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Photo by Capt. Jason Vitas

Pit stop...

Capt. Jason Vitas, 85th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, takes a picture of himself and of a F-16 being refueled in flight by a KC-135 while deployed to Luke Air Force Base. For more on that deployment and on the 84th FTS deployment to Nellis AFB, turn to pages 10 and 11.

Base to honor retirees during special day

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin pauses from its normal mission of training pilots to welcome more than 1,800 area military retirees to a Retiree Appreciation Day Saturday.

Events begin at 1 p.m. in the Fiesta Community Center. Parking is located at Colorado Avenue and Liberty Drive. Attendees may register at 11 a.m. then dine in Chaparral Enlisted Dining Facility and visit the commissary and base exchange for special sales.

Also available for retirees attending the program will be screening for medical problems, such as glaucoma and oral cancer, and presentations about hypertension, diabetes, nutrition, cancer, cardiovascular awareness and fitness/nutrition. The Del Rio Host Lion's Club will provide hearing tests free of charge.

"Retirees may take advantage of informa-

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POW/MIAs remembered Sept. 19

Compiled from staff reports

Prisoners of war and those missing in action are being remembered here Sept. 19 with an air power call and a formal POW/MIA retreat ceremony.

The air power call is scheduled at 3 p.m. in the Anderson Hall auditorium. It will be followed by the formal POW/MIA retreat ceremony at 5 p.m. in front of the 47th Flying Training Wing headquarters building.

Air power call panel members are: Air Force retired Cols. Ken Cordier, POW in Hanoi from December 1966 until March 1973; Thomas Madison, POW in Hanoi from April 1967 until

March 1973; and James Lamar, POW in Hanoi from May 1966 until February 1973. The former POWs will give personal remarks and then welcome all questions concerning their captivity, treatment and return to the United States.



Retreat events will include a missing man flyover, lowering of the last U.S. flag flown over Iwo Jima and a performance by a Marine Corps color guard.

All Laughlin people are encouraged to attend the events and ask any question they may

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Deployment stats

Deployed	Returning next 30 days	Deploying next 30 days
53	2	1

Mission status

Airframe	(As of Sept. 5)	
	Days behind or ahead	Mission Capable Rate
T-37	0.46	89.5%
T-1	2.30	85.5%
T-38	0.23	72.3%
T-6	0.38	93.4%

Safety – why do we repeatedly fuss about it?



Commander's Corner

By Maj. Michael Claffey
47th Contracting Squadron commander

Going for a ride on an all-terrain vehicle with my dad, and we're going to have some fun. It's a beautiful sunny day; supposed to be in the 90s.

A little instinctive voice inside asks, "What about safety?"

My voiceless reply says, "I'll be safe. I've ridden many times before. No one could be safer than me. No helmet, but I'll be careful. No gloves or long pants – it'll be too hot and uncomfortable. I'll be safe. Got some goggles on. I'm an experienced rider. Besides, a helmet and protective gear are not required by law, so they can't be important, right?"

I'm feeling a little tired ... probably should stop. Maybe we'll ride just a little longer, get some water, call it a day and look forward to the next time.

It's really hot ... I'm really tired now. I think it's too late ...

Do you care about Operational Risk Management and being safety conscious or do you think you're invincible? Do you understand why Air Force leadership spends so much time emphasizing safety awareness and processes like ORM?

If not, the reason is this: people die or get seriously injured. Plain and simple. Everyone of you is truly irreplaceable.

Sometimes people die or get hurt because of poor decisions, inattention to detail, excessive risktaking and so on. Likewise, people sometimes "bend metal," meaning they damage government equipment unnecessarily. Are some of these unavoidable accidents? Absolutely. Are many preventable? Without a doubt.

I would like to quickly explore two themes, both of which are fundamental to avoiding accidental injury, death or costly property damage.

The first is: think about what you're doing.

Ever hear the advice about waiting a day or two before making an expensive purchase? This is recommended because you may change your mind or at least give yourself the opportunity to think about it more, discuss it with trusted people in your life and then decide to make an informed purchase.

Thinking and pausing to reflect on safety issues before engaging in any risky activity should be treated the same way. We all need to realize we're not invincible – we shouldn't just rush in to certain activities. If we stop and think first, we may uncover some hidden risks, make smarter decisions, avoid an accident, save our own life or the lives of others.

My second theme is about selfish-

ness. Do you have the ability to throw caution to the wind and jump into some activity ill-prepared? Sure you do – if you want to be selfish and irresponsible. What about your family? What about your dreams? What about the taxpayers' money paying for damaged property or your lost work time?

Let's face it, ORM or safety days aren't worth anything unless we stop and think before we act. This should include talking to others and getting smart before we take action.

We also need to act unselfishly and consider the possible consequences that can occur if we are unsafe or act foolishly. We need to think about how these potentially selfish actions will affect the people we love and care about.

Sure, you can go ahead and forget these words. They are not strokes of genius or startling revelations. But remember this: they come from experience, pain and heartache. From questions of "why?" and "how could this happen?" From death.

Webster defines an accident as "an unexpected and undesirable event." We all have the ability to think, be unselfish and prevent many of these unexpected, undesirable and sometimes tragic events from occurring.

Take these words to heart. Store them away somewhere in your brain. Avoid an accident. Live to ride the ATV again, and again and again...

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AF celebrates 56th birthday

By **Dr. James G. Roche**
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In 56 years, the U.S. Air Force has earned its wings as the world's greatest air and space force. Our airmen and our technology are the best our nation have to offer, an achievement that flows from the contributions of every airman – whether active, guard, reserve, civilian or retired.

On Thursday, the anniversary of our creation, remember that through your

integrity, selfless service and incomparable excellence, Americans find strength and confidence in the Air Force's ability to answer our nation's call, no matter when or where we're needed.

We celebrate the Air Force's birthday as we continue to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your tireless commitment, agility and professionalism are the foundation for integrating air and space power into a successful joint and coalition combat operation – one that has already crushed a tyrannical regime and is now helping to blaze the trail of

freedom for millions in Iraq.

Yet, as we celebrate, we recognize that this success is not without costs. We appreciate you and your families' extraordinary sacrifices. Let's take this special occasion to remember the airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the security of America and the opportunity of freedom for those who have never before tasted liberty.

The Air Force's legacy has soared in its short history and greater opportunities are on the horizon – opportunities you'll meet with the same courage, commitment and confidence that define our first 56 years. America is proud of our Air Force, and Americans are proud of you. Happy Birthday!



Col. Dan Woodward
 47th Flying Training Wing commander

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.

Below are some useful telephone numbers to that may be helpful when working your issue with a base agency.

AAFES 298-3176
Accounting and Finance 298-5204

Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
EEO	298-5879
FWA hotline	298-4170
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Information line	298-5201
Legal	298-5172
MEO	298-5400
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810

Lounge renovation

Question: I am a retired master sergeant who actively participates and patronizes Leaning Pine Golf Course. I am concerned about the latest nonappropriated funds project to renovate the golf course lounge area. I'm questioning why the fans in the lounge were not hooked back up. I was told that these items had to be hardwired, but the project has been completed for approximately six months.

Answer: Because the fans were in such good condition and functional, they were not part of the original scope of work. However, during the renovation, it was discovered that the fans were all installed using extension cords instead of being wired

or having new plugs installed for them. Because of the late discovery, this work could not be part of the renovation, nor could we allow them to be reconnected using extension cords. Management has coordinated with the civil engineering squadron to correct the concern. I am happy to inform you the fans were reconnected correctly and should be completely operational now. Thank you for your call.

Town hall meeting

Question: I would like to express my appreciation to Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander; Col. Chuck Hardin, 47th Medical Group commander; Capt. Hugh Kenrick, 47th Medical Operations Squadron group practice manager; and the rest of the hospital staff for taking the time and having the town hall meeting concerning the recent

Tricare Plus hospital issue with retirees. I felt a lot of our concerns were cleared up and, in general, everything was made a lot clearer for all concerned. At the present time I feel everything is going just fine. Again, thanks to everyone.

Answer: Thank you for the positive feedback. I also felt it was successful in giving our retiree population the explanation they deserved about the program and the reasons it was implemented. I am especially pleased that we will be able to expand Tricare Plus enrollment to more retirees beginning in October. New enrollees have been notified via mail. I appreciate your interest in this program and, even more importantly, your patience during the implementation process. I am certainly proud to be able to provide medical care to the many heroes who served before us.

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tion booths about Tricare medical and dental programs, local banks and Border Federal Credit Union, retiree affairs, Red Cross and Veterans Affairs," said Freda Borders, Retiree Appreciation Day coordinator. "Base attorneys will be able to assist with wills and powers of attorney and identification cards and Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System requirements may be updated."

Following the afternoon events, those who have purchased tickets may attend the Centennial of Flight

Celebration in Hangar 1. This event commemorates 100 years of powered flight in America, and features Col. Tom Griffith and retired Brig. Gen. Robin Risner as the keynote speakers.

"It is important we all remember we are part of a larger Air Force Family," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Graham, 47th Mission Support Squadron commander. "It has been an objective of our senior wing leadership to foster a strong community and family bond among our Laughlin population. We are proud to be extending a helping and encouraging hand to our heritage."

POW/MIA, from page 1

have of the three participants, said Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander. "Those who have gone before us will never be forgotten," he stressed. "And these three heroes are excellent examples of everything that makes America great."

In addition to these activities,

Laughlin aviation cadet class 56-U is conducting its 50th anniversary reunion here. Class members, including retired Maj. Gen. Gerald Prather, will pay homage to one of their comrades, Lt. Col. Fredric L. Mellor. (Then Captain) Mellor was shot down in Vietnam in 1965 and is still listed as missing in action.

"Please join us as we honor all our POW/MIAs in this special tribute," said Colonel Woodward.

Hispanic heritage breakfast

A Hispanic heritage breakfast is scheduled 7:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Fiesta Center.

An assortment of free dishes will be served to all base members.

Medical group closure

The 47th Medical Group will close for training noon-4:30 p.m. Thursday.

During this time, all clinics close and the nurse triage line will not be available. Radiology, the laboratory and the pharmacy will also close. The Tricare Service Center will remain open.

Anyone with a medical emergency, should report to the Val Verde Regional Medical Center emergency room. For other care, call (800) 406-2832.

NAF sale

There will be a nonappropriated funds sale 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Sept. 19 in building

Newslines

245. Items for sale include lamps, microwaves, TVs, dinnerware, carpet remnants and other assorted times.

For more information, call Kathy Harting at 298-5163 or Staff Sgt. Amanda Staggers at 298-5892.

Family Support Center closure

The Family Support Center will close for training noon-4:30 p.m. Sept. 19. The center will return to regular hours Sept. 22. For Air Force Aid Society assistance during this time, call 703-0720.

MPF closure

The Military Personnel Flight will close at noon Sept. 26 for the 47th Mission Support Squadron's annual sports day. Members with appointments should reschedule during this time.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jeremy Morris

Big boys...

Two airmen review a mission in the shade under the wing of a C-5 Galaxy sitting on the runway at Baghdad International Airport.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. LaShinya Crivens at 298-5628.

Flight medicine clinic

The flight medicine clinic has returned to normal operations. All eligible family members may again be treated in the flight medicine clinic.

To schedule an appointment, family members should call Flight Medicine at 298-6341.

Vet clinic

The veterinarian will hold a clinic 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 29 and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 30. Animals will be seen by appointment only.

For more information, call 298-5500.

Arts, and crafts bazaar

The Officers Spouses Club is accepting applications for the 2003 Arts and Crafts Bazaar. The event will be held Oct. 25 at the Fiesta Center. Booths cost \$50 for a 6x6-foot table and \$80 for a 10x10-foot table.

For more information, call 774-1002.

September flight history spotlights Air Force

Sept. 20, 1904: Wilbur Wright completed the first circular flight at Huffman Prairie, near Dayton, Ohio.

Sept. 2, 1910: Blanche Scott became the first American woman pilot when she soloed over Keuka Lake at Hammondsport, N.Y.

Sept. 12-15, 1918: Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell commanded the largest air armada ever assembled – 1,481 Allied airplanes – during the first major American World War II offensive at Saint-Mihiel, France.

Sept. 25, 1918: Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker of the 94th Aero Squadron earned the Medal of Honor by shooting down two enemy airplanes in a group of seven he attacked near Etain, France.

Sept. 13, 1921: A report recommending a Department of National Defense with a branch for aviation, written by Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell for Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher, chief of the Air Service, was leaked to the press.

Sept. 24, 1929: Lt. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle made the first instruments only flight, from takeoff to landing. He flew over Mitchell Field, N. Y., in a Consolidated NY-2 airplane with a completely covered cockpit, accompanied by a check pilot who monitored the flight.

Sept. 26, 1931: At Newport News, Va., the Navy laid the keel of the USS *Ranger*, the first ship designed entirely as an aircraft carrier.

Sept. 29, 1938: Maj. Gen. Henry H. Arnold became chief of the Army Air Corps, formally taking the place of Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, who died in an airplane crash at Burbank, Calif., on Sept. 21.

Sept. 17, 1940: Intelligence intercepts of German communications confirmed that Hitler had postponed the invasion of England. Because the Luftwaffe had failed to win control of the air over the English Channel, victory in the Battle of Britain went to the Royal Air Force.

Sept. 22-23, 1943: For the first time, 8th Air Force B-17s took part in a Royal Air Force raid on Germany at night. At the time, the 8th was considering switching from daylight to night bombing because of heavy loss rates.

Sept. 27, 1943: For the first time, P-47s flew all the way with B-17s in a raid on Emden, Germany. The escorting P-47s were able to

fly over 600 miles by carrying additional fuel tanks.

Sept. 8, 1944: The Germans launched V-2s – the world's first ballistic missiles – against Paris and London. Rocket scientist Wernher von Braun had developed the missile, almost impossible to intercept because of its speed, at a secret base at Peenemünde, Germany.

Sept. 26, 1947: Defense Secretary James W. Forrestal ordered air personnel, bases, and materiel transferred from the Army to the new Department of the Air Force.

Sept. 30, 1949: The Berlin airlift officially ended after 277,264 flights had delivered 2,343,301.5 tons of supplies – 1,783,826 tons of which were carried by U.S. airplanes.

Sept. 20, 1951: A monkey and 11 mice survived an Aerobee flight to an altitude of 236,000 feet, marking the first time the Air Force had recovered animals from a

rocket flight.

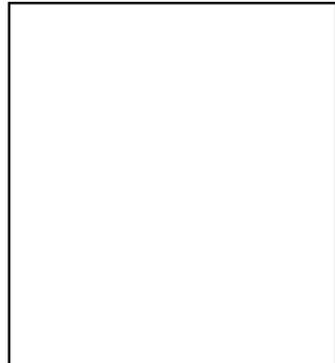
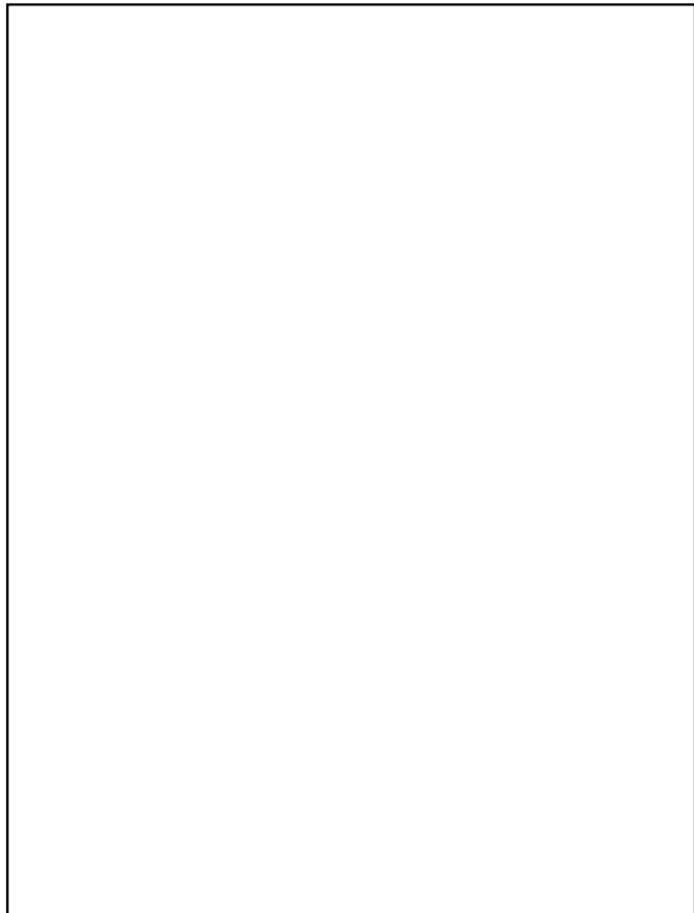
Sept. 9, 1967: Sgt. Duane D. Hackney received the Air Force Cross for bravery during the rescue of an Air Force pilot in Vietnam, thereby becoming the first living enlisted man to receive the award.

Sept. 9, 1972: Capt. Charles B. DeBellevue, flying as weapon system officer in the back seat of an F-4, earned his fifth and sixth aerial victories, becoming the leading ace of the Vietnam War.

Sept. 1, 1975: Air Force Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., became the first black four-star general.

Sept. 29, 1976: The first of two groups of 10 women pilot candidates entered undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. – the first time since World War II that women could train to become pilots of U.S. military aircraft.

Sept. 7, 1997: At Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., test pilot Paul Metz piloted the extremely maneuverable F-22 Raptor in its first flight. A new stealth fighter with the ability to cruise supersonically, the F-22 is scheduled to replace the venerable F-15 for air-superiority missions.



Maj. Alex Darosa, 47th Flying Training Squadron, checks out the cockpit of a Russian Sukhoi SU-27.



Courtesy photos

Panthers pounce into Red Flag program

84th FTS participates in international combat exercise at Nellis AFB

By Maj. Alex Darosa
84th Flying Training Squadron
instructor pilot

and others were instructors with previous major weapons system experience.

During the Labor Day weekend, 16 pilots from the 84th Flying Training Squadron Panthers flight deployed to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to participate and learn at a Red Flag

combat exercise in the world first-hand.”

Aircrews of all Air Force fighters, bombers, C-130s, tankers, airborne warning and other aircraft including combat aircraft from allied nations around the world, are invited to participate in the international air combat training program called Red Flag.

“The trip was a great opportunity for instructor pilots with follow-on assignments in combat fighter, bomber, tanker, transport or other support aircraft to see the premier combat exercise in the world first-hand.”

– Lt. Col. Mike Brown,
84th Flying Training
Squadron commander

Red Flag pilots participated in combat simulation flights, which are flown over a gigantic training range in the northern Nevada desert. The program involves a state-of-the-art visual and computer monitoring system, displayed on giant indoor screens, so

Led by Lt. Col. Mike Brown, 84th FTS commander, the mission to Nellis AFB consisted of four T-6s and four T-37s, flying in four cross-country formations. “The eight aircraft carried pilots with a mix of experience,” said Colonel Brown. “Some were first-assignment instructor pilots

every combat engagement can be evaluated and debriefed for training.

The 84th members and other invited guests joined the test pilot school class to receive a complete mission prebrief, review of the actions in real-time and a thorough debrief of the exercise for the entire day. In addition, the 84th pilots were presented the complete hour-long Red Flag briefing given to visiting dignitaries.

“This was our second opportunity for Laughlin IPs to be enriched by this great learning opportunity,” said Colonel Brown. “These trips will serve to motivate future combat and support pilots, and allow IPs here to instruct and mentor future student pilots about our Air Force mission.”



1st Lt. Jeff Anderson, 84th FTS, checks out a Russian Hind helicopter.

Capt. Christopher Sample, 47th Operations Group, sits in a MIG-29 as Capt. Matt Stanley, Matthew May and 1st Lt. Jeffrey Anderson, 84th FTS, look on.



85th FTS instructors fly F-16s at Luke

By Lt. Col. Brian Mullin
*85th Flying Training Squadron
 assistant director of operations*

Ten Laughlin T-37 instructor pilots from the 85th Flying Training Squadron traveled to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., Aug. 25-29 to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The deployment was part of Air Education and Training Command's Instructor Enrichment Program. This IEP trip exposed first-assignment instructor pilots and experienced heavy aircraft instructors to the world of fighter operations for an entire training week.

The Laughlin IPs attended pre-mission briefs, flew and then debriefed with F-16 students and instructors from several of the 56th Fighter Wing's nine flying squadrons.

"The deployment was a complete success," said Capt. Jason Vitas, 85th FTS A-flight commander and deployment project officer. "Flying the [F-16] was awesome. Each of our instructors was able to fly multiple rides in the F-16, sometimes double-turning in one day."

The F-16, more commonly termed Viper than Falcon by the fighter community, is a single-seat, multi-role fighter with performance characteristics unmatched by anything these Laughlin instructors have flown before. The F-16 D-model, a tandem-seat version, allowed the 85th FTS instructors to ride along with Luke F-16 IPs.

Luke's host unit for the deployment was the 309th Fighter Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Dave McMickell. The colonel welcomed the 85 FTS pilots

on Aug. 25 after all Laughlin instructors completed medical screening and F-16 egress and life support training.

"We're glad to have you all here at Luke," said Colonel McMickell. "I hope you're able to get some good flights and hopefully we can all get together socially at the end of the week."

Colonel McMickell's hopes were fulfilled with many exciting F-16 flights for all the visiting T-37 instructors and a reception given by the Laughlin pilots for their hosts on the last fly day.

Although the 309th FS was officially the host squadron, each Laughlin pilot flew F-16 flights with two or more additional Luke fighter squadrons. Every IEP sortie was arranged by 56th Operations Support Squadron technicians in Luke's wing current operations section. Maj. Mark Welhaf, 56th FW chief of current operations, personally coordinated many contacts for the Laughlin pilots increasing their ability to secure more sorties. Each 85th pilot flew at least three times. One Laughlin instructor flew six F-16 sorties.

The 85th FTS pilots saw numerous F-16 missions during the week including basic fighter maneuvers, air-to-air refueling, advanced combat maneuvers, instrument flight, night-vision goggles, air-to-air and ground-attack sorties. Some F-16 flights were more basic than others, but the consensus among 85th instructors was the air-to-ground sorties were the best. In these surface-attack sorties, the F-16s versatility was on display during the two-part missions.

In the first half, a two- or



Photo by Capt. Jason Vitas

An F-16 Fighting Falcon soars over the Arizona desert. Ten Laughlin pilots recently got to fly in the F-16 while on deployment to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

four-ship low-level route was flown with varying tactical considerations and ground-based threat reactions. Flight leads called out simulated surface-to-air-missiles or anti-aircraft artillery to test their wingmen's response while flying at over 500 mph and only five hundred feet above the ground. The second half of the sortie included entering the Barry Goldwater Range complex, the Phoenix's area for aerial bombardment of ground targets using several bomb-delivery angles and procedures. Laughlin instructors were also treated to the thunderous rumble of the F-16's twenty-millimeter cannon as the Luke pilots strafed an electronically scored gunnery panel target.

Some of the Laughlin IPs were able to test out the Air Forces' newest defense against G-force-induced impairment: the Combat Edge life support ensemble. This integrated helmet, legs and torso equipment is the latest operational development in

G-suit evolution. Those 85th pilots who flew with Combat Edge gear saw the advantages over the basic G-suit worn by Laughlin T-38 and T-6 pilots. According to 1st Lt. Jaime Nordin, 85th FTS B-Flight instructor and deployment participant, "This suit rocks. You can really feel the pressures keeping you alert during the high-G maneuvers."

The purpose of the IEP deployment to Luke – knowledge broadening and incentive – was brought home by the positive exchange among the Laughlin IPs at week's end. Captain Vitas summed these up: "I really got an appreciation for what our specialized undergraduate pilot training students are heading for when they hit follow-on fighter training. I also saw that the crucial fundamentals we teach at Luke must be fully understood and committed to long-term memory because there's no time to go back and reteach the basics in a course like F-16 qualification at Luke."

The *XLer*

Airman 1st Class Danielle Greene
47th Communications Squadron

Hometown: Camden, S.C.

Family: Single

Laughin: One year, 11 months

Time in service: Two years, three months

Greatest accomplishment:

Joining the Air Force

Hobbies: Studying, listening to music, talking on the phone and just hanging out with my friends

Bad habits: Smoking and biting my nails

Favorite movie: "Two Can Play That Game"

Favorite musician/band: Lauryn Hill

If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? My uncle Bennie because I didn't get the opportunity to know him.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Timothy J. Stein

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Sportslines

Flag football

Letters of intent to play intramural flag football which starts Oct. 6 are do to the XL Fitness Center by Wednesday.

For more information, call 298-5251.

Personal trainer

The XL Fitness Center now has a Cooper's certified personal trainer available to assist base members with workout prescriptions.

To set up an appointment, call Staff Sgt. Timothy Coffey at 298-5251.

Aerobithon

The XL Fitness Center is having an aerobithon Sept. 24. A step class will be held at 10 a.m., a circuit class at 11 a.m., a cardio-kickboxing class at noon and a yoga class at 1 p.m. All classes are free.

For more information, call 298-5251.

Border Eagle/Services Football Frenzy

Base members can now enter a Dining facility. weekly football contest.

To enter, individuals put their names in contest boxes located at various Services locations for a chance to forecast winners of weekly NFL football games in the Border Eagle.

Five names will be drawn each week to get an opportunity to pick the most winners of that week's football games.

Drop boxes will be located at Club XL, Club Amistad, Cactus Lanes, McCaskill, Tech. Sgt. Terry Patterson and Silver Wings and the Chaparral Tech. Sgt. Lavalle Jenkins.



Col. Ackerley

Last week, Col. Paul Ackerley, 47th Operations Group commander, beat the rest of the base leadership by picking 11 games correctly.

This week the five names drawn will be competing for prizes from services. The players for this week are: Airman 1st Class Chris Pace, Senior Airman Ryan Johnson, Spc. Jeff McCaskill, Tech. Sgt. Terry Patterson and Tech. Sgt. Lavalle Jenkins.

Games:	Wash. at Atl.	Clev. at Bal.	Det. at G.B.	Tenn. at Ind.
Pace	Atl.	Bal.	G.B.	Tenn.
Johnson	Wash.	Clev.	G.B.	Tenn.
McCaskill	Wash.	Bal.	G.B.	Tenn.
Patterson	Wash.	Bal.	G.B.	Tenn.
Jenkins	Atl.	Clev.	G.B.	Tenn.
Games:	Buff. at Jax.	Pitt. at K.C.	Hou. at N.O.	Mia. at N.Y.J.
Pace	Buff.	Pitt.	N.O.	Mia.
Johnson	Buff.	K.C.	N.O.	Mia.
McCaskill	Buff.	Pitt.	N.O.	Mia.
Patterson	Buff.	K.C.	Hou.	N.Y.J.
Jenkins	Buff.	Pitt.	Hou.	Mia.
Games:	S.F. at St.L.	Sea. at Ariz.	Car. at T.B.	Cin. at Oak.
Pace	S.F.	Sea.	T.B.	Oak.
Johnson	S.F.	Sea.	T.B.	Oak.
McCaskill	S.F.	Ariz.	T.B.	Oak.
Patterson	S.F.	Sea.	T.B.	Oak.
Jenkins	St.L.	Sea.	T.B.	Oak.
Games:	N.E. at Phi.	Den. at S.D.	Chi. at Minn.	Dal. at N.Y.G.
Pace	Phi.	Den.	Minn.	N.Y.G.
Johnson	Phi.	S.D.	Minn.	N.Y.G.
McCaskill	Phi.	Den.	Minn.	Dal.
Patterson	Phi.	Den.	Minn.	N.Y.G.
Jenkins	Phi.	Den.	Minn.	N.Y.G.

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.

For information on XL Fitness Center events, call 298-5251