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Moment of Remembrance honors service members

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — White House officials are encouraging all Americans to remember the importance of Memorial Day, May 28, to honor service members who gave their lives in defense of freedom.

The importance of this day is being noted with a "National Moment of Remembrance," scheduled for 3 p.m. (local time) on that day.

Each year the military services provide musical, ceremonial and program support for national, regional and local Memorial Day events. Officials hope the observance of a "National Moment of Remembrance" can be included, such as pausing for one minute at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all.

If planned military programs and support for this year's events do not allow for meeting this time requirement, the inclusion of a "National Moment of Remembrance" in currently scheduled activities and community events — even though scheduled for other times during the day — will meet the intent of this White House initiative, officials said.



Photo by Dale Eckroth

101 Critical Days of Summer

begin Memorial Day Weekend

Outdoor enthusiasts get a jump on summer fun by relaxing along Lake Travis near Marble Falls, Texas.

Have fun this summer, but play it safe

By Cerise Fenton
311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs

With Memorial Day Weekend here so is the beginning of what the Air Force calls the "101 Critical Days of Summer." For many people, the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day pass in a flurry of recreational activity. Participation in outdoor recre-

ational activities, water sports and travel create an increased exposure to accompanying risks. Unfortunately, previous years have proven that this period of greater activity also results in a greater number of safety mishaps, accidents and fatalities for Air Force members and their families, according to Department of Defense safety officials.

Whether a person's summer plans include a family vacation, trips to the lake or the beach, or simple home-improvement projects, summer presents an array of hazards.

In an effort to prevent off-duty mishaps the 311th Human Systems Wing Safety Office offers risk assessment guidelines for some common summertime activities that produce the most mishaps and injuries.

"Summertime is a time when we get away from some of the things we do on a routine basis," said Andrew Shultz Sanchez, 311th HSW chief of Safety. "The gamut of recreational things that we do present many dangers that we generally don't think about."

By paying closer attention to detail, assessing risks associated with activities and taking certain precautions, everyone can contribute to the continuing decrease in the number of summertime incidents.

In past summers, motor

vehicle accidents and water-related recreation have taken the biggest toll, with automobiles being the number one cause of accidental death among Air Force members.

According to Air Force Safety Officials most of those fatalities are preventable. Particularly during periods when roadways are heavy with traffic and its associated risks, defensive driving, proper seat belt use, and always appointing a designated driver when social activities involve alcohol are recommended.

Water-related sports, whether swimming, skiing, boating or just fishing are all potentially dangerous activities. Inadequate rest, alcohol use and weather conditions can create hazards.

Regardless of what activity a person is involved in, summertime can produce rapidly changing and sometimes violent weather conditions in Texas. The Texas

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Discovering the past
When Josiah Royce recently strolled into Hangar 9 he had no idea he would find the official records of his cousin, the late Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, an early aviation pioneer and former Brooks Field commander.

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Memorial Day memories



More than 30 years after his Vietnam experience, this Brooks Navy veteran remembers buddies who were killed in combat.

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Photo by Dale Eckroth

Twisted steel and broken glass are all that remain of this vehicle following a major collision in San Antonio. Officials remind Brooks members to buckle up and drive safely this summer.



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Fallen warriors offer lessons for all Americans



Lyles

By **Gen. Lester Lyles**
AFMC commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMNS) — White markers arranged neatly in long rows on the hills of northern Virginia are the final resting place for thousands of Americans, some who paid “the ultimate price” in service to country. Among them

are Hugh Auld, Larry Barnard, Jorge Artega and John Ciletta.

Auld was an Army lieutenant who perished in the American Revolutionary War; Barnard was an Army staff sergeant killed in Operation Just Cause in Panama; Artega was an Air Force captain who died in the Persian Gulf War; and Ciletta was a Navy seaman killed in the USS Stark tragedy.

These warriors' remains now lie among the thousands resting in Arlington National Cemetery. Their sacrifices remind us that there is a cause greater than self, a cause that's worth fighting and dying for if necessary. It's called freedom.

These four are counted among the nearly 1 million others who have also given their lives to preserve peace and freedom. They fell while fighting under the red, white and blue in America's wars or while preserving the peace. Most of them are resting in Arlington and similar places around the world, but the remains of many others were not recovered at all.

These individuals came from different cultures and lifestyles, but they shared the determination to make this country free and were dedicated enough to give their lives to keep it that way. May 28 we honor that dedication by celebrating Memorial Day.

Our tradition of Memorial Day draws from the words of Abraham Lincoln in an address on the battlefield at Gettysburg: “...we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.”

So, as you observe this special weekend with family and friends, take time to remember those who have struggled and died while serving our

country through the years. Their sacrifices extend beyond borders and generations. Think how different our lives might be if it weren't for their dedication.

We can be certain the values for which America stands will ask again and again for personal sacrifices from its Armed Forces members. Even now, American forces stand ready in the deserts of Saudi Arabia, the hillsides of Bosnia and a host of other places, ready to demonstrate what freedom truly means. Freedom requires sacrifice.

Let's hope that ultimate sacrifice call never comes; but if it does, let's hope our answer honors our heritage. Let's hope we honor our heroes like Hugh Auld, Larry Barnard, Jorge Artega and John Ciletta.

My wife, Mina, and I join you in honoring our comrades who have gone on before as we cherish the freedom their sacrifice has bought. May you and your loved ones have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

Take time to teach others about core values, heroes



Dodd

By **Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd**
311 HSW commander

Take the time not just to remember what this day means, but teach it to someone younger...or someone who hasn't had the opportunity to experience the military and appreciate the contributions made by those who have gone before.

Tell your children or your civilian friends

about our core values and how they were embodied by the heroes — in and out of uniform — whose fierce commitment and sacrifice made our country and freedoms possible.

Your knowing and appreciating these things is important, but our real obligation is to pass what we know to the next generation.





Command, employees' union partnering for better AFMC

By **Gen. Lester Lyles**
AFMC Commander
and
Scott Blanch,
President, AFGE Council 214

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) — Partnerships have been a mainstay of American society since the birth of our nation. Our founding fathers formed one of the greatest partnerships of all time when they came together to forge the Declaration of Independence and later, the Constitution.

Partnerships are also vital to our military history. The Allies of World War II and the more recent Persian Gulf War pooled resources to further a common goal. And today, our national defense strategy is based on a military doctrine that calls for all the Armed Services to work together as partners for the strongest defense possible.

Air Force Materiel Command and the American Federation of Government Employees Council 214, AFL-CIO, which is the union representing the vast majority of AFMC's civilian employees, share that objective, too. We have formed a partnership that is enabling the people of our command to better carry out our mission.

The partnership is based on a simple, but important vision - labor and management working together, creating and sustaining an environment to take care of our people so they can take care of the mission.

There was a time when our union and management debated how best

to serve the command workforce. But today, our relationship is built on such principles as respect for all workers, common interests and shared problems, an open sharing of information, trust in each other as equals and a commitment to sustaining a partnership process. We adhere to these principles with respect and appreciation for each other's roles and responsibilities.

Our partnership process kicked off some 18 months ago with the formation of a command-level Partnership Council and local councils at most AFMC bases. These councils are made up of representatives from the command and AFGE.

They are working together on a number of initiatives with an ultimate goal of operationalizing the partnership concept across the command, from the headquarters to the smallest AFMC unit. We want to instill management-union partnerships as part of our day-to-day routine - a routine with a people-first philosophy.

Key elements to operationalizing this partnership include establishing partnership agreements at all AFMC centers and operating locations, redefining the roles of AFMC and the union by giving the union a greater role as an advisor to commanders, requiring partnership training for all AFMC people, developing measurements to track the partnership efforts, implementing a communica-



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tion plan that will help all members of the workforce to be better informed and last, but perhaps most important, undertaking meaningful initiatives.

Some of the initiatives already being worked by our Partnership Council include:

— Developing a plan to establish Alternative Dispute Resolution processes at each base. ADR allows our people a way to resolve workplace disputes without filing a formal grievance or unfair labor complaint. It allows our people to meet, discuss and reach agreements. It has been a

big success at the bases where it's already in place.

— Working to come to an agreement on 105 Air Force Instructions previously were converted from Air Force regulations. The command and AFGE have reached agreement on 63 of the AFIs and are making progress on the majority of the remaining instructions.

— Moving closer to reaching an agreement on whether the command should implement the new "pass-fail" civilian appraisal program.

— Working with the AFMC Surgeon General's office to develop a command-wide policy for workers compensation and return-to-work issues.

As the Air Force command with the largest number of civilian employees, we are committed to maintaining a climate in which management and union work together. Whether it be on a shop floor at one of our depots or around the table in a conference room, we must work together as partners.

Our Partnership Councils, both at the HQ AFMC/AFGE Council 214 level and at our centers, are making great strides as we establish partnerships as the standard for how we operate. We call on everyone in AFMC, military and civilian, to work as a team and embrace the efforts of their local Partnership Councils.

It will make a difference in your quality of life on the job and become an important part of AFMC's own history of success in meeting our nation's national security objectives.



New program brings more choices to re-enlisting airmen

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Airmen will soon have a new way to re-enlist, offering them more control over separations and retirements and possibly bringing more money into the pockets of Upon implementation of the Air Force's Military Personnel Data System Modernization program, tentatively set for the beginning of June, airmen re-enlisting will fall under the Full Enlistment Program.

Full enlistment will allow airmen to specify the number of years and months they wish to re-enlist. They must re-enlist for a minimum of four years and a maximum of six. This program allows re-enlistment to high-year-tenure, using a combination of yearly and monthly increments. Senior airmen may not exceed their high-year-of-tenure, and those eligible to retire may not exceed their HYT plus one month.

The program also has another major change from the current system in that airmen are required to fulfill their entire re-enlistment contract, said Master Sgt. Mai Pederson, chief of enlisted skills management.

"Under the current program, any unserved obligation from the previous enlistment contract is absorbed within the new contract. Full enlistment will require airmen to add any unserved obligation to their re-enlistment contract," she said. "This revised re-enlistment policy requires re-enlistees to fulfill all unserved contractual periods along with their new re-enlistment contract."

For example, if more than 29 days remain until an airman's date of separation, the period will be counted as one month. If 29 days or less remain, the days will not be added to the new contract.

If an airman's date of separation is July 15, and the airman decides to re-enlist May 1 for four years, the airman's remaining obligated service is two months and 15 days. The airman's new period of re-enlistment will be four years and two months because the remaining 15 days are less than 29 days and are therefore not included.

If this same airman was eligible for a Selective Re-enlistment Bonus and re-enlisted for four years and two months, the new SRB would be paid for four years because the airman was already paid for the two months in the previous re-enlistment. The two months of obligated service would not be recouped because it would be served in the new contract.

Airmen may re-enlist under the current system until MILMOD implementation, after which they must use the Full Enlistment Program.

The re-enlistment window has been expanded from three months before the estimated time-in-service date to 12 months. This was changed to allow second term and career airmen more flexibility on re-enlistment dates.

"Under the Full Enlistment (Program), eligible airmen can combine their re-enlistment years and months to match their retirement date in one selection," Pederson said.

For more information, contact the Brooks Military Personnel Flight at 536-1845.

Brooks Honor Guard helps commemorate Kelly anniversary

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

The Brooks Honor Guard helped commemorate the 90th anniversary of the death of 2nd Lt. George Kelly, for whom Kelly Air Force Base is named, in a May 10 graveside ceremony held at the San Antonio National Cemetery.

Kelly protocol asked the Brooks team to render honors since its own honor guard was disbanded in January in preparation for the base's closure in July, said Staff Sgt. Angela Anderson, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Brooks Honor Guard.

"Since they disbanded their honor guard, we've taken over part of their area of responsibility for funerals and memorial services," Anderson said. She said it was the first time



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

Brooks Honor Guard members post the colors at the San Antonio National Cemetery.

the Brooks Honor Guard has participated in such a unique ceremony.

Kelly officials said it is the last time their base officially honors its namesake.

Kelly was killed during a Fort

Sam Houston training flight on May 10, 1911. He was the first American military pilot to die while flying a military aircraft.

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Photo by Dina Ybanez

Sea World salutes military

Military members from San Antonio bases and from all branches of the service stand at attention while being honored May 19 during the United Service Organizations and Sea World

of Texas' "Salute to Hometown Heroes." Members received gold medals for their commitment to the community and country. The ceremony, which was held at Sea World, kicked off the beginning of Armed Forces Week in San Antonio.



Commander's call today

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, encourages everyone to attend today's commander's call sessions in the base fitness center.

The first session will be held 1-2:10 p.m. for all WG/GS7s and below, E6s and below, O3s and below and non-appropriated fund employees. An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be available at this session.

The second session, to be held 3-4:10 p.m., is intended for all WG/WL/GS8s and above, E7s and above and O4s and above. Refreshments will be served between the two sessions.

Brooks Dining Out

There's still time to buy tickets for the Brooks Dining Out, June 1 at the Brooks Club, Bldg. 204. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the mess beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Menu choices are New York strip and cordon blue. Tickets are available through unit first sergeants, or by calling Capt. Michelle Rainey at 536-5668 or Capt. Risa Riepma at 536-2581.

Tickets are priced on a graduated scale: \$10 for E1-E4 and GS1-GS5; \$15 for E5-E6 and retirees; \$20 for E7-

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E8, O1-O4 and GS6-GS11; and \$25 for E9, O5-above and GS12-above.

Promotion ceremony

The next Brooks enlisted promotion ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m., May 31, in the Brooks Club, Bldg. 204. Everyone is invited to attend and to support those members being promoted to their next grade.

DMS briefings

The 311th Communications Squadron will conduct Defense Message System briefings 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., May 31 in the base auditorium, Bldg. 180, and again 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., June 1, in the auditorium.

DMS allows users to send attachments, have their messages automatically rerouted to a specific location and receive delivery notifications once the messages have arrived at their destination points. To sign up for a DMS session, call 536-2114/6303/8554.

WHMC Wellness Clinic

As of May 1, the Wilford Hall Medi-

cal Center Wellness Clinic operates on an "enrolled" basis only. In order to qualify as an enrollee, each patient must be enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Senior Prime.

Patients not enrolled in either Prime or Senior Prime will need to follow-up with their civilian physician.

Individuals who have follow-up appointments already scheduled at the Wellness Clinic but do not want to enroll or are not eligible for Prime or Senior Prime, will receive one final appointment with the wellness clinic. After that, they will need to arrange an appointment with a civilian provider.

Prescription refills will still be honored at a military base, but future prescriptions will need to be written by civilian providers. Civilian prescriptions can be filled at the satellite pharmacy.

To enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Senior Prime, go to the nearest TRICARE Service Center or call (800) 406-2832.

Centrifuge test subjects

Scientists at Brooks conduct research benefiting aircrew of high per-

formance aircraft such as the F-15, F-16, F-22, and Joint Strike Fighter. A number of ongoing acceleration research projects that require participation of volunteer subjects are needed for the centrifuge.

Military members who are interested and meet the qualifications will earn hazardous duty pay, which is currently \$150 per month. Volunteers must meet Air Force body fat or height/weight standards, be at least 18 years of age, and be able to pass an appropriate physical exam.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Dora Caniglia at 536-3847.

AFA memberships

The Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association kicks off its annual month-long membership drive June 1.

The AFA is a professional organization for active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilians and retirees. The organization is the Air Force's voice on Capitol Hill focusing on informing leaders on vital national defense and quality of life issues affecting Air Force personnel.

For more information, contact Maj. Mark Rea, 311th Human Systems Wing membership representative, at 536-4950.



CGOC News & Events

New officers

The Brooks Company Grade Officers Council recently elected its new executive council.

Newly appointed officers are: President — 1st Lt. Joe Suhajda, Vice President — 2nd Lt. Josie Morrow, Community Services Officer — Capt. David Koles, Social Officer — 1st Lt. Mike Wyman, Professional Development Officer — Capt. A.J. Bullock, Fundraising Officer — 1st Lt. Jayson McDonald, Public Affairs Officer — 2nd Lt. Karrie Bracken, Treasurer — 1st Lt. Kristin Herder, and Secretary — 2nd Lt. Eric Chin.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve a spaghetti dinner for families of long-term patients at the Fisher House, Lackland Air Force Base, 4-6:30 p.m., June 1.

Food items as well as cooks and servers are needed. For more information, to volunteer or donate items, contact Capt. Risa Riepma at 536-2581 or by email at: risa.riepma@brooks.af.mil.

'Pearl Harbor' movie premiere showcases Doolittle Raiders

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) — Recounting the Doolittle Raid, one of the most memorable events in air power, the movie "Pearl Harbor" premiered May 21 aboard the USS John C. Stennis at Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii.

The epic saga, based on actual events, twists and turns through the attack on Pearl Harbor. The story line follows the journey of two young Army Air Force pilots selected to fly on a top secret mission known as the Doolittle Raid, a mission to bomb Tokyo as a symbolic revenge on Japan.

Touchstone Pictures invited 17 Doolittle Raiders, along with Pearl Harbor survivors and various military members, to attend the premiere.

"Pearl Harbor" opens today at theaters nationwide.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Boquette

Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale, stars of the movie "Pearl Harbor," work their way down the red carpet at the Pearl Harbor world premiere May 21 in Hawaii. Affleck watched the movie for the first time at the premiere saying that he wanted to see the movie along side the people who were survivors of the actual events in the movie.



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536-2222



Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd

311th Human Systems Wing commander

The COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE is your opportunity to make Brooks a better place to live, work and play.

If you have a suggestion for improvement, a complaint or a problem that you have not been able to resolve through normal complaint channels or the chain of command, call the COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE, 536-2222.

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Brooks Family Support Center activities

Call 536-2444 for information

Newlywed Finance

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 31 — The newlywed finance class is designed to teach basic financial management and communication skills to newlywed couples in these areas: six biggest money mistakes newlyweds make, budget — the "B" word, credit, communication skills and six main qualities of a strong family.

Checkbook Management

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., June 5 — This class provides important information on how to manage a checking account and how to select a financial institution to meet your per-

sonal needs. Learn about ATM and debit cards, overdraft protection and preventing non-sufficient fund checks, how to maintain and reconcile checking and savings account statements, and how to use separate family financial accounts for such situations as temporary duty, remote tours and deployments.

Separation, retirement briefing

8 a.m. - noon, June 6 — Military members planning to separate or retire should attend this briefing. Spouses are welcome. Various base agencies will discuss what services and benefits are available during this time of transition.

Resource Room

7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Bldg 538 — The Family Support Center's Resource Room has everything a person needs for a successful job search. Visitors can check their e-mail, access the internet, fill out a job application and create resumes and cover letters using Microsoft Word.

Individuals can review job vacancy announcements for federal, state, and private sector jobs as well as job fair announcements. Resumes and job applications can be faxed to prospective employers anywhere in the United States. The center has books, videos and other job search materials.

The Scholarship Resource Network can help anyone planning to attend college or graduate school. It's an easy way to gather financial aid information. SRN services are provided to military families at no cost.





President intends to nominate Roche as next Air Force secretary

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — President George W. Bush has announced his intention to nominate James G. Roche to serve as the next secretary of the Air Force.

Roche is currently corporate vice president and president of the Electric Sensors and Systems Sector of the Northrop Grumman Corporation. He has served with Northrop Grumman Corporation since 1984 in a variety of posts.

Before joining the private sector, Roche served as democratic staff director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services from 1983 to 1984, and served at the State Department as principal deputy director of the policy planning staff.

He was a senior professional staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 1979 to 1981, and served as assistant director of the office of net assessment in the of-



Roche

office of the secretary of defense from 1975 to 1979.

Roche is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, received an undergraduate degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology, a master's degree from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and a doctorate from Harvard Graduate School of Business.

July 1 raise targets midlevel NCOs

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Some midlevel noncommissioned officers will see an increase in their pay July 1 thanks to the fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act.

Unlike last year's July 1 pay table reform where 75 percent of military members saw a raise, this year's reform targets E-5s to E-7s with six to 26 years of service.

The raise rewards promotion over longevity and addresses some of the concerns expressed by Department of Defense and

congressional leaders about retention trends, said Maj. Shannon Averill, Air Force pay and allowances chief.

"This is the initial step to fixing the problem," she said. "It's also a step toward closing the gap between private-sector civilian wages and military wages."

The Jan. 1 pay raise for 2002, in keeping with the economic consumer index, will be a minimum of 4.6 percent.

For information on pay increases or to see a pay chart, visit the DOD Military Pay and Benefits web site at: <http://pay2000.dtic.mil/>

Now showing: latest edition of Air Force TV News

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — A housing project at Lackland Air Force Base is the latest example of the Air Force's efforts to upgrade the quality of life for the service's men and women.

The innovative project, using a private contractor for construction and maintenance, is examined by Senior Airman Kevin Dennison in the latest edition of Air Force Television News.

Senior Airman Eric Kerr reports on upgrades to the control tower at Little Rock AFB, Ark., the first of five in the Air Force to get the latest technology for handling air traffic.

Staff Sgt. Joe Wallace travels to Malmstrom AFB, Mont., to report on the Propulsion Replacement Program which is providing replacements for all three of the solid propellant booster stages that make up the Minuteman III missiles there.

Staff Sgt. Noah Berg reports on the historic non-stop flight of the unmanned Global Hawk aerial vehicle from Edwards AFB, Calif., to Australia.

Staff Sgt. Bill Scherer profiles the expanded role of the Air

Force Reserve in C-141 Starlifter training.

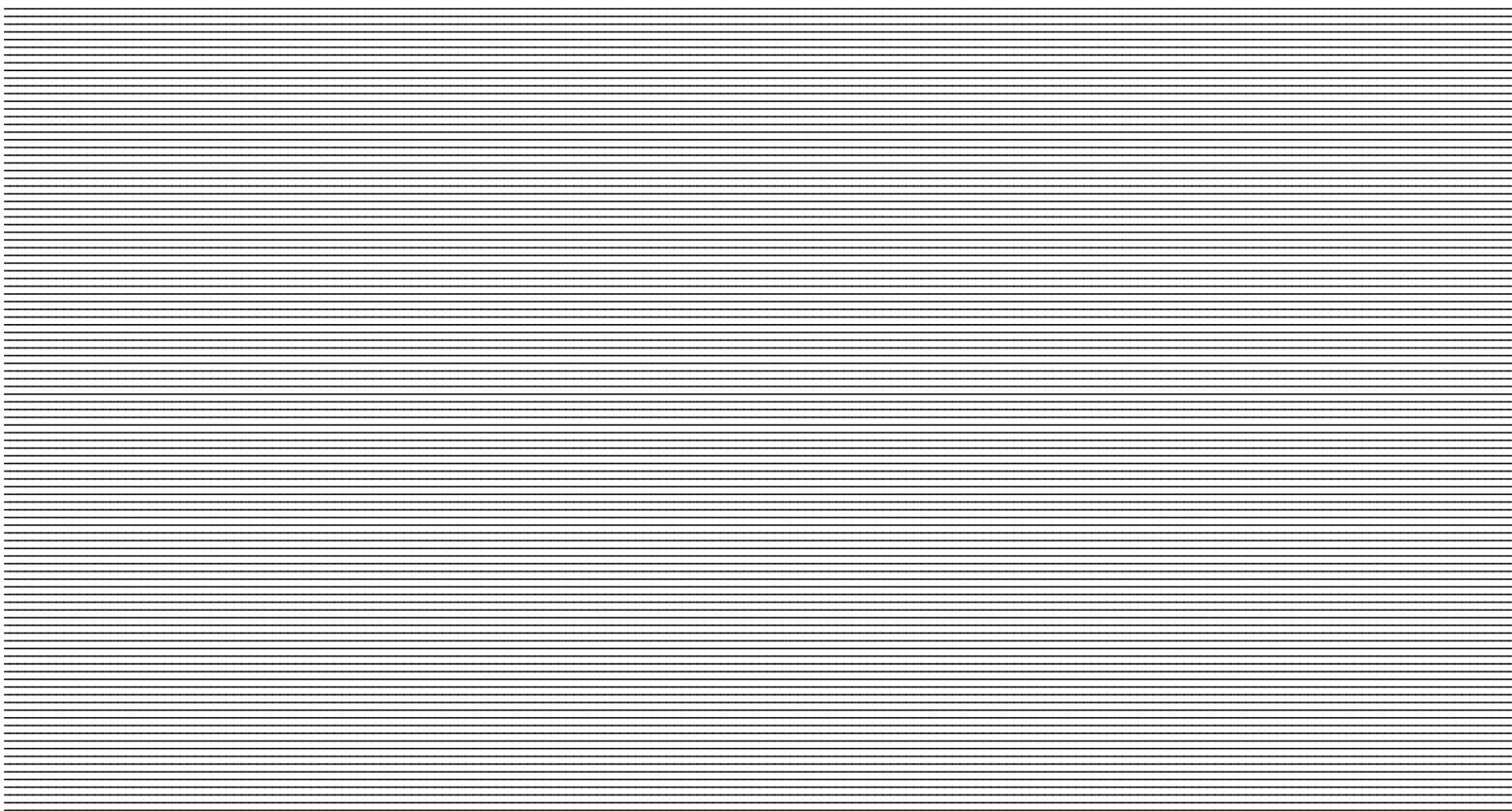
Finally, Senior Airman Marty Rush visits a group of volunteers from the Indiana Air National Guard who are using donated equipment and materials to completely refurbish the aging home of an elderly woman.

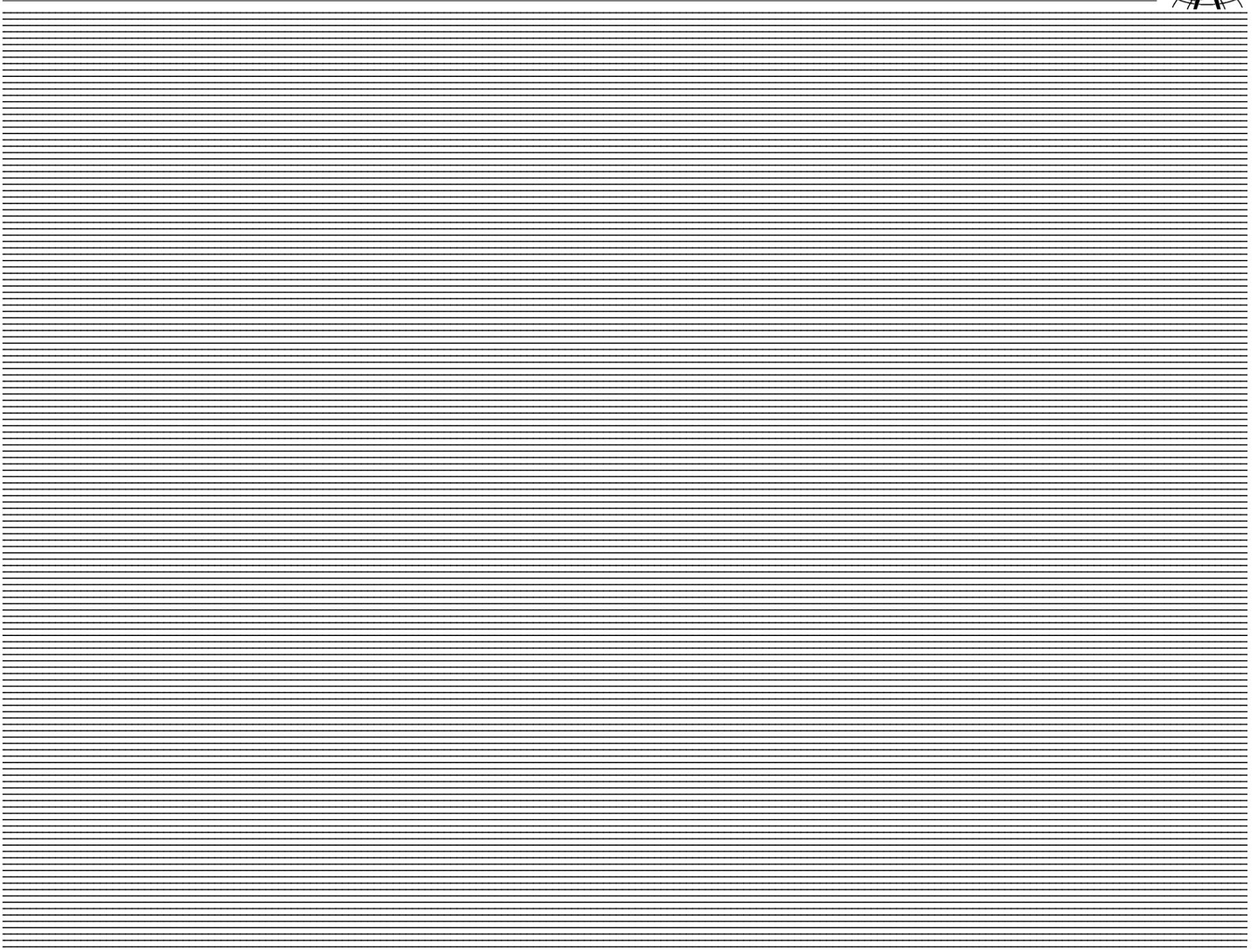
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The program is the only military television production offered with closed-captioning. Viewers can comment on the program by sending e-mail to:

aftvnews@afnews.af.mil.









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Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management warns that Texas heat, however, takes a greater toll on lives than hurricanes, floods or tornadoes. Here are several ways to protect from heat-related illnesses.

— When temperatures rise, slow down and avoid strenuous activity. Stay in cool, shady or air conditioned places during the hottest part of the day.

— Beware of high humidity. Perspiration is the body's cooling mechanism. When humidity is low, evaporation cools the skin but when humidity is high the evaporative cooling process stops.

— Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid drinks containing alcohol and caffeine that may speed fluid loss. Fruit juice or sports drinks replenish the body with necessary salt

and minerals. Eat light foods high in water content, such as fruits, salads and soups. Avoid high protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.

— Dress for hot weather. Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose fitting clothing to help maintain normal body temperature. Wear sunglasses and a wide-brim hat or mesh cap when outdoors and use sunscreen to protect against sunburn.

— Get out of the heat for at least a few hours each day. If air conditioning isn't readily available go to a public facility with air conditioning.

The American Red Cross warns that medical heat emergencies can be life threatening. Knowing the warning signs and the proper way to treat them could save a life.

Heat cramps, muscular pains and spasms usually in the abdomen or legs,

are the least severe of heat-related illness but are the early sign that the body is having trouble with the heat.

Get the person to a cooler place and have them rest in a comfortable position. Lightly stretch the affected area and replenish fluids. Give a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes.

Heat exhaustion typically occurs when body fluids are lost through heavy sweating. Blood flow to vital organs decreases causing a form of mild shock. Signs include cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea or vomiting, dizziness and exhaustion. If not treated the person may suffer heat stroke.

Get the person out of the heat. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool wet cloths to the skin. If the person is conscious give a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes, ensuring they drink slowly. Let them rest and watch closely for changes in their condition.

Heat stroke is a life threatening condition. The body's temperature control

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Brig. Gen Lloyd Dodd
311th Human Systems Wing commander

system is not producing sweat to cool the body. If the person was sweating from exertion the skin may be damp, otherwise, it will feel dry and hot. Body temperatures can rise to as high as 105 degrees Fahrenheit, causing brain damage or death if the body is not cooled quickly. Other signs are changes in levels of consciousness, a rapid, weak pulse and rapid, shallow breathing.

Call 9-1-1 and move the person to a cooler place. Immerse the person in a cool bath or wrap the body in wet sheets and fan it. Keep the person lying down. If they are vomiting or there are changes in consciousness do not give anything to eat or drink. Watch for signs of breathing problems.

Although everyone is susceptible to heat-related illnesses, infants and young children, the elderly, people with health problems, and those unaccustomed to heat are the most vulnerable. Simple heat fatigue can cause dizziness and disorientation resulting in falls and other injuries.

“We tend to overestimate the number of activities we can accomplish in any given day while underestimating the fatigue associated with those activities,” the 311th HSW Safety Office adds. By assessing risks and making appropriate plans and behavioral changes, the Brooks community can avoid summertime safety mishaps.

“Be smart, be safe. Be with family. Enjoy,” said Brig. Gen Lloyd Dodd, 311th HSW commander.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pedro Ybanez

Jenna and Derek Ybanez, children of Tech. Sgt. Pedro Ybanez, serve up hotdogs on the family grill at Brooks.

Barbecue Tips

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that about 25 people die and hundreds suffer from carbon monoxide poisoning each year when they burn charcoal in enclosed areas.

- Always place your grill outdoors, away from buildings, shrubbery and dry vegetation.
- Never move a lighted grill indoors.
- Place the grill on a level surface out of the flow of traffic and away from combustible materials.
- Use long-handled grilling tools and fire retardant mitts.
- Do not wear loose clothing.
- Keep a spray bottle of water and a fire extinguisher handy.



Maj. Ralph Royce, commanding officer of the 1st Aero Squadron, stands next to his plane, a 15-Meter Nieuport. The squadron was the first Air Service unit to arrive in France during World War I.



Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce

Kin to colorful early Brooks Field commander visits Hangar 9

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

When Josiah Royce recently strolled into Hangar 9 he had no idea that he would find the official records of his cousin, the late Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, who was an early aviation pioneer and former Brooks Field commander.

The 80-year-old Royce, whose action-packed career was filled with as many adventures as his colorful cousin, hadn't ventured here before to visit the base where his cousin was commander from 1922 - 1926.

Thanks to his long-time friend and neighbor, retired Col. Billy Steele, this San Antonio octogenarian would probably not have known about his kin's records stored at the Brooks History Office archives located at Hangar 9.

"I was on active duty at Fort Sam Houston in 1964 when I (last) visited Brooks," Steele said, adding, "I had known Dr. Kenneth Cooper (legendary Brooks scientist-turned-millionaire pioneer in aerobics exercise) since 1958 when he was a flight surgeon at Fort Sill. He'd always tell me about General Royce."

Steele admits they visited the base only to see Hangar 9. When museum staff realized who Steele's friend was, they immediately showed them the Royce folder.

More than 50 years earlier Royce stumbled upon another place where his cousin had been stationed. As a young Army lieutenant assigned to a combat engineer unit in France during World War II, Royce discovered that his kin had preceded him at an obscure airfield in central France.

"I happened to be at the same spot where he had commanded this little airfield [France] during World War I. I was so close to him, but yet so far. I never met him," Royce said of his cousin who died of leukemia at the U.S. Air Force hospital at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla. on Aug. 7, 1965.

Finding his official record here helped Royce piece together gaps in his knowledge about his cousin who was born June 28, 1890 at Marquette, Mich.

A 1914 U.S. Military Academy graduate, Royce was initially assigned to the 26th Infantry at Texas City, Texas. He earned his pilot's wings in 1915 at the Army Signal Corps Aviation School in San Diego, Calif.

Royce then flew into history with the 1st Aero Squadron during the 1916 Punitive Expedition into Mexico against revolutionary bandit Pancho Villa.

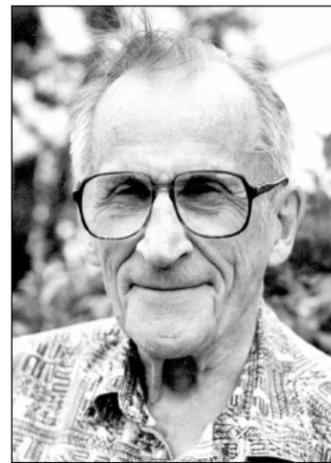
He later commanded the 1st Aero Squadron as part of the Allied Expeditionary Force during World War I. His combat missions during the St. Mihiel and Meusse-Argonne offensives earned him one of France's highest wartime medals for bravery, the French Croix de Guerre with gilt star.

In 1919, Royce was assigned to Fort Sam Houston as assistant air officer. He became Brooks Field com-

mander in July 1922, enhancing his reputation as a leader and aviation pioneer. He led one of the first cross-country flights from Brooks Field to California.

The Army Air Service's primary flight training school had been transferred to Brooks Field in the year Royce became base commander. Royce improved training here, so noted when he was commended by Army Chief of Staff General John Pershing during a 1922 inspection of Brooks Field flying cadets.

Royce's cousin believes he may have heard the aviation pioneer's plane fly overhead when the former was a youngster living in Michigan. From 1928-1930, Royce commanded the 1st Pursuit Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan. However, it was during a 1934 tour as the Alaskan Flight operations officer that may have brought Royce near to his cousin, albeit, several hundred miles above him.



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Josiah Royce
Cousin of former Brooks commander

"As commander of the Arctic Patrol, he had to fly from Selfridge Field to Alaska by way of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He flew over the Upper Peninsula where I was living at the time," Royce recalls.

Royce enhanced his reputation further during combat missions against the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. He retired in 1946.

His much younger cousin made a name for himself as a Foreign Service officer during a 23-year U.S. State Department career.

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Royce was an early aviation pioneer and former Brooks Field commander, 1922-1926.

Historical photos courtesy Hangar 9 archives



Brooks' Royce Street is named in honor of the former commander.





Feature



Pagaduan

Brooks Personality PROFILE



Airman bases life on her faith

Q&A

FULL NAME:

Airman 1st Class Vanessa Pagaduan

DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:

Unit personnel specialist, Air Force Research Laboratory

WHAT IS MY JOB?:

I'm the leave monitor and I update anything that needs to be updated in your records.

BIRTHDAY:

June 15, 1981

HOMETOWN:

Honolulu, Hawaii

FAMILY STATUS:

Single

HOBBIES:

Reading

FIVE-YEAR GOAL:

To get a college degree

PET PEEVE:

People who look for someone else to blame for their own mistakes.

BOOK AT BEDSIDE:

Bible, Lady in Waiting

I JOINED THE AIR FORCE:

To further my education

INSPIRATIONS:

Jesus Christ

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Christian, oldies, clean R&B

FAVORITE ACTOR:

Tom Cruise

FAVORITE ACTRESS:

Julia Roberts

LAST MOVE WATCHED:

Bridget Jones' Diary

ONLY MY BEST FRIEND KNOWS THAT I:

Am a very sweet person

By Cerise Fenton
311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs

A few months ago, Airman 1st Class Vanessa Pagaduan could be found hanging out with her friends and spending time at the mall, but that was a few months ago.

It was then, while she was going through a rough time in her personal life, that a friend invited her to attend a church service at the Cornerstone Church in San Antonio. And that was when things changed.

Between her job monitoring leave and updating records as a unit personnel specialist in the Air Force Research Laboratory orderly room and her part-time job at Starbucks, and when she isn't performing ceremonies with the Brooks Honor Guard, Pagaduan can be found leading a quiet life at the dormitory.

Along with her new-found faith came an interest in reading, which she never liked before she began reading Christian books.

She attends a midweek Bible study at the dorms and Sundays are filled with Bible study, morning worship service, a nap and the evening service. She still goes out to movies and eats with friends occasionally but her lifestyle has changed, a lot, she said.

She was born in the Philippines but raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she spent a lot of her time at the beach with friends. Although she said some people have told her it quickly got boring for them there, she kept busy.

When she ran out of things to do she began to take after-school classes, allowing her to quickly advance through high school and graduate a year early. Even then, she knew she wanted to earn a college degree.

As the youngest of four children, two boys and two girls, Pagaduan had her family's full support when she decided to join the military.

Although her stepfather and older brother are both in the U.S. Navy, she chose the Air Force, partly on their recommendation and partly because of quality of life and the college benefits.

She will have to give up her part time job, which she only took for something constructive to do, she said, when she starts classes at Palo Alto College in June.

She'll begin the semester taking basic courses but her five-year goal is a degree in computer science, as long as it doesn't require a lot of math. Thankfully, she added, her supervisor 'is big on education.'

Despite the fact that she is working hard on her career, keeps busy with weekly honor guard practices and occasional ceremonies, and is very active in her church activities, she welcomes the addition of college in her life.

"I'm more independent now," she said. "The Air Force has taught me time management, responsibility and discipline." She even imagines she'll find time in her schedule for some rest and relaxation when her sister comes to visit this summer.

As she nears her two-year anniversary as an Air Force member in June, Pagaduan is sure she made the right decision by enlisting.

"It's a very good way to start if you're not happy staying at home and you don't have a whole lot of money," she said. "It's taught me a whole lot about being independent."

She intends to maintain that independence for a while, too. She is content to stay in the Air Force, work toward her college degree, and stay single. Although she loves children and may have a family someday, right now she is striving to build her life and be a good Christian.

"I'm focusing more on what I need to do within myself now," she said. "I feel like I have a better prayer line."

She realized, she said, that her salvation is her most prized possession.

Eventually Pagaduan hopes to get stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii where she can be near members of her family. San Antonio has been a good experience, and the food is real good, she said, but Brooks is small and she'll welcome a new experience. Italy wouldn't be bad, she added, but ultimately, she'd like to end up closer to home.

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Former 'River Rat,' seaman considers Memorial Day sacred

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

Anyone who denigrates American veterans, especially on Memorial Day, will definitely have an unpleasant experience if they verbalize their feelings around Eli Rush.

More than 30 years after his Vietnam experience, this Navy veteran has great difficulty suppressing his emotions when remembering buddies who were killed in combat.

"I lost four friends in 'Nam. You form an inseparable bond with guys (in your outfit). You have to put your life in their hands," said Rush, a Karta contractor assigned as a Hangar 9 museum consultant.

The always-jovial Rush becomes somber when recalling the 18 months he served as a 'River Rat' aboard a river patrol boat (PBR), part of a small-craft fleet known as the "Brown Water Navy" that operated in Vietnam from 1967-1971.

This fleet, which included a variety of boats, primarily intercepted arms smuggling along the

Mekong River and its numerous tributaries. PBRs were shallow-draft boats, similar in size to cabin cruisers. Manned by a crew of five, each boat was equipped with twin Mercury engines, bow-mounted twin 50-caliber machine guns and a stern-mounted 60mm machine gun.

"We transported Navy Seals, supplies and ammunition," Rush said, describing some missions. Normal duty tour aboard these highly maneuverable 'floating targets' was six to eight months. Rush voluntarily extended his tour partly because he liked the unique camaraderie.

"The bond on a ship is different," Rush said when describing the inescapable closeness crews experience. PBR crews, in particular, epitomized

teamwork because they had to rely on one another in being always vigilant aboard a vessel that made them 'sitting ducks.'

"Some of the canals and rivers were no wider than 20-30 feet. We stayed (mainly) in the middle of rivers and traveled as fast as we could," recalls Rush. Snipers and saboteurs were an ever-present danger.

"We played mind games with the enemy. They'd riddle our boat with bullets. We'd cover the holes with patches," he said about the never-ending psychological drama. Damage was concealed to trick the enemy into believing their attacks had a negligible effect on 'River Rat' operations.

"I thought I was going to die," Rush said about his initial reaction to being assigned to a PBR in early 1970. Luckily, he was never wounded. However, he saw a lifetime's worth of combat that began shortly after he graduated from Kennedy High School in 1968.

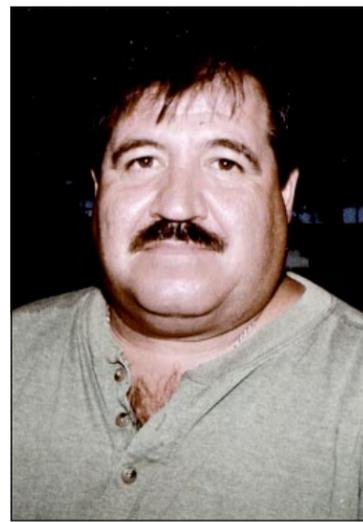
"I joined the Navy to stay out of Vietnam," said the 51-year-old San Antonio native. Rush's miscalculation resulted in him spending most of his three-year-plus Navy enlistment in Southeast Asia. The day after reporting to the minesweeper USS Acme berthed at Long Beach, Calif., Rush was enroute to Vietnam. "It was our turn to go 'on the line.' I thought, 'I'm on a boat, they (enemy) can't get me'."

"The line' involved two minesweepers spending 30-day increments of a six-month tour patrolling most of Vietnam's coastline. Their main missions involved intercepting smugglers and rescuing downed American pilots.

"The Acme was an old wooden ship, essentially a slow-moving ocean-going tug," said



Eli Rush as a seaman in 1970.



Eli Rush today.

Rush, who was primarily a lookout on a vessel that seemingly took an eternity to cross the Pacific Ocean.

Rookies like Rush soon became as seaworthy as the Acme. "A typhoon hit us as we headed toward Johnson Island," he said. "We were like a cork bobbing (violently) in the water."

Rush then realized the sea was just as hostile as any enemy. His baptism during that arduous journey included exposure to situations only veterans can fully appreciate regarding sacrifices made on behalf of freedom.

"The center bow hatch was not water tight. Our hammocks were soaked," Rush recalls.

The on-board stench was eventually replaced by the smell of Vietnam, what Rush describes as rotting vegetation made perpetually pungent by the sweltering humidity of that exotic land.

"I heard what sounded like distant thunder. It was actually a fire fight," Rush recalls about his first day there.

He progressively got closer to the war. At Cat Lo, a communications base, Rush saw a sailor at a pier tossing concussion grenades into the water. "He was rolling one die (from a pair of dice).

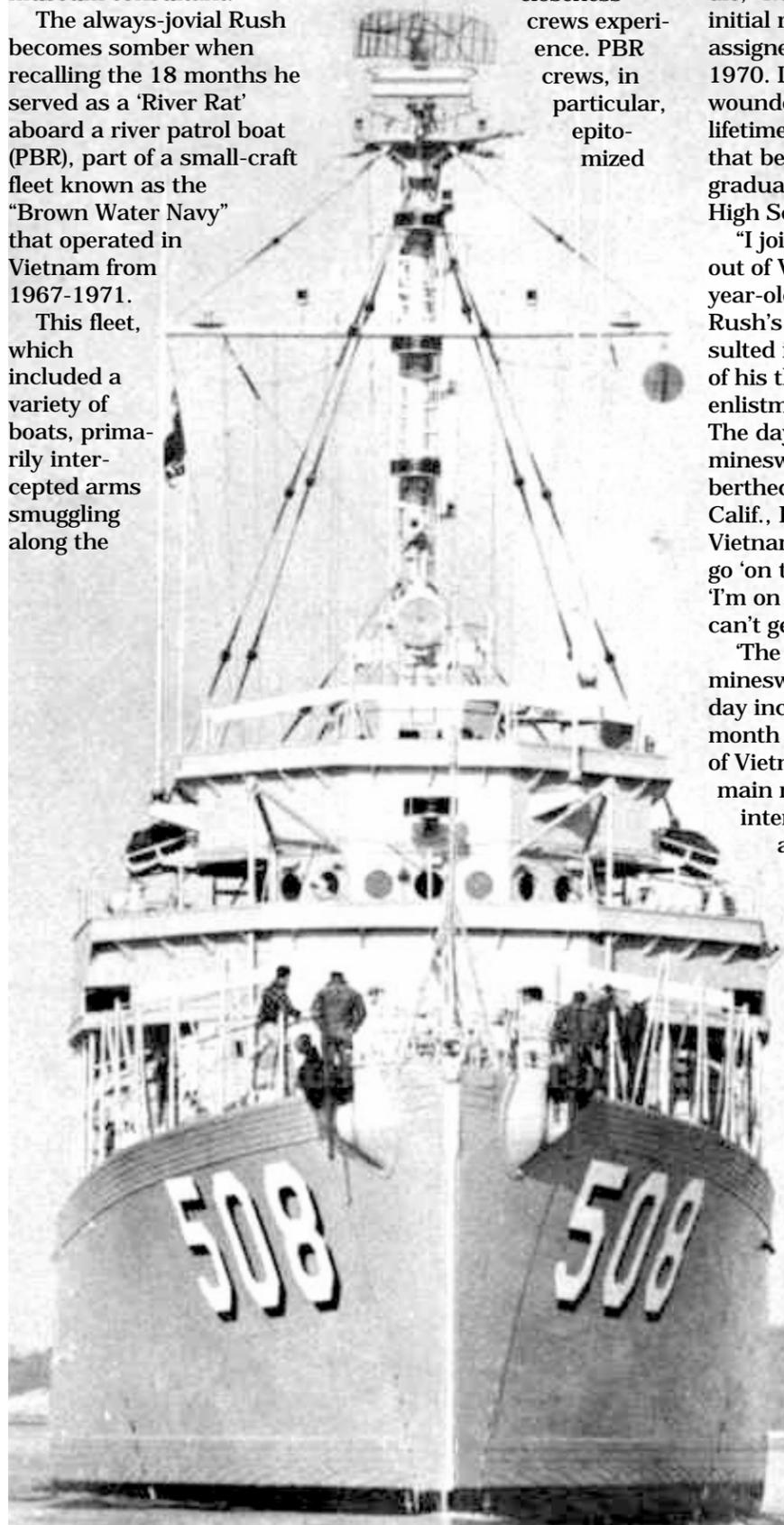
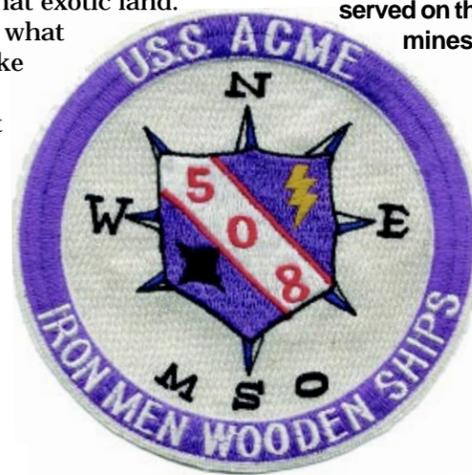
Whatever number came up was the number of minutes he waited until he threw another grenade. He did this to prevent enemy saboteur divers from timing the explosions."

Rush was soon dodging enemy small arms fire as well as experiencing many surrealistic, nightmarish moments.

He ended his Vietnam tour on the guided-missile frigate USS Fox. What is never-ending for him, however, is pride in having served with brave men who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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Unit patch for sailors who served on the USS Acme minesweeper.



Courtesy photos

Frontal view of the USS Acme, the minesweeper Eli Rush was initially assigned to in Vietnam.



River Patrol Boats negotiate dangerous waters of the Mekong River in Vietnam. Rush spent 18 months as a 'River Rat' on one of these boats.



Base family child care program provides reliable, quality service

By Jan McMahon
Brooks Services Marketing

One of the most important decisions working parents face today is where to find reliable, convenient and affordable quality child care.

Family child care homes offer care provided by the same caregiver who watches up to six children in his or her home, sometimes including the caregiver's own children.

Whatever home you choose should meet your child's emotional and educational needs. An infant, for example, will require a consistent, nurturing caregiver. A toddler will need the opportunity and space to explore the world safely. Preschoolers learn best about the world through active and imaginative games.

Parents will also want to consider how and what their child is fed. Meals should be nutritionally adequate and served in a pleasant atmosphere.

Every possible safety precaution should be taken. Are knives and medicine locked up or out of reach? Is the play area safe? Are current immunizations required? Are children with communicable diseases permitted in the home?

Interview questions

Before parents enroll their children in a family child care program, it is important to arrange an interview with the provider. Observe how the provider interacts with children and what the environment looks like.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

Col. Terry Nelsen, 311th Air Base Group commander (left), presents a care basket to Marsha Parker, a Brooks family child care provider, on Provider Appreciation Day, May 11. Looking on are Brig. Gen Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, Jeanie Smith, base family child care coordinator, and 4-year-olds Jessica Parker and Garrett McComb.

The provider should be as anxious for a personal interview as the parents are.

During your initial interview with the provider, be aware of the following:

- Do the children appear happy?
- Does the provider seem to enjoy working with the children and treat them properly?
- Are the children disciplined appropriately?
- Is the home clean, sanitary and safe and does it offer an inviting environment for children?
- Does the provider wash his or her hands after changing diapers, after assisting a child with toiletries and before serving food?
- Is there adequate play space inside and outside the home? Are there enough toys and variety for the children? Are the toys appropriate for their ages and are they safe?
- How often is the television used?
- What type of activities are planned for the youth?

Additional questions

- Is the home licensed on base by the Brooks Family Child Care Office?
- What training does the provider have?
- How often does the provider attend additional training?
- What are the policies concerning fees, visits by parents, immunizations and health records, administering of medication, illness, vacation/leave and holidays?
- Does the provider leave the children with someone else during the day? If so, who and why?
- Whose responsibility is it to arrange for care for the children when the provider is sick or is on vacation?
- What type of meals or snacks are children served?
- What are the provider's credentials?
- For information on Brooks Family Child Care providers or to become a provider, contact Jeanie Smith, family child care coordinator, at 536-2041, or stop by Bldg. 510.

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Things to do around Brooks

By Jan McMahon
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June 8 base picnic

Get out the sunshades, summer clothes, comfortable shoes and bring the entire family to the base picnic grounds for the best ever picnic. June 8 will find the grounds alive with the sounds of music and the wonderful aromas of foods wafting through the

air. Everyone is sure to find a favorite food — maybe even two or three favorites.

The opening ceremony will be held at 11:30 am with Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd officiating. The Brooks Honor Guard will post the colors and Tim Anderson will sing the National Anthem.

Randy Myers with "Overpass" will be the disc jockey throughout the event. Myers is a former member of the Brooks community.

Two bands will perform on pavilion No. 2. Choctaw will play from 1-3 pm. The band members perform in various clubs around the San Antonio area and are a great crowd pleaser.

The Texas Chili Peppers will dazzle you with their music from 4-7 p.m. This band has played at numerous picnics on Brooks plus performed at the Brooks Club and Sidney's. They play a wide mix of music from country to Tejano. Grab your dance partner and head onto the pavilion. You'll be able to dance to slow music and then step high to the Cotton Eyed Joe.

Watch the children's eyes light up as they see the caterpillar, ball pond, moon walk, log roll and bungee run. These games will be set up behind the sand volleyball area. Organizations will be offering the golf ball toss, dart game, musical chairs, cakewalk plus other games. There's sure to be a game for any age child. Check out the balloons and face painting.

Sign-up for 3-on-3 basketball and sand volleyball. Contact the Fitness Center staff at 536-2188 to sign-up or for information. This competition brings out the best of the best on Brooks.

Stop by the Prize Booth and scratch a card. You may be a lucky winner. If not-do not despair as your card will be placed in the box and be eligible for the Grand Prize. This drawing will be held at 6 p.m. You need not be present to win.

A friendly reminder — June is a very warm month so make sure the children are dressed comfortably and use sun tan lotion. Make sure the young ones and young at heart drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. See you at the picnic on June 8!



Brooks Clinic becomes 'extension' of San Antonio highway system

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

Don't look for traffic jams here or city bus stops. All base newcomers need to do to ensure a safe, unencumbered journey to their health destinations is an ability to read a Brooks Clinic 'road map.'

Unlike the chaotic direction characters took in the movie about a health sanitarium called "Road to Wellness," patients here need only glance at hallway signs such as '281 South' or Loop '410 North' to help orient them.

"We call our signs the 'Roads to Health and Wellness,'" said Lt. Col. Donald Sampson, 311th Medical Squadron commander, explaining that the idea is linked to the Air Force Surgeon General's initiative called Primary Care Optimization.

"We want to promote healthy habits and lifestyle changes," said Maj. Susan Davis, Support Flight commander, when describing PCO's goal of health and disease prevention. Making it easier for patients to find clinic services was the inspiration for the signs, exact replicas of landmark San Antonio highways.

The clinic's outer circular hallway is Loop 1604, the inner circle hallway is Interstate 410, and the hallway next to the pharmacy is U.S. 281.

Davis said a 'road map' is being designed for distribution this summer that will be used by all base newcomer orientation program participants.

Newcomers will use these maps during 'scavenger hunts'

“We call our signs the 'Roads to Health and Wellness.'”

Lt. Col. Donald Sampson
311th Medical Squadron commander

to test their clinic orientation.

'City signs' mark other buildings with certain medical missions linking them to the Brooks Clinic. Therefore, Bioenvironmental Engineering and Public Health (Bldg. 649) is 'Boerne,' Counseling Services (Bldg. 614) is 'Pleasanton,' and the Health and Wellness Center (Bldg. 805) is 'Devine.'

"The patients love it," Sampson said, noting that the Brooks Clinic is the only Air Force medical facility other than the Wright-Paterson Air Force Base, Ohio, medical center that uses these types of signs.

The clinic funded the signs from a \$15,000 cash award received in January when it won the TRICARE Management Association's 2000 "Customer Service Award" in the 'Best Clinic' category for CONUS ambulatory facilities.

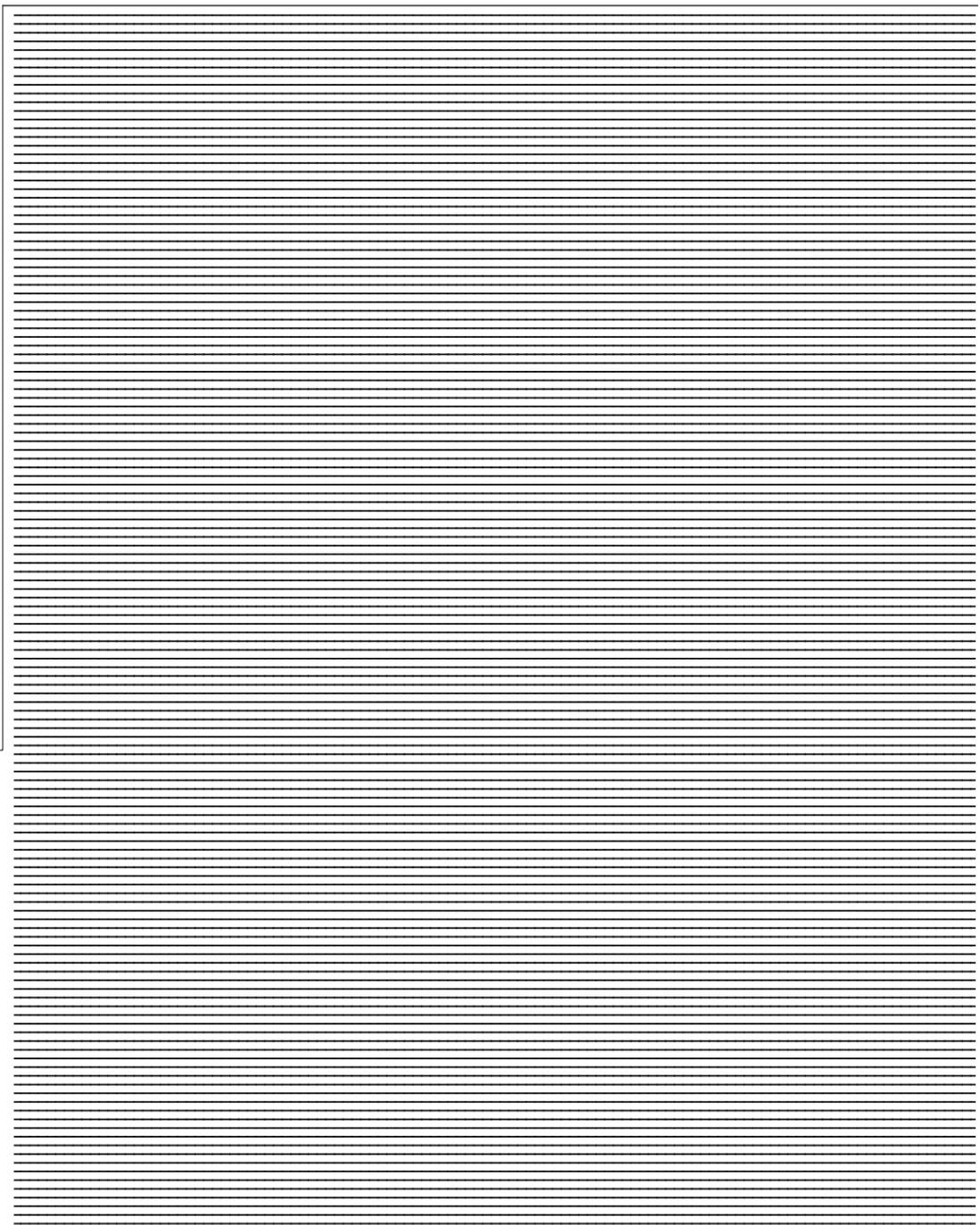
Clinic staff, however, cautions patients about making detours on their 'highway system.' Should clinic visitors find themselves on "The Road to Morocco" with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, they are either hallucinating or are terribly lost.

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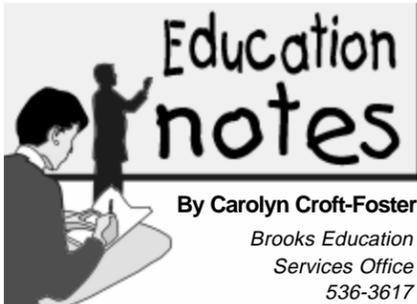
Photo by Rudy Purificato

Maj. Susan Davis and Master Sgt. David Johnson can't get lost at the base clinic using a unique "Roads to Health and Wellness" map system.



Brooks AFB
swimming
pool
opens May 26

Season passes just \$10. Call 536-2881.



Spring graduation awards CCAF degrees

The following Brooks members graduated from the Community College of the Air Force May 18: Betty Allen, Gabriel Almario, Tahneshia Bell, Scott Birckbichler, Robert Creel, Maria Lourdes Dabney, Brian Edom, Michael Elliott, Patricia Esquivel, Jeremy Goen, Marcus Griffin, Allison Heintzelman, Calvin Johnson, Olivia Ketchum, Kenton Lee, Patrick Longe, Daniel Marcellino, Alfred Martin II, Daniel Meadows, Linda Miller, Angel Ortiz (2 de-

grees), Sean Otoupalik, Austin Peoples, Danette Porter, Rodney Ray, Heather Rice, Joshua Rockhill, Brian Seal, Kapeel Sharma, Ken Sneed, Tracie Tate, Rodney Tyler, Alice Tyndall, Matthew Ulmer, Glenwood Watts, Thomas Williams.

Congratulations graduates.

Optional MGIB increase

Service members who are original enrollees in the Montgomery GI Bill now have the option to increase their benefit by making an additional \$600 contribution. If interested please visit the education services office to complete a DD Form 2366.

Anyone who is separating or retiring must make this contribution before July 31.

For more information, call 536-3617.

VEAP

Service members who have VEAP accounts are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill.

Education Services will be contacting those members whose names appear on a list of eligibles.

If you believe you are eligible and have not been contacted, contact the education services office in Bldg. 570-C. For more information or to schedule to attend a conversion briefing call 536-3617.

Officer Training School

Enlisted members who have completed a bachelor's degree or are within 270 days of completion are eligible to apply to officer training school. The next deadline for applications is June 25. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 536-3617.

OLLU info

Our Lady Of the Lake University has useful information on its weekend college program. The program offers eight business degrees. Call 431-3995 or visit OLLU's web site at www.ollusa.edu. For graduate weekend college information call 431-3972.



Photo by Rudy Purificato

Ancient Chinese game

Master Sgt. Marie Dabney, of the Air Force Research Laboratory, plays Ma-chian, a traditional Chinese game, during the Brooks Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month food tasting gala May 15.



Night
at the
Missions



Military families can enjoy free baseball game, win prizes

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE (AETCNS) — Military families have two more chances to get free tickets to a minor league baseball game, raise money for education, and win a mini-vacation to Corpus Christi, Texas, all as part of Military Family Appreciation Night June 5 and July 31 at Nelson Wolff Stadium.

Free tickets to the San Antonio Missions baseball games are available through Brooks first sergeants. Additionally, military identification card holders have the opportunity to win a mini-vacation to Corpus Christi by writing their name, address and telephone number on the back of a General Mills Box Tops for Education logo and dropping the entries into boxes located in the Brooks Fitness Center, Bldg. 940.

In turn, Department of Defense Dependents Schools can earn up to \$10,000 from the logos as part of the Box Tops for Education Program.

Staff Sgt. Ronald Holmes from Fort Sam Houston won the first mini-vacation at the April 10 Military Appreciation Night. Holmes and his received a two-night stay at a Corpus Christi resort hotel, plus admission to the Texas State Aquarium and the U.S.S. Lexington Museum.

Services patrons can collect box tops and turn them in now for the June 5 and July 31 games. People can enter the drawing as many times as they want. Only the Box Top for Education logos, found on more than 330 participating General Mills products, will be accepted as valid entry forms in the drawing.

A drawing for the remaining two mini-vacations will be held in conjunction with each Military Family Appreciation Night, and the San Antonio Missions will also invite military youth baseball teams to shadow Missions players during the opening ceremonies.

Military Appreciation Nights are made possible through a commercial sponsorship agreement between Air Education and Training Command Services and General Mills Inc., which purchased the reserved seat tickets to be distributed to military members and their families assigned to San Antonio military installations.

Mini-vacation prizes are made possible through Corpus Christi vacation destination commercial sponsorships.

For information on the Box Tops for Education program, visit the web site at: www.boxtops4education.com.

For more information on Military Appreciation Nights at the San Antonio Missions, call the Brooks Services Marketing Office at 536-5475.



SFS team captures base volleyball championship

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

Underdog 311th Security Forces Squadron intramural volleyball squad may adopt the song "Who Let The Dogs Out" as their team anthem after capturing their first base championship May 11 with a hard-fought victory over the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis.

SFS won the last two match games against AFIERA to claim the base title. Seeded fourth in the tournament with a 5-5 regular season record, SFS was a long shot to win the championship. Nonetheless, the team was undefeated during the double-elimination tournament.

"We were a totally different team today than yesterday. We had beaten AFIERA twice yesterday, but we came out flat in the first game today. They (AFIERA) were really good on serves, and our confidence was down after they took a six-point lead in the first game," said SFS player-coach Arturo Dominguez.

AFIERA, cheered on by a large vocal group of fans, was determined to beat SFS to force a second championship playoff match. They had advanced to the finals with a stunning upset win over favored 68th Information Operations Squadron, the tourney's number one seed and league champs with an 8-2 regular season record.

AFIERA never relinquished their early lead in the first game, winning 21-13. Contributing to AFIERA's team hustle was Brian Blazicko's dominating performance, supported by what coach Thomas Kudzia calls a "team of setters."

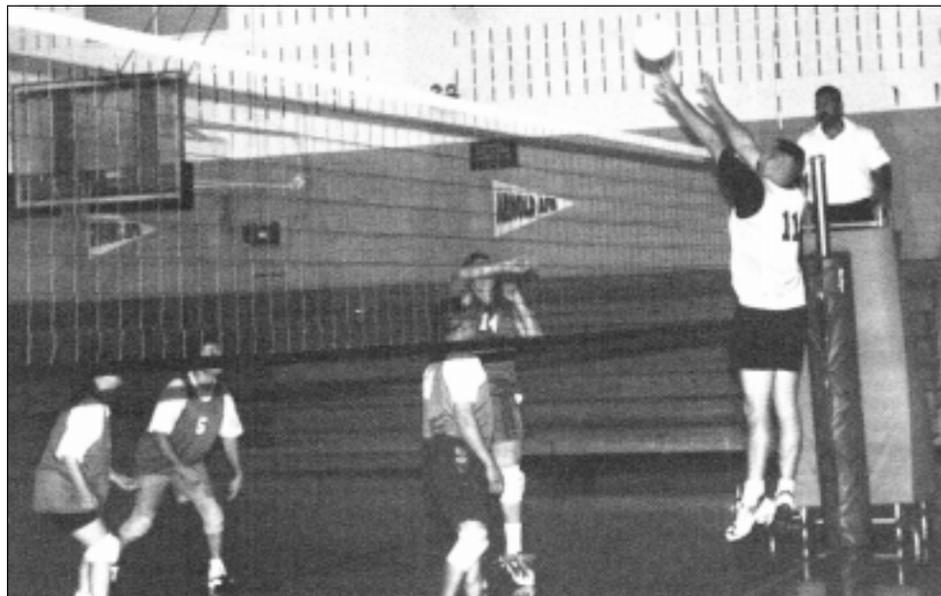


Photo by Rudy Purificato

The 311th Security Forces Squadron's Donald Wooden (#11) dominated play during the championship game against the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis.

SFS roared back to win the second contest 21-15 with Donald Wooden and Jose Murrillo, who are also base varsity players, helping break AFIERA's momentum during the seesaw contest.

AFIERA setters' tenacity kept the third contest close, however, SFS won 16-14. AFIERA was not the only losing team disappointed with the tourney results.

"We picked a bad time to have bad games," said 68th IOS player-coach Don Goudy. Goudy's squad had dominated both SFS and AFIERA during the regular season. However, it was a different story once the tournament began.

"In the first game of round one in the tournament, SFS beat us 22-20. We won the second game 21-18, then

they beat us 18-16," Goudy said. 68th IOS, tourney runners-up in 2000, experienced the same types of problems this year that was their undoing last year.

"We didn't have commitment from our star players," Goudy said, referring to replacement players he had to reply upon to field a tourney squad. Lack of team cohesion plagued 68th IOS throughout the tourney. Goudy said, "We beat AFIERA 21-9 in the first game of the semi-finals, then our setter Mike Vinciguerra injured his wrist. We lost the next two games 21-17 and 15-13." In so doing, the league champs were eliminated by AFIERA which advanced to the finals.

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'Michael Jordan' of Brooks leaves legacy of achievement

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He once cast a giant shadow on the hardwood here as the "Michael Jordan" of Brooks. Today, Fred Porter Jr. is content in knowing his many contributions to Air Force basketball are a legacy for others to build upon.

There will be no farewell hoop tour for the 40-year-old master sergeant who will depart Brooks in June for reassignment to Korea.

His playing career ended in 1996 when he tore a left quadricep tendon. Prior to the injury, Porter had established himself as Brooks' all-time leader in most hoop offensive and defensive categories. However, those accomplishments are no longer important to him.

"To me, the injury was a good thing. I had spent too much time playing basketball. The Lord re-focused me toward more important things in life, including my wife, family and school," said Porter, superintendent of the Air Force Reference Lab for the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis.

Soon after his playing days were over, Porter began piling up Air Force career awards. In 1998 he was Brooks "Senior NCO of the Year," and in 1999 was the Air Force Materiel Command's "Medical Laboratory Senior NCO of the Year." Besides earning military honors and academic degrees, he has culti-



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vated the athletic career of his son Fred III, a karate and football champion.

During Porter's playing days his wife Karen, a former basketball All-American, was a supporter and mentor to the Brooks star.

From 1984-1995 Porter was a Brooks varsity basketball team starting small forward. During his first eight seasons, he averaged 18 points per game and seven rebounds. Known as "Mr. Basketball," Porter dominated base intramurals, averaging 26 points per game from 1984-91. He led the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine Clinical Sciences Division team to base championships in 1985 and 1986, and

led the Armstrong Laboratory squad to five base titles in 1988-1991 and 1994.

"We beat everybody by an average of 30 points per game and were undefeated in 1989-90. It was the most powerful team I have been on. We just dominated," Porter recalls about the Armstrong Lab team.

One of Porter's proudest moments occurred in the early 1990s when he was named Most Valuable Player of the inaugural Martin Luther King Tournament held here as part of the base all-star game.

Born in Washington, D.C., Porter was the only member of his family to pursue sports. "My father was a Baptist preacher and the only one out of 14 children to go to college. My mother worked 30 years as an elementary school teacher.

Porter attended his father's alma mater Howard University for two years as a chemistry major, but dropped out because he had wavered in his commitment to academics. He joined the Air Force in 1982 as a medical lab technician.

"In less than 10 months I grew four inches," he said. The increased height gave Porter the added edge to excel in basketball.

Porter has been a mentor to young players, always emphasizing teamwork over individual play.

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Air Force to be honored at Coca-Cola 600

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Wood Brothers Racing #21 Ford Taurus, driven by Elliott Sadler and sponsored by Motorcraft, will display a special Air Force paint scheme for Memorial Day during the Coca-Cola 600, Sunday at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC.

Although the Air Force already advertises on the traditionally red #21 car, Motorcraft wants to salute the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, with an Air Force blue car.

"We wanted to take the Air Force's participation a step further and show them our appreciation of what they do for this country," said Charles Kim, Ford customer service division Motorsport manager.

Elliott Sadler, the car's driver, said he is honored to drive this Air Force car.

"I feel it is a real privilege to represent the Air Force," Sadler said. "I just hope we will run as good as it looks so we can represent the Air Force the way it needs to be represented."

The Air Force is thrilled to have this car in the race, said Gen. John W. Handy, Air Force vice chief of staff.

"This is one of the biggest races of the season, and we are grateful to Motorcraft and the Wood Brothers for honoring our veterans and our current Air Force men and women and their families this Memorial Day," Handy said.

"We are honored to have the Air Force as a part of our team," said Eddie Wood, co-owner of the #21 car.

Featured on the hood and sides of the specially painted car is the F-22, the Air Force's next-generation fighter.



Courtesy photo

The Wood Brothers Racing #21 Ford Taurus, driven by Elliott Sadler and sponsored by Motorcraft, will display this special Air Force paint scheme for Memorial Day during the Coca-Cola 600, May 27 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Charlotte, N.C.

Cyclist rides across America

By Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — With more than 1,100 miles behind him, a master sergeant is cycling across the United States, carrying a message to airmen and potential recruits along the way.

Master Sgt. Wayne Bartlett started his trek at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., May 1 with 27 others who will bicycle almost 3,400 miles, to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., by June 1.

Bartlett, a 20-year Air Force veteran and cycling enthusiast from Andrews, said he is making the journey to focus attention on Air Force recruiting and retention. Bartlett is also the lead noncommissioned officer for the Air Mobility Command's Year of Retention and Recruiting initiative at Andrews.

Bartlett has already spoken with a slew of recruiters, delayed entry recruits and others about the merits of an Air Force career.

He emphasized how ordinary people can do extraordinary things, and how the service allows the latitude for its people to soar. So far, it seems, his message and contagious energy are getting through.

Bartlett has been cycling for more than 10 years. His training included riding more 300 miles every seven days and more than 390 miles in the three days leading up to his flight to Los Angeles to start the trek.

Bartlett is using permissive temporary duty time to make the bike ride, which was funded by AMC agencies using Year of Recruiting and Retention funds.

Each daily leg of the journey averages about 115 miles, through the gamut of weather conditions, over mountains and dicey terrain.

Bartlett had never ridden any distance farther than 120 miles before the cross-country ride. He



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor

Master Sgt. Wayne Bartlett started his journey across America May 1 at March Air Reserve Base, Calif, and will complete it at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., by June 1.

said the support he receives from his riding mates, a group called America by Bicycles, is giving him the strength to make the journey.

"We try not to concern ourselves with the entire journey. You work on today. Only today," he said. "It's really amazing what you can accomplish when you narrow your focus to today."

His effort has not gone unnoticed. Retired Lt. Col. Mike Munk, who is supervising the ride, said Bartlett's courage to attempt such a long journey is admirable.

"It's an awesome accomplishment," he said. "Doing it over a 30-day period is even more impressive. It ain't just riding a bike."

When the journey ends, Bartlett wants to draw attention to his core reason for making the journey — drawing people into and retaining current Air Force people.

"Do the best job you can do in basic training. Do the best job that you can do in tech school and on your job. Move on to the next problem, the next challenge," he said.

