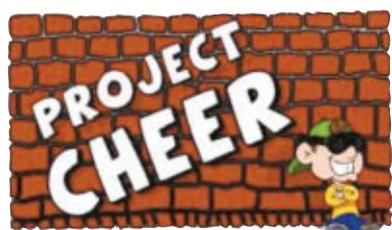


## Community News



### Project CHEER

A Battle of the Bands contest will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the End Zone. Admission is \$5 for non-members. Members enter free. All attendees vote for their favorite group.

Project Cheer is designed to create hope, and an environment of energy, enthusiasm and recreation for single and unaccompanied Airmen.

For more information about Project CHEER events, or to suggest events, call Cat Noll at 784-6381.

### Final Mach Meter

The Mach Meter's final issue will be distributed April 27. As part of an Air Force wide move toward electronic publications, all base news articles will be produced and posted on the Cannon Web site at [www.cannon.af.mil](http://www.cannon.af.mil).

### Weapon load competition

The 27th Maintenance Group will hold the 27th Fighter Wing's 2007 First Quarter Weapon Loading/Proud Falcon competition at 11 a.m. today in Hangar 133 (load barn). Everyone with base access is invited to attend.

### Managing bank accounts

Learn or relearn the basics of managing bank accounts and checkbooks during the Bank Account Management class at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

### Scholastic Awards Dinner

More than \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded to military spouses and students at the Annual Scholastic Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday at The Landing.

The dinner is jointly hosted by the Cannon Officer and Enlisted Spouses Clubs. All spouses club members and invited guests are welcome to attend.

### Bundles for Babies

This class offers information on how to care for a child and the financial aspects of parenthood. The class is 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the Airman and

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN HEATHER REDMAN

## Combat skills prep deployers

Senior Airman Bernardo Reyes, 27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, completes Expeditionary Combat Skills training April 6 at the Cantonment Area. ECS training is conducted by the 27th Security Forces Squadron for units across the base. For a story and more photos, see pages 12-13.

## AFSOC meetings scheduled next week

### *Public invited to learn more on personnel, equipment changes*

27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) assets beddown at Cannon Air Force Base is now available for comment.

The public is invited to attend three area meetings scheduled next week to learn more about environmental impact issues when AFSOC assumes command of Cannon in October 2007.

All meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m. The first will be on Tuesday at Clovis Community College, 417 Schepps Blvd. in Clovis. The second meeting will be on Wednesday at the Fort Sumner Community House, 137 East Baker Ave. in Fort Sumner, N.M., and the third will be on Thursday at Clayton High School, 323 South Fifth, Clayton, N.M.

AFSOC proposes to transfer aircraft and personnel from Hurlburt Field, Fla., or other existing operational locations to Cannon, along with assets that may include weapons systems, equipment and personnel.

The meetings ensure that the public has a fair and equal opportunity to consider and comment on the draft EIS. Attendees will be encouraged to provide oral and written comments during the public hearings or can mail written comments before the close of the public comment period.

The draft EIS is available for review at the following libraries:

- New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe, N.M.
- Clovis-Carver Public Library, Clovis, N.M.
- Portales Public Library, Portales, N.M.
- Fort Sumner Public Library, Fort Sumner, N.M.
- Albert Thompson Memorial Library, Clayton, N.M.

For further input, send written comments before May 14 to:

**Mr. Carl T. Hoffman**  
**HQ AFSOC/A7PP**  
**427 Cody Avenue, Suite 303**  
**Hurlburt Field, Florida 32544-5434**

General information questions should be referred to Denise Boyd, AFSOC Public Affairs, at (850) 884-5515.



## NEWS

# Air Force releases combat action medal criteria

## Medal available for Airmen in combat zones after Sept. 11, 2001

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials at the Air Force Personnel Center released criteria this week for award of the new combat action medal, an award for Airmen who have been involved in direct fighting situations where they risked their lives in an enemy engagement.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley authorized the medal's creation March 15. Any Airman who believes he or she may be eligible can now submit an award package for consideration. The first approval of the Air Force Combat Action Medal is expected within the next few weeks, according to John Balducci, the chief of Air Force recognition programs.

Airmen are eligible for the combat action medal "if their primary role includes performing duties in a combat zone, either on the ground or from the air, by entering into an unsecured area away from an established installation," Mr. Balducci said. "While performing their duties, they must have come under fire or fire upon an enemy to qualify."

A combat zone is defined as a geographic area for which an Airman receives imminent danger/hostile fire pay.

In addition, while encampments, compounds and protected areas aren't normally qualifying locations for the AFCAM, Airmen augmenting a defensive fighting position could be eligible should they meet the award criteria, Mr. Balducci said.

Aircrew members must be flying in direct support of a combat zone and in combat. They also must be performing official duties and not manifested as a passenger. While performing close air support, taking fire from an enemy is not a prerequisite as long as the Airman is at "great risk," Mr. Balducci said.

"For Airmen still on active duty who believe they may be eligible for the medal, their submission must include a narrative explanation of circumstances on an Air Force Form 3994 describing the event, to include date, time, location and incident details, as well as witness statements," Mr. Balducci said. "That package should be submitted to the first O-6 (colonel) in their operational chain of command, who will submit it to the commander of Air Force forces."

Award eligibility is retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001, through a date to be determined and is available across the total force. Personnel no longer on active duty can submit packages to the Board for Correction of Military Records. This will apply to posthumous awards as well, he said.

The medal does come with some restrictions. For example, only one can be awarded during a qualifying period, and for now, operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom count as one eligible time frame. In addition, there are no promotion points for the AFCAM. However, events that garner the combat action medal also can be referenced for other decorations, Mr. Balducci said.

The AFCAM is worn between the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Presidential Unit Citation.

The medal is designed to evoke Air Force heritage, scarlet with diagonal yellow stripes — adapted from the art insignia on the aircraft of Gen. Billy Mitchell, who coordinated the first air-



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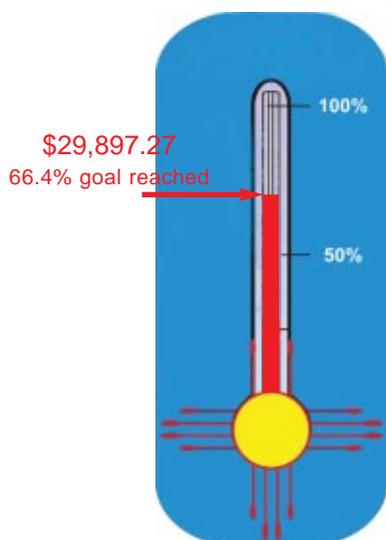
The Air Force Combat Action Medal recognizes Airmen who are involved in combat operations, on the ground or in the air, as part of their duty. Award eligibility is retroactive until Sept. 11, 2001.

to-ground offensive in history. Further, the AFCAM features an eagle grasping arrows in one talon and an olive branch in the other, with the eagle facing the arrows, reflecting preparedness for war, while the olive branch represents a goal of peace, according to official Air Force wear guidance.

For more information, Airmen should contact the Cannon Military Personnel Flight at 784-1578 or the Air Force Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or (800) 616-3775.

### AFAF Update

Goal - \$43,031



## Instant first-class care core of SAPR program

Courtesy of the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office

Giving first-class care to a victim, regardless of where he or she is located, constitutes the core of the Department of Defense (DoD) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program.

In order to provide consistent levels of care to victims, personnel known as Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and Victim Advocates (VAs) respond to assaults, ensuring the appropriate level of care is provided to each victim.

Health care providers, law enforcement, criminal investigators, judge advocates and chaplains also play significant roles in response.

SARCs manage each installation's sexual assault prevention and response program, serving as the single point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care and tracking the services provided to the victim from

the initial report of a sexual assault through disposition and resolution of the victim's health and well-being.

While the SARCs primarily provide management and oversight of a victim's care, the VAs provide immediate direct response to victims 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

VAs assist victims in navigating the military's response network. They are not counselors, therapists or investigators, but instead, they furnish accurate and comprehensive information on available options and resources.

These VAs provide assistance so that the victim can make informed decisions about their care and remain involved in the investigative process.

*(Editor's note: this article is part of a weekly segment for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.)*



## NEWS

# Airmen keep a step ahead of enemy

By Capt. Wes Ticer  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — They don't talk much about what they do, at least to those outside the small, secure compound in Ops Town. But, they do listen to what others have to say — mostly enemy ground forces.

The 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron maintains a constant presence in the Central Command area of responsibility, leveraging their secretive RC-135/VW Rivet Joint aircraft to keep coalition forces a step ahead of enemy forces on the ground.

The aircraft is extensively modified to house its on-board sensor suite. The mission crew can then forward information in a variety of formats to a wide range of consumers via Rivet Joint's communications suite.

The Rivet Joint mission supports both national and tactical requirements, demonstrating a 21st century asymmetric warfare capability.

"We are also able to provide threat tippers via a classified chat capability, which enables us to cross-cue with other intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance and combat platforms who might be in the area to see if we can share information and give our warfighters a more complete picture," said Lt. Col. Karen Bridges, 763rd ERS commander.

Planners are able to build target packages on high value targets, direct action by ground forces, prepare for operations such as the recent Operation Achilles, coordinate close-air support and provide direct threat warning for coalition personnel or assets.

The 42-year-old Rivet Joint fleet is currently undergoing significant airframe, navigational and power plant improvements which include engine upgrades and an upgrade of the flight deck instrumentation and navigational systems, which includes conversion from analog readouts to a digital "glass cockpit" configuration.

The 17 RC-135V Rivet Joint aircraft undergo continuous changes to adapt to the technologies adversaries are using. Upgrades are not done fleet wide; but rather one to three different "baselines" are in the inventory at any given time.

Referred to as the "Baseline 8," the aircraft have several key improvements including a capability called Remote/Extended Aircrew Position Enabling Reachback. REAPER is a product of Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century thinking and a significant improvement for real-time collection and analysis capability. Initially, REAPER will also be used to improve training to spin up aircrews before they deploy to the CENTCOM AOR.

"This is a significant improvement to our capability," Colonel Bridges said.

During the baseline upgrades, aircraft spend up to four years at the depot where they are stripped down to the skin and rebuilt from the bare bones to include the newest technology. Although the airframes themselves are venerable, dating from 1962 and 1964, they are virtually rebuilt each time they return to the depot, Colonel Bridges said.

In addition to the upgraded aircraft, the 763rd ERS



AIR FORCE PHOTO

Airmen from the 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron provide real time on-scene intelligence collection, surveillance and analysis in the air and on the ground during a mission in Southwest Asia.

will expand to accommodate an additional crew. The additional crew is a result of the overall increase in theater operations and will provide enhanced and additional coverage for requirements in theater.

"We have transitioned from a Cold War platform supporting mostly national-level tasking to one which is able to provide direct support to ground forces at a tactical level as well," Colonel Bridges said.

## Air Force goes digital with disciplinary training

By Capt. Kristin M. Castiglia  
Air Force Justice and Court Activities Branch

WASHINGTON — When Airmen sign up for the military, they also sign up for a new system of justice.

Although there are many similarities between the approaches of the civilian and military justice systems, Congress wants to make sure potential servicemembers understand the few differences between the two and that's what the Air Force's new military justice training video achieves.

"We have a responsibility to educate and train our personnel on the unique aspects of our justice system," said Maj. Gen. Jack Rives, the judge advocate general of the Air Force. "This new video provides that training to them in a meaningful and entertaining way."

The new military justice training video, which Airmen around the world will soon be required to watch, is entitled "U.S. Air Force Military Justice and You."

It explains the military justice process in vivid detail and in straightforward terms so any Airman can understand it.

The previous edition of this video was produced almost 30 years ago. Although the message is the same, updated scenarios and new technology create a higher quality and more realistic film, making it a more effective training tool for incoming Airmen.

The up-to-date language, the modern look and feel of the actors, and the decor, enables the video to capture the attention of all Airmen, regardless of their generation.

"This vastly improved training tool will be used to prepare the next generation of Airmen to meet the vigorous disciplinary demands placed on them while serving in today's Air Force," said Loren Perlstein, the associate chief of the Military Justice Division.

To download and watch the new video, visit the Web site at [www.au.af.mil/au/cpd/jagschool/Art137/MJ.wmv](http://www.au.af.mil/au/cpd/jagschool/Art137/MJ.wmv).



## Schedule of events

Courtesy of the Cannon Arbor Day/Earth Day Activities Council

- Golf tournament** — 7 a.m. today at the Whispering Winds Golf Course
- Tree planting** — 8 a.m. Wednesday through April 26 at Doc Stewart and Unity Parks
- 5K Fun Run/1 Mile Walk** — 8 a.m. Thursday at the Fitness Center
- School children activities** — April 23-25 at the Clovis Christian School, Ranchvale School and Youth Center
- Waste water treatment plant tour** — 9 a.m. April 25 at the plant
- Tree City USA ceremony** — 11 a.m. April 26 at Doc Stewart Park
- Children's Story Time** — 10 a.m. April 26 at the Cannon and Clovis libraries
- Environmental Awareness Booths** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at the BX



## COMMENTARY

# Are you ready to go on a short-notice deployment?

By Major. James Rich  
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander

What did you bring to the Air Force today? Are you fully trained to do your job, are your CDCs accomplished? Do you have all your necessary shots? Do you have your family prepared if you get a short notice deployment?

These are questions you need to ask yourself everyday when you report to work. Like most Airmen at Cannon Air Force Base, I thought I was good to go until I got my tasking to deploy in late February.

When I was stationed here at Cannon in the 522nd Fighter Squadron and the 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron from 1997-2000 it was suggested that we all keep a 90-day mobility bag of personal items ready to go in case the deployment horn went off and we deployed. With this bag packed I could easily swap out uniform items and be ready to go within a 72-hour period. With the new Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) concept this is no longer required since we all are tied to specific AEF cycles.

Under the current AEF, most Air Force personnel are given two to four months to prepare before they depart on their deployment. For instance, I was tasked in early February to deploy in late April and like most, I thought just about all of my mobility requirements were up to snuff. Well, I was wrong.

First, I reported to the hospital and learned that I needed six different inoculations, one of which I should have had before I deployed to Korea in 2003. I knew I was going to need a few shots, but six! I rolled up my sleeve and let the Airmen in immunization poke holes in my arm and was soon on my way. Now many Airmen will not get some of these shots they need for medical clearance until they get tasked, but it is a good idea to know what you are lacking before your AEF cycle arrives.

I began to look for copies of my will, powers of attorney and other important documents I could forward to my family so my personal business would be taken care of while I was deployed. I discovered I had not updated my will or looked at my powers of attorney since, you guessed it, – Korea

in 2003. Hmm, let's add another stop to base legal so I can get this information updated and placed in a safe place.

Finally, after having my training manager pull my current training status I learned I was required to accomplish no less than seven different Computer Based Training (CBT) courses and four to five days of training to ensure I was covered throughout my four-month deployment. Even though I was current at the time, many items needed to be re-accomplished within 90 days of departure or covered through the full duration of deployment. You also need to factor in any use or lose leave or time you wish to spend with your family before departure. The bottom line is I had a good bit of things to get done before I left and it took almost six weeks to get most of it completed.

Are you mobility ready? Are your family care plans in order? Do you have your personal mobility bag packed? We should ask ourselves these questions and then complete the task to become mobility ready as we get closer to the turnover to AFSOC this fall.

## Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell  
23rd Wing Public Affairs

It can happen in a blink of an eye.

The car in front of you stops suddenly. The reason doesn't matter – maybe the driver was talking on a cell phone and wasn't paying attention, maybe a child became disruptive in the back-seat and the parent had to intervene – but within a split second you're hitting the brakes and finding yourself in the middle of a traffic accident.

The result – you're seriously injured and your car is

totaled. But the losses don't stop there. Because of the vehicle damage and injuries you sustained, the Air Force also loses productivity and man-hours. Someone else has to take on your duties in an already stressed work environment because you're on convalescent leave.

Worse yet, the accident could even result in death, leaving lasting and irreparable damage to your family members, friends and co-workers.

"In 2003, motor vehicle traffic crashes were the leading cause of death for

those between the ages of 4 through 34," according to the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration. While this fact is alarming on its own because of the statistics on the loss of young lives, "motor vehicle traffic crashes ranked third overall in terms of the years of life lost, behind only cancer and heart disease."

But let's look beyond statistics, I recently received a wake up while on my way to work. I witnessed a multiple-car accident and was extremely close to being a part of it myself.

Luckily, I was able to

swerve out of the way by going into the next lane; however, several other people weren't as fortunate.

While the injuries resulting from the accident did not seem to be life-threatening, the lasting effects remain the same for all involved. In addition to those injured having to go the hospital, the cars were damaged and everyone involved in the accident most likely were unable to report to work; instead spending much of their day on the phone dealing with insurance agents.

I'm sure none of the people involved in the accident

thought they would be in an accident. Who does? However, there are some things we can do to reduce the chances of being in a vehicular mishap.

– Slow down and obey the posted speed limits.

– Use the two-second rule to ensure sufficient space if a sudden stop is required.

– Eliminate cell phone use while driving.

It only takes a mistake by one person to cause a vehicular mishap, and that person doesn't have to be you.

Take every precaution to ensure it doesn't happen to you.

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## ROLL CALL

# Mission areas guide AF



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Courtesy of Air Force News  
Week of April 4-10

The Air Force operates under three mission areas: global vigilance, global reach and global power. All career fields, all of our missions and sorties, and all of our Airmen fall underneath at least one of those areas every day.

It's easy to understand this once we dissect what it is we do every day.

Did you know that the Air Force flies about 430 daily sorties in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom?

Roll Call is posted online, so supervisors can read it to their Airmen at morning roll calls or weekly formations. It is available at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

Of those daily sorties, consider the following:

- About 16 of those sorties are for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions and 12 are unmanned aerial vehicles (Global Hawk and Predator), each providing **global vigilance**.

- We track satellites from 55 countries, with 560 satellite over-flights providing space situational awareness, another form of **global vigilance**.

- There is one Air Mobility Command departure somewhere in the Central Command area of responsibility (AOR) every 90 seconds, providing a **global reach** never seen in any previous era.

- There are at least 275 airlift sorties a day with 2,500 passengers, 1,000 tons worth of supplies and 58 offloads within the AOR, another form of **global reach**.

- There are, in a single day, 100 strike, electronic warfare and non-traditional Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance sorties flown in the AOR, as well as seven special operations and search and rescue sorties in the AOR, providing **global power**.

Whether Airmen are deployed and directly involved operationally with these missions or if they are providing support for them back at home station, each person wearing the Air Force uniform plays a vital and important role in those mission areas. Because of your efforts, America's Air Force is global and expeditionary. We provide vigilance — seeing anywhere, anytime. We provide reach — we're the fastest anywhere for anything that has to be there. And we provide power — stealthy with lethal accuracy.



## Sgt. Afi's 36-2903 Tip of the Week

**To present a proper military image, no more than three rings may be worn at the same time.**

**Bracelets must be conservative and no wider than one inch, necklaces must be concealed under the collar or under-shirt, and pencils and pens must be concealed except when carried in the compartment of the left BDU pocket or in the left pocket of food and hospital uniforms.**



## NEWS FEATURES

# Service demographics offer snapshot of force; military, civilian

Courtesy of Air Force News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center recently published its demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force, as of March 31.

Statistics are rounded to the nearest tenth.

## Active-duty demographics

— 337,780 individuals are on active duty composed of 68,675 officers and 269,105 enlisted Airmen.

— The Air Force has 13,545 pilots, 4,371 navigators, 1,363 air battle managers and 33,188 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below.

### Age

— The average age of the officer force is 35; for enlisted Airmen it's 29.

— 38.7 percent are below the age of 26, which is 45.3 percent of enlisted Airmen and 12.9 percent of officers.

### Sex

— There are 66,410 women in the Air Force, which is 19.7 percent of the force; 18.2 percent of officers and 20 percent of enlisted Airmen.

— 59 percent of the female officers are line officers; 41 percent are non-line; 85.4 percent of the male officers are line officers and 14.6 percent are non-line.

— Currently there are 593 (4.1 percent) female pilots, 226 (4.8 percent) female navigators and 164 air battle managers (11.7 percent)

### Race

The following percentages covers self-reported racial information:

— 0.6 percent are American Indian or native Alaskan.

— 2.3 percent are Asian.

— 14.8 percent are black or African American.

— 0.8 percent are native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

— 74.3 percent are white.

— 1.6 percent are of more

than one of the categories.

— 5.6 percent declined to report their race.

### Ethnicity

"Hispanic or Latino" is now considered an ethnic, not a racial, category that is registered separately and in addition to the above racial categories.

— 9.1 percent are "Hispanic/Latino."

— 87.8 percent "not Hispanic/Latino."

— 3.1 percent declined to respond.

### Marital status

— 60.8 percent of the current force is married, which is 72.6 percent of officers and 57.8 percent of enlisted Airmen. There are 19,597 couples in the Air Force with both spouses in the military; 1,358 of these are married to members of other military services.

### Family members

— Active duty members supported 516,685 family members; 413,159 family members reside in an Airman's household.

### Overseas

— 21.3 percent of Airmen are assigned overseas (including Alaska and Hawaii), which is composed of 10,466 officers and 61,567 enlisted Airmen.

### Total active federal military service

— The average total active federal military service is 11 years for officers and nine years for enlisted Airmen.

### Academic education

— 50.4 percent of officers have advanced or professional degrees; 40.1 percent have master's degrees, 8.9 percent have professional degrees and 1.3 percent have doctorate degrees.

— 24 percent of company grade officers have advanced degrees; 17.3 percent have master's degrees, 6.5 percent have professional degrees and 0.3 percent have doctorate degrees.

— 84.8 percent of field

grade officers have advanced degrees; 70.1 percent have master's degrees, 12.2 percent have professional degrees and 2.6 percent have doctorate degrees.

— 99.95 percent of the enlisted force have at least a high school education; 73.5 percent have some semester hours toward a college degree; 16.4 percent have an associate's degree or equivalent semester hours; 4.8 percent have a bachelor's degree; 0.8 percent have a master's degree and .01 percent have a professional or doctorate degree.

### Component

— 99.4 percent of the officers have a regular commission; 99.6 percent of the line officers have a regular commission.

### Developmental education

— 60.1 percent of the officers have completed one or more professional military education or developmental education course either in

residence or by correspondence; 8,939 have completed at least one senior service school or senior developmental education course, 13,633 have completed an intermediate level course while 18,675 have completed Squadron Officer School.

### Source of commission

— 19.4 percent of the officers were commissioned through the U.S. Air Force Academy, 43.1 percent through ROTC and 20.8 percent through Officer Training School. The remaining 16.7 percent were commissioned from other sources (direct appointment, etc.).

### Civilian employee demographics

#### Total civilian strength

— There are 142,447 civilian employees; 76 percent are "white collar" and 24 percent are "blue collar."

#### Citizenship

— 133,276 are U.S. citizens including U.S. nationals (9,796 are Air Force Reserve

technicians); 9,168 are foreign national employees; and three are other non-U.S. employees in the U.S. or a U.S. territory.

### Age

— The average age is 46.6 years.

### Length of service

— The average length of service is 15.6 years.

### Retirement eligibility

— 24 percent become eligible in more than 20 years.

— 30.2 percent become eligible in 11 to 20 years.

— 17.8 percent become eligible in six to 10 years.

— 18 percent become eligible in one to five years.

— 8.4 percent became eligible in one to five years ago.

— 1.7 percent became eligible more than five years ago.

### Military service

— 2.6 percent of civilians are retired officers.

— 15.4 percent of civilians are retired enlisted.

— 30.2 percent of civilians have some military service.



AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRADLEY LAIL

Staff Sgt. Edward Mims closes a block valve to a 50,000-gallon, JP-8 fuel bladder April 5 at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Sergeant Mims is one of 269,105 enlisted Airmen on active duty as of March 31.



# Dorm Block Party

April 27  
3 p.m. - ?

@  
**THE**  
**END ZONE**

Sports Lounge • Food • Entertainment  
& surrounding areas

Tournaments  
outdoor games  
& movies

Free food  
for dorm  
residents

Live bands  
& DJs

Organized by the 27th Medical Group Top 4, Chief's Group, Middle Tier, Top 3, First Sergeant's Association and the Cannon Junior Enlisted Council.



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

## **Pet of the Week**

This female Labrador Retriever mix is one of 28 dogs rescued following the tornado on March 23. A total of 16 still remain unclaimed. She is available for adoption. To save her or another animal's life, call 784-4228.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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Family Readiness Center and is for people 20 or more weeks pregnant or have a newborn under three months old.

For more information, call 784-4228.

### **Marriage workshop**

A marriage workshop, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 20 at La Quinta Inn in Clovis, will address communication issues, conflict resolution and marriage danger signs.

For more information or to register, call 784-2507 by Wednesday.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Day**

A heartfelt thank you is going out to all Cannon affiliated volunteers from the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Cake and punch will be served from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the A&FRC.

For more information, call 784-4228.

### **Volunteer opportunity**

The Cannon Community Center is seeking volunteers for the 4th Annual Kite Karnival April 28 at Doc Stewart Park.

Volunteers are needed for set up, parking, game monitors and tear down. Volunteers will be divided up into shifts.

For more information, call 784-6381.

### **Trivia contest winners**

The Cultural Observance Committee announced the winners of the Cannon National African American History Month Trivia Contest, conducted in February. Elijah Williams, 27th Mission Support Squadron, and Airman Mandy Jensen, 27th Fighter Wing Command Post, were awarded \$25 in gift certificates from the COC and the Top Three.

### **Family Web site**

The Airman and Family Readiness Center has launched a new Web site to promote its programs. Visit it at [www.cannonfsc.org](http://www.cannonfsc.org).



## SERVICES

# First Air Force dining facility in Baghdad honors hero

By Staff Sgt. Scott McNabb  
447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

SATHER AIR BASE, Iraq — Airmen unveiled a tribute to a fallen hero, stressed the importance of airpower and cut the ribbon to the first Air Force dining facility in Baghdad in December.

Lt. Gen. Gary North, Central Air Forces (CENTAF) commander, was the guest speaker at the ceremony which gave dual tribute to fallen member Tech. Sgt. Walter M. Moss Jr. and airpower.

Col. Gregory Marston, 447th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, pointed out that of the other seven or eight dining facilities (DFACs) on Victory Base Complex, the series of Army bases surrounding Baghdad Airport, only Sather's will honor it's service heritage and it's people.

"One of the other DFACS has dozens of collegiate flags, another has a sports theme, another shows state flags. One even has pictures of exotic, tropical destinations," said Colonel Marston during his speech. "In my mind, none of them celebrate the service that runs them or tells the story of what our military people do. This dining facility had to be dedicated to a fallen hero, lest we forget his sacrifice; and its theme had to be about the Air Force and airpower."

Sergeant Moss, an explosives ord-

nance disposal technician who led his team to complete 119 missions and clear 40 improvised explosive devices, was killed in action in March of 2006.

General North, who gave the "go ahead" order to fund the construction of the DFAC, joined Colonel Marston in unveiling a wall dedicated to Sergeant Moss. Camouflage netting was removed to display a large picture of Sergeant Moss and his biography. At the same time, a tribute of three EOD controlled detonations could be heard in the distance.

General North said Sergeant Moss abides in the spirit of Airmen and that of warriors in all services who raise their hand and serve.

"The spirit of Walter Moss will live on in this facility," he said.

"Back in the day — airpower was just about airplanes," Colonel Marston explained. "Airpower meant air superiority, bombs on target, strategic deterrence, close air support, cargo or passengers delivered anytime/anywhere. But the times have changed. Today combat airpower is about what the Air Force adds to our military power across the globe."

Colonel Marston said airpower is about what each Airman does every day. He used the fact that even though there are less than 1,000 Airmen at Sather, the base moves cargo at a rate of bases "ten times our size."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SCOTT MCNABB

Col. Gregory Marston (left) and Lt. Gen. Gary North reveal the sign and memorial to Tech. Sgt. Walter Moss, an explosive ordnance disposal team leader who was deployed to Sather Air Base in Baghdad when he was killed. This was the opening ceremony for a new dining facility named in honor of Sergeant Moss. General North is the U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander and Colonel Marston is the 447th Air Expeditionary Wing commander.

Both speakers made it a point to thank every person who played a part in planning, building and running the new DFAC. To Colonel Marston, the name sums it all up.

"In the end, we didn't call this DFAC — 'Oasis,' 'DeFleury,' 'International Café' or 'DFAC #1' [names of other current DFACs in Baghdad.] We called it the Tech.

Sergeant Walter M. Moss Jr. Airpower DFAC," he said "This facility is about this man, our base and the Air Force mission you do here. Our walls here are filled with pictures of our airpower — in the form of Air Force aircraft that have protected the skies and terrified our enemies since WWI; it also shows the faces of the people who make it happen everyday."



## What's happening?



### Today

Conversational Language Skills Japanese — 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library  
Mongolian Barbeque — 5 p.m. at The Landing  
Texas Hold'em — 6 p.m. at The Landing



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All Nighter — 9 p.m. at The Landing

### Saturday

Texas Scramble — 9 a.m. at the Whispering Winds Golf Course  
Bowl Over Taxes Tournament — 6 p.m. at Cannon Lanes  
Battle of the Bands — 7 p.m. at the End Zone

### Sunday

Dart League — 6:30 p.m. at the End Zone

### Monday

Homestyle Buffet — 11 a.m. at The Landing  
Conversational Language Skills Arabic — 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library

### Tuesday

Chef's Choice — 11 a.m. at The Landing

Bread Bowl Soup — lunch at the End Zone  
Conversational Language Skills Spanish — 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library

### Wednesday

Italian Pasta or Fajita Bar — 11 a.m. at The Landing  
Conversational Language Skills Chinese — 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library  
Wild Wednesdays — 1:30 and 9 p.m. at Cannon Lanes

### Thursday

Earth Day 5K Run/1Mile Walk — 9 a.m. at the Fitness Center  
Story Time Preschool — 10:30 a.m. at the Cannon Library  
Conversational Language Skills French — 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library



## FEATURE

# Airmen provide the force 'inside the wire'

By Senior Airman  
Candace Romano  
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – An Airman performing a vehicle search might be a C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster. The Airman providing escort for local nationals could be a medical technician.

But, regardless of their primary Air Force Specialty Code, or AFSC, Airmen such as these provide force protection while assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron have one mission here: maintain base defense inside the wire with steely-eyed vigilance.

“Force protection provides security for the base, ensuring Air Force assets and personnel are kept safe,” said Master Sgt. John Romo, superintendent in charge of force protection under the 332nd ESFS. “We also make sure the foreign nationals and host nationals entrusted to us are under the care of vigilant, alert Airmen.”

More than 120 force protection Airmen carry this responsibility with them every day as they perform vehicle and personnel searches, provide escort, and issue identification for third-country and local nationals working within the wire.

Force protection Airmen undergo a three-day training course after arriving here to certify them as escorts for the many foreign and host nationals who work on Balad.

“The responsibility these Airmen have is immense,” said Staff Sgt. Victoria Miller with force protection, a dental laboratory journeyman deployed from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. “We search every vehicle for weapons and unauthorized items and conduct personnel sweeps to make sure they’re safe to go out and do their work on base.”

Threats inside the wire pose as much a threat as those outside, according to force protection Airmen, who never let their guard down and keep constant vigilance.

“It’s a challenge to maintain the first line of defense inside the base,” said Airman 1st Class Lance Benedietto with force protection, a hydraulic systems specialist deployed from the 31st Maintenance Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy. “Back home, I maintain jets and am responsible for the pilots’ lives. Here, it’s not just the pilots’ lives; it’s everyone on base we’re providing defense for.”

Force protection Airmen provide the means for vital projects like filling sandbags and working construction to be completed without tying up

other critical military manpower. It also provides an opportunity for local and foreign nationals to seek job opportunities on base.

“Interacting with them on a daily basis has made me realize they have faces and families ... talking to most of them, I’ve found they all love America, even though they only know three places: New York, Texas and California,” said Senior Airman Levi Scott, with force protection, a C-17 loadmaster deployed from McGuire AFB, N.J.

“They’re all glad to have their jobs and send money back home. They’re all trying to make a living, just like everyone else.”

Working in close proximity to local and foreign nationals has changed some Airmen’s views, many who initially had reservations about interacting with local nationals.

“I feel a bit more comfortable after interacting with

them every day,” said Airman Benedietto. “I’m more accepting of the cultural differences ... they’re definitely not the stereotypes you see on TV.”

The job puts Airmen at the forefront of base defense inside the wire, a daunting but important task.

“I have the utmost faith in my fellow Airmen and NCOs, who do a difficult job every

day. Many of them are on their first deployment, and are coming from diverse career fields – but they’re all giving 100 percent,” said Sergeant Romo, a reservist with the 433rd Airlift Wing’s 433rd Aeromedical Squadron at Lackland AFB, Texas. “We’re guarding and defending the most important Air Force asset, our people.”



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN CANDACE ROMANO

Airman 1st Class Jeremy Roberts and Senior Airman Julia Branch oversee foreign nationals working on the flightline at Balad Air Base in Iraq. As part of their force protection duties, the Airmen search vehicles and do personnel searches, providing escort for third country and local nationals working at Balad. Airman Roberts is deployed from the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and Airman Branch is deployed from the 59th Medical Wing at Lackland AFB, Texas. Both Airmen are assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron force protection.

## Top enlisted Airman touts new performance report

By Airman 1st Class Nicholas Stowers  
Det. 6, Air Force News Agency

LAJES FIELD, Azores – The top enlisted Airman discussed the new Air Force Enlisted Performance Report during his recent stop in Lajes Field.

“I think it’s going to be much better than the one we presently have,” Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley said.

“We’re just trying to improve it so we don’t have to spend so much time writing it,” the chief said. “That way we have more

factual stuff in there.”

The new EPR has several advantages to it, including a mechanism for instant feedback.

“Now on the new (EPR) you’re going to sign for it before it goes in,” Chief McKinley said, “So you’ll know exactly what you’re going to be getting from the very beginning.”

Physical fitness will also be measured on the new EPR. Supervisors will rate whether Airmen meet fitness standards, fail to meet standards, or are exempt.

“Physical fitness is a big part of our Air Force, and having this on the EPR and

being evaluated as such is very important,” Chief McKinley said.

Also, along with the new EPR, the Air Force is developing a new performance feedback to aid Airmen in developing their careers.

“The front sheet of the performance feedback looks exactly like the front sheet of the EPR,” Chief McKinley said. “Doing an EPR and doing a good EPR starts with doing a quality performance feedback to our Airmen.”

The new EPR will become effective this summer



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

Chief Master Sergeant  
of the Air Force  
Rodney McKinley



# Unit Spotlights

## Kirtland AFB NCO Academy graduates

*John Levitow Award winner*  
*Tech. Sgt. Jesse Hemsworth,*  
*27th Civil Engineer Squadron*

*Distinguished Graduates:*  
*Tech. Sgt. Gene Augustain,*  
*27th Logistics Readiness Squadron*

*Tech. Sgt. Duncan Mason,*  
*27th CES*

*Remaining Graduates:*  
*Tech. Sgt. Chad Aubuchon,*  
*27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron*

*Tech. Sgt. Robert Fleming,*  
*27th CES*

*Tech. Sgt. Benjamin McCubbins,*  
*27th AMXS*

*Tech. Sgt. Paul McGrory,*  
*27th Security Forces Squadron*

*Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Passut,*  
*27th AMXS*

*Tech. Sgt. Lashonda Proctor,*  
*27th LRS*

*Tech. Sgt. Brian Taylor,*  
*27th AMXS*

*Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Wurn,*  
*27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron*

### CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL

## Come worship with us

### CATHOLIC

Religious Education	9:15 a.m.
Sunday (Kindergarten thru Teens)	
Sunday Mass	10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation	9:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass (M,W,F)	12:05 p.m.

### PROTESTANT

Contemporary	9 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Gospel	noon

**For more information about other programs or other faith groups, call the chapel office at 784-2507.**

104 W. Trident Ave., Cannon AFB, N.M.

## At the Movies

The Cannon Theater is located on Torch and Ingram.  
Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

### Wild Hogs

**Today at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.**

**Description:** A group of middle-aged friends decide to rev up their routine suburban lives with a freewheeling motorcycle trip. Taking a long dreamed of breather from their stressful jobs and family responsibilities, they can't wait to feel the freedom of the open road. When this mismatched foursome — who have grown far more used to the couch than the saddle — set out for this once in a lifetime experience, they encounter a world that holds far more than they ever bargained for.

**PG-13** – crude and sexual content, and some violence

**Running time:** 96 min.

### Reno 911: Miami

**Saturday at 6 p.m.**

**Description:** The officers of the Reno police department visit a national police convention in Miami Beach. When the convention center is bio-attacked, it's up to Reno's "finest" to save the day again.

**R** – sexual content, nudity, crude humor, language and drug use

**Running time:** 81 min.

### Ghost Rider

**Sunday at 6 p.m.**

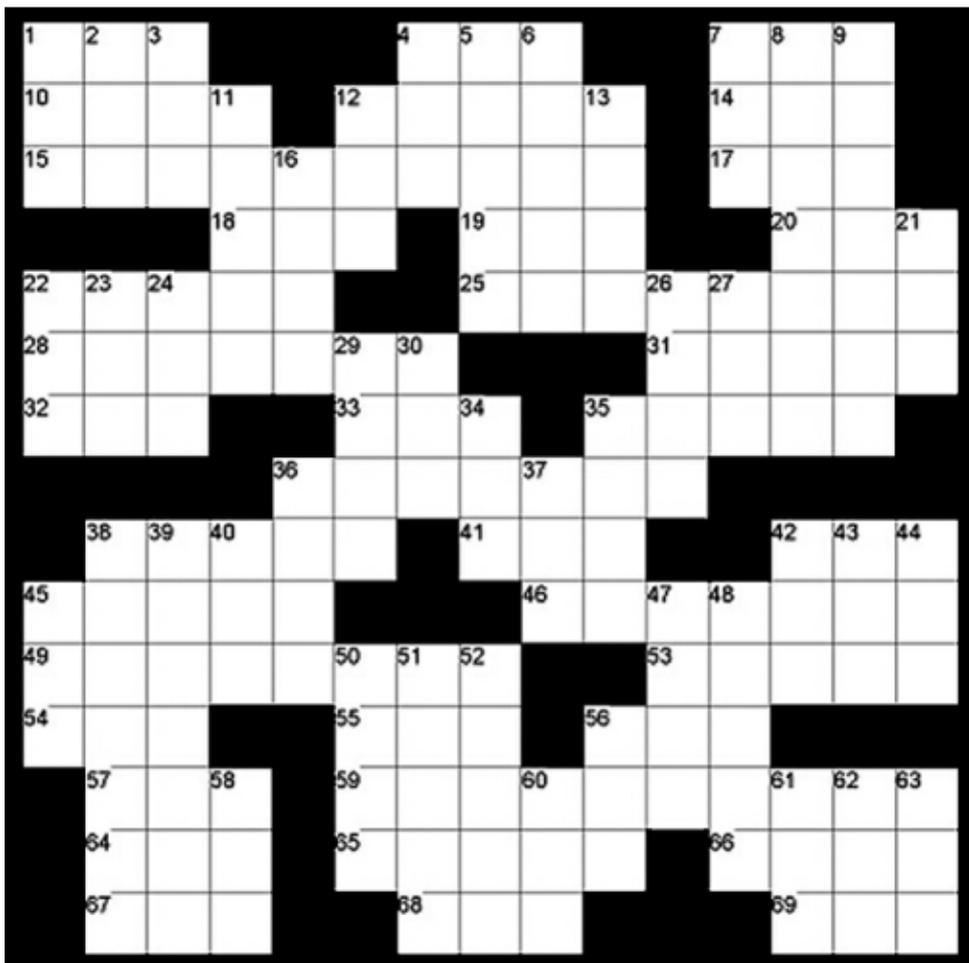
**Description:** A motorcycle stuntman, Johnny Blaze, makes a pact with a dark force, selling his soul to save his girlfriend. When the bargain goes sour and the girl isn't saved, Blaze is transformed, gaining raging superpowers. This movie is based on the Marvel comic series.

**PG-13** – horror violence and disturbing images

**Running time:** 110 min.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

Find the base: AFSPC

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Hubbub
- 4. And others, in brief
- 7. USAF MAJCOM
- 10. \_\_\_ the deck
- 12. Commandeer
- 14. Homer's signature saying
- 15. AFSPC base home to the Space and Missile Center
- 17. Summertime beverage
- 18. U.K. beverage
- 19. USAF Reservist type
- 20. Epoch
- 22. Path
- 25. Home to 21st SW
- 28. Home to 460th SW
- 31. Mountain climbing spike
- 32. Observe
- 33. Sea between Africa and Saudi Arabia
- 35. Home to 91st Space Wing
- 36. \_\_\_ and Old Lace
- 38. Upsets
- 41. USA org., once
- 42. Also
- 45. Chinese bear
- 46. AFSPC base home to the 45th SW

- 49. Home to 90th SW
- 53. Removes from power
- 54. Mao \_\_\_-Tung
- 55. State of AU, 42 ABW
- 56. Cabin type
- 57. Greek letter
- 59. AFSPC base home to the 30th Space Wing
- 64. Camping vehicles
- 65. Boredom
- 66. Abominable snowman
- 67. Op begun in Oct. 2001
- 68. Color
- 69. Appendage

DOWN

- 1. AOL or Earthlink
- 2. Flags of \_\_\_ Jima
- 3. USN equivalent to AFB
- 4. 112°30' east of due north, in brief
- 5. Spring flower
- 6. One of a class of liqueurs of a thick consistency
- 7. Bother
- 8. California town
- 9. Cigar with open ends
- 11. Technique of hand-dyeing fabrics using wax
- 12. Mascot in Athens, Georgia
- 13. Test for H.S. juniors
- 16. Jodie Foster film
- 21. Writer Coulter
- 22. Cable TV station
- 23. Lament
- 24. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 26. Saga
- 27. Dog star \_\_\_ Tin Tin
- 29. Mistakes
- 30. Affirmative
- 34. Morning moisture
- 35. Biotite
- 36. In the distance
- 37. Quick rest
- 38. Orchestra conductor
- 39. Combine with something woven in
- 40. Federal health org.
- 42. \_\_\_ the season...
- 43. Fall mon.
- 44. Approves, briefly
- 45. USAF health test
- 47. Sunday caricature
- 48. Sport similar to football
- 50. Rhapsodize
- 51. African antelope
- 52. Child caretaker
- 56. Hawaiian wreath
- 58. Tampa school, in brief
- 60. Owe
- 61. Snakelike fish
- 62. Map marking, in short
- 63. Musician's concert



## FEATURE

# Airmen, Soldiers mentor Afghan medical instructors

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz  
U.S. Central Command Air Forces Public Affairs

CAMP EGGERS, Afghanistan — A team of five highly-skilled Air Force and Army medics mentor Afghan National Army instructors at the Combat Medic School in Kabul.

Their mission is to guide the ANA instructors into leading the Combat Medic Course, which was recently extended to eight weeks. As instructors, they serve as mentors and help promote the growth and professionalism of the ANA's road to self-sufficiency.

"The ANA has never had medics in the field," said Army Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ryle, combat medic course instructor. "So, after further discussions with the ANATEC (Afghan National Army Training and Education Command), a combat medic course was implemented."

The course teaches basic emergency medical technician information, anatomy and physiology theory, airway management and patient assessment,

just to name a few.

Initially, the course was six weeks, but after further evaluation, it was determined that two more weeks needed to be added to the curriculum.

"We just didn't have enough time to get them trained during the original timeframe," Sergeant Ryle said. "This extra training is necessary to enhance those basic medical skills even more."

Inside of a lecture classroom in the basement of the Combat Medic School, Senior Airman Phillip Bordé teaches a note-taking class to a roomful of students.

"I noticed a need for the students to have good note-taking abilities," said Airman Bordé, who is deployed from the 42nd Medical Operations Squadron in Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. "This class should also improve their study skills." the EMT with two years of outpatient clinic experience said.

Soon after the class ended, Master Sgt. Sherri Tarun, a medical mentor, addressed the students. "After these eight weeks, you'll be disciplined combat medics ready for war," she said.

Once the students graduate, they receive sustainment training in the field, Sergeant Tarun, who's deployed from the 375th Aeromedical Squadron in Scott AFB, Ill., added.

"It's great for the students to see us working with the ANA instructors side by side," Sergeant Tarun said.

One of the ANA instructors is a four-year member of the medical corps. He enjoys working with his American counterparts.

"We've learned so much from the American instructors," ANA Master Sgt. Mohammad Sohaib said. "They've guided and helped us in teaching the students. That help allows us to produce the best leaders from this course."

Sergeant Sohaib said the students receive classroom lecture and hands-on training in the field.

In the afternoon, the students walked several cement steps toward a rocky knoll. Scattered rocks dominated the hill's walking path while tall trees dotted the rest of the site.

Airman Bordé approached his group, removed his desert camouflage

uniform top and wrapped a blood pressure meter around his arm.

The students then took turns with the meter to monitor their systolic blood pressure and stethoscope to hear each other's pulses.

In another group, Army Master Sgt. Craig Abrom, NCOIC of the combat medic course, took advantage of — what he calls — "opportunity training."

"I enjoy this type of training because I can quiz and ask questions," the 22-year Soldier said. "It reinforces what the students have just learned."

Sergeant Abrom enforces communication within the students' learning. He asked the shy students questions so they can become more vocal and comfortable with the material.

"I really enjoy working with these young soldiers," he said. "I get a kick out of seeing the light bulb come up above their heads. We're really making a difference with them."

Sergeant Abrom noted the students' gradual improvement and progression.

"The quality of the medics' knowledge has vastly improved," he said.



PHOTOS BY DON PEEK

## Anniversary baseball begins journey

Above: Col. Heath Nuckolls, commander of the Air Force Reserve's 94th Airlift Wing, along with Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz present a baseball that will make a trip around the world commemorating the Air Force's 60th Anniversary at the April 6 opening home game at Turner Field in Atlanta. The baseball will return to Turner Field during a September home game.

Left: Air Force jets perform a flyby in celebration of the Atlanta Braves baseball opening day at Turner Field April 6 in Atlanta. Two F-15 Eagles and two F-22 Raptors represent the Heritage to Horizons theme for the Air Force during the performance of the national anthem. The Heritage to Horizons events throughout the year all lead up to Atlanta Air Force Week, hosted by Air Force Reserve Command Oct. 8-14.



**SPORTS SHORTS**



**Earth Day  
5K Fun Run or  
1 Mile Walk**

8 a.m. Thursday at  
the Fitness Center

**Cannon Lanes 784-2280**

**Bowl Over Taxes Tournament** — A \$15 entry fee gets bowlers into this tournament from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday. More than half of the entry fee goes into the prize fund and special events.

Check with the front desk for rules on this tournament.

**Wednesday Specials** — Students receive discounts from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Bowl four games and receive free shoes and a drink for \$5.

Everyone can bowl as many games as possible from 6 to 9 p.m. for \$5 per person.

**Youth Center 784-2747**

**Youth activities for 'Tweens (ages 9-12) and Teens (ages 13-18)**

Today — FitFactor Activities, 3-on-3 Basketball

Saturday — FitFactor Activities  
Tuesday — Chess and FitFactor Activities

Wednesday — Board Games, Skating and Scooters

Thursday — FitFactor Activities and Dart Challenge

**Whispering Winds**

**Golf Course 784-2800**

**Texas Scramble** — Play with a four-person team in a Texas Scramble format golf tournament with a 9 a.m. shotgun start April 14, weather permitting. Each player tees off and the best tee shot is selected for the team to play from. Full handicaps will be used.

The \$15 entry fee includes closest to pin contests and lunch. Sign up by today.

**Senior Days** — Senior golfers, 50 years and older, receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric

cart rentals on Monday and Friday.

**Retiree Wednesdays** — Golfers with retired military identification cards receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals.

**End Zone 784-4283**

**DJ** — A DJ plays from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at the End Zone.

**Outdoor Rec. 784-2773**

**Airmen's Expedition** — This is a Project CHEER event to White Sands, the Museum of Space History/IMAX Theater and Carlsbad Caverns and is geared for single Airmen living in the dormitories, but others may attend.

Depart the base May 4 and return May 6. The price is \$100 per person and includes lodging, transportation, a self-guided tour of Carlsbad Caverns, an IMAX movie, entry to the museum and White Sands, and lunch both days. For \$20 more, take the Spider Cave Tour for a more hands-on glimpse of Carlsbad Caverns.

Sign up by April 27 at the Discover Home Travel Fair at The Landing.

**Boater's Safety Class** — Anyone interested in renting powered watercraft from Outdoor Recreation must attend this training on April 28, May



ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 16



Cannon Air Force Base 4th Annual  
**Kite KARNIVAL**  
**April 28**  
 10 am - 4 pm  
 Doc Stewart Park



- Kids Kite Candy Drop
- Professional Kite Flyers
- Free Kite Making Class 10-12 am
- Games All Day
- Guinness Book of World Records Record Breaking Attempt\*
- \*Most Kites Flown at one time
- \*Kite Flyer must be 18 or older
- Disc Golf All Day
- Rides All Day

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\*An attempt will be made to break the current Guinness Book of World Records for Most Kites Flown Simultaneously. All attempting record breakers MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER. (If the kite flyer is controlling the kite and a young child is standing next to 'mom' or 'dad' during the attempt, holding on to the bottom part of the string - that's fine.) The current known record is 674 kites flown simultaneously for 30 seconds... Cannon can beat that!



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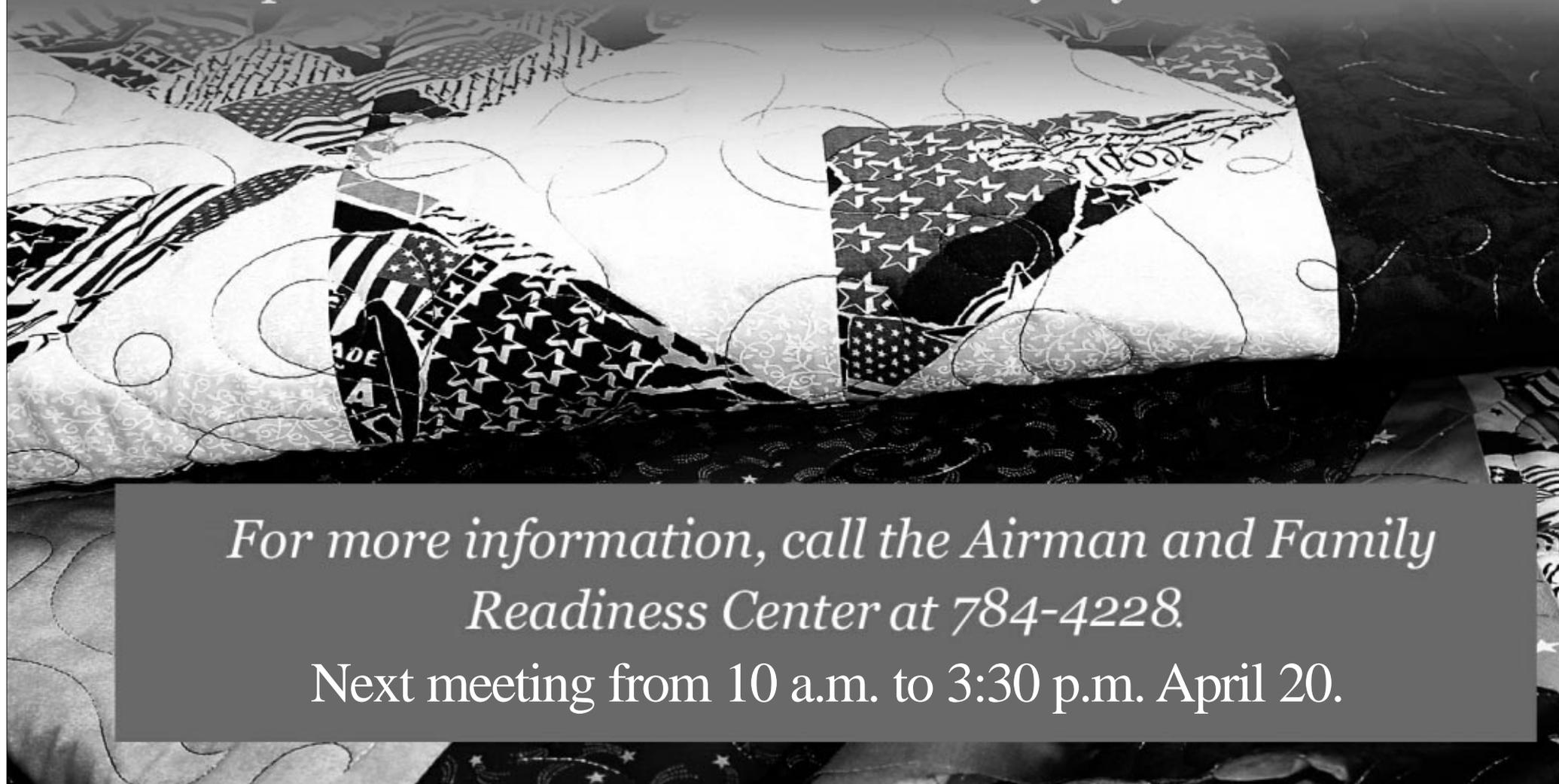
# Operation Homefront Quilts

*helping mend the scars of war*

Operation Homefront Quilts volunteers make quilts for family members who have suffered a loss in the war.

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas.  
No experience is necessary.

Patriotic style fabrics needed:  
100 percent cotton  
please no fireworks or celebratory style fabrics



*For more information, call the Airman and Family  
Readiness Center at 784-4228.*

Next meeting from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 20.