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Soldiers test the intrathoracic pressure regulation therapy device as they load it onto a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle at Nov. 7 Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

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Advance assignments now available to Airmen deploying for 365-day Extended Deployments

From Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Effective Nov. 1, active duty Airmen selected for an extended deployment may apply to receive an advance assignment up to 16 months prior to the projected Report Not Later Than Date of the assignment.

This means Airmen can have permanent change of station orders in hand immediately after completing all required PCS actions and before departing on their deployment, providing their dependents the option to move early to their next assignment location.

“This change recognizes the need for us to increase stability and predictability for our Airmen and their families and helps our Airmen focus on their mission while deployed,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. “The ability to receive an assignment prior to



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departing for an extended deployment allows Airmen to make decisions that are good for them and their families.”

Previously, Airmen on extended deployments were

required to be deployed for at least 60 days before being notified about potential assignments, and orders were not published earlier than 120 days prior to the new reporting

date, making it difficult for Airmen and their families to plan.

In 2017, the Air Force's Personnel Center chartered a 365-Day Extended Deployments Working Group to look at initiatives to find better ways to accommodate and incentivize yearlong deployments.

Approximately 400 Airmen per year are selected for 365-day extended deployment.

The 365-day deployment policy change allows Airmen time to out-process from their losing base, provides the option to move their dependents to the new assignment location, and gives Airmen the option to request movement from their deployed location directly to their new assignment without having to return to their currently assigned unit first.

Airmen selected for an extended deployments should contact their local Military Personnel Section for more information.

TSA Precheck open to military, DOD civilians

By Jim Garamone
DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA
ACTIVITY

Service members are trusted to defend the nation; surely they can be trusted when boarding a plane.

This is the thinking of the Transportation Security Administration, which is pushing to ensure that service members and Department of Defense civilians know they can use the TSA Precheck program.

All service members of all components of the armed forces and students at the armed forces' service academies are automatically enrolled in TSA Precheck. Their DOD ID numbers — a 10-digit number on the back of your Common



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Access Card — serve as their Known Traveler Numbers.

Civilian employees must opt into the program using the milConnect website. Their DOD ID number is also their KTN.

Again, there is no cost for military members or civilians. For the general public, enrollment in the program costs \$85.

“This is a real benefit for being a member of the armed forces, and it is good for us from a security perspective,” said David Peter Pekoske, retired U.S. Coast Guard Vice Admiral

who currently serves as the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration.

To obtain their positions, service members and DOD civilians undergo background checks, and most have security clearances. They are trusted to carry weapons in defense of the United States or to safeguard America's secrets. So the TSA decided there was no need for them to take off their shoes and belts at a checkpoint to get on an aircraft.

All travelers must add their DOD ID number to their Defense Travel System profiles to access TSA Precheck while on official travel, but eligible service members and civilians can also use it on personal

travel, Pekoske said.

“If you go on any airline website when you are making flight reservations, there is a box for the KTN and that is where they put their DOD number in,” he said. “Once you put the number in — especially if you are a regular flier on that airline — every time you make a reservation, or a reservation is made by the DOD travel service for you, they will automatically pick up that number.

“The effort makes sense from an agency perspective and it is also a way to say thanks to members of the military and the civilian members of DOD and the Department of Homeland Security who sacrifice so much. It's a really good program and it provides a direct benefit.”

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Feedback Fridays

By Brig. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman

COMMANDER, 502D AIR BASE WING
AND JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO

Feedback Fridays is a weekly forum that aims to connect the 502d Air Base Wing with members of the Joint Base San Antonio community. Questions are collected during commander's calls, town hall meetings and throughout the week.

If you have a question or concern, please send an email to RandolphPublicAffairs@us.af.mil using the subject line "Feedback Fridays." Questions will be further researched and published as information becomes available.

Personnel Issues

Q. Is there a streamlined complaint channel for medical issues and the Child Development Center? We can't seem to get answers or things fixed because issues get brushed under the rug.

A. Thank you for the question. We have found that commanders (and civilian equivalents) are the best people to go to with complaints, because they can quickly correct wrongdoing. However, if you have been unable to resolve your complaint through the chain of command and you reasonably believe inappropriate conduct has occurred or a violation of law, policy, procedure, or Air Force Instruction/regulation has been committed, contact the Office of the Inspector General, 502d Air Base Wing, 210-808-7524 (DSN: 420) or Fraud Waste and Abuse Hotline at 210-808-1000 (DSN: 420).

Please be prepared to briefly outline the facts and relevant background information related to the issue or complaint in chronological order. Your complaint should answer the following: what violation was committed, what law, AFI/regulation, procedure, or policy was violated, when the violation occurred and who committed the violation?

Q. I wanted to address the promotion process being biased and played as "promoting your buddy" versus hiring the best qualified person for the job.

A. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to address your concern. Promotions and placements into positions with known promotion potential are usually competitive. However, according to Air Force Manual 36-203, civilian "selections are to be made without discrimination for any non-merit reason and without favoritism based on personal relationships or patronage" (Chapter 2, Para 2.2.4). When deciding a selection, consideration is given to input from employees, employee groups, and recognized labor organizations in developing and establishing merit promotion procedures, consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Promotions without competition are authorized with due consideration to recognized merit principles. Throughout the process, employees should be kept informed about the promotion plan, the provisions and procedures for promotion plans affecting them, and eligibility requirements. Employees should be provided full access to information about advancement



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opportunities and how to take advantage of them.

If you feel that a promotion process is biased (e.g. incorrectly evaluated, incorrectly ranked or the terms of the promotion plan were not otherwise followed), we encourage you to discuss your concern with your chain of command and/or informally with your servicing Civilian Personnel Office. If the issue concerns the ranking and referral process, your personnel office may contact AFPC or the operating location servicing team.

If the concern deals with the selection processes, the matter should be resolved locally. If these efforts are unsuccessful, you may submit a formal grievance in accordance with the installation's negotiated or agency grievance procedures through Civilian Personnel or your Inspector General. Additionally, you have the option to contact the Equal Opportunity Office, if you believe discrimination has occurred.

Please note that the aggrieved person must initiate contact with the Equal Opportunity Office within 45 days of the date of the alleged discriminatory act or, in the case of a personnel action, within 45 days of the effective date of the action. We are continuously evaluating our procedures and working with AF/A1 for internal program reviews as we strive for improvement within our processes.

If you wish to find more information about Personnel – Staffing Civilian Positions, you can reference AFM 36-203 (1 Jan 2017): https://static.publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/publication/afman36-203/afman36-203.pdf or contact our Civilian Personnel Office at 210-671-3905.

Installation & Facilities

Q. I travel to JBSA-Lackland a lot for meetings. The

new Selfridge Gate hours seem to ignore the large population that transits that side of base. Can we reopen?

A. Our Security Forces leaders are sensitive to the impact gate changes have on our JBSA missions and customers. Unfortunately, we do not currently have enough manpower to open the JBSA-Lackland Selfridge East Gate for additional periods. We've positioned manpower to maximize gate hours during the morning and afternoon rushes, Mondays through Wednesdays and a full 12 hours Thursdays and Fridays. Opening for additional time would mean reducing hours at other gates, or reducing patrol or response capabilities. All that said, our security forces leaders are definitely listening to your feedback, and are working with our engineers in the 502nd Civil Engineer Group on a number of initiatives to improve our gates. As we implement these improvements, we will relook at gate hours to adjust where we can. Keep the feedback coming!

Q. When will the air-conditioning units be fixed at the Annex at the Chaparral Gym at JBSA-Lackland? Air conditioning is needed in the racquetball courts, weight room and the aerobic room.

A. Thank you for your question. The 502d CES received a service call for no air conditioning in the Chaparral gym annex Oct. 24. Technicians responded the next day at which time they discovered a malfunctioning unit. While the system was repaired and brought back to service that day, this system requires replacement and upgrades and have been programmed to compete for future funding. Our civil engineering remains committed to providing responsive customer service and will continue to do our best to keep aging infrastructure operational until replacements are made.

Holiday season is time to mail cards, packages

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The United States Postal Service is expecting another extra busy holiday season this year, estimating the delivery of nearly 15 billion pieces of mail and 900 million packages between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

A continued surge in online shopping, buoyed by guaranteed free shipping from many internet retail merchants, is contributing to an upswing in mail traffic during the weeks before Christmas.

"With the economy as robust as it is, people are taking advantage of free shipping during the holiday season," said Jeff Sanna, USPS sales and services associate at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph postal facility. "From what I've seen, there's been a big upsurge in mailings."

Because of the heavy volume this season, it's imperative to mail Christmas cards and packages as early as possible, he said.

The families of service members deployed overseas or assigned to installations outside the United States should especially pay heed to the postal service's annual advice to mail early.

To ensure timely delivery of priority and first-class mail, USPS recommends mailing cards, letter and packages to Air/Army Post Office, Fleet Post Office and Diplomatic Post Office ZIP code 093 no later than Dec. 4 and to other APO/FPO/DPO ZIP codes by Dec. 11.

The postal service's other recommended deadlines are Nov. 27 for space-available mail, Dec. 4 for parcel airlift mail and Dec. 18 for Priority Mail Express Military Service, which is available to selected military and diplomatic post offices.

Domestic mailing deadlines for delivery by Christmas are Dec. 14 for USPS retail ground, Dec. 20 for first-class mail and priority mail, and Dec. 22 for priority mail express.

USPS offers a reduced price of \$17.40 on its largest priority



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mail flat rate box for mail sent to APO/FPO/DPO destinations worldwide, which is a \$1.50 discount from the regular price.

Priority mail flat rate boxes are available at no cost at post offices and also can be ordered online at store.usps.com/store/home.

The postal service also offers

a free military care kit for presents and care packages, available by calling 800-610-8734. The kit contains two priority mail APO/FPO/DPO flat-rate boxes, four priority mail medium flat-rate boxes, priority mail tape, priority mail address labels and appropriate customs forms.

Special care should be used in sending packages to APO/FPO addresses. The service member's full name should be included along with the unit, APO/FPO address and nine-digit ZIP code, but not the country's name. A return address is required.

To meet the holiday rush, postal service carriers will be delivering parcels seven days a week starting Nov. 18 and ending on Christmas eve, Sanna said.

Retail hours at JBSA USPS locations are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 1804 Stanley Road; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at JBSA-Lackland, 2261 Hughes Ave.; and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday at JBSA-Randolph, 220 B Street West.

JBSA post office phone numbers are 210-226-0089 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 210-671-0952 at JBSA-Lackland and 210-652-2606 at JBSA-Randolph.

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force announces writing competition

By Danielle Almeter
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE
U.S. AIR FORCE

Teenagers will have a unique opportunity to earn scholarship funds while learning about military aviation history through the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force's Ninth Annual Air Force Heritage and History Writing Competition.

This year's theme focuses on the fact that July 2019 marks 50 years since humans first walked upon any surface other than our planet Earth! On July 20, 1969, as part of the Apollo 11 mission, Neil Armstrong took that "giant leap" onto the surface of the moon.

The research questions for



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the competition are as follows: Please provide a brief history of this monumental achievement. Then, discuss whether you believe the U.S. should return to supporting human spaceflight beyond Earth orbit or concentrate solely on robotic explorations.

Use scholarly research to provide the rationale for your

decision, including the opinions (both for and against) of noted scientists, engineers, government officials and other stakeholders in the field of space exploration.

The competition is open to the first 250 public, private school or homeschooled students between the ages of 13-18, giving them a chance to showcase their writing talents while vying for scholarship funds. Entries must be submitted via email by March 1, 2019.

Local educators will determine the finalists, and those submissions will be sent on to national-level judges to decide on the three winners. The requirements for this

writing competition meet Common Core curriculum English Language Arts writing standards for grades six-12.

Scholarship award money is provided through the generosity of the Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc. A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to the first place winner, \$1,500 to the second place winner and \$1,000 to the third place winner. (Federal endorsement is not implied.)

A complete list of competition guidelines is available on the museum's website at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Education/Writing-Competition>.

The National Museum of the

U.S. Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, is the world's largest military aviation museum.

With free admission and parking, the museum features more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles and thousands of artifacts amid more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space. Each year about one million visitors from around the world come to the museum. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil>.

For more information, please contact the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Education Division at 937-255-4652.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

South Texas twins seek opportunity in Navy

By Burrell Parmer

NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT SAN ANTONIO
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Two Marion High School seniors have made the decision to join the world's most powerful naval force, America's Navy.

Twin brothers Jack and James Lanier of Universal City are making final preparations to attend recruit training after graduation and become Sailors in the Navy's nuclear propulsion career field.

"Serving my country is one of the most important things I can do," Jack said. "The nuclear propulsion career field option was presented to me and it seemed pretty cool. Originally, I wanted to be a Navy SEAL because my dad's godfather was an original frogman."

According to Jack, it's amazing to have joined the Navy with his brother.

"It all started off with that I wanted to see the world," James said. "To be part of something greater than myself and the Navy seems to be the right type of organization for me."

During the twins' 72-hour indoctrination at Navy Recruiting Station New Braunfels on Oct. 30, the Laniers' parents were present.



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Electronics Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Vincent Barnes conducts height and weight measurements on future Sailor Jack Lanier while his twin brother, James, observes.

"I think it's awesome! I think they did a tremendous job on deciding on what they wanted to do with their futures," said Jim Lanier. "Their thought processes were well thought out and I believe it was the right decision for them."

"Additionally, the recruiting process

was amazing, which allowed them to know what opportunities awaited them," he said. "Petty Officer Barnes did a tremendous job of recruiting both my sons."

Petty Officer 1st Class Vincent Barnes, an Electronics Technician (Submarines),

assigned to NRS New Braunfels, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, has recruited family members into the Navy, but never twins.

"I think they are very blessed to be afforded the opportunity to qualify for service not only in the Navy, but in one of our top programs," Barnes said. "I am very happy to have been a part of what I'm sure will be a very rewarding career that has only just begun for them."

According to Barnes, the twins' next steps are to graduate high school, participate in the Navy Delayed Entry Program, keep themselves healthy and stay out of harm's way.

Currently, the Navy's nuclear propulsion program is awarding bonuses of up to \$40,000.

After graduating from Recruit Training Command, they will report to Navy Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, South Carolina, where they will complete 18 to 24 months of training. Afterward, they will receive orders to a submarine or aircraft carrier.

The Navy's recruiting force totals more than 6,100 personnel in more than 1,000 recruiting stations around the globe. Their combined goal is to attract the highest quality candidates to assure the ongoing success of America's Navy.

METC lauded for 'world-class' tech training

By London Prince

MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CAMPUS
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

From Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, the Medical Education and Training Campus, or METC, hosted an evaluation team from the Council on Occupational Education, or COE, for the second time in eight years. The purpose of the visit was to ensure that METC is abiding by all standards for national accreditation.

Accreditation is a status granted to an educational institution or program that has been found to meet or exceed stated criteria of educational quality and student achievement. It assures quality and assists in improvement if

needed.

The COE is a national accrediting agency of higher education institutions. It came into existence initially in 1971 as the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a regional accrediting association that serves institutions in an 11-state region.

The U.S. Secretary of Education has recognized the COE and its predecessor agency as a reliable authority on the quality of education offered by the institutions it has accredited. Its current scope of recognition is as a national institutional accrediting agency for the accreditation of non-degree-granting

and applied associate degree-granting postsecondary occupational education institutions.

Leading up to the COE site visit, the METC standards and evaluation branch headed an organizational-wide self-study. The primary purpose for the self-study was to examine METC's qualifications for accreditation through a comprehensive self-evaluation conducted by METC staff in accordance with COE guidance. It also provided an opportunity to make improvements or corrections where needed.

The self-study involved several teams of METC personnel engaged in eighteen months of research, meetings,

and taskers under the guidance of Dr. Suzan Bowman, standards and evaluation branch chief, Verranda Price, accreditation officer, and Master Sgt. Elida Todd, senior enlisted advisor. The final self-study report was provided to the COE evaluators and scrutinized prior to the site visit.

"The team work METC displayed during the self-study phase demonstrated that we couldn't have done this without the support from everybody," Bowman said. "Everyone worked as a team and had no problem stepping up when help was needed. It's a reflection on METC as a whole that not only were we ready for this, but we blew it out of the water."

As a result of passing the evaluation, METC will be accredited for the maximum amount of time, six years.

Medical device may help save lives on the battlefield

By Jose Rodriguez

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT CENTER & SCHOOL
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The U.S. Army is continuously looking to new technologies and testing new devices to increase battlefield survival rates. The U.S. Army Medical Department Board conducted a test on an intrathoracic pressure regulation therapy, or IPRT, device at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis Nov. 7 that researchers hope will help save lives of the critically injured.

The IPRT device increases blood pressure and circulation to tissues of the body in ventilated patients who have low blood volumes. Cleared by the Food and Drug Administration, the IPRT noninvasively decreases intrathoracic pressure leading to an increase in blood circulation.

It is beneficial for patients who have compromised blood flow from shock, high pressure in the brain, and other low-perfusion conditions.

The IPRT apparatus is connected to the breathing circuit of a ventilated patient, and it is beneficial for patients who have compromised blood flow from shock, high pressure in the brain and other low-perfusion conditions.

"The device draws blood back into the heart and lungs, while at the same time, decreasing pressure in the brain that caused swelling," said Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Horspool, AMEDD Board noncommissioned officer in



JOSE E. RODRIGUEZ

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Goldie Cooper (center), Army Medical Department Board, checks the status of the intrathoracic pressure regulation therapy device at a deployable medical systems equipment training complex Nov. 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

charge, AMEDD Center & School, Health Readiness Center of Excellence. "If a patient has a good pair of lungs, we can use this device to bring blood back without having to add additional fluids that can water down the blood."

Soldiers from various Army medical units served as test players during the operational test in a simulated real world deployment scenario. For the test, the AMEDD board brought in potential IPRT users, such as a pulmonary disease officer, emergency medicine physician, physician assistant, nurses, combat medics, operating room specialists, paramedic/aero MEDEVAC

specialists and respiratory specialists.

Conducting the test at JBSA-Camp Bullis allowed the team to use the device on various power sources within a combat support hospital and aboard field ambulances.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Goldie Cooper assisted with the tests and is also assigned to the AMEDD Board. Cooper said that getting the mechanism field tested is an important first step to getting them purchased and added to the Army inventory.

Cooper stressed that operational testing is where the Army identifies whether the device is suitable for use in an operational environment. It is estimated that 90 percent of potentially survivable deaths (approx. 1,080) in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) were caused by hemorrhage and hemorrhagic shock.

Spanning all documented wars, hemorrhage and hemorrhagic shock have been the leading causes of service personnel killed in action.

"Ultimately it's about survival rates, and restoring lives on the battlefield," Cooper said. "Every minute is valuable when we're trying to save lives."

Once the testing is complete, the AMEDD Board test team will prepare a summary report to assess the IPRT's suitability and effectiveness. The device will go through several reviews to ensure it will meet the Army's needs prior to approval and deployment.

To learn more about the AMEDD Board, visit <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/>.

Bexar County Military and Veterans Services Center opens

The center offers educational, career opportunities to veterans

By David DeKunder
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brig. Gen. Laura Lenderman, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, joined local officials to mark the opening of the new Bexar County Military and Veterans Services Center during a Nov. 12 ceremony.

The center, located at 1422 E. Grayson Street, Suite 400, is situated near JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and will be a resource for servicemembers transitioning out of the military and veterans who are looking for career and educational opportunities.

Staffing the center are Bexar County military service officers, who will provide career and educational resources, services and counseling to transitioning service members and veterans and link them to housing, health and other vital services once they leave the military.

Before making the move to its new office on Grayson Street, Bexar County veteran's services had been located in downtown San Antonio.

Joining Lenderman at the dedication of the new center were Bexar County Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin Wolff, who hosted the event, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush and Cristina Aldrete, North San Antonio Chamber president and CEO. All the dignitaries made remarks at the ceremony.

Wolff, a Navy veteran, said the military service officers at the center and those stationed at JBSA locations will provide services and counseling to transitioning servicemembers before they leave the military.

"One of the difficulties we have is we start too late," Wolff said. "We offer these services once someone has already transitioned out of the military. What we want to do is make contact with them before they transition out. We'll make first contact six months before an individual transitions out of the military and start building that career plan."



DAVID DEKUNDER
Brig. Gen. Laura Lenderman (center), 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, helps Bexar County Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin Wolff (right) cut the ribbon for the new Bexar County Military and Veterans Services Center Nov. 12. Also pictured (from left) are U.S. Rep. Will Hurd; Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar; and Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

Through the Bexar County military service officers program, there are three military service officers serving the needs of transitioning servicemembers and veterans, including one at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston working with the Transition Assistance Program, or TAP. The program provides counseling and job assistance to service members who are transitioning out of the military.

The county is providing \$900,000 for the startup of the center. Once the Bexar County military services officer program is fully staffed, it will have seven military service officers serving the needs of transitioning service members and veterans.

Wolff said JBSA-Randolph will get their own military service officer within the next year, while it will be a 1½ years before a military service officer is stationed at JBSA-Lackland.

On average, 4,000 service members per year at JBSA are transitioning out of the military. To handle that volume of transitioning service members, Wolff said the military services officer program will need to be expanded in the future, in the range of 20 to 25 military service officers.

"This is a startup," Wolff said. "It's going to take a little while to get the staff in here necessary to handle the volume we have. We're going to do it and do it right."

A fully staffed center and military service officers program will cost the county between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million to operate, Wolff said.

The commissioner said the center will help transitioning servicemembers and veterans make connections with area employers who want to hire individuals who have served their country.

"As an employer, I'm desperate to find good candidates," Wolff said. "Well, that's what this center is going to do. We are going to take military trained individuals, we are going to relearn some language back in the civilian sector, we're going to translate those military jobs into civilian jobs and we're going to do that in partnership with our employers."

Wolff said it took three years of work to establish the center and the military service officers program. The partnership between the county and JBSA on the military service officers program started after Wolff pitched the idea of the program to Brig. Gen. Heather Pringle, then 502nd ABW and JBSA commander, in the summer of 2017.

Lenderman said the opening of the center reminded her of the time her father, an Air Force veteran, transitioned after 26 years of service. She said the transition impacted her and her family and that her father had many challenges and adjustments he had to go through while he was transitioning from a military career to a civilian job, which took him six months to find.

The Bexar County Military and Veterans Services Center, Lenderman said, will help ease the transitioning process for JBSA servicemembers and veterans by connecting them to critical education, technical training, employment and entrepreneurial services.

"The opening of this center will ultimately help our servicemembers and their families navigate their way to a new normal as a productive, successful and valued member of this community," Lenderman said.

"As my own family experienced, transitioning from active duty to civilian life is not always easy, but I'm very confident that the center will provide those life-changing support and services for our veterans and entire Joint Base San Antonio community."

The center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To contact the center, call 210-335-6775.

Businesses learn about contract opportunities

By Daniel. P. Elkins
MISSION AND INSTALLATION CONTRACTING
COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 100 representatives from businesses took part in an acquisition forecast industry outreach event to learn about contract opportunities with the Army Nov. 7 in San Antonio.

The University of Texas at San Antonio Procurement Technical Assistance Center served as host for the Mission and Installation Contracting

Command contracting office event at its downtown campus.

"We cannot do our job without you — American businesses both large and small," said Brig. Gen. Bill Boruff, the MICC commanding general, during welcome remarks to business representatives. "I am very proud that the MICC ... met all five of our small-business socioeconomic goals in fiscal 2018 for the fourth consecutive year. We are successful because of events like today's open house as we do all we

can to operate transparently while helping businesses."

Ray Harris, the director of MICC-Fort Sam Houston, provided business representatives an overview of what they could expect throughout the day. Events included briefings by the Army Environmental Command, Small Business Administration and UTSA Procurement Technical Assistance Center. Those in attendance also received information on Army category management as well as fiscal 2019 and

2020 forecasts for requirements by the MICC-Fort Sam Houston contracting office in support of its mission partners. In the afternoon, business representatives had the opportunity to ask questions during a senior government panel and took part in a breakout session to discuss base support services.

In fiscal 2018, the MICC-Fort Sam Houston contracting office executed more than 1,000 contracting actions valued at more than \$370 million for area businesses. Command wide, the MICC awarded more than 2,000 contract actions for small businesses in Texas.

AFIMSC budget analyst survives storm

Scott Sheffield keeps his mission going despite hurricane

By Ed Shannon
AFIMSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Scott Sheffield weighed his options as Hurricane Michael strengthened in the Gulf of Mexico and barreled toward the Florida coast.

Like most residents in the area, the AFIMSC budget analyst could ride out the storm from his home in Panama City Beach or evacuate to a safer location. But Sheffield had a third option: attend an already planned and scheduled TDY to San Antonio for a training course – ironically a two-day problem-solving and decision-making class.

He opted for the TDY. “My decision to come here was a good one,” said Sheffield, who is one of 13 civilians and



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Scott Sheffield reviews a travel voucher for an AFIMSC Resources Directorate member. Sheffield is part of a 13-member Tyndall team that works operations, readiness, and energy budget programs across the Air Force enterprise.

contractors from AFIMSC's Resources Directorate assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base. “For one thing, I wasn't sure how sturdy my home would hold up in the storm, and it looked like I would have to evacuate anyway.”

Sheffield left for San Antonio on the day before the storm arrived. He helplessly watched weather coverage from his hotel room as the storm pounded the area where he spent much of his life. From 850 miles away, he recognized surrounding

locations as the Weather Channel's Jim Cantore broadcast live from a hotel only two blocks from Sheffield's home. He remembered thinking, ‘that's not good.’

However, neighbors communicated with Sheffield and reported great news. His house received no damage. Except for losing power and water for a couple days, everything looked great, and he looked forward to returning to the area.

Sheffield attended the two-day training class but received a stop-movement order on the day after the storm and extended the TDY for another week.

“I packed only two sets of dress clothes for the TDY, and so I bought clothes in San Antonio while waiting for approval to return home,” he said.

Nine days after the storm devastated the area, Sheffield

returned to assess damage.

“As we're flying in, all you can see is complete devastation,” Sheffield said. “It looked like the photos of Hiroshima – all the trees are blown over and there is no greenery – it's all barren. “What you see on TV does not compare to what it looks like in person.”

Sheffield's car that was parked at the airport received no damage. As he arrived to his neighborhood just five miles from the most heavily storm-damaged area, he realized how fortunate he was.

“Every house in my complex sustained damage except mine,” said Sheffield, whose house is about a 25-minute drive from Tyndall Air Force Base. “Every building in the complex has tarps on them but mine.”

Sheffield's two daughters attend the University of Florida in Gainesville and were not in

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Alamo Wing members, military pup observe Veterans Day at S.A. school

By Tech. Sgt. Carlos J. Treviño
433RD AIRLIFT WING

An audience of nearly 1,000 people filled the cafeteria at Dolph Briscoe Middle School in San Antonio on Nov. 9 for the school's ninth annual Veterans Day observance.

Due to the weather, the event was moved indoors, which limited the attendance of students from a nearby elementary, active duty, National Guardsmen, Reserve

Citizen Airmen and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps units. Instead, this year's event was broadcast to classrooms in the school and to the nearby elementary.

The keynote speaker was U.S. Air Force Col. Kato Martinez, 26th Cyberspace Operations Group deputy commander. There were also choir performances, the school band playing patriotic music and a wreath-laying ceremony.

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TECH. SGT. CARLOS J. TREVIÑO

Dolph Briscoe Middle School students and Reserve Citizen Airmen with the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron accompanied by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Proscia, left, 433rd Airlift Wing command post, and TThunder, a puppy from the Military Working Dog Program, take a moment with students after the school's 9th annual Veterans Day ceremony.

Program brings moms, moms-to-be together

By Daniel J. Calderón
59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Parents expecting a new child, even experienced parents with more than one child already at home, can feel overwhelmed at times.

The 59th Medical Wing helps alleviate some concerns with information, advice and companionship through the Centering for Pregnancy program at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center.

“Moms come in and complete their individual assessments where staff listen to baby’s heart tones, do the appropriate measurements, and go over any concerns moms have,” said Monica Wheaton, Women’s Health Clinic certified nurse midwife. “We call it ‘tummy time,’ where we see each patient individually. Moms keep their information in their personal ‘OB Passports,’ along with the staff keeping official patient records. This allows for more participation in the overall process.”

Women are encouraged to start attending sessions once they come in for their first OB/GYN appointment, usually around 16-20 weeks into the pregnancy.

“This is my second session and so far, I’m really liking it,” said Airman 1st Class Brooke Martinez, a mental health technician who is at the 22-week mark in her first pregnancy. “I think there are a lot of valuable lessons in this program,



Moms discuss issues about their pregnancies during the Nov. 8 Centering for Pregnancy session at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The program provides moms with information and resources designed to help them throughout their pregnancy.

and I would highly recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity to take it.”

Each group session lasts approximately two hours, which allows time for individual and group activities.

“The benefit of the group is that you have more time to cover topics,” said Airman 1st Class Mary Lankford, Women’s Health Clinic medical technician. “When you have feedback from the different women involved in that group, they have a lot of beneficial input. We have [participants] that have [children already] and we have new moms. Even the new moms have had

very helpful suggestions or resources they had found and shared.”

Lankford serves as one of the facilitators for the group sessions and answers questions moms may have regarding their pregnancies and encourages participation in group activities.

Moms, however, are not the only members of the groups. Dads, parents and other family members or friends of the mom-to-be can participate.

Although moms are encouraged to join the group early in the pregnancy, they are welcome to come in anytime.

“If they’re new to the area, they don’t

know people so we really try to encourage them, if they have the time, to join the group – no matter what stage the group is,” Wheaton said. “It helps them become a little bit more acquainted with some moms and learn more about resources available.”

In addition, Wheaton and the other facilitators have subject matter experts come in to discuss various topics, including breastfeeding, physical therapy and family advocacy.

“It creates an atmosphere for the women to feel more comfortable,” Lankford said. “It gives them a lot more resources and allows them to ask more questions.”

Expecting mothers are placed in a group based on their expected due date. Each group averages 10 moms, with meeting times available in the morning or afternoon, and meets monthly during the early portion of the pregnancy. Around the eighth month, the groups start meeting every two weeks.

After moms deliver their babies, there is one more “reunion” group session.

“That’s my favorite session,” Lankford said. “All the babies are so cute. It’s really fun seeing how everyone’s baby looks. It’s just really fun seeing how they interact with each other.”

Wheaton said the moms, and dads, who attend the sessions form strong bonds over the course of the program.

The Centering for Pregnancy program is available for any prospective mothers who can use the facilities at WHASC.

Recruiting influencers tour C-5M Super Galaxy

By Master Sgt. Kristian Carter
433RD AIRLIFT WING

Fifteen Air Force recruiting influencers visited the 433rd Airlift Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland on Nov. 8.

While at JBSA-Lackland, the group saw multiple events and facilities, including a coin ceremony with the basic military trainees, and toured a C-5M Super Galaxy.

The Air Force Recruiting

Service arranges for these tours to show influencers, who include educators, school administrators and counselors, what the Air Force has to offer young adults who might be interested in a military career.

“What we’re hoping to do by bringing them out here is show them the Air Force mission and Air Force way of life,” said Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth J. Kephart, 332nd Recruiting Squadron



Senior Airman Andres Terrazas, 68th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, explains how crew and passengers operate in the troop compartment of a C-5M Super Galaxy to a group of recruiting influencers at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland on Nov. 8.

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MASTER SGT. KRISTIAN CARTER



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Tech. Sgt. Eric K. Ganley, 68th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, talks with Lt. Col. Terrance J. Holmes, 332nd Recruiting Squadron commander, about the flight engineer station.

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enlisted accessions recruiter. “We’re hoping they go back to their schools and spread the Air Force story to anybody who is interested and show them the different opportunities that are

available in the Air Force.”

These tours help introduce influencers to opportunities the Air Force can offer to its members.

“As a principal, I work with a lot of my students,” said Erik Lathen, North Valley High School principal in Grants Pass, Oregon.

“What I think it can do is help me reflect to my staff and student population that the Air Force is not just a viable option, but one that they should seriously consider because it provides so many opportunities and advantages over some of their civilian counterparts in terms of post-high school career and plans.”

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the storm’s path. His ex-wife stayed behind in Panama City Beach and survived the storm. However, Sheffield’s 12 AFIMSC colleagues were not as fortunate.

“Every one of my co-workers sustained significant to catastrophic damage to where some of their houses will have to be re-built,” said Sheffield, who participates in a group text with the team and speaks to them by phone as well.

During the TDY and after his initial visit back home, AFIMSC officials regularly checked on Sheffield to make sure he was handling his personal recovery well.

“After it was determined he was in good shape and because his house was not damaged and his circumstances allowed, we invited him to consider working from San Antonio TDY,” said Col. Anthony Smith, AFIMSC budget director. “Scott and our Tyndall Air Force Base team work budget

issues across the Air Force enterprise, and we thought he was in a good place to be able to provide support from here.”

Smith added that his team is sensitive to ensure affected members and their families can recover.

“Recovery is the primary focus for the Tyndall team,” he said. “While their focus is on the recovery, the remaining members of the overall budget team will ensure the mission is accomplished.”

Back in San Antonio until Nov. 16, Sheffield continues to work operations, readiness and energy programs. His first efforts involved direct support to hurricane recovery. Sheffield worked two requisitions for \$93 million that were used for building a base for Tyndall recovery operations. He assisted with creating travel orders for another Resources Directorate member to

Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to help with processing hurricane evacuation orders.

“I came back here TDY to keep the mission going in the right direction, and I started with an effort to triage what’s most important,” he said.

As he executes the mission, he can’t help but think of his colleagues and friends in the area who are dealing with a very lengthy recovery.

“I really feel for my teammates because they have a long road ahead of them,” he said. “I am very fortunate I don’t have to deal with the same recovery they are going through. They have to strip their houses down to the studs and rebuild from the ground up.

Smith said Sheffield is a perfect example of the Wingman culture.

“Because Scott is focused on the mission, they can focus on their recovery,” he said.

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This year’s ceremony included attendance by Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 433rd Airlift Wing along with a four-legged first at the annual ceremony in the form of TThunder, a five-month old Belgian Malinois puppy from the Military Working Dog program at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The double letter in the dog’s first name is not a misspelling. Puppies born in the program have the first letter of the name

doubled as an identifier for the dog’s family lineage.

TThunder is being fostered by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Proscia, 433rd Airlift Wing command post, until he is 7 months old. At that point, he will return to the Military Working Dog program to begin training for a career as a patrol and detect dog. He has been living and going to work with Proscia since he was 6 months old.

“This event was amazing,” she said. “I was honored that we could be a part of it. TThunder did well, of course, and loved

the attention.”

Besides Proscia and TThunder, Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron sent six Airmen to talk about their careers and a Humvee to explain to students how the vehicle is used to complete their missions.

“Having these folks from JBSA-Lackland is always a plus for our event,” said John Gonzalez, an instructional assistant at Briscoe. “When they leave, I know they have enjoyed their visit to our school.”

94-year-old veteran continues to serve at 59th Medical Wing as library assistant

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Iinuma
59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Helen Wells, a 94-year-old volunteer librarian assistant at the 59th Medical Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, recently celebrated 53 years of service.

Before volunteering at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center as a library assistant, Wells dedicated 23 years of active duty service to the United States Air Force.

"In 1950, I volunteered to join the Air Force to travel the world," Wells said. "My first duty station was at Scott Air Force Base, which was about 60 miles away from my home."

Having been to about two dozen bases during her active duty career, one base stood out the most for Wells.

"When I was stationed at Wheelus Air Base in Tripoli, Libya, it was a whole different culture," Wells said. "The climate was different. I was there before the days of Gaddafi;



STAFF SGT. KEVIN IINUMA

Helen Wells, 94, has dedicated more than 50 years of service to the Air Force. In her career as a nurse and now as volunteer, she has learned that "life is about constant learning."

it was very pleasant being there. It was all peaceful, and there was no fighting as far as the American troops were concerned."

Before retiring in 1973, Wells' last eight years of active duty were dedicated to teaching

Wells started volunteering at Wilford Hall in November 1988. Working one day a week, she provided data entry and transfers from written to digital copies and entered approximately 500 records a month into a tracking system.

"I enjoy volunteering here at Wilford Hall," Wells said. "I enjoy the work and I like to contribute. I think people should contribute to those who can't get everything in life."

In the beginning, Wells worked with manual and electric typewriters, wet process photocopiers and telephone fax systems. As technology advanced, Wells demonstrated her adaptability by learning the emerging technologies. She understood adapting to change is key in life.

"I first learned (to work) on the old typewriters, and now I'm working with modern computers," Wells said. "In high school, I learned typing, and with all of this new technology, the keyboard is still the same

that I've learned on. They've just added new keys, but the basic alphabet is all the same. If I have to use it, I had to learn it. You have to keep learning; life is about constant learning. As technology evolves, you have to increase your knowledge on new technology."

Throughout her nursing career, from actively working with patients to training a new generation of nurses, Wells was dedicated to service. Her experience continues to benefit the readiness of warrior medics at the current WHASC. After serving the nation for 53 years, Wells wants to continue serving the 59th MDW for many more years.

"I want to volunteer as long as I can. It's a great outlet when you're retired," Wells said. "You got to have a purpose, a reason to get up in the morning. It's nice to volunteer and give your time to an organization that needs help or could use your help. It's good for you and good for the organization."

BASKIN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND STARBASE KELLY

Eighteen Mildred Baskin Elementary school students visited Starbase Kelly Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland on Nov. 5. The Starbase Kelly team taught the students basic concepts about aircraft and flight before the children toured a C-5M Super Galaxy. Staff Sgt. Anthony B. Molina, 68th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, and Tech. Sgt. Luke W. Christiansen, 433rd Maintenance Group, maintenance operations center production controller, describe the capabilities of the C-5M Super Galaxy.



Kathy Martin, Starbase Kelly director, uses soda cans to demonstrate air pressure properties.



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AETC announces 2018 flying training awards

Wing at Vance takes top honors in annual ceremony

By Dan Hawkins
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 71st Flying Training Wing at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., flew away with the top flying training wing honors for 2018 during the Air Education and Training Command Flying Training Awards ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Oct. 26.

The second annual event, hosted by the 19th Air Force, the numbered Air Force responsible for flying training, recognized the exceptional individuals and teams across AETC who continue to produce highly qualified aircrew for the Air Force over the last fiscal year.

"Tonight simply reinforced what we already knew — that we have the world's greatest aircrew and instructors out in the field, training and educating the world's finest combat ready Airmen to deliver Airpower," said Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th AF commander. "Every single Airmen in the flying training enterprise understands that teamwork, production and innovation are the key to solving the Air Force's current pilot crisis and winning future wars."

To kick off the event, each flying training wing's individual award winners, known as the "High Flyers," were announced.

"These 'High Flyers' have demonstrated they really love the mission, love to fly, and love to instruct," Doherty said.

"These awards really are meant to show these instructors how much we value what they do — we can't accomplish our mission



Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, posthumously awards the C-130H High Flyer Award to the wife and sons of Lt. Col. Reagan K. Whitlow: Deeanne, Koby and Kale Whitlow during the ceremony.



Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, presents the Top Wing of Wings Award to Col. Corey Simmons, 71st Flying Training Wing commander.

without them!"

The 19th AF C-130H "High Flyer" award was presented posthumously to the family of

retired Lt. Col. Reagan Kyle "Shaggy" Whitlow, a former C-130 instructor pilot with the Arkansas Air National Guard's

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189th Airlift Wing, who died in September 2018. Whitlow, a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and the C-130 Weapons Instructor Course, was a mentor to many in the flying community.

"Reagan had a unique ability to light up a room with his one of a kind personality and character, and lived his life to the fullest, while bringing great happiness to all that he encountered," Doherty said. "His achievements brought great credit to himself, his family, and the United States Air Force. He is and will be missed."

This year's team winners are:

- Top Future Aviator Category: 1st Flying Training Squadron, 12th Flying Training

Wing, Pueblo, Colo.

- T-6 Category: 33rd FTS, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

- T-1 Category: 3rd FTS, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

- T-38 Category: 25th FTS, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

- Combat Systems Officer/Remotely Pilot Aircraft/Air Battle Manager Category: 337th Air Control Squadron, 33rd Fighter Wing, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

- Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Category: 435th Fighter Training Squadron, 12th Flying Training Wing, JBSA-Randolph, Texas

- Pilot Instructor Training Category: 560th Flying Training Squadron, 12th Flying Training Wing, JBSA-Randolph, Texas

- Fighter Category: 310th FS, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona

- Rotary Category: 71st Special Operations Squadron, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

- Top Maintenance Group in Gray Jet Division: 173rd Maintenance Group, 173rd Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field, Oregon

- Top Maintenance Group in White Jet Division: M1 Support Services, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

- Top Maintenance Group in Gray Tail Division: 58th Maintenance Group, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

- Top Operations Group in White Jet Division: 71st Operation Group, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

SARMs provide 'last line of defense'

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 12th Operations Support Squadron performs a crucial role at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, keeping 12th Flying Training Wing pilots safe in their aerial mission by attending to duties ranging from airfield and airspace management to aircrew flight equipment inspections and training.

Another one of the 12th OSS' vital functions is Squadron Aviation Resource Management, which Lt. Col. Jason Bianchi, the squadron's director of operations, called "an incredibly important role in the safe conduct of flying operations."

"SARM personnel verify aircrew are current and qualified for the mission they are scheduled to fly, ensure they're not on a medical status that prevents them from flying an aircraft or a simulator and help track the completion of annual training requirements," he said. "They're the last line of defense to prevent an aircrew member from attempting something they shouldn't do."

Fifteen SARM technicians – also known as SARMs – support the 12th FTW's flying training squadrons and fighter training squadron, said Robert Williams, 12th OSS Host Aviation Resource Management superintendent. They belong to the 12th OSS Aviation Resource Management Flight.

"There are three SARMs per squadron, except for the 558th Flying Training Squadron, which has two, and the 559th FTS, which has four because they fly more sorties than the other squadrons," he said. "Most SARMs are military members, but all 12th FTW SARMs are civilians with military backgrounds. Many of them have 20 years of active-duty experience in the career field."

That experience pays big dividends at JBSA-Randolph, Bianchi said.



SEAN M. WORRELL

Britneigh Zeringue, 12th Operations Support Squadron aviation resource manager, briefs a 435th Fighter Training Squadron pilot prior to a training mission Nov. 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

"The SARM experience level at JBSA-Randolph is uniquely better than most bases," he said. "All of our personnel have been professionals at their craft for many years, so their breadth of understanding eclipses the typical squadron SARM staff. They use their experience to conduct daily operations with ease and provide well-researched and well-thought-out solutions to regulatory challenges.

The Air Force Standard Core Personnel Document for SARMs lists the technicians' duties in detail, but the primary purpose of the position is "to perform unit flight services, schedule unit airspace, manage the flying hour execution program and manage aviation service data, flying history and training data pertaining to all rated and nonrated officers, career enlisted aviators and parachutists."

SARMs mission-review the training logged by aircrew after flights and prior to the data being entered into the Training Integrated Management System. Also known as TIMS, the Air Education and Training Command program is defined as "an integrated suite of applications designed to support scheduling, performance tracking, reporting and trend analysis for enterprises conducting medium- or large-scale training operations."

Pilots also have access to TIMS, Williams said.

The Aviation Resource Management System, or ARMS, is an Air Force database that SARMs use to update aircrew members' daily flight hours and training, and produce management reports, said Darryl Tripp, 435th Fighter Training Squadron SARM chief.

The database also maintains members' career flight hours, training and aviation career resource management information, he said.

"SARMs use ARMS and TIMS to verify aircrews have met Air Force and major command requirements to fly," Tripp said. "SARMs daily review more than 11 Go/No-Go items per member to validate availability for flight."

TIMS tracks daily flight hours and training accomplished by aircrews and interfaces with ARMS to update the data into the ARMS database, he said.

"The training data is then updated from ARMS into TIMS to update the training currencies," Tripp said.

Other TIMS features are the squadron's daily schedule displayed on a screen and a color-code system that can display when currencies are due or overdue.

"If they're in 'green,' they're good to go," Williams said. "If they're in 'red' for any item, they don't fly."

Some red items are beyond pilots' control, he said.

"They can be DNIF, which means 'duty not including

flight,' for any medical reason that can affect their flying," Williams said. "If they are back from a long deployment, they'll also be in red until they complete a training program to get all their red items current again."

The system uses other colors as well, including yellow, which shows pilots they have a requirement to meet in the near future.

"Flying commanders like that so their pilots don't get to the point where they're in the red," Williams said. "That prevents a lot of reds."

SARMs also work with personnel in the 12th Maintenance Group to ensure pilots' flying hours match the 12th MXG's aircraft records.

In addition to keeping tabs on flying training currency items such as takeoffs, approaches and landings, SARMs track ground currency items, which include water survival training, local area survival training and instrument refresher courses.

SARMs get to see pilots during an important phase in their careers, said Tripp, who has 33 years' experience as a SARM, including 24 years on active duty.

"You get to see how the Air Force builds their pilots from the ground up," he said. "We check all the pilots' information and see that they meet all their ground requirements so they're ready to hop into their aircraft. When the aircrew comes down, they log what they've accomplished into TIMS, and we review the information for accuracy. That information is then pushed into ARMS."

SARMs "bring a precise level of attention" to their job, Bianchi said.

"Their skill and precision ensure flight plans are filed correctly, prevent delays and they serve as the facilitators that make the 'machine' of flying training run smoothly," he said. "The SARMs play a key role in the flying training operations here, and we couldn't do it without them."

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- Top Operations Group in Gray Tail Division: 97th Operations Group, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma

- Top Operations Group in Gray Jet Division: 56th Operation Group, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona

- Top Wing in White Jet Division: 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

- Top Wing in Gray Jet Division: 173rd Fighter Wing, Kinston Field, Oregon

- Top Wing in Gray Tail Division: 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

- Top Wing of Wings: 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

In being named the "Top Wing of Wings," the 71st FTW took home the trophy named in honor of Lt. Gen. Henry Vicerello Sr., the first and third commander of 19 AF.

"Keeping the flying training machine running requires everyone — the instructors, staff and our maintainers — to be ready to execute the mission every single day," Doherty said. "We are so grateful for the work our team does."

The 19th Air Force is responsible for the training of more than 30,000 U.S. and allied students annually in numerous specialties ranging from aircrews, remotely piloted aircraft crews, air battle managers, weapons directors, Air Force Academy Airmanship programs, and survival, escape, resistance, and evasion Specialists. They execute operational-level command and control of all formal aircrew flying training missions within Air Education and Training Command and provide Airmen with a 5th generation, cross-domain warrior mindset to the Combat Air Forces, Mobility Air Forces, and Special Operations Air Forces to sustain the combat capability of the United States Air Force.