

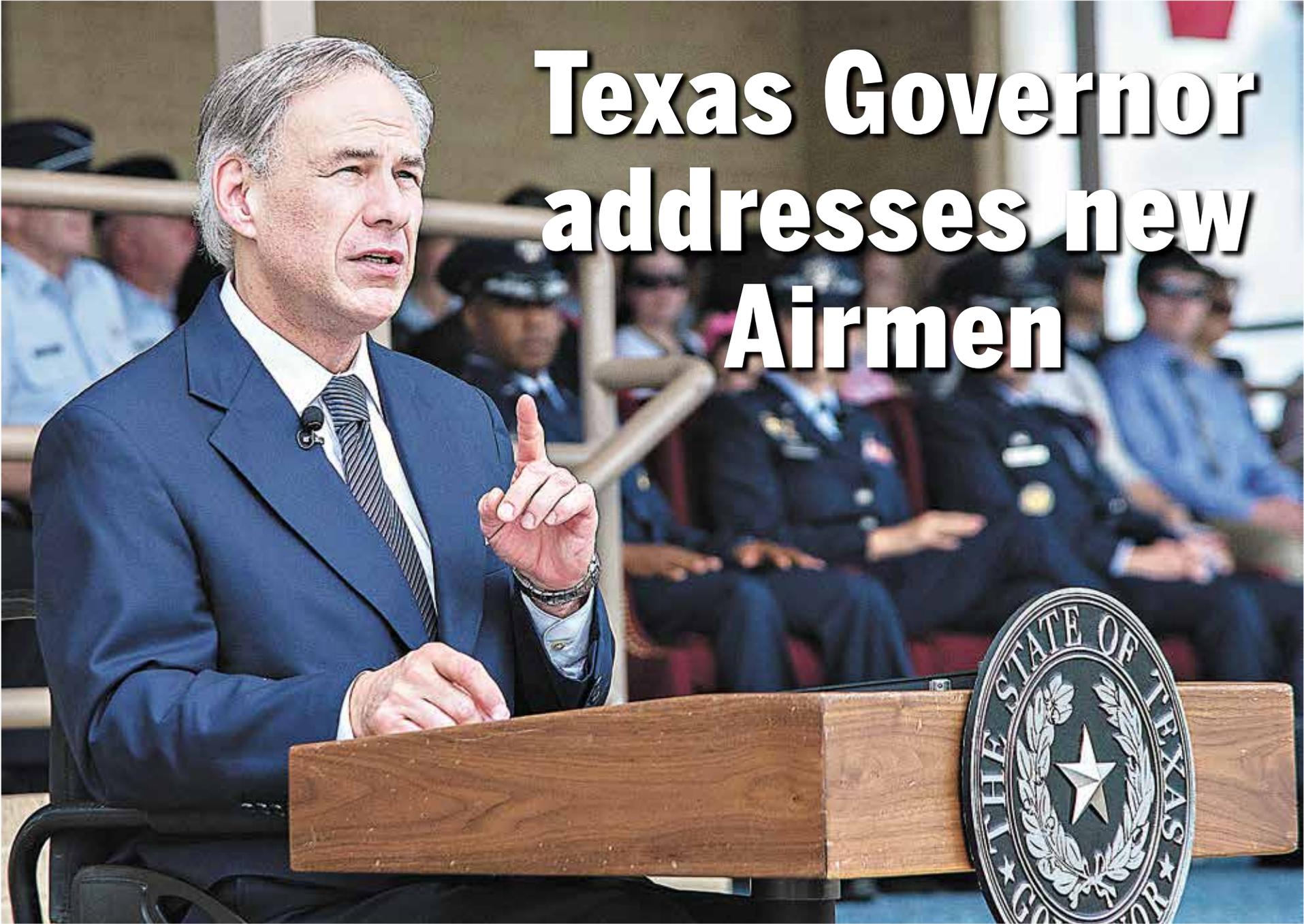
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## Texas Governor addresses new Airmen

Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott addresses new Airmen at the Air Force basic training graduation June 5 on the Basic Military Training parade grounds at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Every week, with the exception of Christmas and 8 1/2 weeks after, in which no graduations are held, an average of 700 Airmen graduate, totaling approximately 35,000 annually.

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# Wisdom teeth removal: wise or not?

By Capt. Karissa Rumble  
59th Dental Group

Some people have none, some people have more than four, but on a daily basis, patients are getting their wisdom teeth removed. Do you or your children have any? Are they predicted to be problematic in the future?

These are questions patients should ask their dental providers to have an adequate understanding of their individual situations.

Frequently, patients are under the impression that either everyone needs to get them out, or they do not need to unless they are causing pain. In reality, there are several reasons you should or should not plan to get wisdom teeth extracted.

Wisdom teeth, also known as third molars, are like a box of chocolates: they come in a variety of sizes, shapes and positions, all of which have an impact on the decision of whether or not to extract them. Some people have sufficient space in their mouths and are able to keep their teeth clean and healthy, so they may not need to have them removed.

As with any other tooth, it is very important to keep wisdom teeth clean, which for many patients is a difficult task. If they are completely erupted, poking through the gums but not completely out, or are in a position that makes it difficult to clean them adequately, the best



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin Inuma

Tech. Sgt. Susan Liebig cleans Senior Airman Joseph Easley's teeth April 30 at Dunn Dental Clinic, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Airmen are required to get a dental check up annually to ensure good oral hygiene. Liebig is a 59th Dental Squadron dental hygienist and Easley is assigned to the 737th Training Squadron.

thing is to have them removed before cavities, gum disease or an infection develop.

Another common finding

involves wisdom teeth that are positioned in a wrong way and pressing against the tooth in front of them,

creating damage.

On the other hand, some wisdom teeth are completely encased in bone and are not expected to move much. In those cases, if there is no disease around the wisdom teeth, there is no need to extract them, as there are important anatomical structures like nerves that could be affected.

When it comes to mouth pain, everyone gets concerned but it may or may not be something to cause alarm. Sometimes patients experience pain as the tooth starts to break through the gums.

At this stage, teeth do not necessarily need to be removed; they may just need the time to fully grow through the gums and will be healthy teeth from that point forward.

In other cases, however, the pain may be caused by something more severe such as a large cavity or infection. Waiting until this pain occurs is far from ideal, as with age the procedure and healing become more difficult for the patient.

At your next dental exam, ask your provider about your wisdom teeth and discuss the risks and benefits for your particular case. Also, with summer right around the corner, now is the perfect time to get your teenagers in with your local dentist or oral surgeon for an evaluation to see if they should have their wisdom teeth removed.

Prevention is the key to avoiding tooth pain and/or infection in the future.

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## News in Brief

### AIR FORCE PHASES IN EMPLOYEES' INJURY, ILLNESS COMPENSATION PORTAL

The Air Force, in conjunction with other Defense Department services, is phasing in the use of the Employees' Compensation Operations and Management Portal, which is intended to eventually replace the current system used to file injury and illness compensation claims.

ECOMP is a free, Web-based portal for electronic filing of key Federal Employee Compensation Act claim forms managed by the Department of Labor. DOD officials have selected ECOMP for electronic processing of compensation claims, said Annette Castro, assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center Civilian Future Operations Branch.

Several installations were selected for the initial implementation phase, which were conducted March 30-April 30, to include: Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and Goodfellow and Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Information gathered during that phase will enable AFPC Civilian Force Integration Directorate teams to guide civilian Airmen during upcoming implementation phases.

Using ECOMP, employees will be able to report a workplace incident and file a claim for compensation from their home computer without the need to use a common access card. Users can track the exact status of any form or document submitted via ECOMP and can electronically upload and submit documents directly to DOL case files. Additionally, once an employee submits a claim for benefits, the supervisor will receive an email notification that a pending claim is ready for review.

ECOMP will also shorten the time employees must wait for a claim number. Once a claim is submitted and validated by AFPC, employees will normally get their claim number within 20 minutes.

Base officials, including civilian personnel sections, will be notified when their installations are scheduled for implementation, Castro said. Until a base is phased into ECOMP, employees will continue to use the current process to submit a claim.

Additional information about ECOMP and the current process is available on the myPers website under "injury compensation."

For additional information about other personnel issues go to myPers at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

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# AFSPC commander, command chief visit JBSA-Lackland cyber units



Photos by Master Sgt. Luke P. Thelen

Col. Michael C. Harasimowicz (left), 688th Cyberspace Wing commander speaks to Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander during his visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, June 2. Harasimowicz seized the opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of multiple personnel assigned to the 688th CW which has led to the many recent outstanding successes of the Wing.

**Master Sgt. Luke P. Thelen**  
24th Air Force Public Affairs

Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander and Chief Master Sgt. Douglas L. McIntyre, AFSPC command chief, visited several cyber units within 24th Air Force during a multi-day trip to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland June 1-3.

Hyten and McIntyre began by visiting the 346th Test Squadron and 92nd Information Operations Squadron, units that fall under the 688th Cyberspace Wing. There, they received mission briefs, as well as the opportunity to participate in a scenario-based cyber training mission known as "CyberDome." The training event provided Hyten and McIntyre a hands-

rare opportunity and something I do not take lightly; something very special and it's an awesome story that I will carry throughout my career."

The 624th Operations Center and 24th Air Force headquarters were the last two units visited. During this time, Hyten and McIntyre observed real-world operations

of their tour.

"Our Airmen accomplish amazing things every day, but occasionally they may wonder how significant their individual jobs are for the Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Brendan Criswell, 24th Air Force command chief. "Having our MAJCOM commander and command chief take the time to per-



Gen. John E. Hyten (right), Air Force Space Command commander receives instructional support from Tech. Sgt. Bryan Moore a Cyber Vulnerability Assessment/Hunter (CVA/H) weapon system operator with the 92nd Information Operations Squadron while participating in a scenario-based cyber training mission known as "CyberDome" during a visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland June 2. During the simulation, Hyten was tasked with investigating a training network for indicators of compromise and was tested on his ability to properly identify malicious activity.

conducted by the units within the 24th Air Force, as well as met with the men and women of the two organizations.

Keeping with the trend, Hyten and McIntyre took the opportunity to personally thank the cyber warriors and to once again recognize a number of outstanding personnel during this last stop

personally visit to say 'thank you' and explain how the Air Force couldn't do what it does without them is tremendous."

Hyten concluded the visit by conducting an All-Call for the cyber units that fall under his com-

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# Are you ready to transition out of your uniform?

By Lt. Col. Sean Martin

3rd Flying Training Squadron commander, Vamce Air Force Base Okla.

Leaving the military is not as simple as staying home the day after your service commitment is up.

Almost 23 years ago after a summer vacation that lasted less than 48 hours, I showed up in Colorado Springs, Colo., with about a thousand of my new closest friends.

Fast forward to the present, and it is now time for me to plan an exit strategy from the only job I've ever known – my days as a grocery store cashier were short-lived, so I'm not counting that.

It should come as no surprise that there are regulations that list what needs to be completed prior to leaving the military.

The Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 and the Veterans Employment Initiative require that four mandates be completed by all military personnel prior to separation or retirement: pre-separation counseling, the Transition Assistance Program, Veterans Affairs Benefits briefings and CAPSTONE.

CAPSTONE is an Air Force requirement to meet with an Airman & Family Readiness Center representative who fills out and Department

of Defense Form 2958 which is signed by a squadron commander and confirms that you have attended TAP and received Department of Labor and veteran's benefit briefings.

And, all of these mandates do not include the effort that goes into finding a new job, a house and creating a budget to survive on.

There are also mandatory timelines associated with the very act of applying for separation or retirement. It is important to know which timelines apply to your specific situation, so read the guidance and ensure you understand what each step means for you.

I have not even touched on my medical out-processing yet. To be fair, there is a wide variation of complexity between a separating five-year senior airman and a retiring 28-year colonel.

The airman's medical folder may not have anything in it compared to the "more experienced" colonel's, but there are always exceptions.

Leaving the military can be more complicated than just staying in. Luckily there are people who are experts on the process of leaving the military. It is their jobs to help you as early as two years out from your retirement date in some cases and get you ready for your civilian life.

Recently, there has been a high volume of volun-

tary separations in addition to force drawdowns. The past couple of years have seen many well-publicized nationwide shortfalls when it came to the administrative needs of the nation's veterans.

It's important to start early to minimize and overcome delays. The experts suggest getting the pre-separation counseling two years prior to retirement, or one year prior to separation. I completely agree with that advice, because I cannot believe it has already been a year since I had my counseling session.

Here is the good news: the local people at the Airman & Family Readiness Center are experienced, knowledgeable and eager to help you once you decide to call it a career.

Their knowledge and resourcefulness, coupled with the guest speakers that are brought in during the mandatory transition training, will set you up well for a smooth transition, provided you take the time to start it early enough.



# Don't leave children unattended in hot vehicles

By Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Between 1998 and 2015, a total of 639 children have died in the U.S. from heatstroke as a result of being left in hot vehicles, an average of 38 children each year according to kidsandcars.org.

That's nearly 40 families, which include parents, siblings, and friends that are tragically affected, and are left wondering what could have been done differently.

According to the National Weather Service Forecast Office, temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly raise to dangerous levels in just minutes, even when the outside ambient temperature is in the 70s.

Scotty Johns, 502nd Air Base Wing ground safety specialist, noted that the inside of a car can heat up to 123 degrees within

in an hour when the ambient outside temperature is just 80 degrees.

Johns provided the following tips on preventing fatalities in children that have been left in a vehicle.

1. Call 911 if you see a person locked inside a car.

2. Leave a non-driving shoe in the back of the car with the child. "That way when you get out of a vehicle and you know that your shoe is missing, you can't forget your child is in the back seat," said Johns.

3. Always lock the car, even at home and in the garage. "There have been instances where children would be missing for 20-30 minutes, and the garage was one of the last places they looked when it should have been the first place they looked," explained Johns.

4. Check the car first and inform and teach children the

rules. "It is no laughing matter when they get into vehicles without adult supervision," he added. "Don't get into vehicles without supervision because they are not playgrounds."

Johns noted that leaving children unattended in hot cars could lead to prosecution. According to the Texas State Penal Code, section 22.10 "a person commits an offense if he or she intentionally or knowingly leaves a child in a motor vehicle for more than five minutes, knowing that the child is:

1. younger than seven years of age and

2. not attended by an individual in the vehicle who is 14 years of age or older.

An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

If the child is injured, the charge upgrades to a felony and carries a penalty of six months to two years in jail and a fine up to \$10,000.



Courtesy photo

# New commander takes reins at 737th Training Group



Photos by Johnny Saldivar

Brig. Gen. Trent H. Edwards (left), 37th Training Wing commander, passes the guidon to Col. William Fischer as Chief Master Sgt. Richard Sutherland 737th TRG superintendent, looks on during the 737th TRG change of command ceremony June 5, on the Basic Military Training parade grounds at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The passing of the guidon marks the beginning of Fischer's tour as commander of the 737th TRG. Fischer now leads the Air Force's sole basic military training group, with its eight squadrons, more than 650 permanent party personnel and a daily student population that averages 6,000 trainees.



Col. Michele Edmondson, former 737th Training Group commander, passes the guidon to Brig. Gen. Trent H. Edwards, 37th Training Wing commander, as Chief Master Sgt. Richard Sutherland 737th, TRG superintendent, looks on during the 737th TRG change of command ceremony June 5, on the Basic Military Training parade grounds at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Edmondson commanded the 737th TRG for one year and leaves the group to become the 81st Training Wing commander at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

**BMT HONORS**

Congratulations to the following 50 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 505 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated today:

**320th Training Squadron***-Flight 309*

Christopher Allen  
Malachi Argentum  
Justin Brown  
Craig Cassell  
Matthew Gletty  
Luis-Jose Hernandez  
Richard Keller  
William Kubischke  
Daniel Lucas  
Brian Moore  
Kyle Moray  
Max Ritter  
Bryce Torsella  
Jake Trimble  
Matthew Valenti

*-Flight 310*

Anthony Delgado  
Caleb Dickey  
Hunter Neyman  
Quang Nguyen  
Riley Warren

**322nd Training Squadron***-Flight 317*

Maxwell Dunevant

*-Flight 318*

Toni Pruitt  
Germain St T  
Amy Wahlmeier

**323rd Training Squadron***-Flight 311*

Patrick Houldridge  
Kevin Luccitti  
Zebastian Mcgee  
David Solis  
Christian Taylor  
Colin Taylor

*-Flight 312*

Morgan Boyd  
Renee Franklin  
Amanda Murdock  
Siri Scott

*-Flight 315*

Jordan Beckner  
Caleb Giddings  
Kevin Hwang  
Julian Moinot

*-Flight 316*

Barbara Able  
Ariana Baca  
Jessika Willis

**331st Training Squadron***-Flight 313*

Zachary Abbott  
Travis Jones  
Christian Rodgers  
Travis Wester  
Tucker Wilder

*-Flight 314*

Thomas Combs  
Richard Jeter  
Jamison Moore  
David Mora

**Top BMT Airman**

Siri Scott  
323th TRS, Flight 312

**Most Physically Fit***-Female Airmen*

Leighanne Rivera  
323rd TRS, Flight 312  
Siri Scott  
323rd TRS, Flight 312  
Amy Wahlmeier  
322nd TRS, Flight 318  
Amanda Murdock  
323rd TRS, Flight 312

*-Male Airmen*

Jordan Beckner  
323rd TRS, Flight 315  
William Mclaughlin  
320th TRS, Flight 309  
Christopher Searle  
320th TRS, Flight 309  
Edgar Urbieta  
331st TRS, Flight 314

*-Female Flights*

323rd TRS, Flight 316  
323rd TRS, Flight 312  
322nd TRS, Flight 318

*-Male Flights*

320th TRS, Flight 309  
331st TRS, Flight 313  
331st TRS, Flight 314  
320th TRS, Flight 310  
323rd TRS, Flight 311  
323rd TRS, Flight 315  
322nd TRS, Flight 317

**Top Academic Flights**

320th TRS, Flight 309  
323rd TRS, Flight 311  
322nd TRS, Flight 317  
323rd TRS Flight 315  
331st TRS, Flight 313  
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323rd TRS, Flight 316  
331st TRS, Flight 314  
322nd TRS, Flight 318

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# Women's AF history expands with new four-star

By: Staff Sgt. Carlin Leslie

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Command Information

In Air Force history a legacy has been written, by women, for women. The walls of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial are filled with stories of historic and iconic women from all U.S. military services that have served the nation.

History has once again been written. Those halls now hold a new story as Lt. Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, military deputy, was promoted to the rank of general, effective June 8. She is now the third female four-star general in Air Force history, following in the footsteps of remarkable women who paved the way.

"This is a great day for Ellen and her family and from my perspective it is a great day for the United States Air Force," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. "(Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James) and I expect an awful lot out of our four-star generals in the Air Force. We expect that they be able to defend the nation. We expect them to protect the institution and we expect them to lead, inspire and nurture the Airmen and families who give our institution life. We are extremely confident that Pawlikowski will do all those things."

Pawlikowski entered the Air Force in 1978 through the ROTC program at the New Jersey



Photo by Scott M. Ash

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III stands with newly promoted Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski during her promotion ceremony June 1, at the Women's Memorial for Military Service in Arlington National Cemetery, Va. Pawlikowski is slated to become the commander of Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Institute of Technology and became the first female officer to receive a commission from that program. She went on to attend the University of California

at Berkeley, and received a doctorate in chemical engineering in December 1981 and entered the active-duty Air Force in April 1982.

Through the guidance and honorable love of her mother, late husband, family, friends and Airmen she has led, Pawlikowski said there are three statements that define her.

"In the words of my mother, 'Just do the best no matter how hard it is, no matter how menial you think it is, just do the best that you can; and never quit,'" Pawlikowski said. "And from my late husband, the message of 'Do the right thing even when it's hard' resonates within me.

"Madam secretary, (Gen. Welsh,) you know you have my commitment and promise that I guarantee you that I will do the best that I can," Pawlikowski continued. "I will never, ever quit and I will do the right thing even when it's hard, because that's who I am."

Pawlikowski's career has ranged from a variety of technical management, leadership and staff positions including command at the wing and center levels.

The general will assume command this summer as the head of Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

As she stood on the stage of the Woman's Memorial, Pawlikowski said she truly felt like she was standing on the shoulders of giants.

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- 6 p.m. Hot Pursuit (PG-13)

#### Sunday

- Noon Mad Max Fury Road (3D) (R)
- 3 p.m. Hot Pursuit (PG-13)

#### Thursday

- 4 p.m. Mad Max Fury Road (3D) (R)



# AF seeks scholarship, fellowship applicants for 2016 programs

By Shelly Petruska

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Active duty Airmen interested in unique developmental opportunities may be eligible for the Olmsted Scholar, White House Fellows and Mansfield Fellowship Exchange programs.

The programs offer unique professional career developmental experience for Air Force leaders, according to Kris Hunter, the Air Force Personnel Center officer of developmental education. Applicants for all programs must be released by their career field team before submitting applications.

## Olmsted Scholar Program

The Olmsted Scholar Program is an opportunity for Air Force line officers to study in a foreign language at a university overseas. Candidates selected for the program will experience cultural immersion in the selected country, including university study in the native language. Applicants must be line officers with at least three years of commissioned service, but no more than 11 years of total active federal military service by April 1, 2016. Applicants must meet minimum academic and language requirements. Application packages are due to AFPC by Aug. 14. For more information about the program, go to the Olmsted Foundation website at <http://www.olmstedfoundation.org>.

## White House Fellows Program

The White House Fellows Program provides emerging leaders first-hand experience in the American government process.

Selected officer candidates work for a year as special assistants or senior executives to cabinet-level agencies or in the executive office. A nonpartisan program, participants experience the process of governing the nation, working with high-level public servants and participating in roundtable discussions with notable private sector and public leaders. Selectees must be available for reassignment. Nomination packages are due by July 31 for the 2016-2017 programs. For additional information about the program, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows>.

## Mansfield Fellowship Program

Eligible officers and federal government employees interested in cultural immersion in Japan can look into the Mansfield Fellowship Program.

Named after former U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield, the program enables federal employees to develop in-depth understanding of Japan and its government and to develop relationships with their Japanese counterparts.

Participants will have a seven-week home-stay and intensive Japanese language program in the Ishikawa Prefecture, followed by a 10-month place-

ment in Tokyo. Selectees must be available for reassignment. Nomination memos are due to AFPC by July 31.

For more information about the program, go to <http://www.mansfieldfdn.org>.

Complete eligibility requirements and application instructions for all programs are available on <https://myPers.Af.mil>. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one here, <http://www.retirees.af.mil/myPers>.

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# DIAMOND SHARP

**Senior Airman Keith A. James II**  
**Unit:** 3rd Combat Camera Squadron  
**Duty title:** Aerial combat photojournalist  
**Time in service:** 3 Years  
**Hometown:** Miami, Fla.



"Senior Airman Keith James II is both a highly motivated Airman and talented photojournalist. His drive led him to shine during Emerald Warrior, a two-week joint service, inter-agency and partner nation Exercise that provided realistic and relevant pre-deployment readiness training within a joint environment. During this period, James was repeatedly recognized by exercise observers for his attitude and photo skills, culminating in the 1st Combat Camera Squadron's commander lauding his professionalism. Lastly, his skills during the event produced 63 out of a total 185 photographs submitted the Department of Defense's Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System resulting in him repeatedly being named photographer of the day by the exercise's lead photo editor. He is truly a shining example of an Airman and a vital part to the success of the 3rd CTCS mission."

— **Tech Sgt. Rico L. Sison**  
 3rd CTCS, Additional Duty First Sgt

**Staff Sergeant Fredrick Wilson**  
**Unit:** Air Force Life Cycle management Center  
**Duty title:** Depot-Level secure communications systems technician  
**Time in service:** 8 Years  
**Hometown:** Augusta, Ga.



"Staff Sgt. Fredrick Wilson has undoubtedly performed as a leader and mentor within our unit since his arrival four months ago. This Diamond Sharp NCO leads his peers as the squadron booster club representative. Spearheading two events, he collected more than \$300 towards the group's annual spring picnic. Wilson is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland, taking two classes towards a Computer Science Bachelor's Degree. This month he led a two hour professional development session on education benefits where he mentored subordinates, guided peers, and provided key application concepts for superiors. His efforts inspired two of his colleagues to enroll in a higher education programs. Furthermore, as depot level maintenance technician, Wilson refurbished 100 cryptographic assets in support of C-17 Globemaster III aircraft as the primary source of voice, data and imagery for secure battle field communications. Additionally, he upgraded the internal power source on 25 network trunk encryption devices extending their service accreditation for seven years. Wilson has exceeded expectations and epitomizes our Air Force Core Values. He continuously performs above his grade, exemplifies the enlisted force structure and sets the example for others to follow."

— **Master Sgt. Eric Rascoe**  
 AFLCMC Det. 6, First Sergeant

**Master Sgt. Elliott Velez**  
**Unit:** 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office  
**Duty title:** Safety operations superintendent  
**Time in service:** 12 years  
**Hometown:** Surprise, Ariz.



"Master Sgt. Elliott Velez has been a valuable asset to the 502 Air Base Wing Safety Office and to his peers. Some of his duties include oversight of the Management Internal Control Toolset program, where he ensures the compliance of 377 line items. He also manages safety's inspection program which accounts for 82 annual assessments. Velez displays the whole person concept daily. Examples of this include: Attended Specialized Leadership Development Course, enrolled in a college course towards his bachelor's degree in business management and mentoring basic trainees on safety/personal challenges. Finally, as a pillar in his military community, he is a Top III committee lead for special events like promotion release and induction course. Velez represents what a well-rounded noncommissioned officer should be and is very deserving of being called Diamond Sharp."

— **Master Sgt. Oran McClellan**  
 502nd Comptroller Squadron, First Sergeant

**Senior Airman Franchesca Edney**  
**Unit:** 68th Network Warfare Squadron  
**Duty title:** Commander support technician  
**Time in service:** 2 years  
**Hometown:** Coamo, Puerto Rico



"Senior Airman Franchesca Edney is Diamond Sharp! She not only sets high standards for herself but as the commander's only support staff representative, her professionalism and excellence have continually raised the bar for all of our Airmen to follow. In the last three months alone, she single-handedly coordinated and processed 84 wing and group tasks and responded to another 61 short-noticed tasks. Additionally, she ushered 61 enlisted evaluations reports and decorations through the system all while elevating the unit's on-time response rate another 10 percent. Additionally, Franchesca's attention to detail is second to none. She worked tirelessly to prepare the squadron for a Major Command inspector general IG inspection where she assessed six programs and 200 inspection items resulting in a flawless group-Staff assisted Visit. She is also an Airman Ambassador. She led a visit to Inter-American Air Forces Academy where she provided expert translations for 160 Airmen from 14 nations, strengthening bonds between U.S. and Latin America. Lastly, Edney is a community leader. During this period, she led 20 Airmen supporting the San Antonio Food Bank. The team sorted more than 13,000 pounds of food into 10,600 meals for under-resourced families across 15 counties in south Texas. Edney is the definition of an outstanding performer."

— **Master Sgt. Michael Horne**  
 26th Cyber Operations Group, First Sergeant

**Airman 1st Class Amanda Manteufel**  
**Unit:** 59th Medical Wing /Public Affairs  
**Duty title:** Medical broadcaster  
**Time in service:** 2 years  
**Hometown:** Neenah, Wis.



"Airman 1st Class Amanda Manteufel completed and produced a three-minute command-directed wing mission video, promoted to more than 6,000 Airmen across the wing. She also attended professional enhancement seminar where she learned valuable leadership skills. She executed documentation and creation of first-ever Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command mission video, capturing the essence of their command. She was selected to perform the National Anthem for the 59th Medical Wing Annual Awards luncheon and the Air Force Federal Credit Union annual board. She continues to broaden her skills in public affairs by learning and training on passport and studio photography. Manteufel has a take charge attitude and a studious demeanor. She is exactly what the Air Force needs."

— **Master Sgt. De'Lisa Harris**  
 59th MDW, First Sergeant

**Airman 1st Class Eva Macaluso**  
**Unit:** 59th Medical Operations Squadron  
**Duty title:** Family health technician  
**Time in service:** 1 year 6 months  
**Hometown:** Westchester, N.Y.



"Airman 1st Class Eva Macaluso truly embraced and is committed to the 59th Medical Wing vision of "Exemplary Care, Global Response." She serves the largest family health clinic with 38,000 beneficiaries. Patient Centered Medical Home is not a concept for Macaluso, it is undeniably noted in her day-to-day operations in the clinic as she puts the patient first. She educated and provided literature for more than 1,000 patients on smoking cessation and alcohol dependency which led to her endorsing the Air Force Surgeon General healthy lifestyle initiative. Macaluso's attention to detail is impeccable, she audited and reviewed 98 Physical Health Assessment Records and corrected 27 deficiencies. She teamed with two provider teams and generated more than 200 telephone consults and met wing requirement of 72-hour patient contact averting open appointment usage and reaped 98 percent patient appointment access. Macaluso is not only committed to her job she is always committed to the community. She volunteered for the 3rd Annual HEB Alamo Run Fest and provided medical coverage for 3,000 runners. Macaluso's actions, work ethic, professionalism is one for her peers to emulate. She exemplifies the Airman's Creed and has proven that "she will not fail," and for this reason Macaluso is Diamond Sharp."

— **Master Sgt. Marco Cerros**  
 59th MOG, First Sergeant

**Airman 1st Class George Silva**  
**Unit:** 59th Radiology Squadron  
**Duty title:** Diagnostic Imaging Apprentice  
**Time in service:** 1 year, 6 months  
**Hometown:** San Angelo, Texas



"Airman 1st Class George Silva recently received kudos from the 59th Medical Wing commander for briefing the Lean Daily Management program to a group of distinguished visitors. He consistently goes above and beyond on any program or task he is assigned. As one of the newest diagnostic imaging team members, he has stood out for imaging the most patients in one month leading to a Radiology Tech of the Month award for February. Silva not only produces the most images but also makes sure his wingmen have coverage during any unforeseen shortages. Finally, Silva spent more than 15 hours volunteering for the Alamo Run Fest. He assembled 3,000 registration packets, directed traffic, and kept more than 900 runners safe while on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Silva deserves to be recognized for his outstanding military professionalism on and off duty."

— **Master Sgt. Marco Cerros**  
 59th Medical Operations Group, First Sergeant

**Tech. Sergeant Lynette Hurst**  
**Unit:** 35th Intelligence Squadron  
**Duty title:** Senior software testing and evaluation engineer  
**Time in service:** 12 years, 6 months  
**Hometown:** Whitehouse, Ohio



"Tech. Sgt. Lynette Hurst ran a multi-unit software testing and evaluations division where she shined as the lead trainer for three new personnel. Her expertise availed expedited mission readiness for the entire team during a complete manning changeover. In addition, her tireless efforts as section training manager drove a complete overhaul of her flight's on-the-job training program and a rewrite of the career field education and training plan, bringing the commander's program to high inspection readiness levels. As a result, her initiative led to the adoption of her strategies throughout other flights within the unit. Hurst also seized responsibility for the unit's sponsorship program for more than 80 off-site team members, ensuring aggressive sponsorship of more than 20 inbound personnel. Additionally, Hurst developed briefings and mentored her flight's enlisted corps concerning educational options and benefits, advising them of the best routes to accomplish their academic goals. She has been pivotal to the success of the squadron's national operations capability and consistently displays true Air Force core values throughout the performance of her duties. The efforts of this hard-charging NCO show true excellence in the "Profession of Arms."

— **Master Sgt. Timothy Petch**  
 35th IS, First Sergeant

**Staff Sergeant Michael Walsh**  
**Unit:** 319th Training Squadron  
**Duty title:** Military training instructor  
**Time in service:** 9 years 6 months  
**Hometown:** Newton, N.J.



"Staff Sgt. Michael Walsh is a military training instructor assigned to the 319th Training Squadron's Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training site. As a cadre member, he is responsible for providing trainees with simulated deployment scenario operations to include base defense, combatives training, post-attack response and chemical attack exercises. Walsh was one of only five cadre members recently certified by security forces as an Air Force combatives training instructor. He was hand selected to conduct multiple site tours for distinguished visitors to include the Executive Officer of Naval Recruit Training, in which he was recognized for outstanding performance. Walsh is a performer on and off duty. While balancing his family life and busy work schedule, he still finds time to volunteer. Most recently, he served as a general officer usher at the Band of the West's performance during Fiesta events in San Antonio. Walsh continues to separate himself as a leader in the Basic Military Training community and is a true asset to the 319th TRS; he is undoubtedly worthy of this Diamond Sharp Award."

— **Master Sergeant Nathan Pigza**  
 319th TRS, First Sergeant

**Tech. Sergeant Robert Hemingway**  
**Unit:** 433rd Training Squadron  
**Duty title:** Military training instructor  
**Time in service:** 8 years, 11 months  
**Hometown:** Grenada, Miss.



"Tech. Sgt. Robert Hemingway was recently selected as an interim supervisor, assisting with the daily operations and managing of more than 10 instructors. He is embracing the new leadership roles and taking unparalleled initiative by tackling time consuming administrative tasks and updating more than 20 training records. He also attended a three-day Military Training Instructor Trainer Course, ultimately expanding on his instructor abilities and gaining leadership skill sets. Lastly, he was selected to support the Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., where he will utilize his MTI skills and experiences to develop future Air Force leaders."

— **Master Sgt. Amy Kanani**  
 433rd TRS, First Sergeant



One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. It takes five minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.



# New program prepares Airmen, families to bounce back after deployments

By Master Sgt. Christian Michael  
Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Public Affairs

Air Force services recently added a new tool to encourage service members and their families who are affected by deployments to participate in morale, welfare, and recreation programs and activities. The "Recharge for Resiliency" initiative was designed to help Airmen readjust to life at home and also include families in their reintegration.

"Not only does R4R create new opportunities for Airmen to spend time with families in a decompressed environment, it also exposes them to numerous programs already available to them through the morale, welfare and recreation programs at Air Force installations," said Linda Weston, special programs manager at Air Force Services Activity.

At Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Youth Programs and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston mobilization and deployment, R4R recently funded a campout with multiple military families, which offered families the chance to experience recreational camping in a group environment.

"Military families are looking to do things together as a family," said Jared Moore, teen director at JBSA-Lackland

youth programs. "Camping is one of those activities that some families are not willing to do alone, so we provided an inexpensive family recreational environment that people are willing to participate in because other military families will be present."

With lots of positive feedback from campout participants, Moore said that the R4R program was great for military families and had a lot of potential if given the chance to grow, especially with R4R's versatility and ability to connect people to a real decompression outlet.

"The advantage that the R4R program provides is it creates a nonthreatening environment where people can recharge themselves," Moore said. "I can only hope that people take advantage of the opportunities that are to come."

Still other units are using R4R for AFSVA's Golf Player Development program. Hurlburt Field, Florida; Dover Air Force Base, Del.; Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; Aviano Air Base, Italy; and Osan AB, South Korea, are just some of the bases scheduled to host this exciting new program.

The Golf Player Development program consists of four, 1.5-hour clinics conducted with the assistance of former Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour profes-

sionals, who play alongside participants.

Because R4R uses existing programs, AFSVA is able to focus on making programs highly customizable to each location based on local resources, facilities and demographics. Also, to reduce impact on current programs and workload, the initiative can be implemented as best suits each unit, ranging from ready-to-launch program schedules to custom events created on-site.

"Services programs are critical parts of the Air Force readiness and retention equation," Weston said. "These programs contribute to readiness and productivity by promoting fitness, esprit de corps and quality of life. To support Airmen and the mission requires organizing, training and equipping properly to ensure success."

The \$1.5 million initiative is voluntary for units. Currently, 38 Air Force installations participate in R4R, and any remaining units interested in participating must execute funds allotted for their populations by Sept. 30. Air Force Reserve Command doesn't offer R4R, as it already operates the Yellow Ribbon Program for Reservists en route to and from deployment.

For additional information on available R4R programs, contact the local base force support squadron by calling 671-3907.

## Inter-American SOS candidate applications due in July

By Shelly Petruska  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Active duty line Air Force captains proficient in Spanish may be eligible to attend the Inter-American Squadron Officer School at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

"The ISOS program is designed to develop dynamic Airmen ready to lead in an expeditionary war-fighting environment," said 1st Lt. Kyle Seifert, Air Force Personnel Center force development support chief. "Students practice leadership and managerial skills, using lessons on leadership, military ethics, Air Force core values and human rights."

Commander-endorsed applications are

due July 23.

"The course requires specific language proficiency levels and fitness standards, so interested captains should begin preparing now to make sure they have time to complete all the required documents and coordinate the application for their senior raters' endorsements," Seifert said.

ISOS is equivalent to the SOS in-residence course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., but additional objectives include developing inter-American awareness and a cadre of potential Latin American regional affairs specialists, Seifert explained.

Program graduates will earn primary developmental education credit through Air University.

Fiscal year 2016 class dates will be Oct. 8-Dec. 10; Feb. 12-April 13,

2016 and June 3-Aug. 3, 2016.

Complete eligibility requirements and application instructions are available on <http://mypers.af.mil>.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs visit <http://mypers.af.mil>. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following these instructions on <http://www.retirees.af.mil>.

### Straight Talk Line

For current, automated information during a natural disaster, crisis or emergency, call your local Straight Talk line.

- JBSA-Fort Sam Houston: 466-4630
- JBSA-Lackland: 671-6397 • JBSA-Randolph: 652-7469



Photos by Master Sgt. Luke P. Thelen

Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander speaks in a courtyard while surrounded by the men and women of the 67th Cyberspace Wing during his visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, June 2. Hyten took the time to answer questions from several personnel, to share his priorities and vision and to personally recognize multiple cyber professionals for being outstanding performers.



Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander presents a commander's coin to Staff Sgt. Jacob W. Stowe, a Cyber Operations Analyst assigned to the 68th Network Warfare Squadron during his visit to JBSA-Lackland June 2. Stowe was one of several cyber warriors within 24th Air Force who were recognized by Hyten for standing out as top performers.



Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander receives a simulated intelligence report from Capt. William Garvey, an intelligence analyst assigned to the 318th Operations Support Squadron, while participating in a simulated cyber mission during his visit to JBSA-Lackland June 2. During the simulation, Hyten was given a scenario-based, hands-on experience which demonstrated an example of the continuation training provided to Air Force cyber operators assigned to Cyber Protection Teams.

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mand at JBSA-Lackland. He discussed the importance of the cyber mission and how it directly relates to the combat effects for Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

During the All-Call, Hyten continued to recognize the accomplishments of 24th Air Force Airmen when he presented Maj. Katherine V. Jones, director of operations at the 91st Network Warfare Squadron, with the Air Force Outstanding Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Field Grade Officer of the Year award.

"I was very honored to be recognized by Gen. Hyten and was most proud that I provided a catalyst to describe the great work done by members of the 91st Network Warfare Squadron" Jones said. "I am humbled to work with my fellow Demon Chasers every day. It was a proud moment to share this recognition with the whole team."

Hyten's focus wasn't only on mission, but also taking care of Airmen and their families. He gave a moving example of an unnamed senior master sergeant who provided support to a commander, ultimately saving the commander's marriage. In addition, he spoke to the importance of being in tune with fellow Airmen and co-workers in the constant pursuit of suicide prevention.

"Our 24th Air Force team was extremely proud to have Gen. Hyten visit and spend the time to share his priorities and vision in person," said Maj. Gen. B. Edwin Wilson, 24th Air Force commander. "It was a tremendous opportunity for the entire team to gain insights not only on the importance of our cyber mission to the Department of Defense and our nation, but the need to be a good Wingman, in every sense of the word, to our fellow Airmen."



Col. Bradley L. Pyburn, 624th Operations Center commander briefs Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander during his visit to JBSA-Lackland June 3. Hyten was given the opportunity to observe the real-world operations conducted by the units within the 24th Air Force and to personally recognize several cyber warriors as outstanding performers.



Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander pauses for a photo with Maj. Katherine V. Jones, Director of Operations at the 91st Network Warfare Squadron and Maj. Gen. B. Edwin Wilson, 24th Air Force commander during his visit to JBSA-Lackland June 3. Hyten presented Jones with the Air Force Outstanding Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Field Grade Officer of the Year award.



Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander and Chief Master Sgt. Douglas L. McIntyre, Air Force Space Command chief speak to the men and women of 24th Air Force during an All-Call at the Pfingston Reception Center located on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, June 3. Hyten and McIntyre concluded their multi-day by sharing their insights on the importance of the Air Force's cyber mission as well as the importance of being a good Wingman to fellow Airmen.



Gen. John E. Hyten, Air Force Space Command commander accepts a "Ranger's" badge; 24th Air Force's mascot from Maj. Gen. B. Edwin Wilson, 24th Air Force commander during his visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, June 3. Wilson presented Hyten the badge as a token of appreciation for sharing his time and insights with the men and women of 24th Air Force.

## BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the following 68 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 683 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated June 5:

### 320th Training Squadron

–Flight 295

Daniel Dobson  
Tranquan Flood  
Mathew Hartge  
Dakota Holguin  
Enrique Padilla

–Flight 296

Aaron Albright  
Christopher Attaway  
Asa Bergamaschi  
Darrin Cole  
Alex Cyriac  
Paul Ferguson  
Brandon Foster  
Timothy Kaemmerer  
Michael Miller  
Ryan Riley

–Flight 307

Dustin Hart  
Benjamin Jenkins  
Kenneth Mcguire  
Kyle Titus

–Flight 308

Caitlin Oleksa  
Jayci Pettit  
Amanda White

### 321st Training Squadron

–Flight 297

Angel Lopez  
Brandon Martin

–Flight 298

Keifer Bowes  
Noah Meyers  
Brandon Middleton

–Flight 305

Brandon Samoluk  
Daniel Wilson

–Flight 306

Destiny Guzman

Camilla Hoffman  
Emily Karns

### 322nd Training Squadron

–Flight 303

John Dixon III  
Gunnawa Kelly  
Lance Severo  
Eric Kotlyar  
Joseph Lepera  
Josiah Massari  
Jacob Rowley  
Lukasz Skawinski  
Daniel Snider  
Michael Warrington

–Flight 304

Ryan Blanchard  
James Defranzo  
Tyler Herzog  
Joseph Martin  
Adrian Rodriguez

### 323rd Training Squadron

–Flight 301

Ryan Eckler  
Michael Neil  
Jacob Skovo-Lane  
Tylen Wells  
Griffin Wright

### 331st Training Squadron

–Flight 299

Morgan Bieganowski  
Nicholas Christopher  
Daniel Fleek  
Tanner Hostetler  
Ryan Keene  
Timothy Miller Jr  
Peter Stancato  
Micah Templin

–Flight 300

Cityyah Burton  
Moriah Clement  
Jasmin Gallegos  
Amanda Gleason  
Crystal Housman  
Rachel Reagan  
Samantha Roossien  
Cora Ruth  
Elizabeth Sargent

### Top BMT Airman

Michael Miller  
320 TRS, FLT 296

### Most Physically Fit

–Female Airmen

Amanda White  
320th TRS, Flight 308  
Stephanie Clark  
320th TRS, Flight 308  
Cora Ruth  
331st TRS, Flight 300  
Cheyenne Mix  
320th TRS, Flight 308

–Male Airmen

Cameron Courtney  
321st TRS, Flight 297  
Jorge Ortiz  
320th TRS, Flight 295  
Stephen Kimachia  
320th TRS, Flight 296  
Cameron Carter  
322nd TRS, Flight 304

–Female Flights

331st TRS, Flight 300  
320th TRS, Flight 308  
321st TRS, Flight 306

–Male Flights

320th TRS, Flight 296  
323rd TRS, Flight 302  
331st TRS, Flight 299  
323rd TRS, Flight 301  
320th TRS, Flight 295  
320th TRS, Flight 307  
321st TRS, Flight 298  
321st TRS, Flight 297  
322nd TRS, Flight 303  
322nd TRS, Flight 304  
321st TRS, Flight 305

### Top Academic Flights

320th TRS, Flight 295  
320th TRS, Flight 296  
323rd TRS, Flight 302  
331st TRS, Flight 299  
323rd TRS, Flight 301  
322nd TRS, Flight 304  
331st TRS, Flight 300  
321st TRS, Flight 298  
321st TRS, Flight 306  
322nd TRS, Flight 303  
321st TRS, Flight 297  
320th TRS, Flight 307  
321st TRS, Flight 305  
320th TRS, Flight 308

## DLI WELCOMES COMMANDANT



Photo by Benjamin Faske

Brig. Gen. Trent H. Edwards (left), 37th Training Wing commander, passes the guidon on to Col. Jeffery T. Cooper as the Defense Language Institute English Language Center's 28th commandant at the 637th Training Group May 28.

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#### CHIEF EPRS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ON NEW FORM

Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard chief master sergeant enlisted performance reports, which close out annually on May 31, are accomplished on the new Air Force Form 912, Enlisted Performance Report.

Development of a separate evaluation form for chief master sergeants is part of ongoing Air Force Enlisted Evaluation System and promotion process changes underway since last July.

The AF Form 912, tested during the 2014 Regular Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant Screening Board, enables senior raters to capture a chief's overall performance and provides an opportunity for senior raters to recommend the chief for future roles, such as career field manager, major command functional manager and command chief duty.

Unlike other evaluation forms, the chief EPR has four lines for rater comments and one line for the senior rater's assessment.

RegAF senior master sergeants selected for promotion to chief master sergeant will also be rated using the AF Form 912. For example, the senior master sergeant EPR static closeout date is July 31. However, a senior master sergeant selected for promotion to chief master sergeant will receive an EPR on the annual May 31 chief master sergeant static closeout date.

Additional instruction and guidance on the new form is available in Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems, Interim Change 1 on the ePublishing website.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

### FRIDAY

#### L.E.A.D. COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy Leaders of Enlisted Airman Development Council is offering a \$250 scholarship to the qualifying Airman who writes the best essay. Applicants must be enlisted members or a family member of an enlisted member of Joint Base San Antonio seeking degrees from higher learning institutions. Essays can be submitted through June 12. The scholarship will be awarded near the end of June. For additional information, call 671-3766.

### SATURDAY

#### \$5 BAG SALE

The Lackland Thrift Shop will hold a \$5 bag sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Store hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, call 671-3608.

### WEDNESDAY

#### BUNDLES FOR BABIES

Bundles for Babies will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Military and

Family Readiness Center. The program includes valuable information for active duty expecting parents and expecting spouses of active duty members. The class offers a finance piece that focuses on budgeting for the new baby from conception to college years and a chance to find out what support programs are available on base and in the community. Participants will also receive free gifts courtesy of the Air Force Aid Society. Members must sign up to attend. Call 671-3722.

### JUNE 21

#### FREE SCREENING OF THE MOVIE MAX

The Lackland Gateway Theater will be providing a free screening of the movie max. Arrive no later than 1:45 p.m. for a question and answer session with actors Thomas Hayden Church and Nancy J.

### JUNE 25

#### EFMP-THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT WORKSHOP & SUPPORT GROUP

Members of the Exceptional Family Member Program and others are invited to an EFMP workshop and support group from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland CAMP facility in building

3850. Technology is an excellent tool to help differentiate instruction and improve communication.

Explore accessibility features and apps for mobile devices. Learn new ideas, tips, and tricks for using technology effectively with children. An EFMP support group session will follow the workshop. Call 671-7322 to sign up.

### INFORMATIONAL

#### CAR SEAT CLINIC

Family Advocacy is partnering with SafeKids USA to provide a child safety seat clinic at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Fire Station, located at 1910 Kenly Ave., building 2325, June 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Safety seat check ups, installation education, and recall checks are included.

Only military ID cardholders are eligible and child must be a dependent. New car seats are provided only if current seat is outdated or on the recall list.

Children must be present and under 4 feet 9 inches or 100 pounds. Only one seat will be replaced per child. Registration is required; no walk-ins.

Provide the following information: child's name and age, weight and height, number of children and make and model of vehicle. To register, call 292-5967.

### JBSA FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM CARE LINE

Assistance is available to those in need of services related to the prevention of family maltreatment in the community.

To report incidents of spouse or child abuse and to coordinate an emergency response for victims of domestic violence, call 292-5967. This line is monitored 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

### DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Crisis intervention and support services to domestic abuse victims, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you or someone you know has experienced domestic violence, help and support is available at 367-1213.

### DINING FACILITIES PRICE CHANGE

The below rates apply to dining facilities not using the a la carte pricing system: Slagel, Rocco, B5107, B5105, Medical Readiness DFAC and all BMT facilities.

Breakfast – \$3.45  
Lunch – \$5.55  
Dinner – \$4.85

In addition, Meals-Ready-to-Eat and flight meals are priced at \$5.55 each. For details on dining facilities to include hours, contact information and address, visit <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/library/diningfacilities.asp>.

### CAR CARE AVAILABLE FOR SPOUSES

The JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center gives spouses of deployed members free vouchers for a free basic oil change and vehicle safety inspection at the Auto Hobby Shop. Call 671-3549 for additional information.

### SHAPE UP WITH FREE WORKOUT CLASSES

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center offers high-energy cardio programs. Total body toning classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Stand-up fighter workout Tuesday and Thursday offers a combination of mixed martial arts, basic boxing, Muay Thai and ground defense boxing techniques focusing on cardiovascular aerobics and stress relief. These classes are free. Call 977-2353 or 977-2354

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### —PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Freedom Chapel – Building 1528

Contemporary Service Sun. 9:30 a.m.  
Religious Education Sun. 11:00 a.m.  
Gospel Service Sun. 12:30 p.m.  
Spanish Service Sun. 3:00 p.m.

#### LITURGICAL SERVICE

#### Airman Memorial Chapel – Building 5432

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 7:30 a.m. (Rm. 175)

#### SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTIST

#### Gateway Chapel – Building 6300

Sat. 12:30 p.m.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

#### New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 7:30 a.m. (Rm. 112)

### —ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel – Building 5432

Sun. 9:30 a.m.

### —WICCA

#### New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 9:00 – 11:00 (Auditorium)

#### Freedom Chapel – Building 1528

Wicca Open Circle 1st Tues. 6 – 7 p.m.

### —REFUGEE STUDENT CENTER

#### Building 9122 (Tech Training & TDY Students)

Wednesday 6 – 8 p.m.

Thursday 6 – 8 p.m.

Friday 6 – 11 p.m.

Saturday 12 – 9 p.m.

Sunday 11 – 5 p.m.

### —JEWISH

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel – Building 5432

Sabbath & Kiddush Fri. 4:30 p.m.

Religious Education Sun. 1:30 p.m.

### —ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### Freedom Chapel – Building 1528

Religious Education Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Mass Sat. 5:00 p.m. Sun. 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation Sat. 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Daily Mass Mon., Tues. & Thur. 11:30 a.m.

Note: Reconciliation(s) may be scheduled by appointment

### —ISLAMIC

#### Global Ministry Center – Building 7452

Jumu'ah Prayer Fri. 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### —BUDDHIST

#### New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 10 a.m. (Rm. 175)

### —ECKANKAR

#### Gateway Chapel – Building 6300

1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays 12:30 p.m.

### —BAHA'I

#### Gateway Chapel – Building 6300

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sun. 11:00 a.m.

### —THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF

#### LATTER-DAY SAINTS

#### Gateway Chapel – Building 6300

Religious Education Tues. 6:30 p.m.

LDS Institute Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

LDS Service Sun. 1:00 p.m.

## JBSA-LACKLAND

### KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Air Force Aid Society	671-3722
Airman & Family Readiness Center	671-3722
Airman's Attic	671-1780
American Red Cross	844-4225
Base Post Office	671-1058
Bowling Center	671-2271
DEERS	800-538-9552
Exceptional Family Member Program	671-3722
Family Child Care	671-3376
Legal Office	671-3362
Library	671-3610
Medical Appointment Line	916-9900
MPF ID Cards	671-6006
Outdoor Recreation	925-5532
TRICARE Info	800-444-5445
Thrift Shop	671-3608

Enlisted Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandesc.org">http://www.lacklandesc.org</a>
Force Support Squadron	<a href="http://www.lacklandfss.com">http://www.lacklandfss.com</a>
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# DOD's Pride Month celebration highlights LGBT leadership

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President Barack Obama declared June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, and the Department of Defense is highlighting the importance of leadership as it celebrates the achievements and sacrifices of LGB service members and LGBT civilians.

During an interview with DOD News June 1, Air Force General Counsel Gordon O. Tanner discussed DOD's LGBT Pride Month, the importance of recognizing diversity within the department and encouraging LGB service members and LGBT civilians to visibly serve.

"LGBT Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of LGBT members of the defense family," said Tanner, who served on active duty in the Air Force Reserve as a member of the civil service and now as a Senate-confirmed political appointee.

"I've had the chance to see LGBT members, both civilian and military members, serve when there was a ban on openly gay service, then during the period of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' and now openly," he said.

"For me," Tanner said, "it's a time to remember the accomplishments, and the sacrifices and importance of the work that these members have provided to all of us and to the nation."

As he has done since the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", Tanner encouraged military leaders who are LGB to be "open and honest."

While he noted that he completely respects the right of an individual to be "where they are in their own personal lives and their own visibility," he added, "for me, however, I believe whether leaders like it or not, that they are role models or mentors, and they are the visible embodiment of the core values of the organization that they represent."

Tanner noted the Air Force's core values are "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in all We Do."

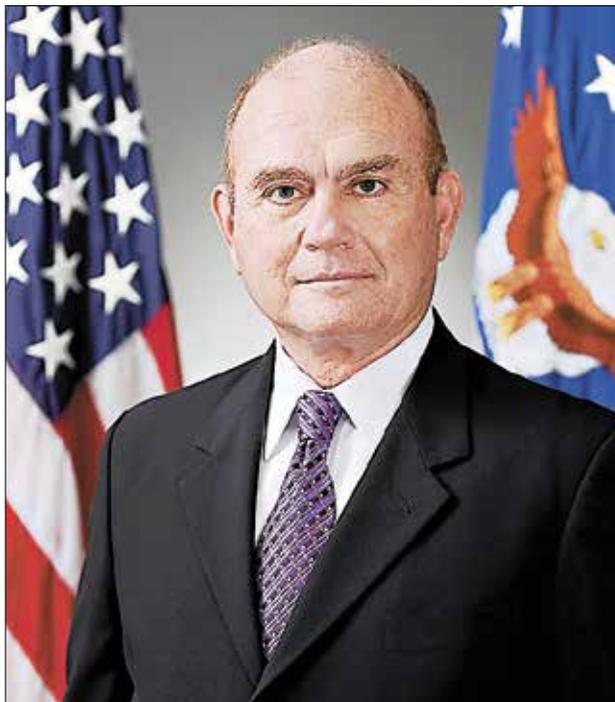
"So what does integrity first mean?" he asked. "Well, to me it means that we listen to our moral compass, that we live with courage, honesty, a sense of openness, justice and accountability."

In other words, Tanner said, integrity means do the right thing.

"And it's hard, I think, to be a person of integrity if you're not living ... openly and living [as] who you are," he said.

"I believe we still have challenges in visibility," Tanner said. "Many of our members, civilian and military – whether because of habit or because of family situations – are reluctant to be more visible. I think that visibility will be a challenge for us for some time."

"I also think that one of our challenges is outreach to local installations and communities," he continued. "While it may be easier if you live in a metropolitan area to be more open and visible,



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it's tough elsewhere."

Tanner, who is from a small southern city, said he has personally experienced some of the challenges with being open and more visible in smaller communities across the nation.

"I think that will remain a challenge," he said, "and for those of us who are leaders, it's important to ensure that we have created more accepting and welcoming climates at the local level, to the extent we can."

It's also important, he said, that organizations share with each other their lessons learned as they have navigated the process of building supportive, welcoming communities and networks.

"The military has done a really wonderful job in the transition," Tanner said, "and in the change management that has occurred during the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.'"

Tanner said that being part of the LGBT community has taught him, "First, that to make change you have to build a consensus. "You must ensure that everyone is on the same page and has a common level of understanding."

He added, "It's taught me the importance of teamwork. We often have to reach out to our straight allies who are not part of the LGBT community to elicit their support. There's a real commonality of interest in the overall civil rights movement in this country and the LGBT movement."

Tanner said he's also learned the importance

of communication, and ensuring everyone is on the same page to formulate and accomplish goals.

"Finally, I learned that you just don't give up," he said. "The tenacity that's required when you encounter challenges and obstacles along the way is critical. Never give up."

The Air Force has never had a "stronger advocate" for diversity and inclusion than Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, Tanner said.

"She lives and breathes diversity," he said. "She is particularly interested in diversity of thought, and that comes to the workplace when there are people of different backgrounds, experiences and cultures working together."

Tanner said James believes that diversity will make the Air Force a "richer and stronger" military more capable of achieving the nation's objectives and ensuring its defense.

"I think the most important [attribute] is to listen," Tanner said. "Here in the Department of Defense, we're surrounded by incredibly smart people – well-read, well-educated, well-traveled. It always seems to me that if I can wait and listen to the smart people around me before I stake out a position, I'm generally better served."

"Now that may mean asking them questions too so I really understand what they're saying," he continued. "But I think if we all listened to each other, particularly those with whom we may disagree – we would become better leaders and more clearly articulate the way ahead for the Department of Defense, particularly with the limited resources we have now."

Tanner also expressed concerns that LGB Reserve and National Guard members may face challenges in their civilian workplaces. Even though Guard members and reservists may be "open" in their military workplaces, most continue to hide who they are in their civilian workplace," he said.

"In fact, I've recently read that 38 percent feel compelled to lie about their personal lives," he said. There is no bright line between their civilian jobs and their military duties.

"As a result," Tanner added, "I can tell you that if you are working to conceal something about your personal life ... while you're performing Guard or Reserve duty, your mind is not on your mission."

He added, "There need to be legal employment protections in the civilian workplace that allows Guard and Reserve members to be more open so that they can focus on their missions."

Tanner said he plans to do two things in celebrating LGBT Pride Month – set new mentoring goals to mentor more rising young LGB leaders and visit the gravesite of former Air Force Tech. Sgt. Leonard Matlovich in the Congressional Cemetery on Capitol Hill.

"Matlovich was the first to fight the ban on gays serving in the military," Tanner explained. "His picture was on the cover of Time Magazine in

**UPCOMING**

**BRITISH SOCCER CAMP**

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Youth Center hosts British Soccer Camp from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 3-7 for children ages 3 to 16. The registration deadline is June 19 and event dates/times and payment can be completed at <http://challenger.mycustomerevent.com>. For information on events, call 671-2510.

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**SOFTBALL**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**NL WEST**

	W	L
1. 502nd OSS	4	1
2. 717th MI Bn	2	1
3. 624th OC	3	2
4. 502nd FSG	2	2
5. NTTC	2	2
6. 59th MLRS	0	4

**NL CENTRAL**

	W	L
1. 802nd SFS - Blue Team	2	0
2. 343rd TRS	4	1
3. 341st TRS	1	2
4. 502nd CONS	1	4
5. 37th TRSS	0	2

**NL EAST**

	W	L
1. AFLCMC	5	0
2. 453rd EWS	4	1
3. 149th FW	1	1
4. 502nd LRS	1	2
5. 688th CW	1	2
6. CGCU-TX	0	5

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**AL EAST**

	W	L
1. 737th TRG	4	0
2. 802nd SFS-White	7	0
3. NIOC	4	1
4. 369th RCG	2	2
5. 92nd IOS	1	3

**AL WEST**

	W	L
1. DISA	4	2
2. 35th IS	3	2
3. 33rd NWS	3	4
4. Lady Warhawks	2	5
5. IAFA	1	3
6. 433rd AMXS	0	6

**AL WEST**

	W	L
1. 543rd ISRG	4	0
2. 690th COG	4	1
3. 502nd CEF	2	2
4. 668th ALIS	2	5
5. 543rd SPTS	1	4
6. 559th MDG	1	5

# Pickleball debuts at JBSA-Lackland June 16

Story and photo by Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

A paddle sport, which has recently been growing in popularity, will be made available to the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland community starting June 16.

Pickleball, which is played on a 20x44 badminton court and a slightly modified tennis net using paddles and a plastic ball, will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Medina Fitness Center. The facility's basketball court will be divided into two pickleball courts.

The sport was invented in 1965 by Joel Pritchard, a former Washington state congressman and two friends, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum as an alternative summertime activity.

The number of places available to play the sport has nearly doubled since 2010, according to the USA Pickleball Association website, as there are now more than 2,000 facilities that will host pickleball matches.

Ralph Comer, a retired Navy captain, who still plays the sport at his home, spoke with JBSA-Lackland Intramural Sports Manager Brett Cannon about making the sport available indoors due to the searing temperatures San Antonio endures.

"Even though my comrades and I start playing at 7:30 a.m., we are melting by 9 a.m.," said Comer about the summer weather.

Comer recommends individuals play pickleball because it is good for their mobility and mental acumen, while Cannon added that patrons should experience the sport "and try something different."

"There is a rule I call the "Paralysis Rule," which is you have to allow the return of the service to go over the non-volley zone (area within seven feet of both sides of the court) before you hit it," explained the Navy veteran. "If you're back there by



Ralph Comer, retired Navy captain, demonstrates how to play pickleball June 4 at the Blue Skies of Texas West tennis courts. Pickleball will be available individuals of all ages Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Medina Fitness Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

the back line and the ball is coming, you know you could step forward and kill it, but you can't because you're paralyzed and have to wait for it to hit the ground over the line."

Comer said he is excited about individuals of all ages participating in pickleball, adding that is it is not a hard sport and you don't have to train for years to be able to play it.

"The game is addictive," he said. "I am excited to see it be a recreational sport for no other reason than it gives us an opportunity to play in some air conditioning and on a smooth surface. Once people get started, they'll be addicted, improved and good. Pickleball can be an Olympic sport some day. Stranger things have happened."

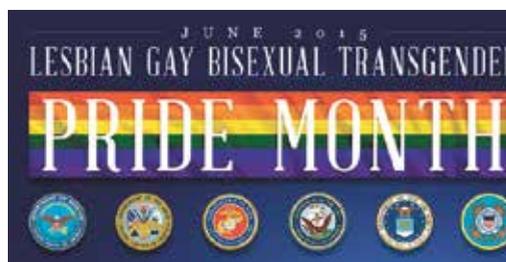
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1975; NBC made a movie about his life." Though Matlovich was discharged in 1975 because he was gay and received a general discharge, he continued to fight for equality in the services until he died in 1988, Tanner said.

"It's a reminder to me of those people who have gone before us, and on whose shoulders we stand," he said.

Tanner said he believes everyone has



a role to play in furthering LGBT rights and equality.

"The battle is still not won; it's ongoing," he said. "As the band Journey sang, 'Don't Stop Believin.' We've got a corps of very strong LGB members in the military and [LGBT] civilian employees ... who are supported well in our services by constructive environments here, and will continue to do extraordinary things for our nation."

Tanner added, "I believe it's amazing to think about what that group can do as we lead into this new century."