

DISCOVER

Injured troops arrive at Lackland's Wilford Hall

Servicemembers await transfers to medical centers closer to home

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Forty-seven servicemembers injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom arrived at Lackland Air Force Base April 9 while waiting for flights to medical centers near their home stations.

The patients arrived aboard a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft after an 11-hour, non-stop flight from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Once here, patients were moved onto ambulances and specially-modified buses called ambuses, according to officials.

Most patients went to the aero-medical staging facility, where they waited for airlift to a medical center near their home units.

Five are still waiting for transportation to the West Coast, according to Wilford Hall Medical Center officials.

The patients were soldiers, sailors and Marines, both male and female, and their conditions ranged from serious to ambulatory (able to move on their own).

Wilford Hall Medical Center staff provided minor care, food and shelter for the troops.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Bogart

Training caught on camera

A member of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine demonstrates Critical Care Air Transport Team training procedures to two television cameramen aboard a C-141 mock-up at Brooks. Members of the local news media spent

a day at Brooks recently documenting various training missions related to aeromedical evacuations at USAFSAM. Servicemembers who have received this training are currently using the lessons in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Aviation legends celebrate 'Centennial of Flight'

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Some of them are instantly recognizable as historic American figures, while others with names not so well known nevertheless share equal acclaim for their collective contributions to aviation history. Many of the most celebrated, living aviation legends shared the spotlight for perhaps one last time as a group on April 3 at Hangar 9 by helping their host and the Air Force commemorate our nation's "Centennial of Flight."

The San Antonio Academy event held here provided a forum for these legends to share their thoughts about 100 years of powered flight and their role in its evolution.

Foremost among them is former Brooks Field aviator Brig. Gen. (Ret.) David Lee "Tex" Hill. At 88, Hill still possesses the spunk and fearlessness of a triple fighter ace as he maneuvered through the Hangar 9 crowd on crutches, the result of a recent injury.

As a member of the American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers," Hill used his P-40 Tomahawk as a bird of prey over China as he downed 12 and a quarter Japanese fighters.

After the AVG disbanded in 1942, Hill flew the P-51 into history as the first Mustang pilot to shoot down a

“ I helped develop air-to-air tactics for the U.S. Air Force. Because of this, Air Force pilots shot down a lot of planes. ”

Ralph Parr

Retired Korean War fighter ace

Japanese Zero. He was credited with a total of six kills as the pilot-commander of the 23rd Fighter Group.

In 1946, Hill made history again when he became the youngest man ever promoted to Brigadier General in Air National Guard history. He later formed the 8707th Pilot Training Wing at Brooks in 1952.

"I would say that manned space flight was the most significant (aviation) achievement, although so many other things happened (in 100 years) starting with the Wright Brothers," said Hill.

His World War II success as a double fighter ace in the European Theater would have been enough to secure Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Chuck Yeager's place in Air Force history.

However, it was his contributions to America's space program that he considers among his most significant work in the history of powered flight.

As America's pioneer supersonic test pilot, Yeager made history Oct. 14, 1947 when he became the first person to break the sound barrier while flying the Bell X-1, our nation's first research rocket plane. Later as commander of the Air Force Aerospace Research Pilots School, he helped train pilots for the space program and supervised the development of the space simulator.

In 1976, Yeager made history yet again as the only American to receive the Peacetime Congressional Medal of Honor. Last year, at age 79, Yeager proved he still had "The Right Stuff" when he broke the sound barrier for one last time.

Circumstances cast Lt. Col. (Ret.) Richard Cole into the role of a lifetime as co-pilot to Jimmy Doolittle during the historic 1942 raid over Tokyo in which 15 B-25 Mitchell bombers took off from U.S.S. Hornet.

"I was lucky to be his co-pilot," Cole said, referring to the visionary Doolittle who had masterminded the daring raid in which for the first time

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'Thank you for the work that you do'

By **Cynthia Minnick**

Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Morning commutes in the nation's capital are not typically a pleasant experience. Those of us who use public transportation contend with the daily routine of riding buses, commuter trains, or our rail system, called the Metro.

Most people who ride the Metro don't bother to talk or look at each other. Newspapers, books and portable music devices are often whipped out by a rider as soon as he or she sits down; small attempts to build little shields of privacy in a public place.

I usually get up from my seat just before arrival at the Pentagon station. Just like every other stop, there is an announcement from the train operator, "Next stop, Pentagon. Doors opening on the left." Nothing special in any of it. Nothing personal in any of it. Typical daily grind.

Like many people, I sometimes think, "What am I doing this for?" Some days I am uncertain. But every once in awhile, there are mornings where I am absolutely sure of why I continue to be part of America's defense team. And that surety comes from a few simple words; spoken by a man I do not know and have never seen.

You see, every once in awhile I am fortunate to catch a train with a unique operator at the helm. Like all the other operators, he is very professional and a model Metro employee when he announces, "Next stop, Pentagon. Doors opening on the left." But it's the next few words he speaks

that make me think he is really someone special. As the doors open and we all begin to exit the train, he says, quite simply and sincerely, "Thank you for the work that you do."

I don't know about anyone else, but as I come into the Pentagon after hearing his words, it doesn't bother me that I have to walk through security checkpoints, past men with machine guns and other assorted military hardware. It doesn't bother me that I have an escape mask at my desk, in case of chemical or biological attack. I don't even mind that I've long abandoned fashionable high-heels in favor of sensible shoes (easier to run in, if necessary). None of that matters because he has reminded me again why I continue to do what I do for a living.

I serve on this defense team for him, the unknown train operator. And for the waitress who smiles despite her aching back. And for the gap-toothed kid who looks to the skies and dreams of flying someday. To be honest, I'm even doing it for the young woman who came to D.C. from an Ivy League school using her daddy's platinum credit card, so she could protest the war. I'm doing it for all the people in this country who I'll never meet and will never know. I serve for them.

If I ever get a chance, I'm going to meet that Metro man one day. I'm going to shake his hand and tell him how much his words mean. And I'm going to tell him that he is a fine train operator and express my appreciation to him for a job well done.

After all, everyone likes to be thanked for the work that they do.

Common courtesies sometimes a thing of the past

By **Col. Seb Romano**

75th Air Base Wing commander

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFMCSN) — "Give me a juice box!" demanded the child. "I'm thirsty. I want a juice box."

"How do you ask," said the child's mother, bending down to his level.

"Can I have a juice box?" said the boy, not wanting to give in just yet.

"No, that's not it," his mother said.

The boy sighed, "Please, can I have a juice box, mom."

"Yes, you may," said his mother, finally handing the boy his precious juice. "Now what do you say?"

"Thanks, I guess," said the boy.

Unlike this child, my parents had me saying "Mr." and "Ms.," "please" and "thank you" and being respectful towards others. If I wasn't, my parents waited until we got home and "let me know." When I got to kindergarten, my manners were ahead of the other paste-eaters.

In his book, "All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," Robert Fulgham writes, "Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Everything you need to know is there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation."

All of these things are remarkably simple. As we grow older, I find that sometimes we stray from these principles. Especially those of you who ignored your mother, dozed off once too often in kindergarten or Sunday school and have a selective memory when it comes to how to treat others.

"Treat others as you would like to be treated" — that is the Golden Rule. It's the foundation of all common courtesies.

When I say "common courtesies," I mean things like saying "please" and "thank you," holding the door for someone, not interrupting people when they talk, not talking over people, stopping for people at the crosswalk even when there isn't a stop sign, slowing down to let people merge into your lane, not being pig-headed and not pouting or being vengeful

when you don't get your way.

Be on time. Acknowledge that other's time is as important as yours. Admit when you're wrong. Don't treat people like they're stupid.

The reason that they are called "common courtesies" is because they are supposed to be common, but more and more people don't show others the decency they expect themselves. From the voice that comes through the speaker at the drive-through, to the person who won't let you finish a sentence, politeness is sometimes a thing of the past.

It's sad when rude people become "normal," and someone being polite to us in line at the grocery store seems stranger than a dog sharing his steak with the rest of the neighborhood mutts. Unfortunately, rudeness isn't confined to the grocery store. Sometimes it's also present in the military.

The military is a culture built around order and structure and giving and taking orders. In an environment like this, it's very easy to get out of the practice of using common courtesies when we interact.

But, it's in an environment like this that those practices are the most important. Respect makes the military system work, and giving respect is fundamental in gaining respect.

The only difference between, "I need that report now!" and, "Give me a juice box!" is 20 or 30 years and some rank. It's no secret that if you're in a leadership position, your troops will respond better and respect you more if you're courteous.

If you're of a lower rank and are rude to your peers, don't expect respect from them or those above you. Courtesy is free, but rudeness comes with a cost. Everyone deserves common courtesy, even those you don't know.

If you cut people off when you drive, yet get mad when people do the same to you, your child probably goes to his friend's house and wants to play with all their toys, yet doesn't offer any of his.

Respect for others is taught early, but if somehow you missed the magic carpet ride to "Manners Land," it isn't too late to learn and teach. Call your mom. Thank her for the juice box and let her know she didn't waste her time on you and prove it.

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Emergency Management useful, open to everyone

By Rita Boland
Staff Writer

Master Sgt. John Boullion puts a new twist on an old cliché. "I'm always in the wrong place at the right time," Boullion said.

The U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine noncommissioned officer was referring to the number of emergencies he's had to respond to during his life. Boullion dealt with typhoons, hurricanes, bomb explosions and even a volcanic eruption in the Philippines.

"I've had more experience than I care to think about," Boullion said.

Fortunately, Boullion performs well under pressure and his skills helped save lives and time during the catastrophes. With his experience and training he joined the International Association of Emergency Managers. In 2001, he received his Certified Emergency Manager certificate from IAEM and in 2002 he received his Certified Texas Emergency Manager certificate.

Obtaining certification is no easy task and Boullion worked for two years on his. Candidates must provide a full, detailed work history, documentation of emergency experience, have a bachelor's degree, fulfill training hour requirements, have references, membership in an emergency management association and have some published work, awards or other special accomplishments or recognition.

Once candidates complete that paper work, the board gives them a situation for which the candidate must design an emergency management response. Finally, the candidates must pass a 100-question test.

"It's a unique certification," Boullion said. "Background does not matter."

Boullion's background is in medical administration. He uses his office and organizational skills during crises to get paperwork and people to the right location in the shortest amount of time, but the skills also aid the most important part of an emergency manager's job - prevention.

"You're kind of always the background person," Boullion said. "If you do your job well, your name never gets mentioned."

“A lot of people think it's only officers, but if you meet the requirements it doesn't matter if you're enlisted or officer.”

Master Sgt. John Boullion
Certified Emergency Manager

According to Boullion, emergency managers spend most of their time identifying and examining certain problems, like the hazardous materials route through San Antonio, and planning to avoid problems.

Though many people associate emergency response with terrorism, the field covers an array of situations. In the military, the field generally goes by the title disaster preparedness, a term that dates back to the Cold War.

Despite the age of the program, Boullion is the only enlisted active duty military member with certification.

"I'm trying not to be the only one," Boullion said. "A lot of people think it's only officers, but if you meet the requirements it doesn't matter if you're enlisted or officer."

The military can find endless use for emergency managers, but the civilian world also offers many opportunities. A person with a degree in emergency management, Texas A&M offers a master's degree in the subject, can expect to make \$60,000 a year, the first day on the job in the right locations. Many emergency managers for large corporations or municipal areas earn six-figure salaries.

"I'm happy to assist anyone who is interested," Boullion said.

Military and civil service employees can access study materials for the CEM test free of charge.

Anyone interested in more information can access the IAEM website www.iaem.com or the Emergency Management Association of Texas at www.emat-tx.org

Active duty military and civil service employees can receive free emergency management training at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS>.



Photo by Airman First Class Samantha Shieh

A STEP ahead

Col. Tom Travis, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, stands with newly STEP-promoted Master Sgt. Louis Vrana, the noncommissioned officer in charge of quality and information management in the Chemistry Division of the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis. Vrana was selected by Aeronautical Systems Center commander, Lt. Gen. Richard Reynolds, for the Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion and was promoted March 25.

April officer promotions

The following Brooks commissioned personnel have been selected for promotion to the next highest rank. Congratulations.

To Lieutenant Colonel:
Leroy Beyer

U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine

To Major:
Dirk Yamamoto
311th Human Systems Wing

To First Lieutenant:
Nicholas Pellegrino
311th Human Systems
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Legends

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bombers were launched from an aircraft carrier.

"He (Doolittle) was smart, fearless and calculating. We (Doolittle's aircraft) dropped four incendiary bombs. Then we flew off to China where we were supposed to land, but heavy weather forced us to bail out. Chinese guerrillas rescued us about 80 miles inland," he recalls.

Cole, who was born in the Wright Brothers' hometown of Dayton, Ohio, considers his participation in the Doolittle Raid the highlight of his career, which historians consider a significant chapter in aviation history.

"I shot down the last (enemy) plane of the war over North Korea on July 27, 1953. It was an IL-12 (C-46)," said Korean War double ace Col. (Ret.) Ralph Parr. At the time, Parr was piloting an F-86 for the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing's 335th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Previously, Parr had experienced combat during WWII flying P-38s and later as a Korean War F-80 fighter pilot. As a jet age pioneer, Parr admits that the F-86 was far superior to the F-80.

However, it was American pilots' superior training that made the difference in the air war over Korea against Russian-made MIGs. While he shot down 10 enemy planes, Parr doesn't consider it his greatest achievement. What he is most proud of is his contribution to the development of air power.

"I helped develop air-to-air tactics for the U.S. Air Force. Because of this, Air Force pilots shot down a lot of planes," he said.

Parr also flew F-4s in Vietnam. He is the only person in Air Force history to have been awarded both the Distinguished Flying Cross and Distinguished Service Cross. His contributions to Air Force history is depicted in a Hangar 9 exhibit that features an Air Force 50th anniversary poster from the Air Force Art Collection series titled "MIG Alley." It de-



Photo by Rudy Purificato

Excited by their San Antonio Academy "Centennial of Flight" commemorative medals presented at Hangar 9 April 3 are: left to right, retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, Tuskegee Airman Dr. Granville Coggs and Lt. Col. Richard Cole, who was Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot during the World War II Doolittle Raid over Tokyo in 1942.

picts America's Korean War aces at Kimpo Field: Capt. Lonnie Moore, Col. Vermont Garrison, Col. James Johnson, Parr and Maj. James Jabara.

"Except for me, everybody else in the picture was killed," Parr said.

One of the longest held Prisoners of War remembers the sacrifices American aviators made during the Vietnam War. Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Kenneth Fleenor was shot down over North Vietnam in 1967. He ended up in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" where he remembers communicating through a wall with a future U.S. Senator named John McCain.

"I talked to him using a tap code, a covert communication system that we devised," he said.

The code provided useful, morale-boosting information in what Fleenor considers one of the most significant events in aviation history.

"We found out about the (first) moon landing," Fleenor said, recalling how a fellow prisoner found out about it from an interrogator.

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San Antonio Academy holds historic aviation event at Hangar 9

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Some of the nation's greatest living aviation legends helped the San Antonio Academy celebrate a "Century of Powered Flight" during the military school's annual Spring Fling held for the first time at Hangar 9 on April 3.

"This is unprecedented," exclaimed retired Air Force colonel Herbert Klein, former Brooks Air Base Group commander, referring to the number of aviation legends who participated in the event.

Among the most famous of the group were retired Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager, a World War II double fighter ace whose contributions to aviation history as the first test pilot to break the sound barrier was chronicled in the book and movie "The Right Stuff;" retired Brig. Gen. David Lee "Tex" Hill, the World War II "Flying Tigers" fighter ace who actor John Wayne portrayed in the movie by the same name; and retired Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, one of only 19 living Doolittle Raiders, who was Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot during their historic World War II bombing mission that was featured in the motion picture "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo."

Other aviation legends honored by the San Antonio Academy were Korean War double fighter ace retired Col. Ralph Parr, former Tuskegee Airman Dr. Granville Coggs, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Kenneth R. Fleenor, one of the longest held Prisoners of War in Vietnam; retired Col. Ollie Crawford, past chairman and charter member of the Air Force Association; retired NASA astronaut and former Air Force colonel John Blaha who today serves as the Brooks Aerospace Foundation chairman; and Herbert D. Kelleher, founder and chairman of the board of Southwest Airlines. The honorees were presented commemorative medals for their aviation achievements.

"The men we honor are larger than life. They have served our country well and have



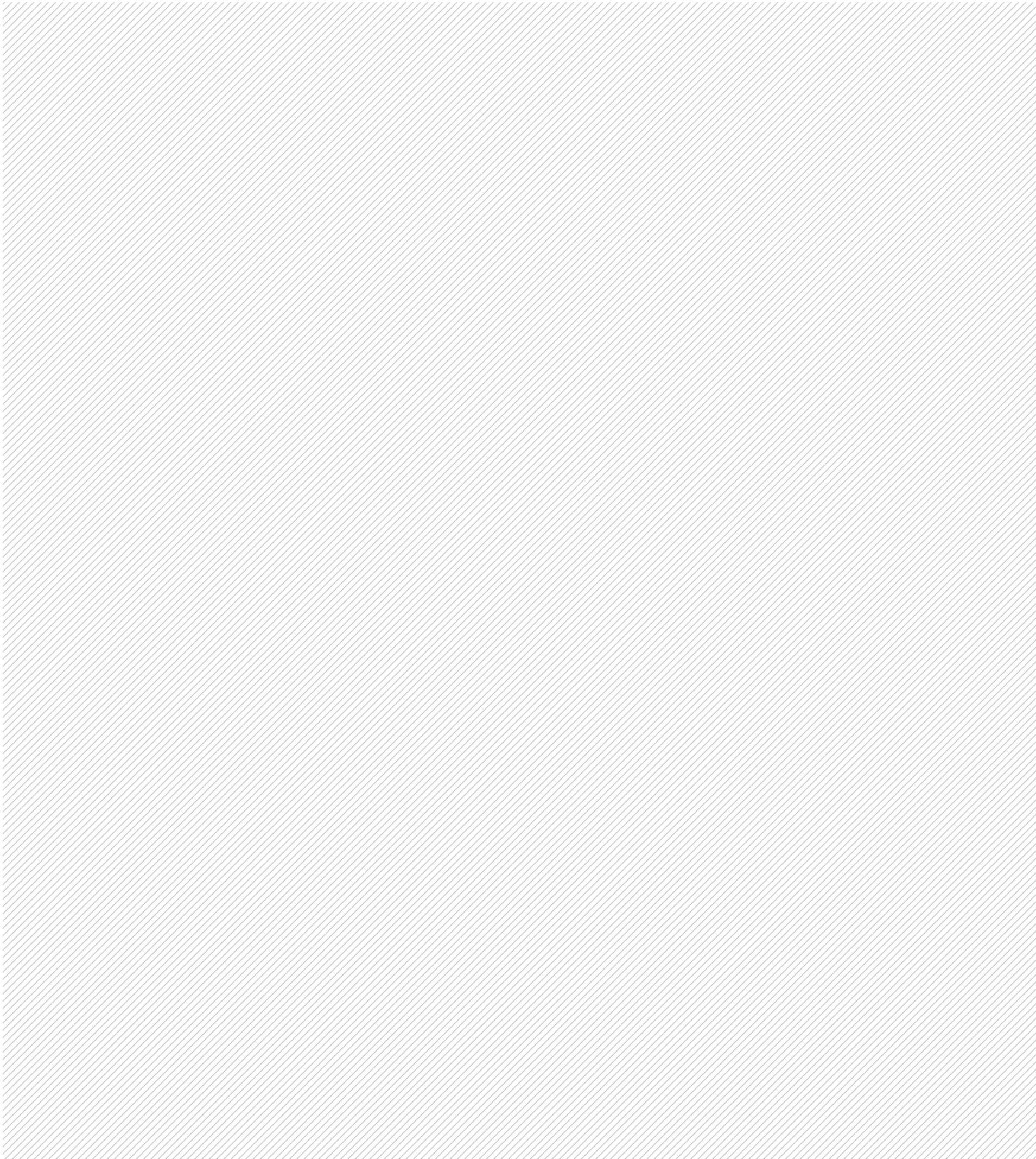
Photo by Rudy Purificato

World War II "Flying Tiger" fighter ace Brig. Gen. David Lee, "Tex" Hill signs a model of the P-40 he flew in combat against the Japanese. This model was auctioned at the San Antonio Academy Spring Fling April 3 at Hangar 9.

set a good example for our children, and that is why we are here, to support a school that teaches boys how important it is to love God and country and become men of character," said John Webster, San Antonio Academy headmaster.

According to school officials, Hangar 9 was selected for their annual fund-raising event because it is the most appropriate venue for the gathering's "Centennial of Flight" theme. The nation's only World War I era wooden aircraft hangar shares one thing in common with the Academy: both enjoy "one of a kind" status. The educational institution is the only independent all-boy military school in Texas and one of only 13 in the United States. Founded in 1886, the San Antonio Academy is a non-profit, non-denominational, tax-exempt school for boys in pre-kindergarten through grade eight. The Academy's current enrollment is 325. Its most famous alumnus is aviation legend "Tex" Hill, a 1928 graduate who served at Brooks Field following World War II.

An estimated 400 people attended the Spring Fling which served as a venue for a fund-raising auction that featured a Flying Tigers' P-40 pedal plane autographed by Hill.





Tons of knowledge resides in Air Force Web site

By Jim Morrow

AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) — Just about anything worth knowing about the Air Force, especially on the maintenance and acquisition side, can be found through a collaborative web system called Knowledge Now.

According to Randy Adkins, Air Force Materiel Command Knowledge Now project manager, it's a merger of three programs: Air Force Desk Book, AFMC Help Center and the Air Force Knowledge Management site.

All of those sites support people through various stages of buying and maintaining equipment, and working with service members and employees, Adkins said. The site now has expanded to covering a wide variety of operational subjects in the Defense Department.

The list of subjects covered in Knowledge Now includes everything from space tactics, to special weapons, to system management to B-2 radar modification, Adkins said. As well as pages for civilian interns participating in the Palace Acquire program.

Much of Knowledge Now is divided into functional or subject matter that

includes databases and collaborative work spaces called Communities of Practice. Adkins said this capability has proved so popular that the number of "communities" has expanded from 10 to 200 in the past year.

The system gets about 20,000 users a month, and is growing, according to Adkins. He can cite many stories on how the database has saved the day for fellow Defense Department users.

One involves a Marine captain in Djibouti, in the Horn of Africa, who was tasked with buying goods locally. He needed help preparing the terms and conditions for a blanket purchase agreement. None existed at his bare base location, but he remembered reading about Knowledge Now while attending a contingency contracting course in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The Marine borrowed an Army computer and checked out the Air Force Web site. He found the information he needed at AFMC's Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

As luck would have it, he could not download from the site that day, so Adkins said the Marine called the Knowledge Now staff here and they emailed the material to him. He said he found the service invaluable and

uses it often.

Weapons system communities join in using the system, according to Adkins. The communities include a password-controlled area for document sharing, discussion forums and other collaborative features, Adkins said. Currently there are about 200 of these "team rooms" that address everything from the Air Force Weather Squadron in Korea to the new E-10A Multi Sensor Command and Control aircraft.

Within the Space and C3I Systems Communities of Practice, a search provides access to more than 300,000 documents on AFMC's 800 web sites. Each search also includes points-of-contact and organizations for that topic in the command.

In searching for examples of how Knowledge Now can help users, one customer cites the Anti-Tamper Community of Practice. This community provides a focal point for exchanging information between programs for protecting critical information and technology from exploitation and reverse engineering.

An example of how information on the site could be useful would have been the Navy P-3 Orion reconnaissance plane that was forced down in China in 2001, Adkins said. One con-

cern among security specialists was how much information the Chinese could obtain by examining equipment on the plane. This CoP provides guidance on how to protect such equipment.

Future functions include "wisdom exchange," for personnel to ask questions of experts in specific financial areas. The tool allows peer-to-peer collaboration across major commands, as well as across geographic boundaries.

"With 40,000 potential users in Financial Management alone, 'Wisdom Exchange' promises to be a dynamic knowledge tool," said Brig. Gen. Frank Faykes, AFMC Financial Management director.

Knowledge Now users are scattered around the world and in all the services. During a recent 60-day period, Adkins said nearly 74,000 people visited the site.

Thousands of users were from AFMC, but the Army had nearly a thousand, the Navy had 1,400, and bases as far away as Ramstein Air Base, Germany had more than a thousand.

Knowledge Now is limited to users on military-only systems, such as "dot mil" addresses. It can be found at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/Entry>.



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Col. Tom Travis
311th Human Systems
Wing commander

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Whether you're just married, or just need encouragement, instruction or time with your spouse, this seminar may be what you need. Topics include children, communication, in-laws, dating again, barriers and essentials for a happy marriage. Join us and learn more about your spouse in a light-hearted atmosphere.

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Have you fallen deep into debt? Is it tough making payments? Are you near your credit limit and considering loans or bankruptcy? You can get out of debt with a debt management plan. Call 536-2444 to schedule an appointment with a credit counselor.

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April 24, 12:30 - 3 p.m., Bldg. 537—

PCSing? Hear briefings from travel, legal, the clinic, finance, housing and the Family Support Center and ask your questions. The seminar is open to all active duty members, DoD civilians and spouses.

PCS overseas

April 24, 3 - 4 p.m., Bldg. 537—

Any move can be stressful, but an overseas move has its own set of challenges and opportunities. Learn more about your OCONUS PCS by attending the Smooth Move seminar and staying after for PCS Overseas.

Transition assistance

May 20-22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Bldg. 537—

Making the transition from the military to civilian sector can be a big undertaking. This seminar allows us to better serve separating and retiring members. Topics include job search preparation, resume writing, interviewing skills, veteran's benefits, and more. Members should attend at least 180 days prior to separation.

Brooks City-Base and community job fair

April 11, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Hangar 9—

Whether you are seeking employment now or gathering information for future career decisions, make this job fair a part of your job search. The job fair is open to active duty and retired military, DoD civilian personnel, family members and the public.

Call the Family Support Center at 536-2444 for information and registration.



Brooks teens to give kids a 'helping hand'

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

You have to hand it to them for reaching out and touching youngsters' lives, or in this case their hands, as Brooks teens turn into palm wranglers Saturday, April 12 when they fulfill a special commemorative community service project.

In celebrating the 15th anniversary of National Youth Services Day, 14 Brooks dependents from the Teen Center will turn children's hands into decorative works of art at San Pedro Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"What we're going to provide is hand print painting on paper plates," said Ron Hayes, Teen Center teen coordinator. The event, Hayes explained, features several activities for children 12 years old and younger.

"It's a day dedicated to San Antonio children and child caregivers," Hayes said.

Several organizations will provide activities at the event ranging from arts and crafts to food and entertainment. The Teen Center participated last year by providing the same hand painting activity.

The annual event is an outgrowth of Secretary of State Colin Powell's program called "America's Promise - The Alliance of Youth" that has, in part, encouraged youth to become more involved in community service projects.



Courtesy photo

Teen Center volunteers recently repainted the Brooks Thrift Shop. This weekend, they plan to paint children's hands at San Pedro Park as part of another community service project.

Hayes said the Teen Center has been involved in many community service projects over the years that have included such activities as graffiti and park cleanup to reading to children who are patients at Wilford Hall Medical Center.



Innovative training fosters acquisition transformation

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFMCNS) — The Air Force acquisition community is transforming the way it does business by not only reforming its processes but also changing the way its workforce thinks and acts.

To accomplish this, Air Force officials, along with those from Paradigm Learning Inc., have developed a new learning tool for the entire acquisition workforce, according to Sandra Meckley, a management analyst in the Air Force's acquisition management policy division at the Pentagon. The training will be unlike anything most Air Force members and civilians have ever experienced, she said.

"It's serious, but it's also fun," she said. "This innovative tool, the Air Force Acquisition Discovery Map and Simulation Exercise, was developed exclusively for the Air Force and is based on a learning method called discovery learning."

Training began in March at the Pentagon, Air Force Materiel Command as well as product and logistics centers and other acquisition workplaces. The Air Force's acquisition leadership is pushing to have thousands of people experience the training in the next six months, she said.

Discovery learning differs from traditional methods of training or schooling that people may have gone through in the past, she said.

The new method has been used by 60 percent of "Fortune 1000" companies and takes advantage of games, simulations and other high involvement activities to help people learn,

understand and internalize new information and messages, Meckley said.

At the center of the training is a huge, brightly covered map that features everything from modern weapons systems to ogres, castles and moats. By exploring the map, Meckley said participants "discover roadblocks inherent in our current process, the need for change and the potential in moving to a new system that stresses speed, credibility and collaboration."

Blaise Durante, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition integration, said the Air Force chose discovery learning because the service needed a way to help its people understand the importance of a needed cultural change.

Gen. Lester Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, agreed. "I really believe our people are going to like this type of training," Lyles said. "This talks about what I think people want. They want to innovate. They want to seize the initiative and they want to be free to do their best for our warfighters. This training lays the groundwork for that."

"Agile Acquisition: The Transformation Discovery Map" is a half-day training seminar designed to impart four key principles to the participants.

The principles include: collaborating with people, both inside and outside of one's functional area; thinking innovatively by moving away from a checklist mentality to come up with creative solutions to problems; building trust between business partners such as the acquisition workforce and the warfighters; and encouraging people to take a more vested interest in what they're doing and to take the

initiative to make the acquisition process better, Meckley said.

This training will not be run by a live instructor but instead will be conducted through a videotape-facilitated in order to reach more people in a shorter period of time.

"The video facilitator will provide the trainees with what they need to get going with the game, but the actual learning will come from working with the other trainees," she said.

The half-day training begins with a simulation in which each participant role plays a different part of the current acquisition process. They will try to get a product through the procurement cycle to the warfighter using today's acquisition realities, she said.

"This first portion of the training results in the trainees successfully getting the product to the warfighter but at a higher cost and increased production cycle highlighting the need for acquisition transformation," Meckley said.

After the introductory exercise comes the Discovery Map activity. Trainees are shown the Discovery Map, a large graphical representation of both the current and transformed acquisition process. They are able to discuss the current process and how, by changing their mindsets and behavior, they can make a positive impact not only on the acquisition community but on the warfighters.

The trainees then replay the first scenario. However, this time they are asked to bring a different mindset to the game and try to apply the new behaviors outlined in the Discovery Map activity to the scenario. "They should experience the benefits that result from following the Discovery Map and see how they are able to get a quality product through the acquisition cycle to the warfighter in less time and at a lower cost than originally projected by applying what they learned," she said.

The final portion of the training allows participants to look at how they can apply what they learned to their

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Air Force for Acquisition

work environments and to discuss experiences with the group. They also develop a personal action plan to outline how to apply the lessons once they return to their duty locations, she said.

"This training will help our people clearly envision where we came from, what is generating the cause for this change, and most importantly, where we need to go and how we are going to get there," Durante said.

Acquisition officials intend to offer Discovery Map training to everyone in the acquisition community. Eventually, the training will be offered to people outside the community who are involved with the procurement process, Meckley said.

Dr. Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, said the objective of the training is to help everyone involved in the acquisition process understand the need for change, the power of innovation and collaboration and the benefits of embracing a new way of doing business.

"It's not about changes to the process but how we as individuals can change our behavior and mindset to enable acquisition transformation," Sambur said. "Only by transforming our acquisition process, we will be able to provide the warfighters with the expected capability in the expected amount of time and at the expected cost."



New assistance program available to civilian employees

By Rita Boland

Staff Writer

The 311th Human Systems Wing Civilian Personnel Office encourages all civilian employees to attend an orientation on the Employee Assistance Program and hopes all commanders will persuade their civilians and supervisors to attend.

At the orientation, employees will learn information about the activation of the phone line, 800-222-0364.

The EAP Program was implemented to provide confidential professional assistance to civilian employees facing problems with alcohol, drugs, stress, relationships, family, parenting, elder care, and so on.

Activated in October 2002, the EAP provides confidential and professional assistance.

"EAP is an exciting new program for our civilian employees," said Susann Baker, deputy of the 311th Human

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Deputy, Human Resources

Systems Wing Human Resources. "It provides a place for us to go if we find ourselves preoccupied at work or at home with personal, financial, or legal problems. I hope everyone comes to find out just how the program can benefit them."

Orientation is scheduled for April 9-10 at the B/180 Auditorium. Employee sessions last 30 minutes and begin at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the ninth and 8 a.m. on the 10th. Supervisor orientations last one hour and begin at 1 p.m. on the ninth and 10 a.m. on the 10th.

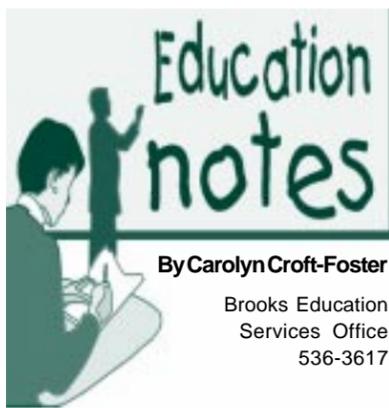
For more information contact Ms. Baker at 536-4544 or susann.baker@brooks.af.mil.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez, Jr.

Chief inductees

The newest Brooks chief master sergeants, Angelika Fleming, left, assigned to the 311th Mission Support Group and Donna Williams, of the 311th Communications Squadron, light the ceremonial candle during the recent Chief Induction Ceremony at the Brooks Club.



By Carolyn Croft-Foster

Brooks Education Services Office
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is on-line. Servicemembers can view information about Air Force Education Centers and the Community College of the Air Force. CCAF students can also order CCAF transcripts from the site. To access the AFVEC go to the following Web site and establish an account at: <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>. For more information call the Brooks Education Center at 536-3617.

Discover on-line

The Discover Program is a career exploration program for individuals searching for a new career. This program can be used by military, civilians, and family members. For more information, please call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment to view the website and get started.

Webster registration

Webster University begins registration April 14 for the summer term. Classes begin May 26. Joyce Peavy, the Webster representative, visits Brooks Wednesdays. Call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment.

Changes for OTS/ ROTC application

All non-technical boards are suspended until October 2003. Officer training school continues to accept applications for pilot, navigator and technical career fields. All non-technical selects' class assignments are on hold until August 2003. Potential applicants who met with a guidance counselor should schedule follow-up appointments to see how the changes affect their packages. OTS is still accepting applications for Air Battle Managers and Space and Missile Systems. Call 536-3617 for details or to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

Maymester On-Base

Registration is underway for Maymester On-Base. This is a three-week semester for one class. The semester begins May 12 and ends June 1. On-Base classes include: Computer Literacy, American Government, Humanities, Introduction to Psychology and Speech. Call the Education Center for more information or to schedule an appointment with the Palo Alto representative.

Six CLEP exams retired

The College Board is retiring six CLEP subject paper-based tests in June. The exams are: General Humanities, General Biology, General Chemistry, German, and Western Civilization I and II. Anyone wishing to take one of these exams must take it prior to June 30. The following exams will be retired Nov. 30: General English, General Mathematics, Accounting, American History I and II, and Spanish. Call the Education Center for more information or to reserve a seat.

Air Force virtual education center

The Virtual Education Center

CMSAF urges Congress to beef up education benefits

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON— The service's senior enlisted airman told members of Congress in March that, while quality-of-life issues have gotten better in recent years, there are still about 57,000 airmen without veteran's education benefits.

Besides education benefits, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray cautioned members of the House Subcommittee on Military Construction of the possible effects of current high-operations tempos on retention.

"I had the opportunity to travel throughout Southwest Asia to visit our airmen," Murray said. "Our airmen continue to impress us with their dedication to duty and their love for our country, regardless of the conditions they're serving in."

"Why? Because they know their mission is important," he said. But, Murray told the lawmakers, despite their devotion to duty, every airman would reach a point in their career when they will have to decide whether to re-enlist or separate from the service. According to Murray, when many of the airmen currently mobilized come home, they will be returning from their sixth, or maybe eighth, deployment. Murray's concern over quality-of-life issues extends beyond those on active duty, to airmen and families in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

"In terms of airmen in uniform, the Air Force is the smallest it's been since its inception in 1947," he said, "yet we're supporting more operations

on more fronts than at any time in history."

The Air Force is only able to sustain the current operations tempo through extensive use of its reserve components—the Guard and Reserve, Murray said. "We can't do it without them," he said. "For these citizen airmen, we must ensure that their compensation is equitable and consistent with the jobs we're asking them to do."

According to Murray, the Air Force has about 57,000 airmen who will have no veteran's education benefits upon separation or retirement. Of those airmen, about 47,000 declined to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill while in basic training, while the rest opted not to enroll in the Veteran's Education Assistance Program, which was offered from 1977 to 1985.

"For many of these people, it was their own doing," Murray admitted, "but the decision to decline was made when they were 17 or 18 years of age, and they had somebody advise them who didn't have all the facts."

While acknowledging that airmen currently receive 100 percent tuition assistance for classes taken while on active duty, the chief said that is not enough.

By giving all airmen the chance to enroll in MGIB, Murray said, airmen who do not have the chance to earn college degrees while serving on active duty could still pursue advanced education after separating or retiring.

"This is not just good for the individual," he said, "it's an investment in the future of our nation."



Midweek mass

Midweek mass at the Brooks Chapel is held Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Mass is held each First Friday of the month and on holy days of obligation. Mass is open for the entire base Roman Catholic community.

Lifebuilder's series

The Lifebuilder's Lunchtime Series continues Wednesdays at noon at the Chapel Annex. Contact the Chapel staff for more information.

Chapel schedule

Weekdays:

11:30 a.m. — Mass or Eucharistic service

Wednesdays:

12 p.m. — Lifebuilders luncheon
6 p.m. — Catholic choir rehearsal

Thursdays:

7:30 p.m. Protestant choir rehearsal

Sundays:

9 a.m. — Catholic Mass
10:30 a.m. — Catholic religious education
9 a.m. — Protestant Sunday School, ages 3-adult
10:30 a.m. — Protestant Worship, includes children's church



CCATT saves lives, boosts morale

By Rita Boland
Staff writer

New aeromedical evacuation techniques taught at the U.S. School of Aerospace Medicine do more than just save lives, they boost morale.

Unlike wars past, where medics set up field hospitals made famous by M.A.S.H., the Critical Care Air Transport Team procedures taught at Brooks make it possible for troops injured in theater to get full medical care on a reconfigured cargo plane as crew members move them to bases stateside.

"I've done air evacs hurrying people back," said Col. Rob Allen, the director of CCATT. "Just the injured troops knowing they're going home is a tremendous morale factor."

The morale affects troops during combat as well as after injury because troops know if they are wounded they will arrive at a hospital in a friendly country in a small amount of time. In addition, medical crews on the ground need fewer supplies and carry a lighter load.

"Medically, morale-wise, our combat troops can rest

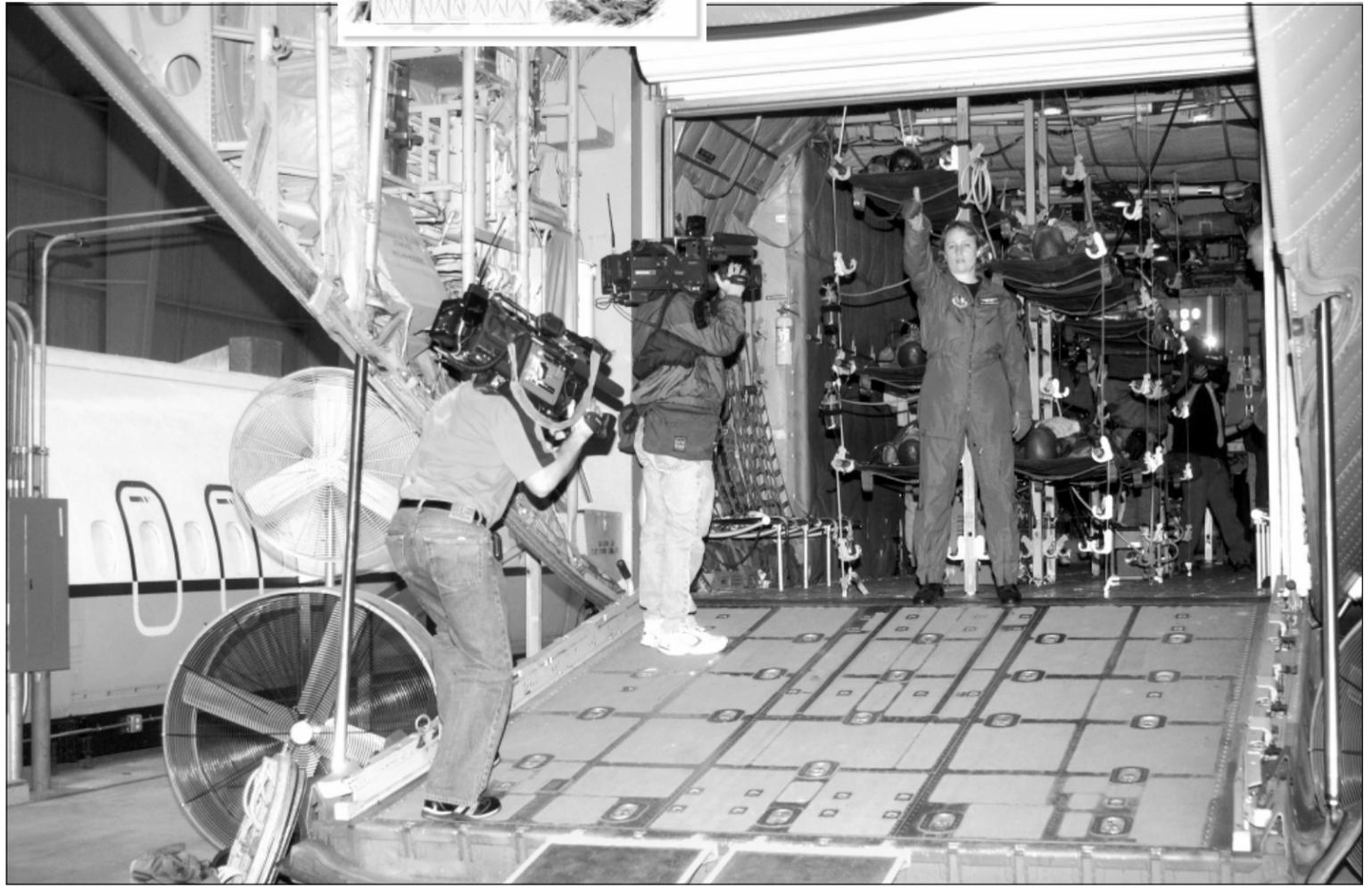


Photo by Airman First Class Samantha Sheih

The medical crew director in this scenario gives the thumbs up, signaling permission to board patients during Critical Care Air Transport Team training at the U.S. Air Force School of

Aerospace Medicine. During CCATT training, students learn a number of hand signals and play different roles. Two local television cameramen filmed this training.

assured they can be back to the U.S. in a very short amount of time," said Maj. Doug Cook, director of the flight nurse course at USAFSAM.

According to Cook, if time and situation allow CCATT can transport 74 litter patients at one time. Crew stack litters five high down the center of the C-130 aircraft, which, under favorable conditions, can travel up to 4,500 miles.

If CCATT encounters unfavorable conditions, they can strap fewer litters directly onto the floor. The airplane is fitted with all necessary equipment.

"We can take care of basically any type of patient," said Lt. Col. Karen Evers, a CCATT instructor.

"We can monitor anything you can monitor in a basic intensive care unit."

CCATT picks up patients from designated areas in



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Bogart

CCATT students learn to stick together during training, preparing them for possible real world situations where they may have to rely on the rest of the team.



Photo by Airman First Class Samantha Sheih

The U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine uses lifelike mannequins for training. Some mannequins can simulate actual patient conditions.

theater where the medical personnel at the site have the patients on litters when the plane lands. Only the loadmaster disembarks in order to oversee loading operations. The medical crew director, the person responsible for the overall success of the mission, stands at the edge of the loading ramp on the plane giving the signals to board the patients. A thumbs-up signals permission to board patients, arms crossed over the chest means wait. A member of the ground team, the spotter, relays the signal to the personnel moving the patients. If the aircraft or medical crew comes under fire, the plane operators immediately shut the ramp and take off. Engines are

always on.

"You try to save as many as you can," Cook said.

Cook participated in a mission where his team hit the ground, unloaded troops and supplies and loaded several patients and took off again in 18 minutes.

"Our footprint is much smaller," he said.

Experiences like Cook's and feedback from CCATT personnel in theater reinforce the instructor's beliefs that the program is necessary and effective.

"It's very satisfying because the people that we teach are over in theater...saving lives," Allen said. "Our teams are doing us proud."

Program directors and instructors strive to make the 12-day training as

realistic as possible. Some of the dummies used for practice "breathe," move and even moan with pain. The cockpit and body of real planes, minus the wings, serve as training areas, complete with simulated wind, engine sound and fire. The trainees learn the proper techniques for various conditions.

"We're teaching the students, when they're loading the patients they need to stay together," Cook said.

In combat situations, training and execution mean the difference between life and death.

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NEWS briefs

Tax Day barbecue

A Tax Day barbecue is scheduled for April 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence pavillion. Tickets are \$5 in advance and must be purchased by today. Contact Claudia Phillips at 536-3547, Rick Sinkfield at 536-4188 or any member of the Brooks African American Cultural Association. Brisket or chicken plates are available and include potato salad, beans, bread, pickles, onions and soda. Proceeds support the Bernard P. Randolph Scholarship Fund.

Sleep study subjects

The Chronobiology and Sleep Laboratory at Brooks needs volunteers to participate in a number of ongoing sleep research studies. Interested Air Force and civilian personnel who meet the necessary qualifications are eligible to receive compensation starting at \$10 per hour. Contact Laura Sanchez at 536-3616 for additional information, or visit the website at: www.ntiinc.com and link to "studies."

Altitude test subjects

Altitude test subjects needed: Help provide F-22 pilots, high altitude parachute personnel, high altitude reconnaissance pilots and astronauts with adequate equipment and procedures to accomplish their missions without distraction or hazard resulting from exposure to altitude. Several research protocols are being conducted at the High Altitude Protection Laboratory at

Brooks to accomplish this mission. Hypobaric (altitude) chamber test subjects can earn \$150 per month for participating in at least one session per month. Each subject must meet Air Force body fat or height/weight standards, be a non-smoker for at least two years, be between 18 and 50 years of age, and be able to pass an appropriate physical exam. Contact Heather Alexander at 536-3440 or Jim Carlile at 536-3546 for more information.

Centrifuge subjects

The Air Force Research Laboratory Biodynamics and Protection Division is in need of active duty volunteers between the ages of 18 and 50 years, able to pass the equivalent of a flying class exam, to participate in several studies, which help in the development of safe life support equipment, protocols and procedures for Air Force aircrew in wartime and peacetime environments. Subjects may earn \$150 hazardous duty pay per month.

For more information, contact Suzanne Flores at 536-6258.

AFPC 24 hours a day

Airmen everywhere can now talk with customer service agents about personnel issues 24 hours a day thanks to the recently expanded hours of the Air Force Contact Center here. People with questions about assignments, benefits, pay and more can speak to a customer service representative toll-free at 866-229-7074 or DSN 665-5000. Online services, which in-

clude a chat feature, can be accessed at: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Air Guard recruiter

Brooks has an Air Guard Recruiter to assist in finding an Air Guard unit in any state. Personnel who have decided to go Air Guard after separating or would like more information, contact Master Sgt. Jim Jeter at 652-5202 or DSN 487-5202 or by email at: james.jeter@randolph.af.mil.

Periodontic patients

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Department of Periodontics at Lackland Air Force Base is seeking patients with specific needs for treatment in the Periodontics Residency Program. Applicants must be a military retiree, family member of a retiree, or family member of active duty and have been determined by a dentist to have a periodontal condition. Eligible patients must obtain a written consult from their referring dentist. Consults may be faxed to "Attention, Periodontics" at 292-5193, or taken to MacKown Dental Clinic at Lackland AFB between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. to be scheduled for a periodontal evaluation appointment. Patients are selected for treatment based on the needs of the periodontal training program. The Department of Periodontics provides treatment of gums and bone support of teeth; but are unable to take appointments for fillings, braces, crowns, or bridgework. For more information, call 292-7273.

Earth Week Celebration

April 19-25
"Explore your Habitat"

Suggested activities:

- Plant trees, shrubs and flowers
- Prune and weed around buildings
- Landscape or Xeriscape
 - Base cleanup
 - Recycle items no longer needed
 - Grounds care near buildings
- School presentations
 - Sponsor a local school activity
- Give a presentation on recycling
- Give a presentation on ecology
- Community Involvement - Report outside activities related to earth day.

Let us know what your organization will do for Earth Day

Contact Rhonda Hilla at 536-2692 or by email at: rhonda.hilla@brooks.af.mil or Keith Muhlestein at 536-9801 or by email at: keith.muhlestein@brooks.af.mil



Feature



Hill

Q&A

FULL NAME:

Edward E. Hill, Jr., Staff Sgt.

DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:

Noncommissioned officer in charge, Civil Law, 311th Human Systems Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

WHAT IS MY JOB?:

I draft legal reviews, track LOAC training, disseminate preventive law information and manage the base tax center.

BIRTHDAY:

Sept. 22, 1973

HOMETOWN:

Pine Bluff, Ark.

MOTTO:

Live, learn and love

INSPIRATIONS:

my father

HOBBIES:

Cooking and football

PET PEEVE:

People who drive slow in the fast lane, people who don't use turn signals and people who don't pull their fair share of the weight at the job.

BOOK(S) AT BEDSIDE:

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and Calvin and Hobbes

I JOINED THE MILITARY BECAUSE:

There are things in life you are just meant to do. For me, joining the Air Force is just on of those things.

FIVE-YEAR GOAL:

become a master sergeant, finish my Bachelor's degree, coach youth football and go to a 49ers game

ULTIMATE GOAL:

convince my mother that I'd be okay riding a motorcycle!

IF I WON THE LOTTERY I'D:

build my mother her dream house, right behind a church, and then I'd build myself a house, right behind my mother's. I figure she could protect me from anything that just happened to get past the Lord.

MY FAVORITE MUSIC:

I don't care about categorizing music. I like any kind that sounds good, makes sense and doesn't degrade women or promote violence.

MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT:

it hasn't happened yet but it will be fathering and raising a child.

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:

I don't place much value on material things so my most prized possession is the unconditional love and support I've received from my parents. Now if I could just get my mother to give me some support on that motorcycle...

Brooks Personality PROFILE

Following destiny's call



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Bogart

By Rita Boland
Staff Writer

Some people join the military for a career. Staff Sgt. Eddie Hill joined to fulfill his destiny.

"Just like you put on that blue shirt because it matched your outfit, that's how the military was for me," Hill said. "It's hard to put into words. It's really hard to put into context."

So, after graduating high school at 17, Hill told his dad he wanted to join the military and his dad took him to sign up.

Hill made an uncharacteristic decision when he signed on that dotted line. Usually careful and calculated, he entered the military totally blind.

"I had never seen a military base," Hill said.

Yet, he instinctively knew to follow the calling and choose to enlist in the Air Force.

"The Air Force to me is just the most intriguing," Hill explained. "I don't swim so the Navy was out."

Those who meet Hill would agree he made the right decision. He radiates military.

"The military life is all I know and all I want to know right now," Hill said.

He chooses his words carefully and enunciates with such precision that a listener can't help but wonder if Henry Higgins once put marbles in Hill's mouth while asking him to recite tongue twisters. When talking business, Hill wastes no movement and often folds his hands in front of him, as though trying to avoid any function that would distract him from total focus. Hill's eyes pull the whole persona together, focusing intently on a speaker, gathering and categorizing received information, until they pull away to concentrate on the response.

Hill exudes such confidence and discipline, that he comes across as slightly intimidating. However, on certain topics he relaxes and his smiles and happiness reveal genu-

ine warmth. One of those topics covers a motorcycle and his mom.

Hill laughed as he explained the war between him and his mother about whether he could own a motorcycle.

"Even though I'm a U.S. soldier, on my own making my own money, my mother still forbids me to have a motorcycle," he said. "I'm still her child and I choose to respect that."

Though he respects his mother's wishes, Hill wastes no opportunity to implore her to change her mind.

"Begging is about the only thing I have," Hill said, shaking his head. "I can't blackmail her. I can't bribe her. Begging is all I have."

He doesn't plan to give in though, despite the fact that the argument has continued for years.

"There's just a thrill and addiction to a motorcycle that nothing else can fill," Hill said.

Fortunately, or maybe unfortunately, Hill has many chances to discuss the issue with his mom. He makes the two-day drive to St. Louis to see her frequently, stopping overnight in Arkansas to visit his dad.

"The person I am today is directly reflective of my father," Hill said with a thoughtful tone.

He credits his father with instilling the morals and discipline he lives by today.

"I do all things the best I can to make him proud," Hill said. "But at the same time I know I can fail and he'll still support me."

Hill plans to imitate his father one day by raising a child himself. He wants to play an active and important part in the life of his future kids.

"When I see children and I see the ones in a single parent household, especially being a African-American man where many kids grow up with just their mother, I want to crush that stereotype," Hill said. "I want to demolish it."

He also wants to play an active part in the lives of youth from a volunteer standpoint, as football

coach. When he does start coaching, however, he wants to work with older children so they'll be less likely to cry.

"I would love to be involved with youth and I'd love to be involved with football," Hill said. "I want to be a positive role model for some kids. I'd like to be in a teaching position."

Hill feels that the legal office at Brooks is the most family-oriented office he's worked in. His experiences as a paralegal, and prior to that as a security forces member, led him to pursue a career as an attorney.

"More than likely I'll end up going into law," Hill said. "I've been involved with law and justice since I entered the military."

Hill didn't plan his military career that way. When he went to the MEPS station, the noncommissioned officer asked him if he were afraid of guns. Hill of course answered no, he was about to sign up to enter the military after all, and the NCO told him he was going to be a cop.

"That's now knowing you can pick a job," Hill said.

His lack of experience and knowledge didn't faze him a bit, and he knew from the start what he could get himself into.

"You come into the military knowing you're part of a war machine and you may be called to fight," he said. "You should do so with honor and pride."

Hill thinks entering the service in security forces was the best thing for him. He learned responsibility at an early age, serving his first tour in England.

"I credit all my success to being in law enforcement when I came in and to my NCOs," Hill said.

So, it would seem, Hill follows the path destiny rolls out for him, knowing he's made the right decisions and loving life.

"I knew I was a lifer when I came in," he said.

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The 'living dead' grateful to USAFSAM team for Shattered Dreams support

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

They may appear to be mortuary science outcasts for making otherwise healthy students look ghoulish, but for U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine special effects makeup artists they believe their community service on behalf of public safety may someday help save lives.

Capt. Britt Barkley, and his Expeditionary Medical Support team colleagues TSgt. Rudy Palacios and MSgt. Richard Madrid, Jr., spent April 2 at Jefferson High School shocking students into the collective realization that there are no 'grateful dead' when it comes to drinking and driving. As medical makeup experts in moulage their handiwork, and that of other EMEDS members, has been an integral part of the teen drinking and driving interdiction program called Shattered Dreams.

"I've done this about six times. Usually we make up six victims for the crash site and about 20 'living dead,' said Palacios, referring to student volunteers who portray victims of alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents. Moulage, which mimics realistic injuries through the use of molded wounds, is used in Air Force medical treatment training.

Its use to dramatize the consequences of motor vehicle accidents caused by underage drinking has been an unqualified success in terms of truly shocking students.

"It's eye-opening as far as our students are concerned. They get a first-hand account of what it would be like if they are gone," said Sherrilee Demmer, Trauma Outcomes Manager at Lackland AFB who coordinated the Shattered Dreams event at Jefferson High School.

Demmer said the program was created by a coalition of San Antonio

organizations composed primarily of emergency responders after State Representative Christine Hernandez contacted then San Antonio District Attorney Steve Hilbig in 1997. "Hernandez asked Hilbig to develop a coalition tasked with creating an effective program designed for the city's under-aged drinkers," explained Demmer, because she said, "Bexar County leads the state in alcohol sales to minors and Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents."

Modeling Shattered Dreams after a similar program in California, the coalition staged its first event in 1998 at McCollum High School. Since then, Shattered Dreams has expanded into a full-scale Hollywood-style production designed to persuade teens not to drink and drive. Each Shattered Dreams event, which covers a period of two days, begins with a simulated accident near campus. Two donated wrecked cars are the main props in the scenario along with 'victims' who are dead or severely injured. Besides providing moulage, the EMEDS crew work to make the accident scene look even more realistic.

"We sprinkle fake blood at the crash site," Palacios said, noting that theatrical blood is generously used on victims in and around the wrecked cars. San Antonio Police and Fire Department personnel assist them in making the crash scene appear realistic.

Additionally, EMEDS members create a skull-like appearance for 'the living dead' using black and white makeup. These students, who portray post-accident scenario victims, are periodically plucked from their classrooms by The Grim Reaper. "They are identified a head of time, with permission from their parents," said Randy Kowalik, a Jefferson faculty member who was made up as The Grim Reaper by Palacios, a 1981 alumnus. The parents of the 'living dead' are actually notified by the Department of Public Safety about their demise. These victims, and their parents, are asked to write letters to each other concerning things that would have otherwise been left unsaid. These letters are read aloud during a student assembly the following day. All victim volunteers participate in a challenging exercise the night before the assembly in which they sleep overnight at a rehabilitation unit where actual victims of alcohol-related accidents are treated, Dimmer said.

"Everyone involved in this exercise has donated time and resources," she said, noting that police actually use the "Jaws of Life" to free 'trapped' victims at the crash scene. These simulated trauma victims are then taken by ambulance or an Airline helicopter to a



Photos by Rudy Purificato

Tech. Sgt. Rudy Palacios sprays fake blood a simulated accident he and other U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine members helped create as part of the Shattered Dreams program.

hospital where emergency medical personnel are videotaped working to save their lives.

The videotape is shown the next day at the student assembly, Dimmer said, which also features a series of speakers that have included teen testimonies about their DWI incidents having caused injuries and fatalities. The Jefferson event featured testimonies from Huntsville state prison inmates convicted of intoxication manslaughter.

"The students are blown away by the visual realism. It gets very

emotional for some of them, bringing to the surface memories of somebody they knew who has already left them," Barkley said.

Sometimes the EMEDS team's makeup work and crash scene preparation has caused unexpected 'trauma.' "One of the mother's of the victims showed up at the crash site. She was not supposed to be there. She was overwhelmed by the realism," Palacios said.

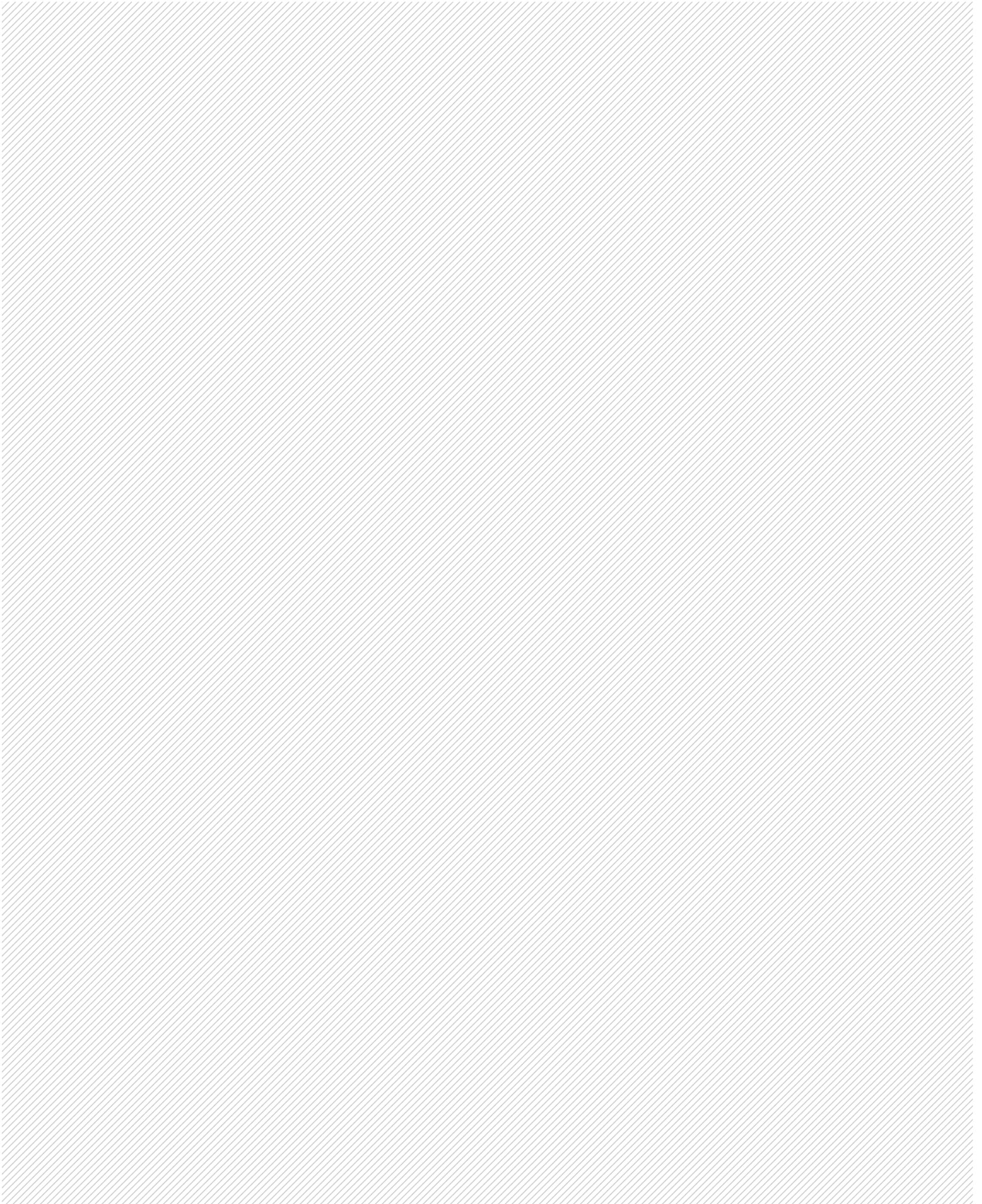
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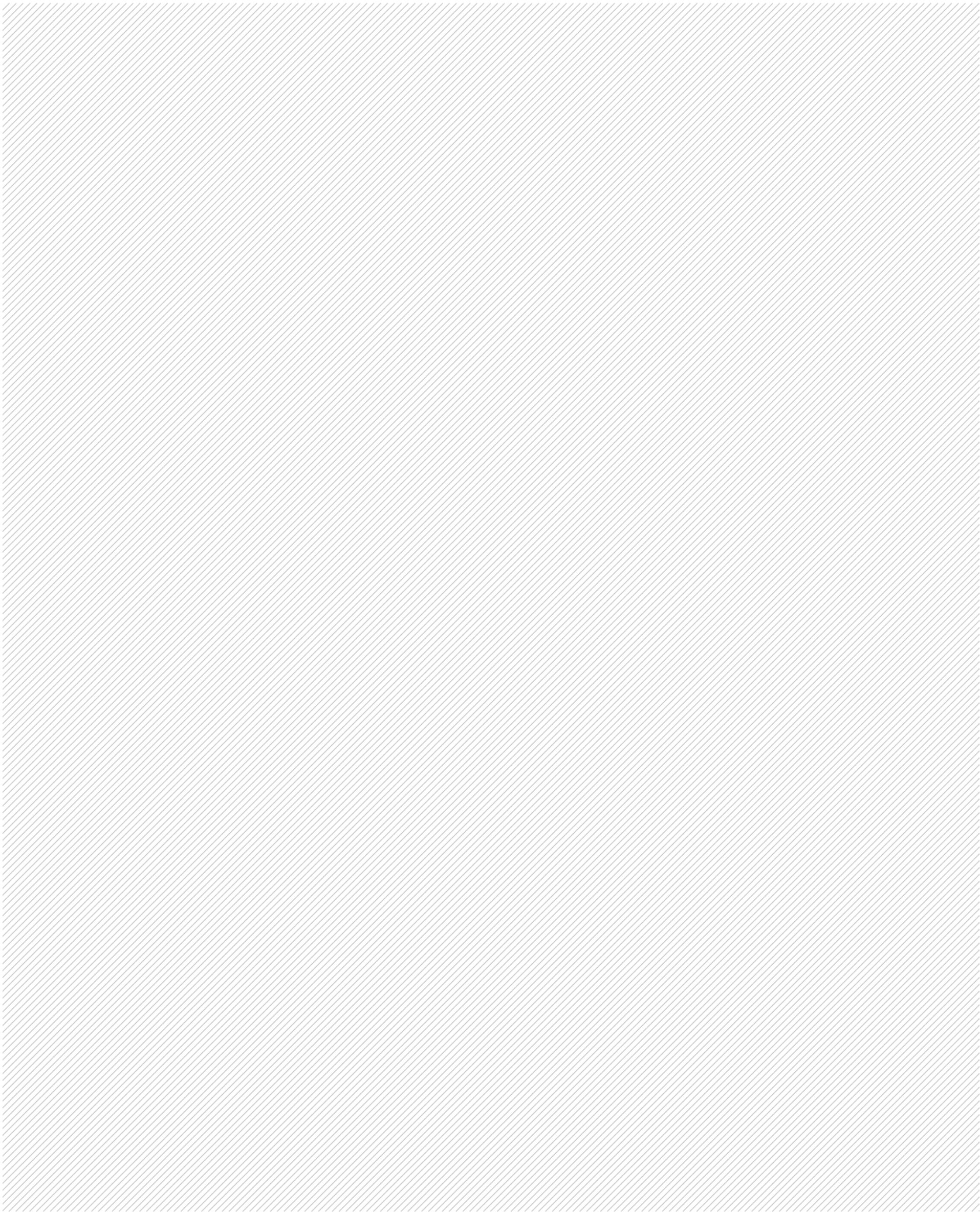


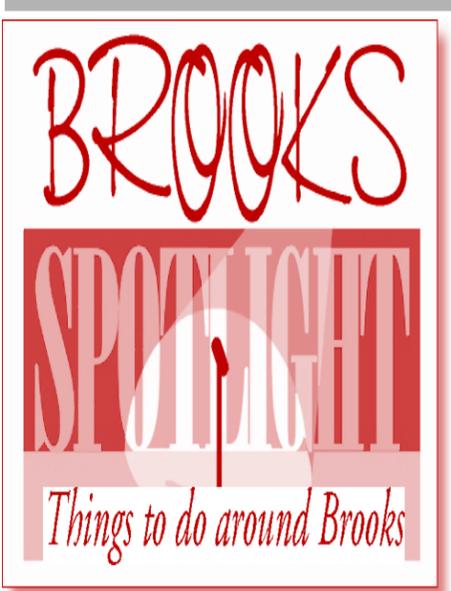
U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine's Master Sgt. Richard Madrid, Jr. works on a simulated leg injury using moulage techniques.



Realism is the key to the Shattered Dreams program where student volunteers portray simulated accident victims, made up to look dead or injured by U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine personnel.







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Month of the military child

April is the Month of the Military Child, celebrated annually in conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There are approximately one million confirmed cases of child abuse in the U.S. out of more than three million reported to child protective services agencies. April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation since 1983. This observation seeks to raise awareness about child abuse prevention by educating individuals and communities on how they can prevent abuse and neglect of children.

Family Child Care
Bldg. 510, 536-2041
Supporting Young Children During War and Conflict

As we watch the conflict in Iraq, it is important to remember that young children may be especially affected by war. Families and others who care for young children need to provide comfort, reassurance, and stability.

Helping children deal with their reactions to violence can be challenging when adults are struggling with their own feelings. However, we should remember that young children are very perceptive and will quickly recognize and respond to the fear and anxiety that adults are experiencing.

The following strategies can help families and other adults give children emotional support and show them that they are safe in our care.

Offer reassurance through physical closeness, maintain structure and consistency. Provide a framework that stays the same from day to day, respond to children's interest in talking about the war. Offer experiences that help children release tension and give worried children more time for relaxing, therapeutic experiences such as playing with sand, water, clay and Play Dough.

Model peaceful resolution to conflict. Because children who experience violence may respond with aggression, they need to see alternatives to using violence to solve problems. Watch for changes in behavior. Some children reflect their increased stress and anxiety through specific changes in behavior, often reverting to earlier stages of development. Take care of yourself. Remember to take some time to deal with your own feelings and needs, so that you can continue to provide the comfort, reassurance, and stability that young children need.

Brooks Club
Bldg. 204, 536-3782

Movie Nights are back at the Brooks Club. First-run movies are shown Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Call the staff or stop by for more details. See you at the movies.

Grab 'n Go Chicken is back by popular demand starting in April. Make dinner easy by calling the Brooks Club and ordering: two pieces for \$2.95; four pieces for \$4.75; six pieces for \$6.25; eight pieces for \$8.25; 10 Pieces for \$10.25 or 16 Pieces for \$14.75. The

meal comes with all the trimmings. Place your order and pick up dinner 45 minutes later. It's that easy.

Tuesdays are Family Night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Club. The entire family can enjoy a buffet for only \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 6-10 years and 5 and younger are free. April 15 is an Oriental buffet, April 22 is a Mexican Buffet and a Italian buffet is planned for April 29. Children can watch the Cartoon Channel while you are eating.

Have you been to Prime & Wine Night yet? Visit the club on Friday nights for a fantastic meal for only \$12.95. Select from Prime & Wine, Shrimp & Wine, Chicken & Wine plus a Chef's Choice with wine each Friday. Plan on Friday night dinner at the Brooks Club. See you there.

The name has changed but the value is the same. Billie's Burger will now be known as the Boom Burger. This burger, and other food items, are served at the Boar's Head Pub in the Brooks Club Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 4 to 10 pm. It consists of 1/2 pound charbroiled ground beef, cheddar cheese, sautéed mushrooms, onions and black olives served on a toasted bun, all topped with a special blended sauce and served with a side of fries and pickle spear— for only \$6.

Starting April 14 Sidney's Lounge will only be open Friday evenings from 3 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The Boar's Head Lounge at the Brooks Club will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 4 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays from 4 to 10 p.m.

Youth Center
Bldg. 470, 536-2515

The Easter Bunny is rapidly approaching Brooks. He arrives at the Youth Center April 19 just in time for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children should be in place ready to hunt eggs a few minutes prior to 2 p.m. The hunt will start at exactly 2 p.m. Children must bring their own basket. There will be "special" eggs in each age cat-

egory. Eggs with numbers inside should be taken to a member of the Youth Center staff to receive a prize. There will be four designated areas adjacent to the center for the following age groups: 1-3; 4-5; 6-8 and 9-12 years.

Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$2.50.

Health & Fitness Center
Bldg. 940, 536-2188

Replacement of the roof at the Health & Fitness Center is scheduled to begin on or about April 14 and will take approximately 60 days to complete. There are always minor inconveniences to renovations, including excessive noise and the odor of hot tar. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

Teen Center
Bldg. 641, 536-3160

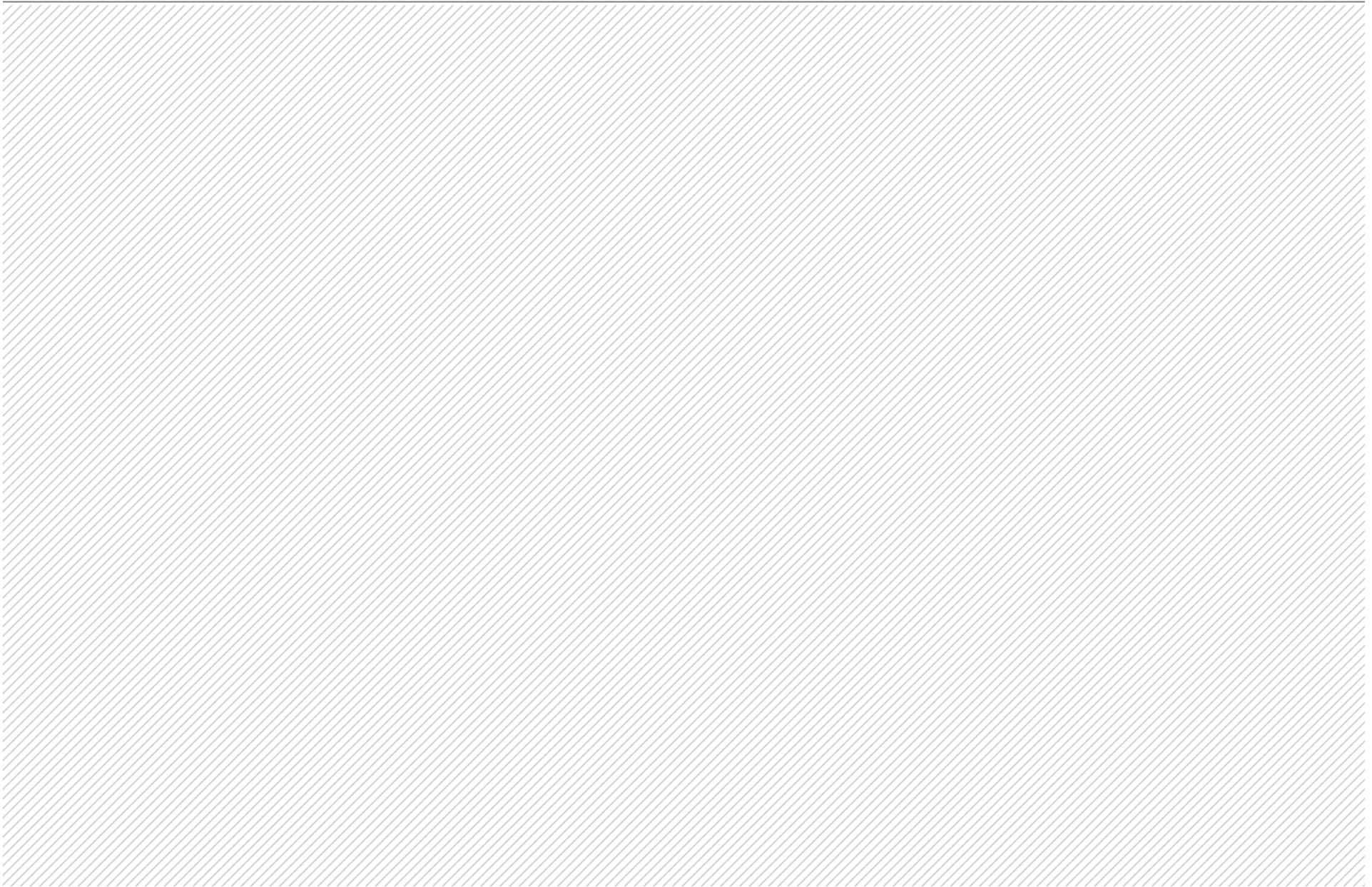
Stop by the BXmarket parking lot Saturday, May 3 for a hot dog, chips and a soda for only \$2. The proceeds go to help support the Teen Center programs. The Teen Center will have a booth set up during the Brooks Spouse's Club Trash to Treasures Flea Market scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Base Library
Bldg. 705, 536-2634

National Library Week ends April 12. The first National Library Week took place in 1958 to acknowledge our libraries and librarians and the contributions they make. It is also a time to promote library use. If you don't have a library card this is the perfect time to get one. You will not only have access to our library books but others from many libraries throughout this great land of ours.

FamFest 2003

The first ever City-Base Picnic is scheduled for June 20 at the base picnic grounds.
Contact Vida Marsh at 536-8057 for more information on this year's event.





Sports

Varsity softball squad starts season early

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

In perhaps the earliest start to a season ever undertaken here, the Brooks men's varsity softball team began its 2003 campaign shortly after Superbowl weekend in late January. Like the proverbial "early bird gets the worm," this team has left the starting gate earlier than previous squads to use the extra time to build a championship program.

"I like to beat people to the punch," says Brooks head coach Rob Collins, who enjoys getting a head start on preparing for the competition as much as he likes beating them on the playing field.

"We have to be mentally and physically ready to play," says Collins, noting it's never too early to instill in players a commitment to the game, the team and to a winning attitude through excellence on and off the field. More importantly, Collins wants to establish early the roles starters and reserves need to accept if this year's squad has any chance to exceed expectations.

Collins, in his first year as coach, held tryouts in February where he selected 14 players from an initial group of 19. Their first practice was held in

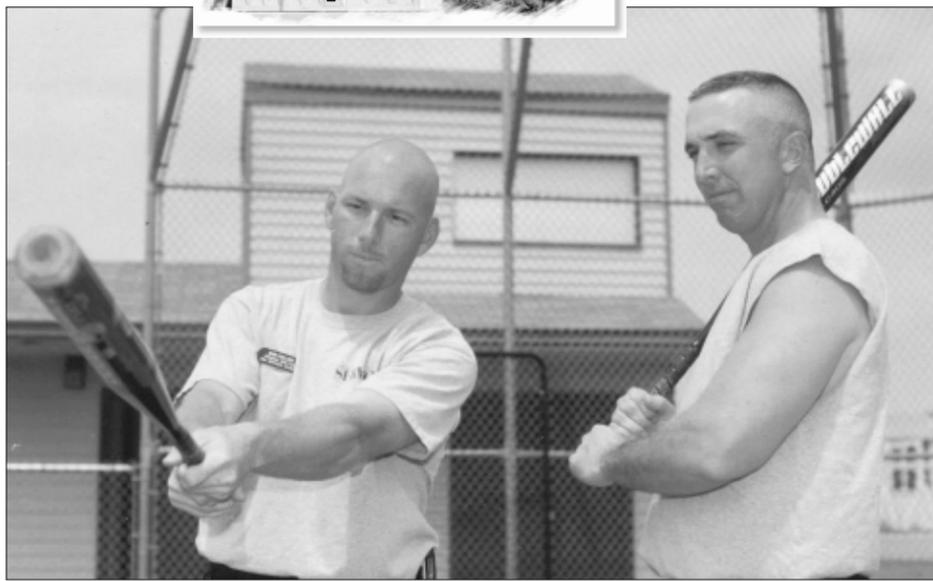


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Brooks varsity men's softball slugger Joel Berry, right, listens to batting instructions from the team's new head coach Rob Collins.

early March. Shortly thereafter, the team began regular season play in San Antonio's spring "C" league.

"There are six teams in our division. We play ten games against city teams in the double round-robin (format)," Collins said. The new coach deliberately baptized his team within the cauldron of stiff competition, knowing that the Brooks club is not yet a "C" level squad. Typically softball teams like to play against lower level clubs, Collins explained, saying that he is taking a different approach by exposing the Brooks squad to tougher com-

petition. In this way, his team will be forced to raise its level of play to compete against more talented squads while also learning what good clubs do to be successful.

"I have a battle plan for the seven month season," Collins confessed, explaining that the first phase of preparing for the Air Force Materiel Command tournament, scheduled for July at Eglin Air Force Base, is having his team participate in a spring league. The second phase involves many weekend tournaments once the base intramural season begins.

New head coach brings energy, continuity to varsity softball

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

His passion, enthusiasm and dedication to the sport could generate enough energy to power a small city, which is just fine for a City-Base whose varsity softball program has needed a much overdue jump-start.

Listening to Rob Collins talk about his plans to make Brooks competitive again in one of the Air Force's core sports is comparable to the commitment and call to action exhibited by a spirited preacher during a revival meeting.

"I've always been an overachiever," Collins says with conviction, noting that he tries to instill that same quality in teams he has coached. Coupled with his practice of maximizing player potential by fully engaging their natural athletic abilities, is his advocacy of the David vs. Goliath approach to team sports.

"I like to shock 'em (opponents) by giving them more than they expected. A smaller (and less talented) team putting up an eight spot (eight runs) in the first inning and blowing the ball 320 feet over the fence has great shock value. It shows them that we can play," he said.

The fitness center's new program director has already begun imprinting his brand of competitive zeal on a varsity program that did not field a team last year for the Air Force Materiel Command tournament. Besides his determination to make the program successful, Collins brings to the team something it has lacked: continuity. For years, the squad hasn't had the same coach for more than one season.

Last year, the squad didn't even have a coach. In 2001, Stephen Smiley coached the squad during the regular season, but a prolonged TDY prevented him from participating at the AFMC tourney where Brooks underachieved

with a 2-8 record. The 2000 varsity team, guided by the unusual coaching tandem of Carl Lewis and Jim Thompson, also met a predictable fate: no AFMC championship or even a winning record.

Collins loves the challenge of bringing a winning tradition here. He has no fear of failure, despite Brooks varsity softball history that reveals less championships and winning seasons than his beloved Chicago Cubs.

What drives Collins to tackle seemingly insurmountable goals is his dogged determination to improve the odds by leveraging available assets. He first developed this attribute as an athlete, helping him compensate for his small physique during a successful quest to thrive on the playing field.

"I am small physically, so I developed what I had - speed and defense," admits Collins about his early days as a baseball player growing up in a Chicago suburb. He inherited special baseball skills from his father who had the talent to play professional baseball. "Dad was offered a contract to play for the Chicago White Sox as an infielder," Collins said, explaining that his father turned down the offer.

The senior Collins decided against spending considerable time in the White Sox minor league system because the team had two superstar infielders: Luis Aparicio and Nellie Fox.

Like his father, Collins excelled in baseball. He was an All-State centerfielder in his junior and senior years at Ottawa Township High School, which earned him a partial baseball scholarship to Illinois Valley Community College.

He decided against continuing his baseball career when he joined the Air Force as a supply technician.

At Beale Air Force Base, Calif., Collins began his conversion from being a good baseball player to a then less-than-stellar member of the varsity softball team.



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"I had to learn to hit the ball down," he recalls of learning the techniques needed to be successful in the sport. It was also at Beale that he developed his coaching skills as varsity team coach from 1987-1992.

Later in his nine-year active duty Air Force career Collins finally achieved a similar success in softball as a player that he had enjoyed in baseball.

Now he is fully engaged in his role as Brooks player-coach, a job that is not too big for an average-sized guy with a Texas-size goal to win a championship.

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"We have to create an identity by playing with a certain level of confidence," Collins said.

Confidence can not be achieved solely in endless practices and scrimmages, but in actual games against veteran teams, he noted.

This year's varsity team features some veterans and a few rookies. Starters include star leftfielder Rob Taylor with the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis; left centerfielder Joel Berry, who is the team's leading home run hitter from the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine; AFIERA's Marty Baugher as catcher-first baseman-third baseman; 311th Human Systems Wing's Jeff Eden, also a first baseman-third baseman; 311th Mission Support Group's Carl Lewis as first baseman-catcher; 68th Information Operations Squadron's Randy Blevins as shortstop, 311th HSW's Justin Darwin as middle infielder; 311th Medical Squadron's Derek Kren as pitcher; USAFSAM's James Jarbeau as infielder-outfielder and Collins as the right centerfielder. Reserve players include AFIERA's Jim Thompson, a catcher who is recovering from a torn Achilles tendon; middle infielder Romero Cosme; and rookies Ray Tomason, an outfielder from the 311th Human System Program Office, and utility infielder Jose Ramirez from the 311th HSW.

Registration open for 2003 USAF marathon

By Susan Murphy
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Registration is under way for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled for Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Runner categories have changed slightly from past years. A 5K fun run and a 1/2 marathon have been added. There will no longer be a marathon team category. The marathon, four-person Ekiden-style relay team and wheelchair categories remain unchanged.

The Air Force Marathon, traditionally held the third Saturday of September, is open to all levels of marathoners, civilians and military, from all around the world. More than 3,200 runners participated in the marathon representing nearly every state and six countries.

The first U.S. Air Force Marathon was held at Wright-Patterson AFB Sept. 20, 1997, to coincide with the Air Force's 50th anniversary. U.S.A. Track and Field, the governing body of long-distance running in the United States, certified the course in 1997. Air Force Marathon officials asked for certification in order to assure participants the course is exactly 26 miles, 385 yards.

Runners will receive a uniquely designed T-shirt and patch. Participants who finish the marathon within the eight-hour time limit will receive a medallion. Reduced fees for early registration are available until June 30. Registration deadline is Sept. 4. For more information, visit the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>, or call the marathon office at 800-467-1823.



'Battle of Brooks' softball tourney begins new tradition

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

The enticing aroma from Aaron Sinclair's barbecue grill, that historically signals post-athletic celebrations here, was gladly savored for the first time by Texas military teams whose participation in the inaugural "Battle of Brooks" Invitational Softball Tournament March 22-23 has established a new tradition on base.

Teams from Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Fort Sam Houston and Dyess, Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases competed against the Brooks varsity men's softball squad in a new event sponsored by the fitness center. While Randolph AFB became the undefeated tourney champion, the real winner was the Brooks varsity softball program that has been reinvigorated by the team's new head coach Rob Collins.

"They were really excited about it. The timing of the tournament for them was great," exclaimed the highly demonstrative Collins whose idea for the event was a big hit among teams that participated. Collins said everything about the tournament pleased the athletes, from the huge outfield dimensions of the base's biggest softball field to ideal weather conditions and easy access to Brooks.

"What was good from our standpoint was the (Brooks) team's exposure to top talent. This was our first tournament of the season," Collins said. The tournament featured some of the Department of Defense's best softball players.

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Lackland AFB was a pre-tourney favorite as the 2002 military champion of both the United States Specialty Sports Association and the American Softball Association. Lackland features several players who are members of the Air Force and All-Armed Forces teams.

The tournament's opening round featured a round robin format to determine seeding for the single-elimination championship round.

Fort Sam Houston eliminated favored Lackland 18-17 to advance to the championship game. Randolph defeated Fort Sam Houston 19-14 for the tourney title.

Lackland destroyed Brooks 31-17 in their opening round game.

"They crushed the ball. They have WWF (World Wrestling Federation) type players on that team," admits Collins, referring to their athletes' physical prowess.

The Brooks coach, however, is not unhappy with his team's performance.

"The outcome was very predictable. The only disappointment was that we lost to Dyess after we had been ahead 9-5 in the seventh inning. The wind was blowing in and 19 of our 21 outs were flies. We deserved to lose," Collins confessed.

Brooks, however, had no trouble with Corpus Christi which they beat 21-8 in four innings during the tourney's preliminary round.

Collins appreciates the fitness center staff supporting the tourney as a

venue for giving the Brooks squad valuable experience against tough competition.

"Playing early in the season against teams better than us forced us to play our absolute best to compete with them. I wanted to shock our guys," he said, explaining that the Brooks team learned a lot about what is needed to win at a higher level by observing good clubs compete.

Tourney standings

Randolph AFB.....	4-0
Fort Sam Houston.....	3-2
Lackland AFB.....	2-1
Brooks.....	1-2
Dyess AFB.....	1-3
Corpus Christi NAS....	0-3

District 3 Get Fit Run/Walk

When: Saturday, April 19, 2003
Where: Brooks City-Base
Times: 8am Registration, 8:30am Race Starts, 12pm Closing
Cost: Free

Health Fair Participants:
 Southeast Community Outreach for Older People
 Children's Health Insurance Program
 American Cancer Association
 Emergency Medical Services
 Environmental Department
 Community Initiatives
 City Public Service
 Metro Health

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