Training on document release coming soon for AEDC employees

By Patrick Ary
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Training will soon be provided to guide AEDC employees on the way documents should be marked and released outside of the center's physical and electronic boundaries. In late March, a new computer-based training (CBT) course will be available to explain the importance of properly marking and releasing documents outside AEDC. The Information Release Authorization Process (IRAP) was developed locally to assist individuals in determining the sensitivity of information and outlining the decision-making process before releasing information outside AEDC, including information determined to be releasable to the public. The training will include changes documented in a memo from the office of the Secretary of the Air Force stating documents containing Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) must be converted from a native format (i.e. Word, Excel, etc.) to Adobe’s Portable Document Format (PDF) or an image format such as JPEG or TIFF before they are released to the public. The intent is to prevent manipulation of content after it is released and to prevent access to document statistics or track history information.

"Regular documents in native format can be manipulated, and so have direction, if you’re going to send these outside of AEDC to the public, then you want to send it in a format that cannot be manipulated," said AEDC Information/Personnel Security Project Manager Jack Glasser. AEDC and ATA have worked on the upcoming training for months, Glasser said, in order to make sure it answers all questions about what materials are CUI that need to be controlled. "It’s going to be specific about the different types of information from a CUI aspect," Glasser said. "That includes STINOS, Export Control, For Official Use Only (FOUO), Critical Information and all other different types of what is considered Controlled Unclassified Information." There will be two phases of training, according to ATA facility security officer Jeannie Bowden. At the end of March, a general awareness CBT will be available. Then in mid-April, a more extensive tutorial about the AEDC Information Dissemination Handbook is scheduled to come out.

"Most of the salaried workforce will only take general awareness training, but the people who generate and regularly release CUI will need more in-depth training," Bowden said. Details about who will take the CBTs on the Air Force side are still being worked out, according to Glasser. Bowden said ATA employees should be notified via email that they will be taking the course. The training will bring together various information protection requirements and describe a formal process regarding how to submit materials to be marked and released, Bowden said. Details such as what type of test or project planning, individuals will have an impact on the type of the course and categories, what they mean and why it matters that materials get marked and released properly, she said.
March 16, 2012

Productive and Safe Tax Preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

**Leave your shell behind; the lesson of the lobster**

By Col. Liol Olivera

Leaving our shell behind is a common metaphor used to describe the process of adapting to a new role or environment. It can also be seen as a symbol of change and growth. For lobsters, shedding their shell is a natural process that occurs periodically as they grow. The process involves the lobster curling up and expelling old tissues and fluids. As the old shell is cast off, the new, larger shell grows underneath. The process is called molting and is essential for the lobster's survival.

Leaving our shell behind in life can be just as difficult. Just as lobsters have to adjust to their new shell, we too must overcome challenges and adapt to new situations. This can be especially true in a professional or educational setting, where we may face the need to learn new skills or concepts. Just as a lobster must continue to grow throughout its life, we too must strive to develop and evolve as we move through our careers and lives.

In this metaphor, the lobster's process of shedding its shell is a reminder of the importance of being adaptable and open to change. Just as the lobster must shed its shell in order to grow and continue to thrive, we must also be willing to leave behind our familiar shell in order to make progress in our own lives. This can be a difficult process, but it is essential for personal and professional growth. Just as the lobster's new shell is stronger and more durable than the old one, we too can strive to build stronger and more resilient versions of ourselves as we continue to grow and adapt to new challenges.
WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force and other military services are expanding prescription drug testing to include testing for common and frequently abused prescription drugs beginning May 1.

On Jan. 16 the Secretary of Defense directed the Department of Defense to notify the nation’s growing epidemic and encourage those abusing prescription drugs to seek treatment before official testing becomes mandatory.

“Abuse of prescription drugs is the number one problem in the United States, and unfortunately, this trend is reflected in the military,” said Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Travis, Deputy Air Force Surgeon General. “While prescription medications are helpful in alleviating suffering and preventing injuries, they are dangerous and potentially addictive when used outside medical supervision.

Taking controlled medications in a manner contrary to their intended use or in a manner contrary to their prescribed dosage in a manner contrary to their intended use or over-the-counter medications or other substances, such as coffee grounds or kitty litter. The medication waste will be less appealing to children or pets, and prevent misuse of controlled substances, such as coffee grounds or kitty litter. The medication waste will be less appealing to children or pets, and prevented misuse of controlled substances.

For more information on drug take back days visit http://www.safe-disposal/dispalock/back/ or your donor card.

To be eligible to donate blood you must be healthy, at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have consumed alcohol in the past 56 days or a double red cell in the last 112 days. You may not give blood if you have received any blood donation in the past 112 days, you are pregnant, or you are a military medical professional. Unless an Airman has been authorized to provide a sample as part of the prescription drug testing program, airman is not required to provide a sample.

There are no procedures that will directly affect drug testing collection sites or medical staff at military treatment facilities.

The policy being addressed is not new to Air Force officials. In accordance with Air Force guidance and existing law, the Air Force must develop a comprehensive counter to misuse of pain medications without affecting any disclosure is not considered limited protections under certain circumstances for voluntary disclosure of prescription drug use to unit commanders, first sergeants, a substance abuse counselor or a military medical professional.

Once an Airman has been authorized to provide a sample as part of the prescription drug testing program, the Air Force is not required to determine whether to provide the sample.

How to dispose of prescription medications

- Air Force expands testing to prescription drugs

By Jon Stock

February 27, 2016

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By Libby VanHook

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Dr. Lewis said the test article was a cone designed and fabricated this year, based on the research that was defined last year. “We end up with a test article that is actually tangible” payoff of the program at Tunnel 9 will involve specific challenges of hypersonic flight regimes, “The original proposal had on topics over the past six or seven years,” he said. “The first topic was understanding turbulence. In hypersonics, two significant challenges are transition and characterizing wake flow and drag. Better understanding turbulence can lead to more accurate transition predictions. “When we design sys- tems, boundary layer tran- sition will impact perfor- mance directly. Creating tools that can reliably predict transition is a high payoff, and understanding turbulence at these speeds will be where we are. We can design an experiment that investigates transition and collects data to understand turbulence; it will fit both goals. There will be a test article designed and fab- ricated this year, based on the research that was defined last year,” Marren said. “This model would be specifically designed to interrogate the physics of turbulence, and the instru- mentation used on this cone would be relevant and adequate to describing the physics,” Marren said. “At the end you would get measurements that could validate theories that then would be useful to re-entry vehicles in the future.”

AFMC 2011 Facility Energy Excellence Award winners announced

By Libby VanHook

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – The office of chief, systems management, has taken the lead at work clearing a command-wide reorganization to cut overhead costs, support and reduce the work force. The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) says that the requirement is critical for the proposal organization to be successful.

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For more information about developments in fellowship programs, to access application documents, re¬quests and submission instructions, or for information about other fellowship programs, please go to the Air Force Personnel Services website at https://gsa-cmnc.csd.disa.mil.
By Tech. Sgt. Randy Redman
363rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFNS) – Airmen here are testing a new fuel delivery system that officials say could revolutionize flight-line operations and save the Air Force millions of dollars.

The new Hydrant Mobile Refueler (HYMORE) has been in development for roughly a year and a half, and it could be implemented throughout the Air Force in 2012, according to the 633rd Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management superintendent.

“We’ve added a hydrant connection that we can connect to our Type 3, constant-pressure hydrant system, which will allow us to be able to pump fuel directly from the hydrant system, through the (truck), going straight to the aircraft,” Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Smith said.

In other words, where the R-11 fuel trucks normally pump fuel from their tanks into waiting aircraft, this modification allows the fuel truck to simply serve as a connection point and filter. The fuel stored in underground tanks will travel directly into the aircraft being serviced. One of the major hurdles this modification addresses is servicing heavy aircraft not assigned to Langley.

“When we have large-frame aircraft that come in, and they’re not parked directly on the pits where we can use the pantograph, we can bring the HYMORE truck out,” Smith said. “This truck will be able to pump as much fuel as our system is able to push out. We are here testing a lot of great ideas for the fuels arena,” Smith added.

New fuel delivery system at Langley could save millions

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Fifth generation fighters crucial to air superiority

By Tech. Sgt. Jena Harvey

AFRICA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Air Force is the world’s most advanced air and space force and, with the integration of fifth generation aircraft, is gaining new tactical air advantage that transcends beyond just stealth into areas such as enhanced maneuverability, multi-role capabilities and fusion sensor and avionics systems that can communicate with other weapons systems.

That’s why it’s imperative that U.S. forces continue to develop and begin to use fifth-generation fighters as they transition to the new Pacific-based strategy, according to Lt. Gen. Herbert J. “Hawk” Carlisle, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

“During the Air Force Association monthly breakfast here Feb. 23, I said fifth-generation fighters, such as the F-35 and Joint Strike Fighter and the F-22 Raptor, are critical to maintaining air superiority and global precision attack core competencies.

“The threat environment is continuing to grow, so we look at how we’re going to maintain those competencies in the future, that’s where fifth generation fighters come in,” he said. “It’s not just about stealth.”

FUELS

“Langley has been a test bed for many years, but this is the one that we are hanging our hat on. Time and money is what we are really excited about with this new HYMORE, and it’s already proven itself here at Langley.”

The 633rd LRS is responsible for all the fuels dispersed on the base, whether ground products such as gas onMission, or jet fuel designated for use in Langley AFB’s fighter jet. Fuels management personnel receive, test and distribute fuel as needed, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Master Sgt. Joseph Eveson, the 633rd LRS Fuels Management NCO in charge of facilities, said on any given day, fuels management services about 40 aircraft, including all our AFB’s fighters and any transient aircraft. Fuels management has 14 R-11 fuel trucks to service the aircraft and two trucks designated to service ground vehicles.

“If you have an R-11, you can issue 6,000 gallons, and then you have to come back and fill your truck,” Eveson said. “With the HYMORE, you’re only limited to capacity of the hydrant system – up to 900,000 gallons. You can take it all apart, and drive it back to its spot. With the HYMORE, you can just send one operator with his truck out to the aircraft.”

Eveson said once the system is approved for use at Langley AFB Wide, each base would have the option to purchase fuels hydrant service vehicles with the HYMORE modification.

“Instead of buying a new R-11, an R-12 and a pantograph truck, they could buy an R-11 and get the HYMORE attachment as an add-on,” Eveson said. “A pantograph costs about $31,500; an HSV costs about $200,000. The HYMORE costs about $130,000; so you’re looking at saving hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

Eveson said another benefit of the modification is that it requires almost zero training for the refueling operators because it’s such a simple piece of equipment to operate.

Senior Airman Lloyd Nau said the HYMORE is a success once it is set up. He said the equipment can save 45 minutes for every fueling operation.

“The biggest benefit would be it stops us from having to move the way back here to fill up our truck, and then go all the way back out to the aircraft and hook back up to it,” Nau said. “We can stay on the aircraft the entire time and refuel it.”

Smith said the Air Force would consider the HYMORE a success once it determines trucks with the modification can service aircraft at the same rate, or better, than the current equipment can. He said since 633rd LRS personnel have already done that, now it’s just a matter of working out the details.

“The next step would be that we would have this on the next (purchase),” Smith said. “That’s why we are testing and hot and heavy here at Langley, because we’re trying to get the data and provide it to the engineers. We’ve already learned way forward on this, and it is something you’re probably going to see before this year is out.”

“The F-22 is better than any other aircraft in the world at air-to-ground except for the F-35, and the F-35 is better than any other aircraft in the world at air-to-air except for the F-22,” Carlisle said. The general said the Air Force can continue to maintain the most elite fourth generation aircraft in the world but that won’t be the U.S. to handle threats in the future.

“Our Air Force has got to keep evolving to meet those new challenges as we move forward into the future,” said Carlisle. To illustrate this evolution and fifth generation fighter jet technology, the general shared a scenario in which an F-22 data-links coordinates a Navy submarine-launched Tomahawk missile onto a target.

“Now you have two stealth platforms, a submarine and an F-22, communicating with naval ordnance,” he said.

That level of interoperability is a large part of what makes the fifth generation aircraft so vital to the Air Force and U.S. military in general, he added. Aircraft must not only be stealth, but also highly maneuverable, able to conduct multiple roles, and these aircraft must also be able to handle sensor and avionics information in a network integrated way not only for the pilot, but for the entire joint force.

“We have to have a fused system capability and have them networked and integrated across the force,” he said. “To me, that’s what’s important in a fifth generation fighter as anything.”

Royal Air Force Senior Craftsman Mark Butler, an avionics technician, attaches Hydrant Mobile Refueling equipment to an F-3 Pilot aircraft at Langley Air Force Base, Va., March 7. Personnel at Langley AFB are testing the new fuel delivery system, which officials say could revolutionise flightline operations and save the Air Force millions of dollars. (U.S. Air Force photo/Karen 1st Class Kayla Newman)
Team Edwards member becomes first female active duty weapons chief in AF

By Laura Dempsey

Air Force Research Laboratory

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio—His name may be on the award, but Douglas Bowers is quick to downplay his role in winning it.

That’s because Bowers’ work as the newly merged director of Propulsion Directorate (U.S. Air Force) is, in quick to give it to the entire staff.

Chief Master Sgt. Christine Beaudion lines up the bomb lift truck to pick up a GBU-38, Joint Direct Attack Munition for a 4-1B load Mar. 5, 2012, during a training exercise. As superintendent of the AFRL/RZ, it is Beaudion’s responsibility to evaluate munition level crews on a monthly basis for their proficiency requirements. (U.S. Air Force photo/Laura Mowry)

National Agency honors AFRL propulsion director for tech transfer success

By Laura Dempsey

Air Force Research Laboratory

The years’ Women’s History Month celebration means to everyone involved.

This year, Women’s History Month will have special meaning to Christine Beaudion, 412th Maintenance Group Weapons Standardization Section superintendent.

Creating history of her own, she reached an impressive milestone Feb. 28, when Team Edwards promoted her to the rank of chief master sergeant and by becoming the first active duty female weapons chief in the Air Force, whose jet fuel consumption makes it the largest consumer of energy in the United States. The Air Force, however, use far more jet fuel than the Air Force, however, so their engagement in alternative fuel research is one that she believes has the most impact – alternative fuels.

“Development of alternative fuels has far reaching implications to the Air Force, whose jet fuel consumption makes it the largest consumer of energy in the federal government, has an obvious vested interest – as well as a public responsibility – to pursue development of Commercial aviation systems, and personnel are shared among research and development, industry; it’s the system by which developing technologies become commercially viable,” Trotta continued.

“Tech transfer benefits and all, and research and development to accomplish and facilitate collaboration – a priority for today’s AFRL,” said Kriston Schario, RZ’s Technology Transfer Manager, nominated Bowers for the award. The Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) asked for the “best example of technology transfer,” requiring Schario to narrow down RZ’s contributions to the one she believes has the most impact – alternative fuels.

“Development of alternative fuels has far reaching implications to the Air Force, whose jet fuel consumption makes it the largest consumer of energy in the federal government, has an obvious vested interest – as well as a public responsibility – to pursue development of Commercial aviation industry and academe,” it’s a peer review,” she said. “It’s difficult to pick winners, because they’re all worthy, but the selection process highlights the best thing that Mrs. Bowers is the work (in RZ) on alternative fuels. The technical impact was a big thing... The Presi- dents are in the office at this point, they have in the competition is a big deal,” Trotta said. "We’re developing a new approach to... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... The President... 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Arnold’s finest honored at annual awards banquet

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- Chad Bloom
  - Information Technology and Systems, Process Improvement
- Pamela R. Ferris
  - Future Research Corporation, Administrative NES
- Daniel Henley
  - Facilities Operations and Maintenance, Program/Project Management
- Brad Walker
  - Support Services, Administration
- Charles Scott
  - Support Services

**ATA Customer Service Team Member of the Year**
- Randy Quinn
  - Scientific Engineer
- Al Milhoan
  - Information Technology and Systems, Engineering Design
- Joseph D. Norris
  - Integrated Test and Evaluation, Science and Technology
- Clement Keith Holt
  - Investments, Technical Project Leader
- Doug Garrard
  - Integrated Test and Evaluation, Engineering Analysis

**ATA/Craft Team Member of the Year**
- Rick Goodfriend
  - Information International Associates Support Services, Internal Customer
- James T. Thompson
  - Integrated Test and Evaluation, External Customer
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- Doug Garrard
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**General Lee Gossick Team Excellence**
- Doyle Veazey
  - Team Leader, Integrated Test and Evaluation

**AEDC Technical Achievement**
- B-52H Wind Tunnel Model Team
  - Doyle Veazey, Team Leader, Integrated Test and Evaluation

**AEDC Airman of the Year and Honor Guard Member of the Year**
- William M. Dunne
  - People’s Choice Award
- Russell Roosa
  - Safety Professional

**AEDC Civilian of the Year**
- Senior Airman Tara Kindermann
  - Financial Services Technician, Financial Plans and Programs
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  - Superintendent, Fuels Management, Mission Support Division
- Brad Walker
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- Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
- Company Grade Officer of the Year
- Technical Award Winner of the Year

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F-35’s launch first step to future air dominance

By Chrissy Cutlita

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – No matter what uniform they wear, service members of the 33rd Fighter Wing know the launch of the first F-35 Lightning II flight here March 6 is a small step into the next half century of air dominance.

Morale was high even though the sortie was abbreviated by the pilot’s determination of an “in-flight emergency.”

“Our first sortie is truly a milestone for the program,” said Col. Andrew Toth, 33rd FW commander. “Unfortunately things happened. We didn’t want it to happen today, but we were prepared. Our pilot did the exact right thing in returning the jet back to Eglin. Although there were issues we are doing whatever we can to move the program forward safely and effectively.”

Pilots and maintainers want more time today to discuss the potential fuel leak finding that caused the precommissionary end of the sortie at 15 minutes versus the 90 minutes scheduled to be airborne to complete the operational check flight.

“We met both objectives today; get the aircraft airborne and start local area operations,” said Lt. Col. Eric Smith, the Air Force’s first F-35 pilot who tested the aircraft at Edwards AFB, Calif. “Our team did the most conservative thing by decelerating to bring the plane back. We trained for this many times in the simulator for this exact reason.”

The crowd on the flight line present for take-off kept the cheers for their in-coming team’s first aircraft launch and feel the day was still a success. “It’s a wonderful experience to know I made history launching the first F-35,” said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hussein, 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who saluted Smith in the cockpit before the jet taxied down the ramp.

Maintainers have been preparing for today’s launch with engine runs and taxi operations for approximately eight months since the aircraft began arriving here last summer. Utilizing virtual trainers, developing pilot curriculum and hosting small group tryouts has been the focus of personnel to ready themselves for flight operations to come.

“This is our execution year,” said Toth, who is proud of his team for laying the foundation to get the nation’s training program ready to go. “The cohesion we developed between the services make this not just about the Air Force, but about the wing’s program to launch the F-35A as a baseline for the JSF program’s future. It’s the entire team, all services and contractors to build this up. Had the partnership not been there, I don’t think we’d be here today.”

Since 2009, Air Force, Navy and Marines sent their best aviators and aircraft mechanics to develop the next generation warriors of the joint strike fighter program here. “I can’t wait until we fly more and show our stuff to the world,” said Senior Airman Arthur Verchot, 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief launch assistant.

More pilot students will flow into the program at the right time as the wing has the correct number of people in each phase of the program. With people as the main training product, the 33rd FW focuses on training for an anticipated 2,200 students a year and 900 “on campus” at any given time at full capacity.

According to Air Education and Training Command (AETC), they are taking event-driven approach to assess when to begin transitioning the entire JSF training system, including the aircraft, to a point where the wing can initiate the training syllabus.

“We will continue to make steady progress towards our goal of standing up a world class training program at Eglin,” said Gen. Edward Rice Jr., commander of AETC, who approved F-35 flight operations to begin shortly after the Air Force Aeronautical Systems Center awarded an airworthiness certificate to the service for their variant of the joint strike fighter.
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AF Under Secretary talks issues at Travis AFB

By Tyler Grimes

ERIN CONATON, Under Secretary of the Air Force, addressed issues at Travis AFB.

“High-quality and ready Airmen are more capable in the future,” Conaton said.

She said Travis has seemed to put their focus on the Middle East area of operations while increasing attention on the Asia-Pacific region. This new strategy should be well-suited for Travis Air Force Base, she said.

Travis is often referred to as the “Gateway to the Pacific.”

You all know better than anyone that nobody gets anywhere without you getting them there and getting them the fuel that they need,” said Conaton.

The under secretary said that innovation and developing efficiency initiatives at the lowest operational levels are keys to mission success, especially in a time when the Air Force is working with constrained budgets.

She said Team Travis is leading the pack in both of these regards.

“Air Mobility Command has really stepped up to the plate, not only in fuel efficiencies, but more broadly,” said Conaton.

“Travis has seemed to embrace tremendously the spirit of innovation and efficiency, recognizing that every dollar you are not spending on fuel or on something unproductive is a dollar you could be putting towards the real capability of your unit.”

Conaton also praised Airmen at Travis for the groundbreaking medical procedures conducted at David Grant USAF Medical Center (DGMC), their use of Mission Index Flying and electronic flight bags, and the flight support squadron’s success with the Food Transformation Initiative.

In the past several years, DGMC has implemented the use of a state-of-the-art, robotically-assisted, hybrid cardiovascular operating room, which offers the most advanced method for complex cardiac and vascular surgical procedures.

Meanwhile, Travis flying and maintenance squadrons recently earned $650,000 for fuel efficiency awards and the successful use of MIF, an airborne solution software that allows pilots to adjust their flight profile in real-time to maximize fuel efficiency while meeting mission objectives. Travis Airmen have also used electronic flight bags consisting of tablet devices to eliminate the extra weight of flight manuals on aircraft during missions which adds up to significant fuel savings.

Even though our focus has been on innovation, efficiencies, force structure, and budget cuts, we must not lose sight of the Air Force’s most important resource – it’s Airmen,” said Conaton.

“No matter what, we are going to value Airmen and their families,” she said.

“We are going to protect family programs and we are going to protect the personal counts to the maximum degree possible.”

Cal. Dwight Sonies, the 60th AMW commander, said he was extremely pleased with the under secretary’s visit to Travis.

“This was a tremendous opportunity for our Airmen to show senior Air Force leadership the amazing things they accomplish every day at this base,” said Sonies. “It also provided them an opportunity on a very personal level to understand the challenges our leadership face, and gave the Airmen valuable insight that leadership is working incredibly hard to protect the things they value most.”
Symposium focuses on importance of women’s role

By Senior Airman Chitina Brownlow
AF Times Panama City, Fla.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force leaders emphasized the importance of women’s role in the military at the 2012 Joint Women’s Leadership Symposium March 6 here.


Wolfenbarger and Woodward shared their thoughts on women who serve in the military to a crowd of approximately 150 Airmen and civilians during the service specific break-out sessions. Both generals enjoy status as pioneers among women in the Air Force. While Wolfenbarger was recently nominated as the Air Force’s first female four-star general, Woodward became the first woman to lead an air campaign in 2011, during Operation Odyssey Dawn.

“The women who are in our Air Force today are hungry for the opportunity to get together and have a chance to talk to others who have come before them and talk peer to peer,” Woodward said.

Before last year’s symposium, she thought this would single out our women because of their gender and not for working hard and accomplishing the mission. Wolfenbarger realized the event actually serves as an encourage-ment to women to help re-

26 geographically-cloud military installations into 12 joint-service installations. JB-COLS help ensure that these new joint bases are meeting joint-base and supportive services standards.

Additionally, these newly-deployed joint bases are assigned one military department to be the lead, or host, service at each location. JB Andrews is an Air Force-led joint base.

“The great thing about JB Andrews is that they clearly demonstrate what our capa-

“We love the Air Force, we love serving in it and we love each other so we but to make decisions that a lot of people thought were stupid choices,” Woodward said.

Every Airman will be called on to make sacrifices at some point, Woodward explained, elaborating on a key message she delivered to the symposium.

“Always be true to yourself,” Woodward said to the crowd. “Be yourself and be confident in who you are.”

Women have to balance their responsibilities in the service with those of life and family, Woodward said.

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JB Andrews ranked top AF-led joint base

By Airman 1st Class Lindsay A. Beadle

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. (AFNS) — In an annual Department of De-

fense evaluation of support-

vice joint-base capabilities, Joint Base Andrews was ranked at No. 1 compared to every other Air Force-led joint base as of March 1.

JB Andrews was awarded a grade of 96 percent during a Feb. 1-2 evaluation. In order to rack and stack these newly-formed joint installations, joint bases have to meet certain joint base regulations known as JB-COLS for joint base.

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Outdoor Rec sites are open to Ocoee for whitewater rafting

Outdoor Rec has scheduled two trips, April 19 and April 26, to go whitewater rafting on the middle section of the Ocoee River. Running through the heart of the Cherokee National Forest, this is one of America’s premier sections of whitewater with some of the most exciting and rugged action around.

The Ocoee River is great for beginners and the experienced raider with over 20 continuous class III and IV rapids. Both trips will leave at 8 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m. for ages 12 and older. Cost is $60 per individual and includes lunch. Sign up by April 12.

Additional prizes will be awarded each week for top finishers. Questions in random categories will be given. Prizes include a free appearance by Cinderella, her stepmother and Anastasia) and Belle from Beauty and the Beast.

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In honor of Administrative Professionals’ Day, April 25, Café 100 will be giving away $25 gift cards with the purchase of all beverages (purchase last). These may be brought back to Café 100 and used for future purchases at the regular 10 percent discount. That’s 10+10 percent discount! This special is for all customers, not only administrative, so stop by and try a Starbucks coffee, slice of pizza, salad or other selection and get your free mug!

Spring into Golf Special every day in April

Arnold Golf Course is offering a Spring into Golf Special, which includes $20 which includes 18 hole green fee, 18 hole cart fee plus hot dog and fountain soda – a $35 value!

Arnold Golf Course Customer Loyalty Program

Purchase an annual green fee for the 2012 season and receive.

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Teams of four will play a single elimination format using your equipment up until the best teams arise. There must be at least four teams to hold the tournament. ODR has 25 paintball guns available at a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be given a Services 32-ounce thermal mug with tokens which can be used for future soda purchases at the Arnold Lakeside Center.

Daddy-Daughter Dance sign up deadline March 19

Youth Programs has planned a Daddy-Daughter Dance with the theme “Dance with Cinderella” for March 23 at the Arnold Lakeside Center from 6-9 p.m. Cinderella ages 2-17 are invited to attend this semi-formal event with your dad (if daddy is not available, another “prince” may come in your place!) A special menu of grilled chicken breast with roasted red pepper cream sauce, white rice, steamed vegetables, rolls and red velvet cupcakes will be served. Price is $45 per couple for members ($55 for additional daughters) and $47 per couple for nonmembers ($57 for additional daughters).

Each Cinderella will receive a tiara and carnation plus a 5x7 keepsake photo. All attendees are asked to bring a picture from your younger years to share.

A DJ will provide music and videos for dancing. There will be a special appearance by Cinderella, her stepmother and step-stomper (Lady Tremaine, Drizella and Anastasia) and Belle from Beauty and the Beast. RSVP to Youth Programs, 454-1277, by March 19.

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Paintball

Those interested need to call and sign up at least a day ahead of time to ensure equipment availability. When the date arrives, simply meet at the paintball field and get play underway with the direction of an Outdoor Rec (ODR) staff member.

Cost is $35 per person with equipment provided.

All paintballs used must be purchased from ODR for $13 per bag of 500 or $45 for a box of 2,000. All paintball programs are for ages 10 and older. Ages 10-17 must have a parent permission form.

Remember to wear appropriate clothing — long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and closed toe shoes — as paintballs fly at 300 feet per second and possibly leave a mark other than paint. Call 444-6684 for more information about the paintball program or if you sign up for these events.

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Family Member/Youth Programs – 434-3277
Human Resources – 434-5841
Marketing & Sponsorship – 434-3128
Barber Shop – 434-6897
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Mulligan’s Coffee Bar and Grill – 434-FOOD (3663)

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paintballs and $150.00 (for the duration of the year). Unless otherwise noted, BX/Commissary hours of operation: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The BX/Commissary next to the BX.

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**Spring Activities**

- **April 5** – We bought a Zoo. Rolled up starring Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson. Inspiring and true story about the magical power of family to persevere in the face of extraordinary challenges. Set in Southern California, a father moves to the country side to renovate and reopen a fixer-upper and certainly succeeds as long as he doesn’t let his fierce loyalty or his young family to the country side to renovate and reopen a fixer-upper.


- **April 5** – Savages. A thriller about the criminal underworld. Rated R starring Blake Lively, Ryan Reynolds, and Daniel Bruhl. 

**Outdoor Activities**

- **Spring Break Camp**
  - **April 18-22** at 9:00am
  - **April 25-29** at 9:00am
  - **April 30-May 3** at 9:00am

- **Summer Camps**
  - **June 17-August 9**
  - **August 12-August 16**
  - **August 19-August 23**

- **FAMY Camp**
  - **June 25-July 1**
  - **July 2-7**
  - **July 9-14**
  - **July 16-21**
  - **July 23-28**
  - **July 30-August 4**

- **Sports Camps**
  - **June 17-August 9**
  - **August 12-August 16**
  - **August 19-August 23**

- **Swimming Camp**
  - **June 17-July 1**
  - **July 2-7**
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  - **July 23-28**
  - **July 30-August 4**

**Movie Schedule**

**April 19**

- **Captain Phillips**
- **We Are the Millers**
- **Winds of War**

**April 26**

- **Deadpool**
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- **Knock Knock**

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