
Capt. Caroline Jensen, one of Laughlin's instructor pilots who attended the reunion, viewed the former POWs' experiences as a way of passing on their lessons to student pilots she works with here. "I can share what I know of their experiences, and let people know how they served their country as they were fighting a different battle," she said.

"I will stress to my student pilots that teamwork, camaraderie, loyalty and integrity are what they need. I look for them to attain those types of qualities, especially if they ever find themselves in adverse situations."

First Lieutenant Glenn Gonzales, who organized the pilots' trip to Randolph, said he would emphasize the toughness and determination shared by the former POWs.

"The fortitude displayed by these men has set the standard for our military," he said, "and their efforts are in large part responsible for why the rest of the world views us as the premier military power in the world."

"This part of their legacy needs to be passed on," he added, "because as long as we strive to reach the level of mental and physical toughness they displayed, we will remain the greatest military force the world has seen."



# Security forces take 'SWAT' at team training

By 2nd Lt.  
**Lindsay Logsdon**  
*Public Affairs*

A seven-man 47th Security Forces Squadron team joined other local law enforcement officials for special weapons and tactics team training at the former radar approach control facility here Friday.

The SWAT training, conducted by the Department of Public Safety, allowed all teams to practice and be evaluated on the tactics and procedures of conducting a raid entry.

"We wanted to give new individuals on the team a look at the different aspects they will be required to perform if called upon by the

wing commander," said Tech. Sergeant Jonathan Wallace, 47th SFS NCO in charge of the emergency services team.

Although a raid entry has not occurred at Laughlin, the training was an opportunity for the 47th SFS emergency services team to build team continuity, learn new tactics and meet law enforcement agents from the community.

The emergency services team is the military equivalent of a SWAT team, which deals with high-risk operations like barricaded suspects, snipers, hostage rescue and VIP protection.

Sergeant Wallace added that it is good to train with other law enforcement groups. "We get together

and trade different tactics and techniques. It helps build good community involvement for both organizations and keeps us abreast of what's going on as well as being able to help each other," he said.

The eight-hour training started with classroom instruction on applications and procedures at the Del Rio Police Department facility and ended with the afternoon practical exercise here. "Our [training] goals were to build a community relationship with the local police departments and to give us a different dimension of the capabilities our unit can provide to our base leadership," said Sergeant Wallace.

"The classroom [portion] was the foundation of telling us what the purpose was and the afternoon session was putting those things into practice," he said.

In the practical application scenario, the EST was briefed to go into the building and clear rooms while looking for an unknown number of perpetrators. The

evaluator was Sergeant Brian Petree of the Texas Department of Public Safety. He walked teams through the scenario the first time to give them an idea of what would be evaluated. The Laughlin team ran the scenario eight times, each time proceeding faster while encountering a new twist, said Sergeant Wallace.

"Each time we would go through, Sergeant Petree would pull us aside and tell us what we were doing wrong and what we did right," said Sergeant Wallace. Some of the areas focused on weapons control, trigger discipline and team cohesion.

The Laughlin EST was made up of two veterans and six new members who had never executed a raid entry. Despite their lack of experience Sergeant Petree was impressed with their execution. "The Laughlin group looked really professional. They were well organized and it was evident they had strong unit cohesion," he said.

"It was good to get that kind of input from someone who wasn't a part of us and

who evaluated us solely on how he saw other teams perform," said Sergeant Wallace.

This is not the first time 47th SFS has trained with local law enforcement. However, it was the first time for raid entry training. "The EST has always been available for the wing commander or the security forces to deal with some type of high-risk incident.

Raid entries are mainly used to confront a felon or someone with an arrest warrant. The most likely Laughlin scenario for the raid entry tactic would be a disgruntled employee who has become hostile in their work environment, Sergeant Wallace said, "which has created a situation that would be above what a normal patrol is trained to handle."

Sergeant Wallace says Laughlin doesn't expect to use this type of force. "This was more of a training opportunity for our team and for us to get together with our civilian counterparts to trade tactics," he said. "It was good team building training."

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# Leaders outline academy overhaul

By Senior Master Sgt.  
Rick Burnham

*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – Four U.S. Air Force Academy leaders will be replaced as part of sweeping changes designed to ensure a safe and secure environment for the school's cadets, officials announced at a Pentagon press briefing March 26.

The changes were announced by Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. They come in the wake of recent allegations by dozens of former female cadets who said they were sexually assaulted while attending the academy, and follow the completion of a review of academy policies and procedures by the Air Force General Counsel.

Maj. Gen. John W. Rosa Jr., deputy director of current operations on the Joint Staff, has been recommended to the secretary of defense to replace Lt. Gen. John Dallager as academy superintendent. General Dallager is set to retire this summer.

Brig. Gen. Johnny A. Weida, commander of Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., will succeed Brig. Gen. Taco Gilbert III as 34th Training Wing

commander and commandant of cadets. General Gilbert will be reassigned to the Pentagon, where he will serve as special assistant to the deputy undersecretary of the Air Force for international affairs.

Col. Debra Gray, currently assigned to the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, will become the vice commandant of cadets, replacing Col. Robert D. Eskridge, who will be reassigned. The vice commandant is tasked with overseeing academy sexual climate issues.

Col. Clada A. Monteith, deputy director of security forces at U.S. Air Forces in Europe, will become commander of the 34th Training Group, replacing Col. Laurie S. Slavec, who will also be reassigned.

Despite the changes in academy leadership, both Dr. Roche and General Jumper were quick to point out that they do not hold current leadership responsible.

"As the problems regarding sexual assault allegations predate the current leadership, we do not hold Generals Dallager or Gilbert responsible," Dr. Roche said. "Still, change must occur, and a new leadership team to implement these changes is in the best interest of the

academy and the Air Force."

The new leaders will be responsible for instituting a wide variety of changes directly related to cadet life, including:

- Extending amnesty from academy discipline in all reported cases of sexual assault to all cadets involved, with the exception of the alleged assailant, anyone involved in covering up the incident or hindering the reporting or investigation, and the senior ranking cadet in attendance.
- Implementing an "Academy Response Team," composed of medical, legal, counseling and command specialists who will provide victims of sexual assault with immediate assistance.
- Creating a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, dormitory security and monitoring system, as well as a dormitory duty officer responsible for good order and discipline.
- Establishing separate billeting arrangements for female and male cadets upon entering the academy for basic cadet training – a five-week military orientation each cadet must attend the summer before they begin classes.
- Prohibiting any cadet from entering the room of another of the oppo-

site sex without knocking on the door and announcing him or herself first, and keeping dormitory room doors "fully open" at all times when non-roommates are inside.

- Providing substantial material on sexual assault prevention to all students in basic cadet training beginning this summer.
- Disenrolling any cadet found providing, purchasing for, or selling alcohol to an underage cadet.

All of the directives can be read online at [http://www.af.mil/news/change\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.af.mil/news/change_agenda.pdf). General Jumper said he is confident that the changes – in both personnel and procedures – will quickly reinforce the appropriate climate at the Air Force Academy to produce top-quality military officers.

"Our vision for the academy is to make it the best and most respected military training and educational institution in the world – one that produces America's finest military officers, and a place where moms and dads are proud to send their children," General Jumper said. "General Rosa, General-select Weida, and Colonels Gray and Monteith have the background, experience, and leadership skills to see this vision through."

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# Graduation

SUPT Class 03-07 graduates



**Capt. Stephen Cox**  
RC-135,  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



**Capt. Jay Flottmann**  
F-15C,  
Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**Capt. Kimberly Wiese**  
KC-135, (ANG)  
Pittsburgh IAP, Pa.



**2nd Lt. Britton Armstrong**  
C-17,  
McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Sean Burke**  
(ANG)  
Jacksonville IAP, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Joshua Carlson**  
F-16, (ANG)  
Hector IAP, N.D.



**2nd Lt. Kellii Chock**  
F-16C,  
Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Cummins**  
B-52, (AFRES),  
Barksdale AFB, La.



**2nd Lt. Cory Damon**  
C-5,  
Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Makia Epie**  
C-21,  
Andrews AFB, Md.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Fariss**  
C-17,  
McChord AFB, Wash



**2nd Lt. Daniel Fiedler**  
KC-135,  
Kadena AB, Japan



**2nd Lt. Jason Hughes**  
C-17,  
Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Blythe Jeanne Itoman**  
C-130, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



**2nd Lt. Clinton Johnson**  
C-9, (AFRES)  
Scott AFB, Ill.



**2nd Lt. Andrew Krebs**  
B-1,  
Dyess AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. Dean Laansma**  
T-6,  
Laughlin AFB



**2nd Lt. Anthony Mariapain**  
KC-135,  
Fairchild AFB, Wash.



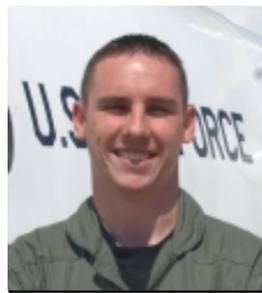
**2nd Lt. Daniel McGuire**  
F-16,  
Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Cesar Orozco**  
F-16C,  
Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Michael Pastuzyn**  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Joseph Payner**  
KC-135,  
Robins AFB, Ga.



**2nd Lt. Jennifer Schoeck**  
A-10,  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Jason Shirey**  
C-17, (AFRES)  
Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Smith**  
KC-135,  
MacDill AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Speer**  
F-16C,  
Luke AFB, Ariz.

# Spring Stages Family Talent Show:

**By Airman 1st Class Yvonne Conde**  
*Staff writer*

Under spotlights and cameras, Laughlin people showcased their talents at the seventh annual Spring Stages Talent Show March 28 at the Fiesta Community Center.

Family members, civilians and military of all ranks entertained the audience for about two hours with 20 performances including singing, dancing and gymnastics.

Two of the performers, who once were members of Tops in Blue, Rob Wade, 47th Mission Support Group civilian personnel systems manager, and Terra Wade, 47th Flying Training Wing legal clerk, have participated in the last 10 talent shows here. "We like to be involved in the talent shows because we enjoy seeing new talent and watching their confidence grow as they perform year after year," said Mrs. Wade. "The base talent shows help to build a community rapport among active duty, civilians and dependents. The talent shows can also provide a positive outlet for young people and give them the opportunity to get involved with the rest of the base community. [It] can help show the value of working hard for a common goal [and] the end result is that the audience enjoys an entertaining show of talented



Photo by Dave Niebergall

Staff Sgt. Thomas Cooper, 47th Security Forces Squadron flight chief, with 4-year-old daughter Tori, sings, "Who's Your Daddy."

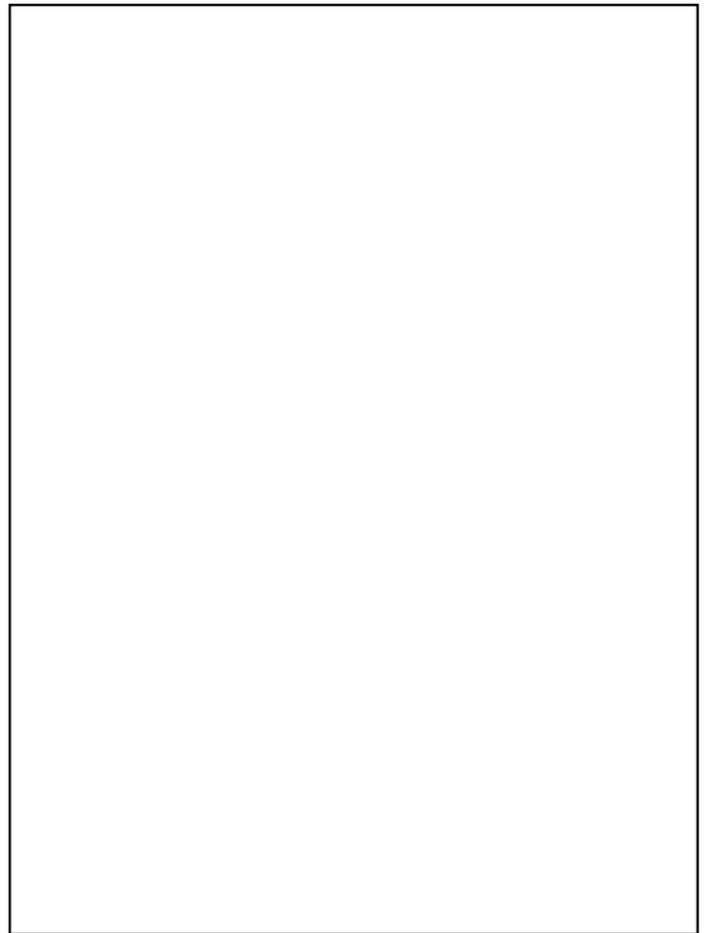


Photo by Dave Niebergall

Kristina Collier, 16, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Marcel and Flora Brown, 47th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate NCO in charge of adverse actions, sings "Home."

## ***stage explodes with Laughlin's finest dancers, singers, gymnasts, musicians***

people who are their friends, neighbors and co-workers.”

Although she loves performing in the base talent shows, Mrs. Wade said one of the most rewarding aspects is mentoring those interested in competing for Tops In Blue.

Typically, there are two talent shows each year. “One show is held in the spring and the other show is held in the fall to try and recruit some people for Tops in Blue and also for the Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest,” said Denise Rossignol, Spring Talent Show master of ceremonies.

This year, three individuals who participated in the 2002 Fall Stages Talent Show were chosen to compete with about 70 airmen in the Worldwide Talent Competition held at Lackland Air Force Base for a slot in Tops in Blue. Although only 24 were selected, one of Laughlin's members, Charles Cook, who recently moved to Lakenheath Air Base, England, was chosen to tour with Tops in Blue. Tiffany Smith, daughter of Col. Ken Smith, 47th FTW vice commander, received third place in in the Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest for her age category solo dance performance to a medley of Michael Jackson's songs. “All of our talent shows have been a big success,” said Ms. Rossignol.

To sign up for the Fall Stages Talent Show, call the Fiesta Community Center at 298-5224.



Photo by Dave Niebergall

Braxton, 10, son of Maj. Scott and TiffanE. Evans, 96th Flying Training Squadron T-38 instructor pilot, performs a gymnastics floor routine.

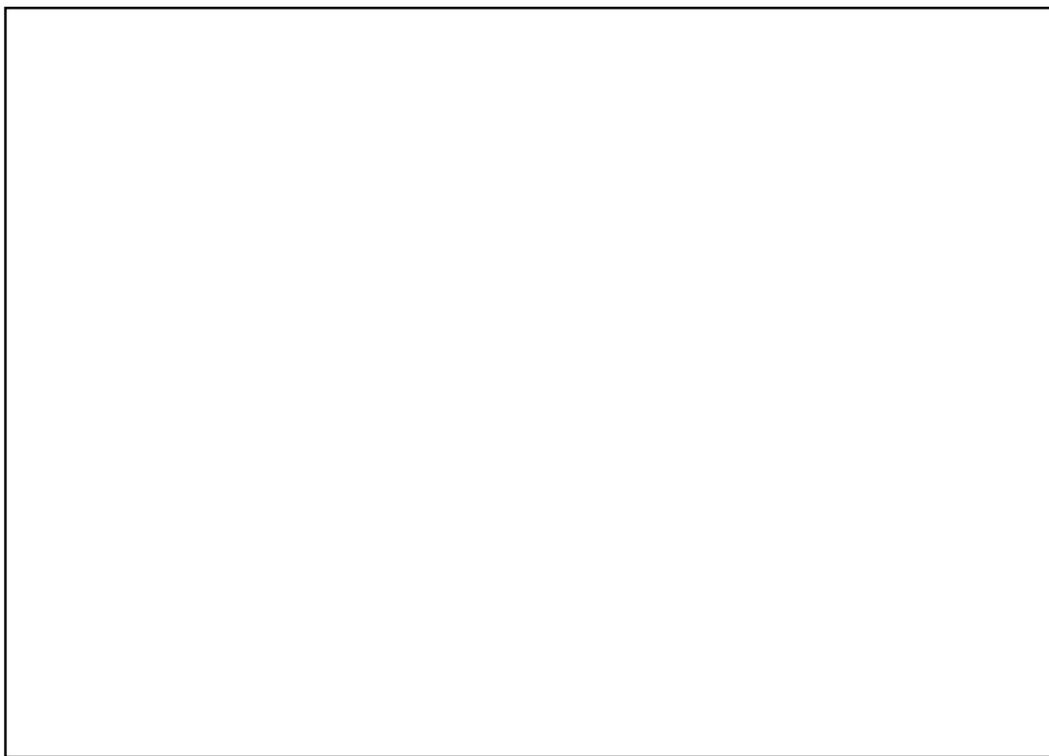


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Beatrice Hernandez, 47th Services Division recreation assistant, performs a solo dance routine to “Somewhere Out There.”

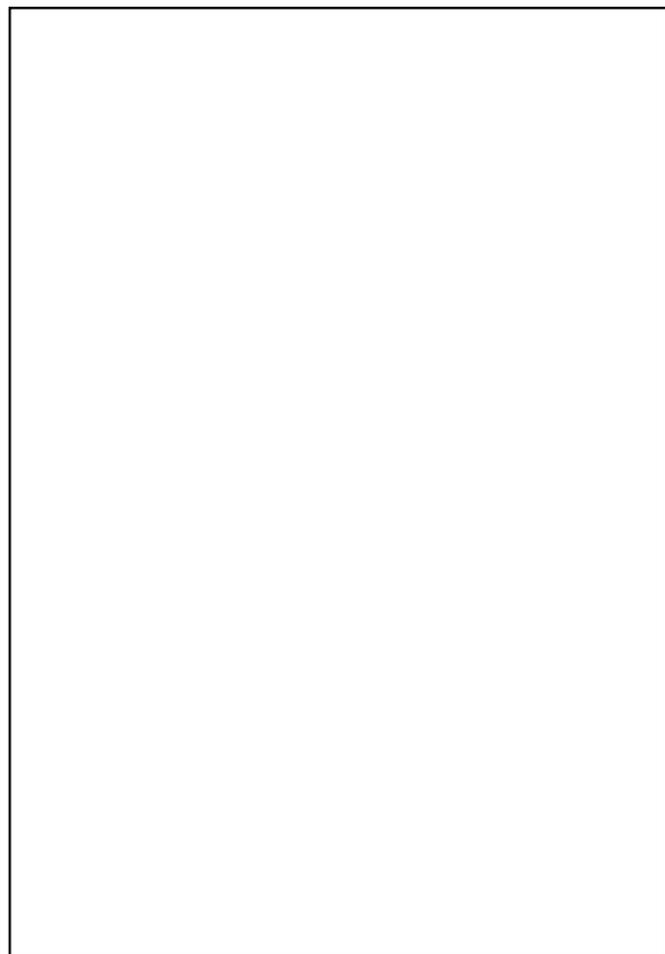


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Alexis, 7, daughter of Joy Fryer-Scott, 47th Contracting Squadron contracting specialist, received a standing ovation for singing “I'll Be There.”

## Last Iwo Jima American flag flies over Buckley

**By Airman Chris Smith**  
*460th Air Base Wing Public Affairs*

BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – In 1968, Old Glory was lowered on the island of Iwo Jima for the last time as the island returned to the Japanese government.

A flag had flown day and night on Mount Suribachi since U.S. Marines famously raised one there during the battle for Iwo Jima.

On March 27, that last flag here was raised as part of a ceremony commemorating the 58th anniversary of the battle in 1945.

Buckley is the first Air Force base to fly the Iwo Jima flag. The flag has previously flown above

Puerto Rico and 20 state capitols and recently was raised above the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M., and Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Paul Bockman, a member of the Black Pearl Veterans of Iwo Jima, provided the flag on behalf of the organization. The group has 266 members who are dedicated to flying the Iwo Jima flag in as many places as possible, including over all 50 state capitols.

Sergeant Bockman, who served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1972, arrived on Iwo Jima in 1958 for a one-year tour. He was a communications maintenance technician in charge of the control tower. He said it is impor-

tant this flag is flown as much as possible so everyone remembers its “historical importance” and the story behind it.

“You sort of bond to the place with all the historical background,” he said. “I thought, my God, I’m standing here where Lord knows how many of my people died.”

The Battle of Iwo Jima is forever preserved in the minds of Americans because of the prize-winning Joe Rosenthal photograph of Marines hoisting the American flag atop Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945.

Iwo Jima was the first native soil in the Japanese empire invaded by Americans in World War II. During

the 36-day assault, nearly 7,000 Americans were killed in action. More than 25,000 Americans were wounded. Virtually all of the 22,000 Japanese soldiers involved in the battle were killed.

Twenty-seven Medals of Honor were awarded to sailors and Marines in the battle, more than in any other battle in American history.

“Raising the last flag to fly over the island of Iwo Jima reminds us of the high price those who serve our country pay in its defense,” said Chief Master Sgt. Dave Seaman, 460th Air Base Wing command chief. “It also ties this generation of warriors with those who’ve served previously.”

## The *XLer*

**Airman 1st Class Douglas Clark**  
47th Flying Training Wing command post

**Hometown:** San Antonio and Las Vegas

**Family:** Father, Douglas Sr.; mother, Helena; brother, Joshua; sister, Debra

**Time at Laughlin:** One year and 10 months

**Time in service:** Two years

**Greatest accomplishments:** Reaching this point in my career and personal life.

**Hobbies:** Painting and listening to music

**Favorite music:** Slowed down Texas

**Favorite movie:** Goodfellas

**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** Anyone on my mother's side of the family. I've haven't had the opportunity to meet them yet because they all live in the Phillipines.



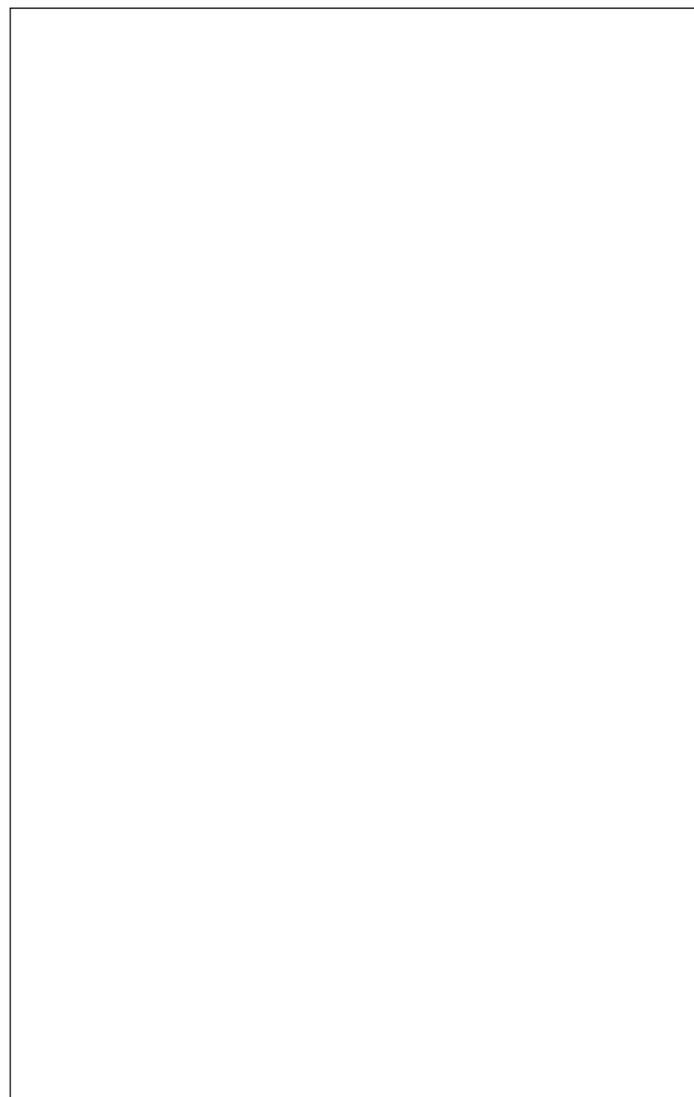
Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Conde



## Laughlin Salutes

### *March re-enlistees:*

- Senior Master Sgt. Michael Vaughan, 47th Communications Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Brock Kerzmann, 47th CS
- Staff Sgt. Clint Logan, 47th Operations Support Squadron
- Senior Airman Keith Pruitt, 47th CS



## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

**Friday** ● 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross

**Saturday** ● 5 p.m., Mass

**Sunday** ● 9:30 a.m., Mass

**Thursday** ● 6 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., R.C.I.A.

**Reconciliation** ● By appointment

**Religious Education**

- 11 a.m. Sunday

### Jewish, Muslim and other

- Call 298-5111

### Nondenominational

**Sunday** ● 6:30 p.m. Officer Christian

### *Friday*

- Fellowship, call 298-2238
- 7 p.m., Unity in Community Fellowship (activities for children)

### *Monthly*

- Women's fellowship (call 298-1351)

### Protestant

#### *Sunday*

- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday school
- 11 a.m., General

worship (blend of contemporary and traditional worship, nursery provided)

#### *Wednesday*

- 10 a.m., Women's Bible study
- 7 p.m., Choir at chapel

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

## AF wins bowling crown

**By Wayne Amann**  
*37th Training Wing Public Affairs*

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – For anyone who says sports dynasties are dead, say hello to the Air Force bowling team.

The 2003 edition dominated the 25th annual Armed Forces Bowling Championship March 14-20 at the Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Skylark Bowling Center. It marked the first time the tournament was held here.

Airmen swept all the gold medals on their way to claiming their fifth consecutive inter-service team title and 15th overall since 1976. Their 53,971 total pinfall bested the Army (49,873), Navy (48,495) and Marine Corps (36,536). The Marines sent only nine bowlers to the event sporting 12-person teams.

“The other services have good bowlers,” Air Force coach and tournament director Chuck Hall said. “But, from top to bottom, we’re the strongest team.”

The Air Force opened the tourney by taking the six-game team event, 12,909, to the Army’s 12,476, the Navy’s 12,126 and the Marine Corps’ 9,188.

Banister and Bedford combined for a 2,698 to claim the men’s doubles event, while Boutwell and Fielder posted a 2,326 for the women’s doubles crown. The remaining eight Air Force bowlers paired off to sweep second and third places in both doubles events.

In mixed doubles play Rodgers and Beasley teamed to roll an event best 2,394. Of the remaining 23 mixed pairings the Air Force fin-

ished second, fourth, sixth, seventh and 13th.

The singles events belonged to the Air Force team captains, the only left-handers on the squad. Banister’s 1,426 led the men while Fielder’s 1,212 paced the women.

“I came here just trying to make the team,” said Banister of the Air Force training camp held on the same lanes the previous week. “I was a new bowler and didn’t know what to expect. The veterans showed me the way and kept pushing.”

The Navy’s Jeff Long, USS Kentucky, finished third in men’s singles to prevent the Air Force from sweeping the top five places. Fellow sailor Coye Allshouse, Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn., was second among the women to deny the airmen a top four sweep.

Team total pinfalls in the singles event were: Air Force 14,083, Navy 12,466, Army 12,324 and Marine Corps 9,128.

Led by Fielder, the Air Force women finished 1-2-3, and in five out of the top seven places, in total pin count.

Meanwhile, the Air Force men made it a clean sweep of the top six spots. The closest challenger was Army’s Tony Perez, ironically stationed at Patrick AFB, Fla. He was the only non-Air Force bowler to average more than 190. Perez rolled the tourney’s top game, 277, to help secure third place in mixed doubles.

“If we keep this team together, and unless the other services change the way they put their teams together, they’re not going to beat us,” Hall said.