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## Here or there

# Base ready for bad weather

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN  
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As many as 15 tropical storms and five major hurricanes may hit the Gulf Coast region this year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

If a severe storm blows through San Antonio, Lackland Full Spectrum Threat Response Plan 10-2 authorizes the 37th Training Wing commander to direct the execution of Hurricane Condition response checklists to ensure base property is secure, according to Bruce Rickert, 37th TRW Wing Plans chief.

Most likely, a major hurricane would drop to tropical storm strength by the time it reached Lackland. But tropical systems have caused flood and wind damage in San Antonio during previous years.

Still, Lackland is largely regarded as a "safe haven" that could provide food, shelter and medical care for DoD personnel and their families from Corpus Christi Naval Air Station or other military facilities along the Texas Gulf Coast seeking refuge from hurricane disaster, according to 1st Lt. Joshua Slusher, 37th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight commander.

If severe weather drives DoD personnel away from their homes in that vulnerable area, Lackland is already prepared to provide evacuees with temporary lodging, dining and medical assistance.

For DoD families seeking refuge from wild wind and flooding, Lackland is also ready to provide their pets with temporary shelter.

The wing's Full Spectrum Threat Response Plan was recently revised to better accommodate pets.

Previously, evacuated base officials would direct evacuees to send their pets to off-base facilities.

"The new plan accounts for the need to better support evacuating personnel and the fact that most folks would not have the time to make arrangements for their pets prior to showing up at Lackland," said Chris Sharp, 37th TRW chief of readiness and plans.

Lackland personnel would set up tents in fields near Bob Hope Theater to shelter the pets, Mr. Sharp added. Officials would remind evacuees to bring their pet carriers and kennels, as Lackland would provide only a limited number. Evacuees would be responsible for the care and feeding of their



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

**TOW THE LINE** – Members of the Lackland Fire Department rig a harness during a simulated high-water rescue that was part of the Gateway Defender 05-06 exercise Monday. From left are, Leonard Gerlich, John Stith, Kevin King and David Martinez, all members of the 37th Civil Engineer Squadron.

animals.

Although the pet shelters near Bob Hope would welcome birds, cats, dogs and many other animals, officials would direct livestock to Freeman Coliseum, where San

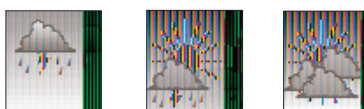
Antonio already has a plan in place for their protection.

Lackland could also become a reception area for military aircraft from other bases threatened by hurricane, Mr. Rickert added.

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WEEKEND WEATHER



Today	Saturday	Sunday
Scattered T-storms	Cloudy Showers	Mostly Cloudy
Hi: 93 Low: 72	Hi: 91 Low: 75	Hi: 93 Low: 77

## Surviving the Storm

**Before a Hurricane Strikes**  
 Have disaster supplies on hand, including:  
 ■ Flashlight and extra batteries.  
 ■ Portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries.  
 ■ First-aid kit.  
 ■ Emergency food and water.  
 ■ Nonelectric can opener.  
 ■ Essential medicines.  
 ■ Cash and credit cards.  
 ■ Sturdy shoes and a change of clothing.  
 ■ Copies of important

papers, including bank accounts, insurance and household inventory records.  
 ■ Make sure your family goes over the family disaster plan.  
 ■ Make plans for protecting your house, especially the roof, windows and doors.  
 ■ Trim dead or weak branches from trees.  
 ■ Check into flood insurance. Call your local insurance agent for information or the National Flood Insurance Program at 800-720-1090.

**During a Watch or Warning**  
 ■ Listen to radio or television for progress reports.  
 ■ Follow instructions if ordered to evacuate.  
 ■ Check your emergency supplies.  
 ■ Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles and cooking utensils.  
 ■ Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys and garden tools.  
 ■ Anchor objects that cannot be brought inside but that could be wind-tossed.

■ Remove outdoor antennas, if possible.  
 ■ Secure your home by installing hurricane shutters or precut plywood.  
 ■ Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings if not instructed by officials to turn off utilities.  
 ■ Fuel your car.  
 ■ Review evacuation routes and gather your disaster supply kit.  
 ■ Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container.

## READINESS TEAM GETS HANDS-ON TOUR



Joseph Angello, director of Readiness Program and Assessments, center, enjoys a Meal Ready-to-Eat with trainees at Camp Bullis Tuesday during his tour of various Lackland training courses. Mr. Angello observed several courses in action, including the Basic Combat Convoy Course, the Security Forces Apprentice



Photos by Alan Boedeker

Course, Officer Course and the Combat Leaders Course. He also visited the Medina pool for a demonstration by combat control trainees. Above, Senior Airman Travis Lippert, a vehicle operator from Langley Air Force Base, Va., aims his M-4 carbine as his convoy comes under attack during BC3 training.

## Looking for a few good Airmen...to be an enlisted aide

BY TECH. SGT. TIMOTHY T. DUNCAN  
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The Air Force is looking for a few good Airmen, senior airman through master sergeant, seeking a unique and challenging special duty opportunity with potential for career growth.

If you have the aptitude to learn, maturity, and solid interpersonal and culinary skills, you may qualify to fill enlisted aide positions around the world.

Applications are accepted from career Airmen only who have re-enlisted with a solid record of per-

formance in any career field.

First-term Airmen, enlisted aircrew, Guard or Reserves and those drawing selective re-enlistment bonuses are ineligible to apply.

You may wonder, what is an enlisted aide?

Enlisted aides are active-duty enlisted members assigned to a general officer to perform tasks and details that, if performed by general officers, would be at the expense of the officer's primary military and official duties.

Related tasks performed include:

- Care, maintenance, security and cleanliness of the general officer's

assigned quarters.

- Upkeep of uniforms and military personal equipment.

- Meal preparation, to include menu planning and shopping.

- Lawn care such as mowing, edging, gardening.

- Arranging social functions.

Contrary to some myths, aides are not servants.

They do not perform duties to personally benefit the general officer, like care of pets, baby-sitting and dependent care.

The duty provides exposure to senior leadership and opportunity to

make a difference on a personal level, comparable to the civilian position of a household manager or private chef.

Professional schools, degree programs and Air Force and DoD functional recognition awards are a few of the benefits.

Training is provided in culinary arts (basic and advanced) and household management.

This is a voluntary special duty. You can find current job openings and additional information on the Enlisted Aide Web site

<https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmolaafslmoea/index.htm>

## NEWS BRIEFS

**RIFLE, PISTOL MATCHES SET**

Maj. Anthony Capobianco, 342nd Training Squadron commander, has extended an invitation to any active-duty, Guard or Reserve member to participate in Excellence in Competition matches, Aug. 19 for rifles and Aug. 26 for pistols, at the Lackland Training Annex Firing Range.

Participants must register prior to Wednesday of that week's competition. Prior qualification isn't necessary for the elementary level matches, but competition is limited to the first 120 registrants. To register, e-mail Staff Sgt. Eric Kennedy at

[eric.kennedy@lackland.af.mil](mailto:eric.kennedy@lackland.af.mil)

Combat Arms Training and Maintenance personnel will provide competitors with basic instruction, a safety briefing, ammunition and weapons. Registrants must report one hour prior to their scheduled pistol start time and 1 1/2 hours prior for rifle. The first of four hourly sessions starts at 9 a.m. Medals will be awarded to the top 10 percent for each weapon.

For more information about the EIC program, visit

[www.afsv.af.mil/AFSports/Sports/Shooting.htm](http://www.afsv.af.mil/AFSports/Sports/Shooting.htm)

**BLOOD DRIVE SET TODAY**

A blood drive is scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. today at the Defense Language Institute, Bldg. 7437, to support Airmen serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Point of contact is Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Valdez, 671-0841.

Walk-in donations are requested 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday and Aug. 5, since bloodmobile personnel will be conducting a drive at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The center is located in Bldg. 3425, 2430 Ladd St., south of Wilford Hall Medical Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Ernie Astorga, 292-8145.

Platelet donors are needed for Thursday and Friday appointments. Call Efrén Hernandez, 292-8140. Platelets are used to stop bleeding in trauma, cancer and bone marrow transplant patients. The process takes about two hours. For more information, go to

[www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil)

**TOP III MEET TUESDAY**

The monthly Lackland Top III meeting is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Top III Lounge in Mitchell Hall.

**ADOPT-A-LAWN NEEDS HELP**

Volunteers are needed for routine lawn maintenance for families of those deployed or on an extended TDY or remote. Adopt-a-Lawn volunteers would mow lawns for families on main Lackland, the Lackland Training Annex and Kelly Field Annex housing.

Some requests that are in a 10-mile radius of the base will be considered. The family needing this service would have to supply the equipment. Adopt-a-Lawn is the idea of Staff Sgt. Richard Platt, 59th Training Squadron at Wilford Hall Medical Center. To volunteer, or to seek lawn help, call Sergeant Platt at 292-7996 or e-mail

[Richard.Platt@lackland.af.mil](mailto:Richard.Platt@lackland.af.mil)

**SOCIAL SECURITY & YOU**

A Social Security Administration workshop will be held 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Family Support Center, Bldg. 1249. Learn about qualification requirements for retirement, other SSA programs, and any new changes. For more information, call 671-3722. To register, use the hyperlink

<https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>

**BUILD A JOB RESUME**

A resume preparation class will be offered 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday in Bldg. 1249. Different styles and content of resume writing will be presented. To register, use the hyperlink

<https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>

**MAJOR PURCHASE FINANCING**

A personal financial management class on major purchase financing will be 10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 10 in Bldg. 1249. Information on how to budget and finance high-cost items will be discussed. To register, please use the hyperlink

<https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>

**HOW TO START A BUSINESS**

A workshop, How to Start Your Own Business, will be 1-4:30 p.m. Aug. 11 in Bldg. 1249. The Small Business Development Center will discuss writing an effective business plan, doing market research, selecting a good location, time management and other topics. To register, use the hyperlink

<https://www.amc-ids.org/php/>

# Drinking and driving, 'Don't do it ... Nuff said'

As the summer drags on and warm days get warmer, more and more people are having get-togethers and barbecues. And many times alcohol is the beverage of choice at these functions.

"While these warm summer months offer Team Lackland members great opportunities for social gatherings with friends and co-workers, keep in mind that those events can lead to disaster when driving after a few drinks of alcohol," said Col. Stan Chase, 37th Training Wing vice commander.

He pointed out that the 37th TRW and the Air Force have zero tolerance for drinking and driving.

"One driving-under-the-influence offense on your record will easily put your career into shambles," he said.

"All of your training, every ribbon and each celebrated promotion can quickly slip away because you chose to drive intoxicated for the 15 minutes to your home."

More important, the colonel noted that many innocent bystanders are killed each year by drunk drivers who thought they



Courtesy photo

**DON'T DO IT** – A decision to drive after a few drinks can lead to an accident like this. One DUI offense on your record will easily put your career into shambles according to Col. Stan Chase, 37th Training Wing vice commander.

were perfectly fine to make the quick trip home.

"The repercussions of drinking and driving not only affect you, but also your friends, your family and your co-workers. These consequences are amplified for those with families who rely on them for food, clothing and leadership. It is simply not worth the risk."

He remarked that for those who occasionally drive after drinking, you will eventually be caught and there will be no excuse accepted. "Don't take the chance," Colonel Chase said.

"I ask all Team Lackland supervisors to be mentors by providing a positive example in our efforts to prevent violations of drink-

ing and driving," he challenged.

He closed by saying, "Be a Wingman! Watch out for your friends and co-workers. Don't let them drink and drive."

"Our mission here at Lackland is too important to allow bad decisions to impair the outcome. Nuff said."

## Future Total Force outlined on Capitol Hill

BY STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON – There will be no "gap" between the end of assigned missions for Air National Guard units and the beginning of their replacement missions.

In testimony before the House Armed Services Committee on July 20, the director of Air Force plans and programs told legislators the service is working hard to find replacement missions for Air National Guard units that may lose their flying mission as a result of the current Base Realignment and Closure recommendations.

"We have a tough job ahead of us, establishing new missions for these areas," said Lt. Gen. Stephen G. Wood. "(But) we are committed not to gap between areas. If we have a unit that is going to lose its aircraft and transition to a new mission, we want to bring those aircraft down at the same rate we train for the new mission."

Some legislators said they feared that without the draw of an aircraft for local communities to rally around and for potential Airmen to be interested in, it would be difficult to retain existing guardsmen and to recruit new ones. But General Wood said the Air Force is more than just airplanes, and said he hoped existing guardsmen would be willing to participate in new, critical missions.

"The Air Force is more than flying aircraft," he said. "We are a space force. We are a cyber force. There are new, engaging missions out there that we need to prepare for the future. It is our hope that these outstanding Airmen transition to these new jobs."



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

**TOTAL FORCE** – Lt. Gen. Stephen G. Wood answers questions about the Air Force's Future Total Force initiative during a hearing before the House Armed Services Committee July 20. The goal of the FTF initiative is to maximize Air Force capabilities by identifying emerging relevant missions for the active-duty component, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve as a total force team. General Wood is the Air Force deputy chief of staff for plans and programs.

In recommendations to BRAC commissioners, Air Force officials have asked to close some Guard and active-duty bases. Other selected bases are recommended for realignment – existing missions may be lost altogether or moved to other bases. In some locations, new missions would be brought in to replace missions lost.

The Air Force plan to realign missions and organizations is outlined in the service's Future Total Force concept. The concept's aim is to strengthen the Air Force by creating synergies between active-duty and reserve component units.

"(This) involves change, and we all know change isn't easy," General Wood said. "The Air Force is facing incredible challenges today, and the path we take now will shape our collective shared future."

The general said the Future Total Force plan includes two key aspects. First is a change to the force structure. This involves a plan to divest the service of older aircraft and replace them with newer aircraft. One such newer aircraft is the F/A-22 Raptor.

The second part of the FTF plan involves changing the organizational structure of the total Air Force. The "total force" includes active duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units. These changes will involve the pairing of active-duty units with reserve component units to help maximize the benefits that each brings to the fight.

While General Wood said the total force has already been working together for most of the Air Force's history, he expects FTF to yield even greater results.

"Under our plan we will take this integration to the next level by expanding both the scope and the number of associate units using the lessons learned over the past 40 years," he said.

"We will see the experience of our young active-duty Airmen ... grow significantly under the mentoring of skilled Air National Guard maintenance experts."

# RECOGNITION

## Lackland contractor garners AF award

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN  
TALESPINNER STAFF WRITER

Recently, Arthur Jean Dinwiddie, 37th Contracting Squadron, received the 2004 Secretary of the Air Force Special Achievement Award for her work as procurement analyst and small business specialist.

"It makes me feel so very, very proud," said Ms. Dinwiddie, a GS-12 civil servant who has worked two years for the 37th CONS.

Ms. Dinwiddie is responsible for planning several Lackland programs directed toward small disadvantaged business, woman-owned small business, historically



Arthur Jean Dinwiddie

underutilized business, service-disabled and veteran-owned small business and historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions. She also serves as the liaison between the 37th Training Wing com-

mander and the U.S. Small Business Administration, state and local government and major defense contractors on all aspects related to small business programs and advocacy.

Under the guidance of Ms. Dinwiddie, the 37th CONS successfully obligated more than \$106 million to small business concerns during fiscal year 2004. This is an unprecedented figure that exceeded the previous year's level of prime contract awards by nearly \$20 million.

During 28 years of civil service, Ms. Dinwiddie has also worked at Yokota Air Base, Japan; Kadena AB,

Okinawa; Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; Homestead AFB, Fla; and as an archivist at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kan.

Michael Dominguez, the acting secretary of the Air Force, recognized Ms. Dinwiddie and other civilians and activities during the 2004 Secretary of the Air Force Small and Disadvantaged Business Awards ceremony July 8 in Washington.

"My heartfelt thanks go to you for what you do and for the great value-added contributions you make to the Air Force and the nation," Secretary Dominguez said.

## Lackland highlights winners

Three Team Lacklanders have won Air Education and Training Command awards. The winners of the 37th Training Wing Quarterly Awards for the second quarter of 2005 were announced Wednesday. Also, the winners of the 2nd quarter Top Wheels competition were announced. Winners are are:

**2004 AETC Communications and Information Awards**

*The Darryl G. Winters Combat Camera Category*

**Tech. Sgt. Steven Neal**

37th Communications Squadron

**AETC Technical Training Awards**

*Senior NCO Instructor of the Year 2004*

**Master Sgt. Willie L. Lester**

37th Training Group, 342nd Training Squadron

*Civilian Instructor of the year 2004*

**Catherine M. Jeffryes**

37th TRG, 343rd Training Squadron

**37th TRW Quarterly Award winners**

*Junior Enlisted*

**Senior Airman Anthony A. Pizzifred**

343rd TRS

*NCO*

**Tech. Sgt. Clifton C. Staples**

343rd TRS

*Senior NCO*

**Master Sgt. Travis S. Cooper**

342nd TRS

*Company Grade Officer*

**Capt. Garon L. Shelton**

343rd TRS

*Honor Guard Airman of the Quarter*

**Airman 1st Class Tariq A. Simpson**

37th Communications Squadron

**37th TRW civilian Quarterly Award winners**

*Entry Level*

**Marguerite A. Dube**

37th Comptroller Squadron

*Senior Level*

**Charles H. Mullins**

37th Mission Support Group

*Intermediate Level*

**Donald R. Bridge**

**342nd TRS  
2nd Quarter Top Wheels winners**

*General Purpose Vehicle*

**Miguel Mesquias**

**Staff Sgt. Jesus J. Gonzalez**

*Special Purpose Vehicle*

**Carl Catlin**

**Dave Miranda**

**Kevin Washington**

## Talespinner needs Warriors, Instructors of the Week inputs

Is there someone in your unit who deserves recognition?

Get involved in the Warrior and Instructor of the Week programs, and you could get the chance to recognize the outstanding Airmen and civilians in your unit.

All Team Lackland personnel are eligible, from the lowest ranking enlisted servicemember to the highest ranking officer as well as civilians.

Submission is as simple as filling out a questionnaire and having the nominee's supervisor send it along with a digital photo to your group or unit representative.

For more information or to find out who your representative is, e-mail the Talespinner editor at:

[talespinner@lackland.af.mil](mailto:talespinner@lackland.af.mil)

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

**Hometown:** Alturas, Calif.

**Time in service:** 2 years

**Family:** Single, oldest of four – one brother and two sisters

**What do you enjoy most about your job?** I enjoy getting to interact with different people from all over the world.

**What are your future goals?** I am planning on putting in for an overseas tour in the near future, and also to attend college. Later

I will be interested in becoming an officer.

**How has the Air Force added to your life?** The Air Force has allowed me to get out and see the world rather than just the West Coast and experience other lifestyles. This allows me to be open to others and not be close-minded to other cultures.

**Supervisor's comments:** "Airman Brazeal is one of the sharpest Airmen I've

seen," said Master Sgt. Mark Hardy, deputy chief of the Defense Language Institute English Language Center operations support branch. "He is dedicated to the Air Force and has enormous potential. He plans to go overseas and accomplish great things. Supervising him and counseling him on his future in the Air Force has been a privilege."



Senior Airman Ryan Nathaniel Brazeal

is an information manager with the Defense Language Institute English Language Center.

## BMT HONORS

Congratulations to these Airmen for being selected as an honor graduate of basic military training. There are 28 honor grads out of 657 total graduates this week.

**320th Training Squadron**

- Flight 375*
- Matthew B. Halstead
- Timothy R. Kutz
- Flight 376*
- Lindsey M. Carroll
- Nicole N. Rosga
- Flight 378*
- William D. Glover IV

**321st Training Squadron**

- Flight 387*
- Samuel F. Kovacic
- George A. Miehm
- Robert A. Tropeano
- John C. Werth
- Flight 388*
- Elizabeth C. Rader
- Shadonna S. Savage

**323rd Training Squadron**

- Flight 389*
- Kevin R. Burke
- Shaun M. Monahan
- Richard C. Wesser
- Flight 390*
- Chance T. Farmer
- Mark A. Gaines
- Nathan P. Mobley
- Ryan C. Nastase
- Kevin O. Regan
- Flight 391*
- Michael S. Beller
- Nicholas C. Hopkins
- Flight 392*
- Jo Anna J.A.R. Van Hees
- Andria J. Wade

**324th Training Squadron**

- Flight 382*
- Pedro E. Estrada
- Ryan E. Magee

**331st Training Squadron**

- Flight 385*
- Matthew R. Cameron
- Flight 386*
- Robert G. Symczak Jr.

**TOP BMT AIRMAN**

Chance T. Farmer, 323rd Training Squadron, Flight 390

**TOP ACADEMIC FLIGHT**

323rd Training Squadron, Flight 391

**MOST PHYSICALLY FIT**

The following Airmen and flights have been named the most physically fit of basic training this week.

**Male Airmen:**

- Oscar Hernandez, 322nd Training Squadron, Flight 379
- Chad A. Granofsky, 321st Training Squadron, Flight 387

**Female Airmen:**

- Tabitha S. Gomes, 321st Training Squadron, Flight 388
- Kristine G. Migita, 321st Training Squadron, Flight 388

**Male Flight:**

331st Training Squadron, Flight 385

**Female Flight:**

321st Training Squadron, Flight 388



37TH TRAINING WING



59TH MEDICAL WING



AIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



67TH INFORMATION OPERATIONS WING



CRYPTOLOGIC SYSTEMS GROUP



149TH FIGHTER WING



433RD AIRLIFT WING

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# Mission first, people always

BY COL. ROBERT HAMM

380TH EXPEDITIONARY MAINTENANCE GROUP COMMANDER

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Over the years I've watched many leaders – officers, chiefs, NCOs, and Airmen alike – take our organization to ever higher levels of achievement. Like you, I have studied those I considered to be outstanding leaders and I've watched others struggle with the challenges of leadership. But I learned from all of them.

Growing up in our Air Force, I found the greatest challenge was balancing the needs of the people with the needs of the mission. It seemed to me a leader was described as either a "people person" or a "mission-oriented person," but seldom did I see a leader who effectively balanced both – until I met Master Sgt. Kenneth Kelly.

Sergeant Kelly understood it was his job to make sure his shop was capable of performing its wartime tasks but just as importantly to ensure the welfare of the troops.

"Accomplishing the mission is the primary task of every military organization; everything else must be subordinate," according to AFPAM 36-2241, Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide. "However, a successful military leader recognizes that people perform the mission and that without their support, the unit will fail. Thus, meeting the needs of the people is a responsibility equal in importance to meeting the requirements of the mission."

Sergeant Kelly said it this way: "Mission first, people always." Sergeant Kelly balanced the needs of mission with the needs of people better than anyone I've ever known. Sergeant Kelly didn't confuse tak-

ing care of his troops with trying to make all the troops happy. Being a leader isn't about being popular. Given some of the things we're asked to do, it's not realistic to expect everyone to be happy all the time. In his mind, taking care of troops meant ensuring they were properly trained, healthy, properly equipped, held accountable to the highest standards, all the while making sure they understood our core values of integrity, excellence and selflessness. He wasn't easy on us. He challenged our team and didn't tolerate substandard performance.

As a young Airman, I never wanted to disappoint Sergeant Kelly. As a matter of fact, at the time, I didn't think he cared if we were happy or not. Incidentally, I was wrong on that one. But he was always honest, fair and consistent. I knew what he expected from me and it was always made very clear to us when we didn't meet expectations. On the other hand, he made sure we were recognized for the outstanding work our team did.

Sergeant Kelly taught me that balancing the needs of the mission and the needs of our people isn't easy. It's an art developed over many years of experience.

Years later, back in the classroom, I read in Air University's guidelines for command: "... leadership requires hard work, enthusiasm for the job and sensitivity to what's going on around you. You must set your standards high, be involved, listen, know what the problems are, remove the weak, promote the strong – and to do this well you've got to be tough."

It's just like Sergeant Kelly taught us. It's mission first and people always.

## Helmet wear: Rider's choice? Not in my Air Force!

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

21ST SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – After more than 26 years of motorcycle riding and 21-plus years of service, I've given up wearing my helmet. It's not that I don't see any value in it. I just happened to sell my bike. Had you for a minute, didn't I?

Well, some of our Air Force folks seem to

think they can just hang their helmet up because the state they're riding in doesn't have a helmet law. They seem to think that just because other people don't wear a helmet, they don't have to.

They're wrong. And if they don't watch it, they could end up dead wrong.

Last year, an NCO from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, was riding through Colorado on his way to Sturgis, S.D. The weather was beautiful as

he rode over the Rockies. At some point along his ride, he decided he didn't need to wear his helmet. He was wrong, dead wrong. He left behind a family, friends and coworkers.

It's always a given when we lose someone in a motorcycle crash that the biker's family suffers. The rider's lapse in judgment evolved from a conscious thought that his or her

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## COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

To submit an Action Line, call 671-3333, or e-mail:

[actionline@lackland.af.mil](mailto:actionline@lackland.af.mil)

Contact the Wilford Hall Medical Center Action Line at 292-4567, or e-mail:

[59mdw.pa@lackland.af.mil](mailto:59mdw.pa@lackland.af.mil)

Action Line is your direct line for comments and suggestions on how to make Lackland a better place to live and work.

It is also an avenue to resolve issues you have been unable to resolve through the responsible agency or your chain of command.

If your concern still can't be resolved, please call the Action Line or send it via e-mail.

Items of general interest may be printed in the *Talespinner*.

If you leave your name and telephone number, or e-mail address, you'll receive a reply. Anonymous inquiries will not be published.

Including your contact information will also give us a chance to get more information, if needed, to solve the problem.



Brig. Gen. (Sel)  
Mary Kay Hertog

### Hot playgrounds

**Q:** Could you please install some type of canopies over all the playground areas at Lackland? I was at Stillman Park and saw a little girl playing there take off her shoes and burn her feet on the rocks. I couldn't get to her in time and am furious that her parents were not close by watching to prevent this.

**A:** I agree that we need additional sun shades throughout our outdoor recreation sites. However, limited funding prohibits us from purchasing and installing additional sunscreens at this time. As funds become available, we will purchase sun shades for our parks. Until then, I suggest families consider using Stapleton Park where we have sun shades in place. I also urge all parents to monitor their children closely to ensure their safety. Thank you for your interest in our parks and concern for our children.

### Commissary pricing inconsistent

**Q:** Why is the pricing at the commissary so inconsistent? Today, I have been charged \$3.56 for a pizza that was marked at \$1.49. We are encouraged to shop at the commissary instead of stores off base, and this is what we get.

**A:** I am sorry you have encountered pricing irregularities at the commissary. I asked Mike Mena, the Lackland Commissary store director, to address this issue. He could not find the pizza item that was incorrectly priced. However, the policy is to refund the difference to the customer, if the

price differs between the scanned register price vs. the marked price. At your convenience, please stop by the Customer Service Department with your receipt and they will refund you the difference. In an attempt to solve this issue, Mr. Mena is reviewing the store pricing procedures to ensure the process is correct and is being complied with. Everyone at the commissary and I are committed to providing you world-class service and the best possible prices.

### Open the pool

**Q:** Why are the Skylark Pool hours so inconsistent? It was closed June 1-10 because of lack of employees; closed early June 16; and June 19 it closed early for employee training. There is no reason for this pool to be closed so often.

**A:** Thank you for your question and I apologize for the inconvenience. The 37th Services Division manages operations for five pools during the summer. We depend on students to make up the majority of our lifeguard staff, and every year we face the challenge of securing enough lifeguards. This is made more difficult because of the variety of school schedules followed throughout the country. In the early weeks of June, the base pools were short of lifeguards to safely and effectively operate all five pools. The Services staff made the decision to relocate the available lifeguards to the outdoor pools to support the heavier demand of patrons compared to the Skylark Indoor Pool. We had two lifeguards call in sick June 16, leaving the pools without sufficient staff to safely operate the pool. The June 19 closure was directed to prepare the

pool for a swim meet, as well as to accomplish some required training. At each instance, other pools were open and available to support base swimmers. In addition, the pool staff posted a sign at the Skylark pool indicating the Chaparral Pool phone number. We will make every effort not to disrupt service, but the training is absolutely imperative. In the future, training will happen when the pools are closed. We now have a full contingent of lifeguards and shouldn't have any more schedule disruptions. However, when the lifeguards start resigning to return to school in mid-August, we'll review operations and make recommendations to reduce or revise operations at the pools.

### Getting on base

**Q:** How do I sponsor a guest on base? I had to call on a locksmith and I didn't know how to get them on base.

**A:** Thank you for your inquiry on sponsorship of non-base affiliated personnel. Visitors have to go to one of our two visitor reception centers, either Airman's Gate, off Valley Hi Drive, or Gateway East, off Military Drive. They must show driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. The sponsor must meet them there to verify sponsorship or provide a base phone number to the guest for security forces to call to verify sponsorship. If a cell phone is used, the sponsor must go to the gate to escort the visitor. This is to verify the sponsor's presence on Lackland. Once sponsorship has been verified, a base pass will be issued for the duration of the visit. In your case, it would have been for one day. I apologize for any confusion and inconvenience this may have caused you.

# What do you do when no one is watching?

BY SPECIAL AGENT JASON ENGHOLM

AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, DET. 246

SOUTHWEST ASIA – When you think of the expectations you have for your organization, superiors, peers and subordinates, what comes to mind? What core belief, beyond any other, are you adamant on to the last stand?

Of course, many of us would be able to rattle off the Air Force core values without a thought or extra breath. However, maybe there is something even deeper, yet more simplistic, than those three bold statements. Something like, “Do the right thing, even when no one is watching.”

Several years ago while working at an office in Europe, I heard a new Air Force Office of Special Investigations region commander explain his expectations for OSI agents in Europe. During his speech, he methodically returned to his basic standpoint of above all else, “Do

the right thing.”

No matter if it was during a witness interview, while conducting threat assessments in Latvia or performing background investigation checks in Germany, he always said, “Do the right thing.” I, along with many others who heard that commander speak, have taken that bit of professional and personal advice to heart. I now feel that subtle, yet powerful, phrase is the key to a strong ethical code.

So, how do you follow this code and make the right choices and actions? Is there a magic formula or an instruction that outlines how a person should make decisions and act? No, unfortunately there is not. We must depend on our training, personal integrity and commitment to each other.

To abide by this expectation, we have to remain true to our training and cannot cut corners, bend the rules or stretch the truth. For example, at a

recent meeting, I witnessed a foreign national counterpart decline alcohol refreshments because his commander – hundreds of miles away – issued an order that prohibited his nation’s personnel from consuming alcohol while in theater.

Even though others were able to indulge, and there was little chance anyone would find out, my friend stuck to his personal obligation to do the right thing. I respect my friend for his courage and commitment to duty.

In addition to staying true to the rules of our profession, we must insist on the integrity to take the path of the challenging right over the simple wrong. For instance, when we are performing duty within the restricted area on the flightline and observe someone who may be unauthorized, we must put forth the extra effort to challenge the individual rather than letting the next technician confront that person. Although we are

busy, that extra effort sets us above other professions. In the end, an honorable life is more rewarding than an easy one.

The last portion of this expectation is to have the yearning and commitment to watch out for each other. Simple things such as replenishing paper towels in the bathrooms and engaging each other in conversations about life can accomplish this.

We should exploit the chance to mentor and develop each person and grade at every opportunity and share the principles of leadership and management regardless of our own rank. We must develop and nurture the people we work with as we perform as a team to uphold the high expectations we have for our profession and selves.

“Do the right thing.” It is a simple approach to life that is the critical core to a strong ethical code. By living by this philosophy, we remain faithful to our vocation, ourselves and each other.

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actions were the right course to take. How would one come to the decision that taking a perfectly good helmet off one’s head is the right decision?

Recently, I received an e-mail from a friend. He told me of an Airman riding his motorcycle out of the main gate at his installation. No big deal, right? It wasn’t a big deal until he stopped his bike and took off his helmet to ride home – big problem. The funny, but not so funny, thing was that he did it right in front of his wing commander – very big problem.

I propose the decision to remove a helmet is entirely selfish. “I don’t like wearing a helmet.” “It’s too hot.” “I disagree with the Air Force’s requirement for me to wear a helmet when I’m riding.” To all of which I say, “So what?”

It doesn’t matter what you think. Do you question the Air Force’s dress and appearance standards? Do you question your deployment training requirements? Do you question the rules and standards of performing your duties? No, probably not, because

it’s not a matter of personal choice. You joined the Air Force voluntarily and, in doing so, swore – or affirmed – to obey “the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.”

Wearing a helmet is one of those orders according to Air Force Instruction 91-207, The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program.

The AFI even goes so far as to stipulate the minimum requirements, “Helmets must meet, as a minimum, Department of Transportation standards and be properly worn and fastened. Helmets may also meet other standards such as the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute. If stationed overseas, personnel may use host-nation certified, equivalent helmets.”

Ignorance is no excuse. Each of us, whether we ride or not, is responsible for knowing the standards.

Peers play a huge role in compliance, which ultimately means they play a huge role in saving lives.

Supervisors, your mission is at stake. Lose a person to a mishap for a few weeks or months and somebody has to pull up the slack. Lose them forever and you’re faced with answering that “What if I ... ?” question for the rest of your life.

Commanders, the responsibility lies with you. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper has issued marching orders for mentorship programs, safety training and compliance. You are the buck and it stops here. Ensure your people know the standards and hold your supervisors accountable for enforcing them. You could be saving a life in the process.

Riders, if you’re active duty, Air National Guard or Reserve, ride by the rules. It doesn’t matter whether you agree with them or not. To selfishly decide you don’t need to comply with Air Force safety requirements is to jeopardize not only your life, but the security of our nation.

So mount up, ride by example and don’t hang your helmet up until you’re done with your ride.

# Colonel Horlen

## 'Excellent' ORI czar retires today

BY JAMES COBURN  
TALESPINNER STAFF WRITER

Col. Clarence "Buster" Horlen, who led the 37th Training Wing to "Excellent" ratings in the past three Operational Readiness Inspections as ORI czar, retires today after 34 years of Reserve and Guard service.

Colonel Horlen is retiring as individual mobilization augmentee to the vice commander of the 37th Training Wing, a position he has held for the past seven years as a member of the Air Force Reserve.

Highlights of his years in the wing's command section, he said during an interview in his office, include: "When we completed the three ORIs that I was in charge of all the preparations for as the czar, when they told us that we got an 'Excellent,' it was a relief and it also was exhilarating to think that the three or four months of preparation for each ORI were all well worth a great card score."

He worked for six wing commanders during his nearly nine years of IMA service for the 37th TRW.

"It's been great, wonderful, all the superlatives that you could write about it," said Colonel Horlen, who was to be given the honor today of



Photo by Capt. Tara White

**DRY YOUR EYES** - Col. Clarence "Buster" Horlen is treated to a fire extinguisher stream from the 37th Training Wing Commander Col. Mary Kay Hertog and a champagne spray from the vice commander, Col. Stan Chase. The

reviewing the basic military training graduation parade at 9 a.m. before retiring in a 10:15 a.m. ceremony at the Gateway

Club.

Colonel Horlen is retiring only because retirement is mandatory at age 60 for a

"shower" came after Colonel Horlen's "finis flight" at Randolph. He was honored with the retirement flight in a T-38 flown by Lt. Col. Mark "Buzz" Sherrier, 560th Flying Training Squadron, May 17.

reservist. His 60th birthday is Saturday.

He retired earlier, in 2001, from his civilian job as a busi-

ness plans analyst with USAA Life Insurance Co. He worked 25 years for USAA in a number of capacities.

Colonel Horlen said friends who retired after 20 years in the military "questioned my sanity - why would you stay in?"

But, he said, his Reserve service "was a relief for me, something different than what I was doing at USAA. And it gave me an opportunity to serve my country and feel like I was really needed, and what I was doing was meaningful."

The colonel's military tenure is so lengthy that he served in the 149th Fighter Wing at Kelly Air Force Base (1971-74) when it was a tactical fighter group flying F-100 Super Sabre jets, and joined the 433rd Airlift Wing in September 1978 when it was flying C-130 Hercules turbo-prop out of Kelly.

He was an enlisted citizen Soldier/Airman for his first seven years, including 2 1/2 years in the Texas Army National Guard at Donna, Texas. After his Air Guard service at Kelly, he got out for 3 1/2 years, earning his master's degree.

Then he joined the Air Force Reserve in 1977, first serving at

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the 4th Augmentation Logistics Center in Harlingen (a Cold War backup to the San Antonio Air Logistics Center).

When he moved to the 433rd Airlift Wing, he was a staff sergeant in the morning and in the afternoon he received a direct commission as a second lieutenant through the AFR's Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. He was a maintenance officer for

the 404th Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

He stayed in the same squadron throughout his 18-year tenure at the 433rd, seeing the wing transition to C-5s in 1985 and becoming squadron commander in July 1992.

He moved to Lackland's 37th TRW in October 1996 when he became IMA to the 37th Logistics Group com-

mander. He was promoted to colonel 11 months later.

Colonel Horlen said he has "thoroughly enjoyed the people here at Lackland. It's such a joy to come to work every day."

The colonel and his wife Katie have a home in San Antonio plus a 5,000-acre ranch about 70 miles south of here near Dilley, part of a 68,000-acre ranch her great-grandfather started 100 years

ago. They will stay here, since he is very active in the community, including being regional president of the Air Force Association for Texas and Oklahoma.

He's also involved in Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee, United Services Organization and Boysville.

Would he like to continue at

Lackland?

"Sure, I would love to stay," Colonel Horlen said.

"But I know at a certain point it's time to step aside and let the young and up-and-coming show what they can do."

Taking his place as IMA to the vice commander is Col. Bonnie Lind, a local resident whose husband is a retired Air Force officer.

## SECURITY FORCES BLOTTER

These incidents, reported by the 37th Security Forces Squadron, took place from July 18 through Sunday on Lackland.

■ Five minor vehicle accidents were reported with no injuries.

■ A civilian reported keys stolen from Bldg 4550.

■ A civilian reported \$32.50 worth of gas stolen from Bldg 2306.

■ An E-6 from the Defense Language Institute was detained at the base exchange for shoplifting under-

wear.

■ A first lieutenant from DLI reported a digital camera valued at \$150 stolen from Bldg. 7460.

■ An airman from the 37th Security Forces Squadron was apprehended at Bldg. 1410 for insubordination and disobeying a lawful order.

■ A staff sergeant from the 118th SFS reported his debit card stolen from Bldg. 10385.

■ An airman from the 343rd Training Squadron was apprehended

at Bldg. 10253 for stealing a TV.

■ A civilian was detained at the BX for stealing money from the register.

■ A civilian reported his wallet stolen from his vehicle at the Warhawk Fitness Center parking lot.

■ A private from the 314th Military Intelligence Battalion was apprehended at the Post Office for failure to obey an order.

■ An E-4 from the 341st Training Squadron was apprehended at Bldg. 10065 for assault.

■ A civilian reported CDs stolen from her vehicle in front of her residence.

■ A private from the 57th Transportation Squadron was apprehended at Airman's Gate for drunk driving.

37th SFS Investigations is currently in possession of the following items of found property: a VCR, rifle, cell phone, backpack and car keys. If you are missing any of these items, call 671-3527 and identify the item.

## MILITARY JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

The 37th Training Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate administered the following Article 15s during the week July 18-22.

■ A senior airman, 651st Munitions Squadron, violated Article 86 (AWOL) and received a suspended reduction to airman first class and 30 days correctional custody.

■ An airman first class, 343rd Training Squadron, violated article 92 (dereliction of duty) and received

a suspended reduction to airman, pay forfeiture of \$692 and restriction to the base for 30 days.

■ A staff sergeant, 959th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, violated Article 86 (AWOL) and received a suspended reduction to senior airman.

■ An airman, 343rd TRS, violated Article 121 (larceny and wrongful appropriation) and received a reduction to airman basic and restriction to the base

for 30 days.

■ A staff sergeant, 324th Training Squadron, violated Article 92 (dereliction of duty) and received a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$978 and a reprimand.

Mandatory Uniform Code of Military Justice briefings for second-term re-enlistees are conducted at 1:30 p.m. every third Thursday in the 37th TRW headquarters courtroom.



# Turning ideas into innovation, AFIWB on top of technology

BY MASTER SGT. DAVID DONATO  
AIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Anyone who has ever done business with Security Hill's Air Force Information Warfare Battlelab knows the men and women of that organization recognize a good idea when they see one.

Just ask retired Master Sgt. Chuck Doig.

Nearly four years ago the senior NCO submitted an idea to the battlelab to convert a Rockeye cluster bomb canister into a new leaflet delivery system. That idea was subsequently developed into what's known today by warfighters as the PDU-5/B leaflet bomb.

The PDU-5/B, which was successfully employed in Iraq and Afghanistan, is one of several notable information warfare initiatives the AFIWB has helped develop in recent years.

Since its inception in 1997, the battlelab has collected hundreds of new concepts and ideas from government, industry and academia. The goal of the battlelab is to transform these concepts into modern capabilities for the warfighter.

"Our mission is to rapidly find and harvest creative ideas for improving operations for the warfighter," said Col. Robert Stiegel, AFIWB commander. "We find them and then evaluate their utility and demonstrate their military potential.

The AFIWB is among seven battlelabs in the Air Force created to give military leaders a quicker, alternative method to get new technologies out to the field. Capabilities that used to take up to 20 years through the normal acquisition cycle are now being prototyped and demonstrated by the battlelabs in less than 18 months.

"The labs are structured to look at transformational ideas, try them out and get them to the troops as quickly as possible," the colonel explained. "It's a way of going around that potentially long acquisition process."

To accomplish its mission, the AFIWB employs a lean, diverse force consisting

of about 25 people with backgrounds in aircrew, space, engineering, communications, computers, mathematics, acquisitions and intelligence.

This small cadre staffs three directorates working Network Warfare, Influence and Electronic Warfare Operations.

The Network Warfare Operations Directorate is responsible for network attack, network defense and network warfare support initiatives. The Influence Operations Directorate oversees projects involving psychological operations, military deception, operations security,

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counterintelligence and public affairs. The Electronic Warfare Operations Directorate includes electronic attack, electronic protect and electronic warfare support initiatives.

"These directorates are the backbone of the organization," said Dr. Gary Barmore, AFIWB technical director. "They are staffed with some of the best officers and enlisted people in the Air Force. They continuously work together across the different disciplines to accomplish successful demonstrations of truly innovative solutions for the warfighter."

From concept to employment, together these three directorates oversee the entire AFIWB process.

The process begins with a Broad Agency Announcement, or BAA, through which people can submit their ideas.

"The BAA is essentially an advertisement," Colonel Stiegel explained. "It tells people that we have money to buy creative, innovative solutions."

Once the battlelab receives an idea, then a concept working group convenes to evaluate it. The working group consists of about 20 intelligence and information operations experts from across Security Hill who scrutinize the idea for validity, originality and creativity.

"The concept working group is trying to find out whether the idea is innovative, whether somebody else has already done it or whether it has worked or not," Colonel Stiegel said. "We essentially want to get more information on whether the idea would be worth pursuing."

If the idea has merit, then the AFIWB project officers meet as an Initiative Selection Group to review the concept one more time.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ted Guerrero

**JOHN HANCOCK** – Chuck Doig, formerly of the Air Intelligence Agency Psychological Operations Division, signs a display model of the PDU-5/B leaflet bomb.

"They look at things like the cost and whether or not someone has had experience with it," Dr. Barmore added. "This will help us determine which ones we want to send forward."

The ISG is the final review before the idea is presented to leadership within the battlelab who will get together to decide which projects are worth funding.

"We'll go forward to brief the idea to the other battlelabs so they know what we are doing," Colonel Stiegel remarked. "Then we brief the Air Force Information Warfare Center and Air Intelligence Agency leadership who actually approve the spending."

Once spending is approved, the battlelab is free to pursue a demonstration. These usually take anywhere from 12 to 18 months. When the demo is complete, battlelab officials compile an after-initiative report, which is sent to Air Staff for the final decision on whether the Air Force will accept it.

To date, the battlelab has received more than 500 concepts and ideas. It has conducted 55 demonstrations and more than 20 systems have been transitioned to operational use. Another 10 have been picked up for further development.

In addition to the converted leaflet system, another one of the battlelab's notable inventions is a telecommunications firewall called Telewall. The Telewall idea was submitted in 2001. It is a combination of hardware and software that allows the operator to track, filter, block and minimize all phone traffic based on source, destination and type of call.

"This is a box that you can put at a base-level telephone switch," Colonel Stiegel said. "It essentially filters calls coming in and out."

Telewall's demonstration resulted in an Air Force-wide implementation of the system.

Colonel Stiegel said, like Telewall, the battlelab is always looking for new ideas. "Any innovator out there should seriously consider submitting their idea, system or technology to the battlelab. For a modest amount of effort, he/she may save lives or resources in either the Global War on Terrorism or a future conflict."

# Band, audience have blast with P.D.Q. Bach

BY JAMES COBURN  
TALESPIINNER STAFF WRITER

Lackland's Air Force Band of the West "had a lot of fun" playing a humorous classical concert for 2,000 Texas bandmasters Sunday, "and the audience loved it," band spokesman Marty Lockaby said Tuesday.

Peter Schickele and his alter ego, P.D.Q. Bach, brought the house down during the band's 13th annual Heritage Composer Series Concert, an ongoing partnership with the Texas music educator community to present the works of prolific American composers and display the talents of Air Force musicians.

"People were laughing all over the place," Mr. Lockaby said of Mr. Schickele leading the concert band as P.D.Q. Bach. "The guy's a funny man."

The concert in Lila Cockrell Theatre, featuring the Grammy-winning "Grand Serenade for an Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion," was a highlight of the 58th annual Texas Bandmasters Association Convention that annually attracts up to 7,000 people to San Antonio.

"This band is absolutely top-notch," Mr. Schickele said after rehearsing the band for several hours Friday in Bob Hope Theater.

Mr. Schickele said his yen for musical humor began as a child when he heard Spike Jones' band doing takeoffs on popular songs of the day and some popular classics, like "Carmen" and "The Nutcracker Suite."

"I spent all my allowance money on Spike Jones records."



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

**FUN CONCERT** – Peter Schickele, alias P.D.Q. Bach, directs the Air Force Band of the West during the band's 13th annual Heritage Composer Series Concert on Sunday at Lila Cockrell Theatre.

The famed satirist said he came up with P.D.Q. Bach while he was a student at the Juilliard School of Music, New York City, in the late 1950s.

The school needed "half a concert" to complete an in-house concert. "I literally wrote the music overnight, two nights before the show," he said.

"And we did that for six years before doing them publicly" in 1965. "And even then, I had no idea it was going to be a career, but that's what it turned into."

Mr. Schickele, 70, wore a one-tail tuxedo with red suspenders and brown boots when he directed the Airmen as P.D.Q. Bach, whom he describes as "the 21st son of Bach's 20 children."

That is a musicologist's inside joke, he said at Lackland, explaining that Johann Sebastian Bach "really did have 20 children," and three became noted composers known by their initials.

"I thought, 'Why not P.D.Q.?' It would translate to A.S.A.P. Bach today, he said.

"I know everybody in the band is having a good time learning this music," a percussionist, Airman Robert Browning, said during a rehearsal break.

Percussionists get a real workout performing P.D.Q. Bach.

"I would say we probably play close to a hundred instruments just with this concert," Airman Browning said.

"We're talking saw bushes, popguns, cowbells, finger cymbals, bell trees, horn, bird whistle ... Actually, one piece we drop stuff. He wants noise, so we just get old cymbals and junk and just drop it on the floor."

"It's fun, and the audience enjoys it," said the band commander/director, Maj. Dean Zarbinski, listening from the center seats during the rehearsal to help Mr. Schickele adjust band sound levels.

"It prevents us from taking ourselves too seriously."

Band members agreed they are fortunate to play for such famous composers.

"The thing I like about this band is each year they bring in some of the best composers that are out there right now in the concert band world," Airman Browning said.

Senior Master Sgt. Richard Baum, who plays the bass clarinet, said Mr. Schickele is unusual among composers in the long-running series.

"Typically, it's people that are writing concert band literature. We approach it very seriously, but he's got that little bit of humor built into his that makes it fun."

# Technicians develop solutions for warfighters

BY STAFF SGT. MELISSA KOSKOVICH  
366TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho – With sand whipping across your face and sweat dripping down your forehead, you squint through the scope at the enemy target.

“The third building on the left,” you shout into the radio. A garbled transmission is returned. Closing your eyes, you take a deep breath and hope the pilot heard you. The explosion rings through the desert.

Developing smarter technology for warfighters on the front lines is the focus of the Air Warfare Battlelab. The 25-person think tank tackles problems by combining off-the-shelf technology with innovative ideas, in hopes of finding a lighter, leaner and

more lethal way of accomplishing the mission.

The battlelab here is one of seven Air Force-wide. Since their creation in 1997, they have pushed to move ideas into the field quicker than traditional research and development programs allow.

“Our main focus is to improve how we fight and win wars,” said Col. Ernest Parrott, AWB commander. “We aim to help individuals who find themselves at the pointy end of the spear – keeping them safe and making their jobs easier.”

Battlelab technicians from different Air Force specialties tackle problems, both large and small, with the goal of developing ideas or solutions within 18 months. Their diverse career backgrounds afford a creative environment giving them the ability to

envison projects such as the stabilized portable optical target receiver.

“(The receiver), developed in an attempt to ensure weapons were truly hitting their mark, combines existing technology into a pair of binocular-like goggles. They allow ground forces to see laser signatures and ensure the correct targets are being painted by aircrews,” Colonel Parrott said. “After calling in air support to a target location, troops on scene can look through (the target receiver) and ensure the correct target is being engaged.”

Inventions like this are invaluable in preventing friendly fire incidents and ensuring the highest degree of accuracy in military strike operations, he said.

Other battlelab technology is also earning some limelight.

“Vein Viewer is another idea recently developed by our (team),” said John Marshall, battlelab team member. “This invention combines night-vision goggle technology with needs of medical patients in the field. It allows medics to literally see the vascular system through the skin.”

This technology proves useful in both civilian and military applications, solving problems ranging from starting intravenous lines more easily to assisting medics during bumpy medical evacuation operations. Vein Viewer is currently being tested at Wilford Hall Medical Center.

With such a rapid turnaround, suggestions and new information on technology are always welcomed.

People interested in submitting ideas or technology

for consideration can go online to

[www.mountainhome.af.mil/AWB](http://www.mountainhome.af.mil/AWB)

“The problems brought to us are like puzzles,” Colonel Parrott said. “We have most of it put together, but sometimes we’re missing a piece. That piece is out there somewhere.”

As the ring of the explosion fades, you rise to your feet and wipe the gritty sweat from your brow. In front of you lay the ruins of the building, exactly as planned. The pilot heard you. You saw it; the laser signature dancing across the target.

You breathe a sigh of relief, pack up your equipment and move on to the next location. Your mind is at ease.

Thanks to battlelab technology, you are on the cutting edge.



Photo by Sid Luna

## EATING IT UP AT BROWN BAG LUNCH

Master Sgt. Edith Davis speaks on "Discipline and Enforcing Standards" during a lunchtime "brown bag" seminar Monday at Arnold Hall. Sergeant Davis is a career assistance advisor for the 59th Medical Wing. Team Lackland career assistance advisors hold the professional development seminars monthly for officers, enlisted and civilians wishing to broaden their horizons.

# San Antonio chamber visits AIA

BY STAFF SGT. KENYA SHILOH  
AIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce visited the Air Intelligence Agency at Lackland on July 14.

Bill Mock, vice president of economic development for the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, requested the briefing so that other chamber members would have a better understanding of AIA and its people. The visit familiarized 17 members of the Military Affairs Committee with the missions of AIA and the Joint Information Operations Center.

Bill Gaines, a member of the Military Affairs Committee, said, "I attended this mission brief because I wanted to gain a

better understanding of what the Air Intelligence Agency is. I thoroughly enjoyed the briefing. I started to take notes but settled for minute-by-minute high points as I listened to the AIA and JIOC mission unfold."

Maj. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, AIA commander, talked to members on the mission capabilities of AIA and the JIOC as well as AIA's involvement with the local community. They also received a demonstration from members of the Air Force Information Warfare Battlelab (AFIWB).

The AFIWB set up an information booth and demonstrated two of their most current projects. One is the Telewall, a firewall that ensures government telecommunication systems are used appropriately. The other project is a leaflet

bomb that was developed from a Rockeye Cluster bomb. When dropped, it can dispense more than 60,000 leaflets of psychological messages behind enemy lines.

"General Lebras did a great job sharing the numerous missions of the agency and their importance to our national security," said Dawn Bannwolf, 2004 Military Affairs Committee chairperson. "The briefing gave us insight into the nature of AIA's 'business.'"

Ms. Bannwolf thinks it is important for the community to hear about the work AIA does in reaching out to support the local community. "The chamber has a strong interest in growing an educated workforce and AIA is playing an important role in the technology field," she said.

The agency is involved with the San Antonio Independent School District through a mentoring program for "at risk" youth. Also, senior members of the agency started and continue to serve on the Board of Academies, made up of the Alamo Area Aerospace Academy, the Information Technology and Security Academy and the Manufacturing Technology Academy.

"Although I knew a lot about the AIA/JIOC mission, I still found it informative and learned new things," Ms. Bannwolf said. "The interesting part is they could not tell us the really neat things they do without having to kill us afterward!"

The chamber, the largest and oldest business organization in San Antonio, was estab-

lished more than a century ago as the Businessmen's Club of San Antonio. However, the name was later changed to the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. The focus of the organization is advocating for the business community by building and sustaining a diverse and prosperous economy. The chamber helped create organizations such as the San Antonio River Authority, Fiesta San Antonio Commission, River Walk Commission, San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, and San Antonio Sports Foundation.

The chamber continues to provide service, business opportunities, advocacy and networking to the approximately 2,000 businesses in the San Antonio area.

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Earnings generated by purchases in the Exchange and Exchange Online Store as well as Exchange Catalogs such as 2005 Fall/Winter, are returned to the military community in the form of funding for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities and programs.

In 2004, AAFES returned \$242.3 million to MWR and services programs.

# Ortho resident brings athlete's perspective to medicine

STORY AND PHOTO BY  
1ST LT. ELLEN HARR  
59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

With the grueling hours that most medical residents work, many are content to spend their precious "free" hours catching up on sleep.

Capt. (Dr.) James Bales, an orthopedics resident with the 859th Surgical Operations Squadron here, is no exception, but he's just as likely to spend his rare moments of free time running, swimming or cycling.

After graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2001, Dr. Bales headed to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., for medical school.

When his courses began, he found that the school charged \$6 a day for parking. To save money, Dr. Bales decided to run or bike the 10-mile commute to and from school each day.

The decision saved him money. It was also the beginning of his career as a professional triathlete.

As a child growing up on a farm in Eastern Colorado, young James and his brothers often helped their father by exercising the sheep in the evenings.

"We chased them around for 40 minutes every night. It helps the sheep develop lean muscle mass. I guess you could say that's how I started running," Dr. Bales said.

During Dr. Bales' time as a cadet at the Air Force Academy,

he was a member of the swim

team. A breaststroke specialist, he made the Olympic Trial cuts

in 2000.

"After swimming (at the academy), I found that I was a

pretty good runner. Eventually,

I began competing in triathlons," he explained.

Dr. Bales' unique combination of training and commuting to medical school led him to become the top-ranked triathlete in the Air Force for the last three years.

He has competed in Ironman-length triathlons in Hawaii and Wisconsin and qualified for the Olympic Trials in the triathlon for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. His accomplishments also include four regional championships. Even as a medical student, Dr. Bales was able to participate in about 25 races per season.

"My philosophy on racing, especially as an orthopedic surgeon, is that we see patients who don't have the ability to run or even walk. You really feel blessed. It's truly a gift to be out there competing and racing," he said. "I'm thankful that the Air Force really supports physical fitness activities."

After graduating from Georgetown Medical School, Dr. Bales began his residency here at Wilford Hall Medical Center. He continues to balance work and athletics.

"One of my criteria for buying a house when I came to San Antonio was that it would allow me to commute to Wilford Hall on bike," he said.

"Right now, orthopedics and patient care are my top priorities. I continue to train just for the love of it. Hopefully, I'll be able to maintain a baseline level of fitness. It's also a great stress reliever."



**PEDAL POWER** – Capt. (Dr.) James Bales, an orthopedics resident in the 859th Surgical Operations Squadron, begins a training ride. Dr. Bales, who was the 15th-ranked triathlete in the United States in 2004, often trains in the early morning.



Photo by Miconna Boaldin

## STUDENTS WITH STARS

Patrick Kilpatrick, left, visited Lackland and BAMC Friday as part of the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. Mr. Kilpatrick, known in the movie business as the "best bad guy you'd ever want to know," has appeared in numerous films and television series such as "Minority Report," "Under Siege 2," "Charmed" and "Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman," to name a few. He is currently working on a film project that tells the story of military life in war-stricken areas such as Iraq. Shaking hands with Mr. Kilpatrick is Airman Basic Benjamin Eggen. From center is Airman 1st Class John McClarley, Airman Basic George Reed, Airman 1st Class Ryan Belew and Airman Ryan Cloutier. All are members of the Pararescue Indoctrination Course Class 05-004.



# Airman develops antidote to injection confusion

BY CRYSTAL TOENJES

72ND AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. – Knowing how to administer an antidote to a fellow Airman who falls victim to chemical exposure in the field will not be as difficult as before.

A new sticker on the antidote kit designed here, with specific instructions on when and how to administer the antidote for nerve agent poisoning, is helping to alleviate some of the stress of making the decision during exercises.

“While the kit already existed, what wasn’t readily available were the instructions on when to use what,” said Capt. Kevin Ingram, who designed the sticker after his own unsettling experience during an exercise in May.

“Somebody came into our tent when we had all our gear on and he couldn’t breathe,” Captain Ingram said.

“He had some kind of sore on his face, and he was exhibiting all these symptoms. He was basically dying on us.”

Captain Ingram, of the 72nd Air Base Wing legal office, and another Airman tried to determine how best to respond to the symptoms being exhibited by the man who was down.

“It gets ... difficult sometimes because, obviously, most of us aren’t medics and the self-aid, buddy care isn’t something we do every day,” Captain Ingram said. “We have different types of chemical and biological agents that people can be affected by and you have different types of treatments.”

Quickly being able to determine if the person is suffering from exposure to a nerve agent is important because it calls for one to three injections of atropine using an auto injector in the thigh and described by Captain Ingram as “very painful.”

“You don’t want to be hitting people with these auto injectors unless you know for sure, and we didn’t know for sure,” he said.

Part of the reason they were uncertain was because they, like many Airmen, did not have the symptoms for nerve agent poisoning memorized or immediately available to them in some format.

“We had our atropine injectors and we had gloves on, the mask on, all our gear on trying to thumb through our Airman’s manual to find what the symptoms are, and the guy is dying,” he said. “It wasn’t a comfortable situation for us.”

Not wanting to feel that way again in

an exercise, Captain Ingram developed a nerve agent sticker to put on the injectors so when the package is needed, the symptoms and instructions on how to administer the injections are readily available.

Captain Ingram presented the idea to the deployment commander, and it was

implemented across the camp.

He hopes the sticker will be considered for real-world implementation so it not only has the potential for saving the lives of players in exercises, but also Airmen in real-world situations.

## Military compensation committee hears proposals

BY ARMY SGT. SARA WOOD

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON - The Defense Advisory Committee on Military Compensation met here July 20 to hear presentations about the current state of military compensation programs and recommendations to improve them.

Covered were retirement compensation, health benefits, special incentive pay, quality of life and reserve component compensation. Each area was covered by a subcommittee of two advisory committee members and a special consultant.

Each subcommittee examined the current state of the program, its strengths and weaknesses and possible alternatives for improvement. Some of the notable recommendations were changing the health-care system to mitigate future costs by either modifying cost sharing or instituting new benefits; consolidating special incentive pay and changing the levels of payments to reward performance; and changing the Reserve compensation program to make it more like the active-duty program.

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# On target: Airmen do bang-up job

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
**SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM**  
 332ND AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – Tucked away behind tall bunkers and old engine parts lays a unique greenhouse with a special crop.

Inside, a crop of bullets, bombs and explosives receives care and attention from a group of unique Airmen.

From inspections and maintenance to overall accountability, the Airmen of the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron's munitions flight here put their mark on every piece of steel that comes through their door.

"We track over 1,000 line items," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen, munitions flight chief.

"We have a significant stockpile of ammo to manage."

The munitions Airmen arm all assigned aircraft as well as ground troops and even geographically separated units.

"We support the (MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicles), combat search and rescue and even units in Baghdad," Sergeant Bowen said.

"From bullets and grenades to flares and missiles, if it goes boom, we han-

dle it," said Senior Master Sgt. Charles Elmore, munitions production supervisor.

The munitions flight is broken down into different shops – munitions control, accountability, inspection, maintenance, line delivery and trailer maintenance.

Active-duty Airmen from Aviano, and guardsmen from Arkansas, Minnesota, Montana, Texas and Indiana currently make up the flight.

"We have totally integrated teams here," Sergeant Bowen said.

"We try our best to make each shop 50-50 with Guard and active-duty (Airmen)."

Not only are the ammo Airmen doing their day-to-day operations, but they are also doing a little extra to make things better for the next group of Airmen who will deploy to Balad.

"We recently identified a defect on a certain type of missile," said Sergeant Bowen, who is deployed from Aviano Air Base, Italy.

"We sent them to another base in the (U.S. Central Command area of responsibility) to be fixed, and they should be back soon," he said.

In addition, the flight is working to increase storage space.



**THINGS GO BOOM** – Airmen 1st Class Sarah Oliver, left, Phillip Coswell and Joseph Oliver process 20 mm rounds for an F-16 Fighting Falcon. They are assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron munitions flight and are deployed from Aviano Air Base, Italy.

"We are building what we refer to as the great wall of Balad," Sergeant Bowen said.

"When complete, it will nearly dou-

ble our available ammunition storage space and provide (U.S. Central Command Air Forces) greater flexibility in positioning combat assets."

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The committee is tasked with creating an architecture for the entire military compensation system. This gave committee members an idea of key issues that need to be addressed, said retired Navy Adm. Donald L. Pilling, chairman of the committee and former vice chief of naval operations.

"We have to clearly understand if we have the right mix between current and deferred compensation," he said. "And how we get the active and reserve compensation systems looking more alike."

The recommendations will not be made until the architecture for the system is created, Admiral Pilling

said, because all changes will have to be consistent.

"Until we lay down the architecture, we really don't have any solutions to anything," he said.

The seven-person committee provides the secretary of defense with assistance and advice on matters pertaining to military compensation.



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and affiliated base, should be mailed before Monday to:

San Antonio Missions Baseball Club  
Post Cereal Youth Essay Contest  
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#### RESERVE SEEKS FULL-TIMERS

The Air Force Reserve is looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions. Reservists in the AGR program serve under the authority of Title 10 of the U.S. Code and receive most of the benefits afforded to the active force. They qualify for an active-duty retirement, provided they attain career status and can serve 20 years active federal military service.

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program, is available on the AGR Management Office's restricted Web site

[www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/home2.html](http://www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/home2.html)

#### TSP LIFECYCLE STARTS MONDAY

The TSP Board announced that participants may start using "lifecycle funds" on Monday to save for their retirement. The TSP, a 401(k)-type program for government employees, will begin offering five L Funds, as they are being called. But employees may want to view them more as a diversification tool than as new funds, since they will use the TSP's existing five funds as their foundation. For more info on TSP L Funds:

[www.tsp.gov/lifecycle/flash/comingsoon.html](http://www.tsp.gov/lifecycle/flash/comingsoon.html)

#### MILITARY LEAVEWEB FEATURES

Members may access Lackland LeaveWeb to view their projected net pay amounts, FITW and FICA tax deductions, allotments and travel vouchers. Access LeaveWeb through the base intranet:

<https://leave.lackland.af.mil/leaveweb/leaveweb.aspx>

#### FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM

"Women Changing America" is the slogan for the 2005 Federal Women's Program Workshop scheduled for Aug. 25 at the Clarion Riverwalk North Hotel. The workshop is \$50 per person with registration forms now available. Seating is limited and individuals are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

Confirmed speakers for the workshop are Carmen Lopez, director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Programs, U.S. Army Medical Command; retired Army Lt. Col. Consuelo Kickbusch, Educational Achievement Services Inc.; Mike McMillion, commissioner of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; and Lackland Education Office local community college representatives. For more information contact: Joan Bobrukiewicz, 295-9594 or Rosie Prieto, 977-4831, ext 425.

#### SEWING EXPENSES

Sewing expenses for desert camouflage uniforms are reimbursable out of unit funds, using the Government Purchase Card. Or, members may complete SF Form 1164, Claim for Reimbursement, and send to unit resource advisor for approval and submission to the Finance Accounting Liaison Office, Bldg. 5616, Room 282. This reimbursement is not a travel claim and can only be reimbursed by DFAS-San Antonio.

#### NO TAXES ON COMBAT ZONE PAY

All enlisted pay, allowances and leave earned in a TDY location designated for "Combat Zone Tax Exemption" are tax free. CZTE for officers is limited to \$6,529.20 per month – which equates to base pay plus imminent danger pay for the highest enlisted pay grade. Bonuses are paid based on rank when earned. Bonus money remains tax free, even if paid in installments over the next several years. When tax exempt leave is taken, taxable wages are reduced on members' W-2 wage and tax statements at end of tax year, based on the number of days members earned

while in combat zone. Medical contracts and reenlistment documents must be signed during a month members are deployed to an AOR for bonus payments to qualify for CZTE.

#### CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE

Employees must provide a medical certification for sick leave taken in excess of three days. Management has the right to require documentation for a lesser period, if leave abuse is suspected. (5CFR, 630.403) "Supporting evidence. (a) An agency may grant sick leave only when supported by administratively acceptable evidence. Regardless of the duration of the absence, an agency may consider an employee's certification as to the reason for his or her absence as administratively acceptable evidence. For an absence in excess of 3 workdays, or for a lesser period when determined necessary, the agency may also require a medical certificate or other administratively acceptable evidence as to the reason for an absence for any of the purposes described in § (5CFR, 630.401(a))."

#### CIVILIAN TIME-OFF AWARDS

Civilian employees must use time-off awards within one year (26 pay periods) of effective date. For example, time-off, awarded effective June 1 will be lost if not used by the last pay period in May 2006. Supervisors should charge time-off awards on timesheets, using leave type hours code "LY." Employees lose time-off awards when they transfer from one federal agency (i.e. Air Force) to another (i.e. Army).

#### TEST PILOT SCHOOL

The Air Force will hold a test pilot school selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center Nov. 28 to Dec. 2 for classes beginning in July 2006 and January 2007. Applicants from all aircraft types and backgrounds may apply. Air Force officers and civilians eligible for TPS can volunteer for a joint Air Force Institute of Technology and test pilot school program.

Selected officers will enter AFIT for a special program then continue on to the regular test pilot school curriculum 15 months later. All officers eligible in accordance with Air Force Instruction 99-107, Test Pilot School, may apply. Officers who currently have an application on file must update it as specified in AFI 99-107. Applications and information must arrive no later than Oct. 14 at HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733. For more information on application procedures, call the AFPC Special Flying Programs Office at 665-2330, commercial at (210) 565-2330 or visit

[www.edwards.af.mil/TPS/](http://www.edwards.af.mil/TPS/)

#### PALACE CHASE

Air Force personnel wanting to separate early from active duty service may qualify to separate through the Palace Chase program. Remaining active duty service commitment or term of enlistment may be waived for approved appli-

## GATEWAY THEATER

#### TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 5 p.m. (PG-13), starring Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt.

#### SATURDAY

Batman Begins, 1 p.m. (PG-13), starring Christian Bale and Ken Watanabe.  
The Perfect Man, 4 p.m. (PG), starring Hilary Duff and Heather Locklear.  
Land of the Dead, 7 p.m. (R), starring Simon Baker and Asia Argento.

#### SUNDAY

Batman Begins, noon (PG-13)  
Land of the Dead, 3 p.m. (R)

Closed Monday through Thursday  
Adults – \$3.50, children – \$1.75.



## SPORTS

## ARENA

## HOOPS TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Lackland Warhawks Varsity Men's Basketball Team will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Bennett Fitness Center. Call Jerome Riley at 925-4848 or 977-2354.

## COACHES NEEDED

The Fitness and Sports Office is seeking a coach and an assistant coach for the Lackland Women's Varsity Basketball Team plus men and women's varsity volleyball, football, soccer and intramural soccer programs. Call Jerry Tiger at 473-2725 or 671-2725 or e-mail: [tiger.gerald@lackland.af.mil](mailto:tiger.gerald@lackland.af.mil)

## GOLF LADIES INVITE

The Gateway Hills Ladies Golf Association invites all ladies with a valid military ID to join and sign up for play every 8 a.m. Tuesdays at the Gateway Hills Golf Course. All skill levels welcome. Call Dottie Nicholson at 432-2895.

## MOUNTAIN BIKERS

The Team Lackland Mountain Bike Club wants more members. Practice and training is held every other weekend at O.P. Schnabel Park at 9600 Bandera Road. Call Jason McEachern at 595-8433.

## POOL PASSES

Lackland swimming pool passes can be purchased at the Skylark Pool, Bldg. 6484. Annual, summer and daily passes are available for families and individuals. Call 671-2413.

## JUDO CLUB

The Lackland Judo Club meets 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 12:30-2 p.m. Saturday at the Chaparral Fitness Center. Instructional classes are on Tuesday and Thursday. Open mat on Saturday. Call Alex Serwatowski at 671-3934 or e-mail: [alex.serwatowski@lackland.af.mil](mailto:alex.serwatowski@lackland.af.mil)

## ICE HOCKEY INVITE

Any Team Lackland personnel who would like to play ice hockey with other local military members at the San Antonio Northwoods Ice

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## VARSITY BASEBALL

## Warhawks battered twice in early innings

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN  
TALESPIINNER SPORTS WRITER

Largely because of their unfortunate tendency to give up lots of runs during the first two innings, the Lackland Warhawks Varsity Baseball Team lost two games last weekend.

"I'm still hoping we will play better," said Warhawks coach Davin Dukes.

The Warhawks lost 13-0 to the Phillies on Sunday and 9-3 to the Rangers on Friday. Lackland played both San Antonio Men's Senior Baseball League (Open Division) games at Warhawk Field.

During the Sunday game, the Phillies scored six runs during the first inning, all of them after two outs. Two errors, three walks, three stolen bases and four singles helped the Phillies mount a huge early lead.

The Phillies added seven more runs on six hits during the second inning. Shortstop Jose Puentes and first baseman Brad Larsen doubled as the Phillies went up 13-0.

To make matters much worse for the Warhawks, their lineup produced nothing at the plate. Phillies pitcher Blake Weston struck out 10 during five innings while giving up only two singles, one of them to second baseman Mike Cruz, the other one to relief pitcher Nathan Zimmerman.

Ironically, after the end of the second inning, the Warhawks shut out the Phillies. Cruz caught an infield fly by Weston and tossed the ball to Jose Isales at first base to force out extra hitter Jordan Voges for a double play to end the third inning. Zimmerman struck out five through the



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

**SCOOP** - Lackland Warhawks shortstop Chawa Pearson scoops up a ground ball and soon throws to first base for the final out of the first inning last Friday at Warhawk Field.

fourth and fifth innings.

But rain forced umpires to call the Sunday game during the bottom of the sixth inning.

Control problems hurt Lackland Friday as the Rangers beat them 9-3.

The Rangers scored five runs during the first inning and two in the second after the first two Warhawks pitchers gave up two hits, allowed one runner to score on a wild pitch, hit two batters and walked three.

Lackland relief hurler Charlie Zapata took the mound with two outs during the bottom of the second inning and performed like an ace to the end of the game, giving up two runs, one of them unearned.

However, Rangers starting pitcher Matt Largent retired the first 10 Lackland batters

and kept the Warhawks from starting a big comeback rally.

Third baseman Kyle Buckles got the first hit off Largent with one out in the fourth inning, an opposite field single to the gap between center and right field. Buckles advanced to third base on a throwing error, and he scored the first Lackland run after extra hitter Cruz grounded out to second. Warhawks second baseman Mario Villarreal also singled during the fourth.

Lackland extra hitter Justin Ailor doubled and scored the Warhawks second run off Largent on a single by right fielder Greg Willett during the fifth inning.

Zapata walked during the seventh inning and stole second base and scored the third run for Lackland after two wild pitches by Rangers relief pitcher Mark Trevino.

But the rest of the Lackland lineup failed to rattle the Rangers' pitching staff as the game continued. After Trevino allowed Zapata to score, he struck out the side. Clint Sansom, the second Rangers reliever, struck out the side during the eighth.

Tim Schellen, the third Rangers reliever, struck out the first Lackland batter during the ninth. The game ended after Schellen caught two pop ups to the mound.

Altogether, Largent, Trevino, Sansom and Schellen walked three, gave up four hits and struck out 12 Warhawks through nine innings.

Lackland is 4-13 and tied with the Reds for last place in the SAMSBL. The Warhawks play the first-place Dodger Grays 2 p.m. Sunday at Warhawk Field.

## VARSITY SOFTBALL

## AETC championship kicks off today

*Warhawks, Lady Warhawks ready to vie for title here*

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN  
TALESPIINNER SPORTS WRITER

As it has done during the past two years, Team Lackland will host the 2005 Air Education and Training Command Softball Championship at Diamond 1, 2 and 3 today, tomorrow and Sunday.

"Our staff members are excited about hosting this competition, and we have worked hard to make it a memorable experience for all involved," said Jerry Stanfill, chief of the 37th Services Division.

The Lackland Warhawks Men's Varsity Softball Team will battle Randolph, Goodfellow, Laughlin and Sheppard Air Force Bases from Texas for the championship along with eight other bases: Altus and Vance AFB Okla.; Columbus and Keesler AFBs, Miss.; Little Rock AFB, Ark; Luke AFB, Ariz; Maxwell AFB, Ala; and Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Last year, the Tyndall Tigers beat the Warhawks 17-11 for the AETC championship. This year, Lackland will enter the



Photo by Armando Flores

**JUST IN TIME** - Lady Warhawks catcher Lila Gaitan slides safely into third base against Columbus third baseman Shera Farrell during the Air Education and Training Command Softball Championship last year on Lackland.

AETC tournament after handily winning the San Antonio Amateur Softball Association spring and summer titles.

Also, they have several players returning from the 2004 AETC title chase, including Sean Chaney, Steve English, Mike Jenkins and Rudy Zapata.

"We have very capable players who can step in and take us to victory,"

said Eric Culver, Warhawks coach.

"During the past two years, we've won bronze and silver. That will be unacceptable this year. I expect nothing less than winning the entire tournament."

The Lackland Lady Warhawks will also compete for AETC championship honors this weekend against teams from Altus, Keesler, Little Rock, Luke, Maxwell,

Sheppard and Tyndall.

Last year, the Tyndall Lady Tigers beat Randolph for the AETC ladies title. The Lady Warhawks finished third in the 2004 tournament after they lost 10-9 to Randolph.

This year, the ladies have done well in SASA competition. To be sure, the Lady Warhawks won the 2003 AETC title.

"This is the one tournament we circled on our

calendar back during training camp in February," said Dave Raushenberger, Lady Warhawks coach.

"We have a lot of motivation to win. This team has worked hard all year to improve and play well, and we are finally starting to hit our stride."

The Lady Warhawks will return to the AETC tourney with several veterans, including Catrina Harden, Christy Hayes, Shannon Hale and Deb Shoemo, as well as talented newcomers Monique Brown, Eusebia Rios and Jackie Soliz.

Today, the round-robin phase of the AETC tournament gets under way. The Lady Warhawks will play Maxwell at 10 a.m. on Diamond 2, and the Warhawks will play Keesler at noon on Diamond 1.

Tomorrow, the competition proceeds to double elimination play for the championship brackets.

The tournament will conclude Sunday, with the women's championship game set for 1 p.m. at Diamond 2, and the men's title match at 2 p.m. at Diamond 1.

VARSETY SOCCER

Warhawks weather early Storm strike

BY RAYMOND V. WHELAN  
TALESPINNER SPORTS WRITER

Both Lance Biery and Mihailo Radovic scored two goals to help the Lackland Warhawks Varsity Soccer team beat the Storm 5-2 Sunday at the Pepsi Soccer Fields in Schertz.

Quami King also scored for Lackland as the Warhawks raised their record to 4-2 in the San Antonio Soccer Association Summer League.

"It was a well-played game," said Warhawks coach Stewart Hess. "We played a strong team. Once they started to get tired, we took the advantage with counterstrikes."

The Storm went up 1-0 after Tom Zgonis scored at the 14th minute during the first half.

Josh Ballard, Biery, James Boyd and Radovic took quality shots for the Warhawks but failed to tie the score. Meanwhile, Lackland successfully stopped several attempts by the Storm to score again, thanks to some bulldog back-field work by Boyd, Paul Rosell, Brian Wells and goalkeeper Brian Cortez.

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Photo by Robbin Cresswell

**FOOTSY - Lackland Warhawks forward Quami King balances the ball while goalkeeper Austin Scott from the Storm tries to grab it.**

As the first half continued, Ballard and Biery teamed up to score the equalizer. Ballard booted a corner kick that sailed just outside the penalty area to Biery, who struck a perfectly timed header past Storm goalkeeper Austin Scott to tie the score at 1.

King possessed the ball after a furious scramble in front of Scott and gave Lackland the

go-ahead goal minutes before the halftime whistle.

Just after the second half got under way, Radovic scored to give the Warhawks a 3-1 lead. Defender Leon Brown sent the striker a long ball from mid-field. Radovic dribbled alone for several yards, and shortly after he entered the penalty area, he confidently tipped the ball past Scott.

Two minutes after Radovic scored, Ballard and Biery teamed up again for the fourth Lackland goal. Ballard took a free kick along the sideline and sent the ball clear across the pitch to Biery. The unmarked forward leaped up and scored his second goal with another successful header.

Zgonis outran the Lackland defense and scored his second goal for the Storm at the 55th minute.

Radovic got his second goal of the match at the 75th minute. That stifled the Storm from making a comeback.

Radovic took a clearing pass from midfielder Adrian Simentl and drifted deep into the Storm penalty area.

After evading two Storm defenders, Radovic kicked the ball past Scott well into the far corner of the net.

Next, the Warhawks play the Horns 9 a.m. Sunday at the Pepsi Soccer Fields in Schertz.

Also, the Warhawks are eagerly preparing to play Sept. 9-11 in the Gulf Coast Classic, the first Military Open Varsity Soccer Tournament at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

San Antonio Men's Senior Baseball League

Table with columns for team and record. Rows include Dodger Grays (15-1-1), Rangers (14-2-1), Pirates (11-6-0), Astros (8-8-1), Angels (5-11-1), Phillies (5-12-0), Warhawks (4-13-0), and Reds (4-13-0).

July 22: Rangers - 9, Warhawks - 3  
July 24: Phillies - 13, Warhawks - 0

SOFTBALL

Varsity San Antonio Softball Association Summer League

July 20: Game postponed, rain

INTRAMURAL PLAYOFFS

Division I/II  
343rd TRS - 9, 859th Surgery - 8  
149th ANG - 10\*, 343rd TRS - 4  
\* 149th ANG wins base championship  
Division III  
July 13: LRS - 10, Comptrollers - 2  
Contracting - 17, Pharmacy - 9  
Contracting - 9, LRS - 5  
Company D - 9, Med Sptg - 6  
July 14: Contracting - 9, Company D - 8  
Company D - 19\*, Contracting - 18  
\* Company D wins Division III title

SOCCER

San Antonio Soccer Association  
July 24: Warhawks - 5, The Storm - 2

RUNNING

Team Lackland Top III 5K Beach Run  
July 16: Male Overall Winner - Carl Clark  
Male Masters Winner - Neal Baumgartner  
Female Overall Winner - Jamie Dulay  
Female Masters Winner - Bernadette Beck

TRIATHLON

Team Lackland  
July 24: Aquarena Springs Sprint Triathlon, San Marcos  
500-meter swim, 18-mile bike, 2.9 mile run  
1, (Age 40-44) Kirby Rodriguez, 1:22:07  
2, (Age 35-39) Greg Hericks, 1:17:17;  
2, (Age 55-59) Orben Greenwald, 1:27:04  
3, (Age 25-29) Benjamin Hubbert, 1:24:32.

GOLF

INTRAMURALS

Table with columns for Division I, W, L. Rows include Services (8.5, 1.5), Dental (10.0, 2.0), 342nd TRS (7.5, 1.5), 319th TRS (7.0, 3.0), CES (6.5, 4.5), AIA, HQS (5.5, 5.5), LRS (4.5, 5.5), AFIWC #1 (3.5, 4.5), COMM (4.0, 6.0), 690th IOG (4.5, 7.5), 433rd AFRES (3.0, 6.0), 341st TRS (2.0, 7.0), IAAFA (2.0, 7.5).

Table with columns for Division II, W, L. Rows include DLI (8.5, 1.5), JOIC (8.5, 1.5), 37th TRSS (8.5, 2.5), 344th TRS (5.5, 3.5), Surgery (6.0, 3.0), 33rd IOS (6.0, 4.0), 543rd SPTS (6.0, 4.0), 314th MI BN (5.5, 5.5), 342nd TRS (5.5, 5.5), 651st MUNS (5.0, 5.0), 331st TRS (5.0, 6.0), AIA, Logisitics (3.5, 5.5), 343rd TRS (3.5, 5.5), 345th TRS (2.5, 5.5), CPSG (3.0, 7.0).

Center call Brad Barrier at 565-4283 or e-mail: brad.barrier.ctr@randolph.af.mil

Soccer Team Slots Open

The Lackland Warhawks Varsity Soccer Team needs male and female players for San Antonio Soccer Association games and against other military bases. All skill levels are welcome. Practices are held 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday at the Defense Language Institute soccer fields along Patrick Street. Call Grant Asuncion at 977-3158 ext. 231 or visit: grant.asuncion@lackland.af.mil

Rugby Club Players Sought

The San Antonio Rugby Club is always looking for men and women players at all skill levels. Call 541-1237 for more information or visit: www.santoniorugby.com

Air Force Marathon

The 9th annual U.S. Air Force Marathon is Sept. 17 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Registration deadline is Sept. 2. Permissive TDY is authorized. Fees are \$45 for individual and wheelchair runners, \$160 for relay teams, \$30 for the half marathon and \$15 for 5K run. Air Education and Training Command needs participants for various teams. Lackland active-duty personnel must submit AF Form 303 to participate. Call Richard Brown at 977-5166 or Jason Sparks at 671-2401 or 1-800-467-1823 for more information or visit: http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil

Mountain Bike Rentals

Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 7214 has 26-inch adult mountain fury bikes for rent for \$5 per day, \$12 per weekend and \$25 per week. Rental includes helmet, vest, lock and chain and nightlight. Riders must provide four AA-batteries for the light. Call 671-3106.

Guest Guessers

The Talespinner needs Team Lackland volunteers to be the Guest Guesser in the weekly Gridlocks Plus box. No experience is necessary. Join our distinguished panel as they predict who will win athletic events. To apply, call Talespinner Sports Writer Raymond V. Whelan at 671-5079 or e-mail: raymond.whelan@lackland.af.mil

Hunting Permits

Base hunting permits and Texas hunting or fishing licenses good through August are on sale for \$35 at Equipment Checkout, Bldg. 7214. Hunters must show a valid Texas hunting license and military ID and sign a hunter's briefing form and a hunter's lease agreement release form before purchase. Call 671-3106 for more information.

Circuit Training

Circuit Training is held 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Gateway Fitness Center and 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Warhawk Fitness Center.

Paintball Club May Be Formed

Paintball enthusiasts who want to start a club on Lackland call Outdoor Recreation at 671-3106.

Youth Officials Needed

Lackland Youth Sports Programs need officials and scorekeepers for all sports. Pay and training are provided. Call Johnny Bailey at 671-1245 or e-mail: johnny.bailey@lackland.af.mil

Water Aerobics Classes

Water aerobics classes are 5-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Skylark Indoor Pool. Cost is \$1 per class or \$10 for 12 classes.

Inner Tube Water Polo

Inner tube water polo is held monthly on Saturday at Skylark Pool. Call 671-2413 to sign up a five-member team or for more information.

Lone Star Sumo

The Lone Star Sumo Association is open to men, women and children. New international rules make it easier for any age group, gender or weight class to take up sumo. Anyone interested in the sport can call retired Master Sgt. Tom Zabel at 256-2396 or e-mail: tkzabel@satx.rr.com

Gridlocks Plus logo featuring a basketball player, a baseball player, and a soccer player.

Gridlocks Plus panel of Guest Guessers including Ray Whelan, Jerome Riley, Steve Reichert, Mike Dees, and Laurie Austin. Each member's last week and season records are listed.

Main Gridlocks Plus table listing MLB (Friday) matchups for Diamondbacks @ Cubs, Twins @ Red Sox, etc., and corresponding Yes/No predictions.