

July Post It

New!

**Airman & Family
Readiness Center**

Building 653 • Room 25
(129th Mission Support Building)

7:30AM to 4:30PM
Refreshments



Hometown Heroes Salute August 7, 2010

Honors Airmen who have deployed for 30 or more consecutive days, away from home station, in support of contingency operations. This program was implemented in 2009 and we are now in our Phase II of the campaign. Family members and centers of influence will be recognized with gifts for both phases. Family members are encouraged to join their Guard member this weekend.



**JULY IS THE LAST MONTH
TO NOMINATE YOUR
SPOUSE FOR MILITARY
SPOUSE OF THE YEAR!!**



Describe how your spouse demonstrates...

Independence

The capability of leading a fulfilling and meaningful life as a spouse, parent, community servant, student, professional, coach, mentor, and friend to others, while a part of the National Guard family.

Resiliency

The ability to overcome setbacks and obstacles and to maintain positive thoughts during times of adversity (including deployments).

- ✓ Write to the qualities listed above and email your one-page document to MSgt Knopf at james.knopf@ang.af.mil by July 30, 2010 for selection by the Group Commander.
- ✓ Group Commanders will receive their nominations from the Chaplain's office during the month of July and make a selection by the deadline.
- ✓ The Winner for each group will be announced during the Hometown Heroes Salute.
 - Special Certificate from Airmen & Family Readiness Program
 - Military Marriage Packet
 - Special Acknowledgement during Month of the Military Family



Pre-Deployment News Update!

Air Force Web site offers legal assistance

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SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFRNS) - Next time a client needs a will, power of attorney or have a legal question, they can visit the new Air Force Legal Assistance website at <http://lyris.dmasa.dma.mil/t/2422419/5018673/11419/0/>

The Web site is designed for active-duty and reserve component members, retirees and dependents. Officials created the Web site to increase efficiency and track client satisfaction with the Air Force legal assistance program. Because it is a public site, clients may access the site's features from the comfort of their homes without a common access card.

The site's features include:

- Legal topics: Short papers on common legal-assistance topics such as wills and family law issues. It also contains links to other helpful sites.
- Legal worksheets: Access to online questionnaires for wills, living wills and powers of attorney. After completing the online worksheet, the Web site provides each client a unique "ticket number." Data entered by clients is secure and may be accessed only after clients visit their local legal office and provide their ticket numbers to legal office officials.
- Online survey: Following a visit to the legal office, clients are encouraged to provide feedback concerning the professionalism and helpfulness of Air Force legal professionals.

Many clients have visited a legal office to obtain a will or other legal document and realized, after arriving, that they needed to gather more information or documents from home. Sometimes clients have realized they needed to speak with their spouse about an issue.

Completing an online worksheet will help minimize these multiple visits. By filling out an online worksheet, clients will be able to consider critical issues before visiting the legal office.

After receiving a ticket number, clients bring it to the legal office. An attorney or paralegal will then access a client's data with the ticket number and prepare the appropriate legal documents.

While the Web site increases convenience for clients, everyone should note the following:

- Information on the Web site is for educational and informational purposes only. The Web site cannot replace consultation with a local judge advocate general, and Airmen should never rely solely on the Web site when making decisions.
- Clients will not have the ability to print a legal document from the Web site. Clients will need to visit the legal office and provide their ticket numbers in order to obtain their legal documents.
- The Web site is designed for client convenience, but no one is required to use the Web site before visiting the legal office.

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