

# DISCOVER

## Air Force ends Stop-Loss

By Master Sgt. Eddie Riley

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The last of the airmen whose retirement or separation was delayed by Stop-Loss for Operation Iraqi Freedom were released June 23 and will be eligible to leave the service July 31.

Air Force officials authorized Stop-Loss for 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties in March to meet security objectives, specifically the war in Iraq. More than half of the specialties — 31 officer and 20 enlisted — were released from the program May 14.

Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, said the program's success, meaning victory in the war, led directly to its conclusion. "Because we were able to retain these Air Force members and their expertise to contribute to the major combat phase of the war, we were able to complete that part of the mission as planned and may now allow these American heroes to move on with their lives," he said.

The Stop-Loss release applies to all active-duty, Reserve and Guard people in all enlisted grades and officers in the grade of colonel and below; however, deployed airmen must remain in place for the duration of their deployment, he added.

Military personnel flight officials will contact people who had a previously approved/suspended retirement or separation to review options and establish a new departure date. Released airmen will be allowed up to five months transition time.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Bogart

### A meeting of the minds

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, R-Texas, speaks at Brooks June 21 following a fact-finding visit of the base where he met with San Antonio area leaders. From the left are San Antonio City Councilman Carroll Schubert, Bexar County Judge

Nelson Wolff, Cornyn and Southwest Business Corp. Chairman Charlie Amato. The Senator is touring Texas military installations to learn about their missions, capabilities and assets.

## 311th HSW earns third AF Outstanding Unit Award

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

The 311th Human Systems Wing 'three-peated' as winners of the top peacetime honor for military organizations by earning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the third consecutive year.

Inaugurated by the Secretary of the Air Force Jan. 6, 1954, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is presented for outstanding meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets a unit above and apart from similar units.

"It's the highest peacetime award that recognizes (military) unit achievement," said Rick Crawford, Air Force Materiel Command's Military Awards and Decorations manager.

Crawford said the 311th HSW exceeded mission requirements while making several exceptional accomplishments that contributed to national defense.

"This award reflects all the hard work of every member of Team Brooks that is in and support the wing. We have great people, and this award is testimony to the important role we play in the Air Force today," said Col. Tom Travis, 311th HSW commander.

Travis formerly thanked the 311th

*"The next few years are going to be challenging and rewarding. We still have a lot of work to do, but I'm confident in the members of the 311th to step up to the tasks at hand and deliver outstanding results to our customers as we have in the past. We have great people, and this award is testimony to the important role we play in the Air Force today."*

**Col. Tom Travis**  
Commander,  
311th Human Systems Wing

HSW workforce through a basewide e-mail that highlighted the major Wing accomplishments cited in the award nomination. He wrote, in part, "Called on by the Department of Defense Joint Staff, we successfully planned and implemented Operation BLUE DRAGON where our team removed

radioactive sources from Afghanistan, protecting both the populace and coalition forces. Wing personnel broke new ground in the Department of Defense when we successfully launched the Brooks City-Base Project, which saves the Air Force eight million dollars annually and is now considered a model for other organizations. Through outstanding environmental cleanup efforts, Brooks City-Base was the first federal installation in Texas to receive Texas' Ready for Reuse certificate."

The 311th HSW commander emphasized that while the Outstanding Unit Award is a great honor, the workforce here can not afford to rest on its laurels.

"The next few years are going to be challenging and rewarding. We still have a lot of work to do, but I'm confident in the members of the 311th to step up to the tasks at hand and deliver outstanding results to our customers as we have in the past," he said.

Crawford said that within AFMC, only 10 percent of air base wings received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, meaning only one was awarded. Within its category, the 311th HSW was the only unit to earn the honor.

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# AFMC Commander's Independence Day Message

By **Gen. Lester Lyles**

AFMC Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS)

— "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

These words are taken from the Declaration of Independence, the document that serves as the basis for freedom and democracy for Americans. More than 225 years ago, members of the Continental Congress unanimously approved this document, essentially declaring war on the mighty British Empire.

From Paul Revere's ride warning that "the British are coming," and the "shot heard around the world" to shots being fired today in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is this desire for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that keeps America free and its people willing to lay down their lives for that ideal.

Those of us who support freedom's cause know that it comes with a price. But the men and women who train for combat, secure and maintain the weapons of war and keep the peace in remote regions are willing to pay that price for

one reason - to preserve liberty for our country and promote freedom worldwide.

Everyone in Air Force Materiel Command plays a crucial role in preserving peace and freedom in the United States and around the world. Air Force aircraft would not fly, bombs could not be dropped and America's warfighters would not be a lethal force without you doing your part for freedom every day. I could never be more proud of the work you do and the dedication and sacrifice you offer. Thank you!

Mina and I urge each of you to take a well-deserved break and enjoy being with friends and family during the Independence Day holiday.

# A 101 Critical Days of Summer reminder

By **Col. Wes Somers**

75th Civil Engineer Group commander

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFMCNS) — I know we've heard and seen all the important safety information and statistics that have been put out for the summer season.

As we roll into the 101 Critical Days of Summer, I thought telling about an incident close to me would help answer the question: Does wearing a seat belt make a difference?

The story starts in San Antonio, March 2, 1998, around 3 p.m. The day was like any other in San Antonio — sun shining and nice temperatures.

My oldest son, Nathan, was attending the University of Texas and we were stationed at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. At about 4 p.m. my wife received a phone call from a hospital in San Antonio saying they were bringing our son in for severe head trauma resulting from a car accident.

The nurse told my wife our son was a "Code 3," the most serious, and possibly on life support. There was this helpless feeling that came over us, because we were more than 1,000 miles away and there wasn't much we could do.

However, this story had a happy ending because of a seat belt.

Nathan left Kelly AFB, Texas, after visiting a friend and headed back across town on the interstate. Now for those of you have driven in San Antonio you know how much fun this can be!

Nathan admitted he wasn't wearing his seat belt at first, but he got this feeling and put his

seat belt on when he approached major construction on I-10. I'm convinced this saved his life.

About 10 miles after getting on I-10 and about three miles from his apartment Nathan was involved in a major accident. We don't really know how the accident happened. A witness said Nathan appeared to lose consciousness just before the accident.

As Nathan was exiting the interstate, the car hit the guard rail at the end of the exit ramp, flipping it end over end into a ditch which caused it to roll over several more times, ending upside down rammed into the center support of a large drainage culvert. It took rescue workers more than 45 minutes to cut Nathan out of the car.

When the police officer arrived and saw the wreck his question was "how many fatalities do we have?" He said the fire fighters responded, "You aren't going to believe this, but the person is alive."

About eight hours later Nathan walked out of the local hospital with eight staples in his head and several stitches in his left forearm.

This story could have been a lot worse had Nathan not been wearing his seat belt.

Since then, Nathan finished college and received his commission into the Air Force and is stationed at Little Rock AFB, Ark. He is currently serving in Southwest Asia, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I'm convinced that small, thin piece of cloth that some folks refuse to wear when they get into a car saved his life. So now you be the judge. Does wearing your seat belt make a difference?



# Brooks hosts chaplain candidate for summer

By Rita Boland  
Staff Writer

This summer Brooks has a chaplain candidate helping personnel at the base chapel.

Second Lt. Bryan Cottrell arrived at Brooks in June as part of a summer program for those who want to serve their country as military chaplains. Last summer, Cottrell worked at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

"It's quite a learning process," he said.

At Barksdale, Cottrell went to the units around base and ministered to the various needs of personnel, learning what they needed from a chaplain. At Brooks, his work centers mainly around the chapel and he's learning what senior leadership needs from chaplains.

"I'll probably get two very good insights into what a chaplain should do," Cottrell said.

Becoming an Air Force chaplain is not an easy task. First, the candidate must attend seminary school in his

or her religion of choice. Then that faith or a sector of the faith must endorse the candidate to the Air Force.

"The Air Force doesn't decide if you're capable," Cottrell said. "Somebody has to tell the Air Force you're qualified."

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship endorses Cottrell.

The endorsing agency supports the candidate for a position in the Air Force Reserves first. The candidate attends Officer Training School and Chaplain Candidate School, and during summer breaks from seminary school, fulfills their reserve duties.

"I think almost all endorsing agencies want their candidates to do two years as a reserve and be a pastor at a civilian church," Cottrell said.

When the candidate serves two years in the reserves, the endorsing agency can recommend the candidate for active duty. The candidate then submits a package to an admissions board that selects candidates for the active duty slots.

"It's highly, highly competitive," said Chaplain Gary Coburn, a protestant chaplain at Brooks.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center chooses the candidate's assignments during the summer, sending out a memo to the various bases to find out where candidates are needed and wanted. Cottrell's assignment at Brooks comes at a time when the chapel is undermanned and in need of staff. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Rodger Ericson, wing chaplain, deployed overseas in June and Chaplain (Maj.) William Cannon, senior protestant chaplain, had a permanent change of station.

Until the new chaplain arrives in July, Coburn is the only full time chaplain on base.

"There are benefits to (Cottrell) being thrown right into it like this," Coburn said.



Cottrell

"It's kind of sink or swim and so far he's swimming pretty good," he said.

Cottrell agreed to spend extra time at Brooks after his official service is over to help the staff and gain more experience for his endorsing agency.

Cottrell works at a small parish near Waco, Texas, and hopes to continue his reserve service at Brooks, if possible, after seminary graduation. The chapel staff would welcome his assistance.

"He's doing a swell job," Coburn said.

Cottrell hopes people at Brooks will provide him suggestions and insights into ways he can improve.

During his mentorship, he wants to learn what people will expect from him when he becomes an active duty chaplain.

To contact Cottrell, stop by the base chapel or call 536-3824.

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## Texas' 'Turn around, don't drown' campaign warns motorists of water danger

AUSTIN — Water displaces 1,500 pounds of weight for every foot that it rises. It takes only two feet of water to float a car weighing 3,000 pounds.

"That means when there's water on the road, turn around, don't drown," said State Coordinator Jack Colley of the Division of Emergency Management.

"Drivers often underestimate the power of flood water. Saving your life is as simple as choosing an alternate route."

DEM and the National Weather Service are urging Texans to learn the dangers of driving into flooded roadways during severe weather events. The aim is to stop the Texas death toll, which averages 15 flood victims per year.

From 1988 through 2000, a total of 195 Texans drowned in floods. The vast majority of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers had backed up instead of driving into flooded streets, roads or underpasses.

"Never drive around a flood barrier on a highway," Colley said.

Nine Texans drowned during the July floods of 2002 and 31 died in the October flood of 1998. About 80 percent of these deaths were caused by driving or walking into water and about 20 percent occurred because children or young adults were playing or walking along the banks of flooded creeks and streams, according to the National Weather Service.



## BHF awards five students college scholarships

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Five college-bound students, including three who serve at Brooks as student aides, were awarded Brooks Heritage Foundation scholarships during the organization's June 20 awards ceremony at the Challenger Learning Center.

For the first time since the BHF inaugurated its scholarship program in 1993, two \$1,000 "P.D. Straw Scholarships" were awarded. This prestigious top prize is named in honor of BHF founding member, retired Maj. Gen. P.D. Straw, who was killed in an aircraft accident in March 1994.

Shelia Klein, BHF executive director, said the scholarship committee received additional funding this year that enabled their organization to com-

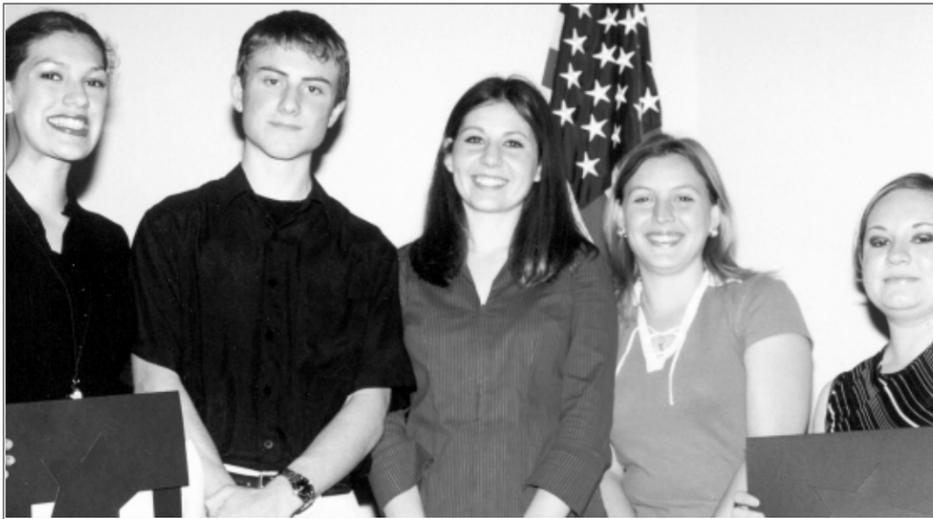


Photo by Rudy Purificato

**Brooks Heritage Foundation scholarship recipients are, from left, Heather Canales, Mahlon Long, Michelle Steck, Janet Tondre and Jessica Delgado.**

memorate the 10th anniversary of the program by providing a second Straw scholarship.

This year's P.D. Straw Scholarship recipients are Mahlon Long IV and Michelle D'Andrea Steck. Long, an 18-year-old Bethesda, Md., native, graduated this year from the Design and Technology Academy, a magnet school located at Roosevelt High School. The future computer programmer will major in computer science and business administration at Trinity Univer-

sity this fall. Steck, a 17-year-old Bryan, Texas, native, graduated this year from Reagan High School where she was president of the Student Council Senate and a member of the National Honor Society. Besides graduating with a perfect Grade Point Average, Steck also logged nearly 1,000 community service hours as an American Red Cross Youth Council, Holy Trinity Catholic Church School and San Antonio Zoo volunteer. She plans a career as a physician and will

major in biomedical science at Texas A&M University.

The 2003 recipients of \$250 Student Educational Employment Program Scholarships are Heather Canales, Jessica Delgado and Janet Tondre.

Canales, a two-time winner, works in the Air Force Institute for Operational Health's Task Response Division. A Brooks student aide since June 2000, Canales majors in computer science at St. Mary's University. She is also a Downtown Youth Center and Habitat for Humanity volunteer and a member of the Women in Science and Engineering Program.

Delgado works in AFIOH's Surveillance Division. A San Antonio native, she graduated from Southside High School in 1998. A past Brooks Civilian of the Year, this future Air Force officer is currently working to complete an Associate in Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies at Palo Alto College.

Tondre has worked for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Human Effectiveness Directorate since graduating from Highlands High School in 2000. The 21-year-old San Antonio native plans to major in communications and public affairs at the University of the Incarnate Word.



## Lending a hand pays off for spouse

By Rita Boland  
Staff Writer

Patricia Bennett, the key spouse for the 68th Information Operation Squadron on Brooks, spends most of her time helping other people.

In recognition of her effort, she received the 2002 Brooks Spouse of the Year award for the second consecutive year. Last year, she also won spouse of the year for the city of San Antonio.

"When they called my name, I just sort of sat there," Bennett said.

During her tenure as key spouse, Bennett has arranged and participated in a variety of activities, including sending out newsletters to the members of IOS with news, ideas and tips, obtaining phone card donations so deployed spouses can keep in touch, works with Booster Club fundraising and sits on the Christmas party planning committee.

Her most important role, however, is being a friend and help to the other members of the 68th IOS.

"I help out wherever I'm needed," Bennett said.

Bennett took the job as key spouse after having a bad experience when her husband was deployed while stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

"The support just wasn't what I expected from a base like that," she said. "You don't want anybody else to go through that."

Bennett serves as the point of contact for the "While You're Away" program which provides needed services to the families of deployed IOS mem-



Bennett

bers. She calls to check up on the families and ask if they need anything. If the family needs anything, like a mowed lawn, she contacts the right people to do the job.

"I keep a list of who's deployed," Bennett said.

At the newcomer's orientation to the 68th IOS, Bennett introduces herself, explains her role and gives out her home, office and cell phone numbers, encouraging anyone with questions or concerns to give her a call.

"We've got a lot of airmen who have new, young wives," she explained. "I can help them get the knowledge they need."

In addition to her work at IOS, Bennett also volunteers at her children's school and takes her four boys on other volunteer projects, including Fisher House.

"It exposes them to kids who have cancer..." she said.

Bennett continued on explaining that many of the pediatric patients at Fisher House don't get to interact with many children and her boys give them that opportunity.

## 68th IOS donates bikes to help students

By Rita Boland  
Staff Writer

Students at Royalgate Elementary School will have a better summer this year thanks to the generosity and efforts of the 68th Information Operations Squadron at Brooks.

The 68th IOS donated 10 bikes to the school for its STAR program which recognizes students from each grade who display good conduct and who help other students.

Patricia Bennett, the key spouse for the squadron, spearheaded the donation campaign at her children's school, asking members of the IOS to donate money or bicycles.

"We needed to get bikes for the program," Bennett said. "We got a very good response."

Bennett and her husband donated three bikes out of their own pocket. The school handed out the bicycles at a reception attended by 153 students.

"The kids know all year long at the end of the year we're going to give away bikes," said Brenda Kelley, the school counselor at Royalgate.

"It's a big thing to be a STAR student," she said.

In addition to the bicycles, Bennett purchased items like CD players, AM/FM radios and board games to give to the students at the reception.

"Almost every student went home with something," Bennett said.

The 68th IOS had a reception of their own to thank the members of the squadron who donated to the cause.



Courtesy photo

Children ride two of the 10 bikes that were donated by the 68th Information Operations Squadron to the Students That Are Really Special, STAR, program at Royalgate Elementary School. Seventeen bikes were given away this year, and ten of those were provided by the 68th IOS. A donation drive was headed by 68th IOS Key Spouse Patricia Bennett.

“We needed to get bikes for the program. We got a very good response.”

Patricia Bennett  
68th IOS Key Spouse

If there's water on the road,

**“Turn Around, Don't Drown”**

Texas Department of Public Safety



## July promotions

The following Brooks personnel have been selected for promotion to the next highest grade. The list is broken down by organization. Congratulations.

### To Major:

#### 311th Human Systems Wing

Agustin Farias

#### 311th Medical Squadron

Jason Hayes

### To Master Sgt.:

#### Air Force Institute for Occupational Health

Miranda Hill

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Robert Frank

#### 311th Human Systems Wing

Anthony Davis

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Todd Kalk

#### 311th Mission Support Group

Sharon Portell

Michael Hackley

#### U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine

Melissa Gillette

Dorothy Hare

Keith Morgan

Jon Seaton

#### 68th Information Operations Squadron

Ann Schulhofer

### To Technical Sgt.:

#### 68th IOS

Juan Arispe

Christopher Bain

Janet Simpson

### AFIOH

Linda Kuhlman

Rosemary Roe

James Thompson

### AFMOA

Davita Hodge

Sherry Crandell

#### Air Force Outreach Program Office

Earl Morgan

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Warren Bengé

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### 311th YA

George Clark

### 311th MSG

Carl Lewis

Jose Murillofiero

### 311th MDS

Christopher Burnett

David Helgoe

Tracy Washington

Yvette Yliniemi

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Frank McBride

William McHale

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Shawn Bendixson

Heidi Carr

Richard Charles

Elizabeth Dahlquist

Mark DeCorte

Jason Giles

Eric McQuiston



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez Jr.

### A dining out salute

Col. Tom Travis, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, left, leads a salute to guest speaker, Air Education and Training Command Vice Commander Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr. during the 311th HSW Dining Out June 27 at the Brooks Club. Joining Travis are Capt. Shane Louis, center, and 2nd Lt. Alexander Pierce. The customary salute led up to one of many traditions practiced during a military dining out. The events have long provided an opportunity for Air Force members to meet socially at a formal military function. The functions help build and maintain morale and esprit de corps within a unit, but are also often used to celebrate a particular event, as well as to welcome an individual or say farewell. The tradition of a formal dining in or out dates back to World War II.



# ACTION LINE

536-2222



**Col. Tom Travis**  
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.**

Only items of general interest will be published, so please leave your name and number for a personal response.

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Safety.....	536-2111
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Housing Office.....	536-1840
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BXMarket.....	533-9079
Brooks Development Office.....	536-3372
Brooks City-Base Marketing and Development Office.....	536-5366



## Brooks Family Support Center activities

Call 536-2444 for information

### Moving with children

**July 10, 9 -10:30 a.m., Bldg. 537—**

Your move can be a good one for the whole family. Children of different ages have varied reactions to moves. Learn how to get them involved and what to say to them.

### Sponsor training

**July 10, 9 -10:30 a.m., Bldg. 537—**

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3011, sponsor training is mandatory for all first-time sponsors and those who have not sponsored within the past year. Others are welcome to attend to learn about tools and resources available for sponsors.

### Resume workshop

**July 24, 10- 11:30 a.m., Bldg 538—**

Learn the do's and don'ts of resume development, different styles and how to write

and use them effectively to open career opportunities.

### VA benefits assistance hours

**Wed., alternate Fri., 9-1 p.m., Bldg. 537—**

Schedule an appointment to visit with a VA representative on site. Receive assistance filling out claims, screening medical records and one-on-one consultations. Members should bring the original and two copies of medical records.

### Consumer credit counseling

**Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Bldg. 537—**

You can get out of debt with a debt management plan. Call 536-2444 to schedule an appointment with a credit counselor.

### Transition assistance

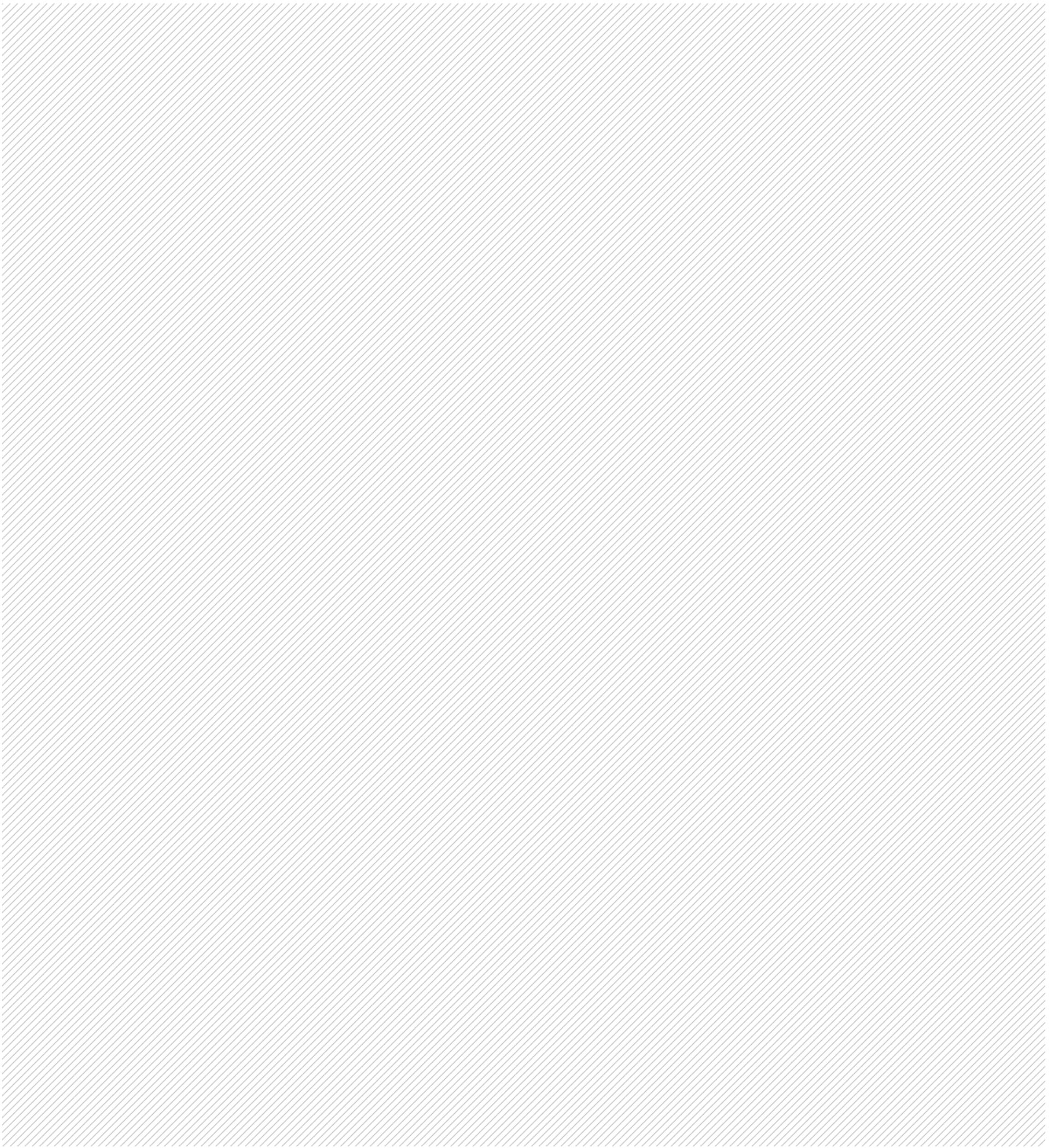
**Aug. 19-21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Bldg. 537—**

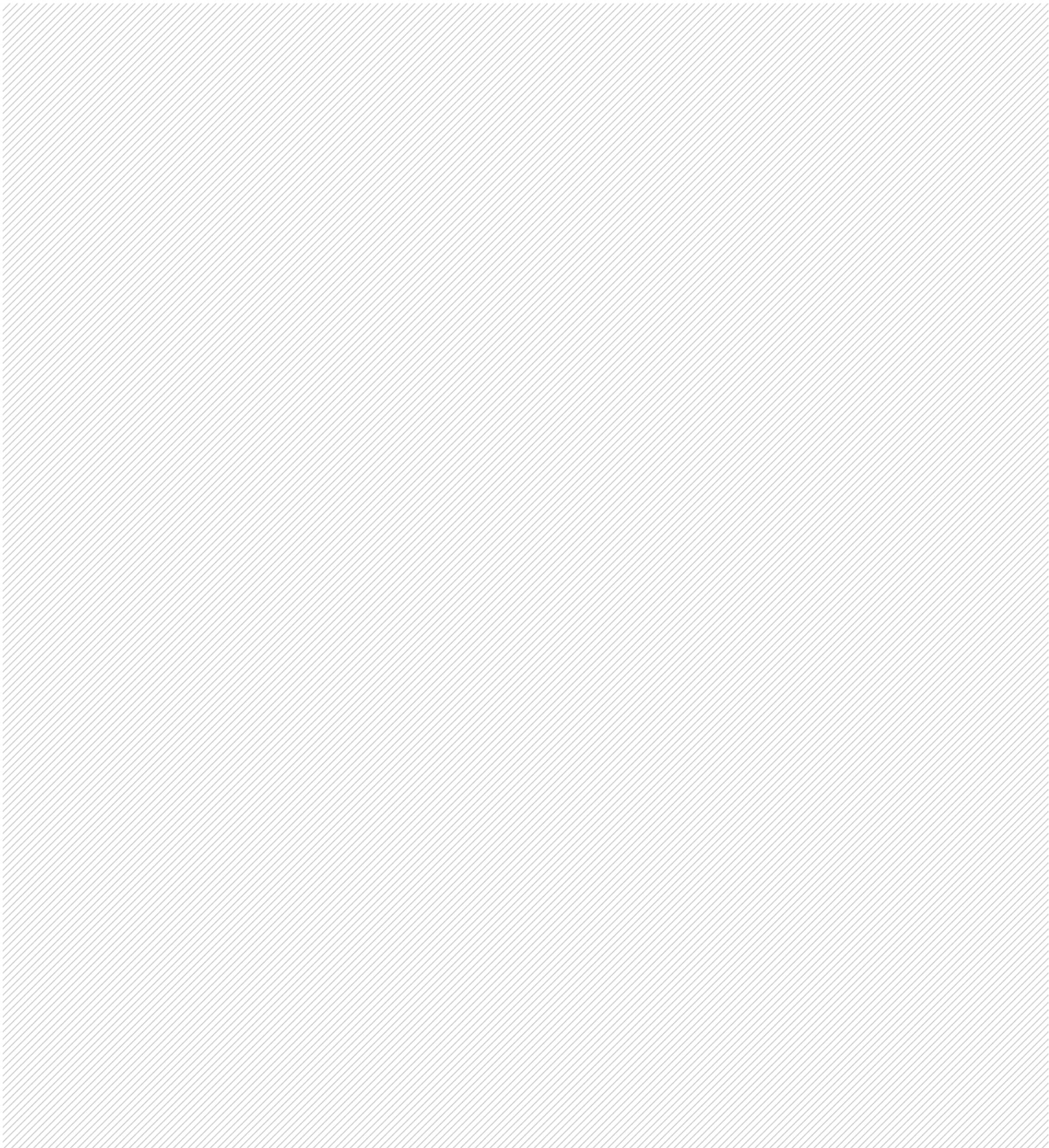
Making the transition from military to civilian can be a big undertaking. This seminar allows us to better serve separating and retiring members and their spouses. Topics include job search preparation, resume writing, interviewing skills and appropriate dress, veteran's benefits, and more. Members should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

### Common sense parenting

**Aug. 12, 11a.m.- 1 p.m., Tues., Bldg. 618—**

This class, hosted by the Life Skills and Family Support Centers, is a six-week program designed to teach parenting skills that encourage positive behavior and teach alternatives to problem behavior. Topics include setting expectations, consequences, teaching self-control, prevention and correction and helping children make decisions. Call 536-5301 to register for the class.







## Stars, stripes and safety for July fourth

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public to celebrate the Stars and Stripes this holiday weekend with an added sense of safety on the roadways.

"The Fourth of July finds many of us traveling on Texas roadways," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr.

"With many opportunities for people to drive carelessly, Texans must share the responsibility of keeping roadways safe this holiday," he added.

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE, Combined Accident Reduction Effort, a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods.

All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

The DPS also is supporting a nationwide crackdown on drunk drivers dur-

ing the Fourth of July holiday — the "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" campaign.

"The summer months are generally when we see the most alcohol-related fatalities in the state," said Davis. "A number of crashes can be avoided by using common sense and practicing safe driving."

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers during the extended holiday weekend:

- \* Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.

- \* Have everyone in the vehicle buckle his or her seat belt. Remember, "Click It or Ticket."

- \* For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is roadworthy.

- \* Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.

- \* Save phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.

- \* Be polite and courteous while driving — don't practice road rage.

The holiday weekend also falls during the U.S. Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer, a period when motor vehicle accidents account for the majority of fatalities of Air Force personnel.

### Fourth of July Activities

San Antonians can celebrate the independence of the United States and the defenders of America's freedom in a variety of ways and locations this Fourth of July.

The city, local theme parks and military installations all have something to offer.

#### City of San Antonio

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. Families who would like to participate in the Fourth of July parade should gather at the intersection of Alexander and Cincinnati avenues at 10 a.m.

Participants can win awards for best costume, most patriotic, best group and best bike.

11:15 a.m.: Parade begins

Noon: Opening ceremonies at Woodlawn Lake Park.

Throughout the day: Entertainment, food, arts and crafts booths.

10 p.m.: Fireworks

#### Lackland Air Force Base

Festivities are open to the public. Admission is free with a \$12 charge for concert tickets. Enter through the Gateway East Gate.

8 a.m.-3p.m.: Classic Car Show

5 p.m.: Concert featuring Cody Widner, Jay Eric, Jody Jenkins and Rick Trevino.

11 p.m.: Fireworks

Lackland also has festivities July 3 and 5. For more information and concert line-ups visit [www.lackland.af.mil](http://www.lackland.af.mil) or call 671-3906/3920.

#### Randolph Air Force Base

Festivities are open to the public. Enter through the west or south gates.

5 p.m.: Gates Open

5-8:30 p.m.: Children's Crafts

6-7:30 p.m.: Planet Soul Band

8-10 p.m.: Two Tons of Steel Band

10 p.m.: Fireworks

#### Fiesta Texas

Price of admission covers all events  
3 p.m.: World War II aircraft fly over the park.

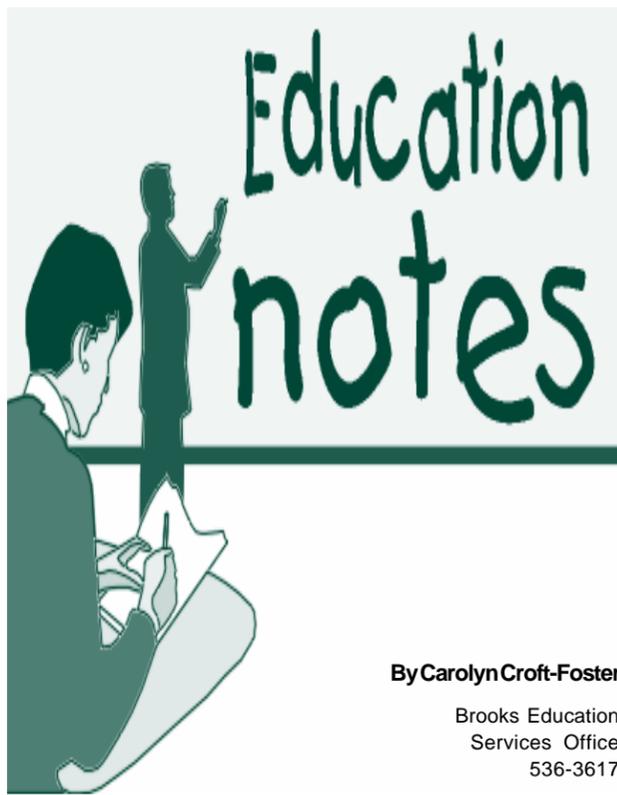
7:30 p.m.: 323rd Fort Sam Houston Army Band performs at Lonestar Lil's.

9 p.m.: Fireworks

The same schedule will be followed on the fifth, with modern day jets and the 49th Armored Division Band

#### Seaworld of Texas

A fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. will cap off the theme park activities.



By Carolyn Croft-Foster

Brooks Education  
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### **AWC Nonresident Seminar**

Recruiting for the 2004 academic year for the Air War College Nonresident Seminar Program is underway. Seminar meetings are held weekly starting in August and run until mid-June 2004. The AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel-selectees, or their equivalents, of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian employees, GS/GM-13 or above. At least eight people are required to form a seminar. Students with term credit from other editions may also enroll

and should check with an AWC faculty advisor for details.

For those students who cannot take advantage of the seminar program, the correspondence program is also available for immediate enrollment. Correspondence students have six months to complete each term in the three-term core program with the required elective completed sometime during this 18-month period.

Applications are available at: [www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm](http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm). Bring completed applications to Education Services, in Bldg. 558 or call 536-3618 for more information.

### **ACSC Nonresident Seminar**

The Education and Training Center is seeking eligible major, major-selectees, GS-11s and above for the ACSC Nonresident Seminar Program. Nonresident seminars meet each week for 11 months from August 2003 until June 2004. The course grants Phase 1 Joint PME credit, Intermediate Service School credit, up to 27 semester hours of graduate course work, and reserve points as determined by AFPC. Seminars need eight enrollments per site. To register, visit Education Services to complete an ACSC application, or call 536-3618 for more information.

### **Fall On-Base classes**

Registration is underway for Fall 2003 classes with Palo Alto College. On-Base classes will include History, Philosophy, Speech, Accounting, Supervision, Management, and Logistics. The State required placement exam will be offered on July 8, Aug. 5 and Aug. 19. For more information or to schedule an appointment with the Alamo Community College District representative, please call 536-3617.

### **Evening testing available**

Military members can take CLEP and DSST exams Wednesday evenings at the Brooks Education Services Office. Seating is limited. Call 536-3617 to reserve a seat.

### **Six CLEP exams retired**

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

### **Virtual Education Center**

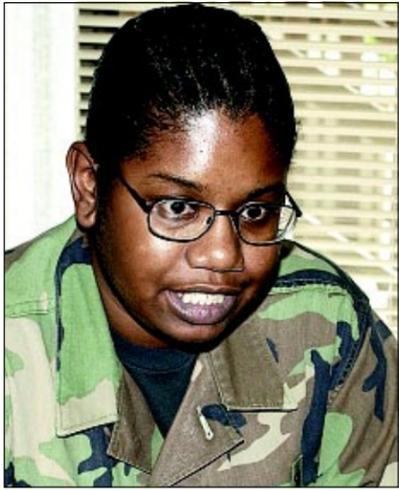
The Air Force Virtual Education Center is online. Servicemembers can view information about Air Force Education Centers and the Community College of the Air Force. CCAF students can also order CCAF transcripts from the site. To access the AFVEC go to the following Web site and establish an account at: <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>. Call the Brooks Education Center at 536-3617 for details.

### **Discover on-line**

The Discover Program is a career exploration program for individuals searching for a new career. This program is available for use by military members, civilians, and family members. For additional information, call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment to review the Web site and get started.



# Feature



Chambers

## Brooks Personality PROFILE

By Rita Boland  
Staff Writer

Three words describe Tech. Sgt. Nechele Chambers: dedication, determination, responsibility.

Chambers, whose easy laugh and warm workplace relationships belie her ultimately caring and jovial nature, takes her duties and

mined to do something meaningful with her life.

"I needed to find something (my mom) would approve of," Chambers said.

She found that, sort of, in the Air Force. Getting her mom to sign the necessary papers presented Chambers with a challenge, but her mom consented and Chambers set off on her new career path.

"There were expectations to do something with my life, but whatever I chose to do...there always was the backing," she said.

Chambers chose the Air Force after speaking with recruiters from all four branches of the military, but she said choosing to cross into the blue was an easy decision.

"The Marine Corps was automatically out," she said. "That's a little too hard for me...The Navy, just the thought of being stuck on a boat...The Army just did not appeal to me."

Once Chambers graduated boot camp, she went to work as a medical administrator at Wilford Hall Medical Center in Out-

tenure here than just coming to work, doing her job and going home.

"I decided to get involved with the noncommissioned officers council," she said.

Her involvement began when some friends convinced her to attend last year's combat Dining-In, her first at Brooks, though she's attended the functions at other duty stations.

"I can't believe I forgot my water gun," Chambers said, laughing. "But that's OK."

Since that night, she has participated in a variety of activities from charity work to social events.

"You get the opportunity to meet more people," Chambers said.

Joining the NCOC seems like a natural fit for Chambers, who knows the importance of good NCOs and dedicated leadership.

"I've also been fortunate to have NCOs who have taken me under their wing," she said.

She credits two of her leaders, in particular, with fostering her dedication and responsibility to her airmen and her work. One helped her transition from an airman to an NCO and the other guided her as a staff sergeant.

"If it weren't for these two NCOs I wouldn't be where I am now," Chambers said.

Chambers takes pride in her determination to give 110-115 percent in everything she does and in successfully completing all her duties.

"Between my upbringing, the leadership that I had coming through the ranks, it was just pretty much instilled in me," she said.

Chambers just completed her last class to fulfill the requirements for her Community College of the Air Force Degree and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Emergency Management, Medical Administration and an associate's in Emergency Medical Medicine.

She, her mother and grandmother are very close, they talk on an almost daily basis, and she plans to settle in Las Vegas when she retires from the Air Force to be close to her family. Chambers also knows that her background in Emergency Management and as an Emergency Medical Technician will help her get a job in Vegas.

"It's a town where, once I retire from the military, the job opportunities will be there," she said.

Though Chambers ponders retirement, she focuses on earning her university degree and certification as a Federal Emergency Management Association's Emergency Manager Certification.

"I have a goal that's achievable," she said.

Chambers wants to finish her education before she retires from the military, but doesn't want to spread herself too thin by planning for advanced degrees.

"I don't want to overwhelm myself," she said.

Instead, she's determined to dedicate herself to her personal and professional responsibilities.

"I try to do the best in everything I do," Chambers said.

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## Q&A

**FULL NAME:**

Tech. Sgt. Nechele Chambers

**DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:**

NCOIC, Special Program/ Development Center for Operational Medicine (DCOM)

**WHAT IS MY JOB?:**

Plan, develop, execute and evaluate integrated military and civilian disaster plans and exercises by coordinating with local emergency managers and city officials. Consults sister services with planning and executing emergency management scenarios.

**BIRTHDAY:**

April 27, 1969

**HOMETOWN:**

Las Vegas, Nevada

**FAMILY STATUS:**

Single

**MOTTO:**

"If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain." — Maya Angelou

**INSPIRATIONS:**

My mom and grandmother

**HOBBIES:**

Reading, going to sporting events, listening to music

**FAVORITE MUSIC:**

All kinds

**PET PEEVE:**

People who don't give 100 percent

**BOOK(S) AT BEDSIDE:**

EMT-Intermediate Textbook, second edition (Emergency Medical Technician)

**I JOINED THE MILITARY BECAUSE:**

I would get money for college, a steady paycheck and could travel the world at the same time.

**FIVE-YEAR GOAL:**

To earn a bachelor's degree in medical administration and emergency management, Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Manager Certification and an associate's degree in emergency medical services.

**ULTIMATE GOAL:**

Retire and become one of those old ladies at the casino playing the nickel slot machines because they can and don't have a care in the world and then win the jackpot.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez Jr.

# Three qualities drive NCO through life

leadership roles very seriously.

"I'm a firm believer if you tell someone what you want them to do, you have to do it yourself," she said.

Chambers entered the Air Force at 17, after her dream of attending the University of Southern California fell through because of lack of scholarship money. Though she knew her single mother could scrape up the money for tuition, Chambers decided against that option.

"I did not think that (mom paying) was fair, that that was right," Chambers said.

She turned down scholarships to other universities, but was deter-

mined to do something meaningful with her life.

"You get lost in the crowd," she said. "At the time I had no stripes."

Chambers didn't enjoy the large size and relative anonymity associated with Wilford Hall. She prefers small bases where troops have the opportunity to build camaraderie. When Chambers arrived at Brooks, she found exactly what she wanted.

"I really enjoy it here at Brooks," she said. "It's a great base. We have great leadership."

Chambers, who serves in a special duty assignment on base, decided to get more involved with the Brooks community during her



Dancers from local Hawaiian dance troupe "Hula Halau Ohana Elikapeka" perform during FamFest.

# FamFest 2003

## People enjoy day of food, fun, entertainment

Rita Boland  
Staff Writer

The 311th Mission Support Group's Services Division hosted 2003 FamFest June 20 at the Brooks base pavilions.

The festival included 18 food and drink booths, arts and crafts booths, a petting zoo, pony rides, vintage car show, entertainment and prizes.

"We had a lot of dona-

tions," said Vida Marsh, FamFest coordinator.

Prizes included a DVD player, a Sony camcorder, waterskis, gift certificates and a one-night stay at the Emily Morgan Hotel in downtown San Antonio.

Team Integrated donated money for the pony rides and petting zoo, an addition new to the base picnic this year.

"I just called and 'boom' they wrote me a check to help sponsor (the event),"



Volunteers serve up refreshing snow cones.



Car enthusiasts young and old check out one of the many vintage cars on display.



Two youngsters are in good company with the San Antonio Spurs "Coyote" and the Air Force Materiel Command Mascot "Sandy the Dog."

Marsh said. "They were fantastic."

Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Eisenhower Bank and the Military Service Organization also sponsored the picnic.

New this year was the variety of entertainment. In addition to the disc jockey, Good Times Band and Second Nature played. Hawaiian dancers performed for the crowd and encouraged audience participation. Later in the afternoon, participants enjoyed a magic show.

The base clinic won first place in the booth decorating contest, designing a booth with a Louisiana bayou theme for their sausage sales.

"It's cool," said Tech. Sgt. Lori Elkins about the victory. "They worked hard on it."

The African American Cultural Society sold turkey legs, one of the most popular

items of the day. All the money earned by the sales go toward their scholarship fund. Strawberry shortcake and caricatures also went over well with the crowd, but the booth that received the most free advertising was the bottled water booth as festival officials reminded the crowd to stay hydrated.

"Hot, hot, hot," said Liz Martinez, a civil servant at Brooks, describing the weather.

Some organizations tried to use the heat to their advantage.

"Dessert's right here, get cold ice cream while you're hot," shouted Cal Williams and Mel Waldgeir, who manned the 311th Human Systems Wing ice cream booth.

The heat didn't deter the crowd, though, and personnel from around base enjoyed the festivities.

The FamFest atmosphere improved base morale and gave warfighter supporters a bit of relief from accelerated mission tempo.

"I think it's more to get everybody out and be able to relax," said Maj. Alden Hilton. "This is perfect. We need to do more of this."

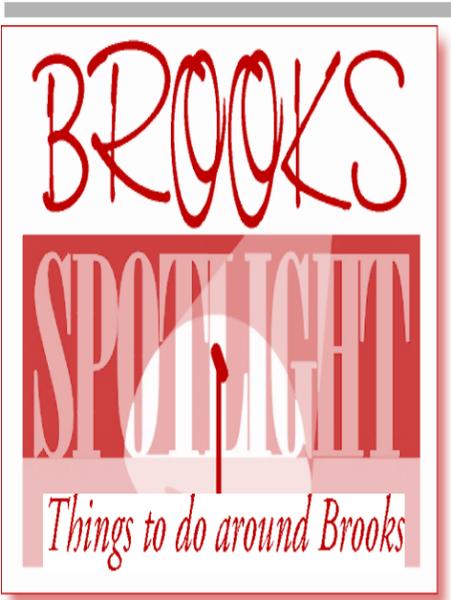
With the money raised from donations, Services presented a check for \$250 to the Carver Academy during the FamFest.

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Photos by  
Senior Airman Brandy Bogart  
Airman 1st Class Samantha Shieh



A petting zoo proved to be a popular addition to this year's FamFest.



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### Outdoor Recreation

**Bldg. 1154, 536-2881**

Travel Texas with us. Sign up now for a Labor Day weekend trip to the Dallas area. There's something for everyone in your group. A bus is scheduled to depart Brooks Aug. 30 at 9 a.m., arriving at the Knights Inn in Arlington at 1:30 p.m. Guests will register and have free time until 4 p.m. when the bus again departs for the Medieval Times in Dallas for dinner from 7-9 p.m. During each live performance at Medieval Times, guests of the castle enjoy an authentic medieval feast while knights on horseback battle to the death. Medieval Times is an adventure unlike anything you have

ever experienced before. The bus will return guests to the Knights Inn. August 31 is a day of fun at Six Flags over Texas where guests can enjoy thrilling rides and shows. The bus will leave the Knights Inn at 9 a.m. for Six Flags and leave the theme park at 5 p.m. for the return trip to San Antonio, arriving around 9:30 p.m. The trip is \$125 per person, all inclusive. Make your reservations early and don't miss out on an affordable fun-filled weekend.

Are you planning an organizational party, unit gathering, family reunion, birthday party or a large gathering of friends? Host your event at one of the four pavilions at Brooks. Prices range from \$25-\$45. Call 536-2881 for specific details on fees and location.

Clean up clutter around the home or office. Rent an indoor storage unit and clear up the clutter. Forty-eight units are conveniently located on the flight line across from Outdoor Recreation. A 6' x 12' unit rents for \$35 per month and a 12' x 12' unit rents for \$60 per month. Call for more information.

Outdoor Recreation rents equipment for fun summer activities. Rent a bicycle and enjoy the local area, or rent camping equipment and spend the night under the stars. Stop by and check out the items available for rent.

### Premiere Designs

**Bldg. 705, 536-2120**

Premiere Designs has new operating hours. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We do laser engraving for 5 cents per letter. We can also laser engrave logos for you. Camera-ready logos are \$2.50

each and an additional charge for creating or changing existing logos.

### Fitness Center

**Bldg. 940, 536-2188**

Wanted — men and women for the 2003 Fitness Racquetball Tournament. Play is scheduled to start July 14. Sign-up at the Health and Fitness Center by July 9. Call the Fitness Center staff at 536-2188 for more details.

The Commanders' Fitness Program is proving to be a tremendous success. Military and civilian members of the Brooks community are encouraged to meet the commanders at the Fitness Center every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. for a walk/run. Participants receive a Commanders' Fitness Club T-shirt after participating four times. Additional prizes will be offered for other sessions. Sign-up at the center or get more information from the staff.

It's time for our Aerobathon. This year's event is scheduled for July 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Participants who complete the Aerobathon receive a T-shirt. Sign up for kick boxing, step aerobics and yoga in the lobby.

### Honor Guard

**Bldg. 1154, 536-2635**

The Brooks Honor Guard is looking for highly motivated men and women to join the team. The Honor Guard provides support to many programs, both on and off base, and participates in funeral services in the local and surrounding area. Contact Staff Sgt. Melissa Gonzales for more information. Become part of an elite group.

### Golf Course

**Bldg. 821, 536-2636**

Stop by the Pro Shop and pick up a Frequent Rider Card. Rent a cart and play 18 holes of golf 12 times and the 13th ride is free.

Pitch & Putt Tournaments can be scheduled following regular tournaments. Contact Rudy Gonzalez at 536-2636 to arrange a tournament.

### Base Library

**Bldg. 705, 536-2634**

Driving to your favorite vacation spot this summer? The Base Library offers books on CD and audiocassette to keep you and your family entertained. Stop by and check out the extensive list of popular titles.

### Youth Center

**Bldg. 470, 536-2515**

Knowing how to swim may some day save a child's life. The Youth Center's "Learn-to-Swim" program runs through Aug. 14. Classes are \$18 per two-week session. Register for beginning classes by calling or stopping by the center.

### Swimming Pool

**Bldg. 710, 536-3744**

The swimming pool is open. Purchase a season pass and visit any day of the week. The pool is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. for adult lap swim, and 1-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday for open swim. Weekend hours are 1-6 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Pool parties can be scheduled for \$30 per hour through the head lifeguard.



## NEWS briefs

### Enlisted Combat Dining-In

Brooks Enlisted Combat Dining In is scheduled for July 18 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the pavilion in the Brooks picnic area. Tickets are \$6 for E-4 and below and \$8 for E-5 and above. Tickets may be purchased through unit representatives. Contact Airman First Class Crystal Ray at 536-2191 for additional information.

### SGLI rates drop

The Department of Veteran Affairs reduced the premium rate for basic Servicemembers Group Life Insurance from 8 cents per \$1,000 of insurance per month to 6.5 cents per \$1,000 per month as of July 1. This reduction in SGLI premiums makes life insurance even more affordable for today's military servicemembers. Family SGLI rates for every age group were also reduced July 1. In addition, some age groups, such as those from age 35-39, will see rates drop substantially; those in that bracket will see a 42 percent reduction in their premiums. The VA hopes these reductions will allow more servicemembers to obtain life insurance coverage for their spouses.

Premium rates and more information about SGLI is available on the Web site at: [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov).

Questions can be directed to the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section at 536-1845 or the Casualty Office at 536-2447.

### Blood drive

The next base-wide blood drive is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m., July 22, at the Brooks Chapel. The Air Force needs O Negative blood, but all donations are appreciated.

### Altitude 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. 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 to 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. Contact Suzanne Flores at 536-6258 for details.

### Sleep subjects

The Chronobiology and Sleep Laboratory at Brooks needs volunteers for 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](http://www.ntiinc.com) and link to "studies."



Contact the Chapel staff at 536-3824 for more information on themes or participation.

### 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. Call 536-3824 for details.

### Lifebuilder's series

The Lifebuilder's Luncheon Series is held Wednesdays at noon at the Chapel Annex. Lunch is provided for a donation.

### Chapel schedule:

#### Weekdays:

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

#### Wednesdays:

noon — 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



# Four Brooks golfers qualify for AFMC tourney

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

Four Brooks golfers earned their way to the Air Force Materiel Command championships by participating in the first tournament qualifier ever held here to pick the varsity team.

Six men competed for four spots on the team during the two-day, 36-hole tournament held at the par 72 Brooks golf course June 28-29.

"I believe in qualifying for things," said Rob Collins, fitness center program director who is responsible for changing the way the Brooks varsity team is selected. In the past, some of the better intramural players were asked to join the team to represent Brooks at the command tournament.

"I asked (fitness center director) Roy Conatzer if we could have a qualifying tournament and he agreed," recalls Collins.

The top four golfers within their divisions for the tournament are Jeff Mylar, Brandon Doan, Curt Nagel and James Barfield. Mylar, assigned to the



Photo by Rudy Purificato

This Brooks qualifying tournament threesome made the varsity team that will compete at the Air Force Materiel Command tourney. They are, left to right, Curt Nagel, Jeff Mylar and James Barfield.

U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, shot an opening round one-over par 73. Doan, with the Air Force Research Laboratory, fired a two-under par 70 during the second round. Only Doan is new to the varsity team. Mylar, who was team captain last year, returns to the squad along with USAFSAM's Nagel and Barfield, who is assigned to the Brooks Clinic.

The new varsity team selection process did not apply to the only female player on the team. "We didn't ask Linda Jeffery to play in the tourney because she would have been the only woman playing," says Collins, referring to the Air Force's female version of Tiger Woods. Jeffery not only won the women's division at the AFMC tourney last year as a member of the Brooks team, but also helped the All-Armed Forces team win the military version of the Ryder Cup.

The AFMC golf tourney is scheduled for Aug. 11-16 at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. Doan and Mylar will compete in the open division, while Nagel and Barfield will compete in the over 40 division.

## Brooks qualifying tourney results:

Player	Round 1	Round 2	Final
Brandon Doan	78	70	148*
Jeff Mylar	73	79	152*
Anthony Burleson	84	81	165*
Curt Nagel	82	85	167
Todd Riche	82	85	167*
James Barfield	86	84	170

\*- players competed in open division

# Lackland wins NSA Military State tourney at Brooks

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

The defending National Softball Association World Series champion Lackland Air Force Base Warhawks showed the host Brooks varsity squad why they are champions by winning the NSA Military State Tournament held at Brooks June 28.

Lackland defeated the Randolph AFB Ramblers 14-13 in the championship game of the annual tourney that was held for the first time at Brooks.

In the preliminary round robin round, the Brooks team had come back down to earth from their previous tourney 'high' in Colorado to post a 1-3 NSA tourney record. Brooks advanced to the single-elimination round where they lost a 17-15 heartbreaker to the Fort Sam Houston Rangers.

"We were leading 15-13 to start the sixth inning when Fort Sam won the game with a walkoff grand slam," said Brooks coach Rob Collins.

The NSA tourney was the final tuneup for the Brooks squad before they compete in the Air Force Materiel Command tourney at Eglin AFB, Fla. July 11-14.

"These teams are much better and we're not at sea level," admits Collins about his club's performance against squads that are tougher competition for them than what they expect to face at the command tournament.

Lackland clobbered Brooks 29-5 during the preliminary round.

"The game was called after two and half innings," explained Collins whose



Photo by Rudy Purificato

The Brooks squad bats for the last time in their 29-5 loss against Lackland Air Force Base during the National Softball Association tournament at Brooks June 28.

squad was overwhelmed by the powerful Lackland lineup.

"We had to switch out two pitchers, but they kept on hitting the ball," he recalls.

Lackland kept on hitting throughout the tourney, crushing Fort Sam Houston 24-9 to advance to the championship game.

Brooks lost their first tourney game to Randolph AFB 20-10 and lost a nailbiter to Fort Sam 15-14 in the round robin round. Brooks won its only tourney game with a 20-10 win over the Kingsville Naval Air Station.

Collins said his players never lost confidence despite a few lopsided losses.

"We only got blown out twice. Nobody likes to lose, but the three teams that beat us are better than us. Our best bet was to beat Fort Sam and we came

close," says Collins.

The Brooks club primarily played 'small ball' against home running-slugging opponents. Collins said he re-emphasized to his players for them not to evaluate themselves by wins or losses, but by how well they played the game.

"It (tourney) was a great confidence builder for us," the Brooks coach said, knowing that the more experience his squad gets against good teams the better their chances of improving themselves.

Meanwhile, Lackland's NSA tourney victory earned them an automatic paid entry to the NSA Military World Series July 19-20 in Washington, D.C., at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

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# Registration deadlines near 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 Air Force Marathon is open to all levels of marathoners, civilians and military, from all around the world.

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.

More than 3,200 runners participated in the marathon representing nearly every state and six countries.

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.

Early registration ended June 30 and the final 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.



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