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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEFENSE SECRETARY

Hagel announces reduction in civilian furlough days

American Forces Press Service

Hundreds of thousands of Defense Department civilian employees who have had to take a weekly unpaid day off from work since July 8 are getting some relief, as the total number of furlough days has been reduced from 11 to six, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced today.

Here is the complete text of the secretary's announcement:

When I announced my decision on May 14 to impose furloughs of up to 11 days on civilian employees to help close the budget gap caused by sequestration, I also said we would do everything possible to find the money to reduce furlough days for our people. With the end of the fiscal year next month, managers across the DoD are making final decisions necessary to ensure we make the \$37 billion spending cuts mandated by sequestration, while also doing everything possible to limit damage to military readiness and our workforce. We are joined in this regard by managers in non-defense agencies who are also working to accommodate sequestration cuts while minimizing mission damage. As part of that effort at the Department of Defense, I am announcing today that, thanks to the DoD's efforts to identify savings and help from Congress, we will reduce the total numbers of furlough days for DoD civilian employees from 11 to six.

When sequestration took effect on March 1, DoD faced shortfalls of more than \$30 billion in its budget for day-to-day operating costs because of sequestration and problems with wartime funding. At that point we faced the very real possibility of unpaid furloughs for civilian employees of up to 22 days.

As early as January, DoD leaders began making painful and far reaching changes to close this shortfall: civilian hiring freezes, layoffs of temporary workers, significant cuts in facilities maintenance, and more. We also sharply

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cut training and maintenance. The Air Force stopped flying in many squadrons, the Navy kept ships in port, and the Army cancelled training events. These actions have seriously reduced military readiness.

By early May, even after taking these steps, we still faced day-to-day budgetary shortfalls of \$11 billion. At that point I decided that cutting any deeper into training and maintenance would jeopardize our core readiness mission and national security, which is why I announced furloughs of 11 days.

Hoping to be able to reduce furloughs, we submitted a large reprogramming proposal to Congress in May, asking them to let us move funds from acquisition accounts into day-to-day operating accounts. Congress approved most of this request in late July, and we are working with them to meet remaining needs. We are also experiencing less than expected costs in some areas, such as transportation of equipment out of Afghanistan. Where necessary, we have taken aggressive action to transfer funds among services and agencies. And the furloughs have saved us money.

As a result of these management initiatives, reduced costs, and reprogramming from Congress, we have determined that we can make some improvements in training and readiness and still meet the sequestration cuts. The Air Force has begun flying again in key squadrons, the Army has increased funding for organizational training at selected units, and the Navy has restarted some maintenance and ordered deployments that other-

wise would not have happened. While we are still depending on furlough savings, we will be able to make up our budgetary shortfall in this fiscal year with fewer furlough days than initially announced.

This has been one of the most volatile and uncertain budget cycles the Department of Defense has ever experienced. Our fiscal planning has been conducted under a cloud of uncertainty with the imposition of sequestration and changing rules as Congress made adjustments to our spending authorities.

As we look ahead to fiscal year 2014, less than two months away, the Department of Defense still faces major fiscal challenges. If Congress does not change the Budget Control Act, DoD will be forced to cut an additional \$52 billion in FY 2014, starting on October 1. This represents 40 percent more than this year's sequester-mandated cuts of \$37 billion. Facing this uncertainty, I cannot be sure what will happen next year, but I want to assure our civilian employees that we will do everything possible to avoid more furloughs.

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ON THE COVER

902nd Security Forces Squadron members participate in a “shoot, move and communicate” training drill July 24 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Camp Talon. During classroom lessons followed by practical application, defenders were able to increase their proficiency in battlefield conditions. *Photo by Rich McFadden*

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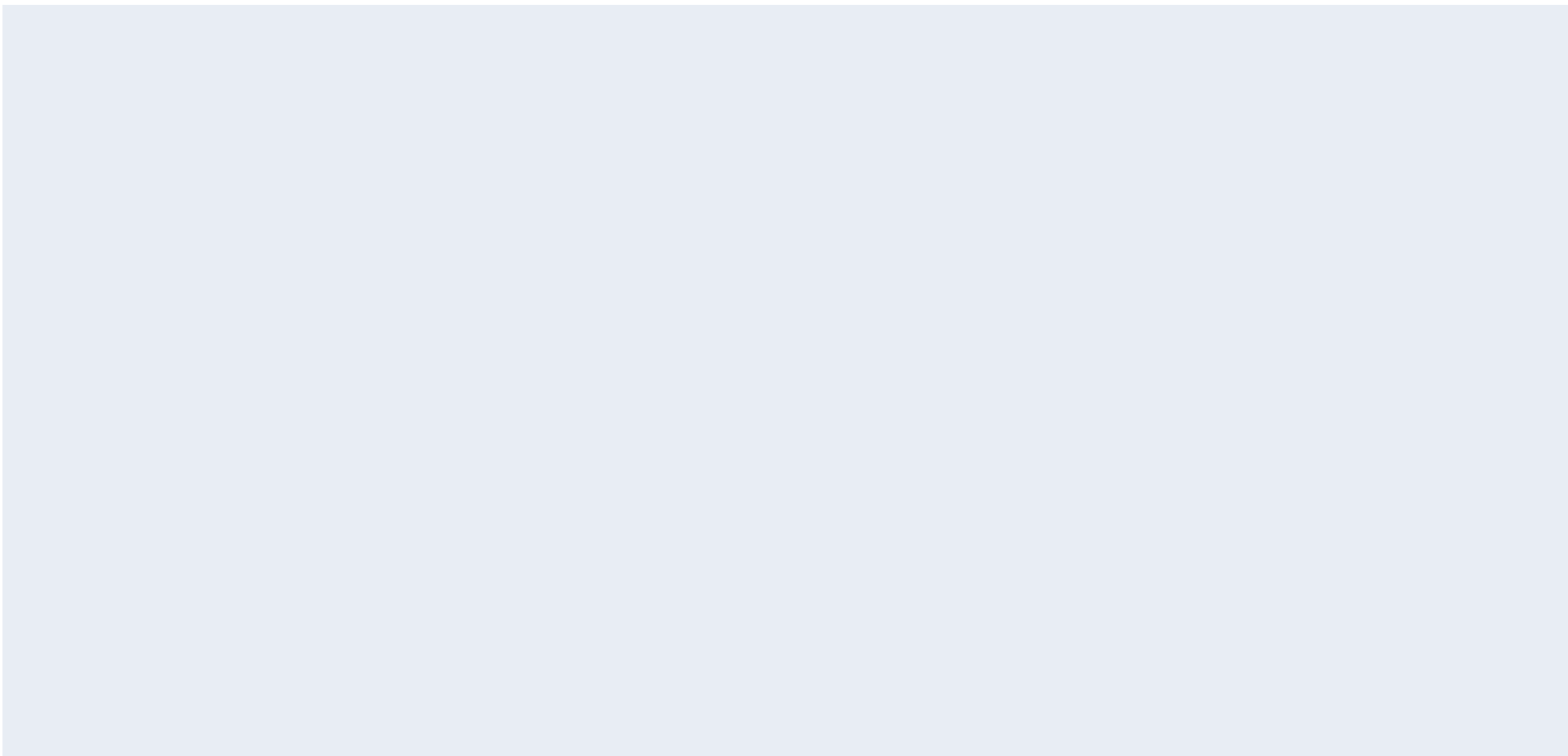
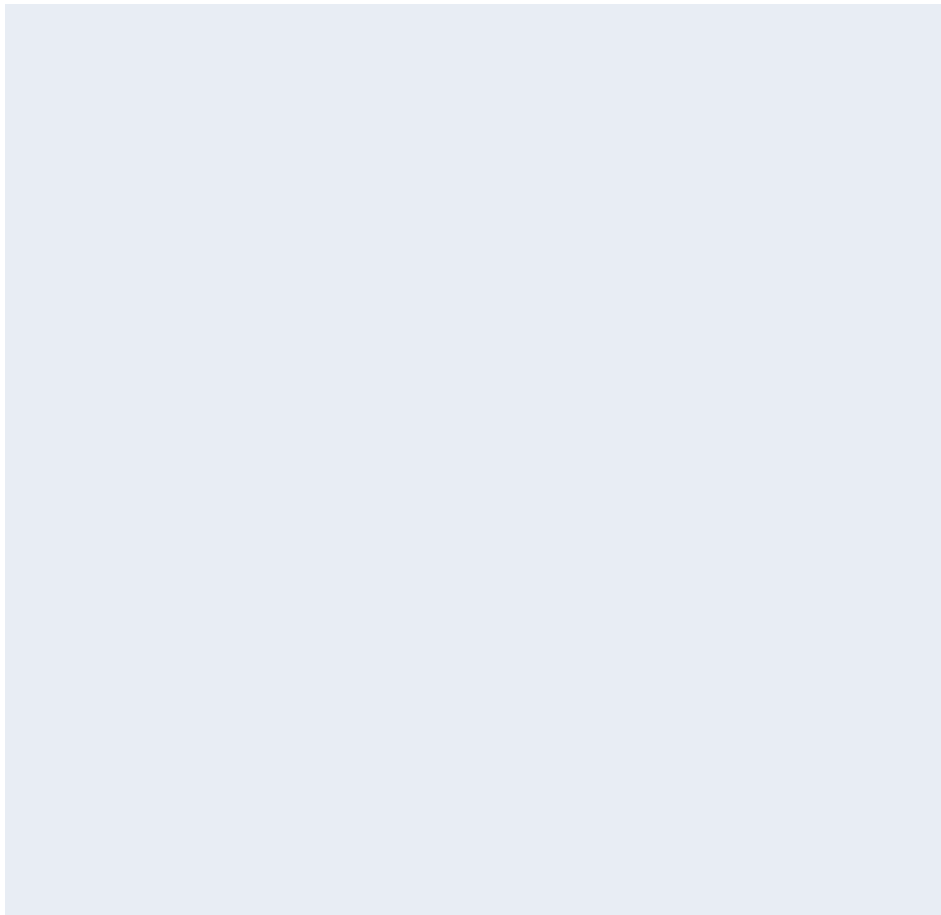
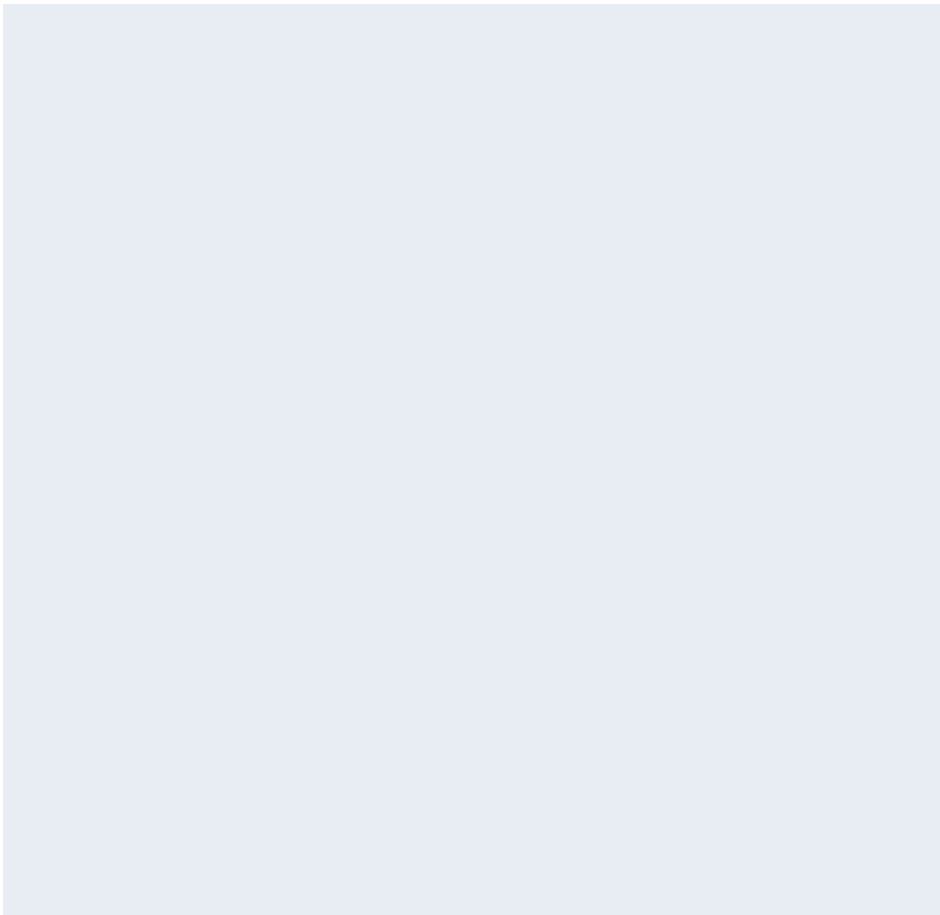
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NEWS

Obama nominates James to become Air Force Secretary



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President Barack Obama announced Aug. 1 that Deborah Lee James is his choice to become the next Secretary of the Air Force.

“Deborah’s strong record of public service and leadership in the private sector makes her uniquely qualified to be my nominee for Secretary of the Air Force,” Obama said in a White House news release issued yesterday. “I look forward to working with her to keep our Air Force the very best in the world and to keep faith with our extraordinary Air Force personnel and their families.”

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Lee will succeed previous Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, who’d served as Air Force’s top civilian for the past five years. Donley retired June 21 after 35 years of public service.

Eric Fanning, undersecretary of the Air Force, is serving as acting Air Force Secretary until Donley’s replacement is confirmed.

James is president of the technology and engineering sector at Science Applications International Corporation, a position she has held since 2013. From 2004 to 2013, she was the

senior vice president of the C4IT Business Unit and then the executive vice president of communications and government affairs at SAIC.

From 2000 to 2001, James was the executive vice president and chief operating officer at Business Executives for National Security. From 1998 to 2000, she was the vice president with the international operations and marketing division at United Technologies. From 1993 to 1998, James served as the assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs at the Department of Defense. She began her career in national security as a professional staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives on the House Armed Services Committee from 1983 to 1993.

James is currently a committee member of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, an Advisory Board Member of the Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Campaign, and an advisory board member of The Citadel School of Engineering. James received a B.A. from Duke University and an M.A. from Columbia University.

Courtesy photo
Deborah Lee James has been nominated by President Barack Obama to be the next Secretary of the Air Force. If confirmed by the United States Senate, James will succeed previous Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, who retired in June after 35 years in public service.

AETC vice commander retires after 33 years

By Dona Fair
Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

A desire to fly fueled a military career for Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens. Now the vice commander of Air Education and Training Command hung up his uniform Aug. 2 after more than 33 years of service.

Owens has proudly continued a family legacy that began during World War II by his father, Billy H. Owens, an Army noncommissioned officer, who also served in Korea and Vietnam.

His family was stationed at Fort Carson when the Air Force Academy came into being in the 1950s, which in turn helped inspire him to join the Air Force. The general is a 1975 graduate of Northwest High School and 1980 graduate of the USAF Academy. He is also a graduate of the National War College and holds two masters degrees.

After achieving his dream as a 1980 graduate of the academy, Owens looked forward to pilot training and career as

an Air Force officer.

“I can honestly say that I have enjoyed all of my more than 33 years in the Air Force,” the Clarksville, Tenn., native said. “Along with my wife, Teresa, whom I married a week after graduating from the academy, we have had the great opportunity of serving all around the world and we enjoyed it all.”

Owens is a command pilot with more than 3,100 flying hours. He flew combat missions in the first A-10 squadron deployed to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels, and has served in many senior leadership positions. His tours of duty included five assignments in the Pacific theater where he also served as vice commander of Pacific Air Forces.

During his career, the general said he has been fortunate to work with some great Airmen, both active duty and civilian, and has had the privilege of serving under remarkable leaders.

Those leaders helped prepare him for his greatest challenge as the 36th



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Air Force Academy Cadet Douglas H. Owens in 1980.

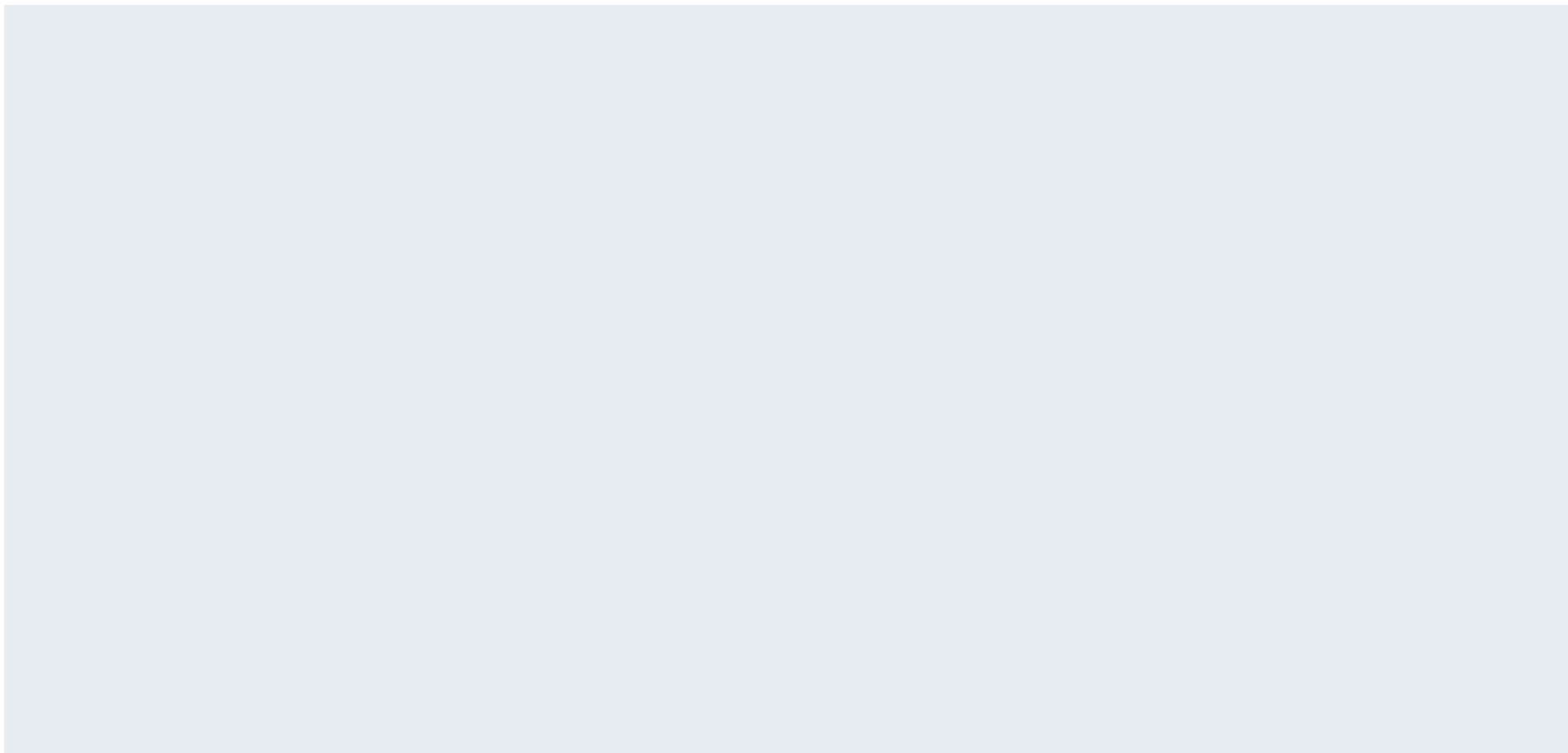
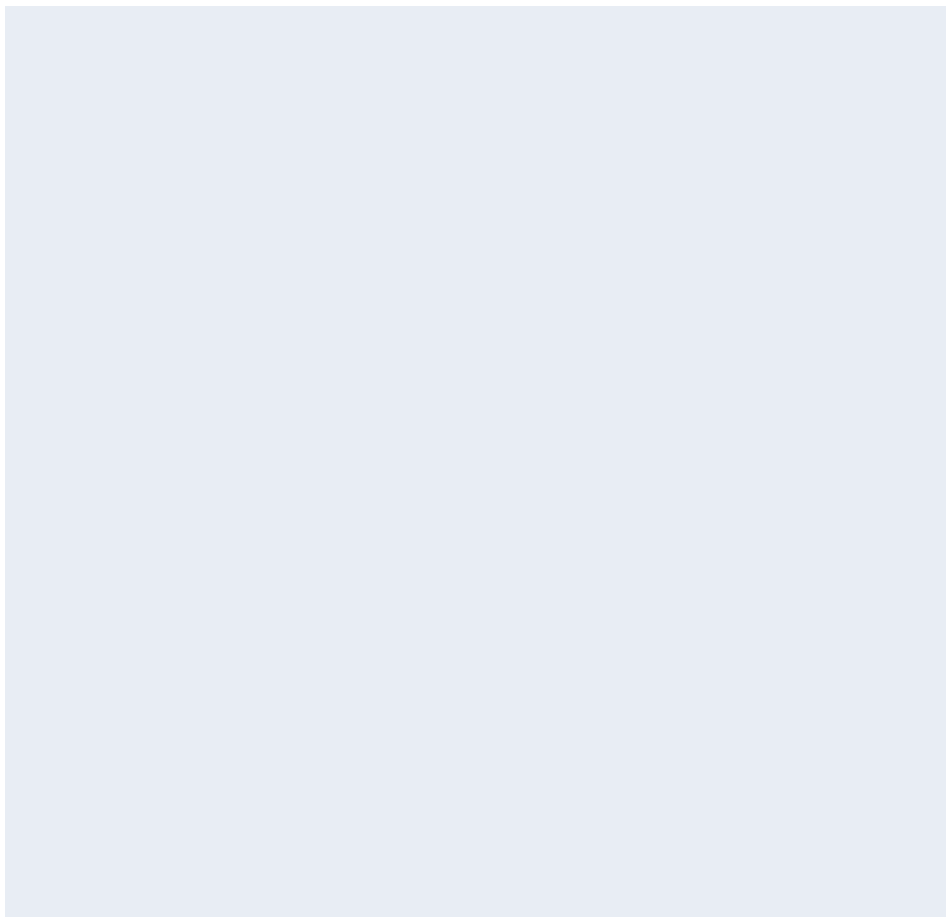
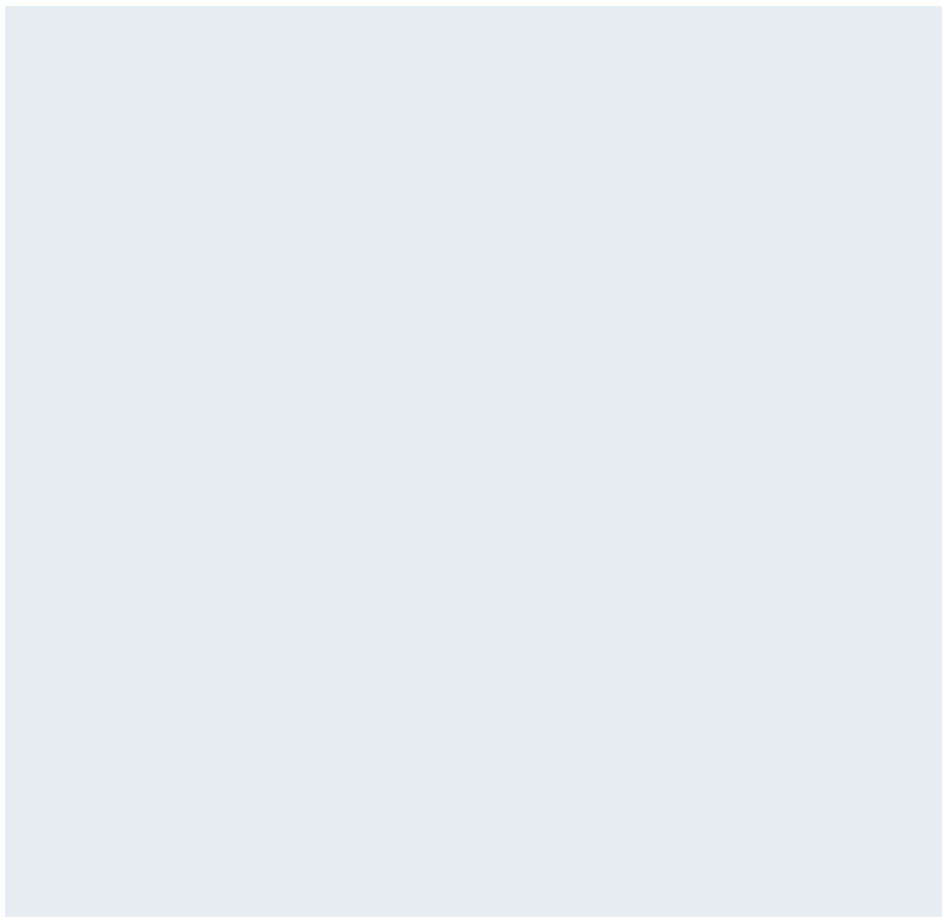
Wing Commander, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. There, Owens was faced with several tests and challenges, but he said his wing was able to rise to



Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens in 2013 as Air Education and Training Command vice commander.

the occasion in every instance and accomplish great things.

“Through all those things, my wing
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JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

If you would like to report a sexual assault, call the 24/7 JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention and Response hotline at 808-7272 or the Department of Defense Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247. You don't have to be alone.

JBSA-Randolph Chapel Regular Schedule

• CATHOLIC

Wednesday and Friday

11:30 a.m. - Chapel 1

Saturday

5:30 p.m. - Chapel 1

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Bldg. 975

11:30 a.m. - Chapel 1

Confession

Saturday

4:30-5 p.m. - Chapel 1



• PROTESTANT

Traditional

Sunday Service

8:15 a.m. - Chapel 1

Contemporary

Sunday Service

11 a.m. - Bldg. 975

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

Air Force Ball

The 2013 San Antonio Air Force Ball takes place Sept. 20 at the Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St. in San Antonio. The social starts at 6 p.m. and the main event starts at 7 p.m. Military attire is mess dress or semi-formal and civilian attire is formal/black tie.

The longest-serving Airman in Air Force history and the longest-serving African American in the history of the United States Department of Defense, retired Maj. Gen. Alfred K. Flowers, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are available at the following locations:

- JBSA-Fort Sam Houston – Senior Master Sgt. Vickie Perry, at 466-2583; or Master Sgt. Lacittra Barnett, at 808-2659
- JBSA-Lackland – Tech. Sgt. Araceli Alarcon, at 473-3560; Master Sgt. Fordham Terrill, at 977-5893; or Master Sgt. Anthony Foremski, a 969-5416
- JBSA-Randolph – Tech. Sgt. Brian Jenkins, at 652-3365; Staff Sgt. Jamario Liggins, at 665-9217, Senior Master Sgt. Shannon Burrier-Morris, at 665-4861; or 2nd Lt. Adam Staricha, at 665-9251

Youth end-of-summer bash

Randolph Youth Programs offers children a summer farewell with fun-filled games and activities 2-5 p.m. Aug. 22.

Finance hour change

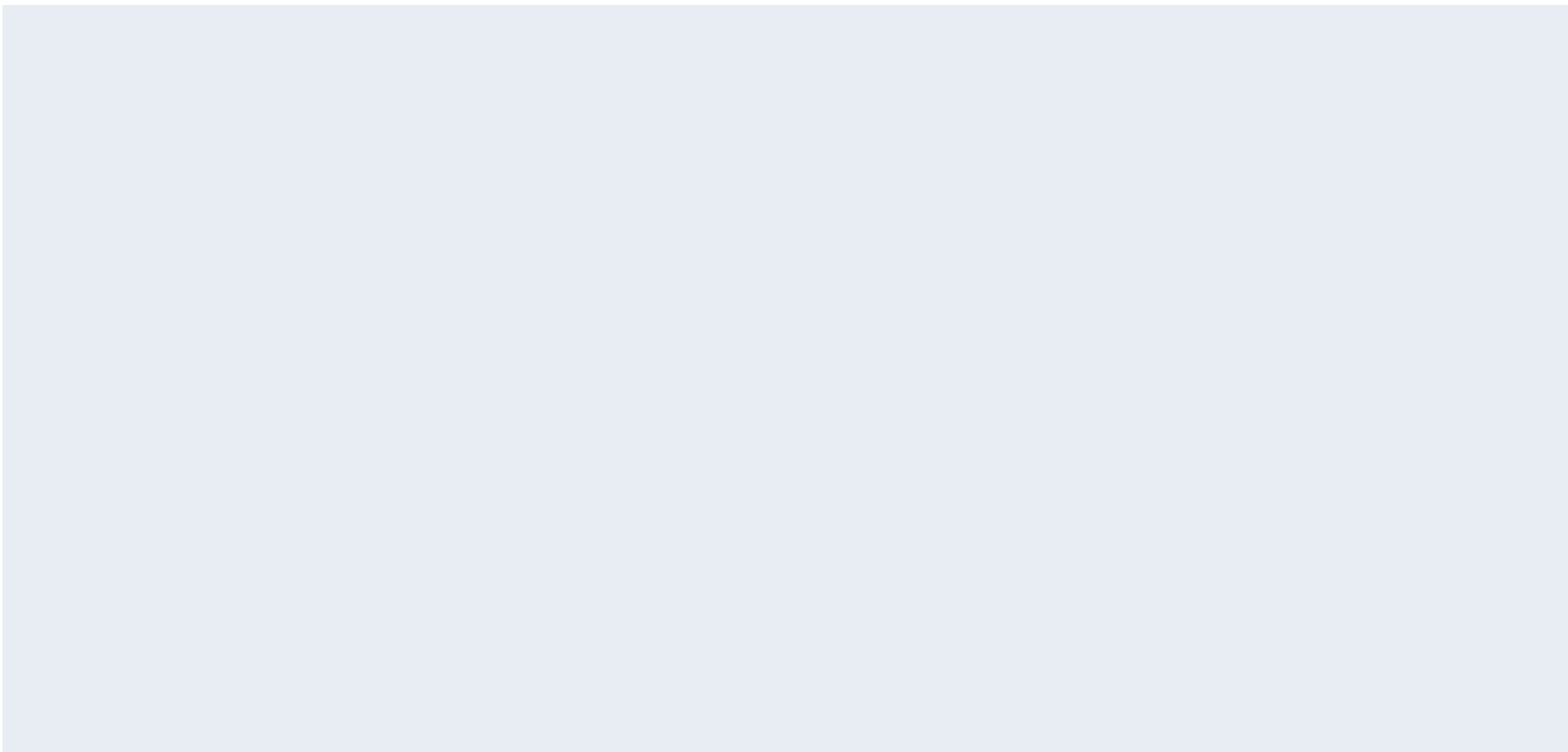
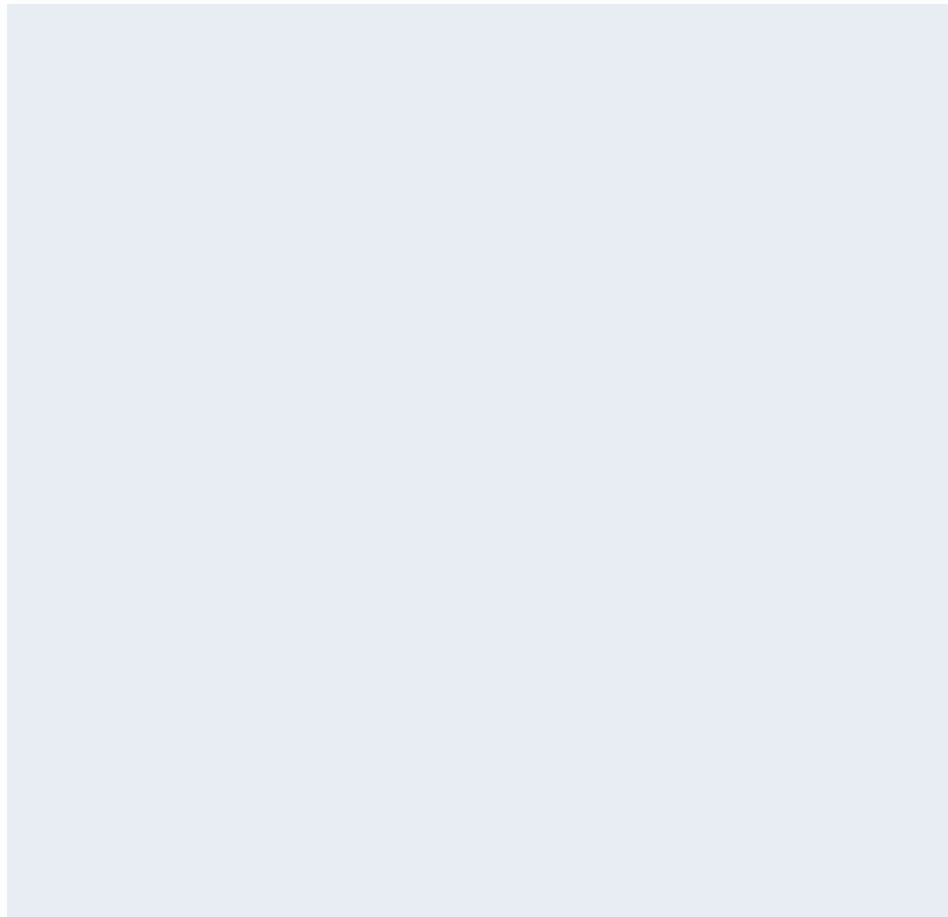
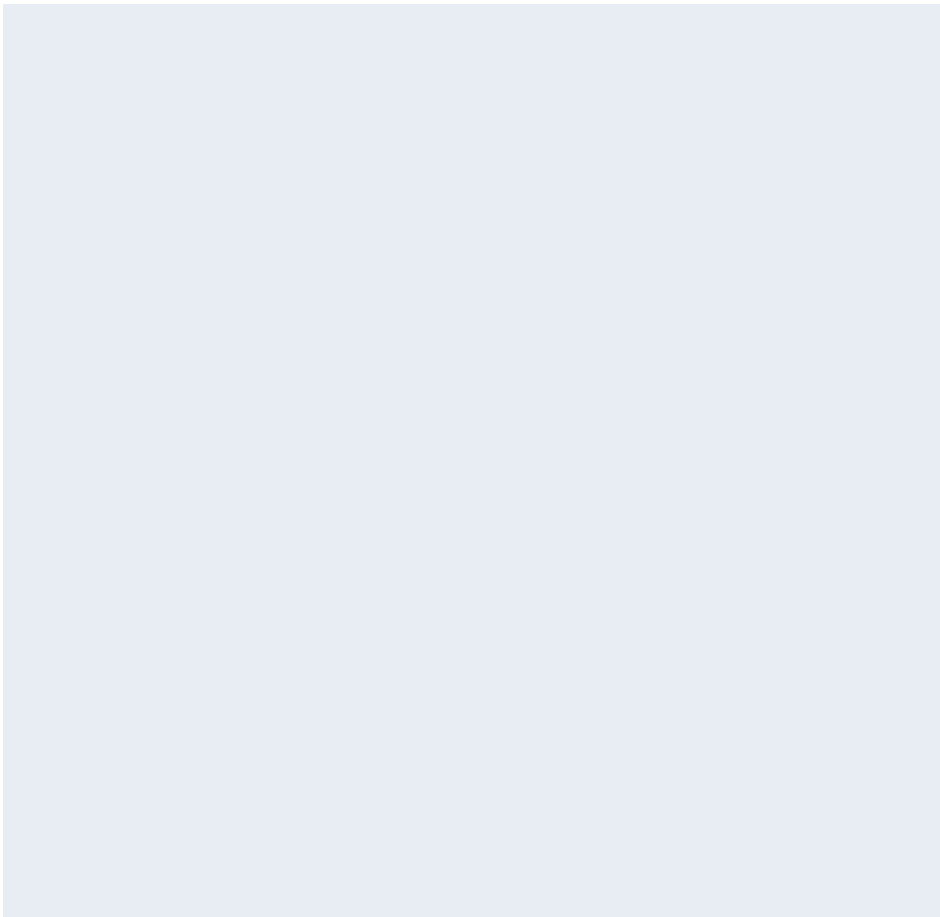
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph financial customer service hours of operation will change Aug. 21 as follows:

- 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday

Three-Week Delay on CAC/ID Card Appointments

Allow three weeks for an appointment at main Joint Base San Antonio DEERS ID Card/Common Access Card issuance facilities. Due to a high volume of customers during the summer months, appointment scheduling takes longer. Emergency walk-in wait times can range from one to three hours. All military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers needing a new or updated CAC/ID card are encouraged to schedule their appointments accordingly. CAC cardholders who receive an email notification that their card is within 60 days of expiration should make an appointment immediately. Appointments are scheduled in 20-minute intervals, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customers can schedule appointments at any of the JBSA facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> or by calling the 502nd Force Support Squadron in building 367 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, at 221-0415; 802nd FSS in building 5616 at JBSA-Lackland, at 671-4178; or 902nd FSS in building 399 at JBSA-Randolph, at 652-1845.

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Maj. Gen. Poore accepts command of AFPC

By Staff Sgt. Ian Hoachlander
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Peggy Poore accepted command of the Air Force Personnel Center from presiding officer Lt. Gen. Darrell Jones, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services, during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Aug. 1.

Relinquishing command was Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart, who commanded AFPC since Aug. 6, 2010. Stewart retired from the Air Force during an Aug. 2 ceremony, following 32 years of service.

"We picked the right person, at the right place, at the right time," Jones told Poore. "An organization like this is something a lot of officers grow up wanting to command. We know you are going to do great things, because you lead a great organization."

As AFPC's 25th commander, Poore leads more than 3,600 Air Force military, civilian and contractor personnel responsible for worldwide operations serving 1.77 million Airmen and family members.

Reflecting on the 26 years since graduating from officer training school, the commander said, "It's a

distinct honor and privilege to join the AFPC community. I am eager to work by your side as we build upon the foundation laid by the great men and women who came before us, and am honored to continue the legacy of AFPC."

Poore previously served as the senior military assistant to the secretary of the Air Force. She has master's degrees in public administration and national resource strategy and a bachelor's degree in business management.

She served as an executive officer, protocol officer and squadron section commander, and commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels. Additionally, Poore served as a congressional liaison officer in the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison, held several positions in the Air Force General Officer Matters Office, served as an executive officer to the deputy chief of staff of personnel, and served as the director of manpower and personnel at Air Combat Command.

"You are a collection of America's best Airmen. I understand everything we do touches everyone in a personal way. I will never forget that and neither should you," Poore said.



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. Peggy Poore accepted command of the Air Force Personnel Center from Lt. Gen. Darrell Jones, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services, during the AFPC change of command ceremony Aug. 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Senior NCOs make new contacts at social event

By Alex Salinas
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Air Force Senior NCOs from organizations across Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph participated in an inaugural social mixer July 26 at the Kendrick Club.

More than 40 senior NCOs from Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service and other organizations at JBASA-Randolph attended the mixer.

Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago, JBASA and 502nd Air Base Wing

command chief master sergeant, accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. Avery Woolridge, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, rallied his group of senior enlisted to establish a communication venue that will increase awareness, understanding and rapport for Air Force leaders communicating across the JBASA locations.


The mixer's purpose, LugoSantiago said, was to create an avenue for senior NCOs to network, learn new faces and become more resourceful.

Master Sgt. Elliot Weir, Randolph Top 3 president, helped coordinate the event, giving the group plenty of opportunities to break the ice.

"This is for us to really meet each other so we can accomplish joint ventures together," Weir said. "The hope is we continue this in the future, when the people are different, so they can have the chance to establish connections as well."

Beyond networking, the main message for the senior leaders was helping Airmen in need – in any way they can.

"What we learn here, about each other and how different organizations operate, can be used in future situations," Master Sgt. Samuel Davis, AETC Top 3 president, said. "There will be times when Airmen come to me and I won't know how to help them, but I will know someone who can."

For Master Sgt. Joey Williams, AFPC Top 3 president, gaining new contacts was about stepping back from everyday leadership duties and enjoying the opportunity to interact with others. 

AETC VICE COMMANDER from P4

just came together in such a way that made me extraordinarily proud to be part of such a great organization," Owens said. "To know that I helped create the environment where their response was so professional in every respect was great."

During his tenure as AETC vice commander, Owens oversaw many projects, including the military's first operational F-35 flights at Eglin AFB, Fla., at the decision to base F-35s at Luke AFB, Ariz; the challenge of meeting mission requirements during sequestration; and the merge of three San Antonio military installations into one joint base.

"The leadership team here has worked diligently on tough issues," said Owens. "I feel we have set AETC on a good, prudent course that will lead us into the future."

There are no regrets for Owens as he heads into retirement.

"I've had the privilege of watching my family grow. I've had the privilege over the last nine years of serving alongside my sons, and I have had the greater privilege since being a general officer of being in a position of influence that has helped shaped in some small fashion the Air Force that my boys will grow to be senior leaders in themselves."

Owens' advice to Airmen is simple. "Always re-

flect and serve in a way that makes you proud of everything that you do. If our individual Airmen take pride in what they do, then that will show in the results of their actions, and that's what we need in today's Air Force."

The family legacy that began in WWII now passes to his two sons, John and Mike, who are both Air Force officers and fly B-52s. "I'm extremely proud of my two sons who survived the ups and downs of military life," said Owens. "Our family legacy is entrusted to them."

The Owens family will settle in the San Antonio area and they look forward to spending more time with their four grandchildren and other opportunities to serve.

Bicycling: CDOS puts the pedal to safety

By Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Warm weather and clear skies are conditions that encourage many people to begin biking to and from work or simply for fun; an activity that, because it involves risk of injury or worse, merits being addressed in this year's Air Force Critical Days of Summer campaign.

"Biking is a good fitness activity to participate in, something fun for you and the family to do during the warm summer months," Staff Sgt. Gary Lund, 502nd Air Base Wing ground safety technician, said.

Yet despite the ways in which biking activities are beneficial to a person's health, sharing the roads with other vehicles can entail significant dangers such as bicyclists and motorists colliding.

The best way to avoid such mishaps, Lund said, is to "ride to be seen."

Collisions are usually caused by bikers and motorists not yielding to each other, inattention, and not following traffic rules and signs, he added.

Darkness and reduced visibility conditions from things like fog and rain increase the chance of motorists colliding with bikers, he explained. Wearing reflective gear – on both the rider and the bike – reduces these chances, and wearing a helmet can prevent serious injury or death in the event of an accident.

Accidents from any form of transportation usually result from inattention, Tech. Sgt. Cathy Zimmerman, 502nd ABW ground safety technician, said. It is essential to be aware of surroundings and stay focused.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kenna Jackson
Photo illustration by Maggie Armstrong

One distraction is trying to use a cell phone while riding, a practice Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph does not tolerate, Lund said. Other distractions include fatigue, interesting objects, buildings or sights, and neighboring vehicles.

Another potential threat to bikers is exposure to the elements.

"Dress for the weather, but also dress for the activity," Zimmerman

said. "Ensure that if it is going to be 100 degrees outside and you are going on a long bike ride, you are not wearing just a tank top and shorts, and leaving yourself in danger of getting severe sunburn."

While Air Force members are free to enjoy riding the open road at will, those who prefer trails over pavement shouldn't do so until they're properly cleared by their leadership.

Mountain biking, Zimmerman said, falls into the high-risk activity category. Airmen wanting to go mountain biking will need to fill out an Air and Education Training Command Form 410, sign it, and have both their supervisor and unit commander sign off on it, then receive a high-risk activity briefing.

For information about places to bike around the San Antonio and local areas, visit <http://sabikerides.com/>.

Readers reap rewards of reading, plus prizes

By Alex Salinas
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The 2013 "Have Book – Will Travel" Summer Reading Program participants at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph wrapped their 2-month venture July 27 with a party at the base library.

Altogether, 336 children, 41 teenagers and 190 adults – whose main job was to encourage their children – read a total of 790 books for 103,276 minutes, Gail Trevino, Randolph program librarian, said, calling this year's program "very successful."

Among the junior readers were Air Force Personnel Center Maj. Carl Bhend's four children, ages 3 to 12, and whose father considers it a "top priority" for them to read, read, read and read.

"Reading is fundamental to education, and education is fundamental to being a productive member of society," Bhend said.

His 12-year-old son, Noah, who said he likes surprises, found books about adventure, fantasy and realistic fiction are his favorites.

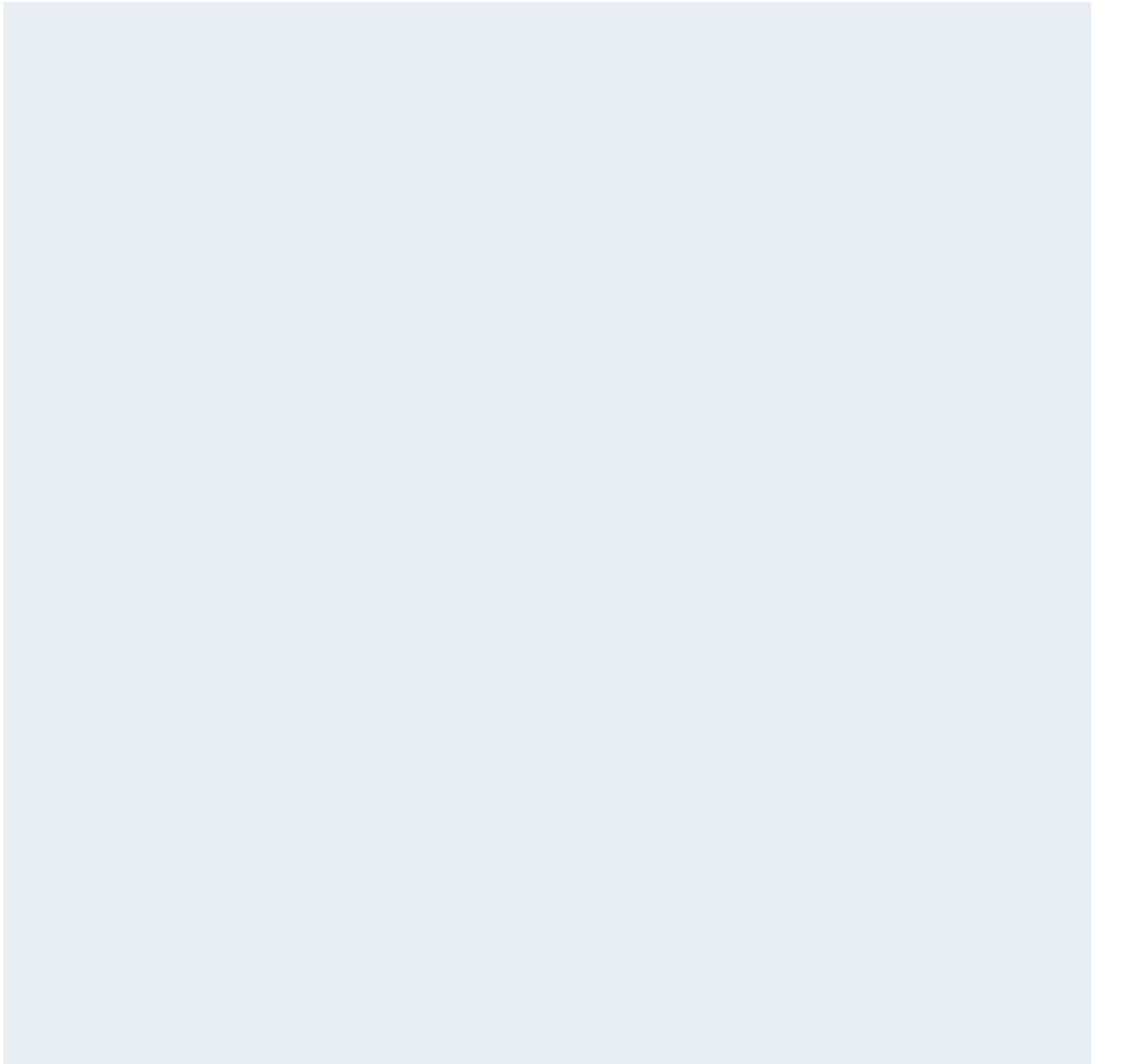
Another parent, Nadia Freeman, mother of a 5-year-old daughter, echoed Bhend's sentiment about the valuable learning children get from

reading books.

Freeman registered her child, Reyah, in the summer reading program to prepare her daughter for school. Reyah read 85 books this summer.

"Reyah will start kindergarten this year, so it was important to build her vocabulary, which will allow her to express herself better," Freeman said, adding that next summer's goal is to surpass 100 books.

While participants reaped the reward of learning from all the books they read, they were also



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Sports BRIEFS

Fall sports

The Randolph Youth Programs registration for fall sports ends Aug. 16. All youth must have a current annual physical and sports registration form on file. The cost is \$45 per child for flag football for age 5 and older; volleyball for age 9 and older; and cheerleading for age 5 and older. For more information, call 652-3298.

Little Renegades soccer registration

Little Renegades is a parent/child program that helps build confidence in children 3-5 years old while they learn basic soccer skills. Parents can register at the Randolph Youth Programs, building 585, through Aug. 16. The cost is \$35 per child and a sports physical is required. For more information, call 652-3298.

Rambler 120 teams

JBSA's premiere adventure race, the Rambler 120, takes place Oct. 5. Teams that sign up before Aug. 24 will pay last year's fee of only \$100 for Xtreme teams (four people) or \$150 for relay teams (five-eight people). After Aug. 24, the fees increase to \$120 for Xtreme teams and \$180 for relay teams. Teams can start training for the 22-mile bike course, the 6-mile run and the 2-mile raft event. The deadline to enter is Sept. 20. Entry forms are available at the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center, Building 999 and Community Services Mall, Building 895. A pdf registration packet is available online at <http://www.randolphfss.com>. For more information, call 267-7358.

SPORTS - HEALTH - FITNESS

JBSA health care providers stress importance of vaccines

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

National Immunization Awareness Month is observed each August to "highlight the need for improving national immunization coverage levels," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Improving immunization coverage is an emphasis at the Joint Base San Antonio medical clinics, where health care professionals promote immunization awareness throughout the year – stressing the importance of vaccines during regular wellness visits with their patients.

Vaccines play a key role in health care, Senior Airman Kelly Boos, 359th Aerospace-Medicine Squadron medical technician at JBSA-Randolph, said.

"Because of vaccines, there has been a dramatic decline in the number of children who suffer from diseases such as polio, chickenpox, hepatitis B and whooping cough," she said. "Vaccinating children with all recommended vaccines is one of the safest and most advanced means of preventing infection."

Other diseases that childhood vaccines prevent include diphtheria, human papillomavirus, measles, German measles, mumps and tetanus, according to the CDC.

In addition to being effective, vaccines have also proven to be safe, Tech. Sgt. Brandon Smyer, 359th Medical Operations Squadron Family Health Clinic NCO in charge, said.

"All vaccines undergo years of testing before they are licensed for public use," he said. "Vaccines that are in public use are closely monitored. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System is used to report and track any adverse reactions caused by vaccines. This data is used to report any adverse reaction trends and to provide information to patients, health care providers and vaccine manufacturers."

Smyer also said all patients are carefully screened before receiving any immunizations to ensure that the risk of an adverse reaction is minimized.

"The most common side effects from vaccines include soreness and redness at the injection site," he said. "Serious reactions are rare."

Recommended immunizations for children in the first 18 months of their lives are the initial doses of the vaccines for

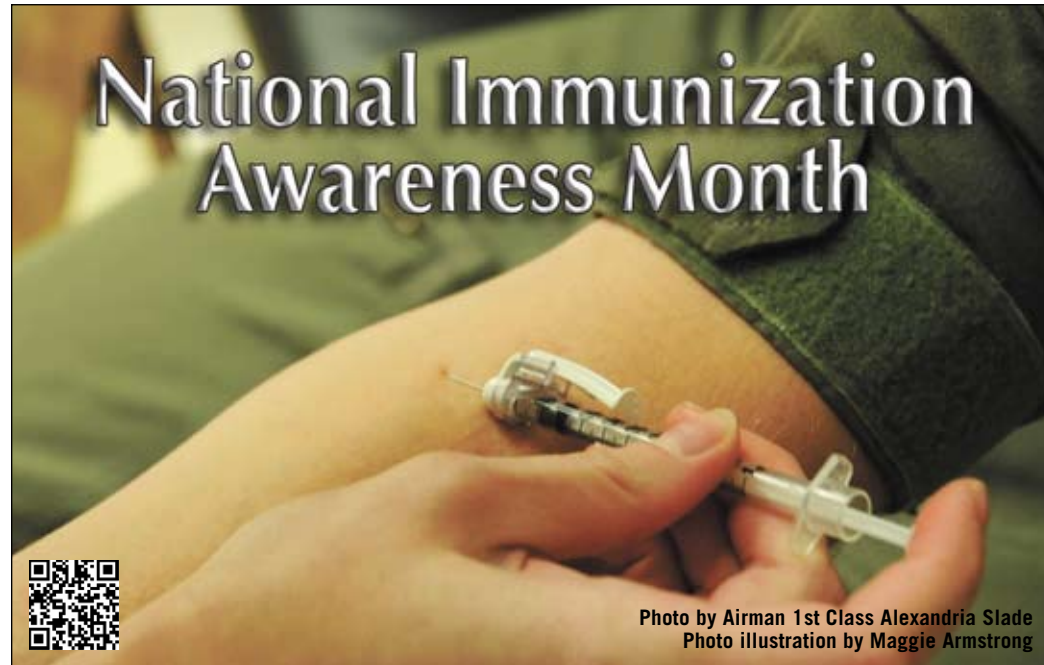


Photo by Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade
Photo illustration by Maggie Armstrong

tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis; polio; mumps, measles and rubella; and chickenpox; booster doses of these vaccines should be given between 4 and 6 years old. Recommended vaccines for 11- and 12-year-olds are for Tdap and meningococcal disease.

Adults should also remain current with their immunizations, including vaccines for influenza; Tdap; zoster, or shingles; and pneumonia.

Vaccines for HPV, the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States, are recommended for members of both sexes between the ages of 11 and 26 years old, Boos said. Typically administered to girls, the vaccines are also approved for boys.

"Almost every sexually active person will acquire HPV at some point in their lives," she said. "The HPV vaccine helps protect against genital warts and cancers of the anus, vagina and vulva."

HPV vaccines offer the best protection to girls and boys who receive all three doses, which are administered over six months, and have time to develop an immune response prior to becoming sexually active, Boos said.

Although many parents wait until late July and August to have their school-age children immunized – when the immunization clinic is busiest – it's best to follow health care providers' recommended

schedule, she said.

"The schedule recommends vaccinations at age 4 and 11 for these children," Boos said. "Once children have had their birthday at these ages, it is a good idea to bring them in to receive them. If children are on a catch-up schedule, it is highly recommended not to wait until the last minute prior to school registration."

Smyer said following the recommended schedules allow patients to avoid long waits during late July and August.

JBSA immunization clinic hours at the three installations are as follows:

- JBSA-Fort Sam Houston immunization clinic's morning hours are 7:30-11:15 a.m. Monday-Thursday, afternoon hours are 1:15-3:45 p.m. only on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. No immunizations will be given on Fridays. Children and adults ages 6-and-up only. Phone number; 916-3011, option 2.

- JBSA-Lackland immunization clinic is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. It is walk-in only. Phone number; 292-2345

- JBSA-Randolph immunization clinic's morning hours are 7:30-11:45 a.m. Monday-Friday; afternoon hours are 1-4:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Phone number; 652-6403, option 1, option 4.

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rewarded with fun and prizes at the wrap-up party, where kids scrambled to different areas of the library for arts and crafts, games, face painting and food.

First-, second- and third-place winners received prizes for bookmark, poster, poetry and story contests in multiple age categories, and every summer reader received a certificate of accomplishment.

“We handed out prizes to a good number of kids for sticking with it,” Trevino said. “Everyone won something.”

Readers also had an opportunity to use a new online resource to track the number of books and minutes they read as well as post book reviews.

“We received 259 book reviews with great comments to see what the children are reading,” Trevino said. “I’m happy and excited to see where this goes next year.”



Christiane Richardson, volunteer, paints the face of 3-year-old Timothy McComas during the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Library Summer Reading Program party July 27. The party marked the end of this year’s reading program, where 567 participants read a total of 790 books.

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