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Around D-M

July 4th celebration

The 355th Services Squadron will host an Olde Time Fourth of July celebration in Bama Park starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be live music, food booths and a 25-minute fireworks display at 8:45 p.m. For more information or to set up a food booth, call Jody Evans, Services Community Support Flight chief, at 8-3841.

Town hall meeting

A family housing town hall Meeting will be held Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the base theater.

Representatives from various base organizations will brief family housing residents on the status of housing improvement projects, yard care, water conservation, vehicle speed control, as well as answering questions from residents on any housing issue or concern.

All family housing residents are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to suggest items to be discussed, call Roger Johnston, housing director, at 8-4264.

Days since last D-M DUI:

05

Need a ride? Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 850-2233.

(Current as of Thursday)

Courtesy photo

Tweet lift

Members of the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron hoist a T-37 trainer jet from the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center for transport to the 174th Fighter Wing, Air National Guard unit, Syracuse, N.Y. EMS members loaded the aircraft onto the bed of a truck and removed the wings as part of the preparation for transport.

NMFA announces D-M 2000 VIP program winner

Staff Sgt. Samuel Jones, 612th Air Operations Group reconnaissance operations controller, won the National Military Family Association's Very Important Patriot Award of Merit in recognition of his dedication and support of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and surrounding communities.

"This is but one of the many examples of recognition that he (Jones) has received for his work as the founder of Operation Boot Camp, a program that has had a tremendous impact in building pride and self-discipline in middle-school age children," said Master Sgt., Desi Alexander, 612th Air Operations Group reconnaissance operations superintendent.

"He's also served as the head coach for the D-M men's basketball for the past two years, managed the team in collegiate and inter-service competition throughout the Southwest and was selected as the D-M African-American Heritage Committee's Man of the Year."

"Volunteering has really turned my career around and changed me as a person," Jones said. "Volunteering is the only true selfless act and I would advise anyone to find what you love and do it because you love it. Grab hold of your beliefs and not let anyone or anything deter you from making something a success."

"This program (Operation Boot Camp) gives me a chance to really make a difference in the lives of a lot of people. A lot of parents, children, peers and society are counting on me to make this program a success. Everyone should do more

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Commander's Corner 8-4747

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

Col. Bobby Wilkes
Commander, 355th Wing

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Golf age requirements

Comment: I am writing in regards to the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base golf course policy, which does not allow children younger than 8 years old on the course. I went to the golf course with my 6-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son. They came with me because they wanted to be with their dad since we do not get a lot of time together. I did not think this was going to be a problem since it was 4:30 p.m. and there were not a lot of people on the course. They were only going to watch me, not to play.

The people at the pro shop stated children needed to be at least 8 years old to be on the course. I could understand children having to be 8 years old to play, but to go and just watch is a different story.

What is the difference between an 8 year old on the course and a 6 or 4 year old on the course if they are both being supervised by an adult? I called Bill Treadway at services and he made a call to the golf course and found out the same thing. He stated it was a safety issue. As far as safety goes, a child can get hurt doing just about anything if they are not supervised. They could be watching me at a softball game and get hit with a foul ball.

I feel like this policy should be changed. I think if the parents feel their children are responsible enough to listen to them on the course and act accordingly, it should be up to their discretion whether or not to take them golfing with them.

I remember when I was about 5 years old, the only time that my grandfather and I spent together was on the golf course and I appreciated that. I would like my kids to have the same benefit.

Response: Thank for your inquiry into the Blanchard Golf Course's policy concerning children on the course. The Blanchard Golf Course will allow children 6 years old or older to play golf if they are accompanied by an adult. Spectators must be 6 years and older and accompanied by an adult.

The concerns of junior golf were discussed at the last Golf Advisory Council meeting in April. It was determined at that time to drop the age for spectators from 8 years of age to 6 years of age. The safety of the children and the quality and ability of the adult to supervise while playing were the concerns in determining the age should not be any younger than 6 years.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you have any more questions or concerns, please call Chris Bowles, golf course manager, at 8-5879.

Lawn watering

Comment: As I understand the present rule, watering lawns is supposed to be done in the evenings. Odd-numbered houses water on odd days and even-numbered houses water on even days. This is not a difficult rule to understand, yet some people on this base seem to think they are exempt from this rule and water their lawns anytime they wish, on any day they wish. Every morning I drive my children to the youth center and without fail, I see numerous houses with their sprinklers on. I for one enjoy having drinking water and I would like to think that I, along with most everyone living in Tucson, enjoy that same privilege. Can this be addressed?

Response: You are exactly right on the watering schedule. Family housing residents with even numbered addresses water lawns on even calendar days, and odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered calendar days. Watering should be done between 5 to 8 p.m., unless you are a shift worker and watering your lawn according to the above schedule is not possible. If this is the case, you may water from 4 to 7 a.m. on your designated days.

Also, hand watering is allowed anytime as needed for new plants and seeded lawns. Watering lawns during hot daytime temperatures wastes water due to evaporation. While we do not rely on city wells for our water, we developed our watering schedule in cooperation with the city to help reduce water consumption and the demand on the aquifer.

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility. The watering schedule is briefed to all new residents and was recently delivered to all family housing residents.

Violations should be reported to Beth Wilson at the housing management flight at 8-6609. They will personally brief residents who are not following the watering schedule.

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607th Air Control Squadron to convert to training unit

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 607th Air Control Squadron will convert from a deployable unit to a training unit in less than 30 days to ensure air control squadron people throughout the Air Force receive the appropriate training to operate ground-based command and control radars.

The squadron formally makes the conversion to a field-training unit July 6, said Lt. Col. Steve Doss, 607th Air Control Squadron commander.

"After the conversion, we'll no longer deploy as a unit," Doss said. "Instead, we'll be training students to do what we're doing now."

The 607th 'Snakes' are currently conducting a validation course. The course, which is composed of seven students undergoing surveillance technician training, validates the FTU's course work, equipment requirements, manpower requirements, facilities and training schedules.

The Snakes' change in mission is a result of lessons learned during Operation Allied Force in Kosovo, Doss said.

During Allied Force, Air Force leaders determined that the best way to ensure air control squadron members receive the training they need to operate in a deployed location was to set up a schoolhouse to train new airmen right out of technical school.

Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Edward Dancy instructs Airman Derrick Sidberry through an operations module.

"It was a do-loop problem," Doss said. "To get people upgraded we had to use a few trained people and, at the same time, support exercises and deployments. We just kept getting further behind (with training)."

Overall retention problems throughout the Air Force have also hindered training efforts.

To remedy these training woes, Air Force leadership decided the best way to tackle the training problem was to convert one of the eight air control squadrons in the Air Force to a field training unit.

Two training courses are planned for airmen graduating from technical school.

One course is for surveillance technicians and the other is for weapons directors. Surveillance technicians will go to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., after their technical school at Keesler AFB, Miss., while weapons directors will come to Davis-Monthan AFB following their controlling school at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

The surveillance technicians course runs 70 training days and the weapons directors course runs 77 training days.

The coursework will get airmen up to basic mission-ready status, Doss said.

Once they arrive at their permanent duty station, they will only need an additional 30 days training to attain combat mission-ready status.

Getting airmen up to combat mission ready-status is critical if the air control squadrons are to meet their deployment requirements.

Air control squadrons are rapid reaction ground-based radar units, Doss said. They basically provide surveillance, identification, weapons control and battle management for the theater air component commander.

Surveillance technicians essentially perform early warning and identification.

"They have the big picture; they pick (flying) tracks and identify other aircraft as either friend or foe," Doss said. "Weapons directors actually direct aircrews to the fight."

As a 'schoolhouse,' the 607th ACS military manpower strength and the number of civilian employees will remain about the same.

However, the 607th ACS will be converting about 20 of their maintenance positions to operations positions.

Through attrition and normal permanent change-of-station moves, the conversion should go fairly smoothly personnel-wise, Doss said. And, he said, they'll be ready to take students just four days after their July 6 ribbon cutting.

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Hidden Heroes: D-M members receive volunteer medal

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service medal for April and May:

April

■ Master Sgt. Timothy McCormack, 355th Wing, was recognized for his work with the chapel Can-Do-Crew. He was the director of the program from February 1997 to March 2000.

■ Tech. Sgt. Luis Lopez, 355th Logistic Support Squadron, was recognized for his work with the Salvation Army while stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and several projects at other assignments.

May

■ Staff Sgt. Juan Aleman III, 355th Security Forces Squadron, was recognized for his work tutoring 5 and 6 year olds at the Tohono O'dhan Indian Reservation, work with the Can-Do-Crew and the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon in past years.

■ Staff Sgt. Edwin Crandall, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was recognized for his work at the D-M youth center, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and several youth sports programs.

■ Staff Sgt. Todd Langford, 355th LSS, was recognized for his work as a foster parent to abuse and neglected children, working with Child Protective Services and Special Olympics.

■ Capt. Reginald Short, 357th Fighter Squadron, was recognized for his work coaching youth ice hockey in the local area.

■ Master Sgt. Jose Sotelo, Detachment 1, 612th Air Operation Group, was recognized for his work with Honduran orphanages, and raising money and organizing renovations.

■ Capt. Jennifer Triefler, while at the 355th Component Repair Squadron, was recognized for work with the Special Olympics, mentoring at Naylor Middle School and fundraisers with the Humane Society and breast cancer research.

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then just go to work, worry about their own little world and complain when something happens in the country."

The NMFA is a non-profit, predominately volunteer organization with membership from the seven uniformed services, active-duty, retired, reserve component and their family members and survivors.

NMFA is the only national organization whose sole focus is the military family and whose mission is to serve those families through education, information and advocacy.

The VIP Program recognizes fifteen exceptional volunteers worldwide. Five Very Important Patriots, five Award of Honor, and five Award of Merit recipients are chosen for their outstanding service which contributes to improving the quality of life in their military and neighboring communities.

Active-duty, guard, reserve, and retired members of all uniformed military services, and their family members and survivors are eligible to receive the awards offered by the NMFA.

Each of the VIP recipients and a companion is flown to Washington, DC. During their stay in the nation's capital they receive a $1000 cash award, meet with senior leaders of their individual services, visit with their elected officials on Capitol Hill, attend the NMFA Annual Meeting and Luncheon, and meet the generous sponsors of the VIP Program. Very Important Patriot Award of Honor winners receive an award and $250; Very Important Patriot Award of Merit winners earn an award and $100.

Conceived in 1995, the VIP Program promotes wider recognition of the countless uniformed service and family members who volunteer their time and talent in service to others. VIP sponsors contribute the funds for travel, expense allowances and cash awards.

Senior Airman Shanda De Anda

Staff Sgt. Samuel Jones, 612th Air Operations Group reconnaissance operations controller, the Very Important Patriot Award of Merit winner, tackles another day in the office.

VIP sponsor companies, which are suppliers to the commissaries, and the NMFA, have a mutual interest in ensuring the preservation of the commissary benefits and in saluting volunteers who enhance the quality of life in their communities.

Preserving the value of the commissary benefit as a savings for uniformed service families and a contribution to their quality of life has been a long-standing NMFA goal, and they continue to work closely with the management of the Defense Commissary Agency.

"People should definitely help out in their community. Military people are putting their life on the line for the country; we should be doing everything possible to make this a better country to live in." Jones said.

"Find something you love and use it to improve yourself and help others." *(Courtesy National Military Family Association Public Relations Department)*

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Courtesy photo

USCS airlifts F-16 pilot

U.S. Customs ServiceBlackhawk air crew members (left to right) James Dean, John Cottrell and Henry Jones, changed their mission plans June 16 when the call came in to rescue a downed pilot. The student pilot, 1st Lt.Doyle Pompa, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., safely ejected from his F-16 before it crashed 14 miles southwest of Sells, Ariz. On board the U.S. Customs helicopter were Master Sgt. Victor Villasenor, 305th Rescue Squadron pararescue section chief, Capt. Regina Welch, 355th Medical Group flight surgeon, and aerospace medical technicians Tech. Sgt. Alan Joyce and Senior Airman Jennifer Smith,who treated the downed pilot. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base A-10s in the area provided the initial search and rescue capability, aiding his safe recovery. He was flown back to D-M, evaluated and released by the 355th Medical Group in good condition.

305th RQS to be featured in Hollywood production

By Breysi Stephens
305th Rescue Squadron
Public Affairs

"Quiet on the set, quiet on the set." Not words you would normally hear on an Air Force base flight line, but very common on a Hollywood sound stage. In a scene from the production of "The Perfect Storm," members of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's 305th Rescue Squadron, Air Force Reserve unit, and the 129th Rescue Wing, Air National Guard unit, Moffett Field, Calif., simulated the rescue of stranded fishermen off the cost of New England.

Based on a true story illustrated by author Sebastian Junger's book by the same title, film director Wolfgang Petersen used the talents of stars George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio to bring the story to life.

Two HH-60G helicopters from the 305th RQS along with associated aircrew members, pararescue specialists and maintainers flew out to California to participate in the filming of "The Perfect Storm".

"The production team was very interested in keeping the Air Force's participation as accurate as possible which is one of the reasons we got involved," said Col. Kent Clark, 305th RQS commander.

The Air Force Reserve portion of the filming was conducted at Channel Island Air National Guard Base, Calif., Aug. 19 to 20, with additional work on sound stages at Warner Brothers Studios.

"It was particularly interesting to be in on the behind-the-scenes activities," said Maj. Glenn Schumacher, 305th RQS aircraft commander during the filming.

"It's incredible the amount of work and detail that goes into putting a movie together," added Schumacher. The 305th RQS performed a total of sixteen flying hours, performing a variety of day and night time flying maneuvers."

Other units that supported the film include the 403rd Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss; the 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.; and the 106th Rescue Wing, Francis S. Gabreski International Airport, N.Y. The movie opens in theaters nationwide June 30.

Program begins: Secure your property

On the average, one bike is reported stolen every day on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The majority of thefts are committed by youths taking unsecured bicycles for a joyride and leaving them in a remote area.

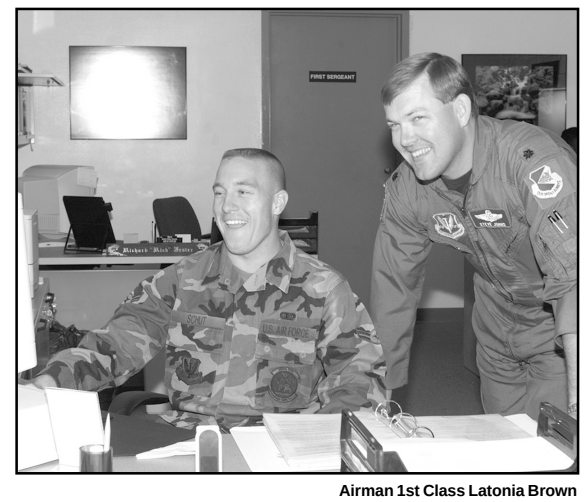
If bikes are left outside, secure them by using a sturdy lock, preferably a D-shaped shackle lock, to deter a potential thief. The best place to secure a bicycle is inside one's residence or storage room and bicycles should never be left in front of homes or under the carport.

The "Gotcha" program is intended as a friendly to secure property. If a security forces patrolman observes unsecured property a outside home (a bicycle in the driveway at 1 a.m.), he will record the information on the "Gotcha" form and place it on the resident's door. This letter acts as a reminder to secure valuables.

To make identifying bikes easier if they are stolen, record the information below and store it in a safe location. Additionally, a color photograph of bicycles will help security forces to identify them.

Basic: Manufacturer and model, type i.e. mens/ladies/unisex/standard/mountain/BMX/other, serial number and where located on frame, frame color(s), frame size, wheel size, tires, colors; **Gears:** make and type, number, position of gear controls; **Handle bar type:** standard/drop/straight; **List all accessories.**

If your property is stolen, proceed to the Security Forces Control Center, Building 4413, and file a report. If the security forces recover property, they will call and inform the owner. Additionally, check the lost and found at the Airman's Attic at 8-4098. Remember, over 90 percent of all items stolen were left unsecured. *(Courtesy 355th Security Force Squadron)*



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

New commander

Lt. Col. Steve Johns, 355th Training Squadron commander, reviews personnel data with Airman 1st Class Christian Schut. Johns took command May 25.

ACC command chief shares philosophy during visit

By Staff Sgt.
Theresa McCullough
Public affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Keane, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, shared some career philosophy with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Airman Leadership School students during a recent visit to D-M.

Keane took over the top enlisted job for ACC in March at Gen. John Jumper's, ACC commander, request. "He took command and about a month later asked me to join his team," the former Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, command chief master sergeant said.

"I never thought I'd make it this far. This is pretty high in the food chain."

Keane's primary duties are to advise the commander on matters influencing the health, welfare, morale and effective utilization of more than 77,000 enlisted members in ACC, the largest command in the Air Force.

"That's what I do. I go around and talk to people in the command and they tell me things. I go to Gen. Jumper and he makes decisions on my recommendations — your recommendations," Keane said. "It's my job. I'm not going to make E-10. I talk from the heart and tell the general straight up what's going on, good or bad."

"The general is a great guy. He cares about the Air Force and talks about a lot of things I believe in," he said.

Keane asked the members of the ALS class to raise their hands if they were supervisors; the majority of the class raised their hand.

"It's real important to be a supervisor," he said. "Leadership is the key to manning, recruiting and retention. One hundred percent. The way people are treated is the main reason people stay in the Air Force. Someone looked after you, did something good for you that made you stay along the way."

The chief stressed the importance of explaining your expectations to your airmen from the start. "Airmen want discipline, they want to be told what to do," he said. "Remember when you first came in? You didn't want to wander around — you wanted someone to tell you what to do, because you didn't know what to do."

"Be their supervisor, be their friend, but be their supervisor first," the chief said. "And remember, what goes around comes around. Make sure you treat your people well, because someday you could be working for them."

An important part of being a supervisor is feedback, according to the chief. "Let's talk about feedback. I hate feedback – actually I hate what the Air Force did to feedback," Keane said. "You know what they did to it? Why they mandated feedback? They mandated it because NCOs in the Air Force weren't doing their job. They weren't telling their subordinates how they were doing."

Senior Airman Amie Gannon

(Left to right) Staff Sgt. James Driesbaugh, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron EC-130 Isochronal section, explains a procedure to Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Keane, while Master Sgt. Raymond Franco, 355th EMS Isochronal section, watches.

"You, as a supervisor, should be giving your airman feedback every hour, every day," the chief said. "It doesn't have to be this bureaucratic system of calling an airman into the office to go through a checklist; it can be as informal as 'Great job on that jet Airman Snuffy; if you worked as hard on those boots as you did that jet, we wouldn't have a problem.'"

"People want to know where they stand. It's real important," Keane said. "Pat them on the back and boot them in the butt every day. Every day."

The chief told the ALS students that as a supervisor you must have high standards, the highest standards of all.

"Your uniforms, your mannerisms must all be impeccable at all times. Because there are people watching you, looking at you," the chief said. "Your airmen are looking at you."

"I travel a lot, and I can go to a shop and tell by the individual greeting me how their troops are going to look. Your troops are a reflection of you, they really are," Keane said.

"You want your troops to have as high a standards as you," he said. "When you don't correct a violation of a standard, you are establishing a new standard and it's normally lower than the one that was there."

"You're not going to make a lot of money in the military, but you will be rich – rich in experiences," Keane said. "Talk to your friends you graduated high school with, compare notes. You'll see people are interested in what you do."

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Why do I serve?

SUPS commander keys on reasons

By Maj. Joseph Pinckney, Jr.
355th Supply Squadron

With all the discussions and comments about retention these days, have you ever stopped and asked yourself "why do I serve?"

Recently, I took a few moments and asked myself this question. I must admit I came up with the two most common reasons: 1) to serve my country; and 2) to provide for my family. A short time afterward, two events occurred that made me realize the real reasons for why I serve.

First, a Marine MV-22 Osprey crashed near Marana April 8. Upon hearing news of a military aircraft crash, my thoughts turned to whether it was an A-10 or EC-130 assigned to D-M; and whether I knew any of the members killed in the crash.

Upon hearing that it was a Marine aircraft and learning that those killed were all Marines, my thoughts and prayers didn't change because they were "Marines" — it didn't matter. The men on that aircraft were not just Marines, they were "American Fighters," and their commitment to this country was just as fierce as mine (and yours).

These Americans gave their lives training for the day when our countrymen or our allies would need assistance. In my opinion, these Marines are heroes who believed it was better to lead than to follow.

This event reminded me there are many unsung heroes putting their lives on the line every day to better our Air Force and our country. From the test pilots who fly in developmental aircraft, to soldiers and sailors in tanks, ships and submarines around the world, to airmen flying the skies over Europe, Iraq and the Pacific.

The many base supporting agencies that service our daily operations also assisted at the Marine crash site, and are indicative of why I serve. I serve my country because I feel what I do as a logistician is important to dropping bombs on the targets, and I still have a lot to offer to that process.

> "I serve not because I have more to offer the Air Force, but because I have much more to offer "my" Air Force."
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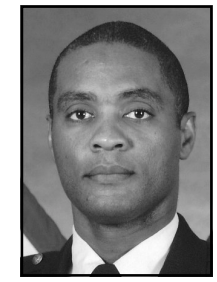
> **Maj. Joseph Pinckney**
> *355th Supply Squadron commander*



The second incident occurred while I attended an Air Force Association luncheon and sat with three retired American heroes. While sitting at the table and listening to stories from World War II and Korea, it reminded me I am here by the grace of God and the ultimate commitment of countless men and women. From the early World Wars, through Korea, Vietnam, and in many jungles and deserts, Americans have served and died for my freedom.

Yes, I serve to provide for my family, but my choosing the military is a result of having the right to do so. I have this option because others gave their life for me to have it. Men like Chappie James, Benjamin Davis and many others went through hardships that I can only imagine, to give me the right to serve. I owe it to them to serve honorably.

Can I make more money outside the military? Yes, but probably the most compelling reason for why I serve is today's troops. We are all here today because many others thought serving was more important than money and fame. I guess I feel the same way. I serve because I want America's military to remain the best in the world and I need to do my part in preparing tomorrow's Chappie Jameses, James Binnickers, or Ron Foglemans. I serve because I know that what I do is important to the missions at Prince Sultan, Osan, and Incirlik. Finally, I serve not because I have more to offer the Air Force, but because I have much more to offer "my" Air Force. Why do you serve?

Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Navy Capt. Barry Morgan, commander, Naval Readiness Command; visiting the Naval Reserve Center
Col. Timothy Collins, Deputy Commander in Chief, United Nations Command
Italian Col. Giovanni Fantuzzi, Chief of 1st Office (General Planning and Policy Division); visiting AMARC
Italian Col. Alberto Rosso, Division Leader, Logistics Branch for Manned Weapons; visiting AMARC

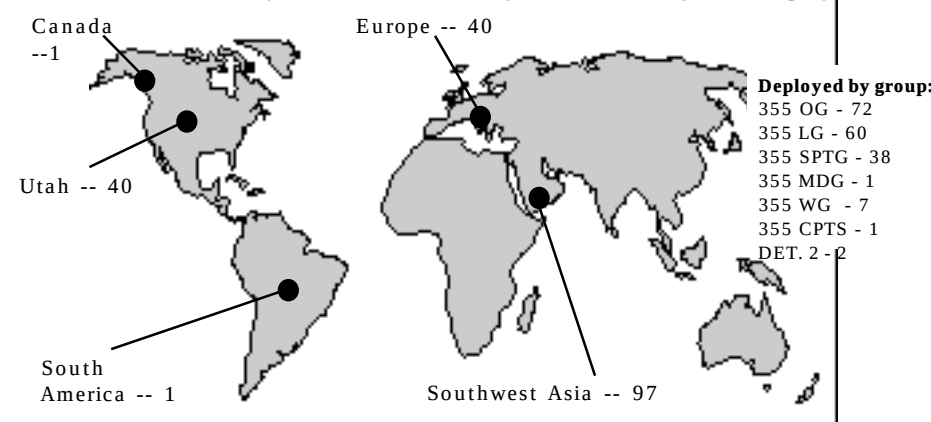
355th Wing Flying Goals

	Hours			*Sorties*		
	41st	**42nd**	**43rd**	**354th**	**357th**	**358th**
Goal	285	430	330	557	428	418
Flown	105	190	101	192	180	188
Delta	9	7	-10	14	12	31
YTD	23	90	-44	62	28	43

As of Thursday

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, 640 members of the 355th Wing were deployed.



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Take responsibility for yourself, your friends

SFS reminds you that real tragedy is preventable

(Editor's note: The following article is part of a series of articles that will run weekly throughout the 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign highlighting safety issues.)

A military member drank between eight to 12 glasses of beer one evening. His friends and co-workers noticed his condition, but they assumed he would not drive home, since he had been responsible in the past about getting a ride home when necessary. He was offered a ride, but he declined — he decided he could drive home.

On the way home he ran a red light, plowing into a vehicle occupied by a family of four. The family suffered numerous injuries, including laceration of the liver, injured kidneys, a fractured pelvis, severe concussions, punctured spleen, multiple lacerations and death.

Four hours after the accident, the sergeant's blood alcohol level was still more than twice the legal limit. His sentence included a five-year prison term for involuntary manslaughter, but the real impact of his irresponsibility is best seen in the lives (and deaths) of those who suffered its consequences.

This is a real incident, but military members and their families continue to feel invincible when they drink and drive; feeling they won't be involved in an alcohol related accident. Well, the family injured by this NCO didn't deserve what happened to them because of his irresponsibility, and the irresponsibility of his co-workers that night. However, they must now pay the price for the rest of their lives.

Don't be the one who widows a spouse, orphans children, shatters the lives of innocent people or breaks the hearts of parents, family and friends because you drove drunk. Don't be the one who looks the other way when a friend or co-worker drinks alcohol, then later wish you'd done something before it was too late.

Irresponsibility when drinking destroys lives, careers and dreams.

The real tragedy is it is preventable. It's past time we asked ourselves some tough questions about drinking and driving.

Is it worth it to kill someone?

Could you live with yourself knowing that you took a person's life because you were irresponsible?

The security forces squadron wishes everyone a safe and happy summer and reminds everyone: don't drink and drive. *(Courtesy 355th Security Forces Squadron)*

Courtesy photo

The intoxicated driver of this vehicle knocked down a utility pole which fell across the top of the vehicle, then the vehicle careened across the road into another yard.

Performance reports — don't write own, don't tolerate it

By Maj. Paul Mejasich
Air Expeditionary Force Battlelab

Integrity is the first measure of performance. Unfortunately, I have noticed a disturbing trend during the last several years — a form of cheating that should never be tolerated in our profession.

In today's busy world of frequent deployments, joint assignments, complex reporting chain, and busy supervisors, the responsibility of developing, writing and editing performance reports is being irresponsibly delegated to the ratee.

I've heard many justifications and rationales for this practice. Some people believe the environment is too competitive to do otherwise. Others believe their supervisors are unable to adequately develop a good officer or enlisted performance report. In the worst cases, it is the standard operating procedure.

During my career, I've had to directly confront two supervisors on this issue to fulfill their responsibility. I seem to be more frequently confronting peers who develop their own reports.

Air Force instructions state the raters will not have the ratee write any portion of his or her own report. The ratee may provide the rater input on specific achievements.

In today's Air Force, however, many ratees are spending increasing time at their computers crafting their reports with the secret language of performance analysis and promotion recommendation jargon. They are providing near-finished products to their supervisors, which only require minor editing before signature is applied. The opportunity for self-performance analysis has never been made simpler or more advantageous.

Supervisors also have their own justification for this practice. Some loosely interpret the AFI or recognize the practice as just 'playing the game.' Others appreciate the ratee effort and time saved. Some supervisors may be embarrassed to admit they have participated in writing their own reports or tolerated others doing the same.

Rarely, if ever, do peers and supervisors make this issue an integrity concern. Supervisors may assume the written language of the AFI satisfactorily provides for the necessary intervention.

The consequence of this type of abuse is enormous. It will happen more frequently without direct command and peer intervention. On-the-spot peer corrections and integrity calls are needed to solve this problem.

A civilian business acquaintance once told me I should take advantage of writing my own report card if given a chance. Take every advantage possible to get and stay ahead. You are your own best career advocate and manager. For this person, advancement and opportunity were more important than personal integrity.

I see it differently. Bring integrity back to the OPR/EPR process. Integrity, like opportunity, requires active and constant vigilance.

Dodge those rays, prevent skin cancer

By Maj. Beverly Sabourin
355th Medical Group

(Editor's note: This article is the second in a three-part series on sun safety for Cancer in the Sun Month)

Some months after a bad sunburn, Susan, 14, went to a dermatologist for an unrelated problem. During the visit, the doctor recalled that burn and how Susan's skin had blistered and peeled. The doctor remarked that Susan's skin was now clear, her glowing complexion a picture of perfect skin health. But, he warned, the skin and tissue damage from the sunburn might not show up for years to come. Stop sunbathing, the doctor urged her. Avoid the sun.

But Susan continued to sunbathe for several more summers. Today, 12 years later, she wears sunscreen and avoids sunbathing altogether. What made Susan change her mind about the sun?

A suntan is a warning. It tells you that your skin has been burned. Ignore repeated warnings, and you may end up with wrinkles, age spots and skin cancer.

Here are some tips to protect your skin:

- Limit your time in the sun. Avoid the strongest ultraviolet sunlight, which is between mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Be aware that UV light reflected from water, sand, snow and cement can be as intense as direct sunlight. Sunlight intensity increases as you get closer to the equator. It also increases about four percent with every 1,000-foot increase in elevation. Clouds can block brightness but may allow up to 80 percent of UV light to reach your skin.

- Wear protective clothing and sunglasses. Loose, long-sleeved cotton shirts and hats with at least a four-inch brim offer good protection. Sunglasses should have at least 99-percent protection against both UV A and UV B sunlight. Wearing sunglasses is particularly important when you're around water and snow, where failure to use eye protection can result in a painful burn to the outer layer of your eye and temporary blindness. When buying sunglasses, look at the labeling to help you make the right selection.

- Use sunscreen. Regardless of your skin color, if you're going to be out in the sun, even for a short time, apply a sunscreen to all skin that will be exposed. Apply the sunscreen generously before going into the sun and reapply it often. When used correctly, sunscreens can block UV rays and reduce the chances of serious burns. Read the label of the product to find out whether it blocks UVB or UVA rays or both. Products that block both types of rays are labeled "broad spectrum" sunscreens. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends using such products. Children and teens who use sunscreen regularly can significantly decrease their lifetime risk of basal and squamous cell skin cancer.

Apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher, 15 minutes before you go in the sun, and use a sunscreen on your lips. Use water-resistant sunscreens and reapply every two to three hours — more often if you're swimming or sweating. (It is recommended that you wear a sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher for long exposure times (greater than 2 hours at a time). A SPF of 15 is adequate for regular day-day exposure that you get such as walking from your vehicle to a building and etc.)

If you're in intense sunlight, use a total sunblock (such as zinc oxide) on your lips, nose and ears. Sunblock comes in "sunsticks" for children.

Protective clothing is a good idea, even with sunscreen. Recent evidence suggests that sunscreen alone may not be adequate protection against melanoma. Some researchers theorize that because sunscreens allow you to stay in the sun longer, they may actually increase your risk of melanoma. However, the research is very controversial.

Many moisturizing and make-up products now contain nongreasy sunscreens with an SPF of 15 or higher. They're good to use all day, every day, even on cloudy days.

- Don't use tanning beds or tan-accelerating agents. Tanning beds emit ultraviolet A rays, often touted as less dangerous than UV B rays. But UV A light penetrates deeper into your skin, and increases your risk of skin cancer. As for "suntan accelerating" products, the FDA warns against their use. Artificial tanning agents, which essentially stain your skin, are generally safe.

- Ask your doctor about medications you take. Many drugs can increase your sensitivity to sunlight and your risk of getting sunburn. Some common ones include thiazide and other diuretics, tetracycline and sulfa antibiotics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, in dosages used to treat arthritis. If you do develop a sunburn, take aspirin or ibuprofen for pain (follow precautions on the label), apply a cold compress, and avoid further exposure until the burn heals. A sunburn spray may help relieve pain.

By following the above tips you decrease your chance of developing skin cancer later in life. Parents, remember that babies and small children are subject to the same eye and skin problems that adults are when exposed to the sun. Make sure your youngster's eyes and skin are protected when you take them for a stroll or out to the playground or shopping. Our message to you is: protection, protection, protection.

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Sonoran spotlight

Name and rank: **Staff Sgt. Michael Mitchell**
Organization and duty title: **355th Support Group, NCOIC, Information Management**
Main responsibilities: **Ensure all administrative processes throughout the support group are in compliance with directives and policies.**
Best aspects of the job: **The latitude entrusted to me to get the job done; and working with a good group of professionals.**
Hometown: **Fort Pierce, Fla.**
Years of service: **Eight**
Why did you join the Air Force: **I joined to complete my education, meet new people and contribute to the Air Force mission.**
Career goals: **To excel in the Air Force, whether as an enlisted member, or an officer.** ***(Editor's note: Sergeant Mitchell was notified last week of his selection for Officer Training School.)***
Hobbies, outside activities: **Playing basketball and racquetball; barbecues**
Favorite musical group: **Excape, David Hollister, and a lot of jazz**
Favorite sports team: **Tampa Bay Bucaneers**
Someone who inspires you or that you admire and why: **My mother. She has always encouraged me to set challenging and attainable goals, to respect myself as well as others, and ejnoy life to its fullest every day.**
Dream vehicle: **Lexus GS300**
Dream vacation: **Bahamas**
Dream assignment: **Hawaii**

Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

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The lesson of Korea

Air dominance critical for victory

By Whit Peters
Secretary of the Air Force

Peters

On the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, all Americans can take pride in their Air Force, which celebrated its own golden anniversary in 1997. Just last year, as part of America's joint force team, Air Force men and women executed Operation Allied Force, bringing a regional dictator to heel.

Through their actions, NATO was able to restore peace to Kosovo without losing the life of a single soldier, sailor, or airman to enemy action.

It has taken more than five decades to build an Air Force capable of that degree of air dominance. Along the way many brave airmen paid the ultimate price for combat against worse odds. A half-century ago in Korea, before the era of precision and stand-off weapons, more than eleven hundred of our airmen lost their lives. We turn our thoughts to them with profound gratitude and with renewed determination to keep our Air Force so strong that we never again have to lose so many precious lives.

Emblematic of our Air Force heroes in Korea were four little-known men who received the Medal of Honor after dying in battle.

Fighter squadron commander Maj. Louis Joseph Sebille was one of the many World War II veterans the Air Force sent to South Korea in the summer of 1950. On Aug. 5, flying a World War II-era F-51 Mustang, Sebille attacked North Korean troops, artillery, and armored vehicles hidden along a river bank near Hamchang, South Korea. Badly hit during one attack run, Sebille chose to attack again, this time deliberately crashing into the enemy concentration.

Less than four months after Sebille's death, an American counteroffensive had driven North Korean forces out of South Korea and nearly taken all of North Korea as well. Then a Communist Chinese offensive sent our forces reeling south again. Once more air power played a crucial role in halting this invasion and then helping our ground forces reestablish a front line near the 38th parallel, the boundary between North and South Korea.

For more than two years, Air Force airmen flew dangerous attack missions in support of our forces. On the night of Sept. 14, 1951, flying a propeller-driven B-26 bomber, Capt. John Springer Walmsley, Jr., attacked a supply train near Yangdok, North Korea. Despite withering anti-aircraft fire, he heroically persisted until shot down while trying to guide another airplane against the same target.

By the end of 1952, jet fighters had largely replaced the vulnerable F-51s for air-to-ground support. Even the older F-80 jet fighters sometimes proved too vulnerable. Maj. Charles Joseph Loring, Jr., was an F-80 squadron operations officer who had been a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II. On Nov. 22, 1952, he attacked Chinese artillery firing on American troops. Hit repeatedly during his dive-bombing run, Loring guided his stricken fighter into the enemy gun emplacement.

Today a lot has changed.

We no longer depend on strafing and dive-bombing; we drop laser and satellite guided weapons — precisely — from altitudes above the anti-aircraft threat. We attack armor with smart weapons that guide themselves to the targets. We can attack with standoff weapons when the air defense threat is too great for manned attack. We have sensor systems to find and fix targets, and Airborne Warning and Control Systems to control the air war. And we have developed the radars and air-to-air missiles that make the F-15 superior to other current-day fighters.

Because of the evolution of air power, from Korea to Kosovo, no American soldier has been attacked from the air for more than 50 years, since the mid-point of the Korean War. Today's Air Force truly provides freedom from attack, freedom to maneuver, and freedom to attack for the whole joint team.

So on this 50th anniversary of the Korean War, let us not forget the critical lynchpin of our Korean victory: the air domination we enjoyed over the Korean peninsula, and the dedicated Air Force and industry people who made it possible.

Historical Action (50 years ago)

June 25
North Korea invades South Korea with 135,000 men, initiating the Korean War.

June 27
President Harry Truman deploys the 7th Fleet to waters off Taiwan to prevent the spread of the conflict in Korea to other Far East waters.

June 27
First air victory of the war. A 68th All-Weather Squadron F-82 shoots down a North Korean Yak fighter. Two more enemy planes are destroyed in this air battle.

June 29
Fifth Air Force's 3rd Bombardment Group sends 18 B-26 Invader light bombers against Heijo Airfield near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang: 25 enemy aircraft are destroyed on the ground; one Yak fighter is shot down.

The 355th Wing is forming a committee to organize and plan local events and integrate Korean War recognition themes to honor and recognize veterans of the so-called "forgotten war." D-M's committee will plan approximately three events each year, including special recognition at D-M's semi-annual airshow, Arizona and Aerospace Days, Nov. 4-5. For more info and/or to get your squadron or professional development organization (such as the Chief's Group, Top 3, or Company Grade Officer's Council) involved, contact Maj. Eric Schnaible at 8-3399, or e-mail him at 355wg.pa@dm.af.mil.

Courtesy photo

Air Force aircraft armorers load aerial rockets onto an F-80 Shooting Star's wing mount for its next mission in support of United Nations' troops fighting in Korea.

Members train for new fitness standards

The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron began a bi-weekly workout program in March geared towards increasing the fitness of its members, and preparing them for extended fitness testing that begins July 1.

The new extended fitness testing will include crunches and push-ups in addition to the regularly scheduled ergometry testing during active-duty military members' annual Preventive Health Assessment.

Members of the 355th CES meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 a.m. Every Tuesday morning, the squadron meets at the motorcycle training pad near the Swan Road Gate for an approved workout regime, which includes calisthenics, stretching and running. Thursdays, the squadron meets at the base gym and participates in a wide variety of fitness activities; each activity is designed to achieve the overall fitness program goal.

"The entire squadron pulled together and worked hard on the program, which was spearheaded by 1st Lieutenant Mike Freeman," said 2nd Lt. Timothy Baumgartner, 355th CES Programs and Analysis section chief.

"In addition to increasing the fitness level of its members, the 355th CES is realizing other benefits of the program," said Staff Sgt. Troy Perry, 355th CES electrician. "By coming together as an entire squadron twice a week in a non-work environment, it has brought the squadron closer together and facilitated the growth of camaraderie."

Having nearly 200 military squadron members, serving in a wide variety of specialties, it can be difficult for our people, especially the new ones, to get to know the squadron.

The trial period for extended fitness testing will continue through June 30, 2001 to ensure that military members are able to take the practice test regardless of when they are scheduled for their PHA. The results from the trial period will be evaluated and any necessary changes to the requirements will be made from July 2001 to December 2001. With the new standards implemented, the pass/fail tests for crunches and push-ups are scheduled to begin January 2002. *(Courtesy 355th Civil Engineer Squadron)*

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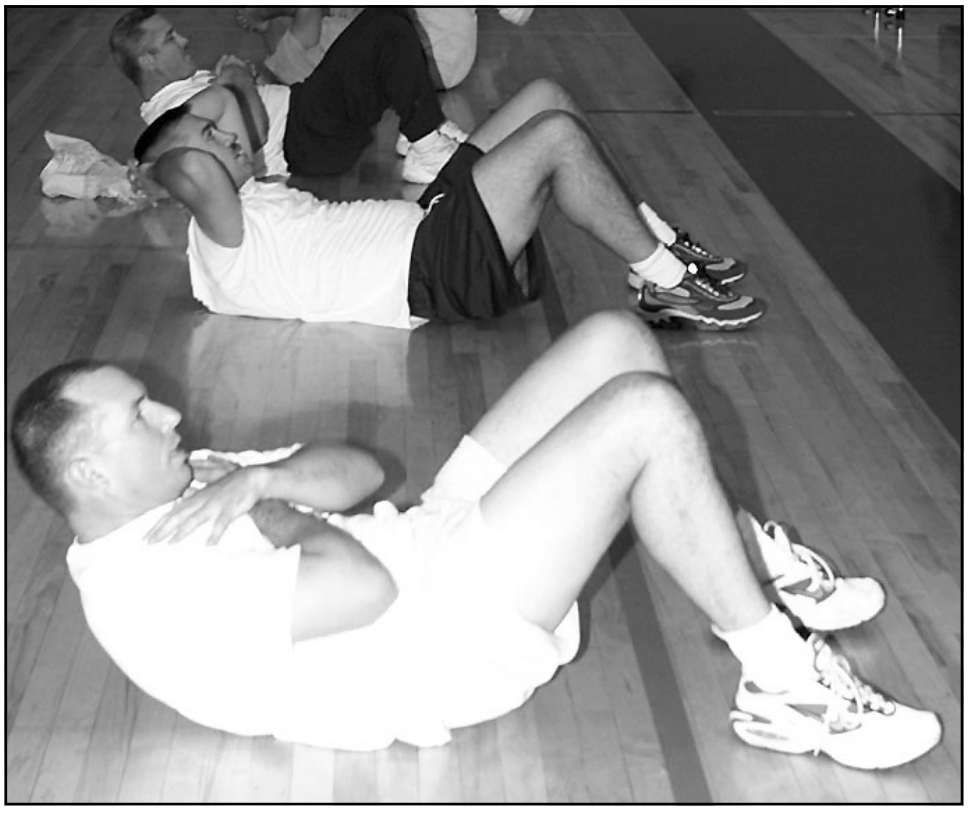
(Above) Members of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron do situps in the Haeffner Sports and Fitness Center as part of their fitness routine. (Right) Crunches and push-ups will be added to regularly scheduled cycle ergometry testing beginning July 1. According to Capt. Vern Futagawa, health promotion flight commander, from July 1 to June 30,2001, Air Force members will have to do the additional exercises, however the results will not be part of the overall fitness score until Jan. 1, 2002.



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Sports Briefs

Reconditioning to improve fields

Mustang 1 and 2 softball fields are closed until July 19 for reconditioning. Reconditioning includes renovations and improvements to infields and outfields.

Six inches of sandy topsoil will be removed from the infield, and replaced by six inches of clay composite. After leveling the outfield, new sprinkler heads will be installed, and existing sprinkler heads will be recessed.

The work is funded with money from the Air Combat Command Installation Excellence Award, won by the 355th Wing in November. Other projects paid for from the ACC award are a multi-age playground structure at Bama Park, and, if funds permit, picnic and barbecue equipment for the softball fields.

Please stay clear of the construction area. Call the fitness center 8-3714 for more information.

Golf tournament

The 355th Contracting Squadron will hold a four-person 'best-ball' golf tournament at Blanchard Course July 7 to celebrate the departure of our commander, Lt. Col. Dave Glowacki. Everyone is invited.

The $30 fee includes golf, cart, barbecue picnic and prizes.

The picnic will also serve as Glowacki's formal going-away luncheon.

If you wish to only attend the picnic, the cost is $5 if paid in advance. Please register yourself or team by June 30. Call Greg Manning at 8-4190 for more information.

Softball tournament

The 12th annual "Weekend Bash" softball tournament has been scheduled for July 22 to 23 at Lincoln Park.

It is open to all Department of Defense intramural softball teams. This will once again prove to be the tournament of the year. Bigger and better than ever before.

Why play in a tournament to win a T-shirt when you can play here and win top-of-the-line bats and gloves? Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams!

Entry fee is $160, but save 10 percent by entering and paying before July 12. Call Greg Manning at 8-4190 for more information.

Bowling promotion

Bowling for Bucks has returned for another summer at the D-M Lanes.

Win thousands of dollars in cash and prizes, including a $500 D-M grand prize. The annual program is in three parts: Bowling for Bucks, Pinbusters and Bookbusters.

Patrons of the major Bowling for Bucks promotion pay for 10 games and get two free; their punch cards are then eligible for monthly cash and prize drawings. All completed punch cards are automatically entered into the $500 grand prize drawing.

Pinbusters gives bowlers up to 18 years of age one free game for every three played. His or her punch card is entered into monthly cash and prize drawings, and becomes eligible to win $100 in cash and prizes, in an end-of-program drawing.

Bowling for Bucks and Pinbusters punch cards are at the D-M Lanes. League and special event games do not qualify.

Bookbusters, for grades 1 to 12, combines bowling with the Library Summer Reading Program.

Students who read three books get a free game and a chance to win monthly prizes. Cards, issued and validated by the D-M Library, are eligible for a final grand prize drawing of $100 in cash and prizes.

Bowling for Bucks continues through Aug. 31. End-of-program drawings are Sept. 8.

Learn more about summer bowling at the D-M Lanes, 8-3461, or the library, 8-4381.

Golf/lunch special

Golfers buying lunch any weekend get a second meal (equal or less value) at no charge, just by showing their golf receipt.

This two-for-one special is valid Saturdays and Sundays, at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant.

Phone the pro shop, 8-3734, or restaurant, 8-7066.

Volleyball tryouts

All women interested in trying out for the D-M women's varsity volleyball team should call Airman 1st Class Chris Rodriguez at 8-4886 or 8-3224 or e-mail him at christopher.rodriguez@ dm.af.mil.

As soon as he gets a sufficient number of people interested he will hold tryouts.

Also call Jay Junsay at the base gym at 8-3714.

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Chapel events

Protestant schedule

Today: Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 annex. Call 889-1715 for more information.

Saturday: Couples' Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 749-5550 for more information.

Sunday: Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Chapels 1 and 2; Traditional Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 2 annex; Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1.

Tuesday: Singles' Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Building 3220.

Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, noon, Chapel 1; Prayer and Teaching Time, 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Youth Night, for middle and high school groups, Chapel 1, 7 p.m. Call 8-5411 for more information.

Catholic schedule

Saturday: Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 7:30 and 10 a.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1; there will be no Confraternity of Christian Doctrine until September.

Monday through Friday: Rosary, 11:10 a.m., Chapel 2; Mass or communion service, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2.

Wednesday: Rite for Christian Initiation 7 to 8:30 p.m., Chapel 1.

Islamic schedule

Today: Prayer service, noon to 2 p.m., Building 3220, third floor-west; educational classes, 6 to 8 p.m., Building 3220, third-floor west.

Visit the Web site at www.dm.af.mil/chapel For more information about chapel events.

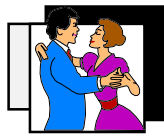
Movie theater

Tonight: Frequency, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Saturday: U-571 (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday: Where the Heart Is, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
June 30: Held Up, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
July 1:
July 2:

Frequency - Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel. John Sullivan gets the chance to travel back in time and stop his father from dying in a fire.

U-571- Matthew McConaughey, Jon Bon Jovi. A team of U.S. soldiers are sent on a mission to sneak aboard a disabled German submarine to steal an encryption device that would give the Allies the edge in the war.

Where the Heart Is - Natalie Portman, Stockard Channing. Novalee and her "Wal-Mart" baby become part of an unconventional family made up of her wonderfully eccentric new friends.



On-base clubs

Officers Club

Today: Cook your own steak, 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday: Prime rib for two, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Sunday: Mini-brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday: Club and barber shop close at 2 p.m.
Tuesday: Dinner-for-two specials, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Wednesday: Steak or grilled chicken, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Thursday: Membership night party, 6 p.m.

Desert Oasis Enlisted Club

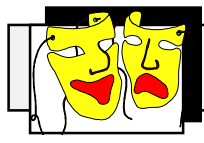
Today: Prime rib for two, 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday: Sports bar opens, 5 p.m.
Monday: Discount microbrews in the sports bar.
Tuesday: Bingo appreciation night, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Dollar-off night.
Thursday: Membership night party, 6 p.m.

Membership drive

Join a D-M Club by Thursday and your first month's dues are free; you'll also get five Services Bucks to spend at Services locations, and the chance to win a year with no dues. Members recruiting a new member get five Services Bucks, and a chance to win a dues-free year or a year of free golf at the Blanchard Golf Course.

The squadron with the best percentage gain of new members gets $500 for its next party at either club.

Membership Crusade 2000 ends Thursday, with free Membership Night parties at both clubs for all members. Call the Officers Club at 748-0660, or the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club at 748-8666.



Community events

Today: Colorama, 6 p.m. at the D-M Lanes; Family Cosmic Bowl is 9 p.m. at the D-M Lanes.

Saturday: Mount Lemmon volksmarch; call 8-3700.

Monday: Community center Marketplace, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Spinner cycle class, 3:45 p.m., call 8-3714.

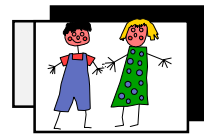
Wednesday: Yoga classes, 6 to 7 p.m., call 8-3717; guitar lessons.

Thursday: Call 8-3700, about Karchner Caverns tours; D-M Lanes pizza bar, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Air Force News

Air Force News airs on Cox Cable's government station, Channel 12 (no federal endorsement intended) at various times througout the week.

Stop by the public affairs office, Building 2300, Suite 2054, to pick up a schedule.



Youth programs

Today: Kids pay 50 cents to bowl (plus shoes) until 5 p.m.

Saturday: Teen Midnight hoops at the youth center, call 8-8373; kids craft classes are Tuesday through Friday, skills center, call 8-4385.

Monday: Kids bowl free, 10 a.m. to noon at the D-M Lanes (shoes extra).

Tuesday: Teen Sports Time at the base gym, 1:30 to 3 p.m., call 8-8373; preteen/teen movie, noon to 3 p.m., at the youth center; creativity camp begins, call 8-8383.

Wednesday: Kids bowl free, 10 a.m. to noon, at the D-M Lanes (shoes extra).

Thursday: Art Expression, community center, 3 to 4 p.m., call 8-8465; Teen Sports Time, 1:30 p.m., fitness center, call 8-8373.

Preteen lock-in

Preteens are invited to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's first Air Combat Command preteen lock-in July 14 at the youth center. Youngsters can party all night, with lots of food, games, music and prizes.

Phone lines will be open to other participating ACC bases that night, for preteen inter-base challenges. The event starts at 9 p.m. and ends after breakfast at 7 a.m.

Registration ends July 11. Youth center members pay $5; non-members pay $7. Find out more by calling the youth center at 8-8383.

Summer reading

Youngsters can sign up now for the library's *Read 2000* Summer Reading Program.

Through July, boys and girls track their reading progress on a special log, and get credit for every 20 minutes they spend reading; prizes are earned for every 200-minutes.

Kids learn to play chess from chess master Pedro Saenz, Tuesday, at 1 p.m., and Thursday at 1 p.m., author Carol McBride shows kids how to have fun with math, science and engineering.

Through August, children who read three books get a free game at the D-M Lanes, and the chance to win monthly and Grand Prize drawings. *Read 2000* is free.

Get more information at the library, Building 4339, or call 8-4381.

Family support

Today: Education Individual Retirement Account Seminar, 1 to 2 p.m., Building 3200, Room 243.

Saturday: Hearts Apart Reunion Picnic, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., park on Ironwood.

Tuesday: Right Start Orientation, 8 a.m. to noon, community center, Building 4201; Time for Tots, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Thursday: Funtime Activity Group, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Couples workshop

The family support center is offering a workshop designed to strengthen the communication skills of adults in a relationship, called Couples Communication, July 14, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the community center, Building 4201.

If growing closer is your goal rather than winning an argument, reserve a place by calling the family support center at 8-5690.

Volunteers needed

There are different on-going volunteer needs off-base.

Upcoming are at Casa de los Ninos, July 4 at Hi Corbett Field. Casa de los Ninos is working with KIIM Radio and will be sponsoring a Family Fun Festival.

Volunteers are needed for two-hour intervals at the information/volunteer booth and entrance/exit gates. Hours are between 2:30 and 8 p.m. Call Dan Gregory at 624-5600, ext. 500 to sign-up.

The March of Dimes needs volunteers to assist the Annual Reading Champions fundraiser and the Annual Jail & Bail fundraiser between August and October. The mission of the March of Dimes is the prevention of birth defects and infant mortality through programs of research, education, advocacy, and community service.

Call Christina Brennan at 298-5490 for more information.

For additional information on these or other volunteer opportunities, call Clayton Moore at 8-6042.

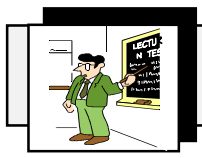
Employment assistance

A state job service representative is available at the at the family support center for employment assistance. A variety of services are provided, including labor market information, local, state and government employment opportunities, and resume review.

Normal hours for assistance are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 8-5690 for an appointment.

SITES booklet

The Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service is a comprehensive automated system providing standardized topic information on all installations having at least 500 active-duty members. Find out about the new base and community, local schools and universities, job opportunities and a variety of other useful topics. Call the family support center relocation assistance program at 8-5690 to make an appointment.



Education services

University of Phoenix

A University of Phoenix representative will be available to counsel interested students, Tuesday from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Building 3200, Room 262. Call Carol Ness, 881-6512, ext. 124 for additional information.

Commissioning briefing

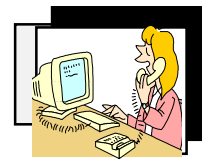
The commissioning briefing is now conducted at 8 a.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the education office. If you are interested in applying for a commissioning program, it is important that you attend this briefing prior to scheduling an appointment with a counselor. Handouts with information about the different programs are available in the education office and information can be obtained at www.afoats.af.mil. Call the education office at 8-3813 or 8-4815 if you have questions or need further information.

Park University

Park University offers a Bachelor of Science degrees in Criminal Justice, Management, Social Psychology, Management/Accounting, Management/Human Resources and Management/Finance. Contact the office with any questions, You can call Park University at 748-8266, fax us at 750-8675 or reach us via e-mail at parkcollege@theriver.com.

Troy State University

Troy State University offers three graduate programs: Master of Science in Management, Master of Science in Human Resource Management and an Executive Master of Business Administration. It is possible to complete the MSM or the MSHRM in one year. All classes are held on weekends. Come by the office in Room 256 at 5260 E. Granite St. to discuss program requirements and to register for classes, or call 748-2625 for more information.



Other agencies

Thrift shop closed

The thrift shop is closed for the summer. It will reopen Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.

Excess property sale

The 355th Services Squadron's Outdoor Recreation Center will sell excess equipment today, from 8 to 11 a.m. Property was acquired with nonappropriated funds and is no longer needed. A partial list of the many items on sale includes boats and boat motors, cooking kits, travel trailers, tillers and mountain bikes. Prices will be marked. Purchase by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. All sales are final, and items are sold strictly 'as-is'. Items must be picked up by 11 a.m. Saturday. Come to Building 4430, outdoor recreation, or call 8-3736.

Manufactured housing

The Housing Management Flight is sponsoring a Manufactured Housing Workshop today, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. This workshop will provide information to D-M mobile home owners and any other potential owners on a new master planned manufactured housing community being built in Tucson.

Representatives will discuss the manufac

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turing process, features and costs. They will also talk about financing and resale values.

Seating is limited, and refreshments will be served. If you would like a reservation to attend the workshop, call Tina West at 8-5548 for reservations.

Arms range danger zone

The small arms firing range, Building 165, is located at the far east end of Yuma Road on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, 6.5 miles from the base proper. The borders of the range's impact area are marked with danger signs extending directly south and north of the range, all the way to Irvington Road.

This area is extremely dangerous due to the fact that live rounds of various types of ammunition are constantly being fired during the week and on weekends. Trespassing into this area is not only dangerous, but also illegal. In case of emergency or if entry into this area is required, please call 8-8377 or 8-8453. After duty hours, call the security forces law enforcement desk at 8-3200, 8-3517 or 8-2300.

Time for Tots

Time for Tots is a weekly playgroup open to parents and children ages 4 and younger.

The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1. For more information, call the family support center at 8-5690.

Pre-school story hour

Pre-school story hour is at the base library every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. There are reading and crafts for children ages 3 to 6.

For more information, call 8-7148.

Dormitory managers needed

The housing flight is looking for four motivated staff or technical sergeants to serve in the challenging and rewarding position of dormitory manager. Applicants must have at least two years retainability, not be in a critical career field and have a desire to improve the quality-of-life for residents.

If selected, you will be released from your career field, awarded a 9D000 Air Force Specialty Code, and start a two-year controlled tour. Sixty-seven percent of our dorm managers received promotion notifications recently. Contact Tech. Sgt. Dale Wilson at 8-6521 or e-mail dale.wilson@dm.af.mil.

Policy change for selling leave

Reenlisting airmen who want to sell back accrued leave no longer need to be within 90 days of their date of seperation. This policy is retroactive to Oct. 5,1999. Members are still prohibited from selling back more than 60 days of accrued leave. For information, call Airman Rhonda Howard or Airman 1st Class Krissy Conover at 8-4898 or 8-1066 or stop by Building 3200, Room 5.

Anti-terrorism briefing

The Air Force Office of Special Investigation Level 1 Anti-terrorism Awareness Training for members and their families going on a permanent change of station move or a temporary duty assignment to an overseas location is held Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in Building 3503,third floor.

For information call 8-5168.

RV lot combination change

Family housing residents who are assigned a space in the mandatory recreational vehicle lot on Yuma Road are advised the current combination for the lot will be changed effective Wednesday.

The new combination is available to registered users at the housing management office, Building 2555 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call Dee Green at 8-5706 for more information.

MPF Web site

The military personnel flight is on the Web. Check out all the helpful information regarding outbound assignments, retirements, separations, retraining, manning control and base training from the new Web page, http://www.dm.af.mil/355mss, by clicking "Military Personnel Flight".

Call Senior Master Sgt. Mark S. Van Huss at 8-3414, for questions.

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