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Courtesy photo

Timber!

An unexpected storm hit Laughlin Monday evening, bringing heavy rains and 80 mph winds. Damage across base included downed trees, such as the one above, downed power and phone lines, overturned trailers, sheared roofs, and scattered debris. Members of the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron and Del Gen, Inc., spent the week returning the base to order.

Newslines

Enlisted Appreciation Day

Enlisted Appreciation Day is set for today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be free food and drinks served at the FamCamp, along with a pie-in-the-face auction, a softball and volleyball match between the NCOs and Airmen, disc jockey entertainment and commanders will rotate through the dunk tank.

See page 5 for a full schedule.

Contracting closed

The 47th Contracting Squadron will close at 2 p.m. today for a retirement ceremony for Anna Chapman at 3 p.m. in the Club XL ballroom. All base members are invited to attend the ceremony.

If immediate contracting assistance is needed during this time, call 719-9499.

Enlisted promotion ceremony

An enlisted promotion ceremony is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday at Club Amistad. All base members are invited to attend.

Retreat, graduation times

The retreat for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-11 will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday in front of the wing headquarters and the graduation will be 10 a.m. Thursday in Anderson Hall.

Deployment stats

Deployed: 16
Returning in 30 days: 4
Deploying in 30 days: 0

Mission status

(As of Tuesday)

Days behind or ahead:

T-37, -11.05	T-1, 1.25
T-38, -4.11	T-6, -12.31
Mission capable rate:	
T-37, 85.8%	T-1, 81.4%
T-38, 80.9%	T-6, 76.5%

Laughlin promotes 33 to O-3, E6-8

Compiled from staff reports

Thirty-three Laughlin members have been selected for promotion to captain, technical sergeant master sergeant and senior master sergeant.

Laughlin 1st lieutenants rising to captain are:

- James Anderson, 47th Mission Support Group
- Garret Bilbo, 86th Flying Training Squadron
- Richard Jones, 87th FTS
- Charles Kistler, 87th FTS
- Eric Lane, 85th FTS
- Matt Manning, 84th FTS
- Naomi Vestel, 47th Medical

Operations Squadron

All seven of Laughlin lieutenants eligible were selected.

Laughlin master sergeants promoted to senior master sergeant in the June Supplemental promotion are:

- Timothy Beard, 47th Communication Squadron
- John Sanders, 47th CS

Laughlin technical sergeants rising to master sergeant are:

- Cassandra Ableiter, 47th Operations Support Squadron
- Eric Adams, 47th CS
- David Adkins, 47th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
- Reynaldo Almaraz, 47th Security

Forces Squadron

- Dana Anderson, 47th Comptroller Flight
- Robert Bone Jr., 47th OSS
- Jeffrey Brown, 47th Logistics Division
- Dora Caniglia, 47th ADS
- David Cole, 47th Mission Support Squadron
- Anthony Hill, 47th Public Affairs
- George Nicolas, 47th OSS
- Julie Nicolas, 47th OSS
- Christopher Ostrom, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Shelly Robinson, 84th FTS

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Laughlin 'Patriots' sacrifice for past, present, future



**Commander's
Corner**

By Neal Mihelich
47th Maintenance Directorate
T-6, T-37 division chief

Memorial Day has just passed and we all stopped to pay homage to those who had sacrificed so much in our past and present wars and conflicts. The Fourth of July is right around the corner and again, we will celebrate and pay homage to those who gave us our country with the freedom that we now enjoy.

I think it would be safe to say that these individuals, past

and present, would be considered Patriots.

Webster's II Dictionary defines patriots as "one who loves, supports, and defends one's country."

A lot has been said that all the troops currently serving in Southwest Asia are our current "Patriots." However, let's reflect on our "Patriots" that are serving here at Laughlin. They are seen every day, but go unnoticed: the guard at the gate and all the other security forces who give their all 24-7 so we can continue working in a safe environment; the food services personnel who ensure that the workers of the base have the opportunity to nourish themselves when needed; the civil engineering folks who

provide fire protection, water and electrical services; maintainers, who ensure aircraft are ready to fly at any given time; instructors who accept the risk of preparing our next generation of defenders; and Services support staff who give us the chance to take a break from daily tasks to relax and mingle with all the base personnel.

Suffice to say, without everyone working together toward one common goal, our mission and the country's mission would not get done. So I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our "Patriots" here at Laughlin, past and present, for the sacrifices that you have given us.

Generation gaps in workplace beneficial

Each generation contributes to overall mission success

By Maj. Alessandra Stokstad
14th Mission Support Squadron commander

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – Our work environment today is more diverse than ever. In addition to incorporating military, civilians and contractors, we are now confronted with the task of forming an efficient team from members of distinctly different generations.

I recently came across an article discussing the differences in work habits across generations. The article divided our current workforce into four main groups: veterans born before 1946, Baby Boomers born between 1946 and 1964, Generation X born between 1965 and 1977, and Generation Y born between 1978 and 2000.

As a new commander, I see the differences and definitely have come to appreciate the unique contributions each group brings to the squadron.

Military leaders are challenged to incorporate everyone's specific talents into a cohesive and optimal work force. To do this, we need to understand the motivations, needs and interests of the various groups.

In the book "When Generations Collide: Who They Are. Why They Clash. How to Solve the Generational Puzzle at Work," Lynne Lancaster and David Stillman attempt to characterize these distinct generations and what each brings to the fight.

Veterans make up about 15 percent of the work force and are, as a group, more accustomed to a top-down approach to management, but still want to make a lasting contribution. In a phrase, they are devoted and put "duty before pleasure." This is an obvious direct

translation to service before self ... a trait we actively try to promote in the Air Force today.

The second group, the Baby Boomers, make up almost half of our current work force according to the U.S. Census Bureau. They can be team-oriented, but are highly competitive. Both of these traits immediately lend to the military way of life by working as a team to achieve excellence in all we do.

Making up about one-third of the work force are Generation X members. They are more flexible than the previous two groups and tend to be technologically advanced, yet still goal oriented. While they have a "more casual" attitude toward authority, their skills can still help the Air Force leverage 21st century advances and continue to evolve into the strongest military force the world has ever seen.

Our newest additions to the

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Col. Dan Woodward
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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 some useful telephone numbers that may be helpful when working your issue with a base agency.

AAFES	298-3176
Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Clinic	298-6311
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
EEO	298-5879
FWA hotline	298-4170
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

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Remember those you'll leave behind

Suicide has long-lasting effects for friends, family members left behind

By Col. Theresa Carter
42nd Mission Support Group
commander

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Sept. 2, 1985. I remember the day like it was yesterday. It was Labor Day and my second day on active duty. I was filled with excitement, nervousness and anticipation as I started my Air Force career at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

After several hours looking for an apartment, I returned to lodging and noticed the message light on my phone was flashing. The clerk at the front desk told me to call home immediately. Fearing the worst, I dialed the number in Albuquerque. After a few rings, my dad answered. He asked me if I was sitting down and told me my younger sister had committed suicide that morning.

Shock, guilt, anger, sadness and a thousand other emotions went through me as I slumped to the floor. How could this be? She was only 21. I just had dinner with her two days ago. She didn't seem sad or depressed, didn't say she was thinking of killing herself. Was I to blame?

If anyone should have seen this coming, it was me. We shared a room growing up and did everything together. We played on the same high school

sports teams and had the same friends. How could she be so selfish? Didn't she know how much she meant to me, my family and to others? Didn't she realize how empty our lives would be without her?

Each time I hear that a member of our Air Force family has committed suicide, I think of my sister. I then wonder why he or she made that decision and how we could have prevented it.

The Air Force suicide prevention and awareness program is one of

the most aggressive programs around. Commanders, first sergeants and supervisors as well as medical personnel and chaplains invest countless hours educating our Airmen and supporting them through

difficult circumstances. We brief everyone annually how to spot those who may be at risk and where to turn for help. We pull out all stops to provide counseling and intervene in crisis situations. Yet, despite our best efforts, some still decide that suicide is their only option. I shake my head and wonder why.

I'm convinced that in that moment of truth, that instant when an individual chooses to

live or die, those that choose to live think of those they will leave behind — family, friends and coworkers — rather than themselves.

Instead of thinking about their own pain or difficulties, they think about how their death would hurt and sadden their loved ones. They think about opportunities lost, celebrations that would be less festive without their participation and burdens that would be more difficult for their family to bear without them.

"Instead of thinking about their own pain or difficulties, they think about how their death would hurt and sadden their loved ones. They think about opportunities lost, celebrations that would be less festive without their participation and burdens that would be more difficult for their family to bear without them."

Not a day goes by that I don't think about my sister and wish she were here to share the highs and lows, joys and sorrows I've experienced the last 18 and a half years.

So if you have friends, family members or coworkers

who are having a tough time dealing with stress and the demands of everyday life, take time to remind them how important they are. Let them know they are not alone and that no situation is so hopeless that suicide is the only answer.

But, most of all, simply ask them to remember those they will leave behind. And we can all pray that America will be delivered from the scourge of terror, whatever its source.

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work force belong to Generation Y and their impact will continue to increase. The buzzword for this generation is multitasking. As a whole, they are comfortable with the latest technology and know how to use it in a culturally diverse workplace; plus, they relate well to older people.

This group just may prove to be the glue bonding all of the others together in our workplace.

We now deal with a workforce ranging from 18-year-olds to those with 18 or more years of experience. It is essential we recognize they are all vital parts of our organizations.

Whether you supervise or

simply work with someone significantly different in age, don't let the "generation gap" be a barrier to fostering a great working relationship.

Who knows? You may actually come to embrace your differences as the key to what makes your unit the best.

Knowing and appreciating the differences is half the battle.

Laughlin lodging lobbies for Air Force award

By Airman 1st Class
Olufemi Owolabi
Staff writer

The time is finally here for Laughlin Manor to show Air Education and Training Command and other major commands how prepared it is for the 2004 Air Force Innkeeper Award.

An evaluation team will visit Laughlin Manor for a two-day inspection Monday and Tuesday to determine the winner of the small-base Air Force Innkeeper Award.

Laughlin Manor was named AETC's best of small-base lodging operations March 31 and now represents the command in this Air Force-wide competition. Laughlin Manor will compete with seven other nominees for this award.

This annual award is used by the Air Force to recognize lodging operations that provide the most outstanding hotel-type lodging and customer service to Air Force travelers.

"The four inspectors will evaluate the cleanliness of our lodging facility on the first day of inspection to ensure compliance with Air Force standards," said Kathy Harting, 47th Services Division lodging manager.

She said the four evaluators, a team of experts from Headquarters Air Force Services Agency, San Antonio, and American Hotel and Lodging Association, will also evaluate the facility's linen exchange and the supply warehouse Monday.

The inspectors will be led by Lt.

Col. Patricia May, HQ AFSVA combat support division chief. The others are Tech. Sgt. Salvatore Rizzo, HQ AFSVA lodging branch; Donald Johnson, Inns of Lackland general manager; and Robert Brittle, AHLA advisor.

Mrs. Harting said evaluation of the lodging front desk and other administrative functions on the inspectors' innkeeper checklist will continue Tuesday.

"The results of the evaluation will be announced later in the summer and the Innkeeper award will be presented to the winning base in November in New York City," she added.

She said the lodging facility is fully prepared for this inspection and the staff is looking forward to it.

"With the best staff in the Air Force, who puts customers first, and with teamwork, I think Laughlin's going to win this award," she said.

For the past three months, the Laughlin Manor team has worked toward additional improvements to the facility by re-investing the \$20,000 provided by AETC for earning the best in command honors.

"We purchased new furniture and artwork and other amenities the facility needed to be adequately prepared for the Air Force Innkeeper Award inspection," she added.

The Air Force Innkeeper Award program, created and managed by the lodging branch HQ AFSVA, encourages Innkeepers to satisfy customers, and improve lodging management and operations at the 95 major Air Force bases worldwide.



Photo by Jose Mendoza

It's all yours colonel ...

Col. Dan Woodward, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, passes the 47th Mission Support Group guidon to Col. Teresa Daniell during a change of command ceremony Monday at the Fiesta Center. Colonel Daniell took over command from Col. Vic Hnatiuk.

Newslines

Daedalian scholarship

The George Beverly Flight of the Order of Daedalians is sponsoring two \$500 flight scholarships for Laughlin members admitted to attend an accredited four-year college or university and who have demonstrated the desire and potential to pursue a career as a commissioned military pilot.

Contact Lew Nunley at 774-0278, 298-5430 or

lwnunley@delrio.com, for more information. Applications can also be found at www.daedalians.org/index.html. Mail completed applications to 109 Fox Drive, Del Rio, Texas. The deadline to receive applications is Wednesday. Selectees will be forwarded to the national committee for potential matching funds. A fund raising golf tournament is set for July 24 at Leaning Pine Golf Course.

July 2 family day leave rules

Military:

Members are reminded that on the

July 2, Air Education and Training Command family day, standard leave rules apply. If members are in the local area, as defined by the wing operating instruction, then no leave is required.

If members are traveling outside that area, leave is required.

Civilian:

For non-mission essential civilian employees, commanders should follow liberal leave procedures in accordance with civilian leave instructions. Approved annual leave, previously earned compensatory time-off, Leave Without Pay or a previously earned

time-off award may be granted.

As a further reminder, employees with a time-limited appointment of less than 90 days (such as summer hires) are not entitled to annual leave until they have been employed for 90 consecutive days under successive appointments without a break in service. In such cases, LWOP may be appropriate. Civilians who must work on July 2 because of duty requirements should be offered an alternate leave day.

For more details, call the civilian personnel flight at 298-5299.



Photo by Master Sgt. Debbie Aragon

In the heat of the moment ...

Staff Sgt. Travis Webb takes a water break while laying concrete as temperatures top the 107-degree mark at Tallil Air Base, Iraq, June 17. Sergeant Webb is assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron here and is deployed from Misawa Air Base, Japan.



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- Christopher Trujillo, 47th Contracting Squadron
- James Wilson Jr., 47th MDOS

Laughlin tech selects are:

- Walter Anderson, 47th Services Division
- Margaret Bell, 47th OSS
- James Bissell, 86th FTS
- Joseph Blanco, 47th OSS
- Towania Caldwell, 85th FTS
- Anita Campas, 47th OSS
- Neo Greene Jr., 47th MDOS
- Michael Patterson, 47th CES

Air Force officials have selected 6,217 of 23,956 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 25.95-percent selection rate; and 9,114 of 42,248 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 21.57-percent selection rate.

The final tally will increase as Air Force Personnel Center officials here receive test scores for Airmen cur-

rently deployed. Each of those Airmen has 30 to 60 days to test after he or she returns home.

"We have roughly 3,000 warriors who haven't tested yet because they've been deployed," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotions branch chief at the center. "They will be allowed to test when they return, and we'll automatically consider them for promotion. We do this as quickly as possible and announce supplemental promotions on a monthly basis until everyone has been considered."

The master sergeant selection rate rose .39 percentage points from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate dropped .32 percentage points from last year.

"This year has proven to be another banner year in terms of the number of people who have been able to earn promotions," Chief Billingsley said. "The Air

Force had predicted we'd see rates start to stabilize and that's what is happening here.

"The rates this year are almost identical to last year's rates, but we are actually able to promote several thousand more people to each rank than we did initially last year," he said. "That's because we're getting a better handle on testing folks before they deploy - trying to get in sync with the (air and space expeditionary force) battle rhythm.

"The higher number of people selected is very good news for those Airman who are showing through performance and preparation the potential for more responsibility and the higher rank to go with it," the chief said. "The message is clear: There is opportunity for those who want to step up to the challenge."

Air Force officials release both promotion lists Thursday. The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's

Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/ by 6 p.m. today.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in early July, allowing them to see just how their promotion fitness examination and specialty knowledge test scores rank against others within their Air Force specialty.

Each individual can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice June 28 by logging into the virtual military personnel flight at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/. The average master sergeant selectee score for the 04E7 master sergeant test cycle was 340.73 points, based on the following:

- 134.33 points for enlisted performance reports.
- 64.01 points for promotion fitness exam.
- 64.86 points for specialty knowledge test.
- 28.30 points for time in grade.

■ 36.10 points for time in service.

■ 21.21 points for decorations.

The average master sergeant selectee has 3.64 years time in grade and 17.22 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant August to July 2005.

The average selectee score for the 04E6 technical sergeant test cycle was 317.55 points, based on the following:

- 133.02 points for enlisted performance reports.
- 62.35 points for promotion fitness exam.
- 55.66 points for specialty knowledge test.
- 33.72 points for time in grade.
- 25.19 points for time in service.
- 5.91 points for decorations.

The average technical sergeant selectee has 4.55 years time in grade and 11.46 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to technical sergeant August to July 2005.



Photo by Roger Day

Take cover ...

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, Mont. (AFPN) — Senior Airman Amy Bennett finds cover behind a cottonwood tree while participating in an exercise to recapture a missile launch facility from simulated hostile forces at Malmstrom Air Force Base June 17. Airman Bennett is assigned to the 341st Security Forces Group. The group is responsible for protecting and securing Minuteman III missile facilities located throughout central Montana which belong to the base's 341st Space Wing.

Officials take second look at 'code-C' limitations

By Staff Sgt.
Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Following a review of the new force-shaping policy, Air Force officials rescinded the enlisted date-of-separation rollback for Airmen with an assignment limitation code "C."

"The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force decided we should take a harder look at code-C limitations, and the medical conditions that drive (the codes), to see if we can come up with a long-term solution, rather than a short-term, force-reduction tool," said Col. Michael Hayden. He is the chief of the Air Force military policy division at the Pentagon.

Initially, the force-shaping program's Phase II assigned a DOS of no later than June 30,

2005, for enlisted Airmen who possessed this limitation and had more than 20 years of service as of that date. Feedback from around the Air Force regarding the policy was part of what made leaders reconsider, Colonel Hayden said.

"We want to look at the deployment and assignment of Airmen worldwide and structure the policy to apply to both officers and enlisted, while still taking into consideration the needs of the Air Force as well as the needs of the Airmen," he said.

Because the service is becoming more of an expeditionary force, the idea behind the policy is still a factor, Colonel Hayden said.

"We need to look at how we can shape our force to meet the (air and space expeditionary force) construct," he said.



Laughlin Salutes

July enlisted promotions

To Technical Sergeant:

■ Jerry Dunn, 47th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

To Staff Sergeant:

■ Spencer Duclos, 47th Security Forces Squadron

■ Aspen Heine, 47th ADS

■ Dianna Smith, 47th Operations Support Squadron

To Senior Airman:

■ Isaac Gallardo, 47th SFS

■ Steven Hardy, 47th Mission Support Squadron

■ Jennette Kilgore, 87th Flying Training Squadron

■ Ronald Owens, 47th OSS

To Airman 1st Class:

■ Bridget Boehm, 47th OSS

■ Jennifer Ladwig, 47th OSS

July reenlistees

■ Master Sgt. Frank Schycker, 47th Communication Squadron

■ Airman 1st Class Sean Neal, 47th Mission Support Group

Buckle up!

It saves lives



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Learning about America ...

A Japanese girl picks up an American flag during the 16th annual American Day celebration June 13 outside nearby Misawa Air Base, Japan. The event brings visitors who are interested in learning about American culture from all over northern Japan. More than 70,000 people attended this year's event.

Online news

Access breaking news at United States Air Force Online News, the official newspaper of the United States Air Force. Simply go to www.af.mil/news/ and stay informed about events.

Former POW returns to Vietnam on AFTV NEWS

The last active-duty Airman who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam, and his trip back to the country of his captivity highlights the June 21 edition of Air Force Television News. Tech. Sgt. Bill Scherer went along as Maj. Gen. Ed Mechenbier flew the famed "Hanoi Taxi" to the Vietnamese capital. The aircraft used to bring more than 100 POWs back to freedom. He landed in Hanoi 31 years after his flight from captivity.

AFTV News plays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday on the Laughlin commander's access channel, base cable channel 34.

Staff Sgt. Bret Reinhardt reports on the anniversary of another momentous event in world history: The 60th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy and the beginning of the end for the Third Reich. Sergeant Reinhardt visits the beaches of Normandy, illustrating the contribution from what was then the Army Air Corps.

Master Sgt. Rick Sarchet is in Afghanistan accompanying a team of Office of Special Investigations agents as they locate and recover a weapons cache. Sergeant Sarchet's story is an example of the expanded role of OSI in the war against terrorism.

Tech. Sgt. Pachari Lutke dons her leathers and goes for a ride to show how Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., is cooperat-

ing with the state's safety council to conduct regular classes in motorcycle safety. Staff Sgt. Leigh Bellinger goes to Keesler AFB, Miss., to report on the school where air traffic controllers learn their career field.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Dennison is on hand at the Air Force Academy for this year's graduation, featuring President Bush as the commencement speaker.

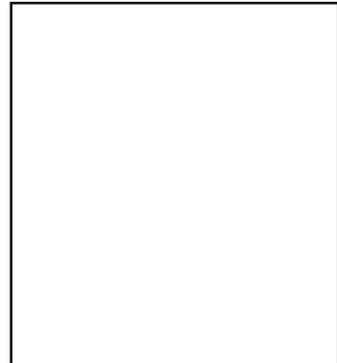
Sergeant Bellinger also examines how Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is leading the way in a "going green" project involving the use of alternative fuels for the base's vehicle fleet. And, Staff Sgt. Melissa Allan profiles the little known but vital New Boston Air Force Station, N.H., and its role in the Air Force's space mission.

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The program is closed-captioned. Viewers can comment on the program by sending an e-mail to aftvnews@afnews.af.mil.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Symposium highlights changing times

By Kari Tilton
Ogden Air Logistics Center
Public Affairs

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah – Future Air Force budgets with fewer modernization dollars are requiring Air Force people to change processes to make current aircraft last longer.

This is one topic Dr. Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, discussed here at the 25th Annual Air Force Association Focus on Defense symposium.

The symposium, titled, “Transforming Logistics and Acquisition – Improving Warfighter Capability for the Air and Space Expeditionary Force,” drew more than 300 leaders representing the aerospace industry. Key servicemembers, national AFA leaders, Aerospace Education Foundation and local, state and national government leaders also attended.

Dr. Sambur discussed the Air Force’s dedication to process improvement and transformation efforts. He called his speaking points a “burning platform.”

“The pressure to change will be coming,” he said. A “train wreck” will occur if organizations throughout the Air Force do not change their processes, he added.

Air Force people need to adapt and evolve processes to a changing climate, he said. Aircraft the Air Force was planning to retire will now be staying in the inventory longer because of a lack of funding for modernization. Less funding for modernization creates a need for more money to keep older aircraft flying, and ultimately, a need for processes to work smarter, he said.

“The sustainment community needs to work within constrained budgets,” he said. People need to develop

philosophies that incorporate the reality of weapons systems lasting longer, he said.

Dr. Sambur said experts here are doing a wonderful job meeting these current and upcoming challenges.

People began 65 process-improvement projects during the past year which seek out and eliminate waste. Leaders looked to the symposium to further broaden process-improvement knowledge and perspectives.

“The symposium exposes people (here) to the best leaders and thinkers in the acquisition and logistics business,” said Maj. Gen. Kevin J. Sullivan, Ogden Air Logistics Center commander.

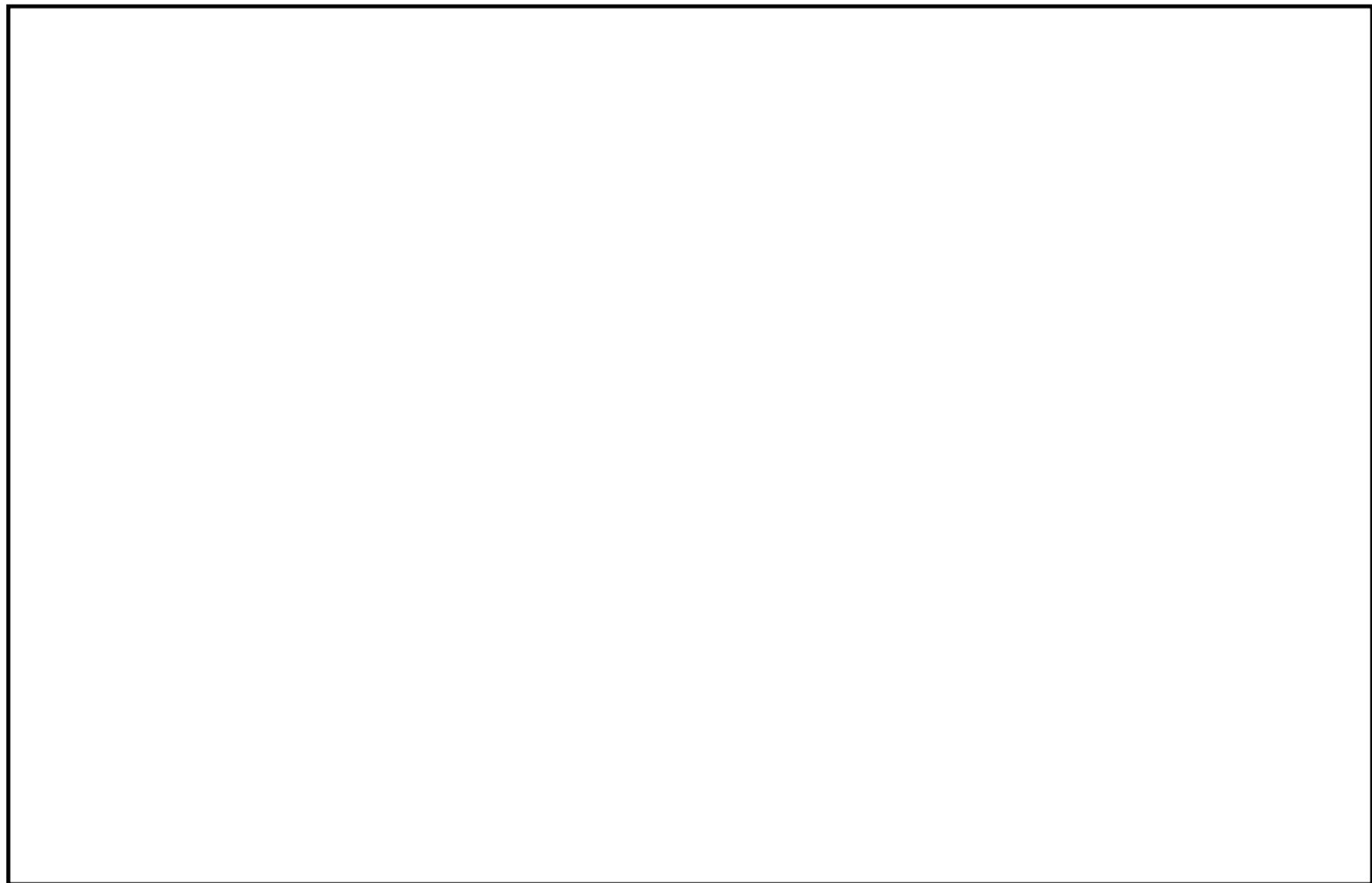
General Sullivan said one of his top priorities since taking command has been to transform many of the center’s depot-maintenance processes.

“While all of our acquisition and logistics professionals should be ex-

tremely proud of the superb materiel support they’ve provided during five conflicts over the past 13 years, we can and will do better – that’s what professionals do,” he said.

While the transformation concepts discussed will affect most employees throughout Air Force Materiel Command, they will, in total, affect about half of the Air Force’s people, said Lt. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics.

“Logistics centers are actually leading the fleet (in the area of transformation),” he said at the symposium. “ALCs were traditionally looked upon as being behind the rest of the Air Force, but that’s not necessarily the case now. I look at ALCs as leading the fleet, and we need to get the word out to the operational Air Force and apply lessons already learned at the centers.”



Recruiter signs first Del Rio native for Air Force two-year enlistment program

Story by Airman 1st Class
Olufemi A. Owolabi
Staff writer

Recently, an Airman returned home to assist his recruiter six months after signing up as the first Del Rio native enlisted into the new Air Force 2004 two-year enlistment program—National Call to Service.

‘National Call to Service,’ a congressional program which provides prospective Air Force applicants an opportunity for short-term enlistment, took effect for Air Force recruiters the first week of October.

“Under the NCS program, enlistees will serve 15 months on Air Force active duty after completing their basic military training and technical school,” said Master Sgt. Sherri L. Trowbridge, Del Rio Air Force recruiting flight chief.

Like the traditional four- and six-year enlistees, NCS enlistees will also incur the same eight-year military service obligation. Sergeant Trowbridge said this two-year program enables people who want to join the military without committing themselves to four years of service to do so.

She said with this program, more people will join the military service; thereby, the Air Force will have more people in the community with military experience.

Airman Bruno J. Lozano, Del Rio’s first Air Force NCS enlistee, walked up to his recruiter in late November after his cousin, presently in the Army, told him about the Air Force NCS program.

Airman Lozano learned more about the program from his recruiter, Staff Sgt. Pedro F. Lozano; shortly thereafter, he signed his enlistment papers and departed for BMT Jan. 28.

“My primary reason for enlisting is because of the educational benefits the Air Force offers,” Airman Lozano said. “I want to see what the Air Force is like, the career paths and training it offers and decide if I want to go on.”

Within two years, Airman Lozano said he would be able to decide if he wants to stay in the Air Force or not.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Olufemi A. Owolabi

Staff Sgt. Pedro Lozano, Del Rio Recruiting Service enlisted accession recruiter, reviews Airman Bruno Lozano’s paperwork with him during recruiter’s assistance training June 17. Airman Lozano, the first Del Rio native to sign up for the National Call to Service program, enlisted in the Air Force Jan. 28 for two years. Airman Lozano is a cousin to Sergeant Lozano, his recruiter.

Sergeant Trowbridge said the program offers one of four incentives, which are payable on reenlistment or completion of active duty obligation, to an enlistee.

These incentives are a bonus of \$5,000, repayment of an enlistee’s college loan up to a maximum of \$10,000, educational allowance for 12 months at the current rate applicable to participants in the Montgomery GI Bill and educational allowance for 36 months at 50 percent of the MGI Bill current rate.

Since the effect of the program, Sergeant Trowbridge said more people were encouraged to join the Air Force in the selected Air Force Specialty codes or selected jobs for this program.

The selected jobs are those with less than three-month technical school. In this year’s program, 29 AFSCs and a total of 370 slots were open to applicants, with security forces having 113 of those slots.

“The program is a very competitive one because of the limited number of slots available for the year and a higher qualification score,” said Sergeant Lozano.

An applicant needs a minimum qualification score of 50 percent or more in his armed service vocational aptitude battery test to be eligible for this program. Therefore, Sergeant Lozano said the program is not for high school drop-outs. “The Air Force uses this to ensure the right people are

in the right places,” he emphasized.

Since the beginning of this program, the Air Force recruiting officers in Del Rio have seen a tremendous turn of people making inquiries about the Air Force, Sergeant Lozano said.

“With more people in Del Rio community interested in joining the Air Force, more slots should be allocated in the available AFSCs to make the program entice more people,” he said.

Airman Lozano said this program makes Airmen’s decision-making options in the Air Force—either to extend on active duty or not—a reality within a short period of time.

For more information on the NCS program, call Del Rio’s Air Force recruiter at 774-0911 or (210) 671-4811.

Parents reminded to protect against measles

Compiled by the 47th Medical Group public health flight

The Texas Department of Health recently issued an advisory for all health care professionals along the Texas border with Mexico to be on the alert for possible cases of measles.

Laughlin Air Force Base is considered a low risk population for measles due to our aggressive childhood immunizations program.

Between January and April 2004, 64 cases of measles have been reported in Mexico. A single case of measles has been reported in Del Rio's neighboring city, Ciudad Acuña. There have been no confirmed cases of measles in Texas.

The TDH recommends adults and all unvaccinated children 6 months old or older who will be visiting Mexico, be vaccinated against measles if they have not had the illness. Vaccination is not recommended for adults who have had the measles, been vaccinated, or were born before 1957.

As part of our routine standard of care, the 47th Medical Group vaccinates all children

starting at age 1 with completion at age 4 for measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles, a communicable viral illness, is characterized by fever 100 degrees or higher, coughing, runny nose and occasionally itchy, watery eyes. A red blotchy rash appears between three to seven days; first on the face, but then it becomes a generalized rash, covering the chest, back, arms and legs.

Anyone with these symptoms should seek prompt medical attention from their primary care manager.

Measles is an airborne illness and is usually contracted by contact with the nasal or throat droplets that are spread when someone sneezes or coughs.

Covering one's face while sneezing and coughing, as well as frequent hand washing are our primary prevention recommendations.

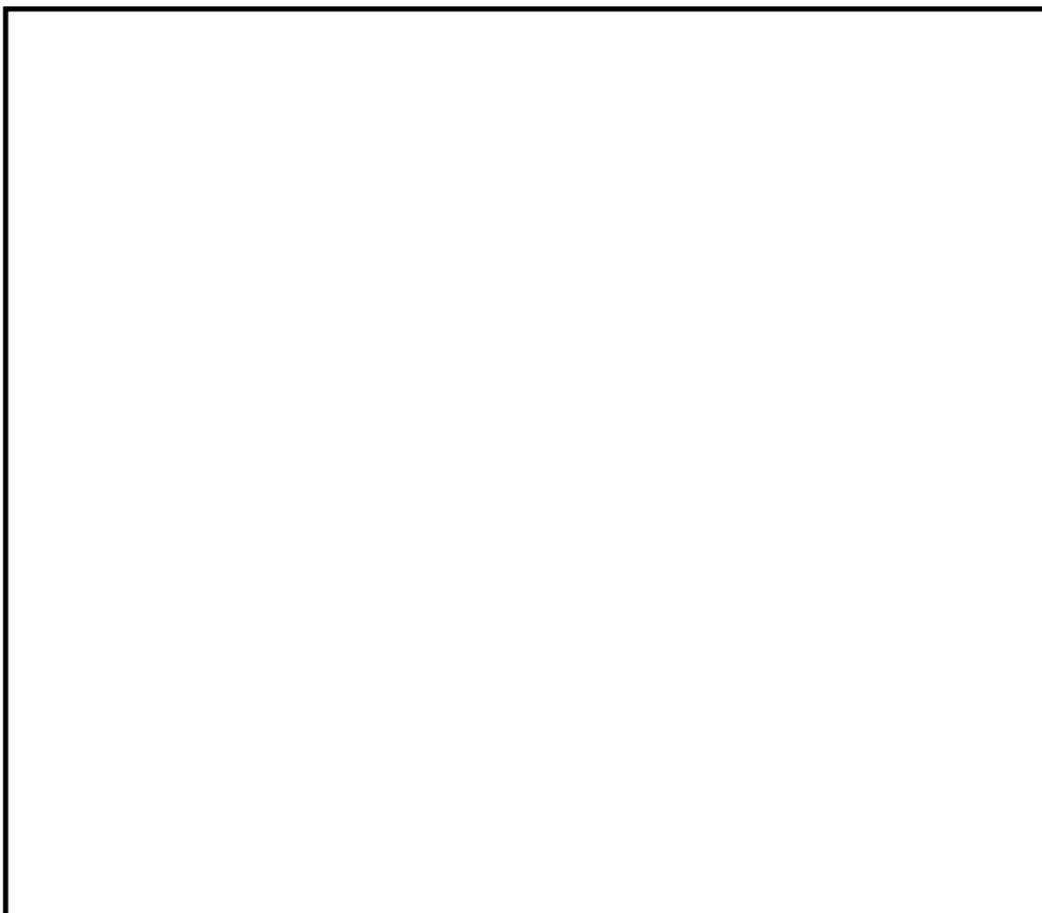
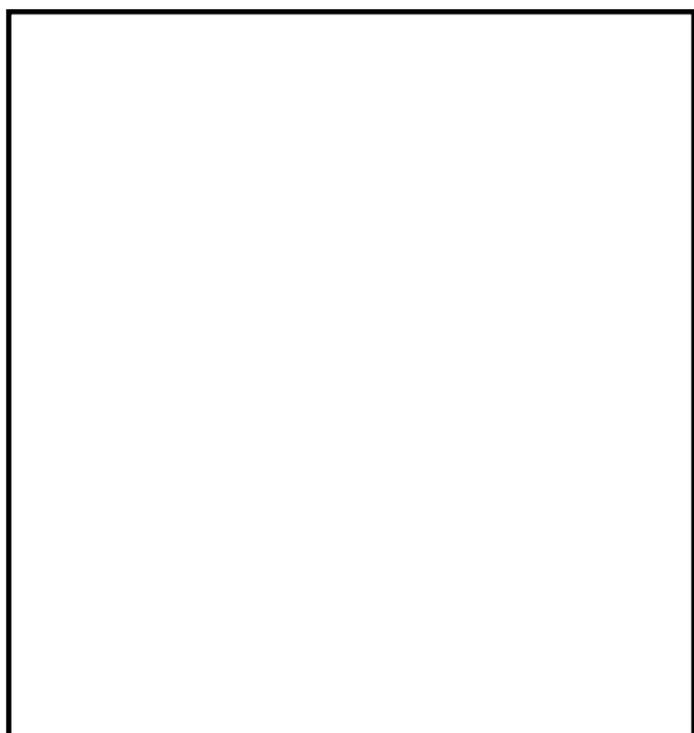
In the United States, the last marked increase in measles occurred between 1989 and 1991, primarily in unvaccinated children.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Sheila Johnston

Working with dad ...

Maj. Michael Greiner, 47th Comptroller Flight Commander brought his daughter, Katie, and son, Christian, to work with him Wednesday as part of the national "Bring Your Child to Work" day. The CPTF had eight children participate in their welcome breakfast and several others joined their parents at work later in the day.



The *XLer*

2nd Lt. Ademola Elliotte
47th Services Division

Hometown: Frankfurt, Germany and Copperas Cove, Texas

Family: Parents and an older sister

Time at Laughlin:

One year and 11 days

Time in service:

One year and 27 days

Greatest accomplishment: It hasn't happened yet

Hobbies: Dancing, reading, traveling and learning about other cultures

Bad habit: Dwelling on the past

Favorite movies:

"Meet Joe Black" and "The Object of My Affection"

If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?

Ivy Fe, my friend from the Philippines. We've been writing and talking to each other for 12 years and I've never met her.



Photo by Senior Airman Timothy J. Stein



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

Daniels went down to Dyess ...

Country music artist Charlie Daniels performs "Legend of Wooley Swamp" for about 5,000 people at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, Sunday. Mr. Daniels performed the free concert as part of the "Spirit of America Tour."

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.

It's your Future.

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Clinic increases use of nurse-triage line

By Lt. Col. Robin Squellati
47th Medical Operations
Squadron

Summer is here! The backyard barbecues are hot, and so is the sun. School is out, and many military families are packing for their moves to new places.

So, too, is the Medical Group preparing for the changes coming this summer. Two of our family practice physician assistants will be departing and unfortunately, they won't be replaced. Capt. (Dr.) Yves Jean-Baptiste and Capt. (Dr.) Tad Shirley will also be leaving this summer. While the new pediatrician isn't known yet, we are happy to announce the arrival of Capt. (Dr.) Scott Neumann from Beale Air

Force Base, Calif. Dr. Neumann is a family practice physician who has a wealth of experience and interest in caring for patients. Capt. (Dr.) Russell, one of our flight surgeons, has left for San Antonio and residency training in pathology just last month. A new flight surgeon, Capt. (Dr.) Alexander Pisaturo, will arrive later this summer. In the meantime, Capt. (Dr.) Kelly Hyde has joined flight medicine temporarily from Columbus AFB, Miss.

So, in order to help customers best, the Family Practice clinic will begin using nurse triage and extender protocols approved by our physicians. When a customer calls for an appointment he or she may be given a telephone consult for a nurse to call back.

Customers should leave a phone number where they can be reached reliably. If the phone is blocked by a request to the telephone company to keep out callers who aren't recognized by Caller ID, the nurse will not be able to reach the customer. Likewise, if the customer is away from the phone, the nurse will not be able to reach him.

In following approved protocol, the nurse will ask the customer several health-related questions, then either schedule an appointment or provide home care advice.

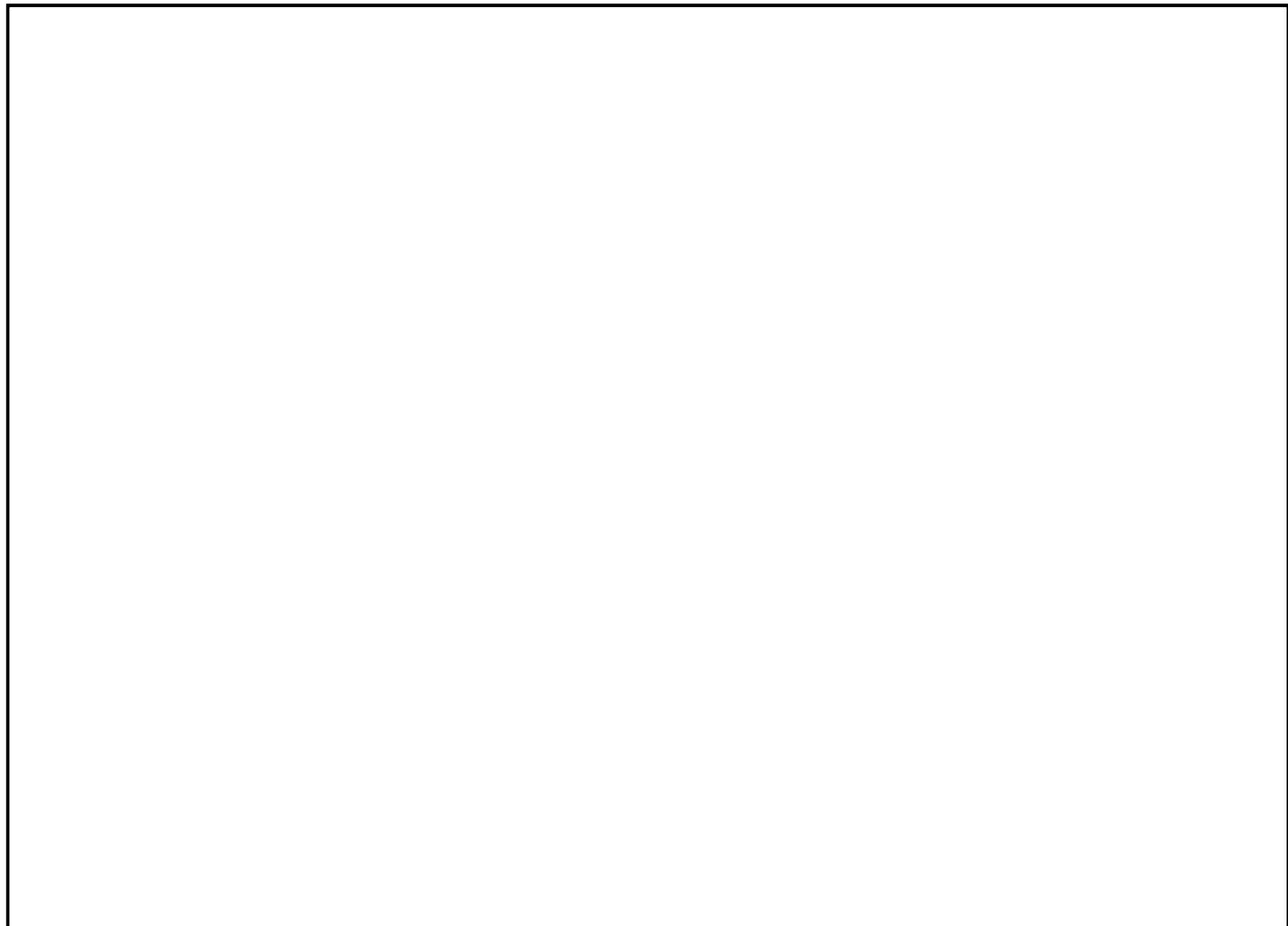
Active-duty members with cold symptoms without complications will not be placed on quarters by the clinic. Supervisor can allow people to work

away from customers, go home to rest or remain at their job as usual.

Advice on self-care is also available in the "Taking Care of Yourself" book, which can be picked up, free of charge, at the Tricare customer service desk.

"It's always a good idea for folks to use the book to alleviate symptoms and know when it's time to call for an appointment," said Maj. Sylvia Ballez-Griffin, Family Practice Flight commander.

Remember, this change in procedure applies only to the patients enrolled to the family practice clinic, not to the patients enrolled with the flight medicine, pediatric or internal medicine clinics.



T-ballers make a hit on White House lawn

By Capt. Elizabeth Ortiz
11th Wing Public Affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. – What could be better than playing Little League baseball on a pleasant Sunday afternoon where no score is kept, everyone on the team gets to bat and a good time is had by all? Playing at the White House in the company of the president and first lady, that's what.

Representing the Air Force, 14 Little Leaguers from here played T-ball at the White House on June 13 as part of President Bush's "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" program. Joining Bolling's Cardinals team was a team representing the Marine Corps.

Boarding two of the Air Force buses, the Bolling players and about 80 other people from here made their way to the White House.

As people from here got off the buses, Marine One helicopters were landing on the lawn of the White House, with President and Mrs. Bush on board.

When asked how he felt, Cardinals player Konnor Fenwick said he was excited to play at the White House and meet the president.

"It's a great opportunity," said his mother, Maj. Kathryn Fenwick, of the Office of Special Investigations at the Pentagon. "It's great the president takes the time out of his busy sched-

ule to meet our Little Leaguers."

Zoe Smith, 7, was excited about "seeing the president and showing him how good I can play." Her grandfather, a former Marine, came from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to watch her play in the game. So did an aunt from North Carolina.

Before the game, the Air Force group went on a tour of the White House. Then, it was time to play ball.

"It's opening day for T-ball season 2004," said President Bush when he came out on the field to welcome and introduce the teams. He stood on the field, which was set up on the South Lawn of the White House. Scouts from Girl Scout Troop 504 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., presented the colors, and Tech. Sgt. Matthew Irish, of the U.S. Air Force Band, sang the national anthem.

"(Sergeant Irish is) so good at singing because he's from Texas," joked the president.

President Bush also introduced Col. Duane Jones, commander of the 11th Wing here, as first-base coach and Marine Col. John Gumbel as third-base coach.

Before the start of the one-inning game, the president, himself a former Little Leaguer, recited the Little League Pledge with the players, evoking fairness, respect and striving to do one's best. Right after that, he "threw the first pitch" by placing a ball on the



Photo by Capt. Elizabeth Ortiz

President George W. Bush introduces the Bolling Air Force Base Cardinals Little League team June 13 on the South Lawn of the White House. The Cardinals played a one-inning T-ball game with the Air Station Devil Dogs from Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N.C. "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" is a program the president started in 2001 to highlight baseball.

plastic tee.

The Bolling Cardinals took the field first with a "decided home-field advantage," said television sports broadcaster Joe Buck, who announced the game. The advantage extended to President and Mrs. Bush, who sat in the stands with the Air Force team.

During the 30-minute game, everyone got a chance to hit and run. Sometimes it took more than three swings to hit a fair ball. A couple times, players had to be steered in the right direction or prompted to run to the next one. There were some

outs, and several players made it home.

"I never played baseball here before," Hope Kuhn said. "I never played with so many people before."

Since no score was kept, there was no clear-cut winner. What was clear was that everyone had fun. To top it off, President Bush presented each player, coach and manager, as well as both commanders, with a baseball autographed by him.

"Getting the ball from the president was the best," Michael Ehrhart said.



Photo by Senior Airman Timothy J. Stein

One more ...

Alan Yee bench presses 275 pounds during the Muscle Mania event at the fitness center June 18. Yee took first place in the 165 pounds and under category. Other winners are: 166 to 181 pounds, Rex Calvert; 198 to 229 pounds, David Lewis; over 230 pounds, Jonathan Highley; women over 133 pounds, Crystal Morris.

Intramural Softball Standings

	Team	W-L
American League	84/85th	3-1
	87th	3-1
	OSS	3-2
	LCSAM 1	2-1
	Del-Jen 2	2-2
	LCSAM 2	1-1
	Del-Jen 1	1-1
	86th	1-3
National League		
	CES	5-0
	CCS	3-3
	SFS	2-2
	LSI	2-2
	MED GP	2-3
	SVS	1-3
	MSS	1-7