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Photo by Senior Airman Jordan Jones

Security Forces aim to go ‘down range’

Staff Sgt. Abraham Peña, a drill status Guardsman in the Security Forces Squadron, fires an M-249 light machine gun. Sergeant Peña wears a chemical warfare mask while firing in preparation for his deployment to Iraq. The bullet casings ejecting from the weapon are the same as those used in the M-16, a common weapon used by U.S. troops in theatre. Several Security Forces members are scheduled to deploy to Baghdad International Airport in the coming weeks.

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Know the rules for political activities

by Brig. Gen. Rick Moisio
Commander

Next Tuesday, Feb. 5, is a big day for America and Arizona. This election year's Super Tuesday is the biggest ever with 24 states holding primary elections or caucuses. Arizona will hold primaries for both parties on Super Tuesday this year. The general election is on Nov. 4 and Arizonans will vote for their presidential favorite as well as all of our Representatives, but neither Arizona Senate seat will be contested this year. I encourage all of you to exercise your right to vote.

Because this year's race is such a huge media topic, I want to take the opportunity to remind you of what you can and cannot do politically as a member of the Air National Guard.

Federal law limits political activity of members of the armed forces to ensure a nonpartisan military with no undue influence on the political process. Various laws and Department of Defense instructions guide our participation in politics.

First let's look at what we can do in the political process. Obviously we can vote and we can encourage others to vote. We can go to our polling place in uniform; one of very few political things we can do while in uniform. Guard members may join political clubs, attend meet-



General Moisio

ings, or serve as nonpartisan election officials, all while out of uniform. We may sign petitions either to support legislation or to place a candidate's name on the ballot, and it is permissible to write letters to the editor expressing personal political opinions. And it is acceptable to contribute money to a candidate, committee, party or political organization.

There are a number of things though which are prohibited. We must not use our position or authority to solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue, nor may we participate in any political fundraising activities on our base. Attending

partisan political events while on duty, in uniform, or representing the Armed Forces is not permitted. Though bumper stickers are fine, large political signs, banners or posters on your vehicle while on a base are not allowed.

Do not use government property or our facilities while engaging in any political activity and don't allow political activities to interfere with the performance of your duties. Never imply that DoD or the Armed Forces have an official position on any candidate.

Traditional Guardsmen may manage political campaigns and may campaign for and hold elective office. They may therefore solicit and accept political contributions but again, not on the base, while in uniform or while on duty.

Again, I encourage all of you to exercise your right to vote and engage in political activities within these guidelines. Don't do anything in uniform except vote and don't use your position to influence your coworkers, subordinates, or to imply that you represent any official position of our military. Be careful about doing anything political while you are on duty or on the base.

I know that many of you are very active politically and that's great; have fun and make a difference. If you are in doubt about a specific political activity, contact your commander or our legal office. Enjoy this interesting election year.

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Wing vice commander deploys to CENTCOM



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve

Col. Jose Salinas (left) trains on the Fire Arms Training Simulator (FATS) with help from Master Sgt. Jeff Thornsberry from Security Forces. The FATS machine assists instructors with preparing wing members for deployments by simulating combat situations.

by Tech. Sgt. Angela Walz
Public Affairs

The 162nd Fighter Wing will lend the leadership skills of its vice commander to the men and women on the front lines of the Global War on Terror.

Col. Jose "Hoser" Salinas deployed in late January to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., on a voluntary six-month tour with U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM).

An F-16 fighter pilot by trade, Colonel Salinas has commanded at group and squadron levels within the

162nd and now serves as the chief of CENTCOM's Joint Operations Center.

CENTCOM is the U.S. unified command whose area of responsibility (AOR) lies in the Middle East, East Africa and Central Asia. CENTCOM has been the primary theater for many military operations, including the Persian Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Forces from CENTCOM currently are deployed primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan in combat roles and have bases throughout Southwest Asia in support roles.

"While I'm at CENTCOM during my TDY, it's my hope to deploy forward into the AOR," said Colonel Salinas.

"On a personal level, it would make me feel better about my contributions to the war effort, and on a professional level, I'll be able to bring back many lessons learned to help our wing continue to prepare folks for deployment," he said.

According to the vice commander, his deployment experience will one day enhance wing readiness and provide perspective on what Guardsmen encounter when deployed. He's already familiar with the local deployment process from personal experience with units like the 162nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"I have been impressed by the expertise and professionalism in LRS and all other sections that support deployments!"

Colonel Salinas is scheduled to return to Tucson mid-summer. Col. Greg "Mongo" Stroud will act as wing vice commander in his absence.

Polish air force chief visits 162nd

The Commander of the Polish Air Force, Lt. Gen. Andrzej Blasik (right), visits with Polish F-16 student pilots here Jan. 8-10. (From left to right) First Lt. Krzysztof Duda, Maj. Arkadiusz Kurkiewicz and 2nd Lt. Dawid Kij are currently in training with the wing.

General Blasik, a 22-year veteran, was here primarily to focus on the Polish air force's F-16 Fighting Falcon implementation programs.

Overall, Poland's top air force officer was very pleased with the chance to visit and discuss training issues with wing leadership.

"We appreciate being able to have these discussions with such experienced personnel, because we gain some knowledge which will be very useful in helping us establish our flying training unit," General Blasik said.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve



Arizona Air Guard to watch over Super Bowl

by Capt. Gabe Johnson
Public Affairs

It's not every day that members of the Arizona Air National Guard get to fly over one of the biggest sporting events in the world; but for a handful of F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots based in Tucson, that day is Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3.

Pilots assigned to the 162nd Fighter Wing's Alert Detachment at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will fly air patrol and air defense deterrence missions (ADDM) over the 73,719 seats at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale; the site of Super Bowl XLII.

Arizona's Air Guardsmen are teaming up with the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in a consolidated effort with federal, state and local agencies to provide security for the National Football League's championship game.

"We have the best jobs in the world... we get to defend our country and our way of life, and we get to do it from the cockpit of a high performance fighter jet," said Lt. Col. Moon Milham, commander of the alert detachment.

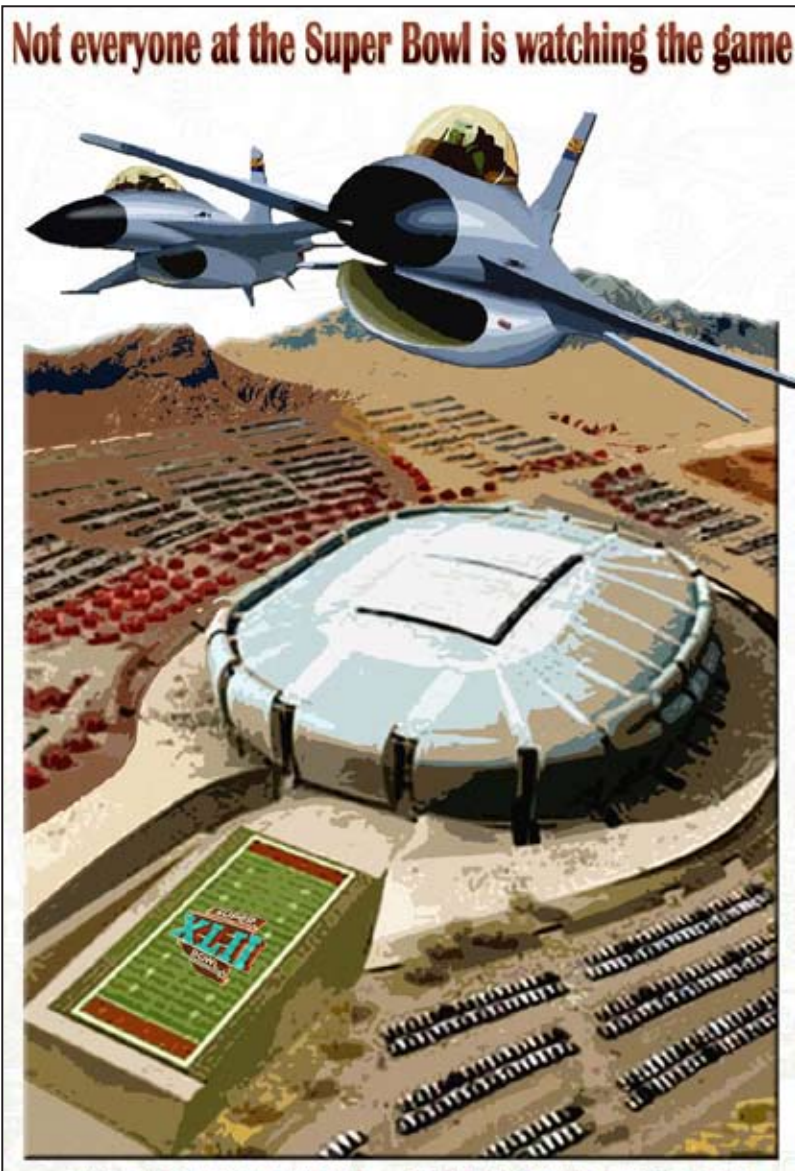
Colonel Milham, a 21-year F-16 pilot, and his team of aircrew and aircraft maintainers are well-seasoned in the area of homeland defense having provided a 24/7, 365, rapid response force in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE, the U.S. air defense mission which began in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The first phase is the ADDM flights scheduled to begin at about 8 a.m. Feb. 1, over the Phoenix metropolitan area and Nogales. The purpose of this phase is to make a visual show of capability to the general population and the aviation community in order to deter threats, and reassure the public of their safety.

"Over the Phoenix area, we'll have two F-16s flying in low formation at a medium speed just to let everyone know we are on the job," said Colonel Milham.

According to Milham, it's extremely rare that F-16s would fly at 2,000 feet over the city; therefore the pilots are coordinating with Phoenix approach and local airports to ensure the sorties do not interfere with normal flight activity in the area.

The jets will make approaches at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Sky Harbor Airport, Goodyear, Glendale, Deer Valley and Scottsdale, and then press



Posters like this one featuring 162nd Fighter Wing F-16s patrolling the skies over Super Bowl XLII are posted around the Phoenix metropolitan area. Their purpose is to deter threats and to inform the public about U.S. air defenses over Glendale, Ariz., ensuring the safety of the crowd.

south near Nogales to demonstrate U.S. air defense capability near the border.

During the game, an undisclosed number of F-16s will perform the second phase; an air patrol mission to enforce the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) temporary flight restriction over the area.

"We won't be as visible to people on the ground during the game on Sunday," said the colonel, "but we'll be up there."



Unit, state, federal anti-terrorism agencies prepare for the 'big game'

by Tech. Sgt. Angela Walz
Public Affairs

The Anti-Terrorism Office here is preparing for one of the nation's largest and most prestigious events to be held in Phoenix Feb. 4—the Super Bowl.

Arizona is one of the best prepared states for terrorist activities when it comes to coordination among different agencies, said Lt. Col. Dan Summers, Anti-Terrorism (AT) Officer here. Colonel Summers' two-man office works in coordination with agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Air Force's Office of Special Investigation, Air Force and military intelligence, and the Arizona Counter-Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC), a Department of Homeland Security/Arizona Department of Public Safety program.

While always vigilant of suspicious activities, these agencies are especially concerned during large public gatherings such as the Super Bowl. As a precaution, the 162nd Fighter Wing will deploy its terrorism liaison officer (TLO), Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Delgado, to the venue for the Super Bowl, said Colonel Summers.

Chief Delgado is also the coordinator for 56 TLOs in the southern region. In this position, he facilitates data gathering and information sharing with other agencies, and serves as an emergency management responder.

The Anti-Terrorism Office here primarily deals with vulnerability assessments, civilian law enforcement and military intelligence, and coordinating with on- and off-base

agencies for high profile events such as the Super Bowl. Since 9/11, information sharing has become a higher priority within the intelligence community, said Colonel Summers.

The purpose of the Air Force AT program is to deter or blunt terrorist acts by giving guidance on collecting and disseminating timely threat information, creating awareness programs, allocating funds and personnel, and implementing defensive measures. Basic trainees are now taught anti-terrorism techniques. Mobility-tasked personnel receive annual training, and all service-members receive computer-based AT training.

"The whole Global War on Terrorism concept has changed the philosophy of looking at threats," said Colonel Summers. "We now look at preventative measures. It's important to recognize signs ahead of time; know when things just don't look or feel right," he said.

Suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Anti-Terrorism office at 295-7163. This could include terrorist precursors such as surveillance, elicitation, tests of security, the acquisition of supplies, or simply suspicious people who just don't belong. You may also contact ACTIC if you have information about a suspicious person or circumstance that may be related to terrorism. Their number is 877-2-SAVE-AZ (877-272-8329).

The 162nd Fighter Wing Intelligence Office is another point of contact for reporting potential terrorist activity. Their number is 295-6238. Lt. Col. Joe Berlanga, intelligence officer here, offers words of wisdom during his monthly block training briefings: "If it makes the hair stand up on the back of your neck—tell someone!"

Super Bowl fun facts

Past Super Bowl attendance

- XXXIX - Jacksonville - 78,125
- XL - Detroit - 68,206
- XLI - Miami - 74,512

Projected attendance

- During Super Bowl XLII, University of Phoenix Stadium is projected to seat 73,000 people. Past host cities and the NFL estimate that an additional 50,000 non-game ticket holders visit Super Bowl cities each year to be a part of the festivities.

Hotel rooms

- The NFL required Arizona to secure 19,000 hotel rooms to host Super Bowl XLII as a part of the bid agreement. More than 35,000 additional rooms will be available in the Greater Phoenix area for Super Bowl visitors.

Finance \$\$\$

- The average economic impact of the Super Bowl on a host city is \$300-400 million.
- The cost of a 30 second advertising spot during the game is \$2.6 million.
- Super Bowl player bonus shares: winners will get \$73,000, losers will get \$38,000.
- The overall construction cost of University of Phoenix stadium was approximately \$455 million.

University of Phoenix Stadium

- The stadium seats, if set in a straight line, would stretch for approximately 18 miles or the equivalent of 111 football fields.
- The amount of concrete used on the stadium is equal to 900 miles of sidewalk, the distance between Phoenix and San Francisco.
- The natural grass field rolls out of the stadium on an 18.9 million pound tray.



SFS troops prepare for overseas

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Jordan Jones
Public Affairs

The 162nd Security Forces Squadron here deployed 19 of its members to Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, in early February for a voluntary six-month tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This deployment is the squadron's second experience where the entire deployed unit is Guardsmen only.

Prior to leaving for Iraq, the group will join five other Guard units at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., a regional training center, to learn the latest tactics, techniques and procedures the enemy uses against U.S. armed forces, and those developed by the United States to mitigate insurgent attacks.

"We'll be there for three weeks with no days off, then we will deploy straight to Iraq," said Capt. Steve Weatherford, 162nd Security Forces commander.

The three-week course is the culmination of months of preparation for the squadron. In addition to physical training, the unit has trained and qualified on numerous weapons.

Several Security Forces troops trained on the M-249 light machine gun in January.

Typically, while stationed in the United States, only a few Security Forces personnel are trained on the M-249 and other



Staff Sgt. Daniel Lawrence, combat arms training and m Gonzalez's accuracy while using a new scope with the M range in January. Both Airmen deployed with their squad

weapons used in theatre.

"The requirement is that one member on each fire team on a squad [of 13] is qualified on this weapon," Captain Weatherford said.

All deploying members are trained on the





s deployment, combat action



aintenance, checks the status of Staff Sgt. Jason M-249 light machine gun at the Davis-Monthan firing

M-203 40mm grenade launcher, M-204B machine gun and additional equipment and weapons so that they can interchange positions in the field.

Although the situation in Iraq has progressively improved over the last year, those there still face danger. Despite the risks, those who are going, and everyone who will be activated to back-fill their positions here, are all volunteers.

“Our biggest asset is the fact that all of our people are volunteers,” said Weatherford, “and that volunteer spirit is what gives our squadron a big boost in morale.”

“We have civilian cops that are deploying with us and we have border patrol. It’s a real good cross-section of our community, and the maturity level tends to be quite a bit higher,” he said.

“Our biggest asset is the fact that all of our people are volunteers.”

- Capt. Steve Weatherford, Security Forces commander

With help from the state, the squadron pulled together a team effort consistent with their renowned camaraderie to ensure that base security here will continue without interruption.

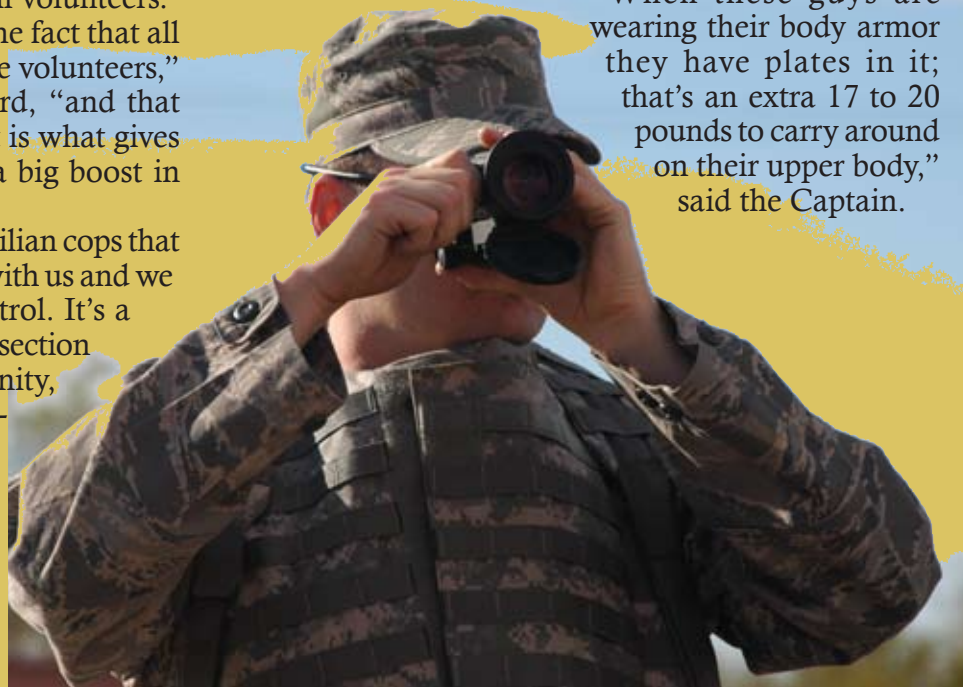
Drill status Security Forces Guardsmen have volunteered to temporarily backfill the full-time vacancies caused by the deployment, and will continue to provide security for the 162nd during the entire deployment.

One reason for the extraordinary camaraderie among the troops is their unique way of conducting physical training as a squadron.

“I take a deck of cards and we do pushups with them,” Captain Weatherford said. “We break up into teams of four or five and flip a card over. Whatever the value of the card is, that’s how many pushups or sit-ups we do. Jokers are worth 20.”

Maintaining physical fitness is vital to the survival of Security Forces as it prevents fatigue.

“When these guys are wearing their body armor they have plates in it; that’s an extra 17 to 20 pounds to carry around on their upper body,” said the Captain.





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Free Gem Show

Military Appreciation Day is Feb. 16 at the 2008 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show at the Convention Center downtown. All active and retired military personnel and dependents are admitted free with a military ID. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Spouse Scholarships

Applications are being accepted for the National Military Family Association's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to military spouses to obtain professional certification or to attend post-secondary or graduate school.

Visit www.nmsa.org for an application. Search for additional scholarships at www.military.com.

Childcare Referrals

The DoD and National Association of Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies are working together to help servicemembers find and afford childcare. Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood and Enhanced Child Care Referral Service are two current programs. For more information or applications, go to www.naccrra.org.

Girl Scout cookies for troops

by Tech. Sgt. Angela Walz
Public Affairs

Local Girl Scouts are gearing up for their annual fund-raising cookie sale and have created a plan to get their cookies to deployed servicemembers overseas.

Dubbed "Troops to Troops," the program encourages cookie-buying customers to purchase extra boxes of cookies for deployed military troops. The plan is to deploy the cookies with deploying troops beginning in April.

Although the cookies will deploy with Tucson-based GIs, they will likely be shared in the usual military spirit—servicemembers often share their care packages from home with one another—and will reach Airmen,

Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines from all over the country.

Pre-orders ended in January, but local Girl Scouts will sell their cookies at booths throughout town until mid-March.

Girl Scout cookies are a popular treat for deployed members as they offer an easily-recognizable taste of America. The goal for local Girl Scout troops is to deploy 250,000 boxes of cookies to the troops.

Flavor options include Samoas (vanilla cookies covered with caramel and rolled in coconut), Thin Mints (chocolate-covered peppermint wafers), Tagalongs (peanut butter-topped cookies with chocolate covering), Do-si-dos (oatmeal cookies with peanut butter filling), and Trefoils (shortbread cookies).

Blood Drive scheduled for UTA

The American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter extends their gratitude to the members of the 162nd for giving the best gift of all; the gift of life. The total number of units collected in 2007 was 102; translating into approximately 306 lives saved.

The wing's next blood drive is scheduled for Feb. 2. Registration

will be at building 15 (TAGRA), from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact your blood drive coordinators, Tech. Sgt. Liz Caro-Scarfo at 295-6652, or Master Sgt. Rafael Vingochea at 295-6808, to make an appointment to save a life; or make an appointment online at <https://www.givelife.org/index.cfm?Sponsor=azairguard>.

For sale

162nd Fighter Wing patch, 50th Anniversary table center piece mirrors (12 in X 12in). \$30 with frame as shown. Supplies are limited. Contact the Family Readiness Office at 295-6566.





African American History Month, one generation at a time

by Maj. Sandy Wilson
Chief, Equal Opportunity

I hear it all the time... "Aren't we all just Americans? Why do we have an African American History Month? Why do we continue to bring attention to our differences?" The quick answer, of course, is "yes, we are all Americans!" The second part of the question can't be answered as succinctly but is worth explaining.

Almost everyone educated in America got the facts about European history in school, but many of us were taught only limited information about African Americans and their contributions. Even today, there are subtleties across America that makes it difficult to achieve true equality.

When I first started writing this article, I thought that I would illustrate how we've made the strides towards equality through a factual basis. You know... the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and what it did to open up opportunities for African Americans.

Instead, I've decided that a story might illustrate my point better. A few years ago I went to the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). DEOMI is the technical school that all Equal Opportunity personnel go through. There I met a black woman who told me that when she was a child the only dolls she had to play with



were Caucasian baby dolls. To me, a white woman, that didn't seem like a problem. It never occurred to me that something as seemingly harmless as a baby doll could have an effect on society.

She went on to explain how that made her feel. She said it made her feel lesser, as if black people weren't worthy of making dolls that look like them. After really thinking about it for some time I realized the importance of her story. What if you didn't have a positive role model that you could relate to? Or what if society's nonverbal messages told you that you were not worthy? How would you be different today?

As you all probably know, that was years ago and there has been black baby dolls for quite some time. Our nation has come a long way

in working towards equality but it hasn't been an easy road. When I look around at today's kids they almost seem color blind, choosing friends based on common interests and not the color of their skin.

We are making progress. Diversity is transforming our nation one generation at a time. We draw on different perspectives and ideas from different cultures, and this maximizes our chances of getting it right. When we pay tribute to African Americans' accomplishments we promote pride and help to reduce prejudices and stereotypes—even the subtle ones.

African American History Month was established as a vehicle to infuse information about Black Americans that had been altered, dismissed or ignored. Take time to become better informed.

Free tax help from Military OneSource

Starting Jan. 14 Military OneSource will provide free tax preparation services to servicemembers and their families for the 2007 tax season.

Just access the program through the Military OneSource Web site. The program will guide you online through the required forms and documentation, and ask you tax-relevant questions.

Military OneSource tax consultants are available 24/7 to help you with personal tax-related questions and financial planning. Military OneSource can also help you help tame tax stress with expert advice on planning, issues specific to servicemembers, and sound ways to use your refund. Call 1-800-342-9647 or visit Military OneSource online at www.militaryonesource.com.



Benefits - Your Military ID Card

by Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Barry Soulvie

The military ID card, DD FORM 2 for the retiree, and DD FORM 1173 for spouses is the official passport to many retirement benefits.

First and foremost, it allows entrance onto military facilities across the country. When on an installation your card provides access to the Base Exchange (BX), commissary, FamCamps, lodging facilities and many other services that are available on military bases. Most bases also have a Retirees Activity Office (RAO) that can provide services and guidance while visiting that base.

If a card is lost or stolen, go to the nearest military personnel office, tell them your card is missing and request a new card. Military personnel offices are available on most military bases, including Air National Guard bases.

As a retiree there is a need to obtain a new card at certain retirement milestones, depending on military status.

Title 10 and Title 32 (AGR) retirees receive full retire-

ment benefits with the blue ID card when retiring after 20 good years of service.

Traditional Guardsmen and Air Technicians who retire prior to age 60 receive a "gray area" retiree's card that is red in color. This card allows limited access to retirement benefits which includes base access, BX and commissary privileges. At age 60, when full military retirement benefits become available, the red ID card needs to be replaced with a blue one.

At age 65, all retirees will need to visit a personnel office and replace their ID card due to the activation of Medicare and TriCare For Life benefits. After that the card is "indefinite."

Spouses ID cards need to be replaced every four years with two exceptions. First, they also will need a new card at age 65 due to Medicare. Second, after age 75 their card becomes "indefinite."

Since the ID card has your social security number on it, we recommend it is used as identification only for official government business.

The military ID card is a ticket to the many benefits you have earned in your military career. Seek out these benefits. They are a unique and valuable privilege few are entitled to.

All in the EL TIGRE Family

Military Promotions:

To Senior Master Sergeant

Charles Dickson, Detachment 1 (Snowbird)

To Master Sergeant

Jeffrey Wolff

To Technical Sergeant

Michael Bauerline

To Staff Sergeant

Trevor Harvey, Headquarters Squadron

Gilbert Esquivel, Phase Inspection Element

Bruce Noble

Nerissa Rodriguez-Maldonado, Operations Support Flight

Shawn Dillard, 214th Reconnaissance Group (Predator)

Edward Moore, Jr., 214th Reconnaissance Group (Predator)

To Senior Airman

Kristen Taskila, Maintenance Squadron

Mia Hixson, Logistics Readiness Squadron

Jonathan Aguilar, Operations Support Flight

To Airman First Class

Jonathan Jackson, 148th Fighter Squadron

New Members:

Staff Sgt. Anthony Catalano, DSG assigned to Metals Technology

Staff Sgt. Carlos Cabrera, DSG assigned to AGE

Airman 1st Class Ernie Tellez, DSG assigned to AGE

Airman Basic Weston Boddie, DSG assigned to AGE

New Hires:

Staff Sgt. Chad Provo, Technician assigned to the Phase Inspection Element

Senior Airman Christopher Heising, Technician assigned to the Phase Inspection Element

Senior Airman Shane Widick, Technician assigned to the Phase Inspection Element

Senior Airman Julian Loza, Technician assigned to the Phase Inspection Element

Staff Sgt. Francisco Estrada, Technician assigned to Munitions

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Diaz, Active Guard Reservist assigned to Alert Detachment

Retirements:

Master Sgt. Frank Lopez

Master Sgt. Bob Graham

Chief Master Sgt. Frank Maldonado

Tech. Sgt. Enrique Rivera



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - DIAL 911

The following schedule of events is the:

FEBRUARY 2008 UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

All members of the 162nd Fighter Wing and attached units are ordered to attend.

NEXT UTA - 01 & 02 Mar 2008

SATURDAY ~ 02 FEB 08

ACTIVITIES, LOCATIONS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

START	END	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	POC
0600	1430	CES SKELETON CREW	CES	CE/6250
0630	1400	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING (SFS)	BLDG 9, 3 RD FLOOR, NORTH SIDE	SF/6624
0630	0730	PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (RUNNERS)(STEEPERS)	BLDG 3 UPSTAIRS	SFS/7026
0630	1130	IMMUNIZATIONS	MEDICAL GROUP	MDG/6172
0630	1130	PREVENTIVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT (APT ONLY)	MEDICAL GROUP	MDG/6172
0700	1000	CDC TESTING	MSF CLSRM	MSF/6793
0700	1100	GAS MASK FIT TESTING (BY APPT)	MEDICAL GROUP	BEE/6110
0800	1100	SELF-AID BUDDY CARE INSTRUCTOR REFRESHR	OPS CLSRM E	MDG/6172
0800	1100	INTRO PROGRAM NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION	HQ CONF ROOM	MSF/6191
0800	1300	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE	TAGRA	CF/6652
0800	1500	FLYING	OPS	OSS/6377
0830	1330	DRUG TESTING	TAGRA UPPER LEVEL	MEQ/6920
0900	0930	UTA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING	CC CONF RM	CV/6106
0930	1015	JEWISH AWARENESS GROUP	CHAPLAIN	HC/6217
0945	1215	LUNCH	DINING FACILITY	SVF/6317
1100	1400	CDC TESTING	MSF CLSRM	MSF/6793
1200	1245	CHAPEL - PROTESTANT SERVICE	OPS CLSRM F	HC/6217

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START	END	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	POC
0600	1430	CES SKELETON CREW	CES	CE/6250
0630	1430	WINNING SUPERVISOR COURSE	MXG CONF ROOM	DPF/61820
0630	1400	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING (SFS)	BLDG 9, 3 RD FLOOR, N SIDE	SF/6624
0630	0730	PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (RUNNERS)(STEEPERS)	BLDG 3 UPSTAIRS	SFS/7026
0700	0900	BLOCK TRAINING	AUDITORIUM	MSF/6793
0800	0900	CHAPEL-CATHOLIC MASS	OPS CLSRM E	HC/6217
0800	1200	FLYING	OPS	OSS/6377
0945	1215	LUNCH	DINING FACILITY	SVF/6317
1200	1300	CHAPEL-LDS SERVICES	OPS CLSRM F	HC/6217

UTA HIGHLIGHTS

- CES PERSONNEL ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR FEB UTA. EMERGENCIES ONLY SHOULD CALL X6161
- THE WINNING SUPERVISOR COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SUNDAY IN THE MXG CONFERENCE ROOM FROM 0630-1430
- UTA PAYS: 13 FEB 08

DESERT ROSE DINING FACILITY MENU

SATURDAY

- Fried Chicken
- Swiss Steak w/ Mushroom Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Brown Gravy
- Succotash
- Green Beans
- Steamed Carrots
- Beef Barley Soup
- Chocolate Macaroon Cake
- Banana Cream Pie

SUNDAY

A TASTE OF ITALY

- Spaghetti (Meat or Marinara)
- Veal Parmesan
- Spinach Lasagna
- Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Broccoli
- Squash
- Corn
- Minestrone Soup
- Garlic Bread
- Carrot Cake
- Chocolate Chip Cookies

SHORT ORDER & STANDARD ITEMS

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Special Item TBD
- Pizza
- Chicken Strips
- Tuna Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- French Fries
- Onion Rings
- Baked Potato Bar
- Assorted Breads
- Salad Bar w/Condiments
- Fresh Fruit
- Frozen Yogurt
- Jell-o
- Coffee, Soda, Milk

*Dining Hall Hours
9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.*

The menu is based on availability and is subject to change without notice.

Volunteers needed

The Special Olympics Pima County 2008 Area Track and Field Competition is scheduled for March 29 at Sunnyside High School.

Approximately 250 volunteers are needed to assist with running the events, escorting and supervising athletes, distributing lunches and water, providing security, organizing opening ceremonies, setting up, cleaning up and performing a variety of other tasks.

Contact Master Sgt. Teresa Denogean at 295-6182 or Tech. Sgt. Liz Caro-Scarfo at 295-6652 if you are available to help during the following times:

Saturday, March 29
First Shift: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Second Shift: 12p.m. – 4 p.m.

Lunch will be provided to volunteers who work the entire day.





The future of preserving the past

Wing leaders consider a new shadow box program

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For members of the 162nd Fighter Wing who earn the honor of a military retirement, a shadow box is considered to be the most cherished gift that can be received, and its presentation a highlight of any retirement ceremony.

It takes the length of one's career to earn the medals, ranks, coins, patches and other accouterments to fill a shadow box; a wooden frame designed to display the mementos and achievements of a military member.

Despite the tremendous popularity of the shadow box, law and regulation states that appropriated funds may only be used to present retiring military members with a U.S. flag, leaving the costs of all other gifts up to the ingenuity and generosity of supervisors and co-workers.

Today, a personalized shadow box can cost between \$150 and \$250 depending on size, material used and ornamentation.

In order to ease financial burden and streamline the process, the wing's Chief's Council and Top Three are working out a new strategy.

"The biggest challenge is how to keep funding available to support this

program," said Master Sgt. Miguel Islas. "We want to ensure that we can continue this great tradition of honoring our retirees, so we are considering a few ideas."

Key elements of the proposed shadow box program include the formation of a designated oversight committee to raise funds and manage an account; designation of a permanent work site for building shadow boxes; and standardization plan for wing boxes and prices.

"Another idea we are considering is asking for an initial donation of \$20 from chief master sergeants and officers on base for 'seed' money to start the program," said Sergeant Islas. "That could start a standard set of supplies that the committee could sell at a cost that would be sufficient to replenish shadow box materials and replace the seed funding. Costs would still be largely absorbed by the requesting unit or member, however we hope that annual fund raising efforts can help defray some costs in the future."

The 162nd is fortunate to have dedicated shadow box artists. Staff Sgt. Todd Stuve, Staff Sgt. Gerry Grant and Tech. Sgt. Dave Schwiekhart are just a few who volunteer countless hours to the construction and personalization of boxes for retiring members.



Staff Sgt. Todd Stuve puts the finishing touches on a shadow box before a retirement ceremony.

In 2007, the sergeants crafted more than 35 shadow boxes dedicating an average of two hours to each box.

"It's a time capsule of their entire career," said Sergeant Stuve. "People who receive a box often tell me the exact location in their home where they will display it. To see their faces when they look at it the first time is worth the time and effort that goes into it."

Important note: If you are planning a retirement and would like to discuss shadow boxes, contact Staff Sgt. Todd Stuve at 295-6241 at least three months prior to the projected retirement date.

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