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Shutdown effects continue on DOD, Hagel says

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The government shutdown is over, but it will take a while for the effects to fade, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said at a press conference Oct 17.

At the shutdown's height, more than 400,000 Defense Department civilian employees were furloughed because of the lapse of appropriations for the new fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

The Pay Our Military Act allowed the department to bring most back to work Oct. 7. The rest – about 5,000 – came back to work Oct 17.

“While all of us across the department welcome the fact that the shutdown is now behind us, I know that its impact will continue to be felt by all of our people,” Hagel said at a Pentagon news conference. “All of them, in different ways, had their lives affected and disrupted during this period of tremendous uncertainty.”

All DOD leaders will work

to repair the damage from the shutdown, the secretary vowed.

“I want all of our civilian personnel to know that the work they do is critically important to this department and this country,” Hagel said. “It matters to this department, and it matters for the country. The military simply cannot succeed without our civilian employees, and the president and I appreciate their professionalism and their patience throughout this very trying period.”

While the department must

refocus on critical work, Hagel noted, Congress did not remove the shadow of uncertainty cast over DOD.

“DOD is now operating on a short-term continuing resolution, which limits our ability to start new programs, and the damaging cuts of sequestration remain the law of the land,” the secretary said.

The continuing resolution passed Oct. 16 gives Congress the chance to craft a balanced long-term spending bill, Hagel said.

“If this fiscal uncertainty

continues, it will have an impact on our economy, our national security, and America's standing in the world,” he added. “If the sequester level continues, there will also be consequences.” The cuts could be devastating to training and to maintaining and equipping the force, he said.

“DOD has a responsibility to give America's elected leaders and the American people a clear-eyed assessment of what our

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Arnold Community Council event draws huge crowd, brings new leadership

By Kathy Gattis
ATA Public Affairs

The large ballroom at the Manchester – Coffee County Conference Center was packed Oct. 10 as members of the Arnold Community Council (ACC) and AEDC leadership gathered to hear USAF retired Lt. Gen. David Deptula.

Organizers registered 292 people at the event – the largest fundraiser for the ACC since the group was formed 13 years ago. There were a total of 40 sponsors... \$700 (gold) and \$350 (silver).

ACC, an independent organization of community leaders, area businesses and elected officials, was formed to support and promote AEDC.

An important part of the annual ACC event is the leadership changes. Outgoing ACC President Steve Cope handed the gavel over to incoming President Ben Craig, but not before Cope talked about

the accomplishments ACC made during the past year.

“We've been part of a major initiative with the formation of the Congressional Range and Testing Center Caucus through the great leadership of our Congressman Diane Black with the support of other members of the Tennessee delegation,” Cope said.

The focus of the Congressional Range and Testing Center Caucus is improving Congressional knowledge and understanding of the national strategic value of ranges and test centers as well as the government civilian and contractor employees who operate them.

“Caucus members can expect to receive classified briefings from high-ranking DOD officials on the role performed by the Major Range and Test Facility Base (MRTFB), site visits to see MRTFB activities firsthand, and delegation visits from the various constituent and community groups that already

support MRTFB.

“The ACC has wholeheartedly supported the effort and used our annual trip to Washington in March to drive the message home to Congressional and Pentagon officials. We also had the opportunity to build strong relationships with our community counterparts at both Edwards and Eglin during our Washington trip so that we may develop strategies that will benefit and protect the Test Center and its test assets,” Cope said.

Cope also talked about the first annual ACC regional job fair, developed in response to the furloughs and reductions faced by AEDC employees. An ACC team worked with state officials to expedite claims, search for jobs based on skill levels, etc.

AEDC Commander Col. Raymond Toth said he was impressed. “The crowning achievement should be the first time the ACC, along with other sponsors, hosted a



Outgoing ACC President Steve Cope (right) hands the gavel over to incoming President Ben Craig at the ACC dinner. (Photo by Jacqueline Cowan)

job fair to help AEDC employees cope with unprecedented fiscal realities,” he said.

As Cope reflected on ACC accomplishments, Ben Craig was looking to the future.

Craig invited everyone in the audience to attend future ACC monthly meetings; each received a one-year membership in the ACC just by attending the dinner. Craig also encouraged members to participate in other ACC activities, especially the group's annual trip to Washington, D.C.

“Each year we take about 20-30 ACC members to visit the Capitol; our goal is to promote and support AEDC by visiting Congress and the Pentagon. We present ideas and missions to make it easier to do business with AEDC,” said Craig.

“AEDC continues to be a leader in the world aerospace industry, and we (the ACC) must continue to make the general population, locally and nationally, aware of this valuable global asset.”

The new ACC vice president is retired Col. Jim Jolliffe. He serves as the vice this year and president next October.

Lana Woodard resigned as treasurer, a position she has held in various forms since the beginning of ACC in the year 2000. She started as secretary-treasurer and membership chair. As ACC grew, the positions were divided.

Harry Brittain will step into the role of treasurer. Brittain is a former ACC president and a previous ACC secretary; he's also an active member of the dinner planning and long range planning committees.

The current ACC secretary and membership chair, Claude Morse, will continue in his role.

ACC was formed in 2000. Its membership is comprised of residents in 13 counties in middle Tennessee and northern Alabama.

In addition to the annual trip to Capitol Hill, ACC supports the AEDC Veterans Picnic, Children's Christmas Party, Honor Flight for veterans, welcome packages for incoming military and special packages for distinguished visitors at AEDC.

In 2014, the ACC will again host the Tennessee Legislative Orientation along with State Rep. Judd Matheny. This event brings state representatives and senators to AEDC and UTSI for tours of both.

Air Force Test Center (AFTC) Commander Maj. Gen. Arnold “Arnie” Bunch said, “Your (ACC) dedication to the national ground test mission at Arnold Engineering Development Complex is nothing short of remarkable.”

“You have made a deliberate effort to bridge gaps with other AFTC civilian/military support groups, and I greatly appreciate those efforts. By working together, you have strengthened AFTC's voice on Capitol Hill and within the Pentagon,” Bunch said.

“Due to the challenging times in which we live, it is critical that we work together to support the Air Force, AEDC, and each of the local communities making up the ACC,” Cope said. “It is only through strong relationships with each other that we will be successful.”

To learn more about the ACC, go to www.arnoldcommunity-council.com.

See additional ACC dinner photos on pages 5-6.

AEDC stars in the spotlight



Josh Osborne (third from left), an Aeropropulsion Analyst with the Analysis & Evaluation Branch at AEDC is shown atop the J-6 Large Rocket Test Cell Dehumidification Chamber on Oct. 18 in an interview for an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) contracted video. Fourteen other AEDC professionals were also interviewed Oct. 17-18 at the Arc Heaters, the 7-foot Vacuum Space Chamber and J-6. The AEDC professionals spoke about the mission, work environment, work/life balance and opportunities. A film crew from 522 Productions filmed the interviews on behalf of TMP Government, a contracted firm developing marketing platforms such as videos, websites, and brochures for the Air Force Acquisition community. Pictured left to right from 522 Productions is Rob Ruscher, Matthew Caulk and Samuel Membrino. (Photo by Jacqueline Cowan)

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 - Use disciplined and innovative processes
- Continually improve in all that we do

Attention All Airmen:

Air Force Holds Convicted Sexual Assault Offenders Accountable, Sexual Assault Convictions Are Now On-Line

By Col. Raymond Toth
Arnold Engineering Development Complex

We have all heard much in the news over the last year regarding sexual assault in the Air Force and I wanted to take a few minutes to assure you all that the Air Force takes sexual assault allegations seriously and investigates all sexual assault allegations fully. All Commanders handle cases involving active duty Airmen without preconceived notions – each case is considered independently based on the facts and circumstances; this is our duty as Commanders and our responsibility to both the victim and alleged perpetrator. Non-active duty Airmen, such as Air Force civilians and contractors, also face significant consequences in local criminal justice systems for committing these types of offenses.

Military cases can result in nonjudicial punishment or other administrative action, such as demotion, loss of pay or increased duty, and some cases result in acquittals at courts-martial. You should know, however, that the Air

Force now publishes sexual assault court-martial convictions on-line. Anyone can go to this website and review more than 100 sexual assault court-martial convictions from across the Air Force, to include viewing them by base. After a few minutes of reviewing the facts of these cases, you will soon see many cases are very similar – they involve: 1) the use of alcohol, 2) the absence of personal respect for the victim and 3) the absence of the victims' consent. You will also quickly see that Airmen convicted of sexual assault can be held accountable by military judges and court-martial panels with punishments that often include jail time, rank reductions, and punitive discharges. Again, the punishments are unique to each case depending on the factors that aggravate or mitigate the offenses.

A number of these cases involve Airmen assaulting fellow Airmen. Many times these victims were co-workers and former friends – people who trusted their assailant. The offenders elected to violate that trust and were punished accordingly. As required by many state laws,



Col. Raymond Toth

convicted Airmen must also register in their jurisdiction's sexual assault registry. These sex offender lists include the names and addresses of convicted sex offenders, and are publicly available on-line.

Sexual assault is incompatible with military service and members who commit these offenses are subject to discharge for misconduct. Effective two months ago, Airmen who commit a sexual assault will have administrative discharge proceedings initiated against them and may be retained only if they meet a cumulative multi-part test. For Airmen at this

base, only the Air Force Test Center Commander, Maj Gen Arnold Bunch, can waive this requirement and only after he concludes that the Airman meets the same multi-part retention test.

I encourage all Airmen to visit the below website and review the facts of the cases, which resulted in these Airmen being convicted of sexual offenses. Note that this list does not include the many additional cases resulting in administrative action or court-martial acquittals, which would still be subject to the above-mentioned mandatory administrative discharge proceedings. Then educate and warn fellow Airmen about the consequences of committing these crimes. When you see a situation that isn't right, be a good wingman; intervene, and insist your fellow Airman treat others with respect. You will regret being a passive bystander when a few words of intervention can forever positively change the lives of Airmen around you.

Now go visit the website: <http://www.afjag.af.mil/sexualassaultprosecution/index.asp>.

AEDC School Supply Drive committee gives thanks



East Lincoln Elementary Kindergarten in Tullahoma received school supplies from the AEDC/ATA Back Pack and School Supply Drive. (Photo provided)



Dechard Elementary in Franklin County display school supplies received from the AEDC/ATA Back Pack and School Supply Drive. (Photo provided)



The 5th grade science class at Fayetteville City Middle School received school supplies from the AEDC/ATA Back Pack and School Supply Drive. (Photo provided)



Jack T. Farrar Elementary Principle Susan Fanning, Teacher Assistant Betty McFarland and Laura Casteel in Attendance office display items their school received from the AEDC/ATA Back Pack and School Supply Drive. (Photo provided)

Action Line

Team AEDC

I believe in free and open communications with our Team AEDC employees, and that's why we have the Action Line available. People can use the Action Line to clear up rumors, ask questions, suggest ideas on improvements, enter complaints or get other issues off their chests. They can access the Action Line in one of three ways: via the AEDC intranet home page, Action Line boxes at the base cafeterias and by calling 454-6000.

Although the Action Line is always available, the best and fastest way to get things resolved is by using your chain of command or by contacting the organization directly involved. I encourage everyone to go that route first, then if the situation isn't made right, give us a chance.

Col. Raymond Toth
AEDC Commander

AEDC Back Pack and School Supply Drive Committee

The AEDC Back Pack and School Supply Drive committee members Holly Jones, Amanda Stroop, Becky Combs and Stacey Lowe expressed their thanks in a message to AEDC personnel:

We cannot say "Thank You" enough for all of the donations

to the Back Pack and School Supply Drive. Through all of the donations made from AEDC and ATA were able to deliver boxes of school supplies to Coffee, Franklin and Lincoln counties, Tullahoma City schools and specifically requested schools.

Whether you realize it or not, AEDC truly touched and blessed

many children within our community. Please know there were some teachers who were emotional, a couple of parents who had a few tears and a whole lot of children who had a smile that would fill your soul with joy all year!

This was AEDC's first back to school donation drive. With all of us joining together as one, it's what made it a great success!

AFMC 5-center construct reaches full operational capability

Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, announced Oct. 22, the full operational capability of the command’s 5-center construct, a major milestone in AFMC history.

“The 80,000-plus men and women of AFMC have repeatedly raised their own bar for success. This world-class workforce continues to display the dedication and innovation that are hallmarks of Air Force professionals,” Wolfenbarger said. “As a result, we leveraged an historic opportunity to more efficiently and effectively equip the Air Force for world-dominant airpower. I am incredibly proud to stand with them today as I declare full operational capability.”



Gen. Wolfenbarger

Birthing from former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates’ 2010 “efficiency” directive in anticipation of substantially reduced resources, this is the largest reorganization within AFMC since its establishment 21 years ago.

Wolfenbarger pointed out that AFMC’s reorganization maximizes mission-effective and cost-effective operations to provide

global vigilance, global reach, and global power for America through:

- Unity of purpose – One center, one mission, one commander across multiple locations;
- Standardized processes across all mission areas;
- A streamlined organizational structure; and,
- A single weapon system face to the warfighter and industry.

Wolfenbarger also said there are several quantifiable successes the reorganized AFMC has realized in the past year since initial operational capability was declared Oct. 1, 2012. They include the following:

- Reduced costs and improved readiness, marked by a substantial increase in depot aircraft production, and a reduc-

tion in critical parts shortages and depot backorders;

- Collaboration across maintenance, repair, overhaul/supply and lifecycle management to reduce depot rates by 5 percent for the first-time ever – driving a fiscal year 2015 savings of \$515 million;
- Implementation of a standard Should Cost process that captured the life cycle of weapon systems for Acquisition Category 1 programs – more than \$2 billion savings projected to date, with potential to save more than \$5 billion when employed across all ACAT programs, sustainment programs, and services; and,
- Creation of the Weapons System Enterprise Review to pro-



vide senior leaders comprehensive, integrated, and timely data focused on fielded weapon system support, modernization, and future risk areas.

Prior to the reorganization, AFMC was made up of 12 centers across the command. The reduction to five centers immediately netted an operating efficiency through reduced overhead of more than \$109 million per year.

The command’s five centers are the Air Force Research Laboratory and the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, both headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB; Air Force Test Center, headquartered at Edwards AFB, Calif.; Air Force Sustainment Center, headquartered at Tinker, AFB, Okla.; and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, headquartered at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Learn how to shoot with Project Appleseed; opportunity to win a rifle

By **Claude Morse**
Project Appleseed

COFFEE COUNTY, TENN. – Attend the last local Appleseed Rifle Clinic of 2013 on Nov. 9-10 at the Arnold AFB Rifle Ranges and give it a shot!

To win the rifle you must be a registered attendee at the clinic and you must shoot a perfect score of 250, verified by the events Shoot Boss on the Army Qualification Test (AQT) using a Ruger 10/22 rifle during the clinic.

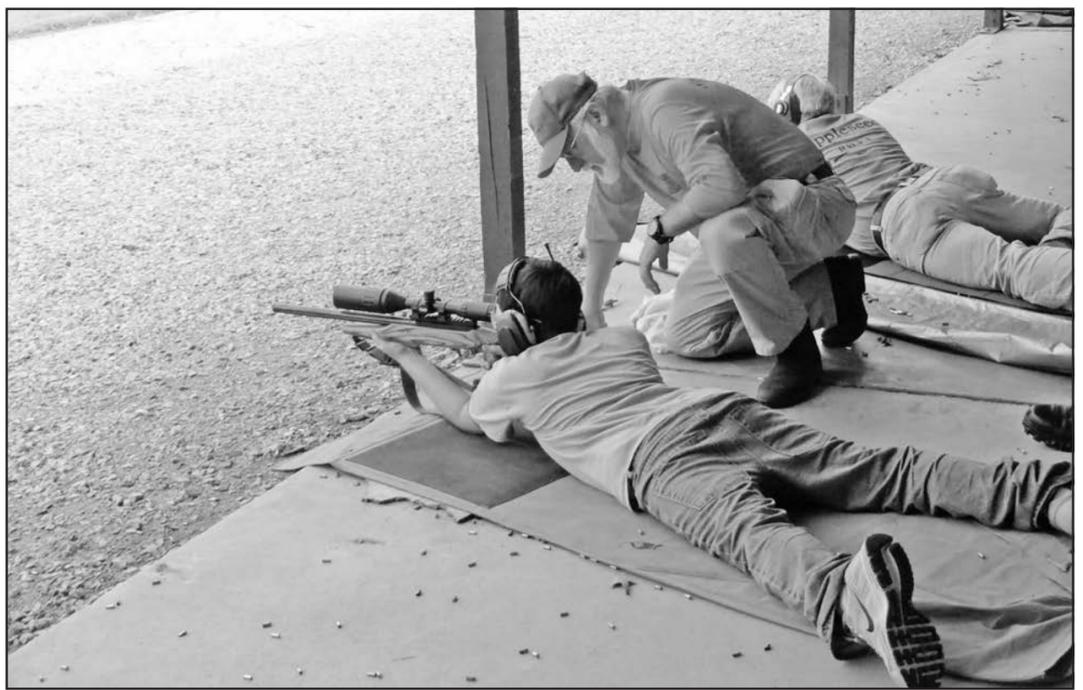
The rifle donated by FJ Feddersen, Inc. is a special edition Ruger 10/22 with a super accurate Feddersen 10/22 barrel.

Project Appleseed is a nation-wide heritage and rifle marksmanship program. The two-day clinics are open to the public and military shoot for free. The local clinics are hosted by the Arnold AFB Highland Rim Shooters Club.

Participants will shoot around 500 rounds of ammunition during the two-day clinic and learn the skills to be a long distance marksman. During the clinic participants will also learn about the founding values of our Republic and the most important day in American history – April 19, 1775.

Youth as young as 11-12 are welcome as are adults. Youth 18 and under must have Appleseed and Arnold AFB Hold Harmless agreements signed by a parent or legal guardian to attend. Many families attend with parents and children. The oldest participant in a local clinic was a 94 year old World War II veteran who flew fighter planes in the Pacific theater. He came to the clinic with three generations of his family.

Many attendees have never fired a rifle before, and even most experienced shooters will learn a lot



Claude Morse, Tennessee State Coordinator for Project Appleseed, helps a clinic participant with his rifle skills during the October Appleseed Clinic at the AEDC range. (Photo provided)

from an Appleseed Rifle Clinic.

Participants must register in advance on-line to attend. Active duty mili-

tary personnel, National Guard members, Reserve military members and active law enforcement personnel shoot for free (ID

Required). To register and/or for more information about the clinics and attendance fees go to the Appleseed Web site at – www.appleseedinfo.org

For specific questions about the local clinic send an email to TN@appleseedinfo.org.

Being mobile, online safety and security

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security

People increasingly connect to the Internet outside of their homes and offices, enjoying technological innovations and the convenience and connectedness it brings. With smartphones and other portable devices giving us the ability to conduct every day activities such as mobile banking, online shopping, teleworking, and social networking, cyber criminals are constantly looking to take advantage of unsecure wireless networks, third party applications, and texting to acquire personal information.

According to the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT), many of the safety practices that are used to guard home and work computers apply to your portable devices as well. They include:

- Restricting access to your wireless network, by only allowing authorized users access to your network.

- Changing any pre-configured default passwords to ones that would be difficult for an outsider to guess.

- Keeping your anti-virus software updated.

- Using caution when downloading or clicking on any unknown links.

In addition to the things you can do on your own, DHS works with other federal agencies and branches to help provide the public with information on how to better educate themselves to the threat of cyber criminals:

- The White House: The Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI) consists of a number of mutually reinforcing initiatives designed to protect the United States from various cyber criminal threats. Additionally, the White House developed a Digital Strategy to guide the Federal Government on protecting information while using

mobile devices.

- General Services Administration: The GSA provides information to help individuals and businesses comply with mandates and guidelines for cyber security products, services, and solutions.

- Department of Defense (DOD): With the release of a mobile device strategy and a Commercial Mobile Device Implementation plan, the DOD is committed to keeping Americans safe online, no matter their location.

- Federal Law Enforcement: The U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement works with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate high-tech crimes, including cyber-based terrorism and espionage.

- Federal Communications Commission: The FCC provides tips and

resources for small businesses on how to better secure their infrastructure from cyber criminals.

Protecting yourself through simple steps can prevent you from becoming the victim of a cyber criminal seeking to gain access to your personal information, steal your identity, or read personal e-mails and work documents.

At AEDC, ensure individual awareness and compliance with AEDC DOD Information Assurance requirements while using DOD information system and network resources, including standalone systems. Ensure employee and visitor compliance with prohibited devices and actions. Ensure all personnel accessing AEDC DOD information systems have the proper background investigation and Information Assurance training prior to authorized access.

AEDC WMA Units 1 and 2 November Deer Permits on sale

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has announced the AEDC Wildlife Management Area units 1 & 2 first-come, first-serve November deer permits went on sale Oct. 23.

Permits can be purchased at any TWRA license agent or through the internet at www.tnwildlife.org. Hunters who purchase the permit are reminded that they will need to retain their receipt. The receipt will serve as the permit. No phone sales will be accepted.

A permit fee will not be charged to Annual Sportsman (Type 004) or Lifetime Sportsman (Types 402 thru 405) license holders or Senior Citizen Hunters (Type 166) with an Annual Senior Citizen Permit (Type 167). For all other license holders, the cost is \$10 per permit, plus agent fee.

Customers can only obtain one permit per hunt choice. Customers can obtain one permit for each hunt choice for a total of five permits per person.

First-come, first-serve permits are sold one at a time per transaction. Customers can purchase permits for others as long as they have all their pertinent information. The same one permit per hunt choice applies.

The privilege codes for the first-come, first-serve AEDC WMA permits are as follows:

345 for Lifetime and Annual Sportsman and seniors holding a current Type 167; 346 for all other license holders. This applies to youths and adults purchasing a permit.

AEDC consists of 32,000 acres and is located in Coffee and Franklin counties. Unit 1 was previously known as the TNARNG maneuver area. Unit 2 is the Camp Forrest area, from the golf course to UTSI Road and Wattendorf Memorial Highway to the southern boundary.

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military can and cannot do after years of sequester-level cuts,” Hagel said. “In the months ahead, we will continue to provide our best and most honest assessment as Congress works to establish the nation’s long-term spending priorities.”

The secretary said he is concerned about civilian morale.

“I don’t think anyone questions that the uncertainty that shutting down the government and closing down people’s jobs has brought a great amount of not only disruption to our government, to our country, but to their lives, to the civilian personnel whose lives have been disrupted by this particular shutdown,” he said.

Combined with no authorization, no appropriation, continuing sequestration and the uncertainty of planning, this creates a perfect stew for bad morale, Hagel said.

“People have to have some confidence that they have a job that they can rely on,” he explained. “I know there are no

guarantees in life, but we can’t continue to do this to our people – having them live under this cloud of uncertainty.”

If this continues, he added, DOD will not be able to recruit good people. The government shutdown and the nation’s debt limit problem are making American allies nervous as well,

the secretary said.

“Our allies are asking questions: Can we rely on our partnership with America? Will America fulfill its commitments and its promises?” he said. “These are huge issues for all of us, and they do impact our national security and our relationships and our standing in the world.”

Flu vaccine available at the Medical Aid Station

By Raquel March
ATA Public Affairs

AEDC Department of Defense (DOD) employees, ATA and subcontractors and eligible TRICARE beneficiaries such as active duty, retirees and their family are able to receive the flu vaccine at the base Medical Aid Station.

TRICARE beneficiaries may receive the free flu vaccine on a walk-in basis from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Air Force Medical Aid Station.

ATA contract personnel and AEDC DOD government civilians who are not TRICARE beneficiaries may receive the flu vaccine for \$15 on a walk-in basis today through Nov. 8, 12 – 3 p.m. at the Occupational Health Contract Clinic. Payment should be presented in the exact amount or a check made payable to ATA.

The contract clinic will not schedule appointments as they have in the past. However, third shift contract employees should call 454-5385 to schedule an appointment due to conflicts in employee work schedules and contract clinic hours.

“Be aware that there may be a lengthy wait,” said Leslie Myers, Comprehensive Occupational Resources registered nurse for ATA. “Everyone should be flexible and willing to return at another time if their schedules don’t permit them to wait.”

The vaccine is administered on a first-come, first-serve basis and supplies are limited.

Flu vaccines will not be administered to children less than age eight.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against the flu. While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine is de-

signed to protect against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season.

The CDC suggests that early treatment for the flu is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions and pregnant women.

The CDC list preventive actions that will help fight flu germs:

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you or your child stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.

- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

For more information about the flu vaccine administered through the Air Force Medical Aid Station, call 454-5351 or through the Occupational Health Contract Clinic call 454-5385.

ATA presents donation to local school



ATA recently presented a \$600 charitable Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) donation to the New Union Elementary School in Manchester for their robotics program. Pictured (left to right) are Becky Combs of the ATA Employee and Community Activities Committee; Eric Keith, New Union Elementary School’s Science Club Sponsor; and New Union Elementary School Principle Michelle Hummel. (Photo provided)

AEDC Fitness Trail announces intermittent closures

The AEDC Fitness Trail will be closed for deer hunting Saturday – Sunday, now through Jan. 12, 2014.

The trail will also be closed during the holidays which dates include Nov. 28-29, Dec. 25-31 and Jan 1-5, 2014.

FDA warns against dietary supplement

By Larine Barr
Air Force Surgeon
General Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is advising consumers to stop using OxyElite Pro, a dietary supplement, because of suspected links to acute hepatitis.

The FDA, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Hawaii Department of Health are investigating reports of

acute non-viral hepatitis in Hawaii where 29 cases are linked to a dietary supplement. The FDA urges consumers to stop using the product while the investigation continues. Distributed by USPlabs LLC in Dallas, Texas, the product is sold nationwide in retail stores and on the internet.

“We are urging Airmen to stop using the product until the investigation concludes and results are confirmed,” said Col. John Oh,

the chief of Health Promotion, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Air Force Surgeon General.

There have been a total of 29 cases of acute non-viral hepatitis with an unknown cause reported in Hawaii. Eleven of the 29 patients have been hospitalized with acute hepatitis, two have received liver transplants and one person has died. The CDC is also investigating other cases of liver injury nation-wide that could be related.

Symptoms of hepatitis include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay or gray-colored bowel movements, joint pain, yellow eyes, and jaundice.

“Airmen who are experiencing these symptoms should contact their health care provider immediate-

ly,” Oh said. Many Airmen reportedly use dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building.

In 2011, one-third of Airmen reported using legal bodybuilding supplements in the past year, including 15 percent in the last month, Oh said.

“We encourage Airmen to get educated on dietary supplement safety through Operation Supplement Safety, the Department of Defense dietary supplement education and safety campaign,” Oh said. Information about the campaign is found at: www.hprc-online.org/opss.

Visit this link for more information about the FDA warning: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm370857.htm>.

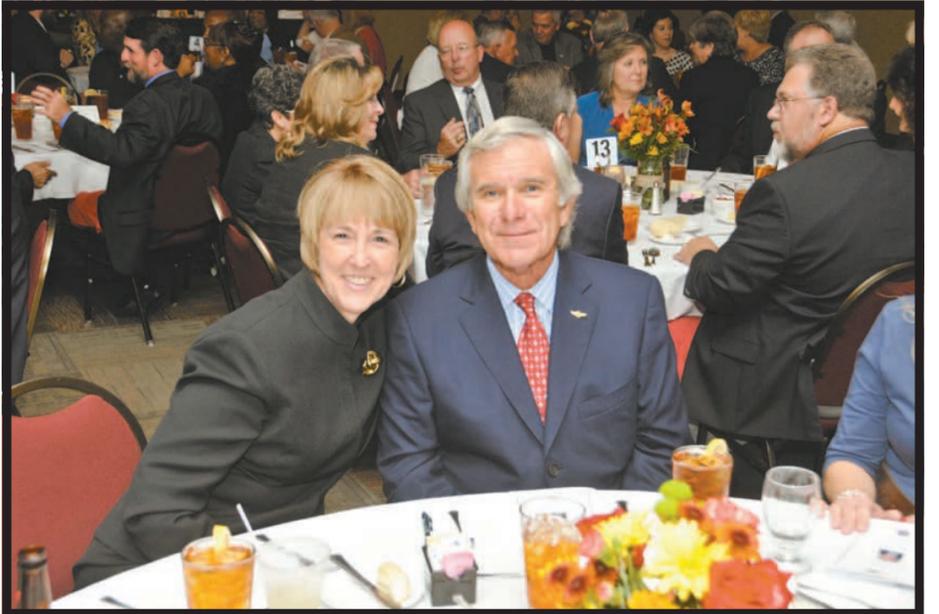
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Thank you to all members and new members for making this a memorable night

Mathews first female to celebrate 50 years at AEDC

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Faye Mathews, personnel assistant with the ATA Human Resources office, is the first female to celebrate a milestone of working at AEDC for 50 years. She attended a surprise 50 years of service celebration event in the Human Resource office with 19 other co-workers earlier this month.

When asked how it feels to work at AEDC for 50 years, she responded "blessed."

When Mathews arrived at AEDC on Oct. 7, 1963 the complex was in the midst of multiple space tests. She has indirectly experienced AEDC breakthroughs in air and space superiority and computer technology.

Mathew's first position was a clerk/stenographer in the Employee Relations Branch. She later served as a secretary for many different departments such as the Management Information Systems Center, the Plans and Analysis Group, the Contracts Administration Group and the Technology Group among others.

Many processes changed within the 50 years of Mathews employment at AEDC.

"One thing that has drastically changed from the time I started working at AEDC in how I perform my job is technology – typewriters to computers," Mathews said.

At the years of service celebration event Mike Cunningham, the ATA Human Resources manager, spoke of how Mathews skills in many areas of human resources including benefits, employment, workers compensation, contracts, training, recruiting and others have been beneficial to AEDC.

Mathews will attend a Years of Service Recognition event with ATA General Manager Steve Pearson in December where she will receive a watch as an anniversary gift.

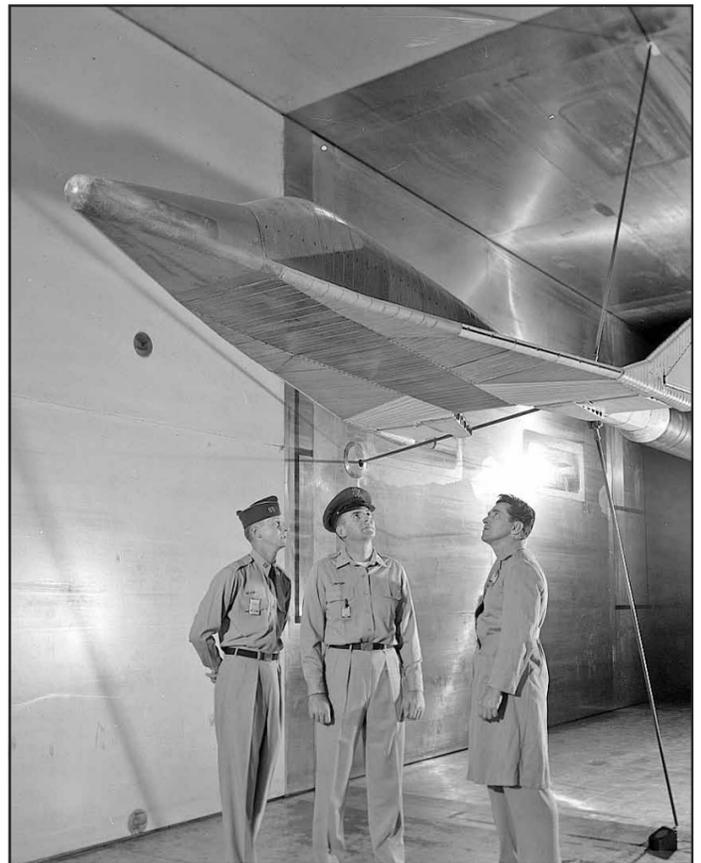


Faye Mathews (left) reminisces with her sister Jane Gray (middle), from the ATA Mission Support Department, and Tina Bonner, in the ATA Human Resources Benefits office at a surprise years of service celebration held for Mathews. (Photo by Jacqueline Cowan)

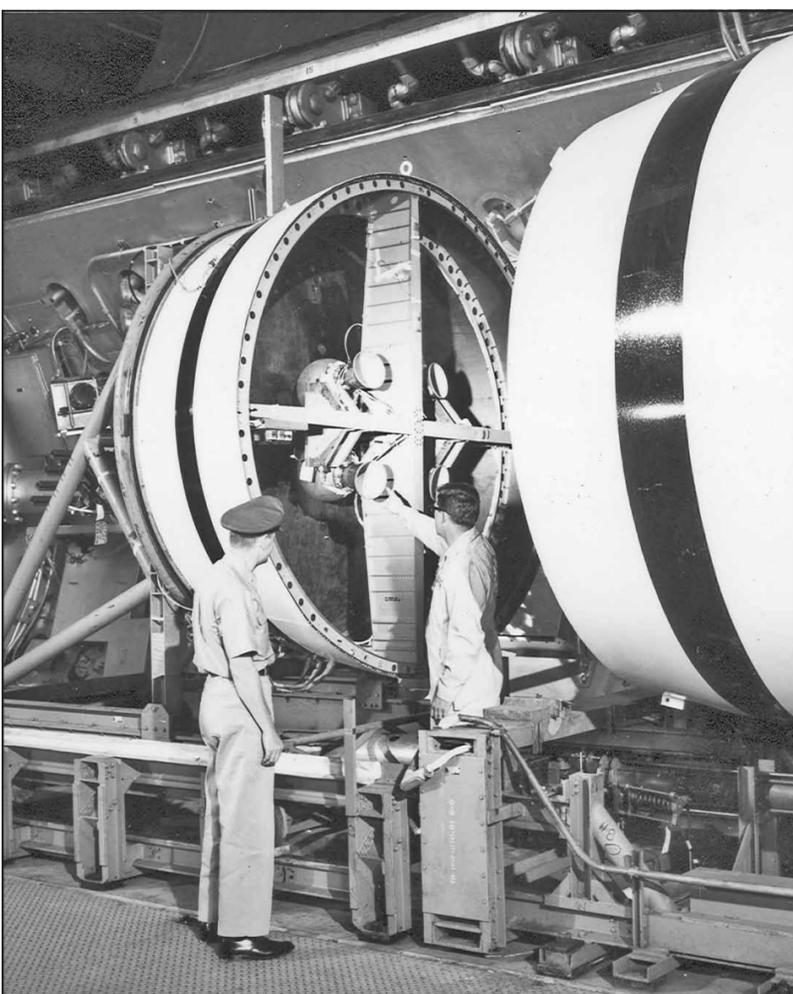
50 years ago in AEDC history



SCALE MODEL OF TITAN III-booster system for the X-20 Dynasoar manned orbital glider is mounted for testing in the 16-foot supersonic wind tunnel at AEDC. The system is made up of a basic Titan II solid-propellant booster with two large solid-propellant motors strapped to it. (AEDC photo files)



X-20 DYNA SOAR in the Propulsion Wind Tunnel Supersonic test section. (AEDC photo files)



FULL-SCALE GEMINI ABORT SYSTEM was checked in the J-1 Rocket test cell at AEDC in 1963. The tests helped determine a solution for retro-rocket failures during a launch abort. AEDC has been involved in testing every manned space system launched by the United States.



NEW ANALOG COMPUTER at EDC is demonstrated by Sam Ragsdale, an engineer in the ARO, Inc., Scientific Computing group, for Lt. Col. J.W. McCurdy, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff/Test, right, with Glenn Sheraden, head of Scientific Computing, watching. Output of the computer, described as an 'Invaluable engineering tool' by Sheraden, is by three methods: oscilloscope trace (upper left), graph (foreground) and strip chart (between oscilloscope and console).

Arnold Golf Course(GC) 454-GOLF, 454-FOOD

Check us out on Facebook! Arnold AFB Services Golf Course

Mulligan's Grill is open 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call ahead orders for dine in or carry out, 454-FOOD (3663).

Arnold Lakeside Center(ALC) 454-3350

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November Movie Schedule. Movie nights are Thursdays at the Arnold Lakeside Center with movie start time of 6:30 p.m. and dinner available from 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 7 – "Turbo," rated PG (1 hr. 36 min.) starring Ryan Reynolds, Paul Giamatti and Maya Rudolph. A freak accident might just help an everyday garden snail achieve his biggest dream: winning the Indy 500.

Nov. 14 - "Smurfs 2" rated PG (1 hr. 45 min.) starring Neil Patrick Harris, Jayma Mays and Katy Perry. The Smurfs team up with their human friends to rescue Smurfette, who has been kidnapped by Gargamel since she knows a secret spell that can turn the evil sorcerer's newest creation-creatures called the Naughties - into real Smurfs.

Nov. 21 – "Planes," rated PG (1 hr. 31 min.) starring Carlos Alazraqui, Dane Cook and Stacy Keach. A cropdusting plane with a fear of heights lives his dream of competing in a famous around-the-world aerial race.

Nov. 28 – No movie due to Thanksgiving holiday

Air Force Services Clubs Membership Drive now through Dec. 31, 2013. Everyone who joins any Air Force club during this time will receive three months free dues, be enrolled in the free cash back rewards program, and receive an

instant win scratch off ticket worth \$5-\$100. Existing members who sign up new members are eligible for referral bonuses. For each referral that signs up for club membership, individuals will be receive a \$5 coupon good for food that may be used at Café 100, Mulligan's Grill or the Arnold Lakeside Center.

Brushes and Bottles will be held 6-8 p.m. at the GLC Nov. 14. Bring your favorite beverage and get ready to get creative as an instructor will lead you through a canvas painting work of art step-by-step. By the end of the evening you will have your own masterpiece to take home. A different design will be done each month. These painting parties are for all skill levels ages 21 and over with a cost of only \$25 per person. All paint, brushes, aprons, easels, canvas and other necessary materials will be provided. All you have to bring is your beverage of choice. Light snacks will be provided and other beverages will be available for purchase. Deadline to sign up for this event is Nov. 7. Class size is a maximum of fifteen. Call 454-3350 to sign up or for more information.

Arnold Lakeside Center welcomes back Pretty Discoveries for a **jewelry fair** Nov. 15 in the A&E building, Café 100, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All jewelry prices are below \$20 and other items may be available such as belts and handbags.

Arnold Lakeside Center will hold a **Holiday Bazaar** in the training rooms of building 100, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 19. Anyone on base may sign up to have a booth space. No food, alcohol, or items in bad taste will be allowed at the event. Booth space is \$10 per day and includes one table and a chair. Services is not responsible for any items left unattended. Sign up for booth space by Nov. 12 at 454-3350.

Arnold Lakeside Center is hosting a **Thanksgiving Day Brunch** Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$16.95 for members, \$18.95 for non-members, and \$8.95 for children for age 12 and under. The

menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, roasted turkey, glazed ham, dressing, green beans, yams, baby bakers, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls, pumpkin and pecan pie. Reservations are required for this event by Nov. 21 and may be made by calling 454-3350.

The annual **Children's Christmas Party** will be held from 1-4 p.m., Dec. 1 at the Arnold Lakeside Center (ALC) for ages twelve and under. This event is free and open to all AEDC employees (active duty military, civil service, contractors), National Guard, Reserves, retirees and their immediate families (includes nieces, nephews, and grandchildren). Santa is scheduled to arrive at 2 p.m. along with some of his friends. Santa and Mrs. Claus along with their elves will also be in the Winter Wonderland tent to give out goodies to children age twelve and under. It is important to sign up so the elves bring enough. There will be other activities to enjoy throughout the afternoon. A special Santa Hotline, 454-SNTA (7682), has been setup for children to leave a message for Santa. This number may also be used by parents to register children for the event. Simply press 1 to leave a message or 2 to sign up. Be sure to give your name and specify how many children and how many adults will be attending.

Arnold Lakeside Center will host a **New Year's Eve Casino Night** Dec. 31. This event is for ages 18 and older and gets underway at 6 p.m. Gaming will be from 7-10 p.m. and includes craps, roulette, blackjack and wheel of fortune. Participants are given play money to try their hand at these games to increase their dollars which will then be used at a prize auction beginning at 10:15 p.m. An auctioneer will take bids on items such as hotel stays, gift baskets and much more. There will be a wide variety of items to bid on with your winnings. Then as midnight nears, watch the New York City ball drop countdown on the big screen and raise a champagne toast. The dining

Hours of operation

Arnold Lakeside Center: Catering/Management offices by appointment. Operations Clerk Monday- Friday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dinner: full menu available Thursday 5-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5-9 p.m.; Main Bar Thursday 5-8 p.m., Friday 4-10 p.m. and Saturday 5-9 p.m.; Social Hour Friday 4-6 p.m., Movie Night Thursday 6:30 p.m. **CLOSED Nov. 11 and Nov. 28 after Thanksgiving Day lunch - Nov. 30**
Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT): Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. **CLOSED Nov. 11 and Nov. 28-30**
Café 100: Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch starting at 10:30 a.m. **CLOSED Nov. 11; Open 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Nov. 27; CLOSED Nov. 28-29**
Barber Shop: by appointment – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. **CLOSED Nov. 11 and Nov. 28-29**
GLC (office located at Arnold Lakeside Center): Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. May vary depending on bookings. **CLOSED Nov. 11 and Nov. 28**
Outdoor Rec: Tuesday through Sunday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Winter hours begin Nov. 1: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **CLOSED Nov. 28**
Fitness Center: Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-7:30p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sunday Closed. **Open 5 a.m. – 6 p.m. Nov. 11, classes as scheduled; Open 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. Nov. 27, no classes; CLOSED Nov. 28; Open 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Nov. 29, no classes**
Arnold Golf Course: Pro Shop & Driving Range 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Closed during inclement weather. Driving Range open 24 hours with prepurchased key card. Mulligan's Grill Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. **CLOSED Nov. 28**
Recycling: Monday through Friday 6 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wingo Inn: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Nonappropriated Funds Human Resources: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. **CLOSED Nov. 11 and Nov. 28**

room will be open from 6 p.m.-1 a.m. with full menu available.

Arnold Air Force Base is pleased to announce the **2013-2014 Walt Disney World Salute Promotion!** Three and four day tickets are available for order at the ITT office located at the Arnold Lakeside Center. Walt Disney World has a number of new rides and attractions waiting to be explored this year. The Princess Fairytale Hall is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013. There is always a reason to visit Walt Disney World. Eligible service members (active or retired members of the U.S. Military, including members of the National Guard and Reservists, also active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard) can save up to fifty percent through this promotion. Tickets can be ordered in two business days. Call 454-4003 for more information.

Barber Shop is located in the A&E Building in room A107 and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Haircuts are \$8 and are by appointment. Call 454-6987.

Fitness Center(FC) 454-6440

Check us out on Facebook! Arnold AFB Services Fitness Center

Racquetball Tournament will be held at the Fitness Center Nov. 4-8. This will be a ladder style tournament and players can add in on the bottom of the ladder anytime. Players agree on a playing time when challenged and challenges may be made one or two spots up the ladder. Final standings will be as of Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. A free t-shirt will be given to the first twenty to sign up and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Call 454-6440 to sign-up.

Harvest Smoothie Day sponsored by the Fitness Center in Café 100 Nov. 19. Stop by the café and sample one of the tasty treats created by the FC staff. Complimentary smoothies will be available from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Group Class Schedule: (for eligible users only)

Cycling - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11a.m.-12 p.m.
Yoga - Monday and Wednesday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Interval Training - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6-6:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday 3:45-4:30

p.m.

Fitness On Request (FOR) kiosk classes are available, with many sessions to choose from, such as: Vibe Dance, Fusion Mind Body, Fit for Duty, Rev Cycling, TKO Kickboxing, Stomp Step and Kinetics. Contact the Fitness Center to learn more.

Yoga and cycling classes will resume soon. Stay tuned for more information.

Outdoor Rec (ODR) 454-6084

Check us out on Facebook! Arnold AFB Services Outdoor Recreation

It's time to get the Christmas season going. Outdoor Recreation is once again conducting the **Deck the Doors competition.** Squadrons, offices or groups may enter and decorate their office door with a holiday theme or message. All wanting to enter must call 454-6084 to indicate they are participating by Nov. 15. Remember to give your building number and location of the door. Doors used for this event must remain functional if they were prior to decoration. Decorations on the door will be the only part judged. Any additional work on walls, etc. will not be judged with the door. Doors must be decorated by close of business Nov. 21. On Nov. 22 ODR staff and judges will take pictures or come by every door that has entered. First, second, and third place winners will receive Services events. The winners will be announced at the DoD and/or ATA Holiday Parties.

Winter Rates now available at FamCamp. Starting Nov. 1, RV sites at FamCamp will be \$12 per night or \$300 per month and tent sites will be \$4 per night. These rates will continue through May 1, 2014.

Archery Basics Class will be held at the Outdoor Recreation building at 9 a.m. Nov. 23. Individuals will learn how to properly hold a bow, correct shooting technique, and archery history. There must be at least 2 to hold the class and maximum class size is 12. The cost is \$5 and it is open to all ages. Call ODR to reserve your spot by Nov. 22.

Introduction to Fall Camping class starts on the afternoon of Nov. 15 lasting through the morn-

ing of Nov. 16. This class will teach setting up camp for those cool fall nights, keeping a safe campfire throughout the night, fall camp fire treats, and proper teardown the next morning. We will enjoy campfire treats including, s'mores, fire roasted hot dogs, and stories throughout the evening. We will also be teaching how to make easy to carry snacks for hiking or fishing while on a fall outing. Cost is \$10 and you must sign up by Nov. 13 by calling 454-6084. Keep in mind, ODR has a limited number of tents available for rent.

Join Outdoor Recreation as they're on the move again with a **trip to Fiery Gizzard Trails** Nov. 30 in beautiful Tracy City, Tennessee. We will begin the trip at 9 a.m. at Outdoor Rec then hike the trails up the gorge and return by 3 p.m. The trails are light with some intermediate areas. Shoes with ankle support and deep tread are advised to prevent any injuries. Remember to bring water and snacks. This trip is for ages 15 and older. Cost is \$25 per person and sign up deadline is Nov. 26.

Outdoor Rec inflatables! There is an assortment of inflatables for almost everyone's needs. We have a huge backyard obstacle challenge measuring 40'L x 10'W x 13'H, and a double lane jump slide for only \$150 per day. We also have a giant basketball hoop for \$30 per day and a Rocket Bounce House for \$75 per day. If you need a water slide then our 18' Double Drop Wet/Dry slide will be great for any event and is only \$150 per day. Please contact Outdoor Recreation at 454-6084 to make your reservation today!

Teambuilding Facilitation now available through Outdoor Rec. Book your team building event at least two weeks in advance and customize your activities to include leadership, communication, trust, conflict resolution and more. Our kit has 289 activities and can serve up to 120 participants. Large group challenges can accommodate up to 60 people. This equipment must be facilitated by an Outdoor Rec staff member and is not available for rent for private use. Department of Defense organizations may utilize the program for free. All others have the option of half day (4 hours) for \$50 or full day (8 hours) for \$100. Call to find out more information or book your team building event.

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Reservation Policy: FamCamp, Crockett Cove and Dogwood Ridge reservations may be made 45 days in advance for active duty and reserve military, 40 days for retired military, and 30 days for all other qualified personnel. Boat reservations may be made 15 days in advance for active duty and 10 days for other eligible individuals. All reservations are made through the Outdoor Recreation by stopping by or calling 454-6084.

**Wingo Inn
454-3051**

Check us out on Facebook! Arnold AFB Services Wingo Inn Reservations for Wingo Inn can be made 120 days in advance. Room rates start at \$56 per night. Please call 454-3051 for reservations.

Wingo Inn right sizing to be implemented Nov. 1. The rooms at Wingo Inn will reduce from 36 to 22.

Due to historical occupancy rates, the reduction in availability will be virtually transparent to the customer, as we will still be at approximately 88% occupancy. Rooms will still be available for the Space A traveler, Wingo's largest customer base. While Wingo Inn will face slight alterations, there is absolutely no plan to close the facility, nor change the operation, with the exception of the 14 room downsize. Wingo Inn and the Services team strive to provide the best service and facilities

possible to our guests and Arnold community, while meeting budgetary constraints. We are pleased to say that impact will be minimal, if even noticed by our customers, as staffing and service will remain exactly the same.

**Gossick Leadership Center (GLC)
454-4003**

Check us out on Facebook! Arnold AFB Services Gossick Leadership Center

The **Gossick Leadership Center (GLC)** may be used for events such as meetings, conferences, luncheons, dinners, etc. and is booked through the Services Conference Center Manager (CCM) up to one year in advance. Requests must be made in writing by email to arnold.glc@arnold.af.mil. All event coordinators are required to sign an agreement. Official unit functions are authorized at no charge and are defined as bona fide official meetings or training

held as part of the normal duty day. Unofficial and private functions may be held for authorized users at a fee. Community members may host events with the approval of the Services Director for a fee. Outside food and beverages are not allowed. First consideration must be given to Arnold Lakeside Center. In the event they cannot accommodate, an outside source may be utilized with CCM approval. For more information contact the CCM at 454-4003.

Air Force returns to normal Tuition assistance back on

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) – As a result of the passed continuing resolution legislation, the Air Force is in the process of returning operations to normal pre-shutdown status, to include the reinstatement of military tuition assistance.

The continuing resolution will fund the Air Force under the fiscal year 2013 sequester funding levels, which will enable the reinstatement of MilTA for Airmen.

“Effective immediately all Military Tuition Assistance applications for courses starting on or after Oct. 17 may be submitted,” said Col. Jeff White, Air Force learning division chief. “All previously approved MilTA requests for courses which began on or after Oct. 17 are reinstated.”

Looking to the future, the Air Force policy for courses that started Oct. 1-16 will be distributed as soon as it is available, White said.

Air Force officials urge members to continue monitoring www.af.mil and the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC), which can be found on the Air Force portal, for the most up to date information.

Also, an email will be sent through the Air Force Automated Education Management System, notifying members of the reinstatement of their approved MilTA request for courses starting on Oct. 17 and later.

Currently, policy is being developed for courses that started Oct. 1-16, and information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

According to Air Force officials, the service will resume close to normal pre-shutdown operations, operating under the same constrained budget of FY13, according to the Air Force budget management and execution office.

For more information on the government reopening, visit <http://www.af.mil/AboutUs/GovernmentShutdown.aspx>.

Extremely advanced preparations



Workers prepare the Air Force's third Advanced Extremely High Frequency satellite for launch Sept. 12 near Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. The space vehicle was encapsulated into its fairing Aug. 27, before being mated to an Atlas V rocket. It launched Sept. 18. AEHF is a joint-service system that provides survivable, near worldwide, secure, protected, and jam-resistant communications for high-priority national military operations. (Courtesy photo/Lockheed Martin)

