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Staff Sgt. Benny Hill, a piper with the Band of the Air Force Reserve pipe band, plays Amazing Grace during Tinker's April 19 memorial tribute to victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City Alfred P. Murrah federal building bombing. The ceremony also included the playing of Taps by the Tinker Honor Guard and concluded with a ceremonial flight lowering the Wright Flyer American flag to half-staff. Sergeant Hill is a B-2 system verification manager in the 412th Logistics Test Squadron.

Always remember



Airman 1st Class Kenneth Leeper, 3rd Combat Communications Group, stands by the wreath he placed for Airman 1st Class Cartney Jean McRaven of the 32nd Combat Communications Squadron as Airman 1st Class Heather Wallace, 72nd Medical Group, places a wreath honoring Airman 1st Class Lakesha Richardson Levy, 72nd Medical Support Squadron, during an April 19 ceremony at Tinker's Oklahoma City Alfred P. Murrah bombing memorial. The ceremony was dedicated to the two Airmen and 166 others who died 17 years ago. Tinker's Airmen were in the Social Security office when the building was attacked. Remembrance attendees included military and civilians who paid their respects observing 168 seconds of silence, one for each victim.

Iszard Pool to open; Gerrity Pool closed

72nd Force Support Squadron

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. The Iszard Pool will open for the season May 26 with great programs such as open recreational swimming, pool pavilion rental, fit to fight, morning lap swim and traditional pool parties.

Unfortunately, the Gerrity Pool will not open this year due to major repairs, maintenance and labor expenses required in excess of \$100,000.

The Iszard Pool will be open for recreational swimming from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays during the season. Lap swimming will be offered from 6 to 11:50 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Daily fees will be \$3 per person. Season passes are \$40 for individuals. Passes for families are \$75 for three to five members, \$85 for six to eight members and \$95 for nine or more. Pool pavilion rental will be available from 6 to 8 p.m., six days a week. Cost is \$45 and includes the Iszard pavilion.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 734-2289.

Base Drug Take-Back Day Saturday

Mike W. Ray
Staff Writer

If you have an expired prescription medication or an out-of-date bottle of aspirin in your medicine cabinet, don't toss it in the trash or flush it down the toilet. Instead, bring it to the Base Exchange on Saturday, during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

The April 28 observance is an opportunity for individuals to turn in their medications for safe disposal in a no-questions-asked environment. The collection site will be operated from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Present at the event will be a drug enforcement agent, along with 72nd Air Base Wing Security Forces and Tinker AFB Pharmacy staff personnel.

"We'll be accepting unused or expired controlled and non-controlled drugs and over-the-counter



medications," said Capt. Lakisha Roe, a 72nd Medical Group pharmacist. The medications will be collected in a box that ultimately will be sealed and incinerated by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, she said.

Syringes, IV solutions and

injectibles will not be accepted, "because they contain blood-borne pathogens," explained Capt. Deborah Faucette-Morales, Pharmacy Services chief. However, those items can be disposed of in either used milk cartons or sharps containers that can be purchased from any retail pharmacy, she said.

The DEA points out that unused or expired prescription medications are "a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse." Pharmaceutical drugs "can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision," the DEA warns.

The agency also reports that most teenagers who abuse prescription drugs "get them from family and friends — and the home medicine cabinet."

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OC-ALC chief of Staff retires after 32-year career

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Seven words changed the course of Laura Culberson's budding career. After having said, "Might as well see what's out there" to her father's suggestion, the college student pursued a federal service job, which led to a successful 32-year career. On April 30, the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center chief of Staff will retire.

As Ms. Culberson reminisced about her career and the memories that gave her character, she said it is the people who shaped her day-to-day and the sense of belonging that she will miss the most.

"I've worked out here almost my whole life and made many very good friends, and I'm going to miss the day-to-day interaction," she said. "The other thing I'm going to miss, as strange as it sounds, is driving to work and through the gate. It's just one of those feelings that as you're driving to work you take for granted; but, it's a sense of belonging. It's when you come through the gate and realize, 'I have a place to go every day.'"

As a young Oklahoma City Community College student, Ms. Culberson worked accounting in a downtown box factory. She had thought about pursuing a better job when her father, an electrician in Tinker's Distribution Directorate, suggested she apply for a secretarial position.

Hired into the Financial Management Section, she began as a General Schedule-3 civilian answering phones, taking messages and learning as much as she could. The young federal employee soon met and was in awe of two GS-9 civilians, who have since retired at the GS-15 rank and will attend her retirement ceremony.

"I thought, 'Man, if I get to be a GS-9 like they are, I'll have it made!'" Ms. Culberson said. "That was back when I didn't know the difference between the grades and needed the money."

Ms. Culberson graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Mathematics in 1984 and began climbing her way up the career ladder. She worked in supply and product support acquisition and sustainment management, logistics, supply transformation and staff positions. She also spent two years in the late 1990s at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in program management. Additionally, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree.

In 2007, she landed at the then-327th Aircraft Sustainment Group as deputy director and was responsible for the acquisition, modification and logistics support of the B-52 Stratofortress fleet. For two years it was a job she thoroughly enjoyed and



Laura Culberson

had no intention of leaving. Until, one day she, now a GS-15, received a phone call notifying her she was being considered for the OC-ALC chief of Staff position.

"They called me and said, 'You're on the short list for the position,' and I said, 'Thank you, but I don't think I'm interested,'" Ms. Culberson said. "They said, 'No, you don't understand, you're on the short list for this position, and we're going to interview people and we want you to come down and talk to us.'"

Ms. Culberson soon found herself in an interview with John Over, former OC-ALC executive director, and retired Maj. Gen. David Gillett, OC-ALC commander.

"I told them I didn't think I was the right person and I appreciated their interest in me, but I didn't want it. I proceeded to answer every question just like you wouldn't in an interview," Ms. Culberson said. "I never even dreamed they would make me come down here, at least that's the way I looked at it at the time."

But, she did and Ms. Culberson said she is glad as she enjoyed working with General Gillett and Maj. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, current OC-ALC commander.

"Laura has a career full of major accomplishments. Her work ethic and dedication to the mission underscore every job and task she has undertaken

from her starting position as a GS-3 to the culmination of a highly successful career as OC-ALC chief of Staff," said General Litchfield. "Tinker and our Air Force are more capable because of her unwavering leadership. On behalf of all of Team Tinker, we are grateful for her service and the opportunity to work with a true professional."

Ross Marshall, current OC-ALC executive director, agreed.

"There is probably no one on this base who better understands what it takes to be successful at meeting warfighter needs," said Mr. Marshall. "Laura Culberson understands the entire operation. She's a model leader and a superb people person. She knows what it means to focus on continually improving. This Center is a better place because of her impact. She'll be missed."

In her two-and-a-half-year tenure, she also gained several fans.

"Laura has displayed the unique ability to grasp and communicate the big picture up and down the chain of command, provide senior leaders quality advice, and manage an incredible number of details which ultimately facilitated a cohesive, productive team, and that team includes the 72nd Air Base Wing," said Col. Steven Bleymaier, 72nd ABW and Tinker installation commander. "We recognize the value Laura brought to everything she influenced; the ABW will sincerely miss her."

Col. Robert Helgeson, 76th Propulsion Maintenance Group commander, agreed.

"Laura Culberson is an exceptional civilian leader and chief of Staff to the OC-ALC commander. She has done great things to support this center and take great care of all the supporting organizations to include our 76th Maintenance Wing and 76th PMXG," he said. "We will miss her and wish her the very best of luck in retirement."

Ms. Culberson said she's learned many valuable lessons throughout her fruitful career and enjoyed the various jobs she's worked, but the one lesson that has had the most impact on her she had to gain the hard way. These days, she passes on the advice to others.

"Look out for your own career and have a deliberate plan on where you want to go," Ms. Culberson said. "That will help you choose the right opportunities to build a meaningful career."

Maybe her career would have taken a different turn or maybe she wouldn't have had to learn the lesson through trial and error, but Ms. Culberson said it has been worth it.

"Tinker's a great place and I feel very fortunate that I stumbled onto a job out here," she said.

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After a small-group discussion on identifying and overcoming the stresses of military separation or retirement, Laura Johnston talks about their group's topic during an April 23 Transition Assistance Program in Tinker's Airman and Family Readiness Center. Ms. Johnston is a Navy chief petty officer stationed at Fort Meade, Md., and will move to Oklahoma with her retired Navy husband in September after she retires. The TAP helps military members smooth the rough edges off the transition back into civilian life by offering resources and advice on a host of topics from job hunting, resumé writing, finances and how to reduce stress transitioning into a new life.

Transition assistance available to those leaving military service

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Military personnel in the Tinker area who are mustering out of uniform have access to free professional advice on how to secure a job in this tough economic environment.

For example, Steven L. Auld of the 72nd Force Support Squadron, a Community Readiness Consultant with the Airman & Family Readiness Center, coordinated an Employment Relocation Benefit workshop last month for a group of Navy personnel at Tinker whose jobs were eliminated in a budget downsizing.

In addition, a CRC is working closely with Tinker's 3rd Combat Communications Group, which is being inactivated. "She attends their staff meetings and commanders' calls," Mr. Auld said. "We will support the '3rd Herd' with a wide range of programs as needed."

Through the Transition Assistance Program, Mr. Auld and his co-workers at the A&FRC lend a hand to active-duty and retired Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel, as well as Guardsmen and Reservists.

TAP has five major components, Mr. Auld related: pre-separation counseling,

Department of Labor employment workshops, Veterans' Affairs benefits briefings, the Disabled Transition Assistance Program, and one-on-one counseling. Participation in TAP is available to service members and their spouses within 12 months of separating or 24 months of retirement, Mr. Auld said.

This week Mr. Auld coordinated a TAP workshop that focused primarily on getting a job and featured a variety of courses led by Jerry Melton from the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. Classes included performing a personal appraisal, career exploration, strategies for an effective job search, creating an effective resumé, how to write job application cover letters, how to handle a job interview, reviewing job offers, and salary negotiations.

Shelby Satterfield of the State Education Department gave a presentation on participating in the "troops to teachers" program, and Harold Baade from the Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center provided suggestions on how to establish a small business after leaving military service.

In addition, representatives were on hand to advise retirees about survivors' benefit plans, Tri-Care medical benefits, Veterans Affairs benefits, the DTAP, and

the Montgomery GI Bill.

During some TAP programs, Mr. Auld invites a handful of metro-area employers to meet with the seminar participants during a working lunch, to discuss job opening they may have or anticipate having in the near future, the types of skills their employees need to have, etc.

In a related matter, Mr. Auld is a conduit between employers and job seekers. When an employer sends him a job announcement, he e-mails it to his distribution list of service members who have or are about to separate or retire from active duty and are trying to get a job.

For individuals who are separating from active duty, the A&FRC regularly provides courses on how to sell a home. "We also team with Tinker Federal Credit Union and First National Bank to provide a variety of personal financial management classes that are open to our separating military personnel," Mr. Auld said. They also provide one-on-one personal financial counseling when requested, he added.

"We help any way we can to provide resources that military personnel and their families need to ensure a smooth transition back to civilian life after separation from military service," Mr. Auld said.

TAP 'very beneficial' for Tinker sergeant

Mike W. Ray
Staff Writer

Tinker's Transition Assistance Program was "very beneficial" to one soon-to-be military retiree, who plans to go through TAP again soon to "hone in on additional briefings of interest."

Senior Master Sgt. Anthony "Tony" Hairston, who retires in four months after an Air Force career of 25+ years, attended the TAP workshop at Tinker's Airman and Family Readiness Center last October.

The resumé-writing class was "very informative and practical," particularly the advice to tailor a resumé specifically to the job for which you apply, the sergeant said. He also was impressed with the session on learning how to interview and how to answer potential employment questions posed by a mock panel.

The TAP agenda items that pertained to veterans provided "a wealth of information" about benefits, filling out applications, and Veterans Affairs points of contact.

Sergeant Hairston paid particular attention to the seminar on the survivor benefit plan, for two reasons: "A percentage is taken from the retirement pay," he said, "and supplements family members for unexpected circumstances."

He also was impressed with the presentation on Tri-Care, which provides a military retiree with insurance coverage for 120 days after separation. "It gives you time to look into other insurance programs and/or policies to ensure you and your family members are adequately covered," Sergeant Hairston said.

He said he intends to go through the TAP again, focusing on resumé writing, interviewing, and benefits. The Transition Assistance Program "gives us valuable resources we can utilize to succeed after we leave the service," he said. Sergeant Hairston hopes the information he has acquired through the TAP program, along with his varied work experiences and education, will enable him to secure employment as a civilian upon his retirement.

Sergeant Hairston is a native of South Carolina but has been at Tinker for the last 20 years. He is an Engine Propulsion functional manager, F101/F118 equipment specialist, in the Propulsion Sustainment Division of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

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Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz talks with Airmen from the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing and the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command April 23 during his visit to Afghanistan. The general discussed resiliency issues affecting today's Airmen and their families, changes in service capabilities, and Air Force budget priorities.

CSAF discusses 'evolving force' with deployed Airmen

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AFNS) — The Air Force chief of staff visited Airmen from the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing and the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command April 23 at Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, to talk about current Air Force issues.

Gen. Norton Schwartz started his remarks with an exercise involving the crowd. He named different mission specialties and asked people to raise their hands when their Air Force specialty was called out, showing the diversity in the crowd. This led into the general's first point.

"Everybody in this room matters," he said. "We are a big Air Force family and we have folks that do a lot of different things. We should be proud of who we are and what we do, but one thing we should not do is let that pride interfere with the whole team coming together to get the job done."

The general then transitioned into talking about the budget concerns facing the Air Force.

He said that in the current economic climate it would be irresponsible for the Air Force to carry on with a business-as-usual mindset. He said cuts will be made in a responsible manner and great efforts will be made not to weaken the force.

"The logic is to get smaller to maintain quality," he said. "This is so that each one of you can devote your talent, conviction and commitment to an organization that remains the best and most feared Air Force on the planet."

The general's next topic of conversation was Air Expeditionary Force Next. He said it was remarkable that deployed wings are able to build a cohesive team with personnel from many different home stations. He said in the future it would make more sense for home station or adjacent units to deploy together. If personnel have a familiarity with each other before a deployment, they can really hit the ground running when they arrive at the AOR. The plan is for bases that are in

the same regional area to support a major deployment, he said.

General Schwartz said this would also add some stability and fairness to the deployment process.

"The second part of AEF Next will be to better align the deployment and assignment cycles," he said. "So we don't have trusted, ready and experienced people leaving shortly before their unit deploys or have those who are just coming home from a deployment going to a unit that is about to deploy again."

The general said the planned changes to the AEF are more akin to a refinement than to a major surgery.

The general also discussed the rising suicide rate in the Air Force. So far there have been 37 suicides this year in comparison to 25 at this point last year. He said it is an alarming trend that needs to be addressed by everybody.

"This is painful and it's something we have to collectively do something about," he said. "Don't let a teammate make this very permanent decision. This is family business."

The general urged anyone who is having a difficult time to get the help they need. He said there would be no career risk for those who sought help.

After he was done speaking, General Schwartz addressed questions from the audience.

Staff Sgt. James Derrickson, 439th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron security forces adviser, said he was impressed by the general's speech and he felt the visit showed that top leadership appreciates the efforts of Airmen in Afghanistan.

"It was very insightful; he gave great answers to some relevant questions," he said. "He helped us understand where the Air Force is going in the future."

The general concluded his talk by making a point about how vital Airmen's efforts were to the United States. He said it is every Airman's duty to ensure the American people don't lose confidence in the Air Force's capabilities.

"If the American people lose their faith in the Air Force, where do they go? Because of that, we all have a special obligation to do the right thing," he said.

Missing personnel records impact more than promotions

Erin Tindell

*Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower
Public Affairs*

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) — When Senior Master Sgt. Randy Scanlan wasn't promoted to his current rank the first time his records met the board, he was a little confused.

As a maintainer and an aerial gunner, he deployed often and received many decorations. When he was asked if he wanted to review his records before they met the board, he said no and figured they were "good to go." However, they were far from complete, and he later discovered his records were missing 14 medals.

"The board had no idea what my capabilities and experiences were, so that may have prevented me from making it the first time," said Sergeant Scanlan, who is currently the Air Force Personnel Center Career Assistance Adviser functional manager.

"I used to believe it wasn't my job to get items into my records," he said. "After arriving at AFPC, I realized your personnel records affect every aspect of your career. It is imperative that you review your own records for accuracy. I thought it wasn't my job, but I was wrong — it was my responsibility."

Missing or inaccurate enlisted or officer performance reports, decorations, awards and citations can not only affect promotions, it may also prevent Airmen from being selected for special-duty assignments, professional development opportunities or re-enlistment considerations. This is

why it's critical all Airmen take the time to review their personnel records to ensure they are complete and accurate, officials said.

"Leaders need to communicate to our youngest Airmen, both officer and enlisted, when they first enter the service the importance of reviewing their personnel record as they grow in their career," said Will Brown, the Air Force Evaluations and Recognition Programs branch chief. "No one knows an Airman's record better than the Airman the record pertains to."

As the Air Force continues to draw down to meet congressionally-mandated end-strength, having accurate records is also valuable during force management measures to reshape the force. Records impact force management programs such as high year tenure, date of separation rollbacks, selective early retirement boards as well as crossflow opportunities for officers and retraining opportunities for enlisted members.

Mr. Brown said missing or inaccurate records may also impact Airmen when it is time to retire or separate.

"Civilian employers may want to look at your performance reports when applying for jobs," he said.

Officials offered the following tips for personnel records:

- Check personnel records frequently via the Personnel Records Display Application located on AFPC's secure website and the Air Force portal.
- Keep copies of anything you sign, such as an evaluation report, and keep the copies in a personal file.
- If you are meeting a board (for promotions, special assignments, etc.) always review your record before the board meets, in enough time to fix anything wrong.

Airmen who notice discrepancies in their records should contact an installation military personnel section to help correct them.

For more information about personnel records and other personnel programs, visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

Take Back... —

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"Oklahoma leads the nation in drug overdoses and narcotic drug abuse," Captain Faucette-Morales noted.

Unused drugs that are thrown into the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold, the DEA observed. In addition, drugs that are flushed into the sewer system contaminate water supplies and are suspected of causing deformities in wildlife such as frogs and fish.

Besides the Prescription Drug Take-Back event Saturday at the BX, unused drugs can be dropped off at various law-enforcement offices across the state, Tech. Sgt. LaTonya Reno of the 72nd Medical Group said. Those include the Bethany, Choctaw, Edmond, Guthrie, Moore, Mustang and Norman Police Departments; Oklahoma County Sheriff's offices in Oklahoma City, Midwest City and Edmond; the Logan County Sheriff's Office in Guthrie; and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control office in Oklahoma City.

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Need success? Go to your bench

Larry Miller
72nd Air Base Wing Plans and Programs director

Anticipation is building around here as playoff time in the NBA approaches. The Oklahoma City Thunder has had a great year and is poised to make a deep run in the playoffs. It’s amazing to look back at how far this team has come since they first arrived in Oklahoma City. Lots of variables have contributed to their rapid ascent to the elite level of the league: great players, shrewd talent evaluation, supportive ownership and great fans to name a few. However, one factor that gets overlooked is the great job they’ve done at building depth, developing it and using it to supplement their starters. Building a strong bench has been a conscious strategy by this franchise and has

helped them to get through challenges such as injuries and a compressed schedule this year. Likewise, building a strong bench is important for us as we as we strive to support the war fighters and adapt to an environment of shrinking fiscal resources, organizational restructuring and loss of experienced personnel. In particular, the loss of experienced personnel has the potential of having a major negative impact across the DOD and here at Tinker as well. In the current environment we are experiencing a brain and experience drain we haven’t witnessed in several years. One way to mitigate this loss of expertise and keep the mission going is to build a strong bench within your own organization. It’s always tempting to rely on your superstars or those most experienced employees for all the high visibility, important tasks. Using the same

personnel as your “go-to person” might get the job done in the short term but can have long term negative consequences. If we keep leaning on the same people all the time, when they are gone, we will be faced with a real problem of a weak bench and a significant drop-off in production. However, by giving all our people opportunities to lead and take on important tasks, we’re building the experience we need. They’ll be available to come off the bench and fill in as needed. As they gain experience and confidence, they’ll eventually be able to replace your “starters” on a regular basis, without any degradation to the mission. Your bench players will also appreciate your confidence in them and stay motivated because they realize they can be put be into the game at any time with the expectation of making a contribution.

If you think about it, we were all at one time or another on the bench, playing behind the starters. At some point we were put in the game and expected to contribute. In my case, I always felt prepared because my bosses had been preparing me for those challenges by feeding me opportunities and building up my confidence and capabilities, through training, experience and great feedback. I knew I would be called upon and I was ready when called. When my time as a “starter” came, I was ready because my bench time had been valued and my contributions appreciated. As we go through the significant changes we are experiencing, it would be wise to keep in mind the value of a strong bench and make a conscious decision to develop the talent waiting there.

Action Line

The Tinker Commander's Action Line is a communications channel established for personnel to bring problems and observations to the commander's attention. The Action Line serves as an avenue for effecting positive change across Tinker Air Force Base and has led to improvements in safety, working conditions, quality of life and a better understanding of base programs and processes.

When inquiries or comments are forwarded, a direct response should be received in a timely manner. While we hope individuals will seek a more timely resolution of issues through their facility management or unit command channels, an individual may visit the Commander's Action Line tab on Tinker's internal home page to submit an action line.

Exercising caution

Q: Due to the wonderful weather we are experiencing, squadron PT sessions are being held at the playground park located on the corner of Reserve Road and Mitchell Avenue. Unfortunately, our Airmen gathering at the park for PT are parking on both sides of Mitchell Avenue, creating congestion, an unsafe obstacle, and a driving hazard. While pedestrians are crossing the street to get into and out of their cars, going to and from work is often challenging in the morning and afternoon for all drivers utilizing

Mitchell Avenue. I was nearly blindsided by a car pulling out of the playground parking lot, because both drivers could not see each other due to the amount of parked cars on both sides of the street. Base housing has “No Parking on This Side of the Street” signs posted to create an open road for the Fire Department. To alleviate the congestion and potential accidents is it possible to install one of these signs on Mitchell Avenue?

A: Thank you for raising this concern. We fully agree that having vehicles parked on both sides of Mitchell Avenue

near the park and the corner of Reserve Road creates a hazard. The 72nd Civil Engineering Directorate will be installing “NO PARKING ON THIS SIDE OF THE STREEET” signs on Mitchell Avenue between Cook Avenue and Reserve Road on the west side of the road (the creek side). Parking will still be allowed on the east side of Mitchell Avenue (the housing and park side). Alternatively, there are other nearby parking areas available for fitness and park enthusiasts at Indian Hills Lodge and the Tinker Club that can alleviate some of the congestion. Thank you for helping improve safety for Team Tinker.



Col. Steven Bleymaier
72nd Air Base Wing Commander

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Tornado safety tips

72nd Air Base Wing Safety

Springtime in the Midwest means there's always the threat of dangerous storms. Now is the time to think about what you will do to keep you and your family safe.

Based on recent experiences and lessons learned from other severe weather events, here are some things to think about as you prepare for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms:

Pay attention

Stay informed about what's expected. Outlooks and forecasts will change several times before storms happen, so you need to check for the latest weather information often.

Don't get too hung up on words like "outbreak", "moderate risk", etc. NWS meteorologists are on duty 24 hours a day and will be providing the most up-to-date and detailed information possible. This is not a time to panic, but a time to prepare.

Is your shelter ready?

If you have your tornado shelter area picked out — whether it's a closet or bathroom, a safe room or underground shelter — think about what you need to take to your shelter if you need to use it. Wear shoes, grab your car keys and cell phone. Do you have a pet? You might want to bring a leash or pet carrier.

Taking shelter if you're not home

You may have a well thought-out safety plan at home, work and school, but none of that will help you if you're traveling on the road, at an outdoor event or in other unfamiliar locations. Your safety is totally your responsibility and you should not depend on anyone else to tell you where to go and when to go there. You have to think about this in advance.

For example, if you're attending a football game, how will you know a watch or warning has been issued? If you leave the game to drive home, how will you know if you're driving into a dangerous storm?

Taking a few minutes to make plans ahead can make a huge difference if you need to make those critical decisions later.

Sirens

Remember that outdoor warning devices (sirens) are not intended to warn people inside buildings or cars. They are designed to alert people who are outside. Don't rely on a warning siren as your main warning source. Also, most communities do not sound an all-clear signal. You should check with your local emergency management office for details on how your community's warning systems work.

Public Shelters

Most communities do not have public shelters. Your best option is usually to shelter in place.

Receiving a warning

You need to have more than one way to get a tornado warning. For most people, the main way is television, but what happens when the power goes out, you lose your cable or satellite signal, or the TV meteorologists are not talking about the storm near you? TV alone is not enough.

A weather radio — with battery backup — can give you warnings for your county and those around you. If you have a weather radio, this is a good time to make sure it's working. Can you hear the broadcast clearly? If you're not getting a clear signal, you may not get the warning alarm. Is the radio programmed correctly for your county? Is the radio in a location where someone will hear it when it sounds an alarm?

Take care of friends and family

You can help get the word out by letting them know about the chance for severe weather, and by contacting them if severe storms are headed their way. Some of the best warnings come from a family member or friend.

Protecting yourself

Your main goal when taking shelter from a tornado is to put as many barriers between you and the flying and falling debris as you can. This is why it's best to get as deep inside a sturdy building as you can, on the lowest floor possible. But even there, it's good to have more padding and protection, and this might include pillows, couch cushions, sleeping bags, comforters, blankets, quilts, coats/jackets and even a mattress (if you can move it to your shelter in time).

Another key piece of tornado survival equipment is a helmet. A bicycle, motorcycle, football, or baseball helmet can help prevent head injuries, which is one of the leading causes of death in a tornado.

Where is your shelter?

If you live in a mobile home and your tornado safety plan involves you having to travel to a shelter — whether it's down the road or across town — you have to allow yourself plenty of time to get there. You probably can't wait until a tornado warning is issued for your area to travel to shelter. And if you wait until you hear sirens sounding or think you'll be able to see or hear the tornado, you're not going to have enough time to get to a safe place. Being in a car is one of the worst places you can be with a tornado nearby.

Tornado shelter fashion

Does it matter what you wear when you're taking shelter from a tornado? Absolutely! Picture yourself walking through tornado debris — wood, broken glass, insulation, nails — in the dark, in the rain with strong winds blowing. Wear long pants and a long sleeve shirt along with sturdy shoes versus shorts and flip flops.

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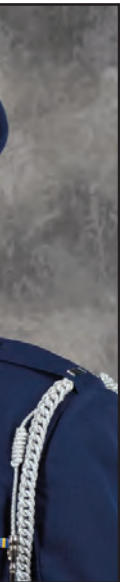


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72nd ABW

AWARDS

The 2011 Team Tinker Military and Civilian of the Year and Wiley Post Civilian Leadership Award winners have been announced. The awards recognize the “best of the best”; those who lead by example under the Air Force core values and by outstanding achievements in support of the warfighter.

An awards banquet was held April 21 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, recognizing all finalists. One winner from each of the 19 categories received a special recognition as the overall winner.



Officer
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WG-1 to WG-8/WL-1 to WL-6
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3rd CCG



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15/WL-7 to WL-13/WS-1 to WS-10
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Team recognized for outstanding performance

Ross Marshall, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center executive director, recently recognized and coined the Tinker Quality Team and outstanding performers who worked diligently to ensure that the OC-ALC obtained the highest level of Internal Organization for Standardization Certification.

AS9110A is an Aerospace Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Certification that signifies the organization's commitment to meet and exceed increasingly stringent industry requirements as a world-class supplier of military aircraft.

This team led by the Center Quality Office in the OC-ALC Plans and Programs Directorate and the 76th Maintenance Wing Quality Assurance Office went above and beyond to achieve the more stringent AS9110A certification within a reduced four month period. Team members demonstrated great dedication and perseverance in achieving all of the elements required within the new AS9110A Aerospace Standard.

As a result, QMI/SAI Global ISO Registrar performed a two-week intense audit of the OC-ALC from Oct. 17-27. The OC-ALC received only six minor non-conformances with a complex of more than 11,000 people. Six minors are unheard of in an MRO facility at large as the OC-ALC. QMI/SAI Global complimented the OC-ALC on the level of communication all the way to the shop floor, as well as, the genuine commitment by both management and employees to continuous process improvement. Members of the OC-ALC should be proud of their achievement as one of the few AS9110A Certified MROs.

Members of the XP Center Quality Office are:

Nancy Thornton, chief
Cristina Hazell
Chuck Schaefer



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Robin Keener
Nancy Thornton
Kateri Peeler

76th MXW Quality Office members are:

Dan McCabe, chief
Jeff Santiago
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Paul Moesinger
Connie Jacobson

Additional 76th MXW personnel mentioned by QMI/SAI Global auditors for outstanding performance during the audit are:

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Col. Steven Bleymaier, 72nd Air Base Wing commander, left, recently awarded members of the 72nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Air Terminal Operations Section with a 72nd ABW Wildcatter Award. Accepting the award are team members, from left, Tech. Sgt. Ladedrick Moore, Staff Sgt. Heston Ashlock, Staff Sgt. Glyn Meranto and Senior Airman Fernando Hernandez.

72nd ABW members earn Wildcatter Awards

72nd Air Base Wing

Members of the 72nd Air Base Wing recently received Wildcatter Awards from Col. Steven Bleymaier, 72nd ABW commander.

With his management and oversight, **Kim Kline**, with the 72nd ABW Civil Engineer Directorate, has been instrumental to the success of Tinker's Recycling Program. His compliance oversight activities have ensured that Tinker has consistently met Department of Defense goals for solid waste diversion.

Mr. Kline performed a business case analysis for the brass casing deformer, which identified an immediate payback potential and was subsequently recommended for purchase. He has conducted extensive research to find new recycling markets for additional commodities with the goal of maximizing proceeds, thereby ensuring that Tinker recycling remains a self-sustaining operation.

In an effort to stress the importance of participation in the program and increase the quantity of industrial commodities turned in to the recycling center, Mr. Kline has communicated with base unit environmental coordinators, maintenance supervisors and base facility managers. In conjunction with the Base Exchange, Mr. Kline coordinated America Recycles Day — this event educated base residents and employees about recycling opportunities, resulting in increased participation in the Tinker recycling program.

Over Thanksgiving weekend last year, the 72nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's **Air Terminal Operations Section** coordinated the download of six C-17 cargo planes with 194.6 short



Kim Kline

tons of cargo and 22 passengers coming home from a deployment.

They also ensured the safe and timely return of Team Tinker's deployed personnel by overseeing the safe arrival and processing of 389 passengers on seven missions. Their mission success was recognized when U.S. Southern Command requested the Air

Terminal Operation team to process and transport a \$1.5 million Mobile Air Traffic Control Tower weighing 18,500 pounds. The team was tasked to figure the required shoring needed to safely load the equipment on a C-17 cargo plane and then build the 30-foot long kit.

All of these missions were completed with a limited work crew due to deployments and vacant manpower positions, and resulted in no mission delays and praise by aircrews for their outstanding work ethics.

Their extraordinary teamwork was needed when the air base wing Weapons Vault was in need of assistance in transporting more than 4,500 deployment weapons. The Air Terminal Operation section came through with a mission-before-self attitude and aided them by providing forklift support and weapon escorts to ensure the \$4.4 million worth of weapons were safely transported and secured in the new weapons vault ahead of schedule.

Team members are Tech. Sgts. Ladedrick Moore and Matthew Armstrong; Staff Sgts. Heston Ashlock, Glyn Meranto, Jessica Hobkirk and Philip Swanner; and Senior Airmen Michael Lasseter, Fernando Hernandez and Alex Grimstad.

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PMxCP certification is awarded to GS employees who accomplish all applicable training requirements and possess the appropriate years of maintenance experience. FWS employees will be covered in the next spiral.

Preregister for the roadshow at https://www.afkm.wpafb.af.mil/AFM_CPMxCP (look for the "Register Online" on the left side of the page). Preregistration is encouraged, but is not a requirement for attendance.

Call Beverly Brown at 736-7532 or Barry George at 739-5602 for additional information.

72nd SFS to celebrate Police Week

National Police Week is May 14-18 and the 72nd Security Forces Squadron has several events planned.

They are:

May 14: Vehicle, Weapons and AFSFA demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tinker Exchange

May 15: K-9 demonstrations at 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the BX

May 16: SFS Police Week Games from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the soccer field. Events for the five-person teams will be spaced out throughout the day.

May 17: Bowling tournament from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Tinker Bowling Center. Sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the four-person team tournament is \$10 per person.

May 18: Golf tournament from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tinker Golf Course. The tournament will be made up of teams of four at \$50 per person or \$200 per team.

Flyers will be posted around base. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rasheam Moore-Coates at 734-3737 or email rasheam.moore-coates@tinker.af.mil or call Staff Sgt. Joshua Braswell at 734-2100 or email joshua.braswell@tinker.af.mil.



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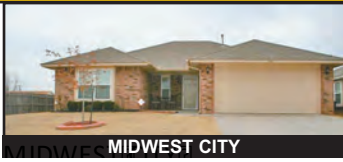
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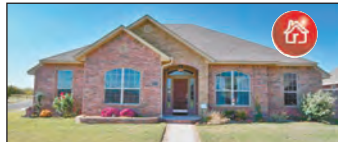
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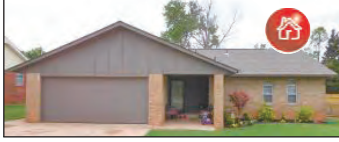
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213 TECUMSEH MEADOWS This 3 bed, 2 bath reflects TLC. Upgraded security system, new roof in 2011, new paint in decorator colors, beautifully landscaped w/trees, shrubs, & extra plantings. Master suite has dual sinks & closets. Outstanding home! \$149,500. DEBBIE #254873



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Picking up the pieces

The prosecutor's role

Micah Garbarino
Tinker Public Affairs

Editor's note: In this series on reporting a sexual assault we wanted to look at each step in the process for a "typical" sexual assault case on an Air Force installation. Last week we focused on the law enforcement's role. This final week we'll focus on the prosecutor's role.

After Airman Doe's interview with OSI was over, a military lawyer called her. They had been following her case since she decided to make an unrestricted report and were in contact with OSI throughout the investigation.

"We like to stay in contact with OSI to make sure they're going to look for the precise information we're going to need to prosecute each individual case," said Capt. Sean Garner a lawyer with the Tinker Legal Office.

The JAG office assigned a person to be Airman Doe's Victim and Witness Assistant Program Liaison. Airman Doe's VWAP liaison was a sergeant trained as a paralegal. They sat

down together and Airman Doe rehashed her story...again.

Her VWAP asked Airman Doe a few questions about her comfort level communicating her story in court and the prosecuting attorney had questions for her as well. Airman Doe said she could testify even though they told her "the subject's" lawyers would be allowed to cross examine her.

Because everyone at the party was asleep during the assault, there were no witnesses. Airman Doe's case is a "he said/she said" case with forensic evidence of sexual contact. These types of cases can be difficult to prosecute, but that doesn't mean the Air Force won't try.

"The DOD is really focused on preventing sexual assaults and monitoring how they're prosecuted. In this case, we have a victim who is adamant that she did not consent to sexual activity. She was assaulted. That is a crime and needs to be dealt with," Captain Garner said.

After the JAG reviews the OSI report, they may recommend that "the subject's" commander prefer charges against him. Basically this means that the Air

Force wants to prosecute and move toward securing a trial. After charges are preferred, the first step in the court martial process is an Article 32 hearing.

"The best thing I can equate it to is a grand jury investigation in the civilian courts. A neutral hearing officer weighs all the evidence and makes a recommendation on proceeding," Captain Garner said.

In Airman Doe's case, the hearing officer recommends proceeding and the case is referred to a General Court-Martial. In other cases, if there is not enough evidence to support a court-martial or the victim is unable to testify, the charges may not be referred to court-martial. Because it is a serious crime, most sexual assaults will go to court-martial. Any other punishment would likely be seen as a slap on the wrist.

"It's likely all or nothing. The case will either end up going to trial, which is likely, or will be disposed of without a trial. But, it is highly unlikely that such an offense would be handled in another forum, such as non-judicial punishment" Captain Garner said.

When the court martial goes

See Role page 5a.

Unlocking the barrier

Key Spouses promote readiness, support; relay information to peers

Brandice J. O'Brien
Staff Writer

A "key" is a verb, noun and adjective with a handful of synonyms. For 25 Tinker units, it's the symbol of a beneficial, and otherwise missing, link between active-duty Air Force members and their spouses.

Adhering to the motto, "See the key ... talk to me," these spouses work with squadron commanders and first sergeants to relay pertinent

information, promote individual and family readiness — particularly during deployments — to other wives and husbands. Better known as Tinker's Key Spouse Program, there are more than 50 "key" spouses that have been hand-picked and appointed in writing by squadron commanders.

"The Key Spouse Program is a commander's program that supports Airmen and their families at all times — it's a force multiplier for the unit. A robust program is especially helpful

during deployments, separations, emergencies and other family situations that may arise throughout the year," said Col. Steven Bleymaier, 72nd Air Base Wing and Tinker installation commander. "We're very thankful for all Key Spouses and Ombudsman for the Navy who volunteer their time and talents to support our Airmen, Sailors and families at Tinker — they are valuable and essential part of the team."

The Key Spouse Program — introduced in late 2009, with training sessions beginning in January 2010 — is an Air Force initiative that has resonated with the air base wing, 552nd Air Control Wing, 3rd Combat Communications Group and 76th Maintenance Wing.

After all, a military life is not a

"normal" life, said Addie Pesche, a key spouse for the 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron.

"Normal people don't worry about their spouse being shot at, shot down or blown up. Normal people don't live hundreds of miles from their extended families," said Ms. Pesche. "The Key Spouse Program was created to help provide some semblance of consistency and support to an otherwise not normal way of life. If we can get this point across to the spouses, and sometimes, more importantly, the members, the major challenge facing us as key spouses would cease to exist."

Ms. Pesche said she requested to become a key spouse after her husband, Capt. James Behn, returned

See Spouse page 5a.

AFMC to promote Employee Physical Fitness Month in May

Air Force Materiel Command Wellness Support Center

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — May is National Employee Physical Fitness Month, a time for everyone to focus on developing and or maintaining a fit and healthy workforce. Air Force Materiel Command will be promoting its Be Active: Physical Fitness and Activity Initiative throughout the month. According to the Centers of Disease Control, regular physical activity can help: control body weight, reduce risk of cardiovascular disease, improve brain function and mood and strengthen bones and muscles.

During May, Civilian Health Promotion Services will be offering these “Be Active Your Way” activities:

- Be Active: Physical Fitness and Activity Initiative
- Physical Activity Health Education Classes
- Cardiac Risk Profile Screenings
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Force Support Squadron links to Fun Run and Walks and Fitness Center Classes

The Be Active initiative involves the AFMC Wellness Support Center website (www.AFMCSupportCenter.com) and the physical activity log. The goal of this initiative is to log minutes of physical activity for a minimum of 420 minutes (seven hours) during May. Individuals who complete this task will receive “A Year of Health Hints” book. The Be Active: Physical Fitness Initiative is open to all active duty and appropriated-funded AFMC civilian employees.

How to participate in the Be Active: Physical Fitness Initiative:

- Have an online account at www.AFMCSupportCenter.com
- Civilians need to have a current Health Risk Assessment. Active duty members do not need to complete a HRA to participate.

- To be eligible for the completion award, participants need to log 420 minutes (seven hours) between May 1 and May 31, 2012
- Log physical activity during May in the physical activity log at www.AFMCSupportCenter.com.
- May 1-5: Log 30 minutes a minimum of two days a week
- May 6-12: Log 30 minutes at least two days a week
- May 13-19: Log 30 minutes a minimum three days a week
- May 20-26: Log 30 minutes at least three days a week
- May 27-31: Log 30 minutes at least four days a week

Visit www.AFMCSupportCenter.com often to learn of the opportunities to be physically active during May, including your local installation’s fitness center class schedule, as well as sponsored Fun Run & Walks.

Be sure to speak with your physician before beginning any exercise or physical activity program to make sure it is safe for you.



Physical Activity and Exercise Classes:

The series of classes are taught by members of the Civilian Health Promotion Services. The schedule is tentative and subject to change. Check www.AfmcWellness.com for more up-to-date information.

Exercise and aging:

May 11: 11 a.m. in the main PK Conf. Room (1AH1-98C)
May 14: 11 a.m. in the Bldg. 3001 76th AMXG Conf. Room (2y56-11)
May 15: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 9001 (2T-41)
May 16: 11 a.m. in the Bldg. 3001 FM Conf. Room (1AF-83A)
May 17: 11:30 a.m. at the Health and Wellness Center
May 24: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1083
May 29: 11 a.m. Bldg. 3705

Get Walking:

May 18: 11 a.m. in the Heritage Conf. Room (1AH1-112)
May 21: 11 a.m. in the Bldg. 3001 76th AMXG Conf. Room (2y56-11)
May 22: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 9001 (2T-41)
May 22: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 3705
May 23: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1083
May 23: 11 a.m. in the Bldg. 3001 FM Conf. Room
May 31: 11:30 a.m. in the HAWC

Benefits of Exercise:

May 3: 11:30 a.m. in the HAWC
May 4: 11 a.m. in the Heritage Conf. Room (1AH-112)
May 7: 11 a.m. in the Bldg. 3001 76th AMXG Conf. Room (2Y56-11)
May 8: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 9001 (2T-41)
May 9: 11 a.m. in the Bldg. 3001 FM Conf. Room (1AF-83A)
May 15: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 3705
May 16: 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1038

For more information about the classes, call the Tinker CHPS office at 734-4645, email CHPSTinker@psc.gov or visit the CHPS offices in Bldg. 3334, Room 122, and in Bldg. 3001, post location O73, from 7 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Driving drunk, not an option; have a Wingman available

Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program

The spring and summer season is here, and this is a time when many individuals find themselves celebrating at parties, having cookouts, going to the lake and spending time outdoors where alcoholic beverages are often being served. In light of this, it is important that everyone keep in mind the potential effects of alcohol use or abuse.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration reports that drunk drivers claim the lives of countless people every year, many of them in their youth. Alcohol-related auto accidents are especially prevalent during the holiday, spring or summer seasons when people are off work and celebrating. As many a commander can attest, it is very difficult and painstaking to visit the home of an unsuspecting loved one to inform them their daughter, son or other family member has been killed. This reality is all the more difficult to swallow when it could have been prevented. Rather than calling upon Airman Against Drunk Driving or the local cab company, some elect to turn their automobile into a killing machine



via poor planning and a momentary lapse in judgment.

Having a good Wingman can certainly help reduce the number of driving-under-the-influence incidents; however, many individuals express discomfort with the notion of intervening on behalf of a drunken acquaintance. Alcohol/Drive Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program office staff often hear the excuses, “it’s not my problem” or “I didn’t want to offend or make them mad.” Unfortunately, we don’t always get a second chance to redo what should have been done in the first place, and often the consequences are lasting. Getting behind the wheel under the

influence of alcohol or any substance should be avoided at all times.

ADAPT Program Manager Olga Simons reflected on a story she’d heard that epitomized the Wingman concept. Several individuals were at a friend’s home barbecuing and drinking. When it came time to leave, designated drivers were assigned and all went smoothly. There was, however, one individual who became pretty stubborn while under the influence of alcohol. This person had all the “liquid courage” of a true drunk and resisted offers for a ride home, insisting on driving their own vehicle home. The friends did all they could to persuade the person to stay and even offered to call the spouse to come get them. The intoxicated person declined all these offers and demanded the car keys. The Wingman, rather than start an argument, consented to return the keys if the individual stayed a little while longer to partake in coffee and a sandwich. While this person ate in the company of friends, another friend called their first sergeant who picked them up and drove them home. The question we should ask ourselves is, “What am I willing to live with if faced with a drunken acquaintance who is mad at me because I took away his keys or called his command to

intervene?” Your response should be, “I am better off living with an irate friend who is alive and uninjured than one who has died or killed others.”

ADAPT personnel are often asked how many drinks a person can have and still be considered safe to drive. The simple and most conservative answer is none. Different people absorb alcohol at different rates, determined by numerous factors including age, sex, body weight, time since last meal and a variety of other factors. The only way to guarantee you are not driving impaired is to avoid drinking and driving altogether. Fines, jail time, loss of license and driving privileges on base, loss of rank and tarnished reputation should be a consideration in the equation. As some can personally testify, it is hard to overcome the devastating effects of a DUI incident.

For those who choose to drink during this upcoming spring or summer season, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service—Health Division offers a few tips for responsible drinking that will likely reduce the chances of experiencing problems:

1. Avoid drinking on an empty
- See Driving page 6a.**

Family Advocacy

The Family Advocacy services listed below are available to anyone with an ID card to access Tinker AFB unless otherwise specified. These programs are held in the Family Advocacy office, Bldg. 5801, unless otherwise noted.

Is there a baby on the way or has one just arrived? If you are a new or expectant parent, Family Advocacy has a class for you. **Baby Business** provides information about infant/child CPR, baby proofing the home, How to Budget for a Baby, breastfeeding, infant nutrition and more. Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. May 8, 9, 15 and 16. Call 734-4390 to sign up.

New or expectant father? Family Advocacy also has something special just for you. Sign up now for **Dads: the Basics (in a Nutshell)** offered from 3 to 5 p.m. May 17. This could be the most important two hours you spend this year. Experienced fathers will teach you the basics of being a great dad—the right way to hold a baby, the tricks of bathing a baby, most importantly, how to safely cope with a crying baby and so much more. Call 734-4390 now to reserve a spot.

Rhythm Kids offers singing, dancing and parachute play to parents and children under 5 years old. But May brings a twist. For the first May meeting, bring the kids for an exuberant experience from 10 to 10:30 a.m. May 10 in the Balfour Beatty Community Center (5601Twining Avenue, directly across from the Youth Center). No sign-ups needed. After the active fun of Rhythm Kids, why not relax and watch the kids play with the toys while you make new friends at Playgroup! The groups meet from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Both groups will be going to the Oklahoma City Zoo on May 24. Those going are asked to meet at the zoo entrance at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$8 for adults (ages 12-64) and \$5 for kids ages 3-11. Children under get in free. However, those who show their ID card get a 50 percent military discount. Parking is free.

Developmental Consultations are offered on

May 10. This service offers parents of children under 5 years old the opportunity to meet with a speech-language pathologist and a child development specialist to discuss developmental milestones and see if your children are “on track.” Call 734-4390 for an appointment.

H.A.S. (Healthy Thinking, Anger, Stress) class will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7, 14 and 21. Call 734-4390 to sign up.

Ladies, have you found yourself in one unsuccessful relationship after another? Has your low self-esteem led you to hook up with unsuitable or even abusive partners? Have you even been the abusive one? Maybe it’s time to take a good hard look at your life and make some changes. Sign up for **La Femina**, a four-week psycho-educational group, which runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon May 7, 14, 21 and June 4. Call 734-4390 to enroll.

PREP class for couples (married, engaged or just dating) starts May 1 and runs May 8 and 22, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call 734-4390 now to sign up and find out how to fan the flames of your relationship.

Tinker’s 24-7 confidential hotline for victims of domestic violence or abuse can be reached at 415-0599. The Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate can explain the reporting options available and encourage callers to come in for services from the Family Advocacy Program.

The Family Advocacy Hotline is also for anyone who has questions about any form of intimate partner abuse. Eligibility for ongoing DAVA services is limited to active duty members and their spouses, although other Tinker personnel may be eligible for a one-time appointment.

Family Advocacy is a member of the Tinker Care Network, a group whose mission is to integrate base helping agencies into one seamless team that provides the right help at the right time to active duty military, family members, Department of Defense civilians and retirees.

Tinker Chapel Schedule

CATHOLIC

For more information, call Julie Bierne at 734-4189 or the chapel at 734-2111.

Weekend Mass starts at 5 p.m. Saturdays; 11 a.m. Sundays.

Daily Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the chapel

Fellowship takes place the second weekend of the month after Saturday and Sunday Mass.

Confession is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays at the chapel or by appointment.

Catholic Women of the Chapel is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of the month.

Religious Education: Four-year-olds to adults meet for coffee from 9 to 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school is held from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Julie Bierne at 734-4189.

RCIA meets at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Religious Education Bldg., Rm. 32.

Rosary Prayer Group starts at 11 a.m. weekdays.

Ladies Rosary Guild starts at 1 p.m. Thursdays in chapel rooms 1 and 2.

Pre-Baptism Class starts at 1 p.m. the first Sunday of the month.

Choir Rehearsals start at 10:30 a.m. Sundays for 11 a.m. choir, 7 p.m. Wednesdays for 5 p.m. choir.

Catholic Pastoral Council starts at 5:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month.

PROTESTANT

For more information on Protestant events, call Janina Peter at 734-8986.

General Protestant Service - Sundays, 9:30 a.m., with Children’s Church

Communion - First Sunday of the month.

Sunday school - 11 a.m. to noon Sundays in the Religious Education Building. Sunday school is available for adults and children of all ages at the Tinker Chapel. Call Brandi Briscoe at 734-2111 for details.

Wee Church is offered in the Religious Education Bldg. for children up to age 6 during the Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays; it is also offered for children ages 6 months to 3 years during all Protestant Bible studies from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and during Sunday service.

Fellowship Sunday: Third Sunday each month after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

AWANA clubs: 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays in the R.E. Bldg., room 32. For more information, call Charles Darnell at 736-2865 or 359-8850.

Weekly Fellowship Dinner: All Protestant groups meet for fellowship at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Dinner is provided. All groups, including children’s programs, follow dinner.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the R.E. Bldg., rooms 1 and 2. A children’s program is provided. Evening Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the R.E. Building, rooms 1 and 2. Call Kim Chretien at 720-8797 for details.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel is for seventh to 12th graders and meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the R.E. Bldg., Rms. 21 and 23. For more information, call Desiree Roling at 208-1732.

Protestant Men of the Chapel meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in rooms 1 and 2. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Scott Nupson at 734-2111.

Protestant Young Adults of the Chapel, College and Career Age, (F.U.E.L. Group) meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the day room of Loop Hall, Bldg. 5913 first floor. FUEL is adding a Wednesday night study called “Questions to God” at 7 p.m. For details, call Kaleena Higa at 613-6996.

Protestant Children of the Chapel: Elementary age children meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in rooms 3 and 4. For more information, call Brandi Briscoe at 734-2111.

Choir rehearsals are held every Tuesday in the sanctuary. The praise team rehearses at 6 p.m. and the vocal choir rehearses at 7 p.m. The Youth Praise band/choir practices at noon on Sundays. Call David Briscoe at 734-2111 for more information.

Bell choir rehearsals are held at 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel sanctuary. For more information, call Patricia Bentley at 741-0945.

Protestant Parish Council starts at 11 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month in classrooms one and two.

Baptism - Contact the chapel office at 734-2111.

ECUMENICAL

Chapel Weddings – Couples wanting to be married at the base chapel must call 734-2111 four months before the wedding. The prospective bride and groom must go through four to six weeks of counseling to be married by a chaplain.

ISLAM

For information, call Farah Belacem at 736-2757. “The Friday Prayer” is at the Religious Education Bldg. at 1:30 p.m. Another resource is the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City, 3815 N. St. Clair, Oklahoma City, 946-2116.

Resources not available on base

BAHA’I

Oklahoma City Baha’i Center: 317-8547

Edmond Baha’i Center: 348-9992

Norman Baha’i Center: 360-8688

BUDDHIST

Vien Giac Buddhist Temple: 424-0264

Chon Tam Meditation Buddhist Temple: 348-8939

Wats Sangharatanaram Buddhist Temple: 677-4306

Wat Chairatanaram Buddhist Temple: 634-2144

JEWISH

B’nai Israel Temple: 848-0965.

Chabad Jewish Center: 524-4800.

Emanuel Synagogue: 528-2113.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Midwest City Second Ward: Bishop Duane Jenkins at 737-1411 or 737-3586.

MESSIANIC JEWISH CONGREGATION

Kehilat Rosh Pinah Cornerstone Congregation: Messianic Rabbi Michael Weygant at 942-2889.

ORTHODOX

St. Thomas Malankara Orthodox Church: 787-4456

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Mental health and substance abuse	Oklahoma Crisis Intervention Center	(405) 522-8100
Unplanned pregnancy	Hope Pregnancy Centers of Oklahoma City	(405) 755-5433
Suicide prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual assault and victim advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	(405) 734-7272
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Staff Sgt. Shawn Harmon, a sheet metal mechanic in the 76th Aircraft Maintenance Group's Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight, buffs the gleaming finish of the group's table before its March 13 dedication by Col. Brad Tannehill in the Tinker Club Officers' Lounge. Sealed under four quarts of epoxy are squadron coins, words outlining the five pillars of maintenance and a gleaming aluminum star encircled with each aircraft maintained here.

76th AMXG presents refinished heritage table to officers' lounge

Master Sgt. William Chapin
76th Aircraft Maintenance Group

The 76th Aircraft Maintenance Group contributed a piece of history to the Tinker Club officers Rosie's Lounge April 20. Led by Col. Brad Tannehill, 76th AMXG commander, a group of approximately 10 Airmen and civilians showed off a rectangular oak table that comfortably seats six people. For their efforts and dedication, Colonel Tannehill coined the Airmen.

Using their off-duty time, volunteers spent approximately 50 hours — which progressed over a period of roughly two months — to complete the table. Personnel in the 76th Aircraft Maintenance Group Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight donated approximately \$200 for supplies including sandpaper, coins and epoxy used to seal the top of the table.

"This is eye watering. It's absolutely unbelievable," said Colonel Tannehill.

During a Tinker Top 3 meeting of senior enlisted professionals in March 2011 an idea was proposed to showcase the heritage of each unit by refurbishing a table in the Tinker Club's John Ivory Enlisted Lounge. Each table would represent the history of a unit, as a way of showing pride in that unit and Tinker. Members of the expeditionary maintenance flight were the first on Tinker to design and refurbish a table. The flight presented the table back to the club in August 2011. Today, there are three such tables on display in the enlisted lounge.

After seeing the quality craftsmanship of the table the EDMX personnel designed, Colonel Tannehill proposed the idea of his group refinishing a table for the officers' lounge. Tinker Club officials thought it was a great idea and provided another table.

In January, flight members began the first stages of the refurbishment and determined the table's design. The theme centers on the five pillars of maintenance: safety, training, attitude, readiness and standards, and coins representing each of the seven units in 76th AMXG were inlaid in the wood.

"The concept of continuous process improvement through speed, quality and safety has propelled the 76th AMXG to record-breaking successes. Thus, it is fitting that the table's centerpiece is a polished aluminum star, representing the 'Art of the Possible,'" Colonel Tannehill said. "Our mission is to generate airpower which is depicted by the five aircraft surrounding the star. In order to reach the team's full potential we do not settle for what people expect us to do, the minimum standard, but we reach for the stars striving to discover what we are truly capable of doing, world-class standard."

In the course of working on the table, Airmen said they faced several challenges. Initially, the letters spelling out the five pillars of maintenance had been laid out in red, white and blue, but it didn't look right, so they removed them and reapplied the letters solely in

blue. Furthermore, the crew found this second table was made out of oak and more porous than the first maple table. It was an extremely tedious process to lay down the epoxy top coat. Each of the four coats had to be smoothed numerous times over several hours to ensure the crystal-clear finish had no bubbles.

"We were discouraged with that and at first. We couldn't get the bubbles to go away," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Harmon of the 76th EDMX flight who helped refinish the table. "But now that it is said and done, we're really happy with it."

(Brandice J. O'Brien, Tinker Take Off staff writer, contributed to this article.)

Tinker Club News

Brother Summit Band will perform live at the Tinker Club April 28. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the band will take the stage at 8 p.m. and perform until 11 p.m. Brother Summit Band has more than 20 years of experience with live shows and prides itself on adapting to the style, culture and age of their listeners. The price is just \$10; and Tinker Club members get \$5 off.

Enjoy Mongolian barbecue for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 2 at the Tinker Club. The Mongolian chefs cook while you wait. Add fresh cooked eggrolls and noodles for a meal to satisfy your hunger. The price is just \$8.95; members receive a \$2 discount.

For more information on club events, call 734-3418.

Fellow Airmen:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month reminds us to renew our collective and individual commitment to our core values and to focus on promoting an environment that prevents sexual assault. Sexual assault is criminal behavior that violates the basic tenets of our profession. There is no place in our Air Force for this crime.

All Airmen have an enduring responsibility to foster a climate of dignity and respect, and one that fosters an environment of accountability in which victims feel comfortable coming forward. We will support and protect the rights of victims and we will provide the best medical, legal, and investigative services available in both the military and civilian communities. As Wingmen and engaged bystanders, we must also intervene when we recognize a potentially unsafe situation emerge so that we ensure the well-being of all Airmen.

Sexual assault directly undermines our core values, erodes the trust and confidence upon which our institution is built, and diminishes our mission readiness. I expect each member of our great Air Force to promote and ensure a culture that does not tolerate sexual assault. not now, not ever.

— Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff

Role...

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uncomfortable questions, but she sat in the courtroom and looked at the panel and answered every question. She felt better afterward.

This case was prosecuted, the panel could vote either way, and if there were a conviction, punishment would be determined by the panel in a separate phase of trial.

She was a little unsettled by the uncertainty, but it never would have even made it to this point if Airman Doe hadn't made the decision to disclose the attack to the SARC, file an unrestricted report, cooperate with OSI and military justice and be willing to testify in court.

"The Air Force is interested in prosecuting sexual assault cases. The

JAG Corp is standing up a Special Victims Prosecution Unit and making adequate resources available to investigate and prosecute assault cases. Oftentimes the biggest factor in deciding whether to move forward is determining what outcome the victim wants and whether the victim is willing to testify at the court-martial," Captain Garner said.

Rape is a capital offense, meaning the max penalty is death. However, there are a number of cases out of the Supreme Court that suggest the death penalty wouldn't be upheld if imposed, likely resulting in a life sentence. Aggravated sexual assault carries a maximum punishment of 30 years confinement and a Dishonorable Discharge.

For more information on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, call 736-9905.

Spouse...

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from his first major deployment. Having been gone for a total of eight months, she had found herself alone, caring for a newborn, working full-time with her nearest family more than 800 miles away.

"While I don't fault anyone, I never heard from anyone in the squadron the entire time he was gone," she said. "I felt overwhelmed and extremely abandoned. I promised that if there was ever anything I could do to keep another spouse from feeling what I was feeling I would; spouses need to know that they have a support structure to lean on in times of need. They Key Spouse Program gave me that opportunity."

Additionally, the program helps increase knowledge about the installation and available helping agencies and gives spouses an outlet should they be faced with a concern.

"It helps to resolve any issues at the lowest level such as a spouse having a stressor and may be concerned about going to the first sergeant or commander directly, but feels more comfortable going to a peer," said Master Sgt. Jason Crosby, Tinker

Readiness non-commissioned officer-in-charge at the Tinker Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Shelly Black, wife of Tech. Sgt. Roderick Black and key spouse for the 552nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said as a key spouse she has also been there during other crucial movements aside from deployments, including the spring storms of May 2010 when a tornado hit Choctaw.

"The 552nd ACW key spouses collected food, money and toiletries for all the families that were affected," Ms. Black said. "We went to Choctaw for one week and served the entire neighborhood lunch and supported them in whatever way we could. We also made up food baskets for our military families and delivered them to their hotels."

Following their selection, new key spouses attend orientation training, which meets on the second Friday of each month at the A&FRC. Continuing education meets the second Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call Sergeant Crosby at 739-2747.

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Commissaries announce coupon policy changes

Rick Brink
Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

Changes are on the way in how commissaries handle coupons and product returns without receipts, among other things, as the Defense Commissary Agency enacts customer service policy changes to protect the commissary benefit.

“The average coupon user might not notice the policy changes because they are aimed at preventing possible misuse of the commissary benefit – primarily using coupons to get large amounts of cash back,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO.

Commissary shoppers are big users of coupons, as evidenced by DeCA’s consistent ranking among the top 10 grocery retailers in coupon redemptions over the past several years. Commissaries welcome coupon usage, and to acquaint customers with the changes in the coupon acceptance policy, it has been posted online at www.commissaries.com/inside_deca/publications/directives/DeCAD40_6_PC_3.pdf.

Key changes, which go into effect May 1, include:

- Gift cards will be issued to a customer, in conjunction with cash, whenever a transaction total reflects \$25 or more is owed to the customer due to coupon “overages” (when the face value of the coupon exceeds the

selling price of the item purchased and the transaction results in a negative balance)

- Gift cards will be issued to customers, in conjunction with cash, for refunds of \$25 or more when a receipt is presented showing the merchandise was originally purchased with gift cards

- Gift cards will be issued to customers, in conjunction with cash, for refunds of \$25 or more when a receipt is not presented

- Clarification for instances of suspected privilege abuse

- Update to the coupon acceptance policy that clarifies dot-scan barcode requirements and pin requirements for unique numbering, that photocopies and counterfeit coupons are not accepted, and that coupons must be printed in English

The changes harness the scope of the new commissary gift card, which has been in use since last summer. Available only in denominations of \$25 and \$50, issuing gift cards as an alternative to paying out large sums of cash brings DeCA in line with other retailers’ practices and ensures DeCA’s cash flow is not adversely impacted. Amounts under \$25 will be in cash.

“We value coupon usage because it helps our customers boost their savings,” Mr. Jeu said. “These changes are in the best interest of all concerned to help ensure that coupons continue to be a great source of savings for our customers.”

Driving...

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stomach – having food in your stomach slows the absorption of alcohol into the blood stream. Avoid the temptation of eating salty snacks like pretzels, chips and salty nuts while consuming alcohol. Salty snacks make you thirstier and likely to drink more.

2. Drink slowly—sip and do not gulp alcohol, it takes about one-and-a-half to two hours for your liver to metabolize or breakdown a single drink (one shot, a 5-ounce glass of wine or a 12-ounce can of beer). The more you exceed your liver’s capacity to break down alcohol, the drunker you become.

3. Space your drinks. If drinking at a bar or a party, let time pass before you order another drink. Skip a round if you feel your blood alcohol level is beginning to rise, or drink non-alcoholic beverages between drinks.

4. Keep a count of the number of drinks you have consumed, the length of time between drinks and try to limit the drinking to about one drink per hour. Women and those with smaller body sizes need to drink more slowly because alcohol intoxicates them quicker. Signs of intoxication may include poor coordination or balance, slurring of speech or a slowing down of mental processes. Stop drinking

when these signs are noticed.

5. Stick to your limit – do not allow the host or drinking friends to pressure you into exceeding your limit. Learn to politely say “no” to more alcohol once you have reached your limit.

6. If you are taking medications, either prescription or over-the-counter, be aware that combining alcohol with medications can either reduce the effect of the medication or produce undesired effects with potentially serious consequences. Check with your healthcare provider or pharmacist about the effect that alcohol might have when combined with your medications. For over the counter products, read the label very carefully.

7. For those hosting parties, be prepared to arrange for a ride home for guests, if necessary, or invite them to spend the night.

The Tinker Integrated Delivery System committee and the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program are calling upon all members of the Tinker family to take personal responsibility for their safety and that of others especially during this spring and summer season.

If you have questions or concerns, call the ADAPT program at 739-7141.

New Exchange general manager takes the reins

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Tinker Air Force Base's newest resident, Brenda Hyland, is ready to make an impact on quality of life here as the Exchange's new general manager.

"I'm extremely excited to be at Tinker AFB," said Ms. Hyland. "Taking care of Airmen and their families is my No. 1 priority. I will strive to ensure their needs are met every time they step foot in the Exchange."

Ms. Hyland comes to Tinker from Eglin AFB, Fla., where she was the main store manager for the past 15 months. She has 15 years of experience with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and has served at several locations including Heidelberg and Mannheim, Germany, McChord AFB, Wash., and Fort Lewis, Wash.

"Much like our customers, I have always been on the move throughout my career," said Ms. Hyland. "I am anxious to put best practices learned from previous locations to use here at the Tinker Exchange to provide a great shopping experience. My father is a retired Air Force chief (master sergeant) with 31 years of service, and I grew up with the military ... making your shopping experience the best it can be and giving back to our installation is important to me,



Brenda Hyland

personally."

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The Agenda is as follows:

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 9:25 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. - Cloud Computing: Getting to Cloud from Where You are Today!
 Speaker: Jim Sweeney, Chief Technology Officer, GTSI
 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - What is the Roll of Layer 1 Security in the Expanding Cyber Security Conversation?
 Speaker: Jay Anaya, Vice President Technical Services & Training, Holocom
 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Exhibits Open – Continental Breakfast
 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. - How the Virtualization of Servers and Cloud Computing Significantly Impacts Security
 Speaker: Joe Albaugh, AIS-1, Director Office of Information Systems Security and Chief Information Security Officer for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. - Commander's Perspective: Emerging Security Challenges in AF Cyber
 Speaker: Col. Cynthia A. Wright, Commander of the 38th Cyberspace Engineering Installation Group
 1:50 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. - Symantec Annual Threat Report and its Effect on the DoD
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Community Events

CCAF graduation

The Community College of the Air Force graduation will be held at 2 p.m. May 3 at the base theater. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family and friends are invited to come out and support the graduates.

Tinker Proud

Dorm residents will conduct a Spring dorm clean-up May 4 beginning with a 2 p.m. formation on the basketball courts between Bldgs. 5908 and 5913. There will be a "burger-burn," music, and a gift card giveaway immediately following the clean-up. The POC is Master Sgt. Steve Walker 734-5799.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage luncheon tickets available

Tickets are now available for the annual Asian Pacific-American Heritage Luncheon and Awards Program to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 at the Tinker Club. Dr. Douglas Blake, director of the 76th Software Maintenance Group, will serve as keynote speaker and entertainment will be provided by A Mirage Dance Company. The Asian-themed menu includes chicken teriyaki. Tickets are \$11 for Tinker Club members and \$13 for non-members. Everyone in the Tinker community is invited to attend. Purchase tickets by May 2 online at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cf.m?i=106990&k=036144007257>

Exchange News

• There will be a Pet show at the Tinker Exchange from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28.

The event includes:

- Purina Incredible Dog Team performing at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Humane Society on site all day talking about adoption and shelters.
- Face painting for the kids

— Owner and pet lookalike contest at noon

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• Customers who make any iPod Touch purchase by May 10, using their their Military Star card will receive a free \$50 Exchange gift card.

• Customers who make any washer and dryer set purchase with their Military Star card by May 3 will receive a free \$100 Exchange gift card.

For more information, call the Exchange at 734-2641, ext. 300.

Veterans event

Veterans and family members who would like to speak to a panel of community agencies regarding their perspective on veterans' issues are invited to attend a free event, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4 in Oklahoma City. A sack lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, call Juanita Celie at 456-4692.

TOSC May event

The Tinker Officers' Spouses' Club invites all prospective and current members to the May social function, "Have a Blast Bingo," on May 4. If you've never been to a TOSC function, this is the month to do it as this is one of the most anticipated events of the year. The menu will include rosemary pork tenderloin with raspberry sauce, rice pilaf and asparagus or mixed spring greens with grilled chicken, dried cranberries and crumbled chevre with white balsamic vinaigrette. Both options include cheesecake with mixed berries. TOSC members pay \$10, non-members pay \$12.

Reservations are required. Contact Patricia Cramer at 301-404-0559, reservations@tinkerosc.org or Pam Kloiber at 691- 8841 to reserve a spot. Visit www.tinkerosc.org for more information on this non-profit social welfare private organization.

Base Activities

Craft fair

The annual Spring Craft Fair is set for 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 11 in the Bldg. 3001 Oklahoma Room and Hallways G and F. For more information or to register for a table, call 734-5615.

Arts and Crafts Center

The Arts and Crafts Center, in Bldg. 478, is filled with great gift items from antiques to framed works of art. For those who like to do crafts, the shop offers classes in pottery, machine quilting, basket making, framing, oil painting, drawing and sew-cial corner, plus a variety of services. To learn more follow find the center on Facebook at "Tinker Arts and Crafts". The center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. All classes and services are open to active

duty military, family members, retirees, reservists and civilian service employees. To enroll in a class or for more information about what is available call 734-5615. Registration cutoff for classes is three days prior to class start date.

Auto Hobby Shop

The Auto Hobby Shop in Bldg. 6002 is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Basic auto maintenance class takes place 3 to 5 p.m. May 3. Cost is \$15.

The base Auto Mart is located in the east parking lot in front of Bldg. 477. Tinker personnel wanting to sell their vehicle at the auto mart must provide license plate number, title/registration, identification card and a credit card number. Cost is \$5 for seven days.

For more details, call 734-5616.

Tinker Events Calendar

April/May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 To submit events to the calendar, e-mail tinker.takeoff@tinker.af.mil and title it "Tinker Events Calendar" or call Micah Garbarino at 739-5780.	23	24	25	26	27 - 72nd ABW Wildcatter Run, 6:30 a.m. at the soccer field near ALS - 72nd ABW Blood Drive, 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot west of Bldg. 460 - Operation Warmheart Golf Tournament, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. registration/lunch, 1 p.m. shotgun start, Tinker Golf Course	28
29	30 - PTL Class, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., HAWC, 734-5505 - AFMC Enlisted Monthly Promotion Ceremony, 2 to 3 p.m., Tinker Club Ballroom	1 - Be Well, 8 to 10:30 a.m., HAWC 734-5505	2 - Cyber Security Awareness Day, Tinker Club - Prenatal Brief, 9 to 10 a.m. in the 72nd MDG Heritage Hall (Bldg. 5801), HAWC 734-5505	3 - Benefits of Exercise, 11:30 a.m. at the HAWC. For details, call CHPS, 734-4645. - Slim Time, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., HAWC 734-5505 - Be Well, 1 to 3:30 p.m., HAWC 734-5505 - CCAF Spring Graduation, 2 p.m., Base Theater	4 - Stress Management, 9 to 11 a.m., HAWC 734-5505 - Tobacco Cessation Class, 11 a.m. to noon in the Bldg. 5801 Group Commander's Conference Room, HAWC 734-5505 - Benefits of Exercise, 11 a.m. at Bldg. 3001, Heritage Conference Room. For details, call CHPS, 734-4645. - UFPM Training, 1 to 3 p.m., HAWC 734-5505	5
6	7 - AED, 10 a.m. to noon, HAWC 734-5505 - Benefits of Exercise, 11 a.m. at Bldg. 3001, 76th AMXG Conference Room. For details, call CHPS, 734-4645.	8 - Be Well, 8 to 10:30 a.m., HAWC 734-5505 - Benefits of Exercise, 11 a.m. at Bldg. 9001, Post 2T-41. For details, call CHPS, 734-4645. - PT Testers, 1 to 4 p.m., HAWC 734-5505	9 - Benefits of Exercise, 11 a.m. at Bldg. 3001, FM Conference Room. Call CHPS, 734-4645. - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tinker Club Ballroom - Tobacco Cessation Class, noon to 1 p.m. in the Bldg. 3001 76th PMXG Conference Room, HAWC 734-5505 - Healthy Weight Loss, 1 to 3 p.m., HAWC 734-5505	10 - Tinker's Quarterly Military Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Tinker Club Ballroom - Slim Time, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., HAWC 734-5505 - Be Well, 1 to 3:30 p.m., HAWC 734-5505	11 - Stress Management, 9 to 11 a.m., HAWC 734-5505 - 72nd ABW Golf Tournament, registration at 11 a.m., followed by a noon shotgun start, Tinker Golf Course - Aging and Exercise, 11 a.m. at Bldg. 3001, Main PK Conference Room. For details, call CHPS, 734-4645. - HAWC closing at 1 p.m. for 72nd MDG Wingman Day	12 - RedHawks Hometown Hero Celebration Night, 6:30 p.m., Bricktown ballpark

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Larry Mansell of Reserve Gold eludes Iron Man blocker Garrett Fedder, left, and pursues the Sailors' quarterback, Victor Jean, during a base flag football playoff game Tuesday afternoon.

Air Force photo by Mike Ray

Iron Men, ACNS trounced in Round 1 playoff games

Mike W. Ray
Staff Writer

Frustration for the Navy's winless Iron Men flag football team continued Tuesday when they were bombed by the Air Force Reserve Gold, 36-2. The only points the Sailors could muster came on a safety, one of two that occurred during the game.

In other games Tuesday evening in Round 1 of the double-elimination playoffs, the Gym Rats, league champs of the 2009 and 2010 fall seasons, whipped Reserve Red, 28-13, and the 72nd Medical Group put ACNS on life support, 43-6.

The Iron Men gained 30 yards on their opening drive with a pass to Garrett Fedder and a quarterback keeper by Michael Rankin, but Gold's Mike Rosenthal intercepted a third-down pass and returned it to the Navy's 17-yard line.

Two plays later Brett Nims snared a TD pass, and Gold QB Randy Schell, finding all of his receivers covered, raced into the end zone for the 2-point conversion.

On their next possession, the Iron Men's quarterback was sacked by Larry Mansell for a safety, raising Gold's lead to 10-0.

The Airmen made little headway until Schell connected with Mansell on a 36-yard pass play, followed by an 18-yard spiral to Brandon Thompson, and a 3-yard TD pass to Ken Sarsycki. A

conversion pass to Rosenthal made the tally 17-0.

With Victor Jean at quarterback, the Iron Men marched downfield to the Gold 20-yard line before Mike Templeman grabbed a Navy pass in the end zone.

On the last play before halftime, Schell lateraled to Mansell, who tossed a 17-yard scoring strike to Rosenthal, and the extra-point pass to Mansell was good. Gold led, 24-0, at the break.

On the second play of the third quarter, the snap to substitute Gold quarterback Brian Van Curen went wild and rolled into the end zone for a 2-point safety, which finally put the Iron Men on the scoreboard.

The celebration was short-lived, as a Rankin pass was picked off at the 7-yard line by Rob Doty, who ran it in for another Gold TD. Score: 30-2.

The Iron Men now mounted their best drive of the game. A pass to Justin White got the Sailors to midfield, a pass to Khalfani Watson gained 21 more yards, quarterback Jean scrambled to the Gold 10, and a pass to Shayne Hughes had the Iron Men at the Gold 1. However, on fourth down, Mansell sacked Jean and Gold took

over on downs.

Gold scored once more, in the fourth quarter. A pass to Sarsycki and a couple of keepers by Van Curen drove the Airmen to the Sailors' 16-yard line. Van Curen then passed to Nims, who lateraled to Templeman, who was brought down at the Navy's 5. Van Curen lobbed a TD pass to Nims that ended the scoring at 36-2. On the PAT pass attempt, Van Curen was sacked by Iron Man James Hinnenkamp.

Reserve White, which captured the flag football championship last spring and again last fall, won't win a third consecutive title. Deployments, injuries, night school and children's T-ball reduced Reserve White and Reserve Gold both to "right at or under the six-player limit," base flag football Commissioner Ralph Hawkins related recently.

Since Reserve White lost the most players, that team was disbanded and their remaining players were incorporated into the Reserve Gold squad for the balance of the playoffs. The initial beneficiary of the reduction in contenders was SCW1, which received a bye in Round 1 of the playoffs.

Round 2 SFFL playoff games set for May 1

5 p.m.: #2 Med Group (5-1) vs. #3 Res. Gold (4-2)

6 p.m.: #4 Gym Rats (4-2) vs. #1 SCW1 (5-1)

7 p.m.: #7 Iron Men (0-6) vs. #6 ACNS (0-6) in an elimination game

8 p.m.: #5 Reserve Red (2-4) – bye

Sailor brings his own fan club to football game

Mike W. Ray
Staff Writer

One Sailor had his own cheering section at the Iron Men's flag football game Tuesday afternoon.

Periodically during the second half of the game, the chants "Dad-dy! Dad-dy!" wafted across the field from the bleachers.

The boisterous fans were James Hinnenkamp's children: Logan, 9, and Riley, 8. They were accompanied by the Sailor's mother, Genny Hinnenkamp; his sister, Cassie Vrooman; and her three children, Dylan, 6, Danny, 3, and Cullen, 9 weeks, all five of whom are here visiting from Minnesota.

Hinnenkamp, a native of Minnesota, has been in the Navy for 13 years and has been stationed at Tinker for a little less than a year.

Golf Course hopping with activity

Mulligan's Grill now open



Air Force photos by Kimberly Woodruff

Mulligan's Grill at the Tinker Golf Course has a new menu featuring burgers, chicken, salads and breakfast items. (At left) With the help of David Rapino, 72nd Air Base Wing Commander Col. Steven Bleymaier cuts the ribbon to officially open the newly renovated grill April 19.



Golfers enjoy the beautiful weather while trying out some of the newest clubs offered by Callaway, Nike and Cobra during the recent Spring Demo Day at the Tinker Golf Course.

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Sports Notes

CAN/AM Cup tonight

The 552nd Air Control Wing's annual CAN/AM Cup begins at 6 p.m. today at the Blazers Ice Centre in south Oklahoma City. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and seats fill up quickly.

For the fourth year in a row, the 552nd ACW's American hockey team will take on the Canadian Detachment hockey team in a battle for the cup.

This game will be played in the spirit of competition and camaraderie in an effort to promote the 552nd ACW's unique 35-year relationship between the United States Air Force and the Canadian Forces. Take this opportunity to come out to the free event and support your friends, co-workers, wing and country.

There will be several new and returning off-ice events at this year's game, such as Zamboni rides, the Jersey Mike's "Shoot for the Sub" contest, the "Sydney Crosby's Dryer" shooting challenge for kids, the Barons Ice Girls and a vehicle giveaway contest (courtesy of Eskridge Honda). Concessions and adult beverages will be available and provided by the Blazers' Ice Rink staff.

The Blazers Ice Centre is located at 8000 South I-35.

Bowling tournament

The 76th PMXG Busy Bee Booster Club is having a bowling tournament May 4 at the Tinker Bowling Center. These are four-person teams, \$10 a person, and the deadline to enter is April 30. Call LaDanna Cullison at 582-1367 or DeeDee Yeary at 736-7836 for more information.

Tinker Bowling Center

A Youth Nine-Pin No-Tap Tournament begins at 1:30 p.m. April 28. This event will have four age divisions: 8 and under, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Players will bowl three games of nine-pin no-tap format. The winner will be determined by the highest total pin count. The cost is \$8 per player. Call 734-3484 for more information.

The Tinker Bowling Center Pin Pursuit starts May 1. Players may register their pin counts at the desk after each time they bowl. Bowlers will be divided into three divisions: 17 years and below, 18-55 and 56-plus. The bowling center will track total pin counts for each division. Weekly prizes will be awarded for the highest pin count in each division. The winners each week will be placed into the pot for the grand prize drawing at the end of the program. There is no limit to the number of games played to achieve high pin counts. Weekly Pin counts run from Sunday to Saturday with counts being printed and posted on Mondays for all participating bowlers. Weekly prizes will be



Tinker Bowling Center - Photo by Margo Wright

awarded each Monday. Weekly winners may only win one weekly prize each month of program. Pin Pursuit is open to all ages so "Let's get out and bowl Tinker"!

The center offers a Cosmic Pizza Bowl Special from 7 to 11 p.m. every Saturday. Come on over to the Tinker Bowling Center and get one lane with two games, shoes and a pizza for only \$25. This activity is PlayPass eligible.

Book an event at Tinker Bowling Center. The price for 15-39 bowlers is just \$6 each, 40-72 bowlers just \$5 each, and with 73 or more, enjoy the "pack the house" special at just \$4 each player.

Like "Tinker Bowling Center" on Facebook and stay on top of the base bowling news.

Tinker Rangers looking for players

Mike W. Ray
Staff Writer

The Tinker Rangers baseball team will be reactivated this summer if Capt. Brandon Dong of the 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron can enlist enough players.

Tinker AFB had a varsity baseball team in 2002-2010 but not last year "because all the coaches were deployed," said Dong, who has managed baseball programs at three air bases.

Dong said he started the Tinker baseball team and coached it in 2002-2006, but was reassigned to Kadena Air Base, Japan, where he coached a baseball team in 2007-2010 before returning to Tinker. He said he also started and coached a baseball team at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, in 1998-2000.

The 2012 season starts May 20 and will continue into July, Dong said. The regular season will consist of 18 games, followed by a single-elimination tournament. The Rangers will play in the newly established, six-team Oklahoma City Men's Senior Baseball League, the captain said. "We'll also play MSBL teams from Tulsa."

The Rangers will play their home games in a field on the northwest corner of May Ave. and Reno, Dong said. "The OKC league is trying to get a few high-school fields, also," he said.

Dong said he is "looking for military and civilian DOD personnel who want to try out" for the base varsity baseball team. "If you're interested, please send me an e-mail at brandon.dong@tinker.af.mil". The captain, who has played baseball "all my life," will be the coach but also plays first base and does some relief pitching when necessary.



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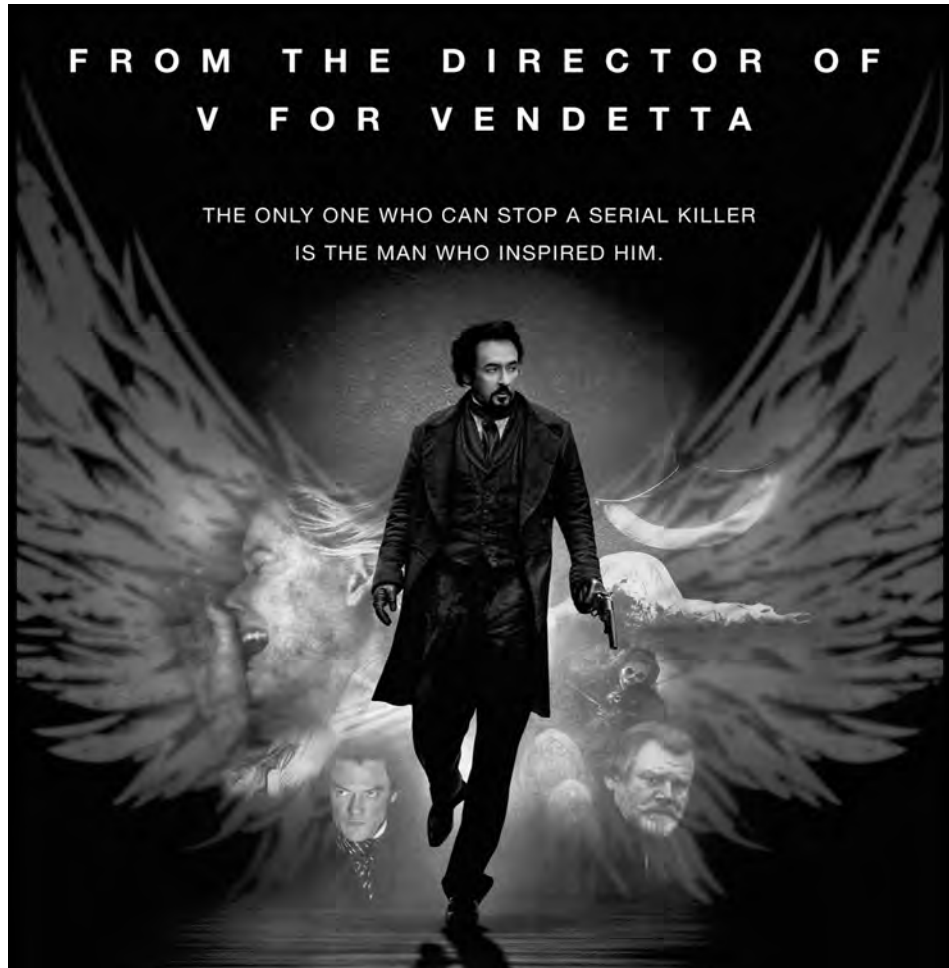
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Bldg. 3705 Fitness Center hours are 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Bldg. 216 Fitness Center Annex hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays. Both are closed weekends and holidays.

Fitness center patrons not in military uniform must show a government ID card to the attendant at the customer service desk upon entry to all Tinker fitness center facilities. Access to Gerrity Fitness and Sports Center is limited to military ID card holders (active duty, retirees, reservists and their dependents) and civilian common access card holders from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. weekdays. During these peak hours of operation patrons using the Gerrity Fitness Center will not be allowed to sponsor guests.

For more information call the Gerrity Fitness Center at 734-3651 or Bldg. 3705 at 734-4664.

Fitness Challenge

Experience the Tinker Fitness Challenge at Gerrity Fitness Center. The challenge is made up of three events: Race across Tinker, Tour de Tinker and Pike's Peak.

Here's how to compete in the challenge: Select an appropriate tracking card from the card file box located at the front counter at Gerrity Fitness Center. Fill out the personal information requested on the card and return the card to a Gerrity Fitness Center staff member to begin the program.

Race across Tinker promotes jogging/walking. A total of 500 miles completes this challenge. Tour de Tinker promotes cycling, with a total of 1000 miles completing the challenge. Pikes Peak Club promotes Stairmaster climbing and a total of 14,110 feet is needed to complete this challenge. Individuals are encouraged to participate in these activities as personal time permits and must keep track of their miles and climbing accomplishments by entering their information in the appropriate box. Whenever a milestone is accomplished, present the card to a staff member at the customer service counter. All three challenges are self-paced and will be conducted on the honor system.

Complete all three challenges and your name will be engraved on a plaque and displayed in the Gerrity Fitness Center for all to see. In addition your photo and name will appear in the Tinker Take Off, plus you will be invited to a 72nd Air Base Wing staff meeting. For information about the program, call Dell Armstrong, Ira Anderson or Corie Wells at 734-5607.

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Bldg. 3705 Fitness Center classes

The classes at the Bldg. 3705 Fitness Center are \$3 per class or \$20 per month for unlimited classes.

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Massage therapy

Ever considered getting a massage to relieve stress and manage daily tension? The Bldg. 3705 Fitness Center has a new massage therapist, Sandra Trammell. She offers Swedish massage, chair, sports, deep tissue massages, plus reflexology hands and feet by appointment from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Cost for a one hour Swedish massage is \$50 and a 30 minute massage is \$30. A one hour deep tissue massage is \$65 and a 25 minute sports massage is \$20. To schedule an appointment call 432-0435, email Sandrakay81@yahoo.com or go to <http://www.styleseat.com/sandratrammell>. Gift certificates are also available. The Bldg. 3705 Fitness Center is located inside the Liberator Gate off Douglas Boulevard.

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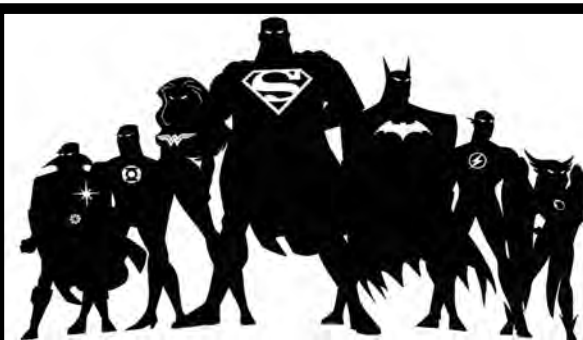
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- A high school diploma or GED, preferred
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- Previous customer service experience, preferably in an industrial or service industry, preferred
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