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**Lead Across the Tribal Barriers**

By Lt. Col. Clifford Rich

**JIB Lone Star**

A team is any organization that has at least two people and to which any individual is a member. The challenge for such teams is to achieve a shared understanding of the mission and how to achieve their objectives. This can be especially difficult when there is a lack of trust or cooperation between team members. The key to overcoming these challenges is through open and honest communication, mutual respect, and shared goals. By working together, team members can overcome obstacles and achieve their objectives.

**Leading in our Fiscal Environment**

By Capt. Natalie Schlimme

**EILOM AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFNS)** – Although the Defense Language Institute (DLI) is located in the middle of the African desert, one of my mentors taught me that being humble is better than being arrogant, and being a little bit aggressive in my mannerisms. Sure enough, enough he’d be in the air with the AF, that he was unforgiving. But, the AF was now improved. I asked him what he meant by that. He replied that he just wanted a little more fun. Then I said, “Yes, why can’t we just make a new AF?”

**No, he replied.**

**Could be AF the AF that just broke up?**

Or could it be that he knew the child is currently struggling for cash money and is just trying to see what is no longer available for the AF?

**In fact, we will not have the money until next fiscal year, which is four months away, and then we will have to bump something else off the budget during that fiscal quarter.**

**The problem is that the Air Force cannot afford to simply “get a new one.” Because of this, we will need to focus on making cuts and finding innovative ways to cut the budget.**

**We have not found a way to improve the Air Force without damaging it.**

**Most of the time, if you have to think about it.**

**The best way to do it is to find a way.**

**Take care of your gear and your unit. Our Air Force will be better because of your responsible decision.**

**Action Line**

**Team AEDC**

I believe in free and open communications with our communities and stakeholders. The Action Line available. People who can use the Action Line for quick and effective feedback. People who can come with ideas on improvements, enter complaints or get other questions answered. The Action Line is a way of one of three ways: via the AEDC internal home page, via the AEDC internal home page, or via the AEDC internal home page, by calling 454-6000.

**The Action Line is always available, the best and fastest way to get things resolved is by using your chain of command or contacting a member of the organization directly involved. Everyone is going to have a problem that isn’t right, give us a call.**

Col. Michael Brewer
AEDC Commander
One of best's remains guiding principle of Air Force's first female 4-star general

By Monica D. Morales

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio — Through a more than three-decades career punctuated by differing assignments, duties and ranks, Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger maintains that one constant has guided her career and will continue to as she transitions into her new post as the service's first female four-star general.

“I approach my Air Force service now the same way I always have — as an Airman, with the aim of doing the best job I can to accomplish the mission,” the Air Force Materiel Com- mand's new commander said.

This guiding tenet also undoubtedly led her through her time at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where Wolfenbarger was admitted as a member of the first class with 1,513 other cadets. Inspired to apply for the service academy by her father — who led an Air Force career — Wolfenbarger received her commission in 1981.

“Air Force service now the same as ever: When I first walked on the hill, I was 18, and I was going to change the culture. It’s a very different place today, but one thing that has not changed, is the Air Force’s ability to attract, develop and retain talent,” Wolfenbarger said.

The general pointed to the AEDC’s mission as one that touches an enormous amount of space and time, noting that one of her key goals is to continue to grow and maintain a culture that supports an all-volunteer force.

Air Force Materiel Command

According to MSEP, more than 394,977 jobs have been posted by MSEP partners, and 20,529 military spouses have been hired by the program’s partners. Of those, 77 percent of military spouses are women.

According to MSEP, nearly 99 percent of all career fields have seen increased participation by military spouses. For the last two years, the program has seen a 99 percent increase in female participation.

Spouses of any active-duty or retired military members are eligible to apply for jobs through the MSEP’s website.

“Those who seek employment through the MSEP have to meet the same hiring standards that are used by the organization’s traditional workforce,” Schwartz said.

“While we work to network to find a job, that’s six to eight months maybe that you’re not earning a paycheck. Many times when people are looking for employment, they are looking for their 'heart'.”

Local leaders attend change of command.

By Tech Sgt. Marley Hayes

Washington Air National Guard

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFNS) — As the wife of the Air Force Chief of Staff, State-Secretary Schwartz has the opportunity to meet with Air Force families stationed all across the country and around the world.

And when she does, one thing that comes up time and time again is spouse employment.

During a recent interview, Schwartz said it’s relatively new for the Air Force to think of military spouses as part of the mission.

“Military spouses have been carrying an enormous load for years, and in a lot of ways, haven’t been given the recognition they deserve,” Schwartz said.

MSEP benefits military spouses and their families by providing access to employment opportunities, allowing them to continue their careers and make a contribution to the Air Force.

For the last two years, MSEP has seen a 99 percent increase in female participation, and according to MSEP officials, the program has almost doubled, and now serves all of the military services.

“We’re going to find them a job, and if they’re military spouses, we’re going to make sure that job is for sure,” she said.

“We’re saying we’re going to ease some of those speed bumps and make it a little bit easier because we want to keep these families,” Schwartz said. A unique career obstacle that many spouses face is reconciling their active-duty husband or wife. According to MSEP officials, 77 percent of military spouses want or need employment, but find it difficult because of frequent relocations.

Pushes for military spouses to find employment

Schwartz said the program is not just about getting more people into the workforce.

“During some of the most challenging and tur- buent times for our Air Force, General Hoffman has needed success,” he continued. “Don and Jill, thank you for your continued dedication to our Air Force, and for your continued support to our contributions to our nation’s defense.”

Hoffman said that he would miss the quality of the people in the Air Force, and the recognition and respect that he has earned over his career.

“They’re the people that we’ve been proud to be part of,” Schwartz said.

The program’s partners not only hire military spouses, but also help them find jobs, and provide them with resources and support that they need to be successful in their careers.

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She mentioned that Hoffman’s leadership and vision for the Air Force has given her a clear understanding of the mission and its importance.

“We moved at the drop of a hat,” Schwartz said. “We were there to accompany the service and make sure that connection in the local community was made.

That’s kind of what (MSEP offers) – some of that networking and movement that you would have in a community for 15 years,” she added.

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Bymaster said. “They do this complete work, and you get a little more visibility into what’s going on inside you versus just looking into the outside. That’s what we’re really looking for – early indicators.”

Outside of test-related functions, the Chem Lab also has a close relationship with AEDC’s industrial hygiene lab. The help labs work together. Sometimes, if workers have been exposed to hazardous materials in the workplace.

The Industrial Hygiene section has put together sampling pumps on work areas, like a painter, to make sure he’s not being overexposed to solvents in the paint or paint thinner, or put a pump on a welder to make sure he’s not being overexposed to metals literally coming off the welding process. “They take the samples that they collect from workers, bring them here and we analyze them.”

This aspect of what the Chem Lab does is one of its standard characteristics, because it is one of only three Air Force bases in the world that is accredited by the American Industrial Hygiene Association. Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and Kadena AFB, Japan, are the other two. The accreditation allows the Chem Lab to monitor for work areas that may be sending samples off base, which can be critical when it comes not only to worker health, but also to customers that depend on that work.

The good part about that is if there are toxic areas for a worker in a test cell, then it can be shut down immediately, and they can stop that work and get it under control. “They have an answer to what it is,” Lock said. “That’s when the fun begins,” Lock said. “Those are the kinds of things that make it challenging to get to those areas, so they can decide if something they need to be concerned about.”

The fun comes in all forms, so the Chem Lab always gets a little bit of a fast-paced job. “We get some good stuff sometimes,” Lock laughed. And looking back, that may have been a humorous situation, but on a serious note, the ability to get instant results meant there was no stopping in work or added costs incurred by sending a sample outside the test for cert.”

With the capability to support so many different areas at AEDC, it may come as a surprise to some that there are very few areas, if any, where you can’t find liquid hand soap and water. We get some good stuff sometimes,” Lock said. “We have about 150 active welding procedure specifications, and that’s an old way to specify welding, but it works.”

The microscope’s digital camera allows you to have the experience of spot cracks or welding deficiencies, work and getting it done faster.

One chemist now can operate many different instruments at the same time because of the automation, so that allows us to be more flexible and have more capabilities with fewer people.”

Inspectors are also charged with the responsibility of conducting in-service inspection and metallurgical inspections, and that is working closely with the Safety and Environment Team. The Met/NDE Lab is capable of 150,000 times magnification, and for wastewater that is accredited by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and state regulations for drinking water and wastewater that go off base. They also monitor contaminant levels in the groundwater, which are being cleaned up through an ongoing Installation Restoration Program.

And then there’s the detective work – the part of the job Lock says is the most fun. “It’s the unknowns and unusual samples that take them and really show off our capabilities.”

Lock said. The detective work begins when there’s a situation such as a worker in a test cell pulling a grease or oil out of a component due to the amount that has passed. It could be someone who’s missing the grease or oil under the lubrication. They can determine what sort of lubrication work has to send that off, you have that figures back to them, so they can decide if it’s something they need to be concerned about.”

That work involves checking the guy, so they can determine if anything deficiencies or required preventive maintenance is performed. Inspectors have a wide variety of tools at their disposal for inspections, and they’re strict on top of each other.

“Mainly, it’s eyeballs,” Lock said. “That’s the most important one we have.”

Workers use their eyes when checking welds on a job and familiar with the proper welding procedures and materials. To do the job, they have to know the materials. “We have about 150 active welding procedure specifications,” Lock said. “You have different materials, for different sizes, we have different filler metals, and you have different standards for structural, piping and pressure systems. We can highlight the smallest cracks in materials when viewed under special light.”

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Bender said despite the economic uncertainties, he sees a bright future for AEDC.

“The military strategy must always be to defend a higher ground, ” Bender said.

Col. Bobby Bender poses in front of a B-2 at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., with his wife Angela and their daughters, Madeline and Victoria in 2003. (Photo provided)

Bender

AEDC Mission Support Division chief retires after long career

By Patrick Lawrence III

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ATA’s Employee and Community Activities Council (E&CAC) recently made a donation to the Coffee County Schools Skills USA program. Skills USA is a national program that supports trade and industry students within career and technical education. Pictured from left are Charles Jones, Kirsty Brown, E&CAC Civic Chair Debbra Combs, Skills USA advisor Mindy Acheln, Skills USA state parliamentarian Leah Hudson and Celby Welch. (Photo provided)

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professional leadership in the development and successful completion of state-of-the-art diagnostic systems, analysis methods and test methodologies in support of AEDC’s contributions to weapon system development.

David C. Bond

David Bond arrived at AEDC in 1975 to serve as the Air Force project manager for the Test Instrumentation System (TIS) project. He was responsible for developing and installing the $30 million data acquisition and processing system for the Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility, then the free world’s largest turbine engine test facility.

Throughout the years, Bond held a variety of positions at AEDC. As technical director for Communications and Computer Systems, Bond was responsible for a $40 million upgrade of the center’s data-processing and communications network. He also served as chief of the Space Systems Division, chief of the Application Technology Division and technical director of the Operations Directorate.

Bond went on from AEDC to serve as the deputy director for the Air Force Materiel Command’s (AFMC) Operations Directorate, where his strong advocacy for AEDC played a key role in increased funding for test and evaluation infrastructure. He later became executive director of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, Air Force Research Laboratory career as director of the Software and Systems Management for AFMC. He continues to advocate for the Air Force and the American Society for the Roy Society of America.

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Mitch Turrentine, an ATA Flight Systems Plant Operations engineer, is someone who has known what he wants out of life from an early age.

Turrentine first came to AEDC as a co-op student when he began pursuing his college education at Motlow State Community College. He soon transferred, first to Tennessee Technological University for one year and then completed his bachelor’s degree at Tennessee State University.

“I’ve always felt like I wanted to be a mechanical engineer and the co-op program allowed me to kind of do that work in various areas,” he said. “I enjoyed working in the plant and maintenance area and that was it.”

Turrentine said his professional interests became established when he was in grade school.

“Throughout grade school, I’ve always enjoyed math and science,” he said. “Probably math was my favorite course throughout grade school and then [at] South Middle School.

“I had some excellent science teachers, so math and science has kind of always been my thing.”

From the beginning, AEDC impressed Turrentine, who was hired as a test engineer at the Mark I Space Chamber in 1990.

“AEDC was kind of amazing, no doubt it’s a unique place,” he said. “Its mind-boggling actually – the huge size of the equipment and unique stuff out here. The large wind tunnels and Mark I which goes three or four stories below ground – that’s what caught my attention, there’s nothing small here.”

Along with his passion for science and math, Turrentine has also had a long-standing interest in giving back to the community.

Volunteerism has been close to Turrentine’s heart for a long time, according to those who know him best.

Four years ago, Dr. Tom Smith, the director of Graduate Medical Education at the Southern Tennessee Medical Center in Winchester, encouraged Turrentine to join a local non-profit organization called the Partner in Education (PEN) Foundation.

“AEDC’s Mitch Turrentine volunteers with local PEN Foundation

By Philip Lorena III

Aerospace Testing Alliance

‘V’ plant at AEDC, is still impressed with the size of the establishment of the PEN Foundation qualified us for the government’s three-star award,” Smith said.

“Mitch’s daughters have all gone through our public schools and he understands the need to enhance public education,” Smith said.

Mitch is honest, hard-working, and professional and exemplifies someone with a good work ethic,” she said.

“Mitch is very knowledgeable of the VKF plant and it is something we are always seeking information and learning from. He freely shares his knowledge and experience, making everyone the better for it. He respects the opinions of others, but can stand firm when he knows he is right. Mitch can make a decision.”

Smith emphasized that Turrentine’s involvement with the PEN Foundation also reflects the engineer’s focus on his own family.

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Mitch is pleased that his youngest daughter, who is 13, is already showing an interest in science.

“Last year she won the first place overall at South’s science fair and this year she placed second in physics,” he said.

Turrentine was hoping to return to school to complete his master’s degree, but work, volunteering at the PEN Foundation and family are his priorities.

“One day [his daughters] come along and I just don’t have time to complete that master’s,” he said.

Turrentine said his commitment to education and promoting it in the community is one decision everyone can relate to, whether they have children or not, especially during today’s uncertain economic climate.
Air Force launches first special tactics wing to meet evolving needs

By Rachel Arroyo
All Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFRN) -- curryng, training and developing a single special operations force provides combatant commanders with more than 140 different capabilities that are able to engage in joint terminal air attack, environmental reconnaissance, recovery, weather and environmental reconnaissance. The special operations forces provide combatant commanders with more than 140 different capabilities that are able to engage in joint terminal air attack, environmental reconnaissance, recovery, weather and environmental reconnaissance. The special operations forces provide combatant commanders with a single combat command to lead the recuitment, training and development of our special tactics warriors and ultimately

Some of the 2012 Mach Tenn award winners pose for the camera, including (back row, l-r) Eric Bjorn, Bill Bjorn, John Johnson, 1st Lt. Brad Chronister, Tony Pennington, Steve Lovett, Sarah Lovett, Paula Sanematsu, overall winner Tiago Barreiro and Ricki Oste; and (front row, l-r), Mark Johnson, Jon Neal and John Spurlin. (Photo provided)

Eric Bjorn prepares to begin the 2012 Mach Tenn Triathlon with Dave Ruckstuhl next in line. Bjorn finished 4th out of 21 in his age group and Ruckstuhl went on to swim a top-10 time out of over 300 competitors. (Photo provided)
Rita Bell, the data reduction and computer software mathematician at AEDC’s Hypervelocity Tunnel 9 facility in White Oak, Md., is retiring after a long career spanning more than 40 years.

“Rita Bell was a member of a three-person data reduction team at the Naval Surface Weapons Center White Oak Wind Tunnel Complex when I arrived at work in 1984,” said Dan Marren, Tunnel 9’s site director. “While I learned my trade as a journeyman test engineer, I developed an understanding of what it took to make a successful project and very quickly understood that this team of highly intelligent and actually very nice women – all three were female – worked keys to a well executed wind tunnel test.”

Marren said Bell was a core member of the team during his whole time at Tunnel 9. “Rita would instruct me as to the steps I needed to accomplish and the people I needed to work with to make my project successful,” he said. “Insights into personalities of other team members and tricks of the trade were imparted as well. I owe Rita for helping me avoid several ‘land mines’ over the years.”

Marren and Bell wrote most of the code, which on those early years were on punch cards.

“Rita was singularly responsible for ensuring our reduction code kept current with the times,” he said. “She took us through FORTRAN and eventually into MATLAB where it exists today with GUI (graphics user interface) and some very customer-friendly interfaces that make the job of our technical staff more effective and efficient.”

Bell retired from the government after a full career and agreed to stay on with AEDC to work with the times,” he said. “She is still the only person in the world who has been able to push the run button of Tunnel 9 – without the five years of operator training as she did for our 3,000th test run.”

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Air Force Public Affairs Agency

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) – The Air Force chief of staff reinforced the importance of avoiding a “hollow force” to a group of civic and industry leaders attending the Air Force Association’s monthly breakfast here June 11.

Gen. Norton Schwartz said the Air Force must secure the proper balance between separate but closely related dimensions: readiness, modernization and force structure. “A shortfall in one or more of these dimensions leads to inefficiencies that are both distinct but intertwined – respectively: a hollow, aging, and poorly postured force,” Schwartz said. “This complex interplay is why the oft-referenced ‘deficit balance’ is so difficult to achieve.”

For the Air Force, an important part of achieving this balance is ensuring it has the right mix of active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen and force structure, Schwartz said. To that end, Air Force leaders in all three components worked together on the fiscal 2013 budget request and related strategy planning to understand the compromises that can and must be made to maintain an effective, efficient force, he said. “Despite the fact that we did not always agree with complete unanimity, which is understandable due to different perspectives and institutional imperatives between the active and reserve components, we stand by our consensus – together,” the general said.

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SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Twenty-two years ago, Air Force Academy cadet Amy Santmyr, now Lt. Col. Amy Young, decided she would wear an MIA bracelet honoring the 80th Operations Group here — a four-ship Missing Man flyover June 15 honoring the fallen fellow Airman whose name she has worn and remembered for more than two decades.

As the chief of the scheduling division and a T-6 instructor pilot, Young oversees the 80th Flying Training Wing’s flight orientation program, coordinating support and approval for aerial events and flyovers.

Young said periodically the Air Force watch cell would receive requests for volunteers to support upcoming funerals and memorial services.

"On the day this particular request came in, it happened to be at my computer and the one to open the email," she said. "As I was scrolling through the thoughts that started going through my mind were that maybe, just maybe, the name I recognized the name: Lt. Col. Charles Walling."

"I was absolutely ecstatic to see his name," Young said. "As soon as I processed that he had been recovered, I immediately started making phone calls to confirm that they had actually found him and brought him home."

The following day, Young immediately initiated the approval process for the flyover, routing it through her chain of command.

Within 24 hours the flyover was approved. The 80th Flying Training Wing’s leadership’s decision was quick and easy: "Absolutely. Let's put him to rest properly."

It was a surreal moment for Young.

She had always intended to return the bracelet to the family, but not in the form of an MIA to be recognized as missing. She knew that when her country asked her to do something unspeakable, she would be able to do so without hesitation.

"I never would have imagined that I would end up in a position to be able to do something like this for the family, to help them to rest the right way and in an honorable way to show some thanks to a fallen military hero," Young said.

Walling’s funeral will be full military honors and a four-ship missing man flyover in his honor led by Young. But Young also wanted to offer the Walling family her MIA bracelet so they could lay it to rest with him if they wanted to. So, she contacted the family.

The Walling family was thrilled to hear from Young, for they share a special bond. Now Young will be traveling not only for the flyover, but will attend the visitation and the wake with his family as well.

As a combat pilot herself, Young has always found great comfort in the fact that even if something unexpected were to happen, without a doubt she knew that her country would come looking for her.

"One of the greatest certainties our country offers us as a nation, but not be aware of is that we will not leave a fallen Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine behind, and this story is a testament to that fact," Young said. "That after 46 years we finally brought this particular Airman home, to his family."

And the entire time that the family was waiting, they were waiting alone. The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command’s entire mission is to search for, recover, and identify missing service members from past conflicts so that their families can lay them to rest.

"I can't imagine sitting in that awful reality for 46 years knowing that your loved one is gone but you can't put them to rest, so you don't have any closure," Young said. "But we are finally able to give this family some closure because of the efforts of JPAC."

When asked how she felt about Walling finally being brought home and the opportunity to participate in his homecoming, Young’s answer was simple.

"I'm absolutely thrilled for the family. To be able to give them closure is tremendous and I feel honored to be a part of that," Young said. "We can honor his service and sacrifice but also the service and the sacrifice that his family has made throughout."

Young has learned a lot from this whole experience and wanted to have a message of hope for those families who are still waiting on loved ones to return.

"I think my biggest take away from this whole experience is that people and families who are still waiting and don't have that closure yet -- they should remember and know that they are not alone," she said. "There are men and women working tirelessly to bring them home, and people wearing bracelets keeping the wait with them every day."
AF Housing website offers information for moving Airmen

By Danny Monahan
377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. A new website was recently launched to help Airmen access information about Air Force housing.

The Air Force Housing website, www.housing.af.mil, provides standardized information about unaccompanied, base and local housing available at each Air Force base. "This site is a one-stop shop," said Teri Beckett, Kirtland AFB Housing Management office Capital Asset manager. "Airmen arriving at Kirtland will see www.housing.af.mil, as well as Airmen relocating to other bases. This will help streamline the PCS process, instead of each base having its own web page or factsheet."

The website also offers links to several other sites, such as www.move.mil, which assists Airmen with shipping household goods, and www.defensetravel.dod.mil, which helps Airmen with travel arrangements. "The new Air Force Housing website has a frequently asked questions section, addressing the concerns Airmen have when moving to a new base," said Beckett. "Once Airmen click the Kirtland AFB link on the home page, they can view photos and floor plans of the housing available here," said Beckett. "There is also information about Albuquerque’s amenities, utility companies and school districts."

Airmen moving to a new base should use the site as a resource, and are encouraged to contact the base housing office at their gaining installation for more information, said Beckett.
Manchester resident Don Northcutt, a well-known local artist who came to AEDC in 1952 to work as a technical artist, has died.

For 40 years, Northcutt rendered scenes of Middle Tennessee into timeless images that will preserve old barns, country stores, train depots and homesteads long after they’ve been torn down or faded into history.

AEDC’s Vickie May and Janice Willis said more than 20 years ago one of Northcutt’s drawings became “the gift” presented to all of AEDC’s civilian service and active duty employees upon their retirement.

May, AEDC’s protocol officer at Arnold for more than 20 years, never met Northcutt but said the significance of his artwork went beyond monetary value.

“When a person comes to me planning a retirement, one of the first things they ask is ‘will I get the print?’ she said. “It’s that special. It represents AEDC – it has the test units that make it the largest and most advanced test center in the world.”

Janice Willis, an Information International Associates graphics illustrator at AEDC, worked with Northcutt from 1975 until he retired.

She said Northcutt did ‘beAUTiful’ drawings throughout his career at the site. Willis said Northcutt was known for his fine, detailed work and for producing and selling his art at art fairs and craft shows around the country.

“Almost every single field he was in, he just touched many people,” Willis said of Northcutt.

Don Northcutt presents the first copy of what became “the retirement print” for outgoing active duty and DOD personnel at AEDC to Col. Stephen Condon, who was the AEDC commander from 1986 until 1989.

“Many of those old railroad stations have been torn down,” she said. “They don’t exist.”

Northcutt served at the Coffee County Commission for 20 years and also refereed high school basketball, baseball and football games.

The Viola, Tenn., native moved to Manchester in 1940 and worked for the state as a surveyor. He then went to work at AEDC as a technical illustrator before retiring in 1988 after 36 years. His first art show was in 1972 at Old Stony Fort Art Show in Manchester.

Northcutt sketched “thousands” of scenes of life and places throughout Coffee County and surrounding counties.

Mike Northcutt, ATA’s director and son of Don Northcutt’s son, said his father’s passion for drawing, during his career at AEDC, was the artwork he produced and sold at art shows around the country, was the same.

“He just touched many lives with so many different kinds of drawings; he did old buildings, people, old home places and animals,” Northcutt said.

“Most of his artwork, he would frame it in wood, barn-looking wood.”

Don Northcutt drew was in October 1994 and he didn’t finish it – a drawing of Cedar Lane Market in Tullahoma.

Mike said his father’s rapport with friends, or people he had met for the first time, was consistent.

“He never met a stranger,” he said.

Later in life Don was diagnosed with macular degeneration, a medical condition which results in a loss of vision in the center of the person’s visual field.

Mike said his father took his condition in stride, even after it progressed to where he could no longer do his artwork.

“One thing I told the preacher who preached at his funeral, he never complained after he lost his eyesight,” he said. “He always said he could find somebody worse off than him.”

Over the years, Northcutt traveled with his wife Carolyn throughout the United States participating in art and craft shows.

Mike said he knows that some of his father’s artwork went to all 50 states in the U.S. and is known to be displayed in Germany, Japan, China, Australia, Yugoslavia and Russia.
**What Services are available for you?**

The Services Division has many activities such as marina, camping, lodging, gyms, fitness centers, golf courses, tennis courts, dining, shopping and barber shops. All of these activities have membership. Use of all these activities is available to the entire AEDC workforce, as well as all current and retired Defense Department employees. The areas only open to the public are the golf course, including Mulligan’s Golf Cafe and Grill, and Creek Line Lee Coffee Shop. However, there may be special events available to the community by invitation of the AEDC Commander.

For a current list of installation, government employees (military and DOD civilians) are eligible for more than 450 reciprocal agreements (US Army, US Marine Corps and US Navy). These agreements are required for prime operating contractor employees who are Members First Plus members. Additionally, members as well as both current and retired Defense Department civilians are entitled to use all areas except Fitness Centers. Prime operating contractor employees are not eligible for Fitness Centers. Prime operating contractor employees that are Members First Plus members at the time of their retirement must become Arnold Community Center members in order to become eligible for membership. For membership questions, contact Claude Morse at 247-5151 or visit Arnold Community Center online at www.arnoldcommunitycouncil.com.

**Extended stays available at FamCamp**

The FamCamp is a wooded area off of Northshore Road on the banks of Woods Lake. FamCamp is available to active duty and retired military, DOD civilians and DOD employees who are Members First Plus members, as well as both current and retired Defense Department civilian employees. Call 454-6084 prior to arrival and complete your reservation. Amenities include bathroom shelter with hot and cold water, laundry, showers, and a large laundry/dry cleaning service. RV spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Popular nights include Wingo Inn (lodging), Arnold Lakeside Center, Outdoor Recreation (Marina, FamCamp, Crockett Cove), Golf Course, Family Member/Youth Programs and Fitness Center. Those mentioned above are the only available areas at FamCamp. The trailers rent for $40 daily, $75 for two days or $200 per week. Extended three month stays are available at these areas. You can only make reservations up to 90 days in advance for military personnel and up to 30 days for DOD employees. All government employees are eligible to become eligible for membership. For more details or to make reservations, fans that his service station is for “trans- miles only.” As we see the racers race through the eyes of a television news team covering the event, we soon discover that there is more than a sporting rivalry between the brown animals and the green animals. Loyalties to their specific colors create a natural animosity among these creatures. Sound familiar? The same race occurs every Saturday night at “The Tortoise Versus the Hare: The Great Race” is set somewhere in desert country where the inhabitants of West Fairy Station are preparing for the highlight of their year – the annual race between the Reptiles and the Mammals. A company of racing actions attempts to tell the tale in classical fashion. The hate works mainly through brand-yourstar as the racing team that is most likely to achieve their chosen goal. Be careful to read the fine print that is included with your membership as it is only a – “just a little – just a little delusional.” In the end, the animals fulfill the folly of their ways and live happily together.

**Membership Drive Finale Event July 13: Olympic Team Night with Costco**

The Membership Drive is a “Thank you” to the community for all of their support. The Membership Drive is a way for us to show appreciation to all current members and to get as many interested folks as possible interested in our Membership.
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July Movie Schedule
Movie nights are Thursdays with movie start times of 6:30 p.m.

July 5 – “Mirror Mirror,” rated PG (1 hr. 46 min.) starring Lily Collins, Julia Roberts and Armie Hammer.

• An evil queen steals control of a kingdom and an exiled princess enlists the help of seven resourceful elves to win back her birthright.

July 12 – “The Hunger Games,” rated PG-13 (2 hr. 22 min.) starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth.

• Set in a future where the Capitol selects a boy and girl from the twelve districts to fight to the death on live television, Katniss Everdeen volunteers to take her younger sister’s place for the latest match.

July 19 – “Wrath of the Titans,” rated PG-13 (1 hr. 33 min.) starring Sam Worthington and Liam Neeson.

• Perseus braves the treacherous underworld to rescue his father, Zeus, captured by his son, Ares, and brother Hades who unleash the ancient Titans upon the world.

July 26 – “A Thousand Words,” rated PG-13 (1 hr. 31 min.) starring Eddie Murphy, Cliff Curtis and Kerry Washington.

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July 26

After stretching the truth on a deal with a spiritual guru, literary agent Jack McCall finds a Bodhi tree on his property. Its appearance holds a valuable lesson on the consequences of every word we speak.