

## News in Brief

### Promotion party

An O-4 promotion party is set for 6 p.m. today at Club XL. There will be free beverages and food. There will also be free beverages at Club Amistad.

### Change of command

Lt. Col. Mark Mattison will take command of the 87th Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Jeffrey Ellis in a change-of-command ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Monday at flightline in front of the Anderson Hall.

For more information, call 298-5223.

### MLK luncheon

The Black Heritage Committee is holding a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at Club XL.

The keynote speaker will be Pastor Russell Frazier, Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church pastor.

For tickets or more information, call 298-5914.

## Mission status

(As of Monday)

Days ahead or behind with mission capable rate

T-37	-0.16	87.2%
T-1	-0.90	94.2%
T-38	-2.31	79.8%
T-6	N/A	88.9%

# Wing focuses on fitness



Photo by David Niebergall

Members of the 87th Flying Training Squadron run in formation during the fun run on Jan. 3. More than 600 Laughlin members participated in the run.

## 600 Laughlin members participate in fun run

By Airman 1st Class  
Yvonne Conde

Staff Writer

All base military personnel kicked off the new year with a worldwide fun run Jan. 3.

As part of a wing fitness initiative for the new year, about 600 Laughlin people gathered at the base picnic grounds and sprinted through the two-mile route to finish at Liberty Field.

The wing run promoted fitness for the new year while building esprit de corps among all Laughlin people. While the run was mandatory for all military, family members and civilians joined the run. “The

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# Command chief bids adiós to Texas

By Airman 1st Class  
Timothy J. Stein

Editor

Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart will step down as 47th Flying Training Wing command chief this week and move on to become the superintendent of the communications squadron at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

“Chief Enyeart will be sorely missed,” said Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander. “His replacement will have some mighty big shoes to fill.”

Chief Enyeart became command chief in November of 2000 after serving at Laughlin as the chief of maintenance systems flight since 1998.

Chief and Mrs. Enyeart said they had many rewarding and challenging experiences as command chief, such as getting the Enlisted Spouses Club going again and setting up the Airman’s Attic, but what they liked best about the job was working with people.

While he and his wife, Lynette, prepare to move to Wyoming, the chief said they will miss Laughlin greatly.

“This job is all about people,” he said. “The people are what make this job worth while. Watching people grow over the last four years has been very rewarding.”

“I love this base and the people on it,” Chief Enyeart said. “I am extremely proud to have worked with the best people in the world. We will miss each and every Laughlin

member.”

The chief also said he hopes the younger airmen on base understand something he learned long ago. “You have to take advantage of every opportunity given to you to learn more, see more and do more.”

Chief Enyeart will be replaced by Chief Master Sgt. Theodore Pilihos, whose last assignment was as first sergeant for Headquarters, United States Air Forces Europe and AIRNORTH, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



Chief Master Sgt.  
Stephen Enyeart



## Commanders' Corner

Maj. Franziska Chopp  
47th Flying Training Wing staff judge advocate

### Military justice system – is it fair?

In 1950, President Harry Truman signed a public law establishing a uniform criminal code applicable to all military members worldwide.

The resulting Uniform Code of Military Justice created a military justice system that promotes justice and good order and discipline, while addressing the unique needs of the military environment.

Even after more than half a century, the code remains a model justice system, with numerous safeguards to protect the rights of the accused. It is, perhaps, the fairest justice system in the world.

Many people, both military and civilians do not realize the

breadth of rights a military member enjoys under the military justice system. I have heard ill-informed critics who claim that the military justice system is broken and that military members cannot receive a fair trial. Such allegations have little basis in fact.

Noted civilian defense attorney F. Lee Bailey has practiced in criminal courts at all levels, in many different jurisdictions. In his book, *To Be A Trial Lawyer*, he spoke reverently of the military system. "Military court, compared to most civilian courts, is refreshing in many respects," Bailey noted. "The pretrial discovery features are the best and most complete of any system.... Military juries are nearly always made up of intelligent commissioned officers ... there are no hung juries, and verdicts are usually reached swiftly.... I still try courts-martial on regular basis, and still enjoy them more than any other trials."

Such comments make sense when you consider some basic aspects of a justice system and com-

pare the military justice system to the typical civilian criminal justice system. For example, military members enjoy greater protections against self-incrimination than civilians. While everyone is protected by the Fifth Amendment, the military system goes further. A civilian must be arrested to trigger Fifth Amendment rights, but a military member's self-incrimination rights kick in the moment they are suspected of committing a crime.

Further, a defendant in a civilian court must hire and pay his own attorney, unless the court determines that he is unable to afford one. Sometimes a public defender is not available to meet with the accused until just before trial. The military member, on the other hand, has immediate access to an area defense counsel. In addition, the accused may also have a circuit defense counsel appointed to work with the ADC throughout the trial process.

Another layer of protection is added for military members during pretrial investigations. An Article 32 investigation, unlike a civilian grand jury, is open to the public. Perhaps more importantly, the accused has the right to be present for the Article 32 hearing, may cross-examine witnesses and may even present his own witnesses at the government's expense.

In both the military and the civilian systems, a jury is selected prior to the trial beginning. In the military forum, the convening authority selects a panel of court members based on age, education, experience and judicial temperament. The military panel is almost always much more highly educated than civilian juries. Juries in the civilian system are ran-

domly selected "peers" chosen from the entire community and tend to be over-represented by less educated citizenry.

The accused in a civilian trial is responsible for the expenses of their witnesses. However, the government pays witness expenses in the military system. Witnesses are very important to both the prosecution's and the defense's cases. All the evidence to convict or acquit the accused is presented through these witnesses. So any information they provide helps the jury form its opinion about the guilt or innocence of the accused. This brings us to one of the most important differences between the two systems, the verdict.

In order to convict or acquit the accused in the civilian system, the members' verdict must be unanimous. When all of the members cannot reach a unanimous decision, they become a "hung jury" and a mistrial will be declared. At this point, the prosecutor is free to start the process over and retry the accused for the same offenses. So even if 11 of the 12 jurors voted "not guilty," the accused could be prosecuted again. Additionally, the civilian prosecutor may present new evidence at the second trial in order to secure the conviction. In the military system a two-thirds majority vote is required to convict. Anything less than a two-thirds majority vote will result in acquittal. Unlike the civilian system, there are no hung juries and no retrials in the military system.

Although I have only provided a cursory comparison between the federal civilian justice system and the military justice system, if asked the question which system is fairer to the accused, how will you answer? I am proud of our military justice system and, while it may not be perfect, I hope you now recognize its merits and will be proud of it too.



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# Supervisors play career counseling roles

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FORCE BASE, Miss. —

Quick — what is your role as a supervisor in career counseling? Do you have to be a supervisor to provide career counseling? What does career counseling mean to you? How does career counseling tie into the retention problems that the Air Force faces today?

If you can answer every question above, you have mastered one of the main roles of being a leader. If you're one of the many who questions why you have to know career counseling, then

you should brush up on this important duty.

As a front-line supervisor and leader you must promote a "career mindset."

When there weren't any career advisers, many airmen had to make the critical decision of "Should I stay or should I go?" without proper guidance and necessary information. It became obvious there was an urgent need to fill this void, so the Air Force responded by creating career assistance advisor positions at each installation.

As the adviser for Columbus AFB, it's my responsibility to help supervisors, first sergeants and commanders get out the right in-

formation on the benefits of making the Air Force a career. This is my role, but what about yours as a supervisor and leader?

According to the most recent Air Force exit survey, three of the top five reasons members are leaving the Air Force are directly related to our supervisors and leaders. The reasons are "lack of recognition of one's efforts, lack of leadership at the unit level and lack of job satisfaction." These three areas cost the Air Force years of experience and thousands of dollars in training every time an airman walks out the door and into the civilian workforce. As supervisors

and leaders, we must address these issues head on.

Not surprisingly, these three responses are also mentioned numerous times in civilian job satisfaction questionnaires. Apparently, the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

Think about what kept you in the Air Force. Whatever the reason, it was positive or you wouldn't be here today.

We are part of the most powerful Air Force in the world, an organization that stands second to none in several areas, including tax-free allowances, free health care, family support programs, educational benefits, promo-

tion opportunities and the only retirement program in America where you don't pay a penny to collect a retirement check for the rest of your life after 20 years for the rest of your life.

Expose your airmen to these and other military benefits. Your comments, thoughts and guidance on what led you to stay in the Air Force will not only affect the individual you're counseling, but might affect your entire workcenter.

Many junior personnel aren't aware of some of their benefits. This is why your role as a supervisor and leader is so critical in successful career counseling.



Col. Dan Woodward  
47th Flying Training  
Wing commander

## Actionline

Call 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 at-

tempt 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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## Random urinalysis

**C**omment: On Sunday at 4 p.m., I came on base and was directed by a captain to go over the contracting squadron building for a random urinalysis. I had my four kids in the vehicle with me and asked if I could take the kids home and return after doing so. The captain got abrupt and told me to pull over to the parking lot.

After my kids had to sit in the vehicle for 90 minutes, Col. Charles Hardin, 47th Medical Group commander, was nice enough to volun-

teer to take them home for me. I understand the concept of the random urinalysis, but I don't think five to 10 minutes would have made that much difference in the test.

I would like to know why I was not afforded the opportunity to take my kids home and return to the contracting building to complete the test. Thank you.

**A**nswer: As you know, the Air Force is committed to the Demand Reduction Program. A valuable tool in demand reduction is the random urinalysis.

Because of the metabolism of some illegal recreational drugs, the wing has begun conducting random urinalysis on weekends.

As vehicles enter the gate, they are selected in a predetermined sequence. As a result of this "randomness," some passengers who are not subject to random urinalysis may experience a delay if traveling with a member who is selected.

A person selected for random urinalysis cannot leave the area until the specimen has been produced, unless accompanied by an escort. On the weekend, manpower is not avail-

able to provide escorts; however, the process should only take 20-30 minutes if a specimen is readily available. Phones are available at the test site to call family members to pick up children or other passengers, or they are welcome inside the facility to stay out of the heat or cold.

Unfortunately, a certain amount of inconvenience is unavoidable to be able to execute this program with integrity. I appreciate your patience as we strive to ensure that our Air Force remains drug free.

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run was a huge success," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Coffey, 47th Mission Support Group sports director. "The participation was unbelievable."

The 87th Flying Training Squadron marched to the picnic grounds in formation and also crossed the finish line in a jogging formation.

"Without a doubt, the 87th FTS made an impression," said Lt. Col. Mark Mattison, 87th FTS operations

officer. "We are a first-class military organization with squadron esprit and morale that are second to none. Many [other] runners mentioned they thought we looked good and wished their squadron would have done the same. Our entire squadron enjoyed running together."

Twelve units competed in team event, in addition to individual competitions based on age and gender.

The 84th Flying Training Squad-

ron took honors in the unit competition which required one officer, one enlisted, one female and one person over 30 years old. Each participant carried the 84th guidon a minimum of two minutes.

Winners of the individual competitions are:

■ Under 30: Lt. Ryan Strong, 86th Flying Training Squadron student pilot; and Capt. Lisa Firestone, 47th Medical Group flight surgeon.

■ 30 - 40: Master Sgt. Jorge Caro, 47th Security Forces Squadron

Superintendent of Training and Resources; (no female competitors).

■ Over 40: Lt. Col. Steven Moore, 85th Flying Training Squadron operations officer; and Lt. Col. Elizabeth Clark, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron commander.

Colonel Clark said it feels great to have won her individual category. "It validates every early morning [that] I get up and run," she said. "It is essential as military members to be fit, not just for readiness but for personal health."

## Base cleanup

The environmental flight is organizing a base cleanup for 1 p.m. today at the waste water ponds. For more information, call 298-4298.

## Transition counseling

Civil service employees considering leaving federal employment or changing careers can receive career counseling from the Family Support Center. The counseling assists with resumes, interviews and transition plans.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 298-5620.

## Rising Six

The next Rising Six meeting is set for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Club Amistad.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Marcel Brown at 298-5172.

## HAWC closure

The Health and Wellness Center will be closed Jan. 17 for training.

For more information, call 298-6464.

## OTS boards

All nontechnical applications received for Officer Training School boards are suspended until October.

All nontechnical applications received for OTS boards scheduled to convene prior to October will be returned to base education offices. All nontechnical selects' class assignments are currently on hold until August. The base education offices will continue to submit applications for

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rated and technical programs.

Additional information will be forthcoming.

## Watoto Children's Choir

The Laughlin base chapel is hosting the Watoto Children's Choir from Kampala, Uganda, at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Paul Poag Theatre in Del Rio. The concert is free.

The Watoto choir blends native African rhythms with contemporary gospel music and ethnic dance.

For more information, call 298-5111.

## Change of command

Lt. Col. Kathryn Hall will relinquish command of the 47th Medical Operations Squadron to Maj. Robin Squellati at 8 a.m. Jan. 24 at Club XL. A reception will follow at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call 298-6309

## Medical group closure

The 47th Medical Group will be closed for a group function from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 24.

During this time radiology, laboratory and the pharmacy will be closed along with the nurse triage line. The Tricare Service Center will be open.

Anyone requiring emergency medical treatment at this time should report to the Val Verde Regional Medical Center Emergency Room. For other care, call 1-800-406-2832.

## Airman leadership school

The Laughlin Airman Leadership School

graduation and awards ceremony for class 03-02 is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at Club Amistad. The cost is \$13 for club members and \$16 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 298-2375.

## Base firing range

The Laughlin small arms firing range is off limits to unauthorized personnel and should be considered dangerous at all times. Trespassing in the range area is illegal.

Anyone needing access to the firing range area should call 298-5151 during duty hours and 298-5100 during non-duty hours.

## Aerospace scholarship

Spouses of Air Force active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, can apply for the Air Force Spouse Scholarship now through Jan. 31. The scholarship will be awarded in March and may be used to pay for any reasonable costs related to pursuing a degree. Thirty scholarships will be awarded.

## Sick call

The 47th Medical Group now has a walk-in sick call from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday for military non-flyers. This sick call is for acute sickness (e.g. seen in emergency room over night or sudden violent sickness) and for duty determination.

## VI support

Visual Information needs a minimum of 48 hours notice for any support after normal duty hours, weekends and holidays.

For more information, call 298-5177.

**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.**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Adam Johnston

## Avoiding 'Trash-ganistan'

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — Senior Airman Courtney Swales holds on as Senior Master Sgt. Dave Dickinson drives a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle with a load full of trash from Air Force Village at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Hauling trash to the dump is one of many additional duties airmen frequently pull at the base. Dickinson is the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group first sergeant and deployed from the 72nd Medical Group at Tinker AFB, Okla. Swales is a medical technician with the 455th EOG and deployed from the 30th MGD at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

# Nonvolunteers could fill instructor, leader positions

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs  
Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Beginning this month, the Air Force will have the option of selecting non-volunteers for special duty as military training instructors and military training leaders to fill vacancies.

Previously, only volunteers filled MTI and MTL slots.

“The selection-based assignment process will allow us to fill requirements when we don’t have enough qualified volunteers,” said Col. Mike Hudson, chief of the assignments division at Air Education and Training Command, the command that owns the majority of MTI and MTL positions. “This will ensure there is no mission degradation or manning gaps as we have encountered in the past.”

The assignment selection change means MTI and MTL slots will be filled similar to other Air Force career fields; volunteers will be given first consideration and qualified non-volunteers will be assigned to fill positions as needed.

Senior airmen through master sergeants, with less than 16 years on active duty, stationed at continental United States bases will be in the eligibility pool for the

assignments. Those in joint and special duty positions, such as instructors, will not be considered.

Under the new process, AFPC officials will develop a roster that prioritizes non-volunteers based on the date they arrived at their current duty station. The roster, combined with basic qualification criteria for the special duty career field, will determine who gets selected. Once selected, people must complete associated paperwork to determine their qualifications.

“This is no different than any other assignment, which requires documentation to validate individual qualifications,” said Col. Christopher Miller, director of assignments for the Air Force Personal Center. “To ensure successful implementation, we need maximum support at all levels concerning procedural and philosophical changes to the MTI and MTL selection process. Commanders’ support and understanding by enlisted members in the field are critical.”

For more information about MTI duty, contact the Recruit the MTI Team at DSN 473-1016. For MTL duty, call 2nd Air Force operations at DSN 597-1325.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

## Air Force reduces available OTS slots as ROTC grows

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Tremendous growth in Air Force ROTC has reduced the number of officers the Air Force needs to commission through Officer Training School, the commander of Air Education and Training Command announced recently.

Gen. Don Cook said the number of officers commissioned through ROTC has grown by about 300 annually, and ROTC continues to be a steady source for officer accessions entering active duty.

As a result, the general said reducing the number of students at OTS will help return the school to the flexible commissioning program it was designed to be.

“OTS has acted as an accordion in balancing officer accessions,” Cook said. “When we needed more people commissioned, we could expand OTS production. Conversely, when other commissioning sources, such as ROTC, were providing enough officer accessions to meet Air Force

needs, we could contract OTS output.”

During the past few years, OTS has been performing at peak capacity, which meant the school could not provide any flexibility for officer accession end strength, Cook said. In fiscal 2002, 1,946 second lieutenants received their commissions from the basic officer course at OTS. The program course load was projected at 1,780.

Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., conduct the ROTC and OTS programs for the Air Force. Officials there said the growth in ROTC during the past three years uniquely positions ROTC to become the primary producer of technically oriented officers for the Air Force. ROTC is already the largest producer of officers for the Air Force — more than 2,500 officers received their commissions through ROTC in fiscal 2002.

“We need flexibility restored to the OTS program to ensure the Air Force has short-term capabil-

ity to respond to future needs,” said Brig. Gen. Paul Hankins, AFOATS commander. “Thirty percent growth over the last three years in the number of young men and women pursuing Air Force careers through ROTC allows us to decrease the output from OTS and restore flexibility to officer production.”

Air Force Recruiting Service officials said the more than 200 applicants who have already met an Air Force selection board to attend OTS will not lose their slots, but may have class dates delayed up to 12 months. Officials, however, expect most candidates will be offered class dates by August or September.

Air Force recruiters are still accepting applications for OTS from qualified candidates to fill flying-related positions such as pilot, navigator, weapons system officer and air battle manager, regardless of degree area, said Col. Dwayne Hafer, director of officer accessions for Air Force Recruiting Service.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

# Air Force prepares for major deployment

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliot  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld directed the deployment of additional forces to support operation Enduring Freedom and possible future contingencies Dec. 24. The additional active-duty forces in Air and Space Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8 as well as selected forces from AEFs 9 and 10 have been tasked to deploy in a message from the secretary.

The Air Force is organized into 10 AEFs for rotational deployment scheduling. A single AEF represents approximately six squadrons of fighter and bomber aircraft; C-130s Hercules and tankers; search and res-

cue personnel; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance forces; and the expeditionary combat support elements necessary to support and operate expeditionary bases.

Before these deployments, the Air Force had nearly two full AEFs supporting operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom, and operating more than 12 expeditionary operating bases. The additional deploying forces will bring the total capability of Air Force deployed forces to nearly that of three full AEFs. This deployment will provide forces in the region a stronger set of capabilities. Deploying forces will be assigned to the two air and space expe-

ditionary task forces currently operating in the region.

According to Maj. Gen. Tim Peppe, special assistant to the Air Force chief of staff for AEF matters, besides the forces drawn from the AEFs, Air Mobility Command units and other “enabler” forces will play a major role in this deployment and any future operations.

Airmen and aircraft from the following Air Force bases have been identified for initial deployment:

- AEF 7 and 8 including B-1B Lancers from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., and HC-130s from Moody AFB, Ga.
- AEF 9 and 10 including F-15C Eagles from Langley AFB, Va.; F-16s

Fighting Falcons from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany; HC-130s from Moody AFB, Ga., and HH-60 Pave Hawks and Predator unmanned aerial vehicles from Nellis AFB, Nev.

Air and space expeditionary wings and enabler forces include F-15E Strike Eagles from Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar Systems from Robins AFB, Ga.; and AC-130 Gunships, MC-130 Combat Talons and MH-53 Pave Lows from Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Additional aircraft and people are included in the surge order, but units have not yet been identified. Pentagon officials said they will be notified as soon as possible.

# U.S. increasing troops in gulf; war still not inevitable

By Kathleen T. Rhem  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. military is building up forces in the Persian Gulf, but that is not a sign war with Iraq is inevitable, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard Myers refused to discuss specific numbers of troops in or headed to the region. Longstanding military policy prohibits such releases.

Both men told reporters at a Pentagon briefing that the forces are being moved to the gulf to give the president as many options as possible in deal-

ing with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

“We want to ensure that we are prepared to provide the president as much flexibility as possible,” General Myers said.

Still, Rumsfeld added, none of this means war cannot be averted. He said that President Bush “is determined to see what takes place” regarding Iraq. Recent international attention on the country has already led to some positive signs, he added.

“Because of the emphasis that [President Bush, Congress and the United Nations] have put on this problem, we are seeing that Iraq is allowing inspectors in and behaving in a manner that’s

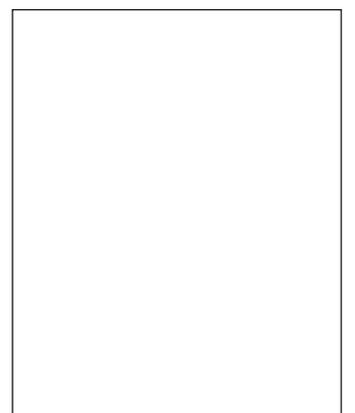
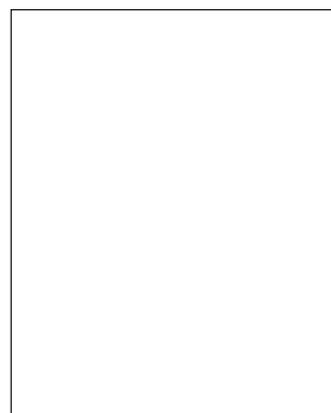
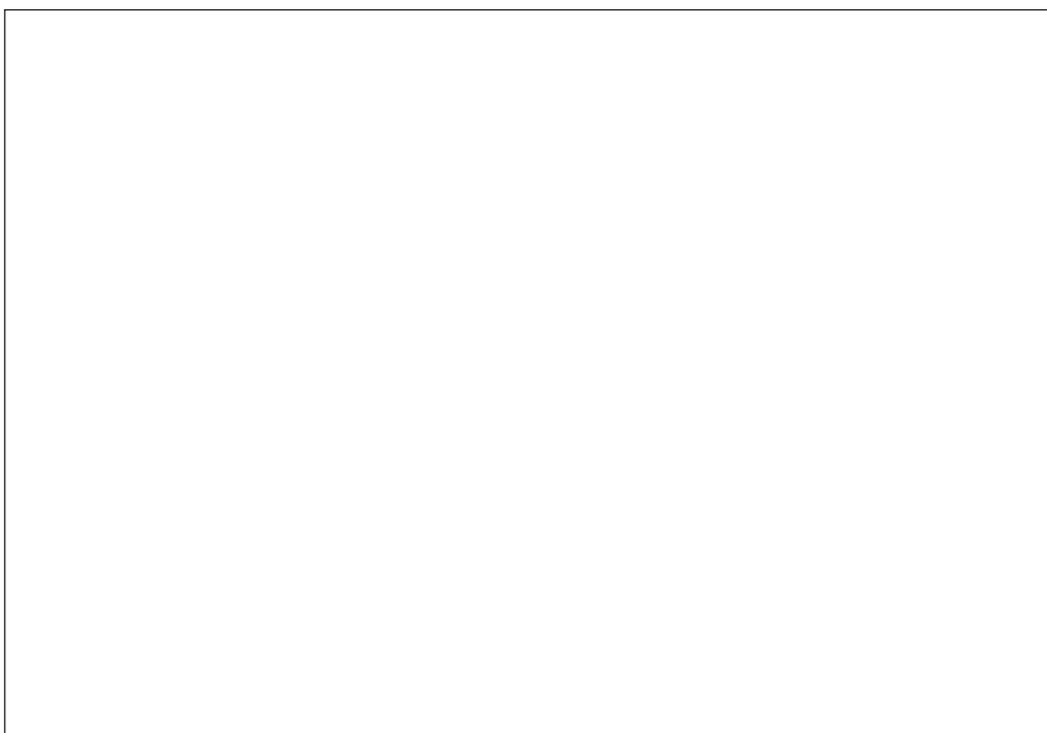
somewhat different from that which it’s been behaving in over the preceding years,” Rumsfeld said.

The secretary said the United States has received offers of support from many other nations.

“Countries across the globe have been coming forward and discussing with us ways that they can be helpful,” he said.

Rumsfeld once again suggested Saddam Hussein could avoid military action by simply leaving Iraq.

“The first choice would be that Saddam Hussein pick up and leave the country tonight,” he said. “That would be nice for everybody.”



## Air Force TV News interviews CMSAF

A new edition of Air Force Television News is now airing on the commander's access channel, cable channel 34, Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The second of four special editions presents an extended interview with Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. Chief Murray discusses a wide range of topics, including retention and recruiting during high operations tempo.

Chief Murray also explains the importance of professional military education and how it has been extensively improved. He emphasizes it is a necessary building block to a successful Air Force career.

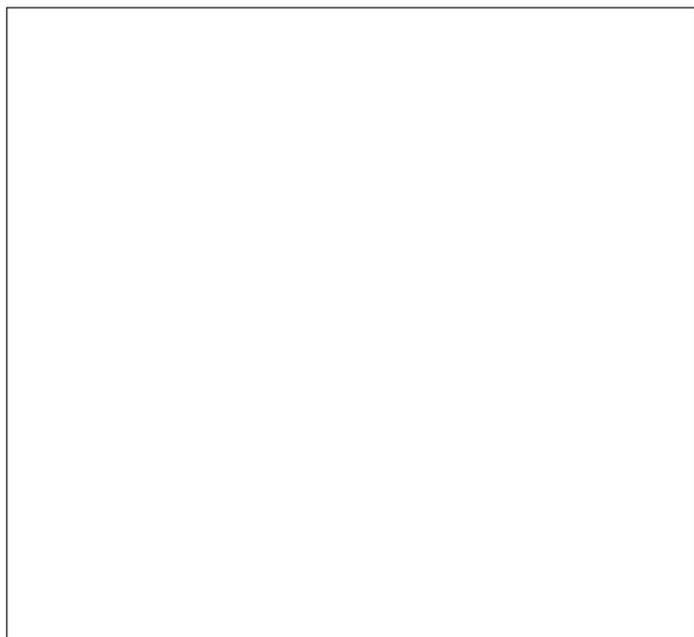
Chief Murray also discusses the expanded role and increased responsibility of the enlisted corps in an Air Force that is the world's pre-eminent air and space power.

Finally, the chief looks ahead to 2003, discussing his priorities for the year and the challenges facing people he represents. Chief Murray says stability and predictability are important to every man and woman in the Air Force and that is what senior leadership is constantly trying to improve.

In the upcoming two programs, Air Force Television will feature extended interviews with the commander of Air Force Reserve Command and the director of the Air National Guard. The first regular edition of the program will be released in mid-February.

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**(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)**



# Pets traveling to UK still require quarantine license

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ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England – Currently, cats and dogs coming into the United Kingdom from the United States must still be licensed into quarantine, according to British Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs officials.

The U.K. government extended the Pet Travel Scheme to the United States as of Dec. 11. This extension means that in the future, if an animal complies with all the rules outlined in the PETS program, it should be able to enter the country without having to spend six months in quarantine.

However, DEFRA officials acknowledge that in these initial months, when official certification is not available or there are no ap-

proved routes and carriers, all cats and dogs must first be licensed into quarantine, and the owner can then apply for early release. If all of the PETS program procedures are followed, the quarantine could be as little as five days.

This program is a vast improvement for the quality of life of pets and pet lovers alike, said David Feehan, chief of international law at 3rd Air Force, who has been involved in the process since the program's inception.

"We're extremely pleased that the British government has now included the U.S. in the PETS program," Feehan said. "This can significantly reduce the time that owners are separated from their pets, as well as significantly reduce the out-of-pocket expense incurred by the traveler."

Although the program is new,

one Department of Defense civilian has already reaped the benefits.

"The recent news [about the Pet Travel Scheme] warmed my heart – I was so excited," said Pat Miller, Royal Air Force Alconbury Family Support Center personal financial consultant. Miller, who is "mom" to Mili, a 7-year-old cocker spaniel, just arrived in the United Kingdom with her dog in tow.

Because the process takes nearly seven months to complete, and in the hopes that the United States would be added to PETS, Miller began the program procedures back in May of this year. This process includes micro-chipping first, followed by a rabies shot and a blood test 30 days later. Six months after a blood test with successful results, the animal can leave the United States and enter the United Kingdom without having to spend six months in quarantine.

Because it is a new process, people should be very careful and fully understand what they are doing before putting their pet on a plane, Miller said. Otherwise, they may end up with extended separation time and added expense that may not be reimbursable.

"The best advice I can give to anyone beginning this process would be to do your homework, become well-versed in the requirements and remain flexible," she said.

Above all, Miller stressed it is important to start early. If people think they may get an assignment to the United Kingdom it is best to get the family pet in line with the DEFRA requirements.

For the complete list of procedures and requirements for the PETS program, go to [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk).

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## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

- Saturday ● 5 p.m., Mass
- Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
- Thursday ● 6 p.m., Choir
- Reconciliation ● By appointment
- Religious Education

- 11 a.m. Sunday

### Jewish

- Call Max Stool at 775-4519

### Muslim

- Call Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

### Nondenominational

- Sunday ● 6:30 p.m. Officer Christian Fellowship, call 298-2238
- Friday ● 7 p.m., Unity in Community Fellowship (activities for children)
- Monthly ● Women's fellowship (call 298-1351 for details)

### Protestant

- Saturday ● 9 a.m., Singles Bible study at the Chaparral Dining facility
- Sunday ● 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday school
- 11 a.m., General worship (blend of contemporary and traditional worship)
- Wednesday ● 10 a.m., Women's Bible study
- 7 p.m., Choir at chapel

# Commissary offers Guard, Reservists 24 shopping days

## Compiled from staff reports

FORT LEE, Va. – Guard and Reserve members are urged to take advantage of their “24 days to save” by adding commissary shopping to their list of New Year’s resolutions.

Guard and Reserve members and their immediate families are entitled to 24 commissary shopping days, but to take advantage, they need valid military ID cards and a current commissary privilege card.

Activated Guard and Reserve personnel and their family members can enjoy unlimited shopping in the commissary by showing their ID

cards and active-duty orders. During active-duty periods, they do not need the privilege card to shop.

At DeCA, where the focus is on making sure authorized shoppers are aware of their benefits, Guard and Reserve members are considered key customers. “To help them keep their resolution to save money, some commissaries ‘hit the road’ to offer case-lot sales,” said Bob Vitikacs, DeCA executive director of operations and product support. “As long as there is a commissary located within a reasonable distance for future shopping, taking case-lot sales to the customers is a great way

to introduce Guard and Reserve personnel to their valuable commissary benefit. Hopefully they will realize the benefit and make the effort to shop their nearest commissary.”

The commissary privilege card is issued each December to Guard and Reserve members by their units. The card contains blocks to record the 24 authorized shopping days during the calendar year. Commissary personnel date and initial a block on the card for each day. Personnel who have not received a privilege card for 2003 should contact their unit immediately. Neither commissaries nor DeCA are respon-

sible for issuing privilege cards.

“Gray area” Reserve component personnel those who have retired from the Guard or Reserve but who are not yet 60 also need the privilege card in order to take advantage of their 24 annual commissary shopping days. Privilege cards for these personnel are mailed annually from locations where their military personnel records are retained.

For more on the privilege card and Guard and Reserve shopping eligibility check the information page at [http://www.commissaries.com/guard\\_reserve.htm](http://www.commissaries.com/guard_reserve.htm).

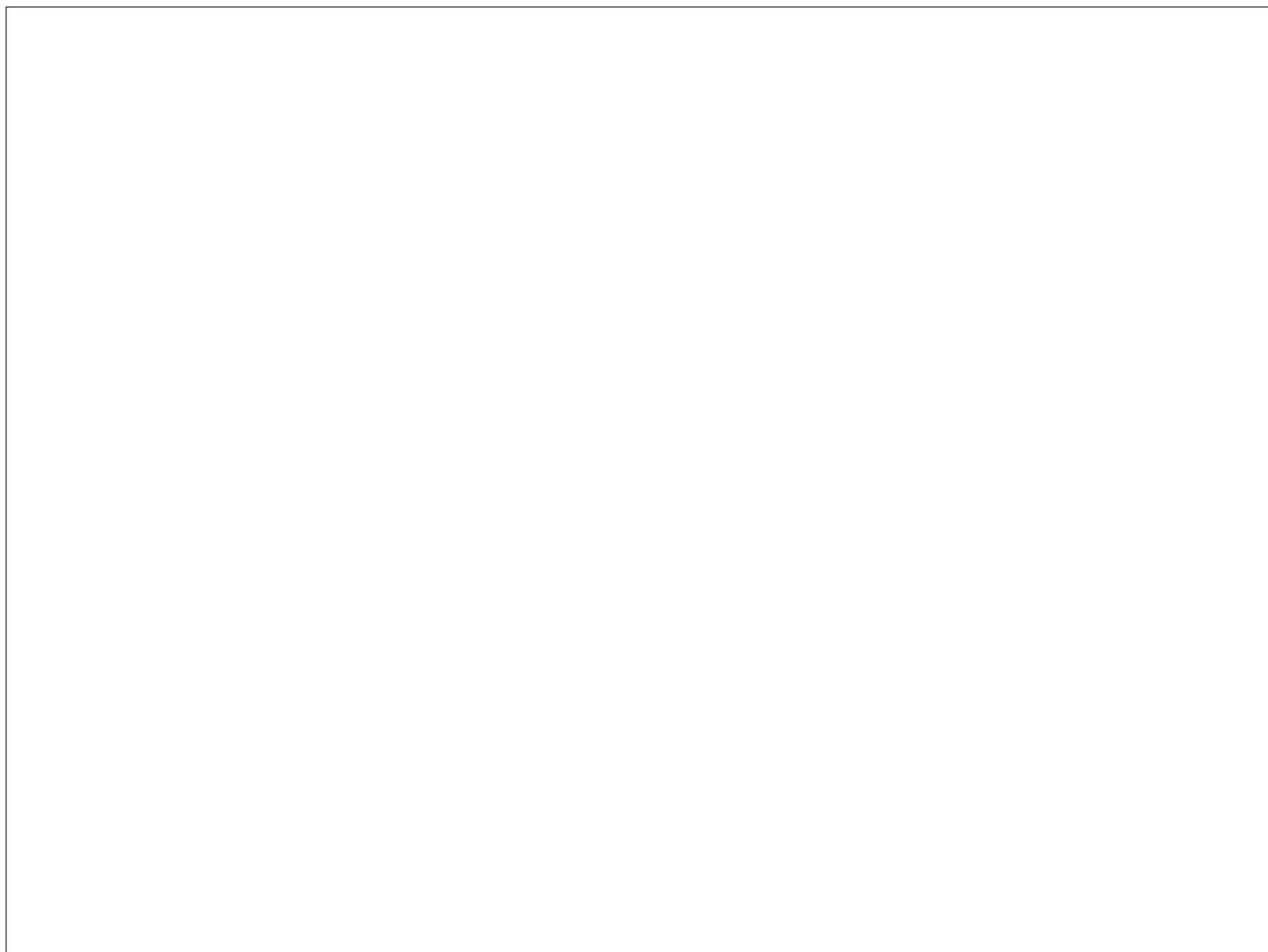




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### Pumping iron...

Staff Sgt. Timothy Coffey, 47th Mission Support Group sports director and personal trainer assists Jordan Grant, relative of Harry Boykin, 47th Flying Training Wing Maintenance Data Management, as he performs exercises with new dumbbell equipment at the XL Fitness Center Thursday. The fitness center now has two personal trainers available for appointment.

# Sportslines

## Aerobics classes

The XL Fitness Center has a variety of aerobics programs available throughout the week at different times to suit all fitness levels.

Step, Spin, Cardio Kickboxing and Power Yoga classes are available for Laughlin people to attend. Monday – Friday classes are scheduled at 9 a.m., Monday – Thursday includes a noon and 5:30 p.m. class and Monday and Wednesday Power Yoga is scheduled at 6:30 p.m.

All classes are free and conducted by well informed, certified instructors. For more information, schedules are available at the fitness center, or call 298-5251.

## 10K run/walk

Anyone interested in participating in the 10K run/walk may sign up at the XL Fitness Center by Jan. 23. The run will start at the flag football parking lot Jan. 25 at 8 a.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 298-5251.

## Laughlin sports teams

Intramural basketball starts Monday. Schedules are available at the XL Fitness Center.

Air Force forms 303 are due for the following sports: wrestling, Jan. 17; bowling, Jan. 20; women's basketball, Feb. 17.

The forms are available in orderly rooms and the XL Fitness Center. For more information, call the fitness center at 298-5251.

## Personal trainers available

The XL Fitness Center has two personal trainers on staff who can help with workout programs.

Contact either Staff Sgt. Coffey or Airman 1st Class Gerson Hernandez at 298-5251 to set up an appointment.

## XL Fitness Center

### hours

**Monday – Thursday:**  
5 a.m. to midnight

**Friday:**  
5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Saturday – Sunday:**  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Holidays:**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.