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Top Three

The March Top Three Association meets every Sunday of the A & B UTA at 9 a.m. in Building 441. Also, they will be holding elections for President, Vice-Pres (A & B UTA), Treasurer and Secretary (A & B UTA). Send your nomination for any of these offices with a short bio to: helena.mcghee@march.af.mil

Ribbon Cutting

The optical shop will have their grand opening on June 12. Stop by for refreshments and other giveaways. Also, for three days only on June 11, 12 and 13 the shop is having a special sale. Contacts as low as \$12.50. Visit the optical center for details!

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NAF Sale

NAF's lodging sale will be held on June 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bldg 435. It will be first come, first served. Cash only. Items include: headboards, night stands, armoires, desks, mirrors, chairs, lamps, mattresses and box springs and silk plants.

General Melin re-enlists 10 Security Forces Airmen



Brig. Gen. James L. Melin administers the re-enlistment oath to 10 Airmen from the 452nd Security Forces Squadron. (From left) Master Sgt. Thomas P. Moffit, Tech. Sgt. Anthony R. Villarreal, Tech. Sgt. Enrique Pizano, Staff Sgt. Giovanni L. Moscoso, Master Sgt. Ralph L. Elderbaum, Master Sgt. Christopher P. Jugas, Senior Master Sgt. Donald R. Houfek, Tech. Sgt. Bryan D. Edwards, Tech. Sgt. Joseph A. Legrone, and Staff Sgt. Paul E. Hardy.



Capt. Anna Ruiz, Executive Officer of Mission Support Group, congratulates Staff Sgt. Paul E. Hardy on his re-enlistment.

A FINAL RE-ENLISTMENT

Master Sgt. Moffit jokes with his fellow Airmen as he signs re-enlistment documents for the last time. "It's a milestone that is finally coming to an end," he said. "It's even more exciting having the general do the last one." After this enlistment is over, Moffit will have completed 33 years of service. Moffit's legacy of service will continue; his son is serving in Afghanistan and his daughter is completing paperwork to join the Navy.



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Don't wait until the 23rd Century; develop your vision now

by Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas—Imagine, if you will, an adaptive training environment that sits inside a bare room. This environment can be manipulated to simulate any task; from simple to complex. With the flick of a switch or push of a button, the bare room transforms into a living, breathing, interactive experience. Sounds and smells abound, people appear and interact, and objects can be held and manipulated.

Once the training is complete, the same switch or button disengages the system, making the entire simulation disappear, leaving the original stark, bare room.

In the “Star Trek” series, such an innovation was part of their daily routine.

The “holodeck” permitted personnel aboard the Starship Enterprise to experience an interactive learning simulation. Imagine how such an innovation could help members of our Air Force. Not only would it save space, but also it would help manage risk, reduce training costs and permit personalized learning programs built specifically for the individual.

Revolutionary

The holodeck would revolutionize all aspects of how we operate in the Air Force.

The holodeck is my vision of the perfect training and education aide. In fact, I wish every installation had hundreds of these interactive rooms throughout the base. The possibilities are endless.

Sadly, I must temper my vision with reality and the realm of the possible. Although my vision may not be feasible today, it doesn't mean that I should give up. Our job is to make dreams come true each and every day. I know you all have similar dreams, visions that could benefit our Airmen both today and tomorrow. Such visions must be pursued: You should never, ever, ever give up.

In order to realize a vision, several things need to happen. First, you must align the vision with one of our core service functions. The closer to the core, the easier it will be to gain support and, eventually, resourcing.

Next, take the vision and develop a strategy. Depending on your vision, the strategy may involve acquisition, implementation, execution, modification or one of many other aspects. Let your strategy start at the 40 percent solution and then let it evolve to 80 percent and eventually to 98 percent. Realize that the process is continual; you will never get to 100 percent.

Begin socializing

With the strategy in place, you can start socializing

the vision.

Socialization will also help your vision progress and grow roots through increased organizational support and understanding. The support will help you champion the concept for resourcing. After all, your vision must have resourcing in order to come true. Those resources will go to winners, not to losers. Invest the time and energy to be a winner.

In life, and especially in the Air Force, priorities and personnel are always changing. Over time, your vision will need to adapt to the realities of change. It will require even greater persistence and objectivity. Giving your vision roots and aligning it with core functions will create something that can be handed off and sustained through change. The best ideas, sustained by hard work, can be carried forward by any leader.

Other people's vision

You may also find yourself joining an organization and accepting someone else's vision. In this situation, evaluate their vision against current realities and resourcing priorities. If they've done their homework, the project will be easy to move forward. If they haven't, assess the vision to determine if it should move ahead or if its time has passed.

Last month, while visiting Fort Dix, N.J., and the Air Force Expeditionary Center, I came as close as I've ever been to a functioning holodeck.

I watched in awe as deploying Airmen entered a series of rooms at the Medical Training Simulation Center. They fought through heavy smoke to reach bloodied bodies that littered the floor. Sirens wailed and explosions shook the room, all interrupting their efforts to save the simulated wounded.

Holodeck off

Once their training was complete, instructors activated a switch that disengaged the simulation. In this situation, the switch did not make the entire interactive experience disappear. Although the smoke cleared and sirens stopped wailing, the “original stark, bare room” still held the medical training dummies. It was more than enough to get my heart racing.

My vision still needs some time to evolve and mature. This doesn't mean I'm going to give up. I simply need to work a little harder.

Our Air Force needs you to champion your vision as well. Develop it along our service core functions and socialize it; let it grow roots and evolve. Don't let your vision disappear like the end of a holodeck simulation exercise. Do your homework and the resources will follow.

After all, it is your initiatives that fuel the positive change that makes our Air Force the finest in the world.

Commissaries ask customers – ‘What’s in your closet?’

by Millie Slamin

DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

FORT LEE, Va.—You can plan for a summer outing, but you can't plan for a natural or man-made disaster. This month, the Defense Commissary Agency wants to help you plan for both.

“Our focus is on delivering a premier commissary benefit to our armed services community,” said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., “and we do that by ensuring our customers have what they need, whether it is for a backyard barbecue or an emergency.”

Beginning in June, and continuing throughout the summer months, commissaries are stepping up efforts to promote disaster preparedness through DeCA's “What's in Your Closet” campaign. This initiative prompts customers to check their medicine and kitchen cabinets, garages, and wherever else they may keep their “survival kits,” and purchase items that are missing.

“It also serves to reassure our troops, whether they are at home or in the field, that we are not only providing their families with the finest service possible, we are also taking the very best care of them.”

During the campaign, commissaries will run their “Summer Water Program,” and offer “Summer Club Packs” that include disaster preparedness items like nonperishable foods, toiletry

items, flashlights and batteries.

“It is now hurricane season for some of our customers, while others will experience lightning storms, floods, tornadoes or earthquakes,” he remarked. “Then, too, there are the regions where dry summers bring grass and forest fires.

To avoid the risk of not having all items on hand, DeCA recommends that customers check their emergency preparedness status and use their commissary benefit to stock up on emergency provisions at savings of 30 percent or more.

“With the help of our suppliers, we keep our shelves fully stocked with products that can sustain customers who are coping with a disaster,” said Charlie Dowlen, promotions manager for DeCA's sales directorate.

“We are fortunate to have suppliers who will expedite the delivery of large quantities of critically needed items that will sustain those who have gone through a crisis.”

DeCA recommends customers have the following items in their “closet”:

- Water – at least one gallon, daily, per person for three to seven days.
- Nonperishable foods – canned meats, fruits, vegetables, dried fruits, nuts, raisins, cereal, crackers, cookies, energy bars, granola, peanut butter, and foods for infants and the elderly.
- Paper goods – writing paper, paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper.

- Cooking items – pots, pans, baking sheet, cooking utensils, charcoal, a grill and a manual can opener.

- First-aid kit – including bandages, medicines and prescription drugs.

- Cleaning materials – bleach, sanitizing spray, and hand and laundry soap.

- Specialty foods – diet and low-calorie foods and drinks.

- Toiletries – personal hygiene items and moisture wipes.

- Pet care items – food, water, muzzle, leash, carrier, medications, medical records, and identification and immunization tags.

- Lighting accessories – flashlight, batteries, candles and matches.

“Our stores are stocked and ready with emergency-essential items, and motivated staffs are standing by to provide exceptional customer service,” said Sakowitz. “So don't wait until disaster strikes. Visit your commissary today, and you will see that – it's worth the trip!”

For more information about how to best prepare for emergencies, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site: www.fema.gov; the Department of Homeland Security Web site: www.dhs.gov; and the American Red Cross Web site: www.redcross.org.

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Army to celebrate 234th birthday with various events

by Frederick R. Poole
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—Ever since June 14, 1775, the U.S. Army has been defending America's liberty and to help celebrate its 234th birthday, Army commands will host a variety of events throughout June.

The annual Department of the Army cake-cutting ceremony will be in the Pentagon's center courtyard June 12 starting at 11:30 a.m.

The Army Birthday Ball is set for June 13 at the Hilton Washington Hotel located at 1919 Connecticut Ave. Northwest, in Washington, D.C. The reception for this year's Birthday Ball is set for 5:30 p.m. and the ball itself begins at 7 p.m. A Twilight Tattoo ceremony

in honor of the Army Birthday will take place on Fort Myer, Va., at Whipple Field beginning at 7:15 p.m. on June 17. In case of inclement weather, Conmy Hall on Fort Myer will be the alternate location for the Twilight Tattoo.

The Army Birthday also includes events for children, such as book readings. In the nation's capital, book readings will take place at the Fort Myer and Fort Belvoir Child Development Center. The Fort Myer book reading is scheduled 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., June 15 while Fort Belvoir's will take place June 18 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The 2009 Army Birthday will celebrate the Year of the NCO, military families, civilian personnel and the history of the

Transcontinental Convoy.

In 1919, the Army's Transportation Corps undertook a transcontinental convoy to emphasize the importance of being able to move equipment across the country. Now in 2009, the Military Vehicle Preservation Association will honor the

90th anniversary of this event by recreating the 1919 convoy. This effort will begin June 13 and is set to continue through July 8.

The Pentagon will have a display of MVPA Vintage Military Vehicles that will be open to the public to view at the center courtyard

June 12. These vehicles will include a Korean War Jeep, a Vietnam era Jeep, a World War II motorcycle, and a Ford Sedan Staff Car.

For more information on the MVPA and their mission, visit <http://www.mvpa.org/>.

Budget request calls for more people, money

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama recommended more people and more funding for Air Force Reserve Command in his fiscal 2010 defense budget request.

Under the proposal released May 7, the command's military personnel account would increase by 7.4 percent. The account represents about a third of the command's overall budget.

If approved, the Air Force's Selected Reserve end strength would climb to 68,500, an increase of 2,100 reservists. The command would get \$72 million for bonuses and education benefits. Other funds would help the Reserve increase its focus on skill-level

training and preparations to deploy people.

Two-thirds of the budget request for the command goes towards the operation and maintenance account. Under the president's proposal, the O&M would get a 2.8 percent boost compared to FY 2009. Funding would add 414 more air reserve technicians and set aside nearly \$126 million for overseas contingency operations.

One percent of the budget would cover four military construction projects.

For the president's request to become law, the House and Senate must reach a consensus before sending it to the president for his signature.

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President announces new cyber security office

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—The nation's computer network infrastructure will be defended as a national strategic asset, President Barack Obama said here May 29.

In a White House announcement, President Obama said he will appoint a cyber security coordinator for the critical infrastructure that all Americans depend on.

"We will ensure that these networks are secure, trustworthy and resilient," he said. "We will deter, prevent, detect and defend against attacks, and recover quickly from any disruptions or damage."

Personnel in the cyber security office will orchestrate and integrate all cyber security policies for the government, the president said. They will work closely with Office of Management and Budget officials to ensure agency budgets reflect those priorities, and, in the event of major cyber incident or attack, will coordinate government response.

The cyber security coordinator will be a member of the national security staff and will serve on the president's national economic council.

"To ensure that policies keep faith with our

fundamental values, this office will also include an official with a portfolio specifically dedicated to safeguarding the privacy and civil liberties of the American people," President Obama said. "Clear milestones and performance metrics will measure progress."

The cyber infrastructure is not limited to the federal government. The office will work with officials in state and local governments and international partners to combat cyber attacks, and also will work with the private sector to ensure an organized and unified response to future cyber incidents.

"Given the enormous damage that can be caused by even a single cyber attack, ad hoc responses will not do," the president said. "Nor is it sufficient to simply strengthen our defenses after incidents or attacks occur. Just as we do for natural disasters, we have to have plans and resources in place beforehand, sharing information, issuing warnings and ensuring a coordinated response."

The problem is spreading. President Obama said cyber criminals launched attacks worldwide last year that cost consumers \$1 trillion.

America's economic prosperity in the 21st century will depend on cyber security, which also affects public safety and national security, the president said.

"We count on computer networks to deliver our

oil and gas, our power and our water," he said.

Computers help run public transportation networks from the skies to subways, he noted, and hackers have launched attacks on electrical grids.

"Our technological advantage is a key to America's military dominance, but our defense and military networks are under constant attacks," he said. "Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups have spoken of their desire to unleash a cyber attack on our country, attacks that are harder to detect and harder to defend against. Indeed, in today's world, acts of terror could come not only from a few extremists in suicide vests, but from a few keystrokes on the computer, a weapon of mass disruption."

Part of the program is a national campaign to promote cyber security awareness and digital literacy. The effort also will be part of the president's initiative to build a digital work force for the 21st century.

"The task I have described will not be easy," he said. "Some 1.5 billion people around the world are already online, and more are logging on every day. Groups and governments are sharpening their cyber capabilities. Protecting our prosperity and security in this globalized world is going to be a long, difficult struggle, demanding patience and persistence over many years."

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Portable USO center brings 'Piece of Home' to deployed military members

by Army Sgt. Amber Robinson
Special to American Forces Press Service

LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan—Military members at Forward Operating Base Shank here gathered May 27 for the dedication of the first "USO in a Box."

The facility was dedicated to the military who serve, have served and to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Task Force Spartan soldiers from the 710th Brigade Support Battalion hosted a formal ceremony for the grand opening. Army Col. Marcus Cochran, personnel assistance officer in charge for Combined Joint Task Force 101 was the event's keynote speaker.

"The USO is a place where any military member can go and it feels like home," he said. "It's a place that offers a break."

Though it's small and enclosed within a metal container, the new USO facility comes with all amenities included, making it an oasis for relaxation and fun. It includes a large-screen television, two phones for morale calls, two computers for personal e-mail access and three video-game consoles.

"This facility is the first-ever to be established anywhere in the world," said Army Capt. Pena De Lucia of the CJTF 101 personnel office, who had a large role in planning the event.

"We saw the need for a facility in this area," said Kevin Meade, vice president for USO facilities throughout Southwest Asia. "We did extensive research, and this is where our research showed we should establish the first center."

More portable USOs soon will follow. Two other units have arrived at Bagram Airfield and await transport to destinations in Kunar and Paktia provinces.

"We plan to have 10 facilities set up across Afghani-



Army Lt. Col. Eugene Shearer, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Shelton Williamson, Army Col. Marcus Cochran and Kevin Meade cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the USO's first portable facility at Forward Operating Base Shank in Afghanistan's Logar province, May 27. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Amber Robinson)

stan, including this one," Meade said. "Ten facilities will be set up here, and 10 will be sent to Iraq."

The facilities are part of what Meade refers to as a "three-prong effect," which includes the portable USO facilities, gaming systems and "USO to Go," a program that sends soldiers packages of goodies, clothing, board games, and musical instruments.

"What we want is to provide outreach to those military members who are out on the more obscure FOBs," Meade said, "which is why we have made these portable USO facilities so durable, compact and easy to set up."

After the ceremony, military members had a chance to tour the facility. Without a word, they settled down in



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Navy dedicates premiere Joint Warfare Lab to honor Sailor Killed by IED

by Troy Clarke

Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona
Public Affairs

NORCO, Calif.—The Navy dedicated the latest addition to the nation's premiere Joint Warfare Assessment Laboratory at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Corona May 28 at a ceremony to honor a Sailor killed by an improvised explosive device.

The Daugherty Memorial Assessment Center, a 39,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art center, bears the name of Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class Steven Phillip Daugherty and commemorates the work NSWC Corona is doing to combat the IED threat that killed Daugherty July 6, 2007.

"The Daugherty Memorial Assessment Center nearly doubles Corona's secure analysis and assessment area and significantly enhances our ability to do collaborative performance assessment," said NSWC Corona Commanding Officer Capt. Rob Shafer to the overflow crowd of more than 450 attendees.

"It will stand as an ever-present reminder of Steven - and to every Sailor, Soldier, Airman, and Marine who has given their life in defense of this country. This dedication commemorates his sacrifice and recognizes the groundbreaking work NSWC Corona is doing to help combat the threat of IEDs against our armed forces."

Daugherty's parents, Tom and Lydia, attended the dedication ceremony with one of their sons, Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Daugherty. Each of the four Daugherty children has served in the armed forces, and two are currently in the air force.

"Steven was proud to serve his country," said his mother Lydia. "He took pride in his work and always did the best he could."

Daugherty recently received one of the nation's top awards in the intelligence community for his bravery and contribution to cryptology.

"It was an honor for the Intelligence Community to bestow one

of its highest awards on Steven - the National Intelligence Medal for Valor - in deep appreciation for his example of courage," said Dennis C. Blair, director of National Intelligence, about the dedication. "It is entirely fitting that the Department of the Navy has honored the memory of Cryptologic Technician Tactical First Class (SW) Steven P. Daugherty by giving his name to its new Assessment Center at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division."

"To the elite Corona engineers, I say this: As you go about your good work supporting the men and women in uniform, may this building serve as an ever-present reminder, a monument to heroes, named after Steven Daugherty, our hero," said Senior Executive Dr. William Luebke, NSWC Corona's incoming technical director.

"Never forget how important the work we do here is for them fighting over there. For truth in performance means dominance on the battlefield. It is our mission, it is our purpose, it is our calling."

U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert, whose congressional district encompasses NSWC Corona, and Col. Tom Magness, Los Angeles district commander for the Army Corps of Engineers, also spoke at the ceremony. Magness served as the senior engineer trainer of the National Training Center Sidewinder team at Fort Irwin, Calif., when he worked with Corona analysts on counter-IED efforts.

In addition to supporting counter-IED efforts, the Daugherty Memorial Assessment Center greatly enhances NSWC Corona's ability to support key national missions.

With it, NSWC Corona can provide Strike Group interoperability assessment needed to certify ships for deployment; provide critical flight analysis for all Navy surface missile systems; and provide performance assessment of Aegis and Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense ships throughout their entire lifecycle. NSWC Corona can also centralize, process, and distribute the Navy's combat

and weapon system data on one of the largest classified networks in the Department of Defense.

Following the dedication, the Daugherty family toured the facility and learned how Corona analysts are helping defeat the threat that killed their son and brother.

"He would have been very humbled by it all," Daugherty's mother said about the building dedication. "He would have said he was just doing his job."

Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona is the Navy's only independent assessment agent and is responsible for gauging the

warfighting capability of ships and aircraft, analyzing missile defense systems, and assessing the adequacy of Navy personnel training.

The base is home to three premiere national laboratories and assessment centers, the Joint Warfare Assessment Lab, the Measurement Science and Technology Lab, and the Daugherty Memorial Assessment Center, which are instrumental in fulfilling NSWC Corona's mission and supporting the nation's armed forces.



Captain Rob Shafer delivers remarks at the dedication ceremony for the Daugherty Memorial Assessment Center, a 39,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art assessment center at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division. The center is named after Petty Officer 1st Class Steven P. Daugherty, who grew up near the Southern California naval base and was killed July 6, 2007 by an improvised explosive device. More than 450 scientists, engineers, and service members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, and elected officials attended the event. (U.S. Navy photo by Orrin Anderson)

GET OUT AND GO

INFORMATION TICKETS & TRAVEL

ITT has several tours throughout the year. Interested parties must sign up for the tours at ITT (Bldg. 434) by the deadlines listed below. Details on coordination on the day of the tour will be provided at sign-up.



R & R Day: Kick back at Newport Beach on June 20. \$18 per person. Departs 9 a.m., returns around 7 p.m. Pack a picnic lunch and bring your beach chairs and blankets. Spend a relaxing day by the water. Min. age 5 years. Deadline for sign up is June 15.

Sand and Saw Dust: Visit the Laguna Beach Saw Dust Art Festival on June 27. \$25 per person. Departs 9 a.m., returns around 8 p.m. Min. age 5 years. Cost includes transportation and entrance to the Art Festival. Deadline for sign up is June 17.

OUTDOOR REC

FREE Family Water Fun Day: Lake Perris

on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This activity is FREE to all military members and their families as well as DOD civilians at March. Our knowledgeable staff will instruct you on the proper use of operating all of our water toys (party boat, kayak, canoe, fishing boat, paddler boat, and sailboat).

A bus will take you from Outdoor Rec (leaving at 8:30 a.m.) to Lake Perris. Riding the bus precludes you from paying the entry fee for cars. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks. Please sign up no later than July 15 to assist the staff in planning for food and transportation.

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Mountain Paddle: Kayak at Big Bear Lake on July 11. \$70.00 per person, departs 8 a.m., returns around 5 p.m., min. age 10 years. Deadline for sign up is July 2.

AERO CLUB



Where Dreams Take Flight: Come by the Aero Club for Family Day Open House where all of our airplanes will be displayed on Saturday, June 13, from 1 to 6 p.m. You can even sit in the pilot's seat. There will be a BBQ, lots of food and games for the kids, and of course, answers to your questions on how to join the club as well as cost and requirements to get your private pilot's license. FAA certified flight instructors will be available to answer any technical questions you may have. Find out how inexpensive it is to learn how to fly at the March Aero Club. More information about the Aero Club can be found at www.452fss.com.

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It's block party time in the alley again on June 13 at 5 p.m. Back by popular demand is the band Conduct Unbecoming.

Father's Day Sunday Brunch Buffet

For details and reservations, call 653-2121 or 655-4920. Brunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

June 27: Madden Tournament at the Back-Street BattleZone. Sign up now and you could be crowned March Madden Champ!

FITNESS CENTER

Fitness Classes: These classes are FREE at the Fitness Center. Also, the Fitness Center needs a certified spin instructor and exercise instructors. Please contact Pam Smith for details at 655-2292.

Personal Trainers Available: Get your Fitness Program started with the help of one

of the Fitness Center's experienced Cooper Certified Personal Trainers. The Fitness Center Staff also holds certifications from the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA), and Mad Dogg Athletics Spinning.

Our Personal Trainers can help you set up a workout plan, conduct body fat analysis and fitness assessments. Please contact the Fitness Center to schedule an appointment. Service is free of charge.

New Exercise Incentive: The 500-mile club is underway. Prizes will be awarded at



100 and 250 miles. A 500 mile T-shirt will be given at the completion of the program. The 750- and 1000-mile clubs begin in July.

Can you meet the challenge? Prizes will be awarded.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 10: F2F 1.5 Mile Treadmill Race 6 a.m./11 a.m. "Streamline in 2009" activity

June 13: 3x3 Basketball Competition 5 p.m.

June 13: Sand Volleyball Tournament 11 a.m. "Streamline in 2009" activity

June 17: Singles Racquetball Tourney 5 p.m.

June 24: Free Throw Contest 10 a.m.

June 27: 'B' UTA Super Circuit 11 a.m. "Streamline in 2009" activity

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MOAA Luncheon

The Riverside March Field Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold their monthly speaker's luncheon on June 12 at the Hap Arnold Club at 11:30 a.m.

The guest speaker for this month is Retired, Lt. Col. David B. Gebhardt, USAF, Deputy Director, Defense Media Center.

Mr. David B. Gebhardt was assigned as Deputy Director, Defense Media Center in April 2008.

The DMC operates the American Forces Network (AFN), which provides "a touch of home" to U.S. service members and their families serving overseas through the delivery of stateside commercial radio and television programming services.

The DMC also provides commodity management of non-tactical, commercially available radio, television, and visual information (VI) equipment and supplies. The DMC furnishes engineering/technical, logistics, and contracting support to the Military Services and DoD activities, which includes managing the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) Contingency Office that provides for the readiness of all AFRTS contingency assets for worldwide emergency deployment.

Gebhardt was previously the Director of the Defense Visual Information Center (DVIC). As Director of the DoD-designated records center for the storage and preservation of visual information records of the U.S. military, he ensured that historical and significant DoD imagery was preserved and made available to members of the DoD, other U.S. government agencies, and the American public.

Prior to that assignment and during his 20-year military career, he was a spe-

cialist in visual information, broadcasting and combat camera. His previous positions included: Television Producer-Director at Lackland AFB, Texas, Director of Operations, Combat Camera, Charleston AFB, SC, Management Internship/Air Force Institute of Technol-

ogy, WGN-TV in Chicago, IL, Commander, Television/Combat Camera unit at Nellis AFB, NV, Commander, A V Services/Combat Camera unit at Yokota AB, JP, Chief, Contingency Plans & Director, Current Operations, Norton AFB, CA, Combat Camera Director of Opera-

tions, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Audiovisual Staff Officer at the Pentagon, and Squadron Support Flight Commander, 30th Comm Sq. at Vandenberg AFB, CA.

Garage Sale

Outdoor Recreation is selling some items in a sealed

bid sale from June 15-19. Those items include a 1990 Dodge Caravan and a vintage 1964 Chevrolet tow truck. All items are sold as is and all sales are final. Call Outdoor Rec for more information as well as a complete list of items and details.



TRANSITION ASSISTANCE ADVISORS

Who we are:

The purpose of the Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA) program is to provide a professional in each state/territory (some states have two TAAs) to serve as the statewide point of contact to assist Servicemembers in accessing Veterans Affairs benefits and healthcare services. Each TAA also provides assistance in obtaining entitlements through the TRICARE Military Health System and access to community resources. The TAA initiative started in May 2005 when the National Guard Bureau (NGB) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The TAA program is staffed by 60 contract positions and two federal technicians.



Why we TAAs will be successful in meeting your needs:

- We care about you and your family.
- Over 90% of us are Veterans or spouses of military members.
- Many of us have worked through the disability process and receive disability compensation.
- We have built strong partnerships and coalitions with the Department of Defense (TRICARE), the VA, State Directors of VA, Veterans Services Organizations, and State Headquarters groups, such as Family Support, Chaplains Offices, Department of Labor, and Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) - and this translates into personalized service for you.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war...shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

President George Washington



What we can do for you:

We help you navigate through the vast myriad of benefits and entitlements in the DoD and VA system. We take the time to assist you and not toss you into the "800 number desert!" We will educate you so you will understand the benefits you have earned, such as:

- TRICARE benefits while you are on active duty and when you return as an OIF/OEF Veteran.
- Important deadlines that require your action while still on active duty and as a Veteran so you do not miss these time-sensitive opportunities.
- Dental care programs (time-sensitive benefit).
- Referral for counseling services for you and your family that will not affect your career.
- Referral for possible compensation for injuries or illness sustained in OEF and OIF.
- Insurance information such as SGLI, TSGLI, FSGLI.
- Rehabilitative care management needed to help you return to a normal lifestyle.
- Assistance with job search and connection with ESGR for rights of employment.
- Assistance in connecting you to the Veterans Benefits Administration and Veterans Services Organizations to file disability claims.
- Assistance in the event of financial hardship, healthcare issues, or unemployment needs.
- Assistance with locating your medical records, DD 214s and other needed documents.

California Transition Assistance Advisors:

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• *Active Duty Military and DoD personnel Stationed at March ARB and their dependents, and retired military.*

The ONLY Classified ads that are available as free ads to above listed personnel are:

- Pets - Free To Good Home
- Roommate Wanted
- Lost & Found
- Cars & Trucks (Except RV's)
- Furniture & Appliances
- Misc. For Sale
- Garage & Yard Sales
- Motorcycles
- Misc. Wanted

All other categories are paid.

If you are eligible use the form below:

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One word, phone number, price per space.

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- Townhomes
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- Mobiles For Sale
- Mobiles For Rent
- Misc. For Rent
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- Income Property
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- Child care
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- Pets - Free To Good Home
- Lost & Found
- Cars & Trucks (Except RV's)
- Furniture & Appliances
- Misc. For Sale
- Garage & Yard Sales
- Motorcycles
- Misc. Wanted
- Roommate Wanted
- Rooms For Rent

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HOTELS & MOTELS | <input type="checkbox"/> FARMS & RANCHES |
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TRICARE Reserve Select Numbers Increase

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The number of National Guard and Reserve members purchasing TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) coverage is growing. The premium-based healthcare plan is available for purchase by eligible members of the Selected Reserves. The latest information on TRS is available on the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.mil/trs>.

Monthly premiums for member coverage dropped on Jan. 1, 2009 from \$81 to \$47.51. Member-and-family coverage dropped from \$253 to \$180.17. These price reductions made the program even more affordable and the number of total TRS plans is up about 29 percent since December 2008.

Originating in 2005, Congress expanded TRS in 2006 with a complex three-tiered premium structure. Congress streamlined TRS in 2007 by merging the three tiers into a single tier. Premium prices were reduced in January 2009.

According to Dr. Richard Bannick of TRICARE Management Activity's Health Program Analysis and Evaluation Division, "numbers are definitely increasing, particularly among ages 18 to 34."

Nearly 60 percent of those participating in

a recent TRS survey say the program changes made in 2007 were the reason they chose to purchase TRS or continue their coverage. More than 9,000 additional Selected Reserve members have purchased TRS plans since the premiums dropped, resulting in an increase of total covered beneficiaries of more than 22,000. This means that nearly 105,000 Reserve members and their family members currently have TRS coverage.

Affordability is the most important reason National Guard and Reserve members, who may lack civilian health insurance options, are increasingly purchasing TRS coverage. Generosity of benefits is also a frequently cited reason for purchase according to the survey.

Selected Reservists in TRS report comparable satisfaction and access to medical care providers compared to their non-TRS counterparts. They are also more likely to report getting care right away and having good communication with providers according to Bannick.

TRS is only available to qualified members of the Selected Reserve. They cannot be eligible for, or covered by, the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) program.

For instance, National Guard or Reserve personnel are not eligible to purchase TRS if their spouse has a family plan under FEHB and the member is covered (enrolled) under FEHB or if the member is eligible for the FEHB program.

TRS delivers coverage similar to TRICARE Standard and Extra to qualified members who purchase the coverage and pay monthly premiums. The plan features continuously open enrollment.

Selected Reserve members can follow the instructions to qualify for, and purchase, coverage directly through the Guard and Reserve Web portal found at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs/index.jsp> or they can access the portal through the TRICARE TRS page at <http://www.tricare.mil/trs>.



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