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Laughlin 'positive' on environment concerns

By Airman 1st Class
Olufemi Owolabi
Staff writer

Laughlin received an overall "positive" result in the internal Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program performed by Laughlin inspectors May 17 through 21.

The ESOHCAMP is an Air Force-mandated inspection that evaluates a base's compliance with Air Force, DOD and base regulations and policies on environmental management and safety issues.

"This is the tool the Air Force uses

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Photo by 1st Lt. Lindsay Logsdon

In memory ...

A headstone memorializing 1st Lt. Jack Laughlin is located in Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio. Lieutenant Laughlin was the first person from Del Rio to be killed in World War II when he was shot down while flying a B-17E in 1942.

AETC launches operation safe summer

By Master Sgt. Julie Briggs
Air Education and Training Command public affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – People assigned to Air Education and Training Command will receive at least four hours of mishap prevention briefings in May as part of Operation Safe Summer, the name for the command's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign.

Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander, directed commanders at all levels to conduct the briefings between May 14 and today to prepare for Operation Safe Summer, which begins Saturday and ends Sept. 6.

Laughlin is conducting its safety day today.

That period of 101 days between the Memorial Day and Labor Day

All military personnel in the following units will report to Anderson Hall for safety day briefings. Civilian personnel are highly encourage to attend.

Noon to 1 p.m.: 47th Mission Support Group and wing staff civilians

1 to 2 p.m.: 47th Medical Group and fire department

2 to 3 p.m.: 47th MSG and wing staff military

3 to 4 p.m.: 47th Maintenance Directorate and makeups

weekends is when the Air Force traditionally experiences an increase in off-duty travel and recreation mishaps, safety officials here said.

During the May briefings, commanders will review personal and operational risk management techniques, discuss safe driving practices, and how to remain safe during summer activities such as swimming and boating.

They will also discuss local safety hazards and how vacations, moves and accelerated summer training can distract even the most safety-conscious person.

"By deploying and training personnel in support of the global war on terrorism, AETC continues to secure our nation's freedoms and the freedoms of our friends throughout the world," General Cook wrote in his safety stand-down order. "At the same time, our command remains focused

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Newslines

Enlisted promotion ceremony

An enlisted promotion ceremony is set for 4 p.m. today at Club Amistad.

All base members are invited to attend.

Memorial Day observance

Laughlin will join Del Rio in a Memorial Day service at Westlawn Cemetery Monday.

Col. Steven Kwast, 47th Operations Group commander, will provide the keynote address at the ceremony, which begins with a Laughlin T-38 flyover at 11 a.m. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Lim will provide the invocation and members of the Laughlin Honor Guard will join the San Felipe-Del Rio Veterans Honor Guard to present the colors.

All Laughlin members are invited to attend. Military members should wear service dress.

Change of commands set

The 47th Comptroller Flight will hold a change of command at 9:30 a.m. June 7 at Club XL.

Personnel water craft

Personnel watercraft (jet skis, ect.) are now permitted on Lake Amistad. Contact the National Park Service Office at 775-7491 for more information. Look for an article on boating rules and safety in next week's *Border Eagle*.

Deployment stats

Deployed:	26
Returning in 30 days:	22
Deploying in 30 days:	12

Mission status

(As of Tuesday)

Days behind or ahead:	
T-37, -8.41	T-1, 1.98
T-38, -7.41	T-6, -9.52
Mission capable rate:	
T-37, 89.9%	T-1, 83.7%
T-38, 76.2%	T-6, 80.4%

Today's Air Force leaner, meaner, more committed



Commander's Corner

By Lt. Col. Jeff Kubiak
86th Flying Training Squadron commander

On Sunday I celebrate the 20th anniversary of my commissioning as an officer in the United States Air Force.

Wow, things have changed in 20 years. In thinking about the change, of course I came across obvious things like the fact that I'm typing this at my computer and not my typewriter, and the fact that when I entered the Air Force there were nearly 600,000 people in blue and this year there are less than 360,000.

But as I relived my career, I was really struck by the qualitative changes in the Air Force more than anything else. When I was a student pilot, I know I didn't think like today's student pilot ... intensely focused on being the best, pursuing training, and life, with gusto. As a young first assignment instructor pilot, I'm sure that I was not as mature, disciplined and energetic as today's FAIP ... polished professionals giving it all they have,

knowing that they are training their future copilot or wingman. As a young company grade officer, I wasn't a combat veteran and I hadn't spent months at a time living in a foreign country away from my family.

Since the early 90's the U.S. military has been called on to execute major military operations all over the globe, large numbers of American servicemen have been sent into combat, and we have been forced quickly out of old paradigms and painfully into new ones.

Demands placed on military individuals under our current expeditionary force structure are dramatically greater than under the old Cold War paradigms. I think this has resulted in an Air Force that has a very different character than the Air Force I joined. Today's force is proud, focused on a very clear mission and its strength is the character of its people. I once heard a quote that went like this: "Adversity has the same effect on a man that severe training has on the boxer: it reduces him to his fighting weight."

The demands of Air Force life, combined with the real threats on this nation's security, have caused only those with the deepest commitment, the truest

character and the strongest sense of service to join and remain in the Air Force. It is truly an honor to be part of this force.

The American people have recognized this transformation in the Air Force as well. One reason community support for the military is high right now is that the military professional embodies all things good: character, morals, service, excellence, integrity. Those of us in the armed forces should reflect on what it means to wear the uniform of our nation. We should be mindful of the expectations the American people have of us and should strive every day to not fall short of those expectations.

The ramifications of being less than the best, as we are finding out, can threaten the security of every American. Never forget that it is a privilege to serve.

One last thing; at a time when service men and women are dying in battle at a rate we haven't experienced in more than 30 years, it is vital we not forget those who have given their lives, those who have lost loved ones, and those who are currently in harm's way. This Memorial Day, I encourage you to take some time in silent reflection to honor them.

Summer safety not something to overlook

By Lt. Col. Fred Armstrong
47th Flying Training Wing safety office chief

How many safety slogans do you know or remember?

- Buckle up for Safety
- Safety First
- Don't Drink and Drive

- Don't Run With Scissors
- Operation Safe Summer previously known as 101 Critical Days of Summer

The truth is, the last item on this list is not a slogan. It's a friendly reminder that we are about to enter that time

of year notorious for accidents and injury. As we transition from our relatively sedentary winter lifestyle to a nonstop spring and summer, we tend to get involved with activities (road trips, boating, camping, barbecuing) that put us at a higher

risk of having accidents.

This period is between the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends when – in the midst of all the fun and excitement of summer – Laughlin members and their families need to stay alert for hidden, and not-so-hidden, dangers. We all have to use common sense and apply personal risk management as we plan

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Col. Dan Woodward
47th Flying Training Wing commander

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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— 47 Flying Training Wing motto

Many paid ultimate price for freedom

By Dr. James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

By Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON — This Memorial Day beckons us once again to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of members of America's armed forces.

While stories abound on the origins of the Memorial Day observance, one aspect remains abundantly clear — since it was first proclaimed officially in May 1868, Americans continue to enthusiastically honor the enormous sacrifices of all the service men and women who have paid the ultimate price for freedom,

as well as thanking those who serve today.

As the war on terror continues, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our Airmen and their families. This year, we are more thankful than ever for your noble service, around the world and at home stations. America is forever indebted to you and your families for your commitment to the high calling of defending our nation.

We encourage you to join us Monday at 3 p.m. local time to observe the National Moment of Remembrance as America honors those who have served so honorably and bravely as uniformed members of the armed forces. A White House

resolution in 2000 designated the National Moment of Remembrance as an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the true meaning of Memorial Day by observing one minute of silence, driving with their headlights on or participating in another appropriate activity honoring our fallen veterans.

We thank you for what you do every day for America and America's Air Force. You and your families are among our nation's greatest treasures and we are honored to serve with you.

May God bless you and your service, and may God continue to bless America.

Nation honors heroes on Memorial Day

By Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

WASHINGTON — In our nation's capital, we memorialize American patriots who have fought and died for our country throughout history — the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the newest addition, the National World War II Memorial, which will be dedicated on our National Mall on Saturday.

In small towns and big cities around our nation this Memorial Day, Americans will gather around flagpoles and in cemeteries to remember the bravery of their neighbors, friends, and family members who have laid down their lives so that we may continue to fly the flag of freedom.

Our generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Airmen shares a bond with warriors of generations past. We, like them, understand in a personal way the unfortunate truth that there are times

when blood must be spilled in order for peace to be secured. We, like them, know that the ultimate sacrifice may be required in order to defeat the darkness that threatens our way of life.

This Memorial Day, as America remembers the courage and commitment of heroes who died in service to our nation, we owe it to each of them to continue the fight for which they gave their lives, thus ensuring that America remains the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

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and conduct our activities. That means, put some thought into what we are doing before we do it and mitigate or eliminate the risks involved.

During the summer, we're all more active — indoors, outdoors, around the house and in our yards. Del Rio and the local communities offer a variety of sum-

mer activities for everyone to enjoy. I encourage everyone to enjoy these recreational opportunities, like Lake Amistad, but always employ common sense to prevent accidents. Additionally, I encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with their surroundings to prevent injuries and avoid hazards.

Believe it or not, just about everything people

want to do this summer requires them to take precautions and exercise sound safety skills — even if just driving to work. Beware of all the dangers that go along with summer activities.

Throughout the summer, the Laughlin safety shop will be sharing safety tips and stories. Today, I just want to remind everyone this is the time of year during which a lot of

people get hurt. Everyone is vital to the 47th Flying Training Wing's mission, and we need everyone to remain healthy and productive members of Team XL.

Safety awareness is the responsibility of each and every one of us, and we must make summer safety a part of our everyday routine.

Have a great Memorial Day and a fun and safe summer!



Photo by Senior Airman Timothy J. Stein

Look out Athens ...

Laughlin children race around the base track during a Kid Fun Run May 15 at the base track. Sixty-eight children participated in the event aimed at promoting youth fitness.

Air Force officials: safety requires common sense

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials want Airmen to use common sense and not fall victim to accidents during the “101 Critical Days of Summer.”

These 101 days fall between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This is the time period when the Air Force sees a rise in off-duty injuries caused by increased activity and risk taking, said officials from the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

“Historically, this is a period of high risk, because people are doing more,” said Herm Dean, the center’s chief of ground safety operations. “People are outside traveling, swimming, camping – doing the things they’ve wanted to do all winter.”

Unfortunately, Airmen are not always prepared to charge into summer activities.

The safety campaign aims at drawing attention to safety awareness and risk management, especially on the road.

An average of 25 Airmen died during the summer months over the

past five years, safety officials said. Most of these losses occurred in personal motor vehicle accidents, including motorcycles. These accidents are largely preventable.

“Know your limits and use personal-risk management,” Mr. Dean said. “Don’t try to drive 10 to 12 hours a day. Plan your trips. Don’t take unnecessary risks.”

Mr. Dean also offered other advice while traveling this summer:

- Wear seatbelts.
- Remain alert while at the wheel, and plan breaks at frequent intervals.
- Do not speed to arrive early. It is better to arrive late than not arrive at all.
- Do not drink alcohol and drive.
- Anticipate the unexpected and be ready to react.

He suggests using a simple three-step process – A-C-T.

“Assess the risk; consider your options; take appropriate action,” Mr. Dean said. “It’s easy, like crossing the street. You would never cross without looking left and right first.”

“If what you’re about to do is dumb, different or dangerous, then maybe it’s too risky and you shouldn’t be doing it,” he said.

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to self-audit compliance to environmental safety and it is an annual program,” said Ramon Flores, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight chief and an ESOHCAMP inspector.

The inspectors, who are volunteers here, looked into Laughlin compliance in various managements such as air emission, cultural and natural resources, hazardous materials and wastes, occupational health, pesticide, solid wastes, storage tanks, toxic substances, waste water, water quality and safety.

“This year, the team of 17 inspectors from Laughlin looked into our environment, comparing the findings from last year’s external-team as-

essment result, and reported an overall of positive findings,” Mr. Flores said, noting that there were fewer corrective measures needed compared to last year’s assessment.

“This positive result does not only mean Laughlin organizations strive to protect their environment, but provide a healthier workplace for base members,” said 1st Lt. Letha Manning, a 47th CES environmental flight engineer and an ESOHCAMP inspector.

Overall, Mr. Flores said the outcome shows that Laughlin is in good shape and identifies a few areas that need improvement, such as wastewater treatment.

“Apart from environmental safety issues, we also looked into any developed

program with positive and money-saving ideas that can be exported for other bases to use,” said Lieutenant Manning.

Furthermore, she said the program enabled inspectors to recognize people who contributed tremendously into these money-saving and positive ideas.

These people are:

Luis Chavez, Del Jen Inc., who implemented an environmental-management system that reinforces environmental compliance and pollution prevention on base.

Martin Santillan, Lear Siegler Services Inc., who implemented a hazardous-management system for proper labeling and disposal of hazardous wastes on base.

Anthony Valero, the

maintenance department corrosion control branch supervisor, who directed, provided on-time and accurate reports and ensured his unit’s compliance to corrosion control facilities laws.

Others, who Lieutenant Manning described as positive performers are:

Lolo Duenez, Del Jen transportation quality control inspector, implemented a better air filter installation system.

R.O. Bates, safety and environmental manager of aircraft maintenance unit, was named the best performer for managing more than 30 percent of hazardous wastes on base.

Jodi Ney of the 47th CES environmental flight was recognized as the best volunteer, who worked around the clock

to make ESOHCAMP findings and reports ready for the final outbrief.

“These people went above and beyond our expectations to make the environment and their units an outstanding safe place to work,” she said.

She commended the team of inspectors for a job well-done and a thorough inspection of the base environment.

Mr. Flores said Laughlin members look forward to the external ESOHCAMP scheduled for spring of 2005.

“This external inspection, which will comprise a team of experts and trained inspectors from different bases and the major command, will look deeply into the base environmental safety compliance to verify our assessments,” he said.

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on educating and training Airmen to sustain the Air Force's combat capability. As such, I am fully aware we are operating at a high tempo.

"With this in mind, I have decided to engage this summer's safety campaign with a combat mindset: Operation Safe Summer."

The goal this year, like every year, is to remain fatality free, said Edward Talbott,

chief of AETC's ground safety division.

In 2003, 13 people in AETC died in preventable motor vehicle accidents. Six of them died between June and August. So far this year, seven AETC people have died in motor vehicle mishaps.

"We must do better," General Cook said. "I'm confident with the right operational mindset – both on and off duty – we can complete this summer fatality free."

Chapel information



Catholic

Monday - Friday

● Mass, 12:05 p.m.

Saturday

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

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

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

Sunday

● General worship, 11 a.m., Contemporary worship, 9 a.m. in the base theater

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.

Air Force Television News focuses on Reserves, ANG

SAN ANTONIO – The affect of extended activations on Air Force reservists, Air National Guardsmen, their families and employers, spotlights the latest edition of Air Force Television News.

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

Tech. Sgt. Bill Scherer travels to Pennsylvania to profile Jillian Mentkewicz, a senior airman in the Air Force Reserve who is a scientist for a pharmaceutical giant in her civilian life. Meanwhile, Staff Sgt. Melissa Allan is in New Castle, Del., talking to a drug company employee and a school teacher. Both were affected by long activations and deployments. The stories show how the Airmen's families and employers are adjusting to the call-ups following the 2001 terrorist attacks.

In Afghanistan, Master Sgt. Rick

Sarchet travels with Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents as they uncover a weapons cache in a small village. Sergeant Sarchet's story is an example of the OSI's diverse role fighting terrorism in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Tech. Sgt. Pachari Lutke goes to Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., to report on a small Air Force unit responsible for forecasting the weather at Cape Canaveral. Their forecasts determine whether space shuttle and other launches are a "go" or "no-go."

Air Force Television News is a bi-weekly production of Air Force News Service. It is distributed on videotape to more than 3,000 military and civilian outlets worldwide. It is also available on the Internet at www.af.mil and can be seen regularly on The Pentagon Channel. Viewers can comment on the program by sending an e-mail to aftvnews@afnews.af.mil.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Photo by Senior Airman Timothy J. Stein

Looks good ...

Staff Sgt. Loretta Yabut, 47th Communications Squadron, samples several Asian dishes during the Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Food Tasting event at the base chapel Tuesday. The luncheon was held in May in honor of Asian Pacific Islander Month.

Swings, pools, trampolines can cause legal worries

By Dixie Harding
47th Civil Enginner Squadron

The weather has warmed up, the sun is setting later in the day and the children are out enjoying the fresh air. To help keep them gainfully occupied many parents have purchased backyard play equipment like trampolines, swing sets and wading pools.

The Laughlin Housing Office wants to remind everyone there are some rules concerning these items that people need to be aware of if they are to use them.

The following is an excerpt from the Laughlin Air Force Base Pamphlet 32-4, Military Family Housing (April 2003):

■ Swimming/wading pool, trampolines and swings: For safety reasons, wading pools must be emptied when not supervised. Swimming pools are not authorized. Unusual play equipment, such as trampolines, should be fenced and activities supervised.

■ It is suggested you contact the base legal office regarding your liabilities before installing outside playground/sports equipment.

■ Please do not put swings in trees, they are a safety hazard. Do not leave swings on front lawn, please

store after use. Do not attach swings, hammocks to government property, i.e. carport post, clothesline, trees, water faucets, etc.

■ Any play equipment that is not inside a fenced area is considered a "public play area". Unattended children are prone to taking advantage of these items and injuries can result in their unsuper-

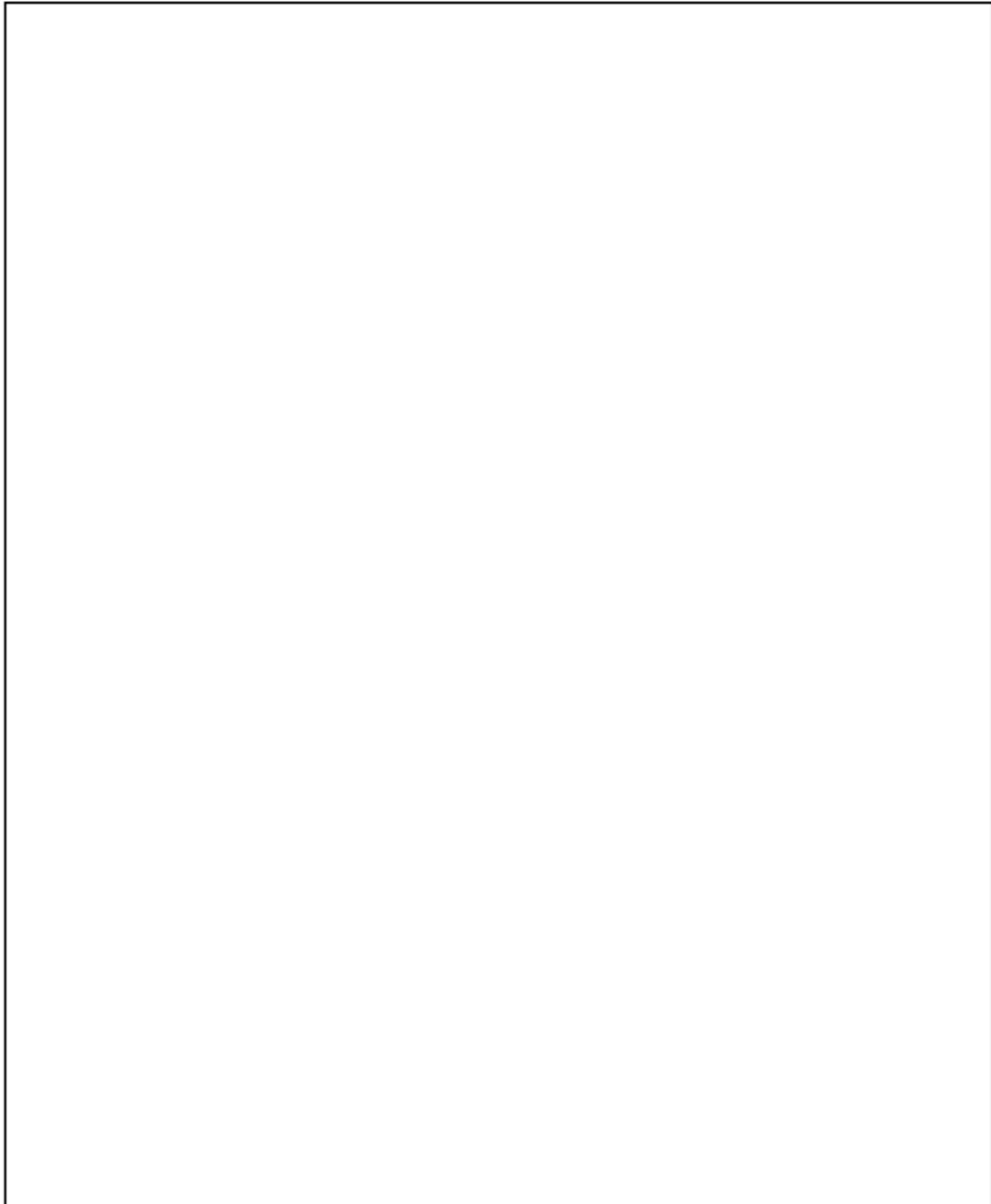
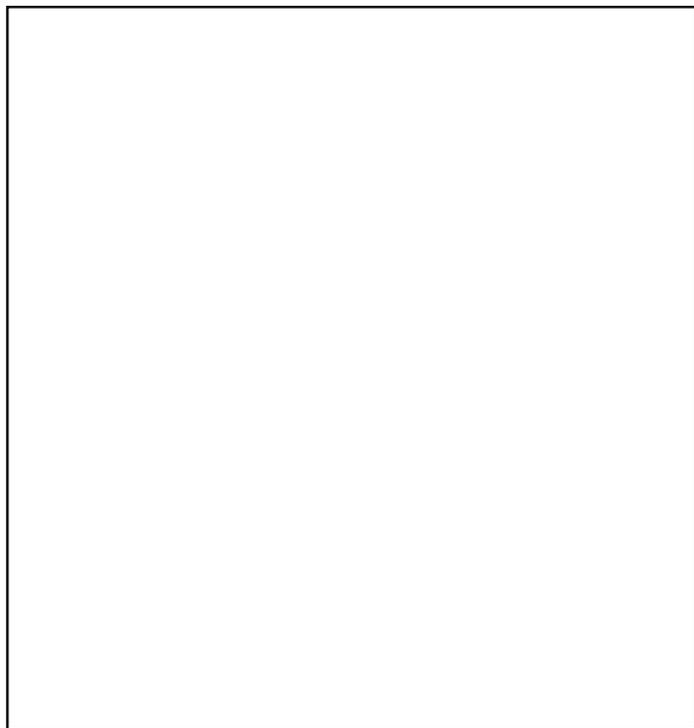
vised play. Unfortunately, if you own the equipment you are responsible for anyone using it, whether they have your permission or not. You could be sued if someone is in-

jured and it is determined the play equipment was not properly installed, protected, and supervised and the injury is due to such negligence.

If you do decide to purchase this type of equipment and do not already have a fence, come by the housing office to complete an Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request, to obtain authorization to install a fence.

The housing staff will explain the fence standards, explain where the fence can be placed, and arrange for all the underground utility lines to be marked prior to your installation.

If you have any questions, call the housing office at 298-4198 or the base legal office at 298-5172.



Iraq reconstruction moving ahead again

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Security challenges in Iraq put a significant wrinkle into reconstruction efforts in early spring, but work is once again progressing rapidly on \$5 billion in contracts awarded in March, the U.S. head of reconstruction in Iraq told Pentagon reporters Monday.

Retired Navy Rear Adm. David J. Nash, director of the Iraq Program Management Office in Baghdad, said rebuilding continued throughout the tumultuous April 9 timeframe, even when 75 percent of the Iraqi workforce stopped showing up for work due to security concerns.

At that point, only about 25 percent of the 10,000 Iraqis involved in reconstruction efforts were on the job, but Admiral Nash said that the number has steadily increased to between

8,000 and 9,000. “We’re moving back very quickly,” he noted.

“Security is having an impact on us,” he said. “But as I have always said, it would not stop us. It would affect how fast we could build and how much money had to go to security and how much to actual brick-and-mortar construction But people are still coming to work and we are still building.”

Admiral Nash said two sectors experiencing the most activity are electricity security, which involves the rebuilding of facilities for the new Iraqi security forces. Other sectors covered by the \$5 billion in contracts are water, transportation and communications.

“Right now, we have a total – both non-construction and construction – over \$4 billion obligated, so work is under way,” Nash said. “In terms of construction, we have more than \$2

billion worth of work started and progressing. And each week, we are putting in place about \$50 (million) to \$75 million worth of construction (projects).” He said this pace will pick up as more projects get under way.

The focus of the rebuilding is currently in seven cities: Baghdad, Mosul, Salahy al-Din, Fallujah, Ramadi, Baquba and Tikrit. Admiral Nash said Najaf and Basra were recently added to the priority list as well.

A new Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program advocated by Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, further boosts the reconstruction effort by employing more Iraqis to more quickly initiate projects that will have a major impact on Iraqi communities, Admiral Nash explained.

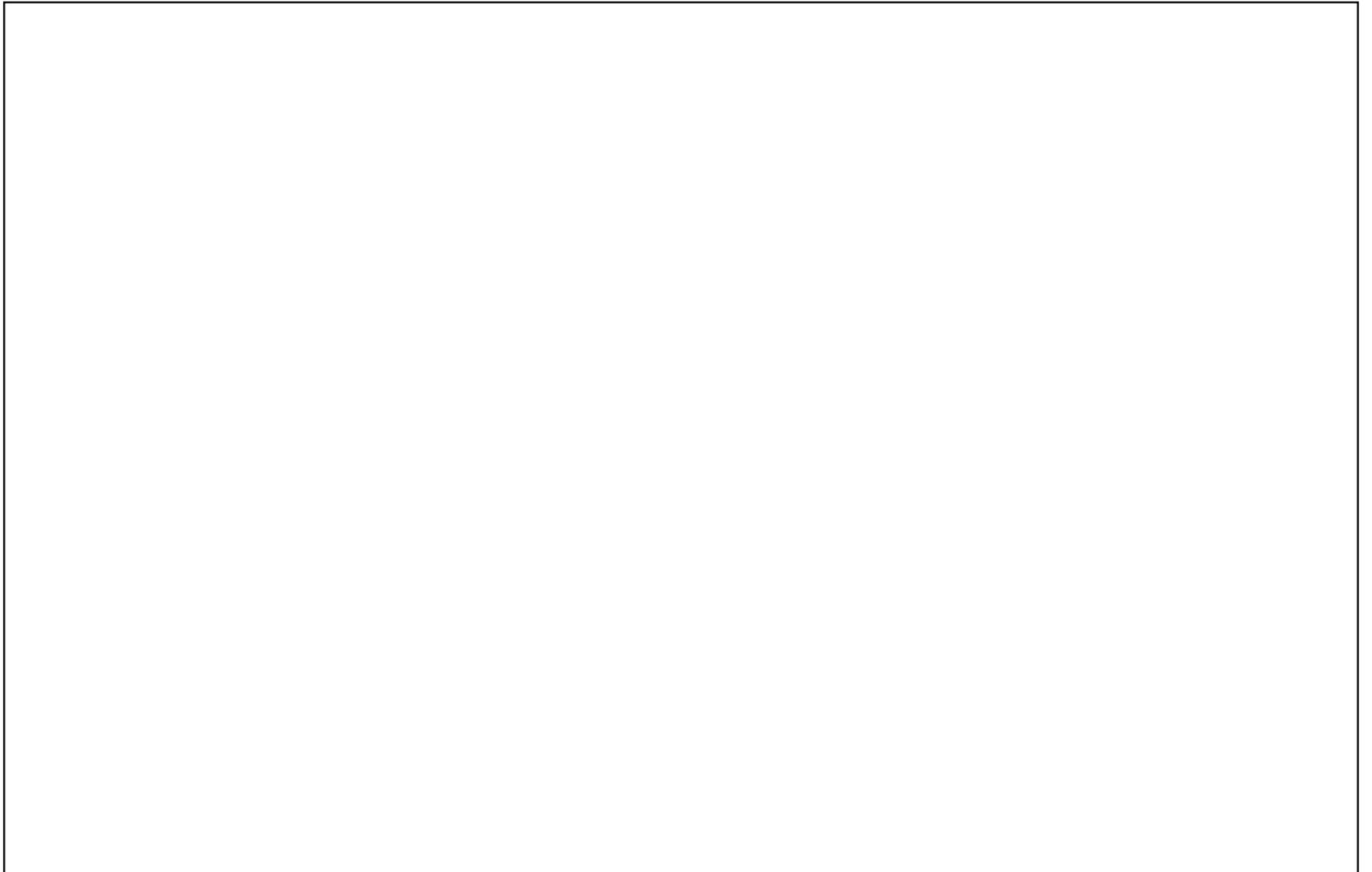
He said he has worked with the military commanders, Coalition Provisional Authority project managers and

local government leaders to prioritize projects to be advanced under the program.

So far, Nash said about \$130 million in contracts have been awarded through the program to cover more than 40 projects ranging from home loan programs to sewage treatment facility work.

He said he expects the relationships forged with 18 governors throughout Iraq and their councils through this initiative will continue through the June 30 transfer of sovereignty. “This collaboration and building of support right now is going to carry us right through the 1st of July,” he said. “July 1st will be another workday for us.”

Although many Iraqis wish the rebuilding was happening faster than its current pace, Admiral Nash said Iraqis generally support the efforts under way.



Military spouse events feature crafting fun, health, recreation fair

Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Hill
Public affairs

Laughlin's family support center recently conducted two days of activities to honor military spouses and the important role they play in supporting the wing's mission.

The activities were held in conjunction with Military Spouse Appreciation Day, which was observed May 7.

Spouses put their skills to work at a crafting extravaganza Saturday at the Fiesta Center ballroom. Open to

all base members, the event featured workshops on flower arrangement, scrapbook pages, rubber stamping patriotic cards, and creating a house structure representing their families' Air Force assignments.

Also, spouses and base members attended a health and recreation fair Wednesday at the Fiesta Center.

Base and local organizations discussed ways men and women could improve and maintain good health.

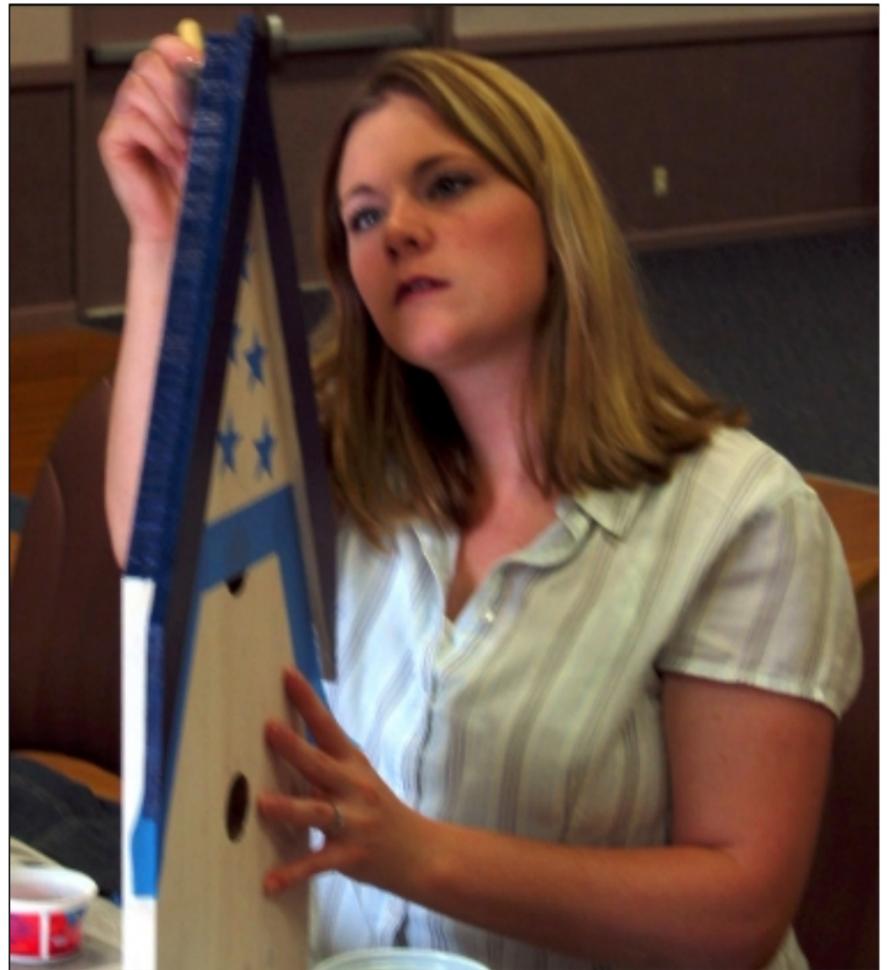
In addition, families learned about a variety of local recreation activities they could take advantage of and enjoy this summer.



Amber Kistler provides instruction to Sara Davis (seated left) and her friend Karlyn during a crafting workshop on creating scrapbook pages.



Detective David Mercier of the Del Rio Police Department gives auto theft prevention information to Allyson Ludington and her son Bradley during Wednesday's health and recreation fair.



Amber Moore adds her personal touch to a house structure she created that represents her family's Air Force assignments during Saturday's crafting extravaganza.



Kiki Luna of Val Verde Safe Kids inspects a child safety seat during the health and recreation fair Wednesday.

Laughlin goes up in most climate survey categories

By 1st Lt. Lindsay Logsdon
Public Affairs

The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey results for Laughlin Air Force Base have been analyzed, and final reports were released to unit commanders April 30.

“Commanders should use these results to get a vector check on how people view their performance. They will then adjust their vectors to give better support to their people,” said Col. Keith Traster, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander.

The survey ran Oct. 1 to Nov. 23 and for the first time included input from the Reserves, Guard and nonappropriated fund civilians. Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, has directed the Air Force Manpower Agency to conduct a climate assessment survey every two years. The purpose of this survey is to provide feedback and ideas for leadership to use in improving their units.

Forty-nine percent of Laughlin members participated in the 2003 Climate Survey; just one percent below the Air Force participation average.

“By and large Laughlin is doing well, but there still is room for improvement,” said Colonel Traster. “Commu-

nications up and down the chain is a large part of making these improvements successful.”

The biennial survey included questions that were answered on a six-point scale ranging from “strongly disagree” to “strongly agree.” There were 13 factors addressed: unit performance outcomes, job characteristics, core values, resources, unit flexibility, job enhancement, training and development, participation/involvement, leadership, supervision, teamwork, general satisfaction and recognition.

The results of this year’s survey show higher satisfaction compared to 2002 except for supervision, training and development, unit leadership, participation/involvement, recognition and resource climate factors.

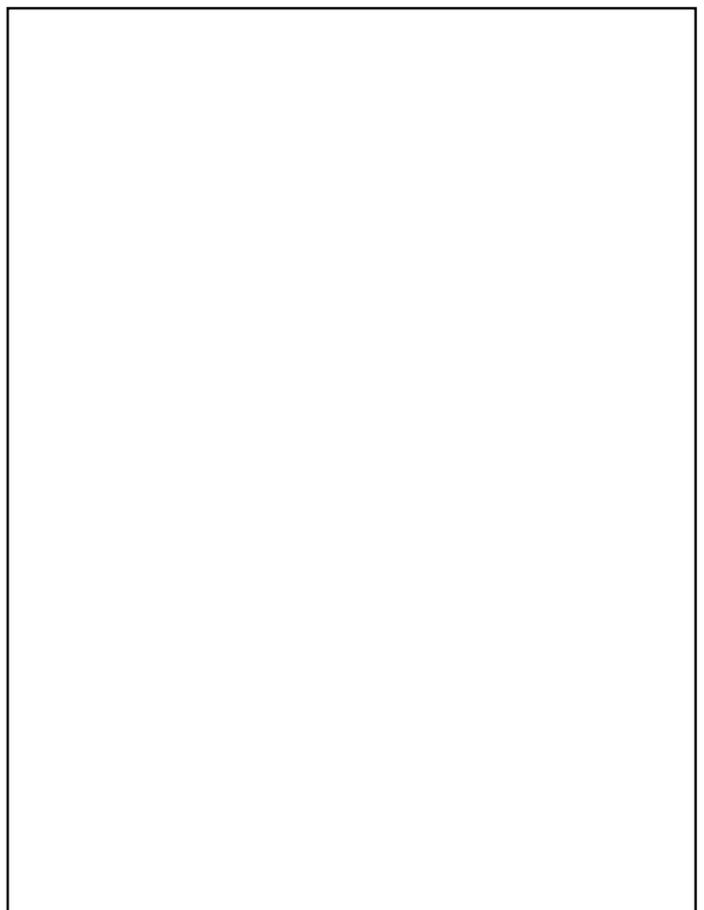
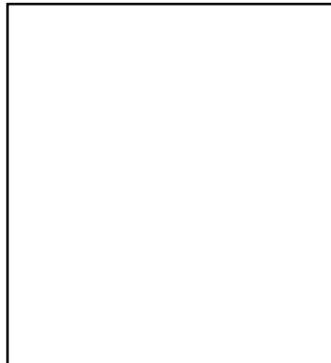
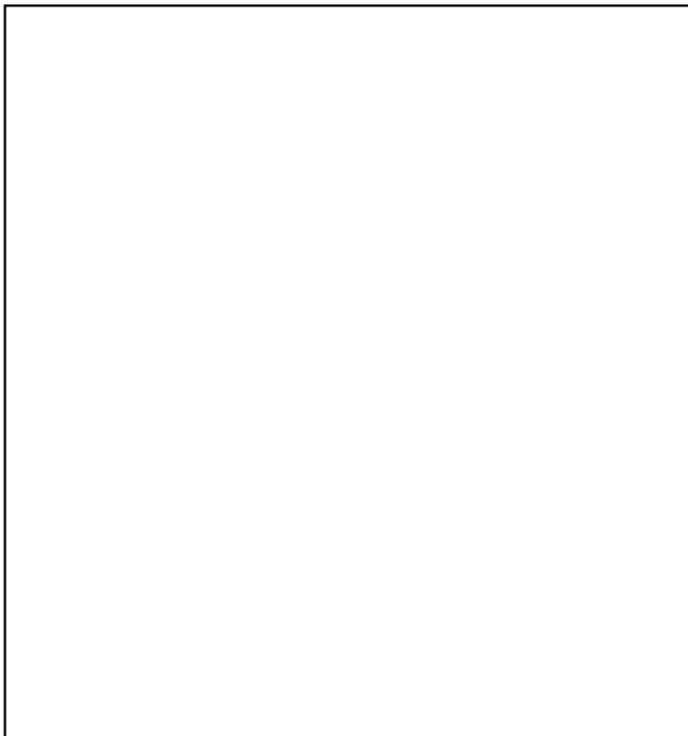
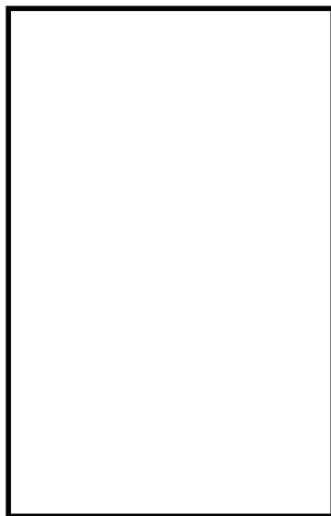
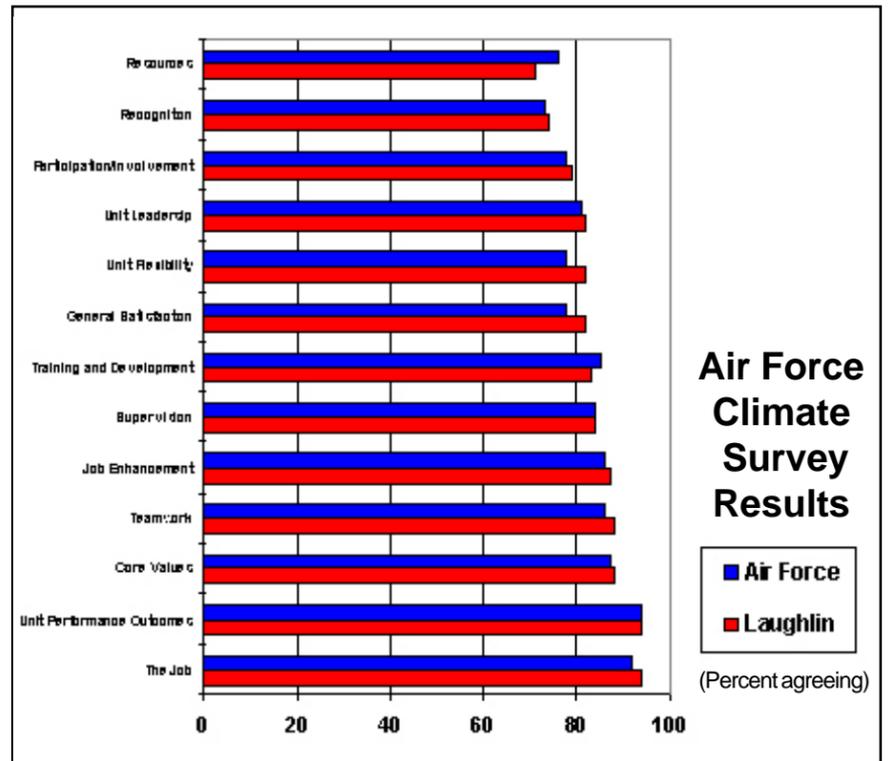
Compared to the Air Force results, Laughlin responses showed above average satisfaction in all areas except for training and supervision, and resources.

Chief Master Sgt. Martin Brennan, 47th FTW chief of manpower and organization, said, “What should really stand out for the wing is that 94 percent of our people are satisfied with their jobs compared to 92 percent in the Air Force.”

Commanders are tasked to brief their personnel on the results, then put together actions in the areas that need improvement, said Chief Brennan. Some issues will be worked locally, while some others will need assistance

from Air Education and Training Command.

“We have identified those areas that need improvement and we will form long-range plans to work and get these problems fixed,” said Colonel Traster.



The *XLer*

Kathy Harting
47th Mission Support Group

Hometown: Sutton, W.V.

Family: Husband, Master Sgt. Ricky Harting; sons, Joseph and James, daughters, Ashley and Victoria

Time at Laughlin:

Seven years and five months

Time in service:

20 in active duty and three as a civilian

Greatest accomplishment:

Completing 20 years in the military while being an attentive wife and mother of four

Hobbies: Crafts that I can find the time for

Bad habit: Rearranging the entire house when my husband is TDY

Favorite movie:

"Gone With the Wind"

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

My father who passed away, so I could tell him how much he meant to me and thank him for everything he had given me.

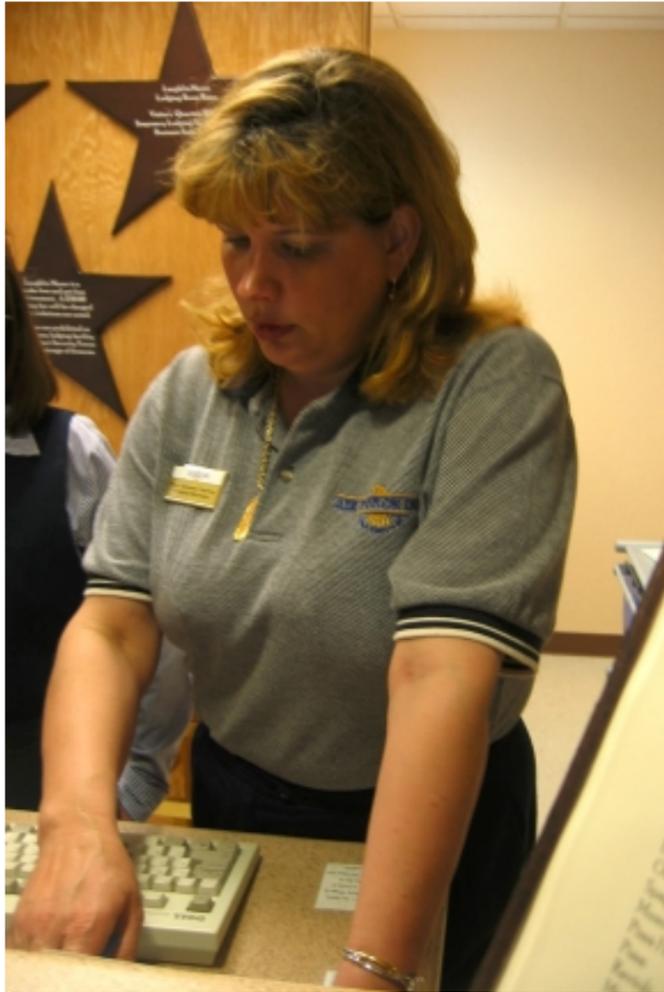


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2nd Lt. Brandi Barnard

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Capt. Roy Recker

**Flying training award,
fighter/bomber track:**

2nd Lt. Neils Barner

**Flying training award,
airlift/tanker track:**

2nd Lt. Scott Altenburg

**Airlift/tanker Distin-
guished Graduates:**

2nd Lt. Scott Altenburg

**Fighter/bomber Distin-
guished Graduate:**

Capt. Roy Recker

Outstanding Officer of Class 04-09:

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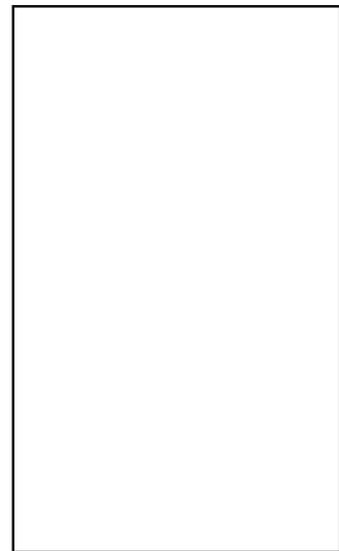
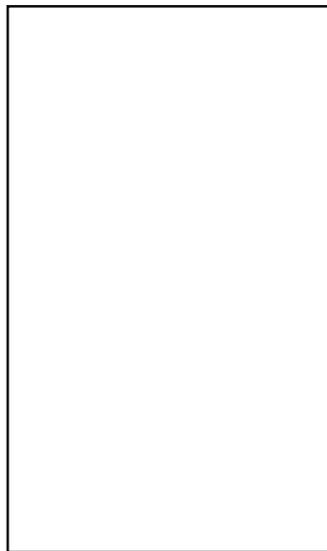
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Maj. Eric Shafa, 47th Operations Support Squadron

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ing Achievement Award:**

Master Sgt. David Doen, 47th OSS



84/85th defeats CCS, 2-0, in volleyball action

By Senior Airman
Timothy J. Stein
Editor

The combined team of the 84th Flying Training Squadron and 85th FTS defeated the combined team of the 47th Contracting Squadron, 47th Communications Squadron and 47th Services Division, 2-0, in second round intramural playoff volleyball action Tuesday night at the XL Fitness Center.

The 84/85th won the hard-fought first game, 25-19, and walked away with

the second game, 25-15.

The 84/85th jumped to a four-point lead early in the first game. CSS tied but couldn't catch up. The 84/85th played almost perfect volleyball, with dead on spikes, affective block and energy on offense and defense.

CSS wasn't without its moments however. They put together a string of plays, and served up a few spikes of their own. Just when it seemed they were ready to take over the game, the 84/85th defense would shut them down, keeping a solid

five point margin.

The second game turned into CCS's worst nightmare. They found themselves down 7-1 two minutes into the game. The 84/85th kept the pressure on and never let CCS within six of the lead. With great serves and smart volleys, the 84/85th cruised to an easy 25-15 victory.

The loss is the first for CCS in the double elimination tournament. They still have a chance at the championship if they can win the rest of their games in the Losers' Bracket to get to the title game. Their next game

is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The 86th FTS will take on the 47th Medical Group at 6:30 p.m. in other action Tuesday.

The winner of that game will take on the winner of the CCS/CES game at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The 84/85th will attempt to advance to the championship game at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when they play the 87th FTS.

The 87th advanced in the playoffs by defeating the Med Group on Tuesday.

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