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Maintenance makes a stand on safety

By Staff Sgt. Bethaney A. Trapp
— Wing Public Affairs

For its size it's fairly light and strong. It's a fiber laminate construction, a 100-percent fiberglass material," said Tech. Sgt. David Alsip, an air frame structural repair technician.

By utilizing the new fiberglass engine inlet stand, the job is safer, said Tech. Sgt. Richard Breisch, an air frame structural repair technician.

"The old stand didn't allow you to reach the top center of the engine," said Tech. Sgt. Alfred Johnson, an air frame structural repair technician.

"We used to do the repairs with the old engine stand and it was very difficult and unsafe," said Sergeant Breisch.

"The actuator arms, or spokes in the engine are in no circumstance allowed to be stepped on, which is the whole reason for making the stand," Sergeant Johnson said.

"We were tasked to come up with a safe way to give us access to repair the stator vein," said Johnson.

"The stator vein in the 12 o'clock position is a composite structure that needs to be repaired. It takes about four people and eight hours to do," Sergeant Johnson said.

"We all put our heads together to come up with an idea for the stand, drew sketches and constructed some models," he said.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Bethaney Trapp

Tech. Sgt. David Alsip demonstrates how light the new maintenance stand is. Despite its lack of heft, the stand is solid and helps disperse the maintainer's weight, putting less stress on the engine cowling.

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By Col John Fobian
Wing Commander

Problem to solve? Get Involved

Over the course of the time you've served in the military, I'm sure you've heard others gripe about an issue that's bothered them. Maybe on occasion you've been the one dissatisfied for a good reason. You may feel your concerns fell on deaf ears; nobody seemed to care or took time to listen to what you felt was wrong with the "system".

You have an opportunity right now to provide feedback to your Alamo Wing leadership by participating in the Air Force Climate Survey. This is an internet-based questionnaire designed to provide Air Force leaders with candid feedback on issues impacting effectiveness. The open period for inputs runs through November 23.

The Air Force Climate survey is not the only means available to provide constructive feedback for improvement within our wing. There are several committees and unit organizations looking for unit members to get involved. Our Wing Advisory Council takes problems brought forward from unit enlisted representatives, re-

searches alternative solutions and makes recommendations to solve the issues. The Wing Top Three and the Chief's Group are other ways our folks have to voice and get involved with improving the "system".

The 433rd Airlift Wing Human Resource Development Council is proactive through the activities of four working groups; Training, Mentoring, Recruiting and Retention and Outreach and Marketing. The HRDC meets monthly to review programs to help our wing and its members be successful. All inputs are needed and encouraged to improve the quality of life issues affecting our Wing members.

Participation in the decision-making process for the Wing is available to anyone who cares to get involved. Your participation has positive effects towards job commitment, job satisfaction and overall performance. When your voice is heard, you own the process. 🏠

Help us help you – Get Involved.

Editor's Note: The new section on Page four gives contact information for many wing advocacy groups.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Lyle E. Von Seggern

Alamo Wing Chaplain

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven," Ecclesiastes 3.

In honor of all those who serve in Alamo Country, let us acknowledge that faith groups have special days they celebrate. For example, please note the following dates in November:

3 or 4 Ramadan ends - Major holy day - Islam

12 Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i

15 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji - Sikh

15-Dec 24 Nativity Fast (Winter Lent) - Orthodox Christian

24 Thanksgiving - Interfaith USA
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur - Sikh
26 Day of Covenant - Baha'i
27 Advent - First Sunday - Christian

Contact your Chaplain team with any questions about celebrations of different faiths. Thank you for living the Core Values in the area of spirituality. God bless you and your family as you remember special occasions.

Sensible holiday celebrations save lives

By Tech. Sgt. James Levi
433rd LRS

In Texas, it is illegal to drive a motor vehicle with 0.08 Blood Alcohol Content or above.

To reach a 0.08 BAC level, a 170-pound man must drink about four drinks in an hour on an empty stomach. A 137-pound woman must drink about three drinks in an hour on an empty stomach, according to the Texas Safety Network and Network News websites.

Many meetings are conducted with alcohol present. Groups will meet on a regular basis at a local bar after work. Mixing business and pleasure is the in thing. It makes you part of the group. Somehow it even

gives people credibility. We in the Reserve are not immune to this deception.

After-hours meetings are held all the time. Functions are always popping up. The first line of business is ordering something to drink. When someone comes back from a temporary duty, the conversation often winds around to who went to which clubs.

The holidays are full of joyful events and alcohol is usually available. Having a good time is okay, but knowing one's limit is a lifesaver.

It is our responsibility to watch out for each other. If you see a person who looks like they've had too much, take their keys away, offer

them a ride home, anything to keep them from getting behind the wheel. Even if no one is injured in an accident, you have saved a life in more ways than one.

Here is something that surprised me, before September 1, 2001, it was legal to have an open container of alcohol in your vehicle. To this day you can still buy beer in single cans at convenience stores. In fact the store even has small bags that fit single cans perfectly. I inquired about this once, and the clerk responded, either the store sells single cans, or the customers will steal them. A Catch 22 situation for sure. Legislation for the bill was started on February 14, 2001

and a short six and a half months later it became law. Nearly seven months of debate on a bill that seems to be a no brainer. (Legislative Session 77(R) HB5 Document 77R 06908-Author Dunnam, Hinojosa, Keel, Smith, Wise, Eiland, Merritt, Sponsor Nelson)

Drinking and driving not only kills, but has ruined countless careers and put a spot light on an epidemic that is running rampant in our society.

Telling everyone not to drink and drive seems redundant, but if it causes one person to give up their keys it's worth it.

Have a great holiday season and remember to celebrate responsibly. 🏠

Mosley: AF moving toward interdependence

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News
WASHINGTON—The Air Force's future path requires more jointness and interdependence between the total force, sister services and coalition partners.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke Oct. 11 about this vision for the Air Force, but began with a vision of its past.

The Air Force has been at war now for nearly 15 years, he said. Conflict kicked off in January 1991 in Iraq and Kuwait with Operation Desert Storm. Since then, the general said, the Air Force has been continuously engaged in no-fly zones over Iraq, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Horn of Africa, Afghanistan — and once again, Iraq.

"This is the most combat experienced American Air Force we've had since the end of World War II," General Moseley said.

The Air Force's newly appointed leader said he doesn't see a break in the trend. In fact, he thinks demands on the U.S. military and its coalition partners will go on for a long time.

"This country is at war, and we are at war with a very adaptive, very lethal opponent," he said. "It is my sense that we will be in a global war on terrorism for our lifetime. This is a long war — it will ebb and flow. We will deal with this as a joint team, we will deal with this as a coalition team with international partners, and we will deal with this as an interagency team."

Working in the joint environment will force the Air Force to find new ways to work together with sister services and to share resources that in the past they may not have. In fact, it wasn't until recently, interdependence between military services began to take on a more important role, the general said.

"We've truly evolved beyond just staying out of each others way, or de-conflicting activity," he said. "Up until Desert Storm, we made an art out of de-conflicting. In the Desert Storm time frame, we began to integrate a bit — to not just stay out of each other's way. We worked very hard on integration."

Finding ways to improve integration is one of General Moseley's priorities.

Examples include a light cargo aircraft the Air Force and Army are looking into and sharing aerial surveillance aircraft, like the Global Hawk, with the Navy.

"It makes perfect sense to continue to partner, even in a more aggressive way, with land component, maritime component, and special operations component activities," General Moseley said. "We have lots and lots of data to show this is the right way to do it." 🏠

Activities, Air Force Issues, ways to ... **GET INVOLVED**

WING ADVOCACY CONTACTS

These groups participate in many programs to improve wing effectiveness. Contact them to see how to contribute.

Top Three - Senior Master Sgt. Kathleen Null, 925-6658.

Wing Advisory Council - Mr. Fernando De La Garza, 969-4894.

Chief's Group - Chief Master Sgt. Laverne Vick, 925-7774 or Chief Master Sgt. Tony Ortiz, 945-7381.

CLIMATE SURVEY

Air Force Reserve Command leaders want everyone, military and civilian, to respond to the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey. The survey runs until Nov. 23.

"Last year was the first time AFRC participated in the survey, and the results were tremendous," said Lt. Gen. John Bradley, AFRC commander. "The 33-percent participation rate sent a clear message that our people are committed to improving the

Air Force.

"This year our goal is 100-percent participation across the command," he said.

The survey measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of the Air Force.

The survey covers competencies like communication, teamwork, judgment and adaptation under pressure.

"Since the survey software protects one's identity, I encourage everyone to be honest and straightforward in their responses," said Chief Master Sgt. Jackson Winsett, AFRC command chief master sergeant. "The survey data will be as good as the respondents make it. It's our opportunity to stand up and be counted."

The survey can be done online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/> anytime during the survey period from any computer.

Results will be released in February to unit leaders.

More ways to get involved

Each group adds to the quality of life for members of the wing. Many provide scholarships and promote diversity. Each group is listed with a point of contact for more information. If your group was not listed, call the 433rd Airlift Wing public affairs office to be included in future issues of the Alamo Wing.

◆ **433rd Airlift Wing Honor Guard, Ricardo Gamundi 671-2410.**

◆ **Ride For The Brand Rodeo Committee, Staff Sgt. Al Hyatt 925-3800.**

◆ **Federal Women's Program, Chief Master Sgt. JoAnn Henderson 925-1543**

◆ **Hispanic Heritage Committee, Ms. Herlinda Fernandez 925-6658**

433rd AW Vacancies

Current Civil Service Employees or External Candidates self-nominate at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. Vacancies are posted daily.

INTERNAL

AES GS-5 Medical Admin. Asst.
AES GS-6 Medical Admin. Asst.
AMDS GS-07 Medical Admin. Asst.
AMXS WG-10 Aircraft Engine Mechanic
MXS GS-05 Admin. Support Asst.
MSS GS-05 Human Resources Asst.
68 AS GS--07 Admin. Support Asst.

EXTERNAL

AMXS WG-10 Aircraft Mechanic
AMXS WG-10 Aircraft Engine Mechanic
MXS WG-10 Aircraft Mechanic
MXS WG-10 Sheet Metal Mechanic
MSS GS-05 Human Resources Asst.
AES GS-05 Medical Admin. Asst.
AES GS-06 Medical Admin. Asst.

OFFICER

TRS GS-12 Supervisory Training Specialist
AES GS-12 Medical Administrative Officer

For more information and specifics about each open position, contact Ms. Judy Vogel, 433rd Airlift Wing civilian liaison at her temporary location 99-924-5287.

Combined Federal Campaign



The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign is underway and continues through the end of November. The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. Over 20,000 charities receive donations through CFC campaigns and federal employees may elect specific charities to receive their donations. To get more information, contact your unit CFC representative or Ms. Nelda Perez in the Operations Group at 925-945-7865.

Aircrews make difference for Rita evacuees

By Tech. Sgt. Kat Bailey

Wing Public Affairs

When Hurricane Rita made landfall between Sabine Pass, Texas, and Johnson's Bayou, La., in the early morning hours of Sept. 24, it unleashed its destructive forces on a deserted area, which can be attributed, in part, to the efforts of the Reserve Airmen and C-5A Galaxy aircraft of the 433rd Airlift Wing.

The 68th Airlift Squadron flew five evacuation missions, with 14 sorties, Sept. 22 and 23, transporting 662 passengers and 90.5 cargo tons to and from the area in the hurricane's projected path. Master Sgt. Al Campos, a loadmaster with the 68th AS, was with the first crew out.

"We were originally sent to El Paso so the C-5 could take shelter from the storm, then rerouted to Altus Air Force Base, Okla. and then to Beaumont for an airlift," said Sergeant Campos. "We took folks out of Beaumont, but first brought in 32 members of the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, a Critical Care Air Transport Team from Lackland's Wilford Hall Medical Center and some Homeland Security airport security guys."

In Beaumont, the crew implemented emergency airlift operation procedures,

commonly known as floor loading, to accommodate the large number of evacuees they were bringing out.

Floor loading is for extreme circumstances. Passengers sit on the cargo floor in rows and the loadmasters safety belt them to the floor with cargo straps. Before Hurricane Katrina, floor loading was last used 38 years ago during the Vietnam War. It is considered a risky procedure and used for emergency evacuations only.

"You just can't imagine 500 passengers on the floor of the C-5," Sergeant Campos said, shaking his head. "I couldn't visualize it until we actually did it because I'm so used to seeing cargo down there."

At some point during the evacuations, each crewmember took a turn helping passengers adjust to the situation, in many cases, offering a shoulder to cry or lean on.

"I would look into their eyes – they had a stare I'll never forget," Sergeant Campos said. "Was it shock? Was it what they left behind? I don't know. All I know is that we were helping a fellow American out. It's all we could do."

When one young woman could not stop crying, Sergeant Campos told her he would not leave her. He sat next to her, on the floor, the entire flight.

"Evacuating your home in the path of a hurricane is certainly not the way to experience your first airplane flight," he said.

Sergeant Campos does not claim to be anyone's hero. In fact, he is remarkably humble about his role in the evacuation. He said the 433rd AW band of brothers and sisters is responsible for completing this and every mission.

"You just don't get on an airplane and go," he said. "The support system makes it happen. It takes a team of maintainers, engineers, pilots, command post, everyone – to pull off a mission."

Although Rita was only a category-two hurricane with 120 mile-per-hour winds at landfall, Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson said in a CNN interview the original damage estimate was \$8 million in losses and it could have been worse.

She gave credit to the White House and the military for pre-positioning supplies and for a successful evacuation.

"We called the White House. The White House jumped right on it. There were planes in there. And thousands were evacuated who were elderly and sick," Senator Hutchinson said during her interview. 🏠

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"The obstacles that we overcame were getting in the proper materials and finding the man hours to allocate to the project because of funding and the heavy workload maintenance has," Sergeant Johnson said.

Now, ... technicians can free up both of their hands to the work without having to brace themselves against the engine," said Sergeant Alsip.

"The next step for us is to do a demonstration for the safety office and the quality assurance office. Then we'll perform operational risk man-

agement, which will certify the stand for maintenance personnel to use," said Sergeant Johnson.

"I feel safer and more comfortable because you're no longer straining to reach for something to hold onto," said Sergeant Alsip.

The engine stand was scheduled to be demonstrated and certified for use in late October. 🏠

(Right) Tech. Sgt. David Alsip, a sheet metal mechanic with the 433rd Maintenance Squadron, demonstrates the new weight distributing stand.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Bethaney Trapp

C-5 schoolhouse project advances, grows

By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons
Wing Public Affairs

Since breaking ground in June, the C-5 Formal Training Unit is 12-percent complete and growing. Around the construction areas, traffic is rerouted and reservists must share the road with contract, construction vehicles.

“The current hustle and bustle will soon intensify,” said Mr. Scott Hanson, 433rd Airlift Wing project manager. “The MXG (Maintenance Group) and OG (Operations Group) are also beginning to actively recruit for civilian and ART (Air Reserve Technician) positions.”

The schoolhouse plan has always included four buildings, and the construction team received the notice to proceed last month for the second of two buildings that will be part of the FTU. A Training Load Assembly Facility will rise in the present marshaling yard near Building 909 and an

“addition and alteration” project will also begin in Building 826.

The TLA will encompass an estimated 10,000 square-feet and will cost about \$2.5 million. This facility is designed to support the Loadmaster Initial Qualification Course. Aerial porters added to the 433rd Operation Support Squadron will operate this facility. Loadmasters will learn to load and secure pallets produced there and rolling stock.

The addition to Building 826 spans about 6,500 square-feet at an approximate cost of \$1.8 million. This building project will include reorganization and remodeling of existing facilities. Its purpose is to house some of the added maintenance manning.

“There are some unique challenges associated with this project,” said Lt. Col. Frederick McMahon, 433rd Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation chief.

This includes the process of working out agreement between the

433rd AW and the 37th Training Wing, Air Force Reserve Command and Air Mobility Command.

“We are the first AFRC unit to have an FTU like this,” said Col. McMahon.

The construction team still expects project completion about September 2006 and student and instructor occupancy will begin January 2007.

With recruiting efforts in swing, qualified Airmen and civilians are encouraged to apply. Positions are available to internal and external applicants. Interested individuals should either speak to their supervisor or call Judy Vogel, 433rd MPF at 925-7210 or 924-5187.

“The new FTU mission will be vital to the entire C-5 fleet, active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard,” said Col. Delbert Lewis, 433rd Operations Group commander. “Our instructors will be responsible for teaching every C-5 crewmember all the procedures in ‘the book’...the correct way.”



Courtesy photo

On the border of the flightline, contract workers continue to raise the the Ground and Flight training facilities for the new schoolhouse. With 12 percent completion, workers will soon begin to construct two more buildings as a part of the schoolhouse complex.

Plain talk on preventing, surviving suicide

By Tech. Sgt. Collen Roundtree

Wing Public Affairs

When it comes to the all important step of actually stopping someone from taking their own life, it is people caring about each other who make the biggest difference.

“People need two things, security and significance,” said Chaplain Lyle Von Seggern, 433rd Airlift Wing chaplain. “When a supervisor knows about us and cares about us, that gives us security and significance.”

The source of security and significance is not limited to supervisors. Everyone in the wing can meet those needs in the people they work with.

“It’s something I call the principle of identification,” said Chaplain Von Seggern. “As we ID closer and closer in groups, hopefully we will know more, care more and thus be a proper wingman for those who we serve with.”

Being aware of what coworkers, friends and family are going through is helpful when life gets tough. Tough times are a normal part of life and talking about issues can solve problems or provide solutions.

“We all go through phases in our life where we might need the additional help to get through it,” said Ms. Tish Gonzales, 433rd AW Family Support Director.

Additional help isn’t always formal. Sometimes it’s just having someone listen, or listening to someone.

“Through listening and being in the moment it helped(they were able) to see the problem clearer through an outsider and to even figure out avenues they had to initiate to overcome the problem,” said Ms. Gonzales about one instance where she worked with a client.

Dealing with the immediate moment, is a tool Mr. Todd Pullen, consultant and licensed psychotherapist

working with Military One Source, finds valuable in helping people deal with overwhelming issues.

“There is a quote that states, ‘The past is just a memory the future is just a dream. The only thing that is real is here and now.’ I ask, ‘How do you feel right now? Are you safe are you OK?’” said Mr. Pullen.

Dealing with one issue at a time and using the right tool for the job is common sense. Awareness of how to deal with life stresses is also important. Suicide looks like the only answer to someone who sees no way out of a desperate situation. But that is not truth. Seeing the truth about a situation is difficult when it gets tough. Everyone needs personal stress relief tools and a way to stay focused on truth. For some, the focus comes from faith, for others it comes from close relationships.

“The principle I fall back on is know the truth, believe the truth and live the truth,” said Chaplain Von Seggern. “That’s how I recover (from life’s hard times). For me, that truth is a person and his name is Jesus Christ.”

“Having a confidant I can share what I am going through with, works best for me,” said Ms. Gonzales.

Another fact about life and suicide is not every problem can be handled by simple conversations and not everyone has faith or a trusted friend. Sometimes the solution is medication, counseling or education. And sometimes those things come from a third party.

“The chaplain section and Family Support rely on each other’s strengths to help our members get through difficult times and with the help of our community we can provide professional assistance, if need be, through Military One Source counseling network,” said Ms. Gonzales.

Not everyone is able to open up about what they are facing.

“I believe people don’t seek out help due to embarrassment or a vulnerability of being labeled as someone who is weak or unstable,” said Ms. Gonzales.

But isolating because of what someone might say is another falsehood that keeps people from seeking the tools they need to get through tough times.

Mr. Pullen also stated most suicides are committed by people who feel overwhelmed and without control over their own life and causing their own death is the only control they have left.

“The fact is, we are all fallible human beings,” said Mr. Pullen. “We all make mistakes.”

Mistakes are not permanent.

“You can learn from your mistakes and improve and try to make things better for yourself in the future,” said Mr. Pullen.

Even with all the best tools, no one is responsible for someone else’s decision to end their own life.

“It may not be what the caller wanted (to hear), but if the other person really wanted to die, then they would have found a way somehow,” said Mr. Pullen. “It is irrational to blame ourselves for other people’s behavior just as it is irrational to blame other people for how we feel.”

National Institute of Mental Health 2001 suicide statistics

- ◆Suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in the United States.
- ◆It was the eighth leading cause of death for males, and 19th leading cause of death for females.
- ◆The total number of suicide deaths was 30,622.
- ◆Average of 1 person every 17.2 minutes completes suicide.
- ◆Suicides outnumbered homicides (20,308) by three to two.

Facts from: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention/>



Note Worthy



Legion of Merit Medal

Master Sgt.

Elizabeth Trevino, OG

Bronze Star Medal

Maj. James Clutter, CES

Meritorious Service Medal

Major

Joseph Burgener, MSS

Kevin Kelly, 68th AS

Ronald Lee, 68th AS

Gerald Longhurst, 68th AS

Captain

Bradley Clark, 68th AS

Donna Maldonado, AES

Chief Master Sgt.

Rodney Christa, AES

Gabriel Garcia, CES

Senior Master Sgt.

James Espinoza, 26th APS

Master Sgt.

Abel Anguiano, MXS

Kathy Cruthers, 307th RHS

Joe Escobedo, AMXS

Jaine Guerrero, CES

Robert Huges, 74th APS

Paula Lovelady-Betton, MXG

Antonio Rivas, Jr., CES

Bruce Scott, MSS

Stephen Sozanski, 26th APS

Tech. Sgt.

Roman Deleon, Jr., CF

Kenneth Calvert, 68th AS, ret.

AF Commendation Medal

Major

Matthew Cook, CLSS

Lieutenant

Douglas Bullerwell, AMXS

Suzanne Priest, MXS

Chief Master Sgt.

Jo Ann Henderson, CLSS

Senior Master Sgt.

Jennifer Lloyd, CLSS

Master Sgt.

Michelle Deviney, CLSS

Paul Gamez, CLSS

Bill Henderson, CLSS

Cherles Keller, Jr., AMXS

Joe Pacheco, AMXS

Ruben Pesina, AMXS

Johnny Reyes, AMXS

Jeffery Summerlin, 710th IF

Arturo Trevino, 26th APS

Tech. Sgt.

Michael Diaz, TRS

Paul Garcia, AMXS

Charles Hamrick, 307th RHS

Danielle Kininger, ASTS

Anthony Lopez, Jr., MXS

Abdon Macias, Jr., 26th APS

Oscar Moreno, 307th RHS

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Ray Naranjo, Jr., CES

Vicente Palacios, 307th RHS

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Ernest Urrutia, 68th AS

Staff Sgt.

Wallace Hatcher, AMXS

Wendell Key, 307th RHS

Carlos Mendez, 307th RHS

Jorge Rodriguez, CES

Daniel Troutman, MXS

Gregory Trudo, 307th RHS

AF Achievement Medal

Major

Harrison Axum, MXS

Captain

Patricia Niles, ASTS

Master Sgt.

Gerardo Zuniga, ALCF

Tech. Sgt.

Enrique Carreon, Jr., SFS

Barry Peyton, SFS

Ernest Stevens, SFS

Fidella Thompson, ASTS

Staff Sgt.

Joshua Adcock, 26th APS

Guadalupe Arredondo, 307th RHS

Anita Escareno, 307th RHS

Juan Flores, SFS

Mario Gonzales, AMXS

Jose Hernandez, 710 IF

Martin Salas, AMXS

Michael Weeks, 710th IF

Senior Airman

Manuel Camacho, Jr., SFS

David Salazar, 307th RHS

Airman 1st Class

Jacinto Nunez, 307th RHS

Congratulations to this year's AFA Civilian Award winners:

Lena M. Smith-Denham, 74th APS

Kathleen Sullivan, MSG

Patsy George, AW

The Alamo Air Force Association Civilian Awards program was named in honor of Charlotte and Carlton Loos. The annual banquet is scheduled in late October at the San Antonio Airport Hilton.

The 433rd Airlift Wing also was awarded Outstanding Air Force unit of the year for the State of Texas.

REMEMBER the ALAMO WING

DID - you - KNOW

The Alamo Wing's 54th birthday was October 26th.

"The price of greatness is responsibility." - Sir Winston Churchill

2005 Hispanic Heritage Scholarships awarded

By Elsa Martinez

Wing Public Affairs

The wing's Hispanic Heritage Committee awarded two \$500 scholarships to two deserving 433rd Airlift Wing members at the centerpiece event of the committee's 2006 observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Wing participation in such events as the Avenida Guadalupe parade, Sunday Catholic Mass at San Fernando Cathedral and the scholarship awards luncheon are among the traditions established by the wing's HHC committee.

Now an annual autumnal fixture on the city's West Side, the Avenida Guadalupe parade anticipates Diez y Seis de Septiembre (Sept. 16), the day that marks the start of Mexico's war for independence against Spain.

433rd AW commander, Col. John Fobian, rode in a vintage Corvette at this year's parade. 433rd troops also volunteered to march in the parade.

The traditional Sunday Mass at San Fernando Cathedral featured Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Cuellar, who read the service's Scripture in Spanish.

English readings were given by Staff Sgt. Rochelle Muniz, Tech. Sgt. Rosemary Morales, and Senior Airman Annette Reyes. Lt. Col. Rogelio Lozano, 433rd Mission Support Group commander, was also a featured reader.

Culminating the Committee's activities was the annual scholarship awards luncheon, held at the Kelly Field Club.

Before presenting the two scholarships, Committee Chair Ms. Herlinda Fernandez noted several deserving nominees from the 433rd AW community-submitted nominations. Two exceptional scholars nabbed this year's prizes, Senior Airman Vianca Cantu, a 433rd Medical Group student aide and Ms. Angela Maldonado, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Benito Maldonado, an aerospace maintenance craftsman in the 433rd Maintenance Squadron.

Cantu, a sophomore at Palo Alto

College, is majoring in accounting. A junior at Texas State University in San Marcos, Maldonado is pursuing her teaching certificate in theater arts.

Ms. Martha Fasci, guest speaker and associate dean of downtown operations for business at San Antonio's UTSA downtown campus, reiterated the hopes and dreams of

trail-blazing Hispanics in a multitude of careers, including the military.

"With all of you here today, we show that we are guardians for freedom," she said. "*Si queremos, si podemos* (if we want to, we can)."

To qualify for the 2006 HHC scholarships, recipients are required to complete a scholarship packet. Applicants are not required to be of Hispanic heritage. Packets become available in Aug. 2006 for next year.

For more information, or to join the HHC committee, call Ms. Fernandez at 925-6658. 🏠



Bill would give troops 3.1 percent pay raise

By Leo Shane III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Troops would see a 3.1 percent pay raise under the \$445 billion defense budget passed by the Senate for fiscal 2006 on Friday.

Senators also added \$50 billion more for the war on terror, including \$120 million for ballistic protection add-ons for vehicles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The bill passed by a 97-0 vote after nearly a week of debate before the whole Senate. House and Senate officials still must negotiate a compromise bill before sending the 2006 defense budget to the president to be

signed into law.

But both chamber's versions include the pay raise for all active-duty personnel and would renew a number of existing enlistment and specialty bonuses.

In addition, the Senate-backed bill would help Guard and Reserve recruiting efforts by creating a new prior-service enlistment bonus, a critical skills bonus and new specialty pay provisions for part-time troops.

Among the health care changes, the Senate bill would expand Tricare benefits to children of troops killed in overseas conflicts. It also creates a new initiative to study combat-related

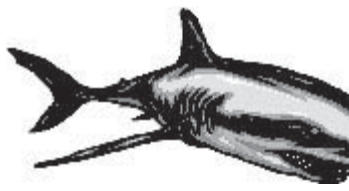
stress disorders and identify ways to treat and prevent them.

The measure also assigns \$18 million for assessment of soldiers with blast-related injuries.

An additional \$70 million from 2005 levels would be set aside for child care and family assistance services for active-duty and Reserve personnel.

The budget bill applies to the new fiscal year, which began last week, but likely won't become law until mid-November.

For more information on military pay, please visit DFAS Money Matters web page: <http://www.dod.mil/dfas/money/milpay/> 🏠



News Bites...

TDY GIFTS & GRATUITIES

A traveler on official business at Government expense, using the funds of a Department of Defense agency, may keep promotional material including frequent flyer benefits, such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities for personal use. The promotional items must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public, and be at no additional cost to the Government. (JFTR Chap 1, Part B, Par. U1200) <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/>

HEADPHONES IN PT UNIFORM

Members are authorized to wear headphones in PT uniform during personal fitness and other off-duty activities, except when determined by commanders to be unsafe or inconsistent with operational requirements. Airmen may not wear headphones while: 1. In formation or during organized unit PT sessions. 2. In performance of official duties. Installation commanders or equivalent may further restrict wear if deemed necessary for safety or mission/ operational reasons. In a deployed environment, seek uniform guidance from the Air Force component commander. At home station, address

uniform questions to your commander's support staff or Military Personnel Flight.

USO SPOUSES' DAY

The Alamo United Service Organizations and the military installations of San Antonio are offering a special event for spouses who are currently separated from their mobilized or deployed spouse.

The Alamo USO is treating spouses to a free day of pampering and lunch in the downtown area. This gives spouses, a chance to meet others going through the stress of separation.

The USO will provide free childcare, lunch on the river walk and a day of pampering at the USO, while beauticians and others offer services free of charge.

Interested spouses must RSVP and sign up for childcare through the 433rd Family Support Center no later than the Wednesday before the event.

For more information contact the Family Support Center at 925-3650 or 1-800-450-5499.

Dates for the event are Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, noon to 4:00 p.m.

GAS CRUNCH, CARPOOL CURE

To help members of the 433rd Airlift Wing battle the high cost of fuel, Mr. Miguel Killingbeck, from the 433rd Operations Group, is helping

wing members identify people to share a ride with.

Those interested in the 433rd AW carpool program can sign up for UTAs, during the week or both. Mr. Killingbeck will match interested people with those who live in the same area, want to share a ride and reduce the cost of driving to work.

For more information call 925-7865 or email thomas.killingbeck@lackland.af.mil

DART LEAGUE

The Skylark Community Center recently formed a base-wide dart league.

For more information Call 671-3191/2021

BASKETBALL

The Lackland AFB Intramural Basketball league will begin on November 14.

The 433rd Airlift Wing will enter a team in Division II. Games are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights. A team in the 35 and over league will play on Wednesday nights.

Anyone interested in

playing on the Division II team please contact Eric Gramby, 925-3775 or email Eric.Gramby@Lackland.af.mil

If you wish to play in the 35 and over league contact Raul Bernal, (210) 884-5673 or email Raul.Bernal@Lackland.af.mil

A new rule requires all players to wear ankle braces which will be provided. If you don't wear a brace then you don't play. Practices began in late October.

THE IG SAYS...

Air Force SAYS members must submit Inspector General complaints within 60 days of learning of the alleged wrong.

IG complaints not reported within 60 days will normally be dismissed unless the member is able to demonstrate he was unable to meet the time requirements due to unforeseen, or extraordinary circumstances that justify the delay.

Your Wing IG Office: 925-7111.

New campaign medals approved



Air Force officials have authorized Airmen to wear two new Campaign Medals for Iraq and Afghanistan. These medals apply to all Airmen who have been deployed for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days in Operation Enduring Freedom after Oct. 24, 2001 or those deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom after Iraqi Freedom.



Who's Who in the...

Alamo Wing



Photo By Senior Master Sgt. David Freeman
Senior Master Sgt. Rogelio Rodriguez, 433rd Maintenance Squadron, worked more than a few extra hours as an aircraft maintenance production supervisor during hurricane relief efforts. The maintainers assisted with several civilian aircraft including this 757.



Photo By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons
Tech. Sgt. Lori Darling, wing security assistant from the 433rd Security Forces Squadron, collects coins. "They help me to remember places I've been and people I've worked with," said Sergeant Darling.



Photo By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons
Miguel Killingbeck, student aide with the 433rd Operations Group, is cutting the cost of gas. He's organizing a carpool database for wing members who wish to carpool. If interested, call the Operations Group at 925-7865.

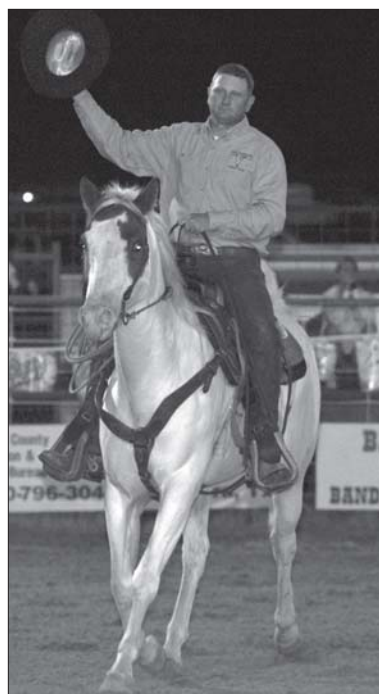


Photo By Mr. Alan Boeker, Lackland Multi-Media Center
Staff Sgt. Al Hyatt, a 433rd Maintenance Group maintainer, also serves as the Ride For The Brand Rodeo Committee President.

Back page view through the Back door at the Bandera rodeo

Whether you live in Texas, or are just passing through, it is nearly impossible to not see a rodeo at least once. But not everyone gets a view behind the scenes.

The Ride For The Brand Rodeo Committee, made up of members of the 433rd Airlift Wing, held their annual rodeo event the second weekend in October.

Money from the event goes towards scholarships. Photos here represent just a small portion of the efforts behind the show.



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Every big event has a committee. Members of the Ride For The Brand Rodeo Committee, pictured here with the 433rd Airlift Wing Commander, Col. John Fobian, (center) work most of the year to get the event off the ground. Members from left to right include, Staff Sgt. Al Hyatt, Tech. Sgt. James Gomez, Staff Sgt. Mike Sanchez and Master Sgt. Max Hernandez.



Rodeo committee members, clean at the start of the rodeo, got a chance to get down in the dirt while taking up the barrels after the women's barrel racing competition.



Gulliver, an Appaloosa gelding, warms up with his owner, Col. John Fobian 433rd Airlift Wing Commander, before the opening ceremonies.



Between rodeo events, the calf scramble gets the kids out of the stands and into the arena for a little rodeo action of their own.



UTA SCHEDULE

November

A UTA Nov. 5-6

B UTA Nov. 19-20

December

A UTA Dec. 3-4

B UTA Dec. 10-11

January

A UTA Jan. 7-8

B UTA Jan. 21-22

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