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Through the Many Facets of Aerospace Medicine

## Brooks teamwork helps revive heart attack victim

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Brooks teamwork at the fitness center track April 21 helped save the life of a man, believed to be in his 50s, who had suffered a heart attack. The victim, a civilian who did not work at Brooks, has since recovered.

Brooks workers from several organizations worked to revive the victim who initially had no pulse and was not breathing, witnesses said.

"I had just completed my last lap on the track as part of my PT (program) when I saw him (jog by) sort of wheezing. My medical training told me he had labored breathing," said Tech Sgt. Austin Peoples, Brooks Family Support Center Superintendent. Fitness center staff, who knew Sergeant Peoples was trained in cardio pulmonary resuscitation, summoned him from the locker room within minutes after the victim had collapsed on the track.

"When I got there, people were already working on him," said Sergeant Peoples, who credits several Brooks workers for helping save the man's life. "Staff Sgt. Linda Weaver, from the 311th Medical Squadron, was performing flawless ventilations. Every breath she delivered truly sustained this man's life. Lt. Julie Berdard of the Canadian Navy was performing chest compressions. Her efforts sustained the man's life," Sergeant Peoples said.

He also credited the quick actions of several others who contributed to the lifesaving effort. They include the 311th Medical Squadron's Senior Airman Dale Hodge who ran from the Health and Wellness Center to the scene to deliver an automated external defibrillator. After Staff Sgt. Dennis Davis, from the 68th Information Operations Squadron, confirmed that the victim had no pulse, the AED was used by Capt. John Black, from the Air Force Institute for Operational Health, to help the victim breathe again.

"As a former CPR instructor, I know the importance of proper ventilations and compressions while performing CPR. Oxygen must be placed into the lungs and circulated to the brain effectively for the patient to have the greatest chance of survival," Sergeant Peoples explained, adding, "Staff Sgt. Weaver was so attentive. She recognized the victim had blood pooling in his airways affecting the ventilation efforts. Based on her astute observation, critical airway-clearing procedures were implemented."

The victim was breathing on his own when the ambulance arrived, Sergeant Peoples noted. In a letter to Col. Tom Travis, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, Sergeant Peoples wrote, "Through the teamwork of these exceptional Brooks personnel, obstacles were overcome and a life was saved."

## Brooks appreciates its Airmen



By Senior Master Sgt Michael Walljasper  
311th HSW/CCEA

Approximately 200 Airmen participated in the recent Brooks' Airman Appreciation Day. The Brooks Top 3 and Noncommissioned Officer Council treated E-4s and below to a picnic at Pavilion 3, including a cook-out and numerous activities. The day was designed to show E-4s and below how much Brooks appreciates their contributions towards mission accomplishment.

"The work our E-4s and below are doing is recognized all the way up the



Photo by Tech Sgt. Anita Schroeder

## King of 'The Hill'

New security procedures could not keep this red tailed hawk from finding a home in a nearby tree on "The Hill" complex, perhaps attracted by the Air Force motto Aim High.

chain of command. Officers, senior NCOs and NCOs rely on these folks daily and they produce. We wanted to treat them to an afternoon of fun and camaraderie to show our appreciation," said Chief Master Sgt. Richard Hollins, 311th Human Systems Wing Command Chief.

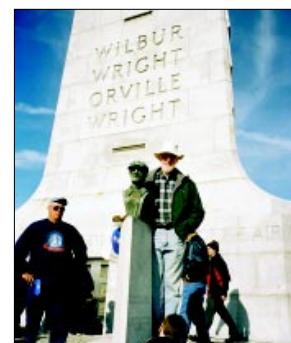
After some burgers and dogs for lunch, the Airmen competed in organized competition in softball, volleyball and basketball. The competition was keen, with a lot of spirit showing through as the victors emerged from the pack.

Col. Laura Alvarado, 311th HSW Vice Commander presented trophies to the winners to cap off the day. Winners of the 3-on-3 basketball games were Senior Airman Michael

Weems, and Airmen 1st Class Arnold Bailey, Naomi Delgado and Colby Benjamin from Air Force Research Laboratory. The volleyball winners included Senior Airmen Sean Weins, Gene'a Heise, and Moses Mendoza, and Airmen 1st Class John Caldwell and Patrick Etheridge from the 68th Information Operations Squadron. The softball winners, also from the 68th IOS, were Senior Airmen Joseph Schatz, and Andrew Harvey, Airmen 1st Class Davide Coon, Jonathon Lanning, Joseph Laughlin, and Lewis Eudy, and Airmen Nathaniel Lautier and Joseph Donahue. Also on the team were Senior Airman Mike Wilms from Air Force Institute of Operational Health and Airman Kari Gardner from the 311th Medical Squadron.

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## Secretary, Chief send Armed Forces Day message

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Since 1949, America has paid tribute to its men and women in uniform by celebrating Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May. Grateful Americans in every state will hold parades and fly Old Glory to honor those who have worn the uniform either as a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine.

It is indeed an important time to be a member of our nation's Armed Forces and especially to be an Airman. America needs your service today as much, if not more, than any other time in our country's history. America's security is a global issue as we continue the fight in the war on terrorism. Our country needs your steadfast devotion to protecting the freedoms we enjoy.

Today, we serve a grateful nation. From shore to shore, Americans are proud of your professional competence, combat capabilities and unwavering courage to defend our country. They

have seen firsthand your efforts in the mountains of Afghanistan and the skies over Iraq and your steadfastness in protecting our homeland. They have reveled with us in your triumphs and cried with us when we lose brothers and sisters in battle.

You represent the pride and patriotism of the United States. You are the standard for sacrifice, devotion and bravery. We are proud to serve with you. On this Armed Forces Day, let's remember those who came before us and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May God bless all of you and our great nation.

Dr. James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force  
Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff

## Celebrating our Uniqueness Nurses at Brooks City-Base

By Major Rebekah Friday  
311th Medical Squadron

The work of America's 2.7 million registered nurses to save lives and to maintain the health of millions of individuals is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States. "Nurses: Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life" is the theme for 2004 National Nurses Week.

"We" are the nurses of America, essential members of our nation's health care system, consumer advocates. This means that we care, and it's not 'just a job.' The nursing professional of the new millennium is well educated in anatomy, physiology, assessment, disease processes and prevention, drug therapy and alternative treatment of both adults and children. We are highly skilled, technologically savvy, prevention-focused, and we save lives.

Most nurses enter this profession for the challenges and satisfaction they anticipate — it feels great to know you've made a difference in someone's life. From helping a family welcome a new baby into their lives to supporting a family as they lose a loved one, the opportunities in nursing are boundless. Inpatient and outpatient clinical nursing, nursing education, informatics, home health care, nurse practitioners, anesthesia, and midwifery are just a few. There are more than 60 professional nursing organizations that promote excellence and offer specialty certification, including the American Nurses Association. In almost all states, nurses are required to receive annual continuing education to maintain their nursing licenses.

In addition to these civilian requirements, Air Force nurses must have at least a bachelor's degree. They are held to the stringent standards

of all officers and are integral to the success of our worldwide deployable Air Force Medical Service Expeditionary Medical Support readiness mission. Air Force nurses are doing wonderful things. There are more than 4,000 nurses serving on active duty. At Brooks City-Base, more than 30 nurses work in six different areas making very significant and unique contributions to the aerospace mission success of the 311th HSW — from flight nursing, medical readiness, and hyperbarics, to aerospace physiology research and population health.

The American Nurses Association designated May 6 through 12 as National Nurses' Appreciation Week with the theme, "Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life." It honors the nursing profession and the contributions nurses have made across the nation. It also encourages Americans to consider nursing as a profession to support the wellness of our country.

"Nursing — it's not just a job — it's our way of life!"





# Program takes aim at seat belt awareness

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) — Two Air Force Materiel Command people not wearing seat belts and perishing in recent vehicle accidents prompted AFMC officials to institute a seat belt awareness program across the command.

AFMC safety and security forces experts teamed to develop the program that started May 1. For 30 days, security forces members and other base people will check every day whether seatbelts are being used or not at key locations to establish an initial trend analysis, according to John Sheehan, AFMC ground safety chief.

After the initial 30-day period, officials will conduct weekly seatbelt checks and forward those results to the AFMC safety office monthly. Seatbelt statistics will be briefed to Gen. Gregory Martin, AFMC commander, quarterly.

"This initiative is to encourage all AFMC people to use seatbelts and save the lives of our most valuable resource — our people," General Martin said.

"One fatality is too many and our hearts go out to the families who lost loved ones," Mr. Sheehan said. But the reality is, "The Air Force, by regulation, requires people to wear seatbelts and shoulder harnesses while driving or riding in a car; and despite the

safety education, some continue to ignore that."

And ignoring the common sense, and more importantly the mandatory requirement is "unacceptable," said General Martin.

"... using seat belts is required for all personnel — military, civilian or Defense Department contractor — driving on any Air Force installation," General Martin said. "These requirements extend to military personnel operating vehicles off-base, including off-duty time. They have been written in blood over the years and we have a wealth of knowledge that they save lives."

In addition to saving lives, wearing seatbelts could keep you out of legal hot water. Command security forces members have been green lighted to record seatbelt use on citations for other violations.

For example, if a member is stopped for speeding, the security forces patrol will also record seat belt use or non use. Command security forces experts said this will help determine general seat belt usage and also highlight an additional violation if the member is non-compliant.

Additionally, security forces members will make sure signs are posted at each installation entry control point

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Gen. Gregory Martin  
AFMC commander

stating seatbelts are mandatory for all vehicle occupants.

"Wearing a seat belt is the law on military installations and in most states, and because it's the law, we're going to enforce it," said Col. Cheryl Dozier, AFMC security forces chief. "We can't afford to lose people to something so preventable. We can't control several other factors when we're on the road, but deciding to wear a seat belt is something we can control."

Mr. Sheehan said the program's goal is not to get anyone in trouble by their not using seat belts, but rather emphasize safety, especially with the 101 Critical Days of Summer right around the corner.

"We simply want everyone to be as safe as possible — to arrive safely at their destination and not become a statistic," said Mr. Sheehan.

For more information, contact the base safety office 536-1842.

## AFMC funds \$2.5 million in quality of life initiatives

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) - Twenty-one quality of life initiatives from bases across Air Force Materiel Command came to life here April 7 as command officials approved \$2.25 million to fund them.

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, approved the funding for items ranging from \$6,000 for weight room mirrors, floor pads and training posters at laboratories in Rome, N.Y. to \$284,000 for a base gym mechanical system at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He approved an additional \$300,000 for discretionary funding for AFMC's command chiefs, bringing the total funded to \$2.5 million.

The funding comes under the theme "Year of Fitness: Physical, spiritual and family" similar to the command's previous Year of the Family initiative, according to Lt. Col. William Wall, AFMC quality of life division chief. He said this is as much a readiness and retention issue as any other.

"With quality of life, you don't want to wait until things become a reten-

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# Brooks honors care providers during inaugural ceremony

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Calling them a national defense asset, Col. John Bowley, 311th Mission Support Group commander, presented certificates of appreciation to 29 Brooks care providers during a May 7 ceremony held at the Brooks Child Development Center.

The event was held in conjunction with National Provider Appreciation Day, launched in 1996 by a group of New Jersey volunteers to celebrate the contributions made by child care providers, teachers and educators. The national event is held each year on the Friday before Mother's Day.

"We've never been honored in this special way before. We really appreciate it," said Nita White, who has been the Brooks Child Development Center clerk since 1986. She credits Lt. Col. Lynn Borland, recently appointed Brooks Parent Advisory Committee chairwoman, for the idea to publicly recognize Brooks care providers. Borland, assigned to the Air Force Institute for Occupational Health, said she appreciates the CDC and Teen Youth Center staff



Photo by Senior Airman Samantha Shieh

Col. John Bowley, 311th Mission Support Group Commander, center, presented 29 certificates of appreciation to Brooks care providers.

for their efforts in taking care of military and civilian workers' children. Close to 100 children are cared for daily at three Brooks locations: the CDC, Teen Youth Center and a family child care licensed home. CDC children range in age from six months to 5 years. Teen Youth Center youngsters are 5-12 years old.

"There's no question you are a direct link to the defense of this country," said Colonel Bowley in describing their contributions to the safety and well-being of youngsters while the latters' parents help defend the nation. According to a National Child Care Association study, Brooks providers are part of an estimated 2.8 million Americans who earn money by teaching and caring for young children.

Brooks CDC director Mary Cline is the senior care giver on base, having taken care of children here since 1965. She was honored along with her colleagues: Family and Child Care coordinator Jeanie Smith, Training and Curriculum specialist Fay Stiefel, cook Josefina Chavez, Ms. White, Anu Attreya, Sandy Bender, Linda Dean, Laurenia Dillard, Christin Dunn, Maria Fuentes, Gloria Gaitan, Linda Gonzales, Patty Hanson, Trevor Harrison, Janet Henry, Irma Lopez, Irma Martinez, Joyce McCray, Sherrie Medina, Norma Monreal, Bertha Montoya, Katherine Moore, Rachel Morin, Sylvia Pena, Yolanda Phillips, Christina Traeger, Maria Trevino and Rosetta Wright.



## Brooks Legal remem-bers Law Day 2004

1st Lt. Michael Felsen

311th HSW/JA

On May 1, Law Day 2004 was celebrated in commemoration of this year's theme, "To Win Equality by Law: Brown v. Board at 50."

President George Washington wrote, "The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government." Our Judicial branch upholds the rule of law in our society and strengthens our democracy. Under the Constitution, judges are granted the solemn responsibility of providing fair and impartial resolution of criminal and civil disputes.

Each year on May 1st, Law Day provides an opportunity for everyone to reflect on our legal heritage, on the role of law, and on the rights and duties which are the foundation of peace and prosperity for all mankind.

In 1957, the American Bar Association President, Charles S. Rhyne, a Washington, D.C. attorney, first spoke of the need to celebrate our legal system. His immediate inspiration for a May 1 celebration of law was

directly related to the Cold War. For many years the American news media had given front-page headlines and pictures of the Soviet Union's May Day parade of new war weapons. He was distressed that so much attention was given to war-making rather than peace-keeping. However, the justifications for a Law Day were two-fold, one timeless and one very much a product of its times.

The timeless justification was the use of law to achieve individual and social justice. The other justification was a product of the Cold War; to contrast Democracy with Communism. This justification was a product of its time, but one that is still relevant to the new democracies that have replaced the communist regimes.

In 1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day to strengthen our heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. In 1961, May 1 was designated the official date by joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day U.S.A.

Since 1958, Law Day observances have become a major part of the American Bar Association. Every President has issued a proclamation stressing the importance of law to the

preservation of liberty and individual rights.

The concept of Law Day has also spread to other nations. The first World Law Day was celebrated in 1965. Heads of nations also have declared Law Day within their own nations, often in conjunction with the biennial conferences of the World Peace Through Law Center and its World Jurist Association.

Each year, the ABA promotes a theme that celebrates the past accomplishments of the legal community and to strive for social justice through a fair and impartial legal system. This year's theme is To Win Equality, with the legal world community focusing on the monumental case of Brown v. Board of Education.

America's circuitous march toward equality has changed our society and our institutions in ways the founders could not have imagined, profoundly reshaping the nation's attitudes and values along the way. The law has been instrumental in these changes, and has been influenced by them in turn. Through law and the courts, one group of Americans after another has redefined equality in a fiercely contested process that may never be complete.

No milestone in this equality process is more important than the Supreme Court's 1954 ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*. The culmination of a long line of court cases brought by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, *Brown* not only struck down laws segregating public schools, but also sounded the death knell for government-sanctioned segregation in general. It made all Americans more aware of our Constitution's promise of equality, and helped launch the civil rights movement.

Law Day 2004 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this historic case. By commemorating the Court's decision in *Brown*, Law Day can help illuminate the meaning of equality in our democracy and the role of law, advocates, and courts in establishing and protecting our rights.

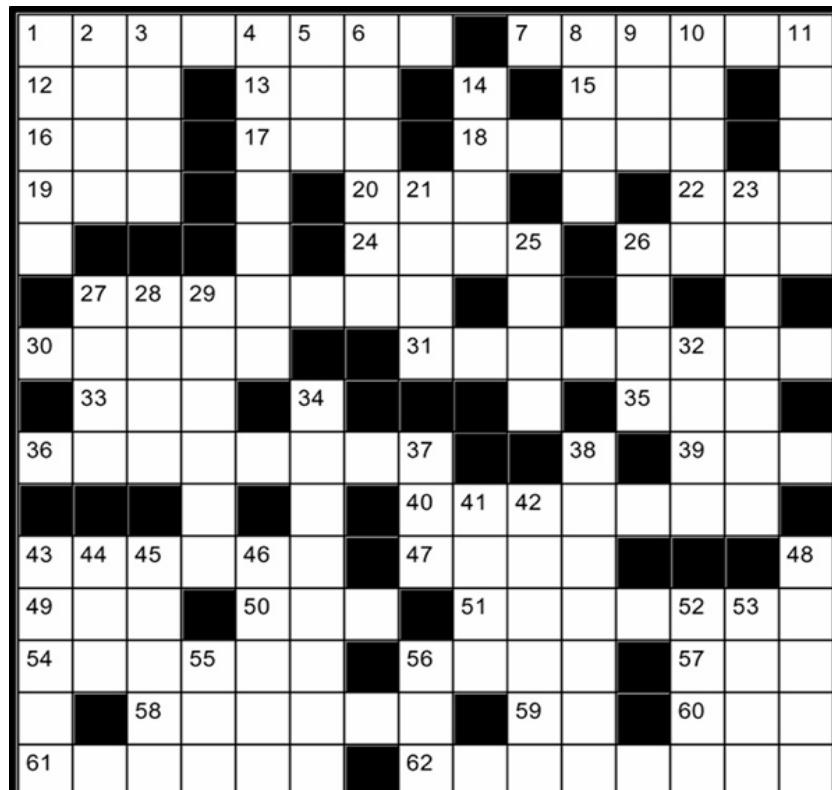
Law Day can help people understand that equality for all can be achieved through courts that are fair, impartial, and dedicated to the rule of law. Through Law Day, we can stress the importance of courts and judges free from bias and prejudice.

For more information, please visit the web at <http://www.nps.gov;brvb/home.htm>



## Police officers remembered

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs



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### ACROSS

1. USAF Sq. providing law enforcement (pt. 1)
7. 1 ACROSS (pt. 2)
12. Quid pro \_\_
13. Baseball stat
15. Architect of the glass pyramid at the Louvre
16. '70s spoon-bender Geller
17. Obese
18. Apse
19. Internet provider
20. Meaning three
22. Baseball great Ripken
24. Words stated at entrance to military service
26. Frilly fabric
27. Surrendering of a territory
30. Observe
31. Description of 43 ACROSS
33. Org. dealing with flight traffic
35. Sib
36. Belize city
39. Clear; as in money
40. Abandoned
43. Subject of this week's observance
47. Unblemished
49. Airport abbrev.
50. One who betrays
51. Mascot for 1, 43 ACROSS
54. Attack
56. Safety org.
57. Ump
58. Catch
59. Abbrev. for state home to 122nd FW
60. Behold
61. Made a living
62. Someone who had a farm?

### DOWN

1. Type of car driven by 43 ACROSS
2. European cash
3. Spring
4. Update
5. A Gershwin
6. Body art
8. Decides
9. Actor Stephen
10. Approximately
11. Black
14. Decoy
21. Bluster
23. Suspect
25. Successor
26. Tosses
27. Bistro
28. And others (two words)
29. Large shrimp
32. Ending of 31 ACROSS
34. Pleaded for reconsideration
37. Sleep
38. Spice
41. Tramps
42. Flower
43. What 43 ACROSS attempt to maintain
44. USAF commissioning source
45. Type of weapon on the ABL
46. What 43 ACROSS investigate
48. As in a direction; away
52. Major or Minor
53. Investigate; \_\_ out
55. Actress Penelope \_\_ Miller
56. Unit of resistance



# ACTION LINE

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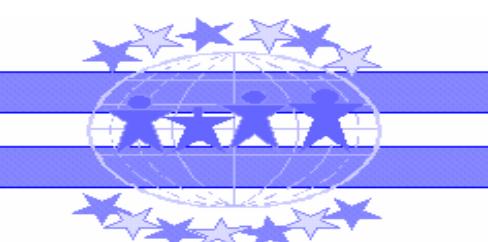
The COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE is your opportunity to make Brooks a better place to live, work and play.

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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Housing Maintenance.....	533-5900
Housing Office.....	533-5905
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Military Personnel.....	536-1845
Civilian Personnel.....	536-3353
Military Pay.....	536-5778
Civilian Pay.....	536-8370
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Brooks City-Base Marketing and Development Office.....	536-5366



## Brooks Family Support Center activities

Call 536-2444 for information

### Sponsor training

June 15, 10 - 11 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 in the past year. Others are more than welcome to attend and learn about tools and resources available for sponsors.

### Basic Investing

June 16, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Bldg. 537—

The kind of future you and your family will have depends on the decision you make today. This seminar prepares the beginning investor by concentrating on basic investment terms and the six fundamental investment principles. Make the right decision by attending this investment workshop now.

### Smooth move

June 8, 12:30 - 3:15 p.m., Bldg. 537—  
PCSing? Hear briefings from the traffic management office, 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

June 8, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Bldg. 537—  
Any move can be stressful, but an overseas move has its own set of challenges. Learn more about your overseas PCS by staying after Smooth move for this class.

### Transition assistance

June 22-24, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bldg. 537—  
Making the transition from the military to the civilian sector 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, appropriate dress, veteran's benefits and more. Members should attend at least 180 days prior to retirement or separation. Spouses are welcome to attend.

To register for class or for more information, call the Family Support Center at 536-2444 or toll free number 877-747-5938.

### VA benefits assistance

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 537—  
Schedule an appointment to receive VA assistance in filling out your claims, screen medical records or one-on-one consultations. Bring a copy of your medical records.



# BROOKS

## SPOTLIGHT

*Things to do around Brooks*

By Jan McMahon  
Brooks Services Marketing Office

### Youth Services Center

Bldg. 470, 536-2515

It's time for Summer Day Camp. Registrations will be accepted until all spaces are filled. Camp starts with a one day camp on May 28. Summer Day Camp is open Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on all federal holidays. Children, ages 5 through 12 years of age, are eligible to attend.

Summer Day Camp youth, along with Youth Center children, will par-

ticipate in the opening ceremonies of the base picnic. Make plans to be at the picnic grounds on June 11 and spend the day enjoying the wide variety of foods, beverages, games and entertainment.

Registration for swim lessons for toddlers through teens is now available. Classes will be given in two week sessions, Monday through Thursday, beginning in June. The cost will be \$18 per session. Toddlers must be out of diapers to participate.

Registrations for the Barracuda Swim Team for girls and boys, ages 7-16 are now being accepted. We are looking at being part of the Palo Alto Summer League. The cost will be \$35 for Youth Center members and \$50 for nonmembers.

### Base Library

Bldg. 705, 536-2634

Spring has sprung, Daylight-Saving Time has begun and the following new books are in full bloom at your library.

#### Books for Your Children:

- Anna the Bookbinder by Andrea Cheng, ages 5 to 9
- Tea For Me, Tea For You by Laura Rader, ages 4 to 8
- La La Rose by Satomi Ichikawa
- The Passover Seder by Emily Sper
- InkHeart by Cornelia Funke
- The Kiss That Missed by David Melling
- Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner
- Fluffy Bunny by Piers Harper

— Horse and Pony Care by Sandy Ransford

#### Books for Yourself:

- Above and Beyond by Sandra Brown
- Alma Mater by Rita Mae Brown
- Morgawer by Terry Brooks
- The Private Life of the Cat Who by Lilian Jackson Braun
- Forever by Jude Deveraux
- Home Decorating For Dummies by Katharine Kaye McMillan
- Rain by V.C. Andrews

There is always something new in the library. Whether it's the daily newspaper, the arrival of the new issue of your favorite weekly or monthly magazine or the small sample of the never ending stream of new books, hardback, paperback, compact disc or cassette, highlighted in this bulletin, the flow of information never ends. As if that were not enough, you have access to library collections worldwide through the Interlibrary Loan System. We invite those of you who have never set foot inside our facility to stop by and see for yourself. As John Belushi said in the movie, Animal House, "It don't cost nothing."

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### Health & Fitness Center

Bldg. 940, 536-2188

It's time to get out the swim suits, sun tan lotion and sunglasses. The

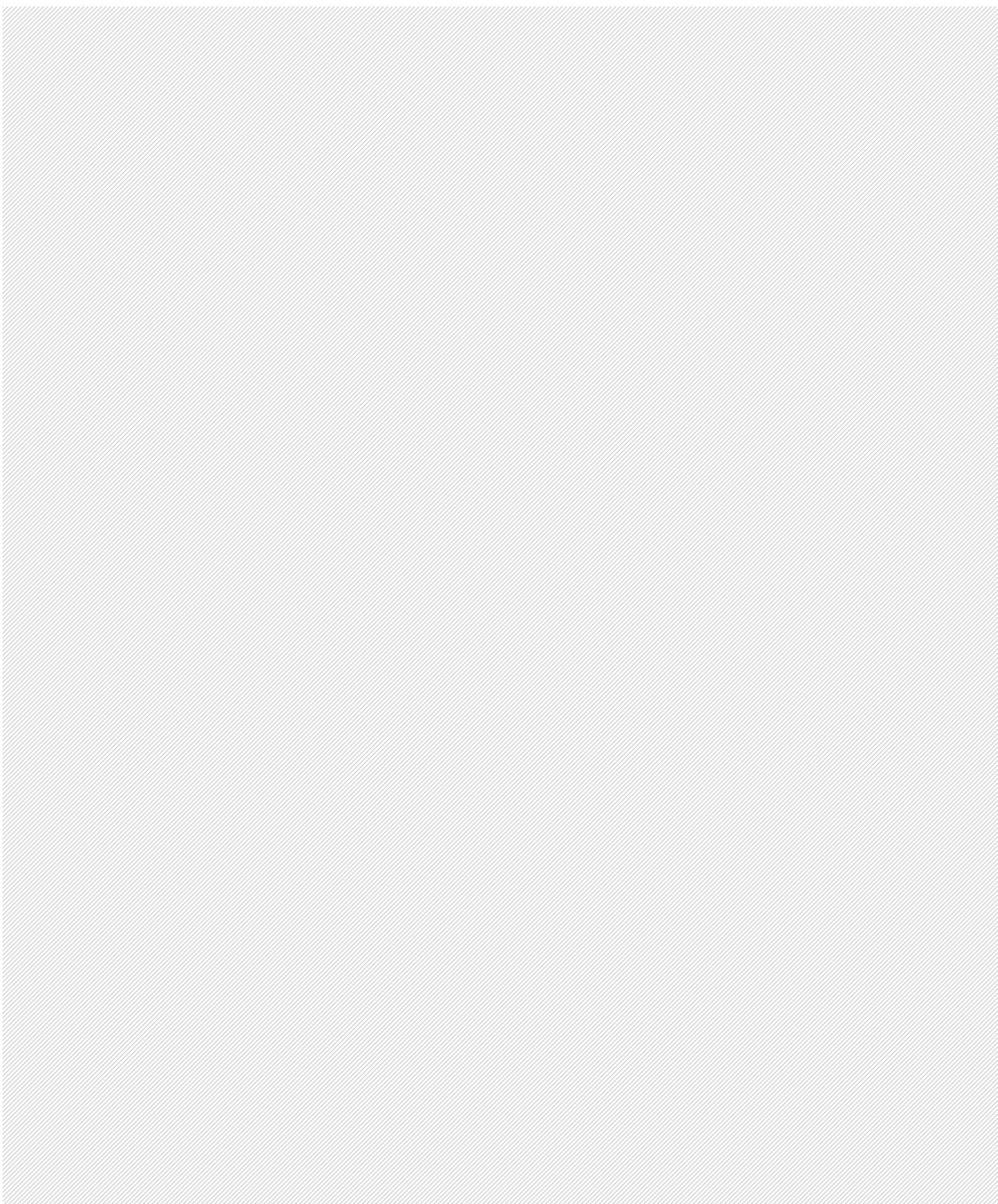
Brooks City-Base Swimming Pool opens for the season on May 29. Season passes are \$10 per pass and the daily user fee is \$1.50 per person. Passes may be purchased from the Health and Fitness Center starting May 17. Once the pool opens they can be purchased at the pool. Pool parties can be scheduled through the head life guard. Hours of operation will be:

- Sunrise Swim-Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays — 6:15-7:15 a.m.
- Adult Swim-Mondays-Fridays — 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Open Swim-Mondays-Fridays — 1-7 p.m.
- Open Swim-Saturdays-Sundays 1-6 p.m.

Swim lessons for toddlers through teens can be scheduled at the Youth Services Center. To register or for more information contact the center staff at 536-2515 or stop by Bldg. 470.

"2004 Bringing Families and Community Together" – Annual Base Picnic/Summer Bash features food, beverages and games including dart games, a dunking booth, football toss, face painting, the gold fish game, a moonwalk, water maze/obstacle course, assorted children's games plus petting zoo, pony rides, buffalo soldiers mini museum and campsite, magician, clowns and antique car display.

Entertainment includes the Goodtimes Band, Tops In Blue, Blues Crafters Band, DJ- Marvin Lee, Hula Hulau Ohana Elikapeka .plus more!





## NEWS briefs

### Dental screenings available

The Pediatric Dental Department at Lackland Air Force Base is providing drop-in dental screenings for all eligible military medical beneficiaries. One morning each month pediatric dentists will see children 14 years of age or younger at the Sky Lark Community Center, Bldg. 6576. Screenings will be done from 8-11 a.m. in the Longhorn Room on the first floor. No appointment is necessary.

Children will receive a dental screening exam, an opinion about your child's dental condition and appropriate treatment recommendations or alternatives.

Parents should bring a copy of their child's treatment plan, or referral letter from their private dentist.

The next drop-in screening clinic will be June 9. Contact Col. Jeff Mabry at 671-3327, or Staff Sgt. Shannon Hale at 671-4072, for more information.

### FDIC alert

The FDIC has issued a Special Alert regarding complaints from consumers that have received emails appearing to have been sent by the FDIC. The emails indicate that the FDIC has collaborated with credit card providers to provide a new service for those who wish to secure their credit cards

against fraud and to be part of a secure online transaction network. The e-mail claims that, by accessing the embedded link, the recipient can get a free trial membership that provides coupons for discounts at some of the more popular online retail outlets.

### Golf tournament

Reserve your place now for the 2004 Brooks Fiesta Golf Tournament, June 4, at the Brooks Golf Course. Show time is 11 a.m., with the tournament starting at 11:30 a.m. Cost to enter is \$25 per person, which includes, green fee, cart, and hot dog lunch. Participants can purchase mulligans the day of the tournament. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams. To register, call Ed Shannon at 536-5140.

### Harley giveaway

In order to give military personnel being deployed overseas a fair opportunity to participate in the "Great Harley Giveaway," KZEP 104-5 has amended its contest rules.

KZEP's "Great Harley Giveaway" runs May 3- 28, with the final concert giveaway at Verizon Wireless Amphitheater on Thursday, June 10 between 5-8 p.m.

Historically, contestants have been required to be present at the final

drawing in order to be eligible to win the Harley. For this giveaway, however, KZEP has amended this rule for military personnel deployed prior to the June 10 final drawing event. These contestants will have the right to designate a Power of Attorney to stand in for them at the event.

"We want everyone in the military to be able to participate in this contest and have the same opportunity to win as those here on the home front," said KZEP general manager Jay Levine. "A 2004 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy could be waiting for one of these heroes when they return safely home."

Complete contest rules, including the addition of this military exception, are available at the station's website [www.kzep.com](http://www.kzep.com).

### Clinic hours

The Brooks clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily to better accommodate patients. Call 536-1847 for an appointment or 536-2087 for more information.

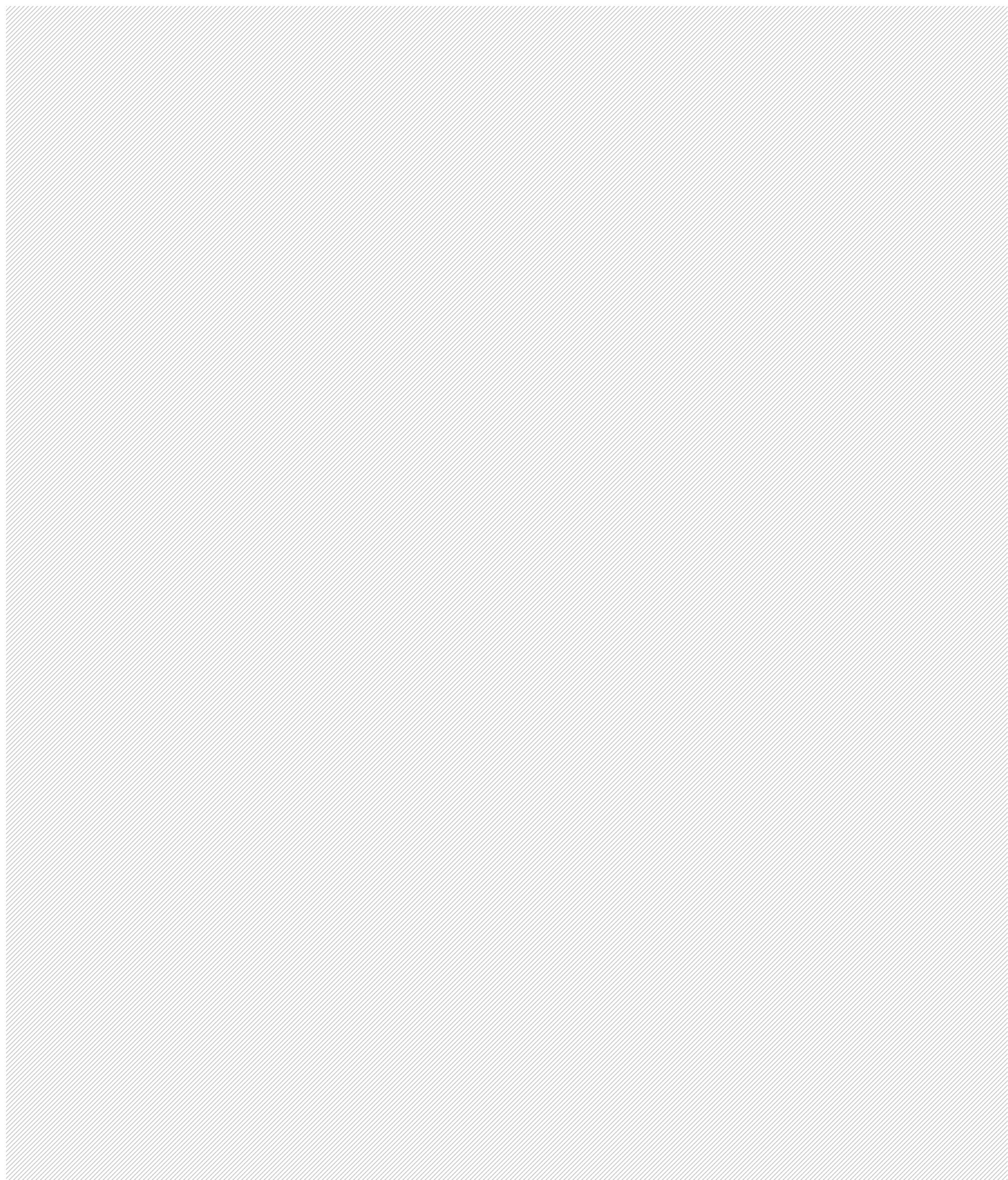
### 2004 USO San Antonio's Walk for the Troops

Due to rain, the original date of May 1 for the USO's Walk for the Troops was cancelled. However, the USO is still looking for a few good men

and women to take part in the 2nd annual Walk for the Troops. Citizens from all across central Texas will show their dedication to our local troops as they walk and run this 5K event in support of the sacrifices our military forces make each day. The event will now take place on Saturday, May 22 at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre from 8 to 11 a.m. Both individuals and teams are encouraged to get involved, and each participant will receive refreshments and an event t-shirt for a \$10 registration fee. Participants may pre-register by calling or signing up with the USO, or registering the morning of the event, between 7-8 a.m.

Each year the USO serves more than 104,800 military personnel all across the United States by providing all branches of our military with assistance, from family support to entertainment. The USO Council of San Antonio and central Texas is a non-profit organization dependent on the generosity of United Way/CFC campaigns, individual, civic and corporate donations. To find out more information about donating to your USO, visit [www.alamouso.org](http://www.alamouso.org).

Proceeds from the walk will be used to fund USO programs for our military men, women and their families in the San Antonio and central Texas area. For more information call the USO at 210-227-9373 ext.14.





## Funds

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tion issue and people no longer want to be in AFMC," he said. "We want people to see the base they're at as the best place they've ever been. When that happens, this kind of money is very well spent."

An initial call for commanders and quality of life experts to rack and stack proposals went out Jan. 15 with a return deadline of Jan. 30. Officials from AFMC's headquarters then reviewed those prioritized lists and approved funding based on overall cost, sharing the wealth between all command units and seven criteria.

The criteria are: The project or program affects a significant portion of the base population; increases members' physical and mental ability; has high visibility; the base exhibits a level of commitment towards completing it; it offers benefits that enrich members' personal lives; helps members with personal or family growth; or lessens difficulties caused by the unique nature of military service.

"We wanted to honor the commander's work in prioritizing," Colonel Wall said. "They are the ones on the ground saying this is what our number one need is. If it met the criteria and wasn't out of cost range, it was funded."

So whether it's lighting the running track at Brooks City-Base, completing a multi-use trail at

**"We want people to see the base they're at as the best place they've ever been."**

Col. William Wall  
AFMC quality of life division chief

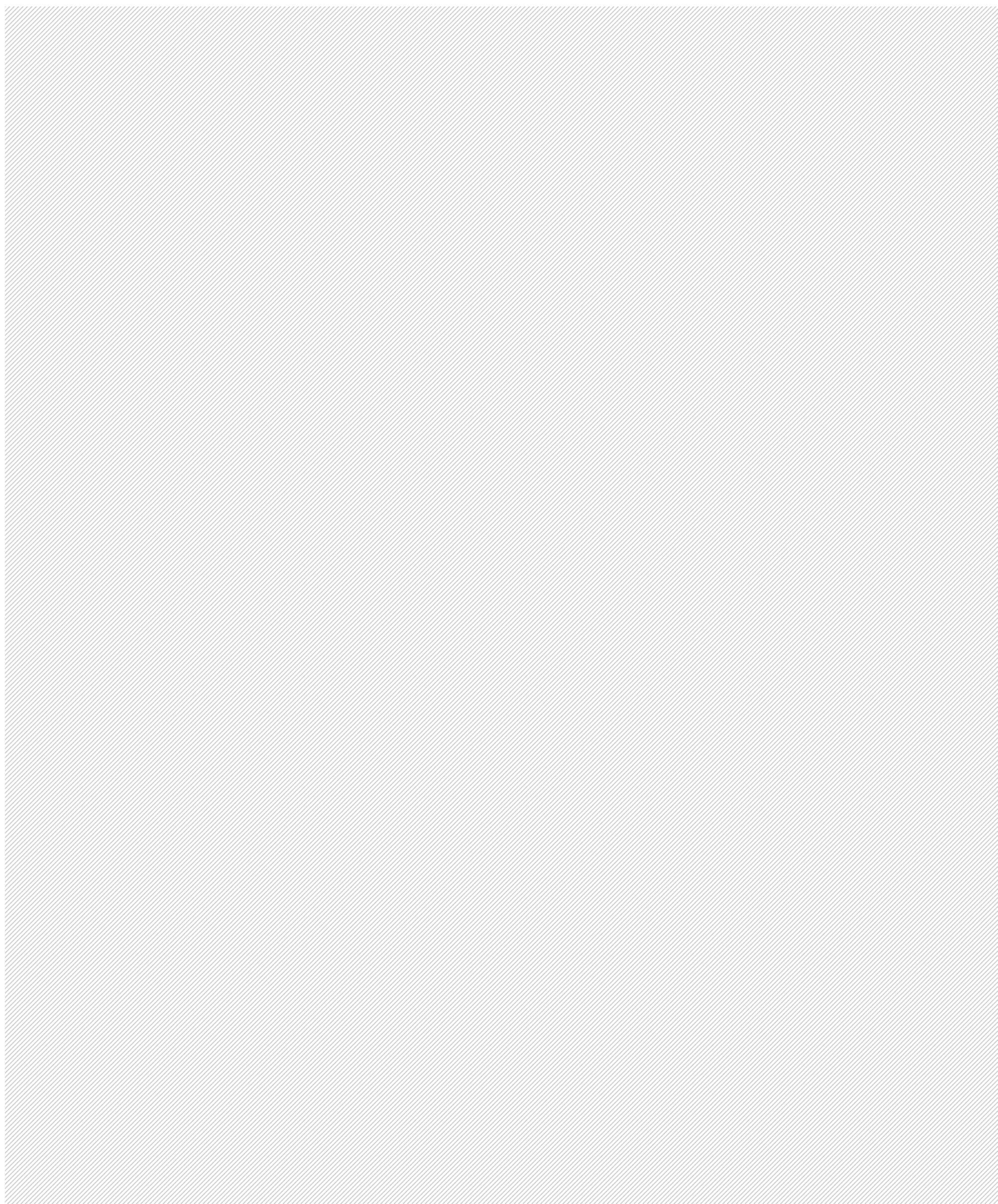
Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., or marriage enrichment seminars at Wright-Patterson AFB, Colonel Wall said quality of life initiatives improve AFMC's chances for success by making life better for those who make the mission happen.

"Success depends on the people of AFMC," he said. "You can't be successful if you're sending people to fight who are worried about what's going on at home."

"These initiatives help people manage high tempo by giving them the opportunity to do physical fitness-related activities and allow them to enrich their relationships through marriage seminars and stress management classes. When people spend money on something it shows they value it; this is leadership's way of saying they value the command's most precious resource - its people."



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## Police officers remembered



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### Ascension Day mass

Thursday, May 20, is a holy day of obligation for Roman Catholics. The regular Thursday mass will be held at the Brooks Chapel at 11:30 a.m.



### Chapel Parish Worship/ Picnic

The Roman Catholic and both Protestant worship services will have a single worship service on Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Base Pavilion near Bldg. 150. Chaplain Gary Coburn will preach his last sermon at Brooks and Ms. Sam Gilliam will present a dramatic monologue, "Tending the Flocks." A picnic will follow with games for children. This replaces the normal worship and mass. Everything will happen at the Base Chapel if the weather is inclement. The event is open to the entire Brooks community.

### LifeBuilder's on May 19

The LifeBuilder's program on May 19 will feature two deployed Airmen, Staff Sgt Steve Alderman and Capt. Ed Reder. The lunch-time programs will then be in recess and resume on September 8.

### Midweek Mass

A midweek mass is held only on Thursdays at the Brooks Chapel at 11:30 a.m. A Eucharistic service is held Monday through Wednesday.

### Chapel schedule

#### Weekdays:

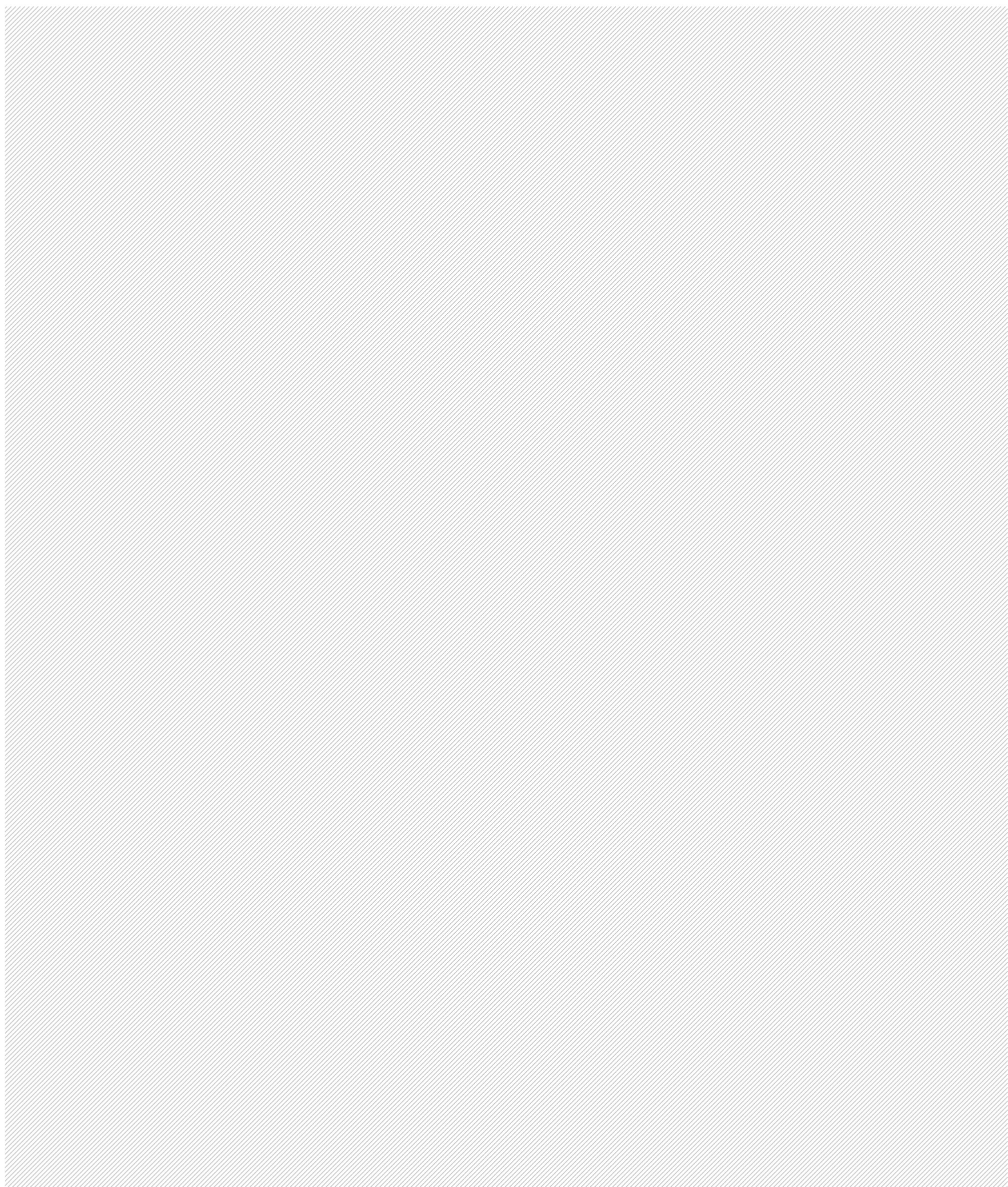
11:30 a.m. — Thursday Mass  
Mon. - Wed. Eucharist

#### Wednesdays:

Noon—Christian LifeBuilders Luncheon  
5:30 p.m.—Protestant choir rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. — Catholic choir rehearsal

#### Sundays (except May 16):

9 a.m. — Catholic Mass  
10:30 a.m. — Interdenominational worship,  
includes children's church  
6 p.m. — Praise and Worship service followed by a meal





# Education notes

By Carolyn Croft-Foster  
Brooks Education Services Office 536-3617

## OTS selection for basic officer training

Senior Airman Sean Weins, a member of the 68 Information Operation Squadron was recently selected by the Officer Training School Board 0404 for a commission as an Air Force officer. Airman Weins will attend Basic Officer Training during fiscal 2005 and upon graduation he will be commissioned to serve as a communications officer.

## CLEP paper-based testing on base

CLEP General and a limited number of CLEP Subject exams have returned to the DANTES Test Cen-

ters. These exams include the following 14 titles: General English, Social Sciences and History, Natural Sciences, Humanities, College Mathematics, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature, College Algebra, Freshman College Composition, History of the US I, History of the US II, Information Systems and Computer Applications, Introductory Psychology, Introductory Sociology, and Principles of Management. All examinees must wait 180 days to re-test on exams previously administered.

Unfunded civilians enrolled in on-base education programs are authorized space-available testing at a DANTES Test Center; however, testing opportunities are limited. The fee has been increased and is now \$120 for unfunded civilians. There are no authorized administrations of DANTES-funded paper-based CLEP eCBT tests for Defense Acquisition Workforce University personnel. They must be referred to a National Test Center for DANTES-funded testing. CLEP eCBT funded testing of Reserve Components and Coast Guard spouses and civilians is no longer authorized at active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine DANTES Test Centers or at National Test Centers operating under an MOU with an active duty installation.

## Upper Iowa University — on base

Register now for Human Resource Management or State and Local Government and complete the course by June. May term classes meet on Brooks Monday through Friday for three weeks. The eight-week Summer term runs June 1 to July 23. Register for Complex Organizations or Business Communications for the June term. UIU offers on-base

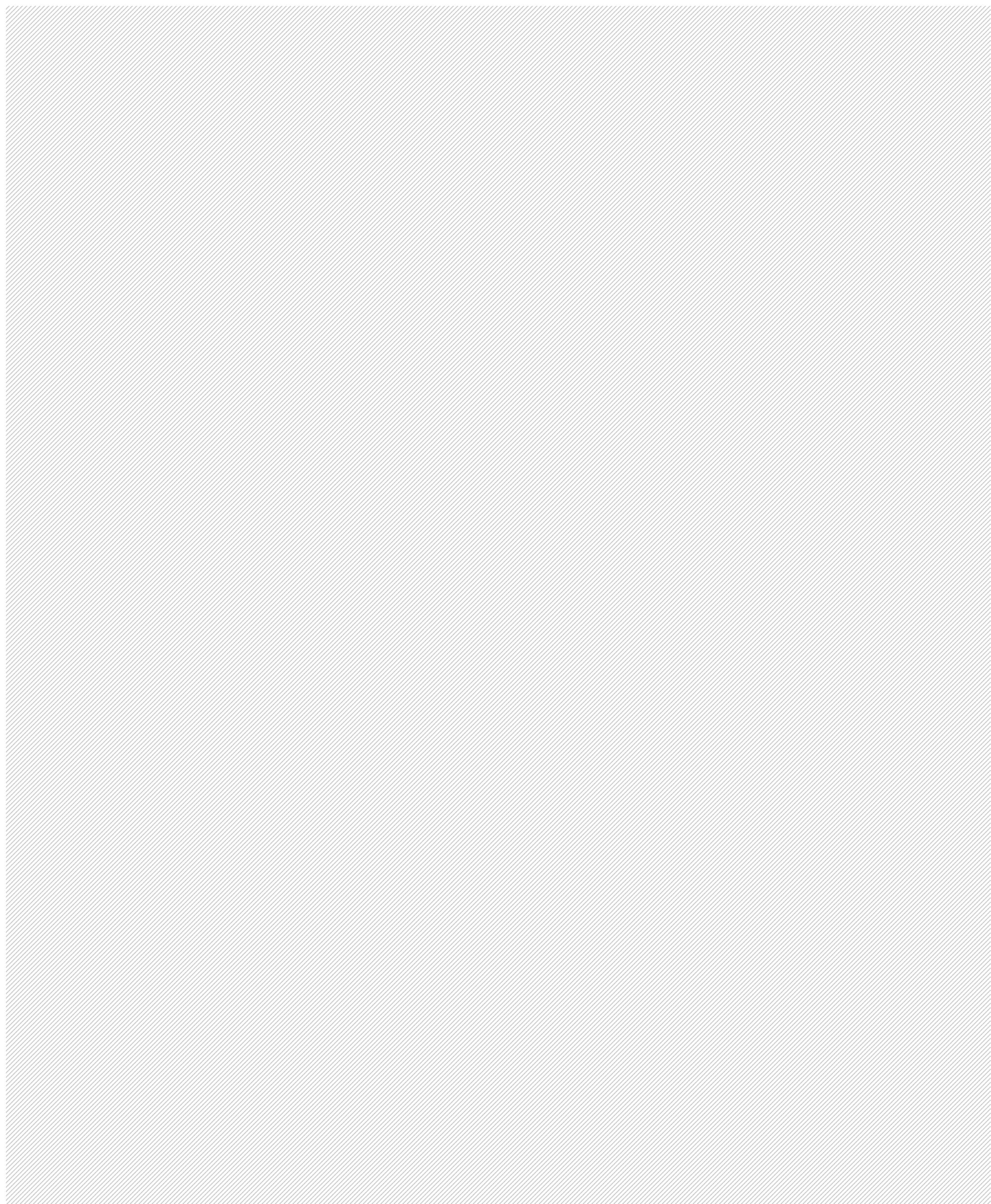
Public Administration, Business, Social Science and Human Service bachelor's degrees. Courses are also available Online and via External Degree. The Upper Iowa University office in the Brooks Education Center is open Monday through Friday. The coordinator holds advising hours at Lackland on Thursdays. For more information, stop by the Brooks office in Bldg. 558 or call 536-4033.

## Funding of recalled CLEP exams

DANTES is now providing up-front funding of the CLEP eCBT examination fee at identified National Test Centers at colleges and universities. DANTES will fund the current \$50 test fee for eligible military and civilian examinees on-campus. Examinees are responsible for paying the non-refundable, advance registration fee charged by the test center. In some cases, this registration fee, usually \$20 is reimbursable. Students may test only at schools identified as "Military Friendly" or "Open." In the San Antonio area these schools include: Northwest Vista, St. Mary's University, San Antonio College, UTSA, Our Lady of the Lake, and the University of the Incarnate Word. Visit the website [www.collegeboard.com/clep](http://www.collegeboard.com/clep) for additional listings in other areas. For more information call Education Services at 536-3617.

## Discover Program 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, call 536-3617.





## Feature



By Steve VanWert  
Discovery staff writer

**C**urtis McGehee was nearly famous from the very beginning. When he and his twin brother were born at Wilford Hall Medical Center in October 1977, they weighed a little more than 2 pounds each and were two of the smallest babies ever born at the center. Staff Sgt. McGehee, now an Environmental Health Physics Technician at the Air Force Institute for Occupational Health at Brooks, must have liked the limelight. He and his brother began acting and modeling at the ripe old age of three years, appearing in commercials, movie videos, local theater and bit parts in several movies.

At age 14, they joined a song and dance group called "Sudden Impact," performing at various venues such as Sea World and Fiesta Texas. He was definitely hooked on "the smell of the greasepaint and the roar of the crowd."

"Music is one of the most important parts of my life," he said. "It brought me out of my shell, helped me overcome my shyness and gave me the tools to communicate with people, even in my everyday life. And the early success has given me the idea I can be successful in music down the road, after my military career is over."

Sergeant McGehee graduated from MacArthur High School in San Antonio in 1997. He worked for a couple of years at AT&T, soon becoming an assistant manager in sales.

"It was cool supervising people at such a young age," he said.

In February 1998, he enlisted in the Air Force. It was an easy decision.

"Enlisting was something I wanted to do since I was a little kid," he said. "My father was a chief warrant officer in the Air Force and I looked up to him and wanted to follow in his footsteps."

The teenager didn't have to spend much time at the Air Force recruiter's office, either.

"My dad was the best recruiter I ever talked to," he said. "I'd ask him a question about the Air Force and he'd describe how great it was for the next two hours."



## Brooks Personality PROFILE

# A Life in the Spotlight



McGehee

## Q&A

FULL NAME:  
Staff Sgt. Curtis Tyrone McGehee

DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:  
Environmental Health Physics  
Technician

IN SIMPLE TERMS, WHAT I DO?:  
What all Air Force personnel do, check e-mail, surf the internet... oh, and our office provides surveillance techniques in decommissioning, site characterization and remediation of radiological contaminated sites. In simpler terms, we collect dirt and water samples.

BIRTHDAY:  
Oct. 22, 1977

HOMETOWN:  
San Antonio

NICKNAME I CALL MYSELF:  
"Superfly" — don't ask; it was given to me by my coworkers

FAMILY STATUS:  
Single. I have four brothers and three sisters, including three sets of twins.

PERSONAL MOTTO:  
"Change the world — don't let the world change you."

PET PEEVES:  
Rude and fake people

INSPIRATIONS:  
Music and people

HOBBIES:  
Listening to music, dancing, traveling, basketball, skydiving, rock climbing, base diving, learning about other cultures and writing poetry

BOOKS AT BEDSIDE:  
Anything with a lot of pictures in it

ULTIMATE GOAL:  
Live life to the fullest, take the road less traveled and avoid the "What ifs?"

FAVORITE MUSIC:  
I love all types of music, except country music that's too whiny. Some of my favorite artists include Dave Matthews, George Strait, Bob Marley and Tupac.

I JOINED THE MILITARY BECAUSE:  
My father was in the Air Force and I have always wanted to be as amazing as he was, so I figured my best bet would be to follow his footsteps as much as I can.

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION IS:

My 2001 baby blue Ford Focus. It's sweet. No, I'm just kidding. I would have to say my most prized possession is the black Stetson cowboy hat that my Dad bought me.



# PROFILES IN TIME

## Wright Brothers' historic flights lasted a total of 98 seconds

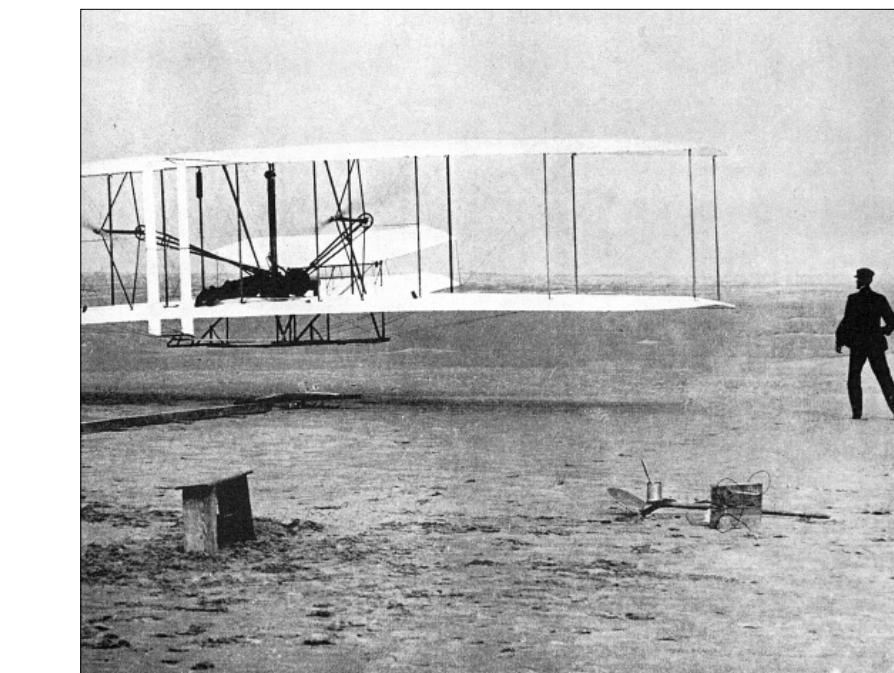
By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Orville and Wilbur Wright spent less time airborne at the inauguration of powered flight than it takes for airline passengers today to walk through the jetway. Yet what they accomplished on Dec. 17, 1903 on the windswept sand dunes of Kitty Hawk's Kill Devil Hills is forever appreciated by the globe-trotting public.

Their aviation milestone was not achieved overnight, but rather painstakingly developed over time after these Dayton, Ohio sons of a Protestant bishop became inspired in 1878 by a primitive toy helicopter their father had brought home.

From that inauspicious beginning, the Wright Brothers' dream became a reality along a North Carolina beach where they had first experimented with gliders. They eventually came up with a solution to effective flight control for the Wright Flyer they designed and built. Along with mechanic Charles Taylor, the Wrights also designed and built the motor that would power their Flyer, a 140-pound, 12 horsepower engine.



Courtesy Photo

Wilbur Wright watches his brother Orville make the world's first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on December 17, 1903. The Wright Flyer flew for just 12 seconds.

Three days before they succeeded in their quest, elder brother Wilbur had won a coin toss to attempt the first powered flight. With the help of the Kitty Hawk Lifesaving Station, predecessor of the U.S. Coast Guard,

the brothers laid 150 feet of track along a slope from the top of a large sand dune called the Big Hill. For about three seconds the aircraft sputtered off the track before crashing 105 feet from the end of the

track. The plane's left wing, front rudder and one of its skids were repaired for Orville's fateful ride into history.

It came at 10:35 a.m. under icy conditions against a north wind blowing 27 mph. The brothers decided to launch the aircraft from level ground. Wilbur ran along holding the Flyer's right wing tip to steady it as it sped down the track at about 7-8 mph until lifting off. For just 12 seconds the plane propelled itself 100 feet down range. The brothers made three more flights that day totalling 98 seconds.

In his diary Orville wrote about the first flight, "It was nevertheless the first in the history of the world in which a machine carrying a man had raised itself by its own power into the air in full flight, had sailed forward without reduction of speed and had finally landed at the point as high as that from which it started."

A witness from the Lifesaving Station, long on excitement but short on proper grammar, put the feat more succinctly, "They have done it! Damned if they ain't flew!"

## Brooks scientist fulfills Vietnam promise to visit Kitty Hawk

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

A Brooks scientist fulfilled a 35-year-old promise, made during the height of the Vietnam War, when he celebrated his birthday at Kitty Hawk, N.C. during the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight.

Dr. Jay Miller, an Air Force Research Laboratory senior research physiologist in the Fatigue Countermeasures Branch, spent a joyous vacation with his wife at the birthplace of powered flight in December 2003.

Born exactly 40 years after Orville and Wilbur Wright made aviation history on the sand dunes of Kill Devil Hill, Dr. Miller said the centennial experience was truly a dream come true.

"I thought it was so cool to be there on that day to hear the engine (running)," said Dr. Miller, recalling the sound from a Wright flyer replica that made two attempts to re-create that fateful flight of Dec. 17, 1903.

More than three decades earlier over the turbulent skies in post-Tet Offensive Vietnam, Dr. Miller tried to imagine his future Kitty Hawk visit while dodging enemy fire as an Air Force C-130 pilot.

"During Vietnam I realized there would be a centennial celebration of that first flight. I said to myself if I survive (the war) I wanted to celebrate my 60th birthday at Kitty Hawk," recalls Dr. Miller. At the time, he was logging 700 hours of combat time hauling supplies from various Southeast Asian bases to Vietnam.

A native Californian, Dr. Miller believes he was subliminally influenced by the Wright Brothers while minimally exposed to aviation as the son of a former U.S. Navy chaplain. His father, who became an Army psychologist, was stationed at several Air Force bases including March Field in Riverside, Calif.

Dr. Miller's flight path to Kitty Hawk began when he enlisted in the Air Force in 1966. After earning a commission through Officers Training School at Lackland Air Force Base's Medina Annex, he was awarded pilot's wings in 1967 at Webb AFB in Big Spring, Tex.

Nearly a generation later, Dr. Miller made good on his wartime promise. More than a year before the centennial, he trolled the Internet for tickets and accommodations for the National Park Service's Kitty Hawk celebration.

"I had reservations for a bed and breakfast at Roanoke, Va. for over a year (before the event)," he says. Having secured tickets to the celebration, he and his wife made a cross-country road trip to North Carolina. They arrived there the day before the big event. It was Dr. Miller's first Kitty Hawk visit. "The Wright Brothers' memorial is impressive," he said, describing the huge monolith which is shaped like a giant wing.

He was also impressed by the magnitude of the celebration. More than 100 exhibits were featured there. Flyovers of many aircraft, including vintage warplanes from various 20th century eras, clouded the skies over Kitty Hawk. About two dozen living aviation legends attended as honored guests. Actor and licensed pilot John Travolta was the event emcee, with President George W. Bush, also a pilot, the featured speaker.

While the weather was picture-perfect the day before, centennial day was held during a thunderstorm with the mercury hovering at about 40 degrees. Besides witnessing the Wright flyer replica's attempt to fly, Dr. Miller's other vivid memory was seeing the President of the United States holding an umbrella over Travolta to shield him from the rain.

President Bush didn't need to inspire the crowd with a rousing speech, Dr. Miller said, but he did share an off-the-cuff remark that encapsulated what the Wright Brothers' achievement meant to the estimated 40,000 people who attended the ceremony. "The President said, 'You people are really hardcore,'" said Dr. Miller. There was not a dry eye in the crowd, not because of what the President had said, but due

to weather conditions that would have had Noah rebuilding his ark.

The weather also put a damper on the Wright flyer demonstration. One hundred years earlier, the original Wright flyer was helped aloft by the always persistent Kitty Hawk winds. History did not repeat itself that day. Instead of the usual 10-22 mph winds, there was not enough wind to get a kite off the ground.

Replicating the launch style of the original flight, the Wright flyer replica was guided on skids along a long wooden rail for its reenactment of the epic journey. "Someone ran along to hold up one end of the wing from hitting the sand, just like what the Wright Brothers did," Dr. Miller said, adding, "But they didn't have enough lift. It fell off the end of the rail into the mud." A second attempt later in the day proved fruitless.

The demonstration's failure underscored the Wright Brothers' achievement in launching a very unstable and difficult-to-control aircraft into aviation history.

Perhaps the most symbolic moment seared into Dr. Miller's memory was an unscheduled tribute made by President Bush's official aircraft when it took off. "Air Force One was about 500 feet above Kitty Hawk when it rolled its wings," he said.



Photo by Dr. Jay Miller

A Wright Flyer replica attempted two flights during the centennial celebration at Kitty Hawk, N.C. Insufficient winds grounded the aircraft.



# Sports

# Squadron Sports Day slated for May 21

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

For the first time in years, no changes have been made to the annual Squadron Sports Day that will be held May 21 in support of Air Force Fitness Month.

According to Brooks fitness center specialist Pablo Segura, event organizer, Squadron Sports Day will feature a full complement of activities to determine what organization has the best team of athletes on base.

Last year, the Brooks Sports Advisory Council voted to change the event's name from Squadron Challenge to Sports Day while also adding three new events.

Back by popular demand are last year's new events: 8-ball pool (billiards), horseshoes and Ping Pong. Other competitive events include the 5K run, golf, racquetball, volleyball, tennis, 3 on 3 basketball, one pitch softball, 4 on 4 flag football, 100 meter dash, 4x100 relay and tug-of-war.

The scoring system remains the same from last year, with teams earning points for winning an

event. The organization with the most points is declared the champion. The Air Force Institute for Operational Health is the defending champ. The 311th Human Systems Program Office, which lost its title as Sports Day champ last year, has won the event three times in the last five years.

The registration deadline has been extended to the week of May 17. Unit sports representatives must contact the fitness center at 4-5968/2188 to register teams prior to May 21.

## Lights go out on Brooks Classic as Randolph, FSH share tourney title

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

A power outage that stopped play between two softball rivals during the Brooks Classic championship game May 1 was reminiscent of the 'lights out' action of fictional ball player Roy Hobbs in the 1984 movie "The Natural." However, it wasn't a lightning bolt-like home run that knocked out the field's lights to win the championship contest, but rather stormy weather's 'bolt from the blue' that left Randolph Air Force Base and Fort Sam Houston sharing the honor of co-tournament champions.

Fort Sam Houston was leading 19-16 in the 5th inning of the title game when field 1's lights blacked out at about 10 p.m. Power was eventually restored, but by then it was much too late to resume play as both teams agreed to call the game a draw.

"There was no winner or loser," said Master Sgt. Dave Miles, the event organizer and Brooks men's varsity softball team coach. In fact, every team that participated in this inaugural tournament came out ahead in helping them prepare for future post-season tourneys. Sergeant Miles orga-

nized the Brooks Classic to help his team prepare for the annual Band Aide Tournament that is being held this week at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Overall Brooks finished third. We continued to show improvement," said the Brooks coach about his team that played against a couple of squads that they will face in upcoming tournaments.

The two-day, round-robin tournament featured teams from the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Randolph AFB, Fort Sam Houston, Lackland AFB's 343rd Training Squadron and a city league squad called the Roadrunners.

Randolph AFB beat Brooks 21-16 in the tourney's opening game on April 30. By Saturday, however, stormy weather had an impact on play. "The fields were a mess. I thought we wouldn't be able to continue," Sergeant Miles said. Tourney participants and fitness center staff pitched in to clean up the rain-soaked fields. However, 20-25 mph winds greatly effected play. "The winds were blowing in on field 2 and out on field 1. As a consequence,



Photo by Rudy Purificato

A base runner from San Antonio's Roadrunners races by Corpus Christi Naval Air Station third baseman during the opening game of the Brooks Classic softball tourney.

scores were low on field 2 and higher on field 1," said Sergeant Miles.

The favored teams, powerhouse Randolph AFB and Fort Sam Houston, dominated tourney play. Randolph did not lose a game. They defeated Fort Sam 13-10 during the round-robin, the Army post's only loss in the tournament. "We haven't beaten either Randolph or Fort Sam this year, but all of the games we played against

them were close," Sergeant Miles said.

Brooks was seeded fourth for the tourney's playoff round with a 2-3 record. After defeating the Roadrunners 12-5 in the playoff's first round, Brooks was eliminated in the second round by Fort Sam 9-8.

## Services hopes to extend dynasty as Brooks intramural golf champs

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

The 311th Mission Support Group's Services golf team has again fielded a powerful group of players who hope to capture another base intramural championship.

"I think we have a strong enough team to repeat. We're pretty well-balanced overall," said Services team captain Rudy Gonzales. The Services squad features three players who are former base golf champions: Jose Valadez, John McClendon and Ted Burgess. This squad won the league championship in 2002 and the base crown in 2003.

League play began May 5. The 2004 regular season ends June 16. It will be followed by a post-season tournament to determine the base champion. "Because there are no longer Air Force Materiel Command tournaments, the (golf) season won't be divided into halves," said Pablo Segura, fitness center specialist. In previous years the Brooks golf season was interrupted in mid-summer to allow intramural players, who made the base varsity golf team, to play in the AFMC tourney. Historically, the season re-

sumed in late summer, ending in the fall.

Eight teams are competing in league play this season, the same as last year. The league champ will earn a bye for the first round of the post-season playoffs, Segura explained. Teams will be seeded for the base championship tournament based on their regular season record. All teams will make the playoffs, a change from previous years where only the top four teams advanced.

Services will try to dethrone last year's league champs, the Air Force Institute for Operational Health led by team captain Jim Ronyak. Other teams competing this year are the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence led by Jim Wilde, the 311th Communications Squadron captained by Steve Quick, the Air Force Research Laboratory led by Curtis Lawrence, the 68th Information Operations Squadron guided by team captain Tracy Sullivan, the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine led by Dave Miles and the 311th Human Systems Program Office captained by Craig Llorance.

All regular season matches are played on Wednesdays starting at 4 p.m.

## Fitness is the key to health

## Perennial softball powerhouse poised to extend record-setting run

By Rudy Purificato  
311th Human Systems Wing

Hoping to perpetuate a winning tradition that would even impress New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, the combined Air Force Institute for Operational Health/Air Force Research Laboratory intramural softball squad is looking to continue its record-setting run of base championships.

This perennial powerhouse began the 2004 intramural season as the favorite in a field of seven teams vying for the league crown and top seed for the post-season base championship tourney. Ably led by veteran coach Aaron Sinclair, the AFIOH-AFRL club has won seven consecutive base championships.

The intramural softball season began April 27 and will end June 1. A double-elimination base championship tournament is tentatively scheduled to begin June 7.

While Sinclair's All-Star group has made a habit of winning the big games,

they haven't won all of the league crowns during their dynastic run. That might change this year with the absence of their arch-rival, the 311th Mission Support Group's I.C.E. squad, 2003 league champs. AFIOH/AFRL defeated I.C.E. (an acronym which stood for Intensity, Concentration and Execution), in a doubleheader base championship series sweep last year. MSG is not fielding a softball team this season.

Organizations that will attempt to end AFIOH/AFRL's championship dominance are the 68th Information Operations Squadron that has fielded two teams: Wolfpack #1 and #2; the 311th Human Systems Program Office, the 311th Medical Squadron, the 311th Communications Squadron and a new team, the Company Grade Officers Council squad.

Unlike last season when games were played after duty hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, this season games are played at 11 a.m. and 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



# AFRL hoopster continues father's legacy

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There is something to be said about fathers and sons who are especially close and like-minded. An Air Force Research Laboratory scientist owes his athletic achievements and the very essence of who he has become in life to his dad.

Lt. Col. Ric Peterson can fully understand the familial kinship that is being nationally touted by TV's "Meet the Press" moderator Tim Russert about his relationship with his father in the recent bestseller Big Russ & Me. He once enjoyed such a close bond with his dad—Montana's late coaching legend Don Peterson. It was Coach Peterson who infused within his oldest son the qualities of champions: commitment, dedication, honor, integrity, hard work and perseverance.

"There was a basketball in my crib before I got there," admits Lt. Col. Peterson about the objects of his father's affection and passion—his son's birth and basketball. The 53-

year-old AFRL athlete's life-long sports journey began with his baby 'dribbling' off court. It continues today as the AFRL Directed Energy Bioeffects Division deputy chief enjoys his ninth and most recent hoop title as a member of the 2004 base intramural basketball champion AFRL/AFOH team.

His love for the game is forever tied to his father, a Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame member. Coach Peterson compiled a lifetime basketball record of 528-230 enroute to seven state championships as head coach at the truly 'small' Laurel High School. "We didn't have anybody over 6'2," but we had the talent to play (well) against bigger teams," recalls Lt. Col. Peterson who was a member of his dad's greatest squad. The state champion Laurel Locomotives steamrolled through the 1968-69 season undefeated.

"We all played for dad," he says of the six Peterson sib-

lings who were completely immersed in a basketball dynasty. Lt. Col. Peterson confessed, "Basic training is hard for most people. For me it was a breeze compared to playing for dad." His father never wanted to be accused of nepotism, therefore, his sons had to earn playing time. "I was a situational player. I was primarily used as a zone breaker. My job was to shoot them out of a zone," the AFRL hoopster said.

He said his dad was consumed by basketball. "He developed new strategies such as the first modulated defense, what he called matchup zones. He developed a math formula for every movement on the floor," Lt. Col. Peterson recalls of his dad who was also a math and science teacher. A hoop strategist who studied the science of basketball, Coach Peterson left nothing to chance. "Dad would listen for the little thumps that a basketball would make when it hit a dead spot on the floor. He'd take advantage of anything." Coach Peterson used math students to statistically analyze every varsity hoop game and every player's performance. The coach was also big on player development beginning in grade school. His innovative, but demanding

coaching style always made Laurel competitive in Montana's Big 32 Conference, equivalent to the 5-A level in Texas.

Before he began his coaching career in 1948, Don Peterson was a three-sport star in basketball, football and track. While he extolled sportsmanship as a coach, Lt. Col. Peterson's father sometimes 'split hairs' about what was proper on the court. "At my father's funeral on June 13, 2003, one of his high school teammates told me that dad would pull the hairs on the back of an opponent's leg to elicit an elbow that led to the player's ejection," recalls his son.

Like father, like son, Lt. Col. Peterson always seeks a court advantage. "I'm always looking for situations to exploit," he says, admitting that he recalls hearing his father's voice explaining what he would do in certain game situations.

He also inherited basketball instincts from his mother Dorothy, a former varsity center. "I grew up as a gym rat," recalls Lt. Col. Peterson who learned some hoop moves from his mother during one-on-one contests. "She'd throw a hook on you and – watch out!"

He says he became a better baseball player, but prefers basketball. Lt. Col. Peterson excelled as a college relief pitcher. "I felt my knuckleball would take me farther than my hoop (talent)," he says. After an injury ended his promising baseball career at Eastern Montana College, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1974, eventually becoming an optometry specialist. By the 1980s he had earned both a college degree in optometry and an Air Force commission.

He added to his collection of basketball championships during his first Brooks tour. Lt. Col. Peterson helped inaugurate a base basketball dynasty as founder of the Armstrong Lab #2 team that won the intramural league and base championships in 1991-92. His resume also includes hoop titles at Edwards AFB, Yellowstone National Park and for the Army & Air Force Exchange Service.

"I was always slow in high school. That's my advantage now. I haven't lost a step," he joked about his Brooks playing days that don't appear to be waning. "I'll probably keep playing. It's in my blood. And I'll try not to pull the hairs on the back of an opponent's leg."

