

Border Eagle



Courtesy photo

Tiny bubbles...

The 47th Civil Engineer Squadron tested the fire suppression equipment in hangar 1 Sept. 24. The \$1.5 million project includes the installation of a high expansion foam system and a wet pipe sprinkler system. The project is required to provide adequate protection for air-

craft and facilities in case of fire. During the test, which takes two and half minutes, the foam generators continuously run until the foam reaches a required depth of three feet at every corner of the hangar; it eventually settles to an evenly distributed 12 feet.

Air Force selects 4 to O-5, 40 to O-3 at Laughlin

Compiled from staff reports

Four Laughlin majors were selected for promotion to Lieutenant colonel and 40 first lieutenants were selected for promotion to captain.

Those on the list, selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, released by the Air Force Sept. 30 are:

- Vincent Alcazar, 87th Flying Training Squadron
- Lori LaVeZZi, 84th Mission Support Squadron
- James McIrvin, 87th FTS
- Kirk Montgomery, 47th Operations Group

Those on the list, selected for promotion to captain, released by the Air Force Sept. 24 are:

- Jeffrey Anderson, 84th Flying Training Squadron
- James Badgett, 84th FTS
- Nancy Badgett, 86th FTS
- Jeremy Bergin, 86th FTS
- Lauren Chavez, 47th Medical Group
- Erik Cobbs, 84th FTS
- Colleen Crabtree, 86th FTS
- Marcus Cunningham, 85th FTS
- Brent Curtis, 85th FTS
- Jeffrey Dennis, 84th FTS
- Walter Gray, 47th Operations

Support Squadron

- Zachary Hall, 86th FTS
- Steven Henderson, 85th FTS
- Joshua Hiam, 47th OSS
- Kenneth Isbill, 47th Security Forces Squadron
- Shawn Johnson, 86th FTS
- Benjamin Kaminsky, 85th FTS
- Dean Laansma, 84th FTS
- Ryan Lucero, 87th FTS
- Andy Lee, 86th FTS
- Jerimy Maclellan, 87th FTS
- Joseph McCane, 86th FTS
- Nannette Menath, 85th FTS

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Newslines

Laughlin Drive closure

Laughlin Drive will be closed from Fourth Street to Liberty Drive for maintenance from Monday to Oct. 18.

Also, from Oct. 18 to 20 Laughlin Drive will be closed from Liberty Drive to Second Street for maintenance.

For details, call 298-4924.

Pass and ID closure

The 47th Security Forces Squadron Pass and ID office is closed today for relocation into the administration section of Building 139. The office will reopen 9:30 a.m. Monday.

For details, call 298-5349.

Victim/Witness Assistance

The Laughlin legal office has posted on their internal web page Victim and Witness Assistance Program checklists designed to help individuals appropriately respond to sexual assaults.

To access checklists, visit <https://home.laughlin.af.mil/47ftw/legal> and click on Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

ORI information

See page 4 for the ORI countdown and weekly tip.

Deployment stats

Deployed:	65
Returning in 30 days:	0
Deploying in 30 days:	0

Mission status

(As of Wednesday)

Days behind or ahead:

T-37, -5.95	T-1, 2.25
T-38, 4.44	T-6, -6.81

Mission capable rate:

T-37, 87.0%	T-1, 86.5%
T-38, 70.0%	T-6, 83.2%

Maintenance division exhibits teamwork



Commander's Corner

By **Gilberto Martinez**
47th Flying Training Wing
Maintenance Operations chief

What is our Mission?

I could simply say, "It's what we are here to do."

We are all here for a particular purpose and I would say our purpose is to get the job (mission) accomplished. Whatever our job is, it all contributes to the overall completion of the assigned task at hand.

In our case, the Wing's mission is "through trust and teamwork, train expeditionary airpower experts to fight and win America's wars." Can you imagine that— "Airpower Experts?" It's quite a statement, which obligates a firm commitment and all that goes into getting the job done (safely and on schedule); however, it is not "Mission Impossible."

Regardless of the duties we

perform, we cooperate as a team to do our best.

As we go about performing our daily duties, we must always seek to make things better. That's pretty simple, just go about constantly making things a little better.

I guess that's where the term "continuous improvement" came from. Make it better, and by doing that, we will also become better at what we do.

Our mission in aircraft maintenance appears to be pretty simple, "fix and maintain aircraft."

Folks let me tell you, there is quite a bit that goes into fixing and maintaining aircraft.

There are many interrelated areas in our wing and directorate that are occupied by folks that don't turn a wrench. However, without their services, sortie production simply would not happen.

Of course, we have the hard-core wrench turners who get all the hands-on gratification and a sense of accomplishment when they see the results of their hard work.

By fixing airplanes, those

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people are visibly on point in support of our wing mission.

These are the folks that keep the ball rolling, but they do it with assistance, advice and oversight— call it teamwork— and in a manner that all accomplishes much with limited resources.

We must remember that we prosper together, we go through the hard times together, and we have had our share of both.

When we encounter some rough times, we must work together. Like I stated earlier, we should work with a maximum emphasis on teamwork and our focus being to make things better.

In closing, when we work hard and stay focused, our "mission" will be accomplished in a manner we are all proud of.

Language: Cultural gift can benefit life, career

By **2nd Lt. Mary Milkse**
319th Operations Support
Squadron

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — The ability to speak another language can be beneficial not only for one's career options but also for life. Parents who speak more than one language often pass on their bilingual capabilities to their children.

Children are better equipped to learn another language than adults, yet some parents feel reluctant or just do not realize the potential of having bilingual children. My parents, for instance, are fluent in English and Spanish. However, I was not raised in a Spanish-speaking home.

Growing up with the last name "Perez" and the features of a born and bred Hispanic has led to the assumption that I speak Spanish. I was raised in a small town 10 minutes from the U.S.-Mexican border in South Texas. Everywhere in the Rio Grande Valley, people can be heard speaking Spanish.

At first it did not seem like a big deal to be unable to speak Spanish since all our schools taught in English, with a few classes reserved solely for Spanish-speaking children. Since my brothers, sisters and I did not go anywhere without my mother, the need to understand Spanish was nil as she was our translator.

It wasn't until I was in my teens that the effects of not being bilingual set in. Whether my

friends and I went to football games, the movies or just to the mall, people would speak to me in Spanish.

Most of my friends, like me, had bilingual parents, but their parents taught them Spanish at home. So I had translators around me, yet I could not help but feel a little left out and a little ashamed.

After high school, I felt better knowing I would be leaving the Valley, and I would not continue to get frowns when I told people I did not speak Spanish, which had begun to annoy me.

Why should I have to speak Spanish just because I look Hispanic? Because of that senti-

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Actionline

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Call 298-5351 or email
actionline@laughlin.af.mil

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

Before you call in or e-mail an Actionline, please try to work out the problem through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved. Please keep e-mails brief.

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.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions. Below are telephone numbers that may be helpful when working your issue with a base agency.

AAFES	298-3176
Chapel	298-5111
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel Clinic	298-5299
Commissary	298-6311
Contracting	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5439
EEO	298-5213
Finance	298-5879
FWA hotline	298-5204
Housing	298-4170
Information line	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5201
Legal	298-5638
MEO	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5400
Public Affairs	298-5073
Security Forces	298-5988
Services	298-5900
	298-5810

A look ahead at space development

By Gen. Lance W. Lord
Air Force Space Command
commander

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Earlier this summer, Undersecretary of the Air Force Peter Teets and I outlined for Congress our strategy to develop the professional space cadre the nation needs to acquire and operate future space systems. We in Air Force Space Command have an aggressive career field tracking plan, matched with an educational plan, to move spacepower forward. Here's an overview of our first steps. First, we've identified every individual who qualifies as a "space professional," and then created a method to record and track the unique experience that differentiates him or her from all other Air Force specialties.

Congress initially focused solely on the officer corps, but we quickly expanded the definition to include a Total Force ensemble of enlisted members and government civilians, as well as Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members.

Believe it or not, resolving who is and who is not included has been one of our toughest challenges in moving forward. At this point, we define "space professionals" as individuals from all specialties that research, design, develop, acquire, operate, sustain or enhance our space systems. This includes a broad range of career fields such as communications, intelligence, maintenance, logistics, weather and a host of

others. A subset of this overall group is referred to as the "space cadre" and it consists of the scientists, engineers, program managers and operators who are principally responsible for taking our military space systems from "concept to employment." This smaller group is the focus of our initial efforts, and so far we have identified nearly 10,000 members. As we continue to evolve, individuals from other career fields may well migrate into the cadre.

Along with identifying who is in the space cadre, we developed a process to track people's unique space expertise, based on nine distinct categories of "space experience codes" or SPECs. The nine SPECs are: satellite systems, nuclear systems (e.g., ICBMs), spacelift, missile warning, space control, intelligence/surveillance and reconnaissance, kinetic effects (e.g., ballistic missile defense), space warfare command and control (e.g., AOCs), and a general category for all other space experience.

To date, we have evaluated more than 7,000 active duty officer and enlisted records and documented each individual's history of space experience codes along with his or her current level of certification.

The next step involved development of a space education continuum, specifically targeted to members of the space cadre and offered at recurring points throughout their careers. Similar to Professional Military Education, these courses are designed to prepare people for progressively higher levels of responsibility.

To tie all of these education and training initiatives together, we are moving forward on the standup of a "National Security Space Institute." Our goal is that the institute will transform our existing Space Operations School into a Department of Defense-wide center of excellence for space academic training. In addition, we will partner with a consortium of civilian institutions of higher learning to leverage their existing academic expertise in the areas necessary to develop our space professional community.

We already have space professionals integrated and bringing space capability to the combatant commanders and combat air forces. Approximately 135 individuals have graduated from the Space Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. They are integrated throughout the Air Force providing space expertise in and out of theater. We have roughly 500 additional people that have experience with space integration work in theater and we have sent more than 1,600 personnel from AFSPC to the theater for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. We have still got a great deal of work ahead of us and it will take everyone's help. Space systems and capabilities are integral to our success in fighting today's battles and the linchpin to all planning and execution for success in tomorrow's battles.

The contribution of every member of the space professional development community, is vital to our success.

Language, from page 2

ment, I chose to study Russian in college.

Yet it did not matter where I moved, people still looked at me and assumed I spoke Spanish.

Many times in my life I had to pass up opportunities because I am not bilingual. Finding a job in high school seemed difficult since many of the businesses wanted

bilingual employees to better handle customer service. In college the opportunity to escort and "house" student nationals usually went to those who were either taking the same language course or were already fluent in their language.

Even in the Air Force there are opportunities, like becoming an attaché or a foreign area officer, where the knowledge of

another language or culture would come in handy and, in some cases, be required.

The ability to grow by expanding language capabilities and seeing beyond one's own culture is rewarding.

Parents who have the ability to teach to their children another language or culture give them a true gift. Such a gift can be passed on for generations.

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— 47th Flying
Training Wing
mission statement

Hurricane victims seek assistance

Compiled by the Laughlin Family Support Center

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan, many individuals ask how they can help.

Like other areas hit by disaster, communication and internal infrastructure take time to rebuild. Therefore, donations of canned goods, clothing, food, and household items often cannot make it to those who are in need while the need is greatest.

Many charities and non-profit agencies are meeting the immediate needs of victims and take donations or quickly respond to those in need.

Information for those wanting to help, and what to consider when choosing a charity as well as a listing of local and national charities that are presently involved in providing assistance for hurricane victims in the region is available through the sources listed below.

A few organizations that accept donations on behalf of military and/or hurricane relief:

- Air Force Aid Society, www.afas.org
- American Red Cross www.redcross.org/donate/donate.html,
- Hurlburt Family Activities Council the "Friends of Family Support" private organization, provides assistance to Hurlburt field personnel when other services are unavailable or unsuitable. Hurlburt Family Activities Council, 121 Bartley Street, Hurlburt Field FL 32544.

Laughlin personnel are also encouraged to review personal and family-disaster response plans. No area is immune to disasters and some can strike at a moment's notice.

For local details, call the Laughlin Family Support Center, 298-5620.

New joint command stands ready to defend capital

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR, D.C. — A new headquarters here will concentrate the military mission to help defend the nation's capital. The Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region will guard America's "center of gravity," said Army Maj. Gen. Galen Jackman, the new organization's commander.

The command unites all Defense Department elements and the Coast Guard. The Army Military District of Washington, the Naval District of Washington, the Marine Corps National Capital Region Command and the Air Force's 11th and 89th wings are the major component commands in the new joint force. Normally, there will be between 3,000 and 4,000 people in the command, officials said.

The command is the latest manifestation of the trend toward jointness in the military. It was given a boost after the experiences of Sept. 11, 2001. There was no joint headquarters to coordinate military support to lead agents at the Pentagon, General Jackman said. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ordered the creation of the command in Washington in June 2003. The command formally activated with ceremonies at Fort Myer, Va., on Sept. 22.

As the commander, General Jackman will answer to Gen. Ralph E. "Ed" Eberhart, commander of U.S. Northern Command.

Officials from the new command will plan and coordinate for military assistance to homeland defense and civil support in the District of Columbia and

the Maryland and Virginia suburban counties. A major portion of the command's mission is to coordinate and act as liaison with local law enforcers and first responders. The command also will work with state and federal entities, ranging from the White House Military Office to the U.S. Park Police.

Command officials will help form plans in the event of attacks and will support national-level ceremonies, officials said. In the past year, the command has been activated six times, General Jackman said. It participated in cleanup after Hurricane Isabel in September 2003, was involved in security and logistics for the president's State of the Union address in January, and responded to the February ricin incident on Capitol Hill.

More recently, the command coordinated the National World War II Memorial dedication ceremonies, the Reagan funeral and a homeland-defense exercise.

"We learned from each of these," General Jackman said.

The new command is not new to the component members, said General Jackman and his second-in-command, Navy Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio. On the ceremonial side, the various service components have had to work closely together for years.

"The nation goes to war as a joint force," Admiral Gaudio said. "It's logical to respond in the National Capital Region as a joint force." The new command also has responsibility to sift through threat reports and respond accordingly. It will be supporting other agencies, such as the Department of Homeland Security or one of the local jurisdictions.

The command, for example, will head the military assistance to the presidential inauguration in January. Planners in the command will work out contingency plans and procedures with local, state and federal authorities.

The new command will stop the ad hoc nature of past operations. In the aftermath of the plane hitting the Pentagon, the services joined to support first the Arlington Fire Department and then the FBI. Had a joint command existed, "there were forces we might have brought to bear more quickly," General Jackman said.

Newslines

'Check 21'

Effective Oct. 28, banks will stop floating checks. A new law mandates all checks be cleared electronically within minutes, including nights and weekends.

If payday is Monday and a person writes a check at the BX on Saturday, assuming it won't clear before the paycheck is posted, he or she will be wrong. That check will bounce, and the financial institution could charge an overdraft fee.

Additionally, there are implications on the destruction of paper checks.

Laughlin personnel and family members are encouraged to visit <http://www.consumersunion.org/finance/clear1002.htm> or <http://www.federalreserve.gov/paymentsystems/truncation/default.htm> to read details about "Check 21."

Rental car insurance

When use of a rental vehicle is authorized for official business, reimbursement is authorized for the rental costs, taxes and local assessments on rental vehicle users' necessary gas, oil, and transportation to and from the rental facility (see JFTR, par. U1410 and JTR par. C1410).

Travelers are not reimbursed for rental car insurance coverage purchased in the United States or its territories and possessions regardless of the vendor from whom the rental car is rented.

Travelers are only reimbursed for mandatory coverage in foreign countries.

Reimbursement for personal funds due to damage sustained by a rented automobile while being used on other than official business is not authorized.

These changes are scheduled to appear in printed change number 216 of the JFTR, and 470 of the JTR, effective Dec. 1.

ORI countdown: 16 weeks

Special interest items can be used to gather information on known or suspected problems, to identify deficiencies or to confirm that a problem has been solved. Review your SIIs to determine the degree of compliance with directives, policies and procedures. Expired SIIs should be removed from files.



Political activities, rules same for active, reserve

Story by Tech. Sgt.
David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON— Citizen Airmen serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve follow the same rules governing political activity as their active-duty compatriots.

Questions about what Airmen can or cannot do abound in this presidential election year, and some situations have become national news. The rules on political activity are largely the same for all Airmen in uniform, but one area differs.

Although active-duty Airmen are prohibited from holding public office, reservists and guardsmen can, said Philip Donohoe, Air Force Reserve Command director of general law.

“But fulfilling the duties of these offices must stop once a reservist or guardsman puts on the uniform and reports for duty,” Mr. Donohoe said.

Air Force reservists and guardsmen who are serving on active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code for more than 30 days must comply with the active-duty rules contained in Air Force Instruction 51-902, “Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force.” Reservists and guardsmen who are on active duty less than 30 days follow the more general guidelines set out in Paragraph 8 of AFI 51-902.

All reservists and guardsmen must refrain from participating in any political activity while in uniform and from using government facilities for political activities. Guardsmen who perform duties in Title 32 USC status should be aware of any special restrictions on political activities imposed by their respective state authorities.

While active-duty Airmen may not campaign for, or hold, elective civil office, reservists and guardsmen are not so constrained. As long as they are not serving on extended active duty — defined to be active duty under a call or order for more than 270 days — reservists may campaign for, and hold, partisan or nonpartisan civil office. It must be held in a private capacity and must not interfere with the performance of military duties.

When reservists and guardsmen campaign for elective office, they must be careful to avoid using their military status as a political selling point. For example, a reservist campaigning for office should not use political flyers that show the reservist in his or her military uniform.

Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, “Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty,” gives guidance to all military branches and is the source for AFI 51-902. Political activities of civilian federal government employees fall under the guidance of the Hatch Act, and the Joint Ethics Regulation, DOD 5500.7-R, Chapter 6, “Political Activities.”





GRADUATION

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-15



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Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



Capt. Christopher Connolly
C-17
McGuire AFB, N.J.



Capt. Kevin Cummings
C-17
McChord AFB, Wash.



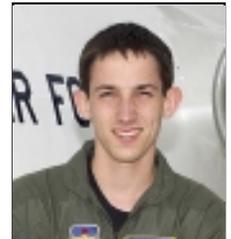
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B-1
Dyess AFB



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F-16C
Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Chad Grandell
KC-135
MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Joseph Allison
E-3
Tinker AFB, Okla.



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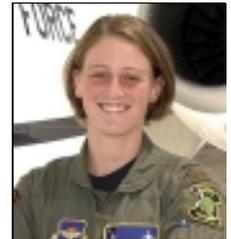
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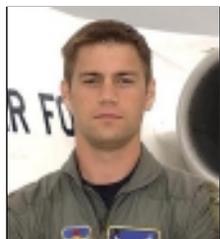
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2nd Lt. Daniel Stoker
T-38
Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Jason Tiger
KC-135 (ANG)
McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Jamie Turner
C-21
Yokota AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Vincent Wright
C-21
Peterson AFB, Colo.



2nd Lt. Alec Zwiaska
T-6
Laughlin AFB

Some Airmen can carry over 'use or lose' leave

Air Force Personnel Center New Services

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE — Active-duty Airmen who were unable to take leave because they supported contingency

operations may be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Those affected can retain up to 120 days of leave until Sept. 30, 2005, said Air Force Personnel Center of-

ficials here.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Senior Master Sgt. Don Taylor, the center's customer support operations superintendent.

The carry-over leave must be taken in 2005 so Airmen do not lose leave next year, he said.

For more information, Airmen can contact their local military personnel flight.

For details on use or lose leave Laughlin members can contact the Military Personnel Flight at 298-5244.

Chapel information



Catholic

- Monday - Friday* ● Mass, 12:05 p.m.

- Saturday* ● Reconciliation, 4:15 p.m. or by appointment
- Mass, 5 p.m.

- Sunday* ● Mass 9:30 a.m.,
- Religious Education, 11 a.m.

- Thursday* ● Choir: 6 p.m.
- Rite of Christian Initiation, 7:30 p.m.

Protestant

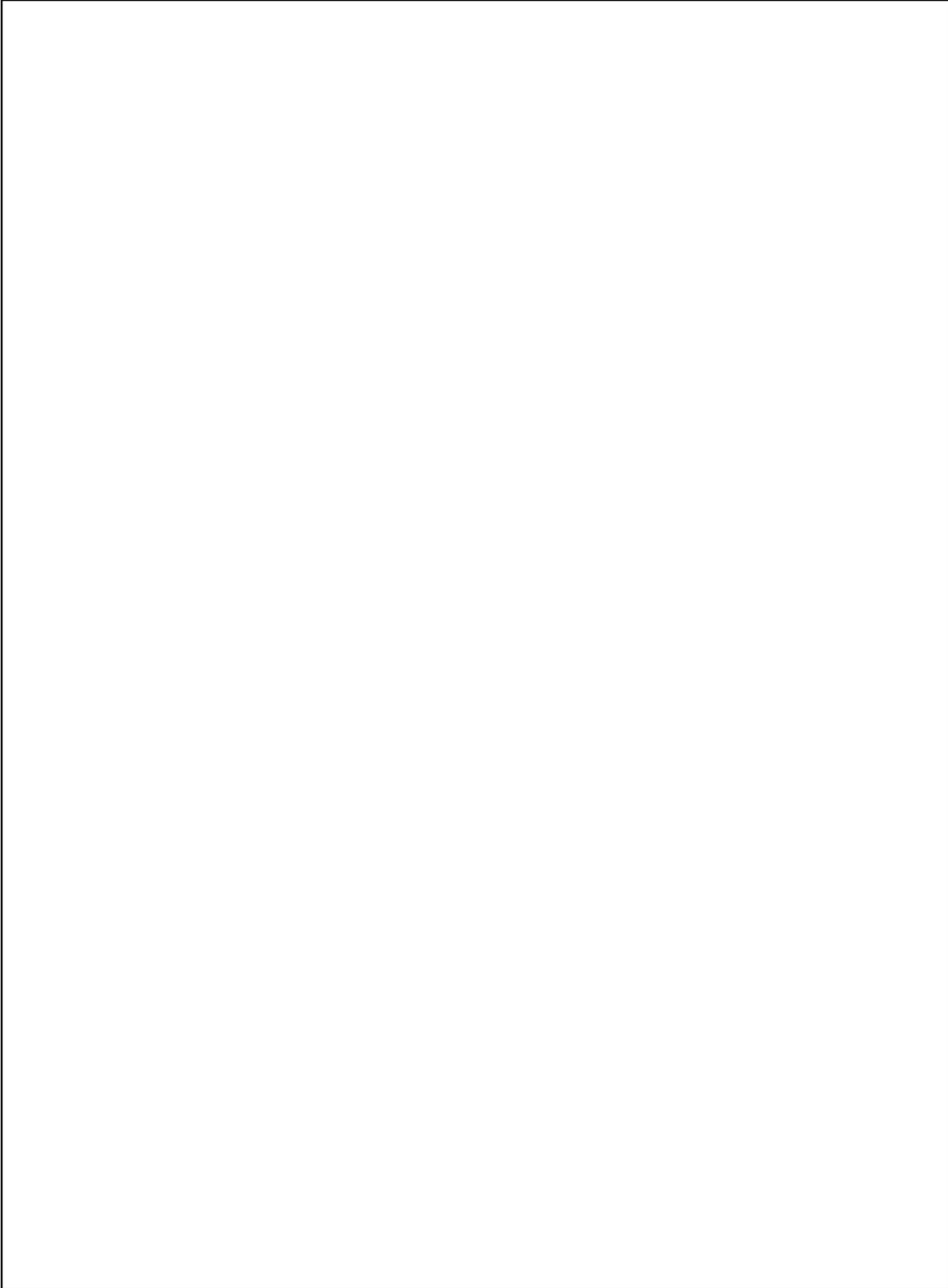
- Wednesday* ● Protestant Women of the Chapel Ladies' Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Choir, 7 p.m.

- Sunday* ● Contemporary worship, 9 a.m. in the base theater
- General worship (a blend of Liturgical and contemporary worship), 11 a.m.

Chaplain Staff

- Wing chaplain:* Chap. (Lt. Col.) Joseph Lim, Roman Catholic
- Senior Protestant:* Chap. (Capt.) Terri Gast, Presbyterian Church, USA
- Protestant:* Chap. (Capt.) Alex Jack, Independent Christian Church
- Protestant:* Chap. (Capt.) Kenneth Fisher, Evangelical Church Alliance

For more information on other denominations, chapel events or services, call 298-5111. For information on special events, see the Community Calendar on page 16.

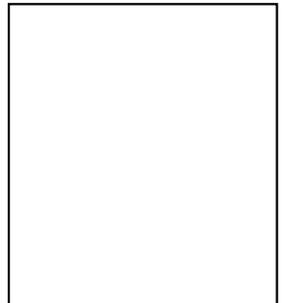


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The Air Force rewards good ideas with money. Check out the IDEA Program data system at <https://ideas.randolph.af.mil> or call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Mayo at 298-4355.





Laughlin Salutes

October enlisted promotions

To Senior Master Sergeant:

■ Timothy Beard, 47th Communications Squadron

To Technical Sergeant:

■ Anita Campas, 47th Operations Support Squadron
■ Thomas Vezie, 47th OSS

To Senior Airman:

■ Quantrell Anderson, 47th OSS
■ Thomas Carey, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron
■ Jason Dilegge, 47th Security Forces Squadron
■ Carl Moore, 47th CS

To Airman 1st Class:

■ Nicole Coleman, 47th Mission Support Squadron
■ Jonathan Glowacki, 47th OSS
■ Chul Kim, 47th CES

To Airman:

■ Brittany Cobb, 47th Aero-medical-Dental Squadron
■ Daniel Ellis, 47th SFS
■ Thomas Giddings, 47th CS
■ William Morgan, 47th CES
■ Brad Shinn, 47th SFS

September reenlistees

■ Senior Airman Chris Morlandt, 47th ADS

■ Senior Airman Fredrick Keese, 47th Flying Training Wing

First Term Airmen Class graduates

■ Airman 1st Class Jessica Johnson, 47th Medical Operations Squadron
■ Airman 1st Class Jose Nolivos, 47th SFS
■ Airman 1st Class Reico Patrick, 47th SFS
■ Airman 1st Class Hector Rivera-Vazquez, 47th Operations Support Squadron
■ Airman Matthew Brouillette, 47th SFS
■ Airman Angela Linderleaf, 47th ADS
■ Airman Oscar Magana, 47th SFS
■ Airman Basic Brittany Cobb, 47th ADS
■ Airman Basic Daniel Ellis, 47th SFS
■ Airman Basic Thomas Giddings, 47th CS
■ Airman Basic William Morgan, 47th CES
■ Airman Basic Greg Sevier, 85th Flying Training Squadron
■ Airman Basic Brad Shinn, 47th SFS

Airmen Leadership School graduates

■ Staff Sgt. Ernesto DeLuna,

47th Medical Support Squadron

■ Staff Sgt. Melvin Isaia, 47th CS
■ Staff Sgt. Joshua McIntosh, 47th CS
■ Staff Sgt. Edward Merz, 47th SFS
■ Staff Sgt. Michael Robinson, 47th SFS
■ Staff Sgt. Michael Sinclair, 47th OSS
■ Staff Sgt. Fidel Vergara, 47th SFS
■ Senior Airman Ryan Faircloth, 47th CS
■ Senior Airman Athena Joslin, 47th FTW
■ Senior Airman Crystal Morris, 47th Mission Support Group
■ Senior Airman Jessica Obregon, 47th MSS
■ Senior Airman Robert Obrien, 47th CES

ALS grauates Award winners

Academic excellence:

Staff Sgt. Joshua McIntosh, 47th CS

John L. Levitow Award:

Senior Airman Crystal Morris, 47th MSG

Outstanding leadership:

Staff Sgt. Melvin Isaia, 47th CS

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--Ryan Menath, 84th FTS
--John Musial, 85th FTS
--Joshua Ney, 87th FTS
--Erick Pacheco, 86th FTS
--Travis Piatt, 47th OSS
--Stacie Pratt, 84th FTS
--Michael Reilly, 85th FTS
--Michancy Schultz, 47th Communications Squadron

--Scott Serkin, 47th OSS
--David Snodgrass, 87th FTS
--Jonathan Somogyi, 84th FTS
--Matthew Strohmeyer, 87th FTS
--Luke Sullivan, 85 FTS
--Paul Stucki, 85 FTS
--Steven Vestel, 85 FTS
--Brendan Voitik, 84 FTS
--Meaghan White, 47 Civil Engineer Squadron

Fire Prevention Week schedule

Fire Prevention Week Schedule (October 2 to 9):

Saturday

9 to 10 a.m.: Parade begins at base fire station; ends at the BX parking lot

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Public fire education & information booth, fire truck display, fire extinguisher live-fire demonstration, fire safety trailer, and refreshments offered at the BX parking lot

Monday

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Firefighters visit North Side Elementary
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Organization Fire Extinguisher Classes

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Firefighters visit Buena Vista Elementary

1 to 3 p.m.: Fire Extinguisher Classes at the Fiesta Center

Wednesday

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Open House tours including: Public fire education & information handouts,

Fire Extinguisher Live-Fire Classes, Fire Safety House Tours, Fire truck display, Stove Top Grease Fire Demonstration, Refreshments

Thursday

9 to 10 a.m.: Fire Extinguisher Live Fire Demonstration, Youth Center

9 to 10:30 a.m.: Firefighters visit St. James Elementary (two sessions)

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Firefighters visit Sacred Heart Academy (two sessions)

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Firefighters visit East Side Elementary

10 to 11 a.m.: Base Library Reading Session

9 to 10 a.m.: Fire Extinguisher Live-Fire Demonstration

October 9

9 to 11 a.m.: Public fire education, information handouts, fire truck display, and fire safety trailer smoke house tours at the Commissary.

Recycle this newspaper

Fire prevention tip

Laughlin members are urged to check batteries in smoke detectors at home periodically and do monthly tests on smoke detectors to ensure they are working.





(Left) A Mexican law enforcement official takes aim at the target during the small arms shooting contest put on by the Laughlin Office of Special Investigations and the Border Patrol Sept. 24 near the international dam. Nine Mexican law enforcement agencies took part in the event. (Below) A group shot of the 50 participants.



Courtesy photos

OSI, Border Patrol host desert shoot out

Invite 9 Mexican law enforcement agencies to participate

By Senior Airman
Timothy J. Stein
Public affairs

The Laughlin Office of Special Investigations along with the United States Border Patrol held a shooting competition with nine law enforcement agencies from Mexico Sept. 24 near the international dam.

The competition provided a way to strengthen cooperation between the agencies and countries, said Tim Peterson, AFOSI special agent in charge.

The competition included a small arms weapon competition, a demo of a firearms training system and a demo with various weapons. The firearms training system delivered a shoot- or don't-shoot scenario on a large screen.

"The competition provided an opportunity for both Mexican and US law enforcement agencies to hone their weapons skills as well as liaison with one another," Agent Peterson said.

Laughlin's OSI detachment is called upon to work with the Mexican authorities often in the course of investigations.

"If an Air Force member is a victim of a crime in Mexico, we would work closely with different Mexican agencies to help that person out," said Agent Peterson. "That is why these types of activities are important. The competition was a method for us to get together and meet professionally and personally. Every time we do something like this, it furthers our relationship."

This isn't the first time the groups have gotten together. "We do things like this periodically," said Agent Peterson. "Sometimes we do it in the US and sometimes Mexicans agencies sponsor something on their side. Anything which affects Del Rio and Laughlin also affects Ciudad Acuña and vice-versa, so it is good to get together and

strengthen our cooperation."

Agent Peterson said the relations between the organizations are already strong and events like this can only strengthen them.

"I have had good dealings with the Mexican law enforcement," he said. "They have always been sincere and professional. It has been a real pleasure working with them."

The nine Mexican law enforcement agencies present were: Ciudad Acuña Municipal Police, the Center for Investigation and National Security, Mexican Customs, Fiscal Inspection, Ciudad Acuña Army Garrison, Ciudad Acuña Municipal Transit Police, Immigration for Ciudad Acuña and Piedras Negras, Coahuila State Police and the Mexican Federal Agency of Investigations.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Olufemi Owolabi

Making a better place...

Airman 1st Class Jason King (on top of the jungle gym), 84th Flying Training Squadron, and other Airmen of Air Force Sergeant's Association exhibit teamwork as they assemble a jungle course while installing seven new play ground sets at Ruben Chavirra Elementary School. Thirty vol-

unteers took part in this 8-hour project Sept. 25 which involved putting together the playground equipment, digging holes, and painting, mixing, pouring and setting over 3,300 pounds of cement. This project is one way ASFA and Laughlin members make a difference in the community.

Smokeless tobacco: Bad news for appearance, wallets

By Capt. Mark Halverson
47th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Smokeless tobacco—chew, pinch or snuff, no matter what you call it; it is bad news.

From the bulge in the cheek to the brown stained teeth, none of it is good for you or your appearance. Not to mention that smokeless tobacco can empty a person's wallet.

Here are some issues relating to using smokeless tobacco:

- Using a can of snuff can cost up to \$1000 a year.
- Sugars (used to make tobacco taste better) cause

tooth decay.

■ Sand and grit in the tobacco act like sandpaper and wear down teeth.

■ Recession of gums-tobacco can irritate tissue causing them to pull away from teeth which not only looks bad but can leave the tooth or teeth hurting all the time especially when something cold or hot is in the mouth.

■ Irritated gums can lead to gum disease, bleeding gums, bone loss, and bad breath.

What about the ill effects smokeless tobacco can have on a person's body?

Like cigarettes, smokeless tobacco contains nico-

tine, a chemical that causes one to crave tobacco. Nicotine can also put a person at risk for heart disease later in life because of possible complications of increased heart rate and blood pressure.

A pinch of tobacco is also loaded with other chemicals too – over 28 cancer causing chemicals have been found in smokeless tobacco.

These chemicals cause changes in the cells that make up oral tissues (gums) the lining of cheeks, tongue and lips – changes that could eventually lead to oral cancer.

Some possible signals

that a person could have symptoms or could be laying the groundwork for oral cancer include, but are not limited to:

■ Any sign of irritation, like tenderness and/ or burning.

■ A developing sore, usually at the base of the gumline where someone stores the tobacco.

■ A leathery, wrinkled patch inside the mouth.

■ White or grayish patches inside the mouth.

A person should see his or her dentist if they notice

any of the aforementioned signals taking place in their mouths.

More importantly people should never start to use smokeless tobacco. It's a bad habit and can be a deadly one. If a person is a user he or she should quit immediately.

For details Laughlin members can contact the 47th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron at 298-6331.

Tips for driving safely and cell phone usage

- Use a hands-free device and position the phone within easy reach.
- Do not take notes or look up phone numbers while driving.
- Let voicemail answer phone calls during inconvenient situations on the road.
- Know your wireless phone features. Speed dial can be used without taking your eyes off the road.

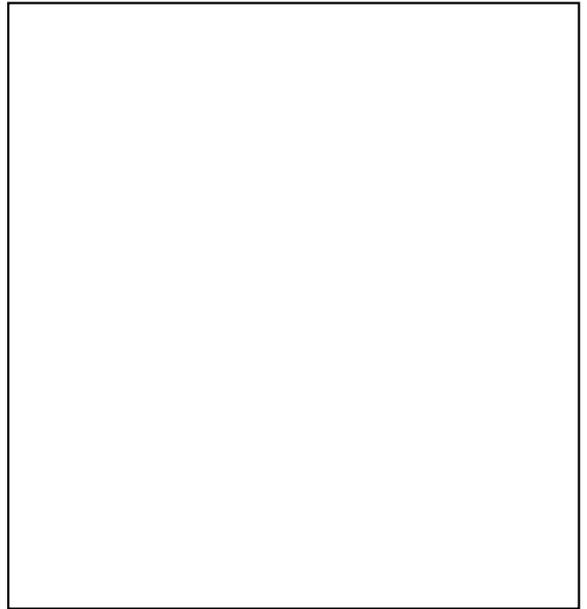
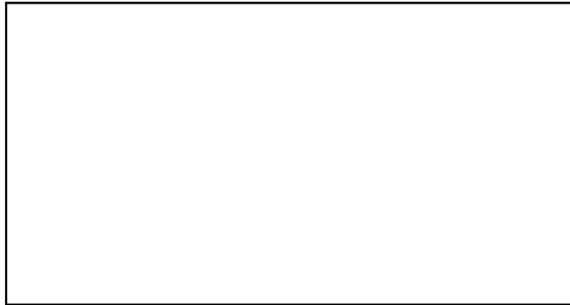




Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boisvert

Showing his colors...

WASHINGTON — Master Sgt. Billy Chickaway carries the U.S. flag during a parade Sept. 21 celebrating the grand opening of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington. The parade was part of a six-day celebration honoring the first Americans and other Indians worldwide. Sergeant Chickaway is a native Choctaw and an information manager assigned to the Mississippi Air National Guard's 186th Air Refueling Wing.

The *XLer*

Senior Airman Lydell Hudson
84th Flying Training Squadron



Photo by Airman 1st Class Olufemi Owolabi

Hometown: Mobile, Ala.
Family: Mother, father, brother and sister
Time at Laughlin: Eight months
Time in service: Three years
Hobbies: Playing basketball
Greatest accomplishment: Doing something positive in my life
Bad habit: Procrastination
Favorite movies: "Coming to America" and "Paper Soldier"
If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? My brother, so that we could chill out and catch up on old times



If you know of or suspect fraud, waste and abuse, call the FWA hotline at 298-4170.

Maintenance, Ops tie in weekly contest

Two prognosticators tied with 11 games in last week's contest.

Capt. Wes Stark, 47th Operations Group, and James Sutton, 47th Maintenance Directorate, barely inked out

the victory over Staff Sgt. Sean Flansbaum, 47th Mission Support Group, and 1st Lt. Matt Wolthoff, 47th Medical Group, both of whom had 10 games picked correctly. Air-

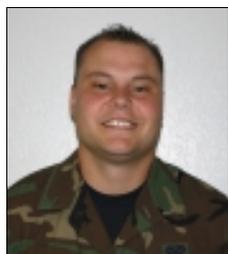
man 1st Class Sara Wacenske, wing staff agencies, finished last with seven games picked correctly.

The win places Captain Stark in a tie for first place overall with Sergeant

Flansbaum with 31 of 46 games picked correctly. Lieutenant Wolthoff is close behind with 30 of 46, followed by Airman Wacenske with 27 and Mr. Sutton with 26.



1st Lt. Matt Wolthoff, 47th Medical Group



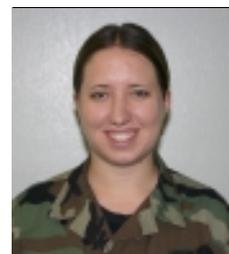
Staff Sgt. Sean Flansbaum, 47th Mission Support Group



James Sutton, 47th Maintenance Directorate



Capt. Wes Stark, 47th Operations Group



Airman 1st Class Sara Wacenske, Wing Staff Agencies

Games:

N.E. at Buff.	New England
Phi. at Chi.	Philadelphia
Wash. at Cle.	Washington
N.Y.G. at G.B.	Green Bay
Oak. at Hou.	Houston
Ind. at Jax.	Indianapolis
Cin. at Pitt.	Pittsburgh
N.O. at Ari.	New Orleans
Atl. at Car.	Carolina
N.Y.J. at Mia.	New York Jets
Tenn. at S.D.	Tennessee
Den. at T.B.	Denver
St.L. at S.F.	St. Louis
K.C. at Bal.	Baltimore

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Washington
Green Bay
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Pittsburgh
New Orleans
Carolina
New York Jets
Tennessee
Denver
St. Louis
Baltimore

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Green Bay
Oakland
Jacksonville
Pittsburgh
New Orleans
Atlanta
New York Jets
San Diego
Denver
St. Louis
Baltimore

Standings:

Last week	10-14
Overall	30-46

10-14
31-46

11-14
26-46

11-14
31-46

7-14
27-46

Sportslines

Squadron fitness

Squadron fitness leaders are reminded sporting events such as volleyball, softball, soccer, dodge ball, basketball, ect. do not count for unit physical training per Air Force Instruction.

For details on unit fitness requirements, physical training leaders can call Bill Goins at 298-6464 or read AFI 10-248.

Flag football

Any Laughlin employee who doesn't have a squadron team in intramural flag football but wants to play can be placed in the player pool

and be assigned a team.

For more information, call 298-5251.

Family relay race

The fitness center is holding a family relay race at 8 a.m. Oct. 23 at the base track. Each team must have four members, all 7-years old or older. Each member will run a quarter mile of the mile run. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place.

For details, contact the fitness center staff.

Incentive race

The fitness center is sponsoring a mock race from Cancun to Laughlin. Members will have six

months from sign up to log 419 miles on the base track or treadmill to claim a prize.

For details, contact the fitness center staff.

Equipment classes

The fitness center holds exercise

equipment training classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

The training is offered on exercise and cardio equipment to individuals who would like to learn the basics of the equipment.

To sign up for a class or for details, contact the fitness center staff.

XL Fitness Center hours

298-5251

Monday - Thursday:
5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday:
7 a.m. to 8. p.m.

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

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