

# Appreciate all roles that make one team

I turn the key to the ignition of my car, fire up the engine, shift the transmission into gear and make my way to work.

A seemingly simple task on the surface, but cosmically complicated when broken down to the simplest parts. It takes thousands of pieces compiled, constructed and synchronized together just for an engine to turn over. The parts must

work as one team. Once running, the engine must partner with the transmission, various drive and suspension components and hundreds of supporting processes working together for an automobile to provide humans transportation. They

must be one team. Each component, a complex design within itself and crucial to the success of the machine.

> Like automobiles, our lives, societies, communities and organizations are comprised of thousands of pieces compiled, constructed and synchronized to achieve goals. They must be one team. Similarly, each component remains a complex design within itself and crucial to

the success of the mission, but cannot and shall never stand Most people appreciate the importance of teamwork in accomplishing the mission, espe-

cially in the complicated and

dynamic environments our

**Commander's** Commentary

military organizations often operate. However, we sometimes lose sight of the contributions of others and forget the importance of their impact toward mission achieving success. We forget to trust our mission partners and their expertise, we fail to respect their voice and role and we can compromise our dignity by placing blame and passing responsibility. We forget to be one team.

It is common for most of us to believe and express pride in being "the mission of the base," or "the tip of the spear" or "the quintessential cog" leading to the success of the mission. We use slogans like "no one kicks [expletive]

without tanker gas" to inspire equal in importance, that othmorale and camaraderie, hone ers play in achieving an end our competitive edge and fosstate ter pride in our jobs. These Only with proper perspec-

> tive, acceptance and appreciation of diversity can we lead people and organizations to new heights and realize our dreams. Only with teams forged on dignity, respect, and trust can we appreciate how our behavior and ideas influence the behavior and ideas of others; and our individual mission parts influence and affect the individual mission parts of others. How our innovative processes, continuous improvements, readiness and mission excellence drive the same in other components and our team partners. Only through one team and a comprehensive understanding will we truly reach our full potential. We must be one team.



by Chief Master Sgt. John Overturf

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s much as I hate to admit it, the other night my wife was right. She said I do not appreciate or understand all of the sacrifices our family makes to support my career. She was absolutely right. All too often, we focus on mis-

sion accomplishment and forget about what our families are going through while we are deployed. We may even forget about all the things they have to give up to support us. And when I say families, I don't just

by Lt. Col.

**Robert Kline** 

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mean spouses. This includes significant others, parents, siblings, children, close friends and relatives. We all have someone who worries about us and supports us.

Being assigned to the 621st Contingency Response Wing, we are trained and ready to deploy in less than 12 hours to anywhere in the world. In October 2018, our group

got the call to support Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. I remember this day very clearly. I heard we were going to send out a small team of about 65 personnel later that night.

are, no doubt, integral compo-

nents to our culture that help

us achieve great heights and

push the limits of excellence.

but only when tempered by a

constant education to unite us

Being one team incorpo-

standing and realization of ser-

rates a much deeper under-

vice and humanity. It takes a

profound sense of humility,

brotherly interaction and ac-

ceptance of diversity both in-

world around us. It is impor-

the pursuit of a greater goal,

but equally important to un-

derstand the significant roles,

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and coalition boundaries.

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What do you think the first thing I did was? I called my wife to let her know I was leaving for an undetermined amount of time and asked her to make sure I had clean clothes ready when I got home so I could pack. Not once did she complain

about me leaving, the plans we were going to have to cancel or the suddenness of her being a single parent. When I got home, my daughter, who was 5 at the time, gave me a big hug, kiss, put her brave face on and said she understood daddy had to leave because I was going to help the people of Florida who needed me more than she did.

We ask so much from our families

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#### On the cover

Tech. Sgt. Zachary George, **60th Air Mobility Wing** Phoenix Spark Lab NCO in charge, installs a fabricated plate on the floor of a KC-10 **Extender June 27 at Travis** Air Force Base, California.

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# Aircrew flight equipment keeps pilots in air

**Senior Airman Christian Conrad** 

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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The pilot tensed up as he turned in for his final approach. The runway was completely dark. The sun that had been leading their flight and offering them much-needed visibility had since set, and the suffocating blackness the new night offered made their descent feel as if they were lowering themselves deeper and deeper into the vawning mouth of some terrible monster.

In his ear, the frantic directions of the traffic controllers rang ever louder and more dire the lower his altimeter read. He could feel the slickness of his palms against the plane's control wheel, making each slight adjustment less reliable and prone to error. He took a quick moment to look down and dry his hands on his flight suit. By the time he looked back up, the sky had lit up with a firework display of enemy munitions. A cacophony of small-arms fire pitter-pattered against the underside of the aircraft's hull as the wheel lurched sharply left, indicating an engine fail-

While made-up, this kind of situation is likely what U.S. Air Force pilots would face were they deprived of a vital component of flying missions: Aircrew Flight Equipment personnel.

AFE flights have the important mission of keeping the tools used during missions operational and in good con-

As the AFE flight commander at Travis AFB, though, Capt. Justin Poole knows his team is only ever one bad equipment check away from making a nightmare scenario a reality. His flight, like all AFE flights, knows that inaccuracy can be fatal.

This past May. Poole was given the



July 9, 2019, at Travis Air Force Base, California. Travis' AFE flight works to keep aircrew flight equipment in good working condition and thereby safeguarding aircrew personnel in the event of dangerous situations.

"When I was deployed to Afghanistan, we had to depart a short field with night vision goggles in high terrain," he said. "Departures are always very busy

opportunity to see the operational imbecause you make multiple radio swaps portance of the flight's mission first- and calls, you're backing up the pilot and looking for threats. When all of this has to be done in complete darkness, though, it really drives home what AFE does for the mission. Keeping NVGs on hand and operational means allowing

everyone to see terrain, thunderstorms and threats much easier, and that's a huge comfort when you're operating in a place that might not be too friendly."

It's in that way, AFE ensures Travis

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Duty title: Anesthesia technician. Corsicana, Texas. Time in service: Four years.

Hometown:

Family: None.

What are your goals? Graduate Airman Leadership School testing.

school to become a social worker.

to sew on staff sergeant. Finish

What are your hobbies?

Volunteering at the Sacramento Zoo and playing video games.

What is your greatest achievement? Making staff sergeant first time

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Rachel Natalya, Westwind Inn receptionist, hands Staff Sgt. Jesus Beltran, Westwind Inn guest, a room key July 8 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The Westwind Inn is one of the finalists for the Air Force's 2019 Innkeeper Award after being named the best in Air Mobility Command. The Innkeeper Award is an annual honor recognizing excellence in the service's lodging operations.

# Hotel in running for AF-level honor

**Nick DeCicco** 

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Westwind Inn at Travis Air Force Base, California, is one of three finalists for the Air Force's 2019 Innkeeper Award after being named the best in Air Mobility Command.

The Innkeeper Award is an annual honor recognizing excellence in the service's tremely hard over the year." lodging operations. Travis is competing against Osan Air Base, Korea, and Hurlburt Field, Florida, in the large base category for facilities with 286-699 rooms.

The base's on-site inspection is scheduled to take place in 2018, clocking 945,000 July 18-19. The facility's lodg-pounds. ing manager, Shereen Mesa,

plans warm welcome for the customer service as one of any of our rooms and you inspection team, hoping to the Westwind Inn's standcommunicate the motto she's out areas. Guest service impressed upon the staff since she arrived at Travis

"I tell my team all the time whatever you do out there is a representation of who you are, so autograph your work with excellence," Mesa said. "The team has worked ex-

Mesa manages one of the busiest lodging operations in Air Mobility Command, generating \$9.2 million in activity revenue in 2018. The base fell just shy of a million pounds of linen laundered

Mesa pointed

manager Rosa Dominguez agreed.

"Working as a guest service manager, I know our operations are the best," Dominguez said. "I especially hear how professional and wonderful the whole staff is. When our guests compare us to the Marriott and sometimes say we are even better then you know we are doing something

> Mesa said customer feedback shows a 98% positive rating.

"I can't even explain it. You'll feel the warmth," she to said. "You will walk into ready. This is their year."

will not be disappointed.'

Having a team of managers she trusts and who are capable of doing the jobs made Mesa feel as though she joined "a well-oiled machine" when she arrived last year.

"It was smooth. I was like, 'Do I even need to be here?" she said with a laugh. "Day one, I fell in love with the team."

Travis won the Innkeeper Award in 2002, 2008 and 2011 at the Air Mobility Command level. Mesa feels optimistic about the team's chances for the 2019 award.

"The team has been eager." Mesa said. "They're

# **First BMT** trainees qualify on M-4

1st Lt. Kayshel Trudell

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTO-NIO-LACKLAND, Texas — Members of the 37th Training Support Squadron Combat Weapons Flight reopened the newly renovated combat arms training range at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Training Annex on July 8.

Basic Military Training trainees were the first to experience the M-4 carbine weapons familiarization course at the range, which closed in November 2018, due to improper rainwater drainage. Since then the range has undergone refurbishing efforts to divert water runoff.

"The operational readiness of our force is paramount," said Lt. Col. Stargell Mosley, 37th TSS commander. "These types of advancements and innovations provide support for BMT curriculum changes and better prepare trainees to graduate and be the lethal and ready Airmen that the Air Force needs. We are excited to see trainees firing on the range again."

Previously, BMT used the M-16A2 rifle, but the Air Force transitioned to the M-4 because it is the most utilized weapon at deployed locations. The rationale for transitioning to the M-4 it is the most utilized weapon at deployed location. Additionally, if an Airmen is trained to operate the M-4 they are also authorized to carry the M-16A2 rifle, but not the reverse. Other advantages of the M-4 include its lighter weight, collapsible buttstock and picatinny rail system that allows the simultaneous attachment of a scope or sight and a flashlight or night vision equipment.

"As we restore readiness in BMT, we will teach weapons proficiency early on," said Chief Master Sgt. Lee E. Hoover Jr.,

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# **Edwards AFB responds after earthquakes**

**Giancarlo Casem** 

412TH TEST WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Following two earthquakes that rocked the high desert area, members of Edwards Air Force Base provided emergency crews to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake near Ridgecrest,

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the first earthquake struck at 10:33 a.m. July 4 with a 6.4 magnitude and is now considered a foreshock. A second quake shook the area the following day at 8:20 p.m. with a stronger 7.1 magnitude. Estimated economic losses of what the USGS now calls the Searles Quake na Lake. are at least \$1 billion; furthermore, the air control tower at Plant 42 was also damaged. The extent of that damage is still under review.

The USGS calls it the strongest seismic activity in more than 20 years. Following both quakes, Edwards AFB with Naval Air Weapons Station Chiemergency crews surveyed local buildings for damage.

"Crews maintained their posture

locally after the (July 4th) earthquake; responders went through the base looking for damage during that time," said Timothy Johnson, Edwards AFB Fire and Emergency Services fire chief. "(Then) I received a request from NAWS China Lake Fire Department to help support in damage assessment, fire suppression and accountability of any lost personnel."

The Edwards AFB response consisted of a fire engine company, a rescue company and a division chief, Johnson said.

Brig. Gen. E. John Teichert, commended Edwards AFB response locally, as well as in support of NAWS Chi-

"After the quakes...our defender, firefighter and civil engineer teams went out to do initial damage assessment to ensure Edwards (AFB) and Plant 42 was safe and secure; we immediately established communications na Lake, and they didn't need anything from us after the Thursday quake, but

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A portion of Highway 178 near Ridgecrest, California, is damaged following two earthquakes July 4-5, as seen from a Blackhawk helicopter.

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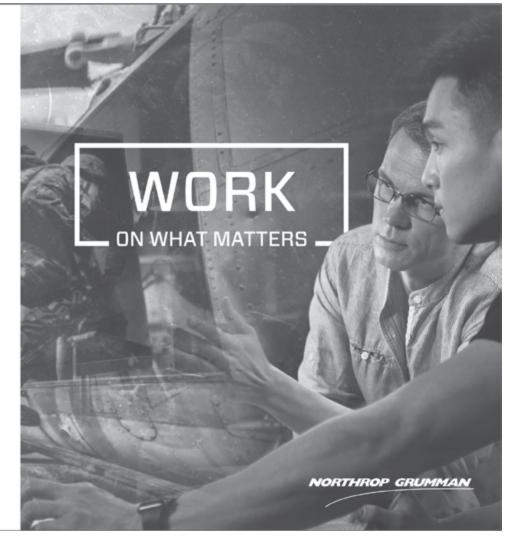
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# **9,467 picked for E-6**

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JOINT BASE SAN ANas — Air Force officials have selected 9.467 staff sergeants geant, out of 29,328 eligible, for a selection rate of 32.28

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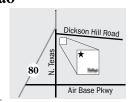
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# Tyndall prepares to rebuild

#### Veronica Kemeny

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TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Air Force leaders are leaving no stone unturned in their search for the best industry practices and innovations to consider in rebuilding Tyndall AFB, Florida, which was devastated by Hurricane Michael in October 2018.

To that end, members of the Tyndall Program Management Office, along with Air Force experts, industry and community leaders participated in an AFWERX-sponsored workshop June 25-26 in Las Vegas to rebuild the installation as a "base of the future."

"The purpose of involving AFWERX was to assist us in moving much more quickly and agilely when it comes to the rebuild," said Brig. Gen. Patrice Melancon, Tyndall PMO executive direc- aged nearly 480 facilities and get is about \$2.8 billion, which tor in charge of the rebuild ef- the Air Force estimates the fort. "The point was to connect cost to rebuild at about \$4.25



Col. Jefferson Hawkins, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, leads a discussion during a workshop June 25-26 at the AFWERX facility in Las Vegas.

innovations. At AFWERX, we came together to brainstorm rebuild."

Hurricane Michael dam-

innovators to get after infusing billion, with approximately \$400 million spent so far.

"Let's face it, we are basithe art of the possible for the cally building an entire base," Melancon added. "The entire military construction budtraditionally is the military

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10 TAILWIND AIR FORCE **JULY 12, 2019** 

# Aircrew gets new anti-smoke goggles

Jessica L. Kendziorek

403RD WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — If smoke starts

part system.

With innovation, the new ASGs are now a three-part sys- and operate. tem. The suspension frame itself is still made the same with portion have been upgraded.

placing have the same basic rower field of view, while the frame, but the goggles and the new ones allow the aircrew to oxygen mask are two separate be able to use their peripherpieces," said Tech. Sgt. Ronald al vision." Patton, 403rd Operation Support Squadron aircrew flight the team is required to ensure equipment craftsman. "Before, equipment operates the way it you would need to put the oxy- is supposed to, is able to fix the gen mask over your mouth and equipment and replaces any nose, then pull the frame up parts as needed.

goggles on and pull the straps on both sides to tighten them."

"The new masks are made similar to ones that firefightthe nape pad attached, while ers use," said Master Sgt. Ray the goggles and oxygen mask Reynolds, 403rd OSS aircrew flight equipment supervisor. "The ones that we are re- "The older goggles had a nar-

was in place you would put the The way the new ASGs work

is still the same concept, except filling up a C-130J Super Her- now the goggles and oxygen cules aircraft, the aircrew reach mask are one piece, so when for their anti-smoke goggles. you place the oxygen mask For more than 20 years, the over your nose and mouth, the ASGs have been a basic four- goggles are put on at the exact same time, saving time and making them quicker to put on

> Tech. Sgt. Ronald Patton, 403rd Operation Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment craftsman, shows the difference between the current anti-smoke goggles and the new anti-smoke goggles for the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. The new goggles will replace the current system that has As part of the AFE duties, been used for more than 20 years at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

manufacturer sent a 'fix' in the mask. with the mask to ensure they and place the nape pad at the Patton said that when was a single screw that need- to make sure they last," Reyn-

"Every part on the ASG sysoperated as designed. This 'fix' tem is replaceable, which helps periodic maintenance, 30-day back of your head. Once that the new ASGs came in, the ed to be replaced on the front of olds said, "Looking at the order

of parts that could be damaged from easiest to hardest. The first thing is the hose, the second thing being the communication cord and the third is the microphone and then onto the remaining parts."

AFE technicians are also required to test the pull disconnect on the air hoses to ensure they will not come unattached from the oxygen hose on the aircraft too easily. This pull test requires a minimum of 12 pounds to a maximum of 20 pounds of pull before the hose on the mask would release, ensuring that there is some resistance before it disconnects.

If the disconnect is not between the 12 to 20 pounds of pull, then they have to fix the connector to correct the amount of pressure to meet the requirement, Patton said.

"We are also required to conduct pre-flight, post-flight, and 120-day inspections on the

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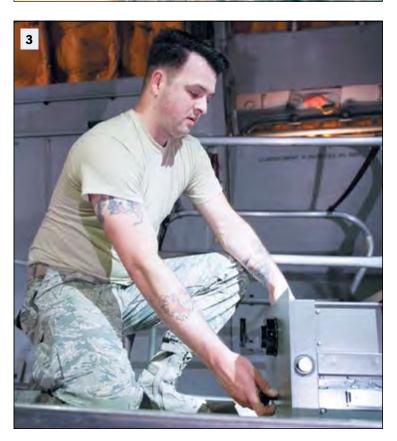
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# Innovative design could save KC-10 aircrews valuable time

Story and photos by Louis Briscese

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Aircrew members on the KC-10 Extender could soon benefit from a new safe that will store weapons and classified documents on the aircraft.

A design initiated by the 60th Air Mobility Wing Phoenix Spark Lab at Travis Air Force Base has been in the works for some time and now has the attention of Air Mobility Command and The Boeing Company to address a potential fix that has long-plagued aircrews.

Currently, aircrews spend a lot of time coordinating the placement of weapons or other sensitive materials because of their inability to store the items themselves. Maj. Matthew Ables, 9th Air Refueling Squadron director of staff, believes having a safe on the KC-10 will give aircrews more time and flexibility.

"This safe will provide them the means of securing weapons and other materials if they need it," Ables said. "Aircrews will have more time to mission plan or enter into crew rest earlier without having to run around looking for a place to store the items."

With the capacity to haul up to 356,000 pounds of fuel, the KC-10 has been refueling aircraft around the world since the early 1980s and remains in high demand today.

"We're proud of the fact no other aircraft can carry as much fuel to the fight as we can," Ables said. "It gives us the ability to project airpower around the globe."

Some of those locations don't even have the necessary facilities to secure weapons, which adds another layer of coordination for

"Currently it takes some ingenuity from our aircraft commanders to coordinate with ground facilities to store weapons," Ables said. "We often have to take our assets to locations that don't always have the services we're accustomed to."

Realizing that aircrews could benefit from an onboard safe was the easy part; figuring out how to do it was the challenge. The daunting task was placed on the shoulders of Tech. Sgt. Zachary George, 60th Air Mobility Wing to compare their efforts and choose a design. Phoenix Spark Lab noncommissioned officer in charge, who relished the challenge to help aircrews.

"The biggest concern was finding a way to secure the safe to the aircraft without having to modify the KC-10," George said. "There's a lot of red tape that comes with trying to modify an aircraft and it's usually never approved."

After reading a lot of Air Force Instructions and researching different types of storage devices, George and his team decided that creating a new safe was not feasible.

"The easiest solution was to utilize an already existing General Services aircraft."

Administration-approved safe." George said. "This could give us the flexibility to make it small enough to fit onto the aircraft but also easy enough to take it on and off if necessary."

Attaching the safe to the aircraft without modifying it was the next step in the process. George used his background as an aircraft structural maintenance shop supervisor to design a plate to attach to the existing floor.

"We used a GSA safe that had already been approved for mounting in vehicles," George said. "We had to fabricate a plate that would fit into the hole pattern on the bottom of the safe and lock into the existing floor track."

George solicited the help of his coworker Jeffrey Bruns, 60th Maintenance Squadron sheet metal shop template maker, to figure out how the safe could be secured to the existing aircraft floor track.

"At first we started off with cargo hooks but couldn't get them to work properly," Bruns said. "Finally we reached out to the company that makes the fasteners and got all their schematics for each one."

The key was finding a fastener strong enough to secure the safe. Once the fastener was selected, a plate could be fabricated to the exact specifications of the fasteners.

"The challenge was researching what style of fasteners we would use," Bruns said. "We took a part that already existed and designed a plate around that."

The fittings come directly from the manufacturer and are made-to-order, which can be time consuming. George decided to 3D print the fittings to avoid any delay in the testing

"We opted for quick-release fittings so there wouldn't be a need for unnecessary tools," George said. "The collaboration between the Phoenix Spark Lab, maintenance fabrication flight and input from the aircrews is what made this possible."

The effort has attracted attention from Air Mobility Command and a third party company, who are also working on a prototype storage safe of their own. Somewhere in the near future the three entities will come together

"A solution is coming, that's the most important thing," George said. "Our energy and efforts have attracted the attention from AMC which means at the end of the day, the problem gets solved."

The aircrews are grateful for the efforts of the Phoenix Spark Lab. They understand they amount of energy it takes to implement

"It's no small act to propose an Air Forcewide change of any type," Ables said. "It's really an amazing accomplishment to coordinate with the rules and regulations that dictate what can and cannot be allowed on an



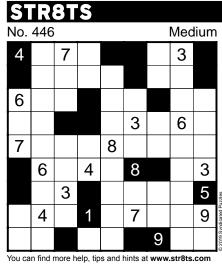
1) Tech. Sgt. Zachary George, 60th Air Mobility Wing Phoenix Spark Lab noncommissioned officer in charge, looks at a plate he helped design June 25 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The plate will securely attach a GSA-approved safe to the floor of a KC-10 Extender, which will allow aircrew members to store weapons and other sensitive materials on the aircraft. 2) George works with computer animation software to design a safe June 25 at Travis AFB. George designed the plate that will securely attach a GSA-approved safe to the floor of a KC-10 Extender, which will allow aircrew members to store weapons and other sensitive materials on the aircraft, 3) George installs a fabricated plate on the floor of a KC-10 June 27 at Travis, 4) Jeffrey Bruns, 60th Maintenance Squadron sheet metal shop template maker, cuts holes into a plate June 25 at Travis AFB.

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- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes.
- Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., quarterly.
- Youth Choir: 1 p.m. Sunday
- Children's Choir: 2 p.m. Sunday. Adult Choir: 4 p.m. Sunday
- Women's Bible Study: 10 a.m. (at First Street Chapel).
- Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Annex.
- RE Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday,

#### First Street Chapel

• Mom's Group: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday.

#### DGMC Chapel

• Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal

#### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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#### **Protestant** First Street Chapel

- Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Ministry is provided for
- 6-month-olds through fifth grade.
- Protestant Men of the Chapel, 6-8 p.m. every second and third Tuesday of the month at First Street Chapel Annex, vice 8-9 a.m. first Saturday of the month.
- Moms group. Jesus Cares ministry, EFMP children's ministry, 4:30-6:30 p.m., every third Saturday of the month at First Street Chapel Annex.

#### Twin Peaks Chapel • Protestant Women of the Chapel:

9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday

#### DGMC Chanel • Protestant Traditional Service: 10 to 11 a.m.

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cooked meal from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesdavs followed by Bible study. **\*\***

For more information about chapel programs, call Twin Peaks Chapel at 707-424-3217.

#### Recurring

Air Force Office of Special Investigations. To report a crime, get a foreign travel

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Air Force Sergeants Association "Walter E. Scott" Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 2 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Wingman's in the Delta Breeze Club and include a free breakfast. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Revnoldo Rios or Master Sgt. Rosel Agapav.

Airmen's Attic. The Airmen's Attic is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. 560 Hickam Ave. For more information, call 707-424-8740 or visit the Facebook page "The Attic at Travis AFB."

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Meetings take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the diabetic education classroom on the first floor in Internal Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center. For more information, call 707-423-7227.

Base emergency numbers. Mobile phone users must dial 707-424-4911 if they have an emergency on base. Those using government or home phones can call 911. For more information, call the Travis Air Force Base Fire Prevention Office at 707-424-3683.

Base illicit discharge number. To report sewage/water leaks or illegal dumping, call 707-424-2575. For hazardous chemical/ material spills, call the base emergency

Civilian Health Promotion Services. Will perform free wellness screenings from 7:30

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counseling for teens and young adults. Text 741-741 anywhere in the United States and a live, trained crisis counselor responds quickly. **Employee-Vehicle Certification and Reporting System.** Civilian and military

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more information, call 707-424-4342 or visit the

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#### Family Advocacy Parent/Child play

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Family and Friends Combat Stress Peer **Support Group.** Meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center and from 1 to 2 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Peak For more information contact Amber Ouirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email travsopcombatptsd@gmail.com.

Government no-fee passports. All submissions of applications for government no-fee passports must now include: 1) A photocopy of Military Identification Card front and back: Passport photo taken in the past six months

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Hometown News Releases. To submit a Hometown News Release, visit https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public and fill out the information

Mare Island Museum. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. 1100 Railroad Ave. in Vallejo. For more information, call 707-557-4646.

M-50 Gas Mask Fit Testing. Takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at Bldg. 791. All deployers are fit as necessary. For more information, call 707-424-2689.

Mitchell Memorial Library. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday

MPF self-renewal program. Did you know that dependents can now renew their ID cards online? To participate in this program, visit http://bit.ly/2mR1gl2. This program is limited only for renewing dependents' IDs. For all other services, visit MPF during duty hours or call 707-424-8483.

On-base child care. The Air Force requires on-base residents to be licensed by the 60th Mission Support Group if they provide more than 10 hours of care per week in their homes. For more information, call 707-424-8104 or 707-424-4596 or stop by Bldg. 380B.

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#### Professional Loadmaster Association

The Professional Loadmaster Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, call Mark Raymond at 707-416-5331.

volunteers. Customers are retired American service members and their family members. It is the RAO's responsibility to maintain open communication and to ensure retirees receive the service and the respect they deserve. If you would like to apply for a volunteer slot and have three hours or more to give, call 707-424-3905.

This organization welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds. There are recurring events Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, email Staff Sgt. Mathew Clayton at mathew.clayton@us.af.mil.

**Travis Community Thrift Shop.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Ongoing need for volunteers to organize sort and price donations. For more information, contact the Thrift Shop at 707-437-2370.

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and notaries are walk-ins 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Legal assistance for active duty members and dependents are walk-ins from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills and retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251 to make an appointment.

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Benicia Farmers Market. 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays through August, 4 to 7 p.m. September and October, First Street between B and D streets. www.beniciamainstreet.org

Fairfield Farmers Market and Thursday on the Green, 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 4, Jefferson and Texas streets. www.fairfieldmainstreet.com

Film Club. "Metropolis," 4 p.m. July 20, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. www. empresstheatre org

Party on the Patio. 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, through Oct. 24, Cast Iron Grill & Bar, 700 Main St., Suisun City. www.facebook.com/ castirongrillandbar.

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Third Thursday Night Market. 5 to 8:30 p.m.through September, Andrews Park. Vacaville. Free admission. www.downtownvacav-

Vacaville Farmers Market. 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, through October, Creekwalk Plaza at Andrews Park. www.vacavillefarmers-

Vallejo Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission. www.vallejoartwalk.com. Vallejo Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, year-round, Georgia and Marin streets. www.pcfma.com. Vintage Market, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every third Saturday, St. Paul's United Methodist

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#### Music and dance

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Songs," 1 to 3 p.m. July 12, Veterans Memorial Building, 427 Main St., Suisun City. Free. 246-2962

City Sports Bar and Grill. Off the Record, 9 p.m. July 12; 7155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, www.starsrecreation.com.

Creekwalk Concerts. Music begins at 6:30 p.m.: Time Bandits, July 12; What the Funk, July 19; Creekwalk, Vacaville. www. creekwalkevents.com.

Empress Theatre. An Incredible Night of World Music, 8 p.m. July 12; Eric EQ, 8 p.m. July 13; Funky Spuds, 7:30 p.m. July 17; Kids Summer Camp Stage Play, 6 p.m. July 19; 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, www. empresstheatre.org.

First Street Cafe. Parts & Labor, 7 p.m. July 12; Jennifer Lee, 2 p.m. July 14; Glenn Lowe, 7 p.m. July 19; Open mic, 7 p.m. July 20; Bryan Girard, 2 p.m. July 21; 440 First St., Benicia, 745-1400, www.firststreetcafe.com.

Legends at Paradise Valley. Music begins at 6 p.m.: Garageland Rodeo, July 18: The New Frantics, July 25; 3990 Paradise Valley Drive, Fairfield. www.legendsparadisevalleybeta.

Lucca Bar & Grill. Tuneriders, 6:30 p.m. July 12; Sweettooth Duo, 1 p.m. July 13; Marina Crouse, 6:30 p.m. July 13: Palo Mio, 3 p.m. July 14; Leah Tysse Band, 6:30 p.m. July 18; New Conacetics 6:30 n m July 19: 436 First St Benicia, www.luccabar.com

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**Sardine Can.** Jazz music from 5 to 8 p.m.: Wayne De La Cruz, July 14; Ron Burris, July 21; O Harbor Way, Valleio, www.valleiosardinecan.

Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. 1010 Ulatis Drive. 469-4013, www.vpat.net.

Waterfront Concert Series. Food, retail vendors open at 4 p.m.; music begins at 6:30 p.m.: The Latin Touch Band, July 12; Suisun City waterfront. Free admission. www.suisun. com/calendar

Vallejo Jazz Society. Akira Tana, 5 p.m. Aug. 4. Empress Theatre. 330 Virginia St.. Vallejo. 552-2400, www.vallejojazzsociety.net.

#### Museums

Mare Island Museum. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, 1100 Railroad Ave., Vallejo. 557-4646, www. mareislandmuseum.org.

Peña Adobe/Mowers Goheen Museum. Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. first Saturday, 1 Peña Adobe Road, Vacaville. Free.

447-0518, www.penaadobe.org.

Rio Vista Museum. Open 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 16 N. Front St., Rio Vista. Free, but donations welcome. 374-5169, www.riovistamuseum.com

#### Solano History Exploration Center. Open noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Lawler House, 718 Main St., Suisun City. www.

solanohistorycenter.org. Travis Air Force Base Heritage Center. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Building 80, 461 Burgan Blvd., Travis

p.m. Sunday; 637 First St., Benicia. https:// Air Force Base. Escorts required for general public, call center to arrange. Free. 424-5598,

Arts Benicia. "Insight," July 27 through Aug. 25; open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions, 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free. 747-0130, www.artsbenicia.

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**JULY 12, 2019** AIR FORCE TAILWIND 15

# Command launches 'AFMC we need' initiative

Marisa Alia-Novobilski

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON FORCE BASE, Ohio — In an effort to

"This command's work is vital to the

is depending on us to acquire, field and sustain the capabilities the Air Force cess in the decades to come. AIR needs to secure our nation's future," said Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr., AFMC make certain the Air Force Materi- commander. "To provide technology at el Command is ideally structured and the speed of relevance to counter ad- to advance technology and deliver caresourced to support the National Deversarial threats and to sustain our serfense Strategy, AFMC leadership has vice's lethality, we need to make sure launched an enterprise-wide initiative our organization is strategically orgathat will empower its Airmen and civil- nized, structured and resourced to ex- Force mission, and it's our responsibiliians to help shape the future of the comecute our critical missions for the native to build the most lethal and ready Air

The command-wide activity will seek execution of the National Defense Strat- the input of military and civilian Airegy. AFMC has built the most powerful men across the headquarters and center es and command and control structure.

posture the command for mission suc-

"We are developing a 21st Century AFMC that is able to anticipate warfighter needs and leverages innovation pabilities at the speed we need to remain ahead of our adversaries." Bunch said. "Our work supports every Air Force."

The wide-reaching initiative will study command processes, resourc-

Air Force in the world and our nation footprints to recommend changes to Specifically, the objectives under review are:

- · Unity of command and effort, including major command and program office structure and authorities.
- Command processes and the ability to support aging weapon systems.
- · Internal structure and organiza-
- Agility to adapt to provide rapid capabilities and logistics for the future.
- · Alignment among multiple emerging initiatives and strategies.
- Ability to anticipate needs and lead

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# Wounded warrior Airman refuses to quit

**Senior Airman Caleb Nunez** 

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MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE. Fla. — "I thought I was going to die," he said, holding back tears. "I almost threw in the towel, but I didn't. ... I couldn't."

On Nov. 28, 2015, Tech. Sgt. Steve Fourman, a Department of Defense Warrior Games athlete, found himself on a temporary duty assignment for the Red Flag aerial combat training exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, when he unexpectedly fell ill with chest pains.

"All of a sudden, I couldn't breathe," Fourman said. "I couldn't do anything, so I was rushed to the emergency room."

It was there where Fourman, a husband and a father, received the unfortunate diagnosis behind his sudden shortness of breath: he suffered from a rare autoimmune disorder called Secondary Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis, or HLH, of which there are only about 25 annual cases documented world-

"Basically, all your internal organs shut down at the same time." Fourman explained. "I was told there was no known treatment for this disorder, and it was just a matter of time before I died."

After being told he would not make it to the next morning, Fourman was medically evacuated to the San Antonio Military Medical Center, Texas, for further examination.



Tech. Sgt. Steve Fourman, a wounded warrior athlete, prepares to throw a discus during the field event June 23 at the 2019 **Department of Defense Warrior Games in Tampa, Florida.** 

"At this point, they were just diagnosis that would further test the cancer affected less than 1% of the man said. "Obviously, I did not."

ther than just the one night.

Two weeks later, having beat the form of cancer. odds, Fourman received another

monitoring me until I died," Four- strength of his character. Not only did he suffer from HLH, he was also His resolve to survive went fur- diagnosed with T-cell/histiocyterich large B-cell lymphoma, a rare could move forward with my life."

"The doctor explained that the

population and had a zero percent survival rate," Fourman said. "I asked him to find a treatment, so I

Fourman began chemotherapy

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# Guard, parks build STEM program

Staff Sgt. Enjoli Saunders

BALTIMORE, Md. The Maryland Air National Guard hosted a group of 50 students from the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program as part of a five-week camp July 3 at Martin State Airport, Middle River, Maryland.

The program is designed to build on the students' interest and knowledge in the STEM arena as they prepare for college or careers after high school.

The students, ranging from 9th to 12th grade, were introduced to the A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft and simulator as well as Electro-Optical and Infrared sensors.

"I think kids need opportunities that provide exposure to STEM topics," said Master Sgt. David Seaba, 135th Intelligence Squadron superintendent. Maryland Air National Guard. "This is the first year I am serving as the STEM coordinator and so far it's been an excellent experience; the kids seem to be very receptive to the information given."

U.S. Army Mai. Gen. Linda L. Singh, Maryland National Guard adjutant general, initiated the Maryland



Members of the 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, hosted a group of students from the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program July 3 at Martin State Airport, Middle River, Maryland.

National Guard's partnership to expose the high school age students to STEM opportunities within the military.

"STEM pathways often have other benefits aside from career options, said Singh. "Those types of skills teach vou to become a better leader through decisionmaking.

Students from schools

opportunity to ask guestions and interact with personnel from the 104th Fighter Squadron, 175th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 135th Intelligence Squadron.

"This generation will forge our next level of national leaders," said 1st Lt. Michael DeZinna, officer in charge of the A-10 Intelligence Flight, Maryland across Baltimore had the Air National Guard. "As an

instructor, it is important that I take the time and effort to share my knowledge with these kids. If only one of them decides to pursue a STEM career path, then I've done my job.'

The group will return to Martin State Airport at the end of July to discuss social media and internet security issues with military per-

gym, I'll be happy.'

"There is a zero percent chance that I should be here right now." Fourman said. "I went from not being able to lift 5-pound dumbbells to benching 315 pounds at the Warrior Games trials."

Fourman's journey includes two rare diseases with zero percent survival chances, along with an ever-increasing determination to persevere. In order to carry on, he treats every day as another challenge that he can overcome.

Fourman earned a bronze medal in the discus field event of this year's Warrior Games.

#### Wounded

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on Christmas Eve of that same vear, quickly losing over 60 pounds in less than a month due to the toll it took on his body.

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"My treatments totaled 110 hours of chemo over five consecutive days," Fourman revealed. "I went through six rounds of that."

During one of the sessions at a medical facility near his home in Georgia, Fourman suffered another medical setback as he contracted Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, a bacterium that causes infections in different parts of the body. He then began 17 rounds of antibiotics and 10 months of treatment to overcome this complication.

"From all the treatments and antibiotics, I now have no immune system." Fourman said. "Anything could be deadly."

Fourman currently receives immunoglobulin therapy every 28 days, which introduces antibodies into his bloodstream. Without it, common illnesses such as the flu or pneumonia could kill him.

Despite the adversities, this competitor refuses to live his life in fear and utilizes sports and physical fitness as a method of mental and emotional re-

"They told me to stay out of the gym, but I'm not going to live in a bubble," Fourman said. "If I end up dying in the

After months of rehabilitation and determination, Fourman was invited to represent the U.S. Air Force in the 2019 DoD Warrior Games.

# Goggles

ASGs," Patton said.

The 30-day inspections consists of basic checks. A visual examination is conducted and they look for cuts, tears, abrasions, discolorations, rust and anything that is defective. A cleaning is done and the components are tested to ensure they work.

The 120-day inspection is the same inspection, but with a full break down of all of the components and a deep clean, checking the integrity of the components that you cannot see, Reynolds said.

were faulty, they worked exactly as they were designed to. It seems like they just needed to improve on the integrity of the system itself," Patton said. "Will it operate better under stressful situations, will it be easier to repair if it does break, "While the older ASG does it have as many subcomponents that can break, does the aircrew member find it easier to don, and can the air-

new system." To improve the ASG system, they took a mask similar to a firefighter's mask and the quick don suspension frame

crew operate better in the en-

vironment, were questions that

they asked when designing the

"So they are doing something right, because if they hadn't created this one, the ones that we have still work. I have been in this career field for more than 30 years and this is only the third version that I have seen," Reynolds said.

masks still work and some are still located on our C-130J aircraft, we are working to replace them on all of the aircraft" Patton said. "We currently have six sets in service and have replaced more than half of the 815th Airlift Squadron's ASGs with a new quick don system and we expect to have them (on) all of our air-

# **Earthquakes**

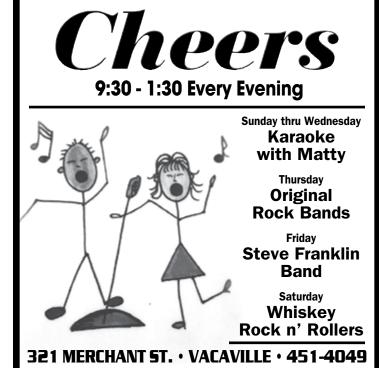
they needed our help on Friday." Teichert said. "And immediately, we deployed a fire and rescue team to work throughout the night and morning to do their initial response and emergency response for what they needed at NAWS China lake."

Besides emergency first responders, Edwards AFB team," Teichert said.

also deployed structural, electrical and plumbing engineers to NAWS China Lake. The base also underwent preparations in the event the Federal Emergency Management Agency needed to use Edwards AFB as a staging base.

Teichert thanked members of Edwards AFB for their actions in a video message he released through social media.

"Thank you so much for being part of an incredible





# **Initiative**

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solutions.

The three-phase effort runs from June 24 through mid-August. A core team from AFMC headquarters is guiding the effort, augmented by personnel at all AFMC operating locations. Maj. Gen. Carl Schaefer, AFMC Deputy Commander, leads the initiative on behalf of AFMC leadership. Col. Pat McDonnell, AFMC National Guard advisor, is the operational team lead and Yancv Mailes, director, AFMC History and Museums Program, is managing the task force team activities. An independent contractor is supporting the internal team as well.

The entire AFMC workforce has the opportunity to participate in the initiative. Select individuals at each AFMC location will participate in live interviews and focus groups with the AFMC core team. All AFMC personnel will have the opportunity to share feedback and suggestions through an online survey and the AFMC non-attributional and anonymity preserved to encourage full of submissions. The data gathjunction with insights and best

the AFMC future. "This is not a manpower cut or climate survey." Bunch said. "Rather, this is an opportunity for us as a command to identify those practices that and responsive AFMC our Air need' needs vou.'

Collected feedback will be Force needs."

Over the next few months, AFMC personnel should look participation and candidness for opportunities to participate in the initiative. Study updates ered will be reviewed in con- will be communicated on the AFMC we need webpage and practices from industry to rec-through email, social media ommend courses of action for and the AF Connect mobile application.

"We need everyone's participation." Bunch said. "This is an opportunity to shape our workplace to lead the Air Force in innovation and inspire enthusiwork and those that are pre- asm to enable new levels of misventing us from being the agile sion success. The 'AFMC we



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# **Tyndall**

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construction program for the entire Air Force. We are going to do this all at one base in basically two fiscal years in terms of (contract) awards."

The workshop also featured TED talks, problem-solving and collaborative group sessions led by AFWERX facilitators. Attendees discussed bringing best practices from industry and streamlining acquisition processes.

Col. Jefferson Hawkins. vice commander of the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall AFB, was an attendee at the workshop and appreciated the ideas shared.

"What a great step forward for Tyndall's rebuild," Hawkins said. "AFWERX created both open thought and open dialogue. The ideas and conversations generated and relationships built will be pivotal to our future success."

The time spent at AFW-ERX facilitated outside-thebox thinking.

"The work and innovation we are exploring to rebuild Tyndall can be used as an example of how we build the 21st century air base in the Air Force," Melancon said.

"Technologies such as frictionless entry or a fast-pass lane at a gate where you swipe your ID card or possibly use your fingerprint to go through a secured gate is technology in the commercial space that we need to leverage for our ben-

Tom Neubaurer, Bay Defense Alliance president. whose organization works with Tyndall leadership and Program Management Office to ensure the preservation of the mission at the base, also attended the AFWERX workshop and expressed his optimism about the rebuild.

"Clearly, we have an amazing opportunity to partner with our military neighbors and build a great American defense community around the base of the future," Neubauer said. "By working together now, we will reflect proudly on all that is accomplished in the years ahead for a better Bay County and for national defense."

## **Trainees**

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737th Training Group superintendent. "We will expose trainees to the M-4 so they can become familiar with the weapon and learn its nomenclature. In week seven, trainees will attend the combat arms training course to gain a more in-depth understanding of the weapon, including how to safely react to malfunctions and fire the weapon while wearing a gas mask and chemical gear.'

Along with the decision to revamp the range, BMT trainees on the new range will receive firearm training and qualification, rather than only a familiarization course. This change now allows trainees the opportunity to earn the small arms expert marksmanship ribbon.

"Instead of providing on-time training for deployers now we can now provide regular qualification intervals for the base populace and JBSA personnel." said Tech. Sgt. Joshua Stearns, Combat Weapons Flight noncommissioned officer in charge. "The thought was, if the rest of the Air Force is in a permanent state of readiness, why would our BMT trainees be any different."

In all, repairs allowed for an additional 30 firing points that



Air Force Basic Military Training trainees fire their M-4 Carbines during a weapons familiarization course, June 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Medina Annex, Texas.

ability to train 244 BMT train- training experience that enees daily, four days a week, qualifying more than 40,000 BMT trainees in the M-4 annually.

"The Air Force has placed increased value on weapons training as we build a more ready force." Stearns said. "The advancements made to the range allow us to train using multiple ranges concurrently and to do so year round. We were able to start training today thanks to our maintenance counterparts who constructed 200 new target frames within a week of the range being recertified."

Weapons training at BMT now consists of a full training can be used concurrently across day of four to five hours in classmultiple ranges. This translates room and three hours on the to combat weapons instructors' range. This offers a more robust

sures readiness. Special warfare Airmen and other career fields including Office of Special Investigation agents, combat controllers, survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialists, explosive ordnance disposal journeyman, also receive M-4 qualification training at the range. Other members preparing for deployment and assigned across Joint Base San Antonio can also qualify on the new combat arms range.

"We are here to ensure BMT trainees, and all Airmen, who come through the training are ready to support the operational Air Force" said Staff Sgt. Blaine Savage, 37th TRW combat arms instructor.

# **Overturf** From Page 2

#### and sometimes we don't even realize it. We ask them to follow us around the world, give up their careers, change schools, leave friends and family behind, and as much as

we don't want them to, worry about us while we are deployed. And this doesn't even begin to cover all the "little things" we miss like birthdays, anniversaries, school functions, as well as soccer, football or baseball games.

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crews not only survive in their areas of responsibility, but also thrive in them.

"AFE enhances lethality and survivability of aircrew and the aircraft," Poole said. "We're responsible for keeping vital features of the aircraft operational. When an aircraft needs to deploy rafts or slides in the event of a water landing or if parachutes need to be packed or a pilot needs to see during lowlight landing and take-off operations, that's all on us."

Accountability is a mainstay in the AFE flight's culture. The work of each day lends itself to the next day's motivation; a challenge to always be better, sharper. It's by no acci-

that culture is just a little bit of a swagger.

"The last to let you down." AFE's slogan is a promise to the aircrew who depend on them and the equipment they touch every day, and it's because of the hard work of AFE Airmen that aircrew are able to do that, said Senior Airman Uriel Medina, 60th Operations Support Squadron AFE technician.

Despite Medina being relatively new to the career field, it's taken no time for him to understand what kind of weight is placed on the work he does.

"If any of our equipment were to malfunction during a dangerous environment, then not only would the lives of the pilots be in danger, but so would the lives of the rest of the crew including loadmasters, trafficking personnel and any passento give mission equipment the dent, then, that a byproduct of gers," he said. "The equipment green light.

we work on is the type that if it fails, people die. We all work with that in mind."

For Medina, it's not just the pressure of keeping Airmen alive that emboldens his work ethic, but the fact that other Airmen depend on him to do their jobs.

"It's cyclical," he said. "AFE represents just one link in the chain, but knowing that all these other Airmen comprise all the other links inspires me to make the one link I'm responsible for as strong as it can

Just like a weak link can break a chain, a poorly executflight or during a load-up in a ed AFE check can turn a mission into a catastrophe, but according to Medina, a hypothetical engine failure will always stay hypothetical as long as he and his team are there



Staff Sgt. Kenny Pham, 60th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment technician, inspects aircrew flight equipment July 9 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Travis' AFE flight works to keep aircrew flight equipment in good working condition thereby safeguarding aircrew personnel in the event of dangerous situations.



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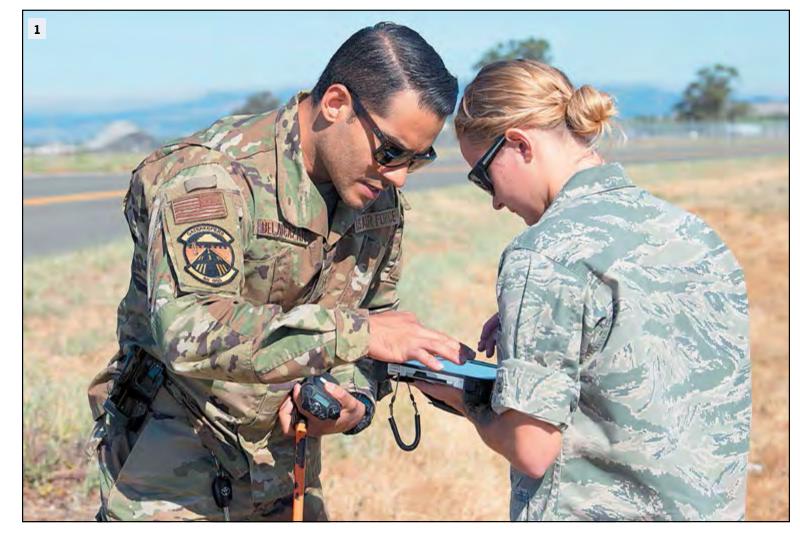
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1) Senior Airman Carlos Berlalcazar Barcenas, left, 60th Operations **Support Squadron** airfield management journeyman, conducts an airfield inspection alongside 2nd Lt. Jasmine Hackerd. right, 60th OSS airfield operations officer, July 10 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The **Travis AFB airfield** management team conducts several inspections of the airfield daily checking for damage, as well as foreign objects and debris, 2) Berlalcazar **Barcenas conducts** an airfield inspection alongside Hackerd July 10 at Travis AFB. 3) A C-5M Super Galaxy. the largest aircraft in the U.S. Air Force inventory, taxis toward the runway July 10 at Travis AFB.

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