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Services assures a good night's sleep

By *Elsa Martinez*
Wing Public Affairs

There's a new way to ensure a comfortable stay for out of town reserve personnel. Starting in May, for a six-month trial period, Services personnel will be behind the lodging desk at the Gateway Inn and the International Student Quarters each UTA Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

433rd Airlift Wing troops will have someone onsite to go to with rooming issues.

The customer service was long overdue, according to Senior Master Sgt. Gail Boldt, superintendent for 433rd Services Flight.

"For some time now, any issues about reservists' rooms were addressed Sunday night, after check out," said Sergeant Boldt. "If anything went wrong with troops' lodging, we could only address it after the fact."

Such room issues included double-booking, or checking into an already-reserved room; high noise levels from other occupants; and rooms that had not been



Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons
Senior Master Sgt. Gail Boldt, 433rd Services superintendent, stands in front of Gateway Inn to signify the kick-off an experimental program.

cleaned from previous occupancy.

Concerns weren't numerous, but had a steady occurrence, said Boldt.

"We decided we needed troops available on-site to

address the problems right away, not after drill weekend." This act is not a fix to lodging issues. It is extra customer service and concern for our out-of-town reservists.

Stationed behind the check-in desk at each facility during drill weekends, they will be readily identifiable by their military uniforms.


"All other lodging personnel are civilian contractors," explained Boldt. "So the only military personnel there at the desk will be ours."

Lodging-duty personnel will be at these lodging facilities only on Fridays and Saturdays until about midnight.

Besides resolving rooming issues and ensuring that all 433d troops sign the authorization roster upon check-in, lodging NCOs' foremost duty is to assist Wing personnel with lodging concerns.

This is imperative, given the traffic of Lackland lodging facilities, emphasized Boldt.

"There are over 1,000 out of town personnel assigned to the wing," she said. "The wing must lodge 350 troops minimum every drill weekend, not including re-scheduled UTAs and annual tours.

"This is one more way 433 SVF can help take care of our own." 

Three ways to watch out for each other

By Col. John C. Fobian

— 433rd Airlift Wing Commander

Three things come to mind this month when I think about how we can best watch out for each other. We need to look out for each other's safety, stress



levels during BRAC and security.

The summer season is officially here and with it, the 101 Critical Days of Summer. The Memorial Day weekend gave us all an extra day to reflect with our families and get some rest and recreation. It also gave us time to remember those loved ones no longer with us. A lot of us know people who lost someone to a senseless mishap. Watch out for your

friends and family. Be a wingman on and off duty. Allow others to be your wingmen and enjoy summer activities responsibly.


Another big event in the media is the Base Realignment and Closure. The recent BRAC announcements affected several bases and sent waves of speculation through the news. Until the process is complete, there is no way to gauge the extent of or what those effects could be.

As the process continues, there will be a lot of rumors flying around. The best way to combat the stress borne by rumors is to keep informed of the facts.

It is a fact that BRAC is designed to make us a more effective Air Force. It is another fact some bases will close and some units will relocate. It is also a fact that until the final recommendation is signed into law,

nothing is official. Help stop speculation. Learn the facts, stay informed and don't fall victim to 'what ifs'.

The Air Force has established a web site, www.af.mil/brac, to keep us up to date on the progress and the facts of BRAC.

The third way to watch out for each other is by paying close attention to Operational Security. Line badges are being spotted on display in several non-secure areas around the base. It is easy to forget to stow your badge when you are through working for the day or on lunch. Double check yourself and your coworkers for line badges when leaving a secure area. Don't give anyone the opportunity to compromise security. By safeguarding OPSEC, you are guarding the life of the men and women you work with and the Airmen who depend on your work farther down the line. 

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F R E E D O M – "That's What I'm Talking & Praying About"

"If my people, who are called by My Name,
will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face
and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven
and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7: 14

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and success of liberty." - President John F. Kennedy

Let the "Alamo Wing" pause and pray: Almighty God, the true author of liberty and justice, we in Alamo Country pause to humbly thank You for the gift of freedom. We would ask you, O Lord, to honor those who have gone before us and paid the price to keep the dream that is in our hearts alive. We acknowledge that our independence only comes from dependence upon You and Your Love. Help us, guide us, and show us the way to do all we can to bear any burden and endure any hardship so that our children will celebrate their freedom. In Your Holy Name. Amen.

433rd Airlift Wing Religious Services

Protestant worship and Catholic Mass will be held each UTA Sunday. Services are conducted in the new Chaplain Section on the second floor of building 910. Please check your e-mail for service times. 433rd Chaplain staff can be reached at 925-3556.

Mentorship in the mobilized world

Maj. John Reynolds

433rd HRDC

Mentoring is defined as a relationship in which a person of greater wisdom guides another person. Mentoring is a program that applies to all Air Force members from the Chief of Staff to the newest Airman Basic. The 433rd Airlift Wing works hard to keep active with its mentoring program. At a recent Human Resource Development Committee Mentorship meeting, the group decided to identify good and bad examples of mentoring as experienced firsthand by the members.

Positive examples

Example One: One member of our wing was at a career crossroads when one squadron was downsizing. This member moved to a new squadron. Even a positive move can cause stress. In this case, the good stress caused this person to learn and adapt into a new role.

A career advisor already in this unit allowed the new squadron member to shadow them. The new member wanted to make a difference and had a real willingness to do well. The career advisor allowed the new member to reach their potential. In fact, higher level rank and responsibility are being sought after by this new squadron member. The teaching point is it takes two for success, one to pull up and one to reach up.

Positive Example Two: Before joining the Air Force, this person experienced very little in the way of helpful guidance or direction as to what to do in life and career options. After joining the Air Force Reserve, caring members of the 433rd AW communicated useful goals, avenues of approach to these goals and assisted by pointing out positive career choices, resulting in higher job perfor-

mance, increasingly greater responsibility in work related duties which enhanced the overall mission. This guidance lead to higher self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment for the service member. The teaching point is; it takes squadron-wide assistance, for a peer needing direction, to get a win-win situation for the entire unit.

Example Three: A field-grade officer lent good advice to a junior company grade officer in the matter of attending and making a difference at a meeting. The experienced senior officer saw the junior officer was about to go off to an additional duty meeting, and took the opportunity to impart a bit of advice. "When you are at a meeting, even if it is not something you are enthusiastic about, participate fully. Try to come up with one important suggestion or comment...it will help the meeting with what you add. You get remembered and are viewed as a contributor."

The teaching point here is it takes but a moment with the correct timing to help a junior member with the strategies of success you know.

Bad Example


A less than ideal example takes place during the orientation of a junior member to the routine and ways of the unit.

Keep the message simple and unchanged. Don't badger the junior or new member. Don't ask 20 times during an eight hour shift; 'What's your plan?'

Although you may feel you are showing concern, this broken record approach will cause the new member to tune out because they already know what you are going to ask.

The teaching point is don't be a parrot when helping a new staff member.

The HRDC mentoring subcommittee is planning a two-day NCO Mentoring Workshop during the 'A' UTA in July and again in January.

Topics will include the enlisted force structure, military heritage, ethics, personal finance, military writing, career progression, team building, training, discipline and mentoring. All are welcome to attend HRDC meetings each A-UTA at 9:00 a.m. in Wing conference room. 



Vacancies In the 433rd Airlift Wing

INTERNAL

Current Civil Service Employees Self-Nominate at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil Vacancies Posted Daily

MSS GS-0203-07/ART Human Resources Asst (Mil)
307RH WG-6910-07/ART Materials Expediter
MXS WS-3105-07/ART Fabric Worker Supervisor

EXTERNAL

(Submit Application to HQ AFRC/DPC-SEU)

AMXS WG-8852-10/ART Aircraft Mechanic (7 Vac)
AMXS GS-0303-06/ART Office Services Asst (OA)
MXS WG-8852-10/ART Aircraft Mechanic (2 Vac)
MXS GS-0303-05/ART Administrative Support Assistant
OSS GS-0303-05/ART Administrative Support Assistant
68AS GS-0303-07/ART Operations Technician
MSS GS-0203-07/ART Human Resources Asst (Mil)

AF Reserve launches anti-drug campaign

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Supply and demand are part of life in America. Unfortunately, that life includes a large supply of abused legal and illegal drugs.

In an effort to reduce the demand for these drugs, Air Force Reserve Command began its “True Blue” campaign command-wide in April.

“In the past, anti-drug or anti-substance abuse efforts were all negative and centered on disciplinary action,” said Dr. Don Jenrette, the command’s drug demand reduction program manager. “Our new True Blue initiative promotes healthy living, career-mind sets and career role models.”

Trial runs of the new initiative

exceeded planners’ goals during May - November 2004 at the 440th Airlift Wing, located at General Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Milwaukee, Wis.

“We focused the trial test around four themes,” said Ms. Bobbie Sellers, AFRC’s drug demand reduction specialist. “We worked to raise awareness of what reservists should value over substance abuse and what they can do to protect their health, career and family and fulfill their leadership role with others.”

Since 1998, the primary emphasis of AFRC’s Drug Demand Reduction Program was detection through random military and civilian drug testing.

The new True Blue initiative showcases positive and healthy life choices. It introduces reservists and

other command members to a new logo, themes and messages that are communicated by a dedicated Web site, with downloadable in-house developed posters, video streams, tri-fold pamphlets and other educational venues encouraging people to be free of substance abuse and where to go for help.

“Our goal, while a lofty one, is to have a workplace free of substance

abuse,” said Dr. Jenrette. “In the profession of arms, our people often put their lives in the hands of their co-workers. We cannot afford to have people on the team who are not at the top of their game or incapacitated by substance abuse – after all, we are talking about a matter of life and death.”

The mission of the AFRC Drug Demand Reduction Program is to enhance readiness by eliminating substance abuse through prevention, education, community outreach and drug testing.

“In the past, we have used handouts such as pencils, writing pads, calculators and water bottles to get the substance abuse-free message out there,” said Dr. Jenrette. “We’ll continue to provide the promotional items, but our targeted four theme approach is something brand new that our reservists really responded to in a positive way in Milwaukee. On a larger scale we’re looking forward to reaping similar

benefits by launching this initiative commandwide.”

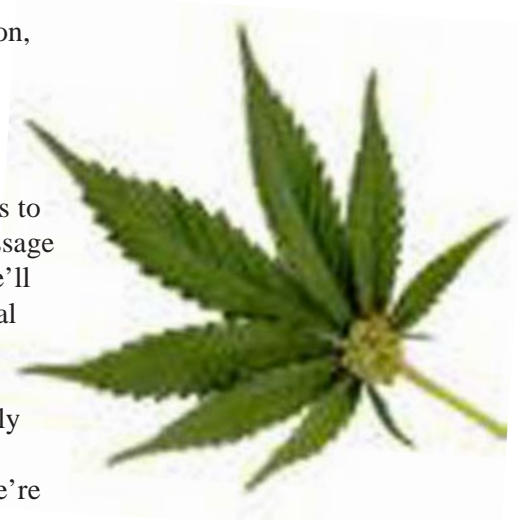
The 440th Airlift Wing has 1,300 reservists, with more than 300 serving overseas to support the Global War on Terrorism. The True Blue brand is designed to symbolize reservists who are “twice the citizen”: working and volunteering in their local communities and serving their country.

The program’s vision is for Air Force True Blue reservists to set the standard and lead the way to a substance abuse-free community.

Reservists can learn more about the program by going to the True Blue link on the restricted AFRC Web site. While visiting the site, planners encourage visitors to take a moment to complete a survey.

“We strongly encourage feedback,” said Dr. Jenrette. “That’s how we can make the site the best it can be and the go-to place for anti-substance abuse related education and information.”

For more information check out the True Blue Web site at: <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/trueblue/>



BRAC Information available for Airmen

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Secretary of Defense released the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure recommendations during a press conference May 13.

The recommendations, if fully implemented, will generate an estimated net savings of nearly \$50 billion for DOD over the next two decades, officials said.

The Air Force would save an estimated \$2.6 billion through 2011, and a total of \$14.6 billion over the next 20 years.

"The BRAC recommendations announced by the Department of Defense enable us to take full advantage of the expertise of each component of our total force — active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilian — as we continue adapting the Air Force to meet the challenges of a

dynamic global environment," said Michael L. Dominguez, acting secretary of the Air Force. "These recommendations strengthen our ability to coordinate, integrate and operate as part of the joint warfighting team, but I also know they will significantly (affect) many people in the Air Force and in communities around these bases. We're committed to providing all the help we can to work through this together."

This list of recommended Air Force closures included five active-duty and seven reserve component installations.

They are:


- Air Force Research Laboratory Mesa, Ariz.
- Brooks City-Base, Texas.
- Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.
- Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
- General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, Wis.
- Kulis Air Guard Station, Alaska.
- Mansfield-Lahm AGS, Ohio.

- Niagara ARS, N.Y.
- Onizuka Air Force Station, Calif.
- Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass.
- Pittsburgh ARS, Pa.
- W.K. Kellogg AGS, Mich.

The purpose of the DOD's recommendations is to make the most efficient and effective use of all the department's resources, to improve operational efficiency, to save taxpayer dollars, to advance transformation and enhance the combat effectiveness of the military forces, officials said.

These recommendations will not be implemented until after hearings and review by the BRAC commission, approval by the president and congress sometime in November.

Additionally, 62 Air Force installations face varying levels of realignment under the DOD proposal.

For the complete list, visit www.af.mil/brac. 

New policy for sexual-assault victims

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new Department of Defense policy allows sexual-assault victims to confidentially report crimes against them.

In a March memorandum to service secretaries, DOD officials directed all military branches implement restricted (confidential) reporting within 90 days.

The policy allows victims to seek care under restricted reporting procedures, without triggering an investigation or having their name, or the name of their assailant reported up through their chain of command.

Under the new policy, victims will be able to talk with the sexual assault

response coordinator, a victim advocate or certain medics. In the past, only chaplains could provide confidentiality.

This ensures victims of sexual assault get the medical care, counseling and victim advocacy they need following a sexual assault, even if they are not ready to deal with the investigative and legal aspects of reporting a crime, officials said.

"As we implement this policy, training is critical ... for commanders, supervisors, first responders and the entire force," said Charlene Bradley, the Air Force's Sexual Assault Task Force leader. "Everyone must understand the two avenues for reporting — restricted


and unrestricted — and the importance of each to the victim and the mission."

Many times, victims of sexual assault are not immediately ready to report what happened to them, officials said. There are perceived and real barriers to reporting that exist in society and the military — chief among those being the perceived lack of privacy and confidentiality.

"When you deal with military victims, there are many things they consider before reporting," she said. "People are proud of being in the military, and one of the perceptions is that if the commander knows you have been sexually assaulted, he or she may think your effective-

ness is reduced by that experience."

Airmen at their home station might fear reporting a sexual assault will lead co-workers, a supervisor or commander to think differently about them or even question their behavior, Ms. Bradley said. While deployed or in training, they also fear being sent home and missing out on the opportunity to complete their mission.

While names of sexual-assault victims are withheld from commanders under the new restricted reporting procedure, the fact a sexual assault has occurred will be provided to commanders to assist them to assess the climate and increase prevention efforts. 

Information is best breast cancer defense

By Tech. Sgt. Collen Roundtree

Wing Public Affairs

A diagnosis of a condition known often as terminal can strike fear into the heart of the strongest woman. Information is the best weapon against fear and early detection is the best defense against breast cancer.

With the internet readily available, information about breast cancer, the risks, detection and treatment options is available seven days a week.

Some web sites even offer help with more than physiological issues. There are many sites devoted to the emotional issues surrounding diagnosis and the side effects of treatment for both the patient and the family members. All of the surveyed websites promote regular self examinations and mammograms for at risk women.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is one of those sites offering information to help understand the stages of breast cancer and the common side effects of treatment.

According to the Komen web site, the exact cause of cancer is still unknown but there are some common factors, thought to be contributors, in many patients.

“Controllable risk factors include drinking more than one alcoholic drink per day, obesity after menopause or gaining weight as an adult, recent use of oral contraceptives for five or more years, never having children or having your first child over the age of 30 and recent hormone replacement therapy,” the Komen site states.

According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation web page, one uncontrollable risk factor in developing breast cancer is genetics.

“Five percent to ten percent of women who have breast cancer are thought to carry the mutant BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene. Alterations in these

genes for men and women can predispose them to breast cancer. If you are a carrier of the genes, you should be monitored closely by your physician. Carriers of the genes have a lifetime risk of developing breast cancer,” is one of the truths about breast cancer listed in the cancer myths section.

Both sites list early detection as the one way to make the survival odds improve. The NBCF states when breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is 96 percent and there are over 2 million breast cancer survivors alive in America today.

Both sites give credence to the fact that, although there are certain commonalities now called risk factors, many women who develop breast cancer have no history of it in their family, nor are they considered to have any common risk factors.

Because the exact cause is still unknown, every woman needs to know what the early warning signs are.

The Microsoft Network, MSN, health section lists early symptoms of breast cancer including:

A lump or thickening in the breast or armpit that is new or unusual.


A change in the size or shape of the breast

Skin changes, such as a dimple or pucker in the skin of the breast

A change in the color or feel of the skin of the breast or the darker area around the nipple (areola)

Surprisingly, all the websites acknowledge that men are also candidates for breast cancer. According to the MSN site, about one percent of all breast cancer occurs in adult men.

No matter the risk factors or family history, it is good sense to learn more about detecting any type of cancer early.

Editor's Note: This article is dedicated to the memory of 1st. Lt. Elizabeth Rose McDonald, a member of the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron who lost her battle with breast cancer on March 16, 2005. It is the hope of the entire wing that her life will inspire all women in our wing to be aware of the risks and detection techniques in order to diagnose the disease early and seek treatment. 

Arm yourself with information

Microsoft Network Resource

<http://health.msn.com/centers/breastcancer.armx>

Susan G. Komen Foundation

<http://www.komen.org>

National Breast Cancer Foundation

<http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>

Your doctor

Wing members honor victims of Bataan

By Senior Airman Jonathan D. Simmons
Wing Public Affairs

It's a windy dawn in the desert. Three thousand people from all corners of the world are present. Civilians and members of various American militaries stand on the dusty horizon awaiting the order to march.

This was the sight beheld by several 433rd Maintenance Group members at White Sands, N.M. as they gathered to remember the Bataan Death March of World War II.

The original Bataan Death march was a war crime perpetrated by Japanese General Masaharu Homma in 1942 after 70,000 U.S. and Filipino soldiers surrendered to him. His prisoners outnumbered his men and were forced to travel 67 miles on foot between prisons. Many were beaten, starved, tortured and killed on the way. Less than 50,000 survived.

Each year since 1989, those who perished in this tragedy are memorialized by having some of their steps retraced.

"It's such an honor," said Master Sgt. Timothy Hill, a 433rd Maintenance Operations Squadron member, who participated in each march since 2000. "There are many remembrances for the War, especially the war in Europe. I know, I grew up there. (There are also remembrances) surrounding Pearl Harbor as well. I have been there several times. As far as the rest of the battles, they are far less referred to."

"I like history and started reading this forgotten part of history," said Sergeant Hill of why he participates in the memorial. "I could relate because a lot of them were Guard members who went from normal drilling to P.O.Ws in just six months. I felt a kinship to those men and women as they were forced to surrender and abandoned as we were never prepared for the Day of Infamy."

The actual memorial march is only

26.2 miles, as opposed to 67, but even this shortened journey is not for the faint of heart. Sergeant Hill said about 18 miles of the march were at a nine percent grade up the side of a mountain and about three miles were through almost two-foot-deep sand. A 40 mph wind made the trek even more challenging.

"When my wife fell out the third year (to get medical attention), we got a small idea of how it was in the real Bataan Death March," said Sergeant Hill. "I walked to meet a team member coming back for us and he knew, as I did, what that would have meant to those that faced that same decision so many years ago. So did my wife. She was determined to make good on her promise to return and succeed, and she did this year."

"Most of the participants were Army. The 30 Air Force personnel were easy to spot with their stripes on their sleeves," said Sergeant Hill.

The first year, Sergeant Hill and fellow maintainers, decked in new desert camouflage uniforms, met an Air Force lieutenant from Wright-Patterson AFB who bore a Filipino flag. They marched with him and learned his grandfather, a Filipino soldier, was a survivor of the original march.

"A couple of years later his grandfather passed away," said Sergeant Hill. "Ever since that time, we've marched for him."

Sergeant Hill and a team of maintainers have marched every year since 2000 with the exception of 2003 when it was cancelled due to heavy troop deployment levels.

"Each year survivors attend the memorial," said Sergeant Hill. "I talked with a man in his eighties. He came just to thank the marchers for remembering. Each year there are less and less of them, but the stories of heroism will tear you up." 🏠



Courtesy photo

The time and distance separating modern New Mexico and Bataan during WWII got smaller as 3,000 men and women reenacted the tragic Bataan Death March. The event memorializing those lost during the march is held annually in April at White Sands Missile Range near Las Cruces N.M. Several members of the 433rd Airlift Wing participate each year.

Promotions and Awards



Chief Master Sergeant

John W.R. Habighorst, AMDS
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Theodore L. Williams II, MXS



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Victoria L. Lamfers, MSS
Jaime N. Santillan, OSS
Lisa A. Steffes, AMDS
Lisa A. Walker, AMDS
Carl L. White, AMXS



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Miguel R. Gutierrez, MOS
Gabriel G. Guzman, 68 AS
Willie Hernandez, Jr., MXS
David S. Higgins, CES
Kevin M. Kalstad, CES
John M. Macias, CLSS
Ray Naranjo, Jr., CES
Mai V. Nguyen, AMXS



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Wallace C. Hatcher, AMXS
Kenneth R. Hege, AMXS

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Bernalhee McFadden, ALCF
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Tammy M. Vershay, 74 APS
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John M. Williamson, ASTS
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Douglass O. Clifton, 307 RH
Jaime M. Collins, AMXS
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Dale R. Nation, AMDS
Cassandra L. Rangel, ASTS
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Reynaldo R. Sanchez, MOS

Awards

Congratulations to Maj. Raul L. Solis, a healthcare administrator with the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was chosen as the Junior Officer of the Year for the Reserve Officer Association.

To wear or not: the hard work of awards/decs

By Senior Airman Jonathan D. Simmons
Wing Public Affairs

To wear or not to wear? That is the question Senior Airman Taylor Houston asks every day. Through a very technical process she has to decide not only for herself, but also for more than 3,000 Alamo Wing Airmen what colors will take up residence in their ribbon racks of honor.

The Awards and Decorations Section (awards/decs) of the Military Personnel Flight stays busy studying the latest guidance, reviewing accomplishments and recommendations to recognize Alamo Wing members with the proper ribbons and medals. Sometimes there are mistakes, but mostly just hard work and credit where it's due.

"There's never a point when we're not busy," said Airman Houston, awards/decs specialist here.

Awards/decs serves about 100 Airmen each week and about 50 on each two-day UTA. This is on top of the routine production of award orders, reviewing of packages, and performing meticulous mass updates.

"The ops tempo has increased quite a bit," said Senior Master Sgt. Ilee Ersch, MPF superintendent.

"There've been a lot more MPA days to handle and new (or) different kinds of decorations to update."

When Airmen go to war, that means more recognition for their efforts and more effort from the awards and decs section, which consists solely of Airman Houston.

"Prioritization is extremely important," said Airman Houston. "First come the decorations needed ASAP, next serving the customers who come

in and then the mass updates."

From time to time, issues pop up and are dealt

with as quickly and completely as possible.

One such issue that is currently being handled by this section is that of the National Defense Service Medal. It was recently discovered that award of this medal is authorized for all reservists who have participated satisfactorily in the Reserve (i.e. UTAs, annual training, etc.) since Sept. 11, 2001. While this medal has been issued to Airmen in basic training for sometime now, some, upon in-processing to the unit, have been instructed not to wear it. This guidance has now been clarified and superseded. The appropriate mass update is already in progress.

The concept of mass updates is not how it sounds. There's not a magical "update" button that fixes all problems and defeats all enemies foreign and domestic. Instead, it is a highly technical process of one-by-one typing in Social Security numbers and reviewing regulations.

Please check your virtual MPF regularly for any expected updates or additions.

"(Awards and decs are important because they give us) the opportunity to recognize outstanding Airmen, foster morale, esprit de corps and incentives," said Airman Houston. "If you praise an individual, they'll want to do more and better."

Supervisors and unit awards/decs coordinators are encouraged to be as thorough as possible when designing and submitting awards packages for best results.

Public affairs will keep members informed as of what updates are currently in progress so that they need not visit the MPF for issues that are already being worked.

At other bases awards/decs are handled by four or five Airmen, but here the section involves only the desk of one Airman. Patience, thorough review of submissions, and recognition of outstanding service is vital to ensure proper documentation of awards. 🏠



UTA SCHEDULE

June

A: 4-5

B: 11-12

July

A: 9-10

B: 23-24

Aug

A: 6-7

B: 20-21

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men.

- Willy Wonka

Do you have a favorite quote? Perhaps one of your own? E-mail to 433aw.pa@lackland.af.mil with the subject line: Quote for AW.



News bites...

DESERVING AIRMAN COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

The 433d Operations Support Squadron is currently advertising to fill a vacant Intelligence Officer position. Direct appointment of qualified airmen to officer status may be made to fill a unit vacancy.

Applications must be received **no later than 25 July 2005.**

The 433d Civil Engineer Squadron is currently advertising to fill a vacant Civil Engineering Officer position. Direct appointment of qualified airmen to officer status may be made to fill a unit vacancy. The following guidelines apply: Applications must be received **no later than 12 June 2005.**

Airmen interested in applying for either position must submit their application to the Military Personnel Flight, Career Enhancement office, Bldg. 908, Room 204. Applications will be submitted to a Wing commissioning board, and the best-qualified applicant will be selected to fill the position.

STARBASE KELLY

For over ten years, Starbase Kelly, sponsored by the 433 AW, has offered a fun, educational program for kids from the school districts around Kelly Field. This summer we want to again offer the same program to kids of Lackland AFB. We'll do aircraft

tours, scientific experiments, teamwork and goal setting exercises, rocket building and launching, and computer flight simulation. We'll prove that kids can learn and have fun at the same time.

WHO: Kids associated with Lackland AFB who have just completed the 4th or 5th grades.

WHEN: Five day Program - 0900 to 1430 daily. Two Academies - July 11-15, or July 25-29.

WHERE: STARBASE KELLY - on the 433 AW ramp near the old Kelly golf course. It's the gray and green triple wide trailer on Galaxy Road between 433 Wing Headquarters and the 433 Maintenance Squadron. We'll send directions to parents who register.

HOW MUCH: Free! Kids only need to bring a lunch. For more info call StarBase Kelly at 925-3708 (5-3708) or e-mail starbase@stic.net

BILLETING DUTY NCOS

Friday and Saturday nights of the next six UTAs, the wing first sergeants will assign a Duty NCO to the International Student Quarters (ISQ) and the Gateway Enlisted Quarters. Units need to send Services names of NCOs by COB Sunday of the "A" UTA. Units are tasked by the total out of town personnel. The Duty NCO will be assigned to the front desk of the ISQ and Gateway Inn to ensure 433

AW personnel sign authorization sheets and when issues come up, address them using provided guidance. The assignment schedule is attached. Units may assign one or more personnel per four-hour shift and may use either RMP or mandays. Services personnel are assigned to cover the May UTAs. For more information or to volunteer, contact your first sergeant or Senior Master Sgt. Gail Bolt at 925-4980.

101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

Memorial Day weekend signals the start of summer, a time of fun and sun. During the 101 Critical Days of Summer, we sometimes try to do too much because of the extra sunlight. Most mishaps involve one or more of the following factors: alcohol, fatigue, darkness, bad weather, poor judgment or inappropriate risk-taking. Use common sense, plan ahead and be prepared, says Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander. He urges everyone to enjoy the months of summer but to do so responsibly.

SEVEN HABITS CLASSES

The HRDC will be offering the three-day FranklinCovey course "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" June 3-5 (Friday and the entire A UTA), June 10-12 (Friday and the entire B UTA) and 22-24 June (Wed through Fri).

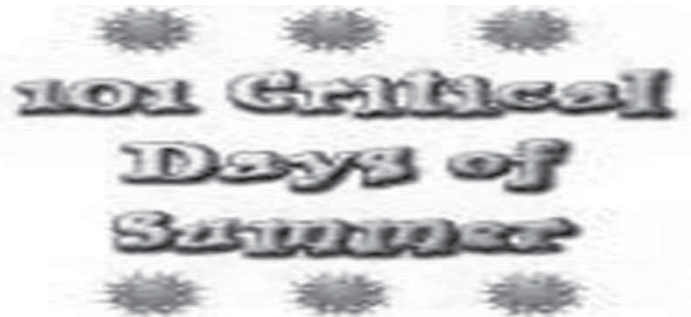
This course teaches the seven distinct habits that lead to effectiveness.

The Seven Habits apply at all four levels of leadership and teaches inside-out improvement: first building your personal trustworthiness, the creating trust on an interpersonal level to improve relationships.

Anyone interested in attending must obtain permission from their supervisor. Send e-mail to timothy.martin@lackland.af.mil for course reservation.

TRICARE INFO

General information about TRICARE is available from a local source. Contact the 433 Aerospace Medicine Squadron at 925-5341. POC's: Senior Master Sgt. Felisa Landez (A UTA) or Master Sgt. Aida Villa (Mon - Fri).



Who's who in the Alamo Wing...



Photo by Maj. Elena T. Milford

“DUCKS” IN A ROW -- Chief Master Sgt. Rogelio Guerra, Jr., 433rd Maintenance Operation Squadron superintendent, reviews production documents to plan and direct the accomplishment of operations within the MOS. Chief Guerra is known for his collection of vintage aircraft lined up here.



Photo by Maj. Elena T. Milford

SQUARED AWAY-- Airman Reynaldo Sanchez, a new 433rd Maintenance Operations Squadron personnelist, studies his 5-level Career Development Courses. A big part of getting and staying mission ready is learning the core job skills. Airman Sanchez takes advantage of down-time at the shop to study his craft.



photo by Senior Airman Jonathan D. Simmons

HI-TECH OIL CHANGE -- Tech. Sgt. Greg Chavez, 433rd Maintenance Squadron jet engine mechanic, drains forward lube and scavenge pump. He keeps engines ready through inspections and scheduled maintenance.

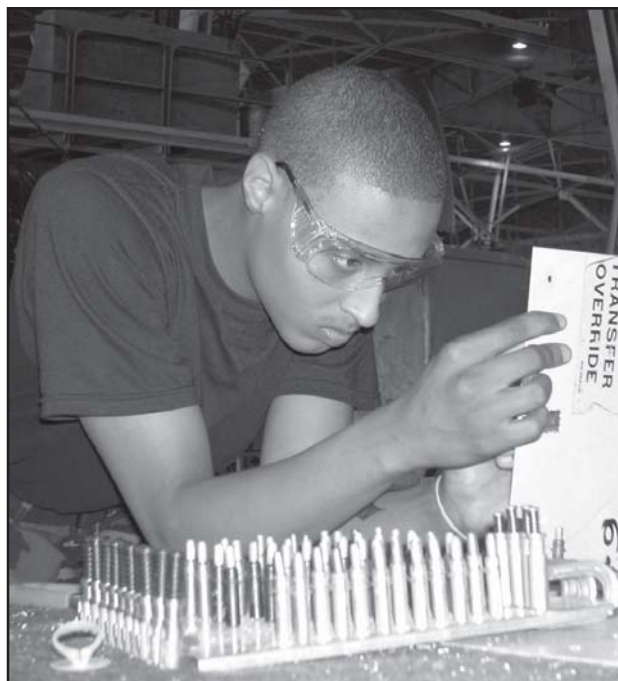


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METALWORKS --Senior Airman Kirk August, 433rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron structural maintenance specialist, fits hinges on a hydraulic service panel. He supports the mission by making sure each part the C-5 structure is sound. "I like to get my hands dirty. It's never boring."

SFS decontaminate on annual tour



Story and photos by Tech. Sergeant Collen Roundtree Wing Public Affairs

The 433rd Security Forces Squadron spent part of its annual tour in full chemical protective gear. They didn't practice putting it on swiftly. They practiced how to get out of it safely once the chemical attack is over.

The Contaminate Air Processing System is part of the Unit Tasking Component for the 433rd Civil Engineer Squadron's Readiness Flight.

"Basically CAPS is our decontamination station in a box," said Master Sergeant Shane MacDonald. "It's how we process people from a contaminated environment to a chemical free one"

The training is new and for Tech. Sergeant Barbara Artibey of the 433rd SFS, it was the first time in her 14 years of service she has seen the CAPS equipment.

"We hope to start integrating this training on a regular basis," said Sergeant MacDonald. "It reinforces the need to be paying attention to detail. Using a buddy system approach, they have to be sure they are paying attention to detail as they process through each station to prevent cross contamination. The key is to get out of the contamination and into a toxin free environment."



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