Sequestration would impact AFMC mission

By AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO – Air Force Materiel Com- mand will be forced to implement spending reductions that will have substantial impact on its mission if sequestration takes effect March 1. These reductions will include changes to many AFMC programs and systems.

All aspects of the command’s mission of science and technology, life-cycle management, test and evaluation and the sustainment of the Air Force’s weapon systems will be degraded if budget sequestration occurs.

Sequestration will force the command to reduce its daily operat- ing budget and add budget cuts to other programs such as civilian pay, aircraft maintenance, research and development, test and acquisition of new weapon systems. The impacts would not only be felt at AFMC locations, but would ripple throughout the entire Air Force since AFMC is the executive agent for many programs and systems. AFMC officials are planning for sequestration impacts that include:

• Reduced weapon systems sustainment, resulting from funding cuts for the mainte- nance of aircraft and other weapon systems.
• If directed by the Depart- ment of Defense, furlough of civilian employees of up to 22 days between April and September. These furloughs may impact the AFMC mission across the spectrum of life- cycle acquisition, manage- ment and sustainment of Air Force weapon systems.
• Reduced testing of Air Force weapon systems. Test schedules may be im- paired by factors such as civilian furloughs, aircraft maintenance reductions and reduced base operating sup- port.
• Denial of funds to be in- vested in long-term research and development projects. The impacts of sequestration in January would undertake several near-term actions to save money such as implementing a temporary civilian hiring freeze, release of non-mission critical term and tempo- rary employees, cancellation of non-mission critical temporary supply purchases, reducing some service contracts and postponement of non-emergency facility sustainment.

If sequestration occurs, these near-term actions, already under- way, will continue through the re- mainder of the year, further reduc- ing the capability of each AFMC instal- lation to accomplish its mission. It will also be felt by other services and federal agencies, particularly tenants on our installations. Also, customers who rely on AFMC facilities for test and evaluation work would be impacted.

AEDC to hold Black History Luncheon
celebrating African American heritage

By Raquel March

ATA Public Affairs

An AEDC African American Heri- tage luncheon (AAHL) is scheduled for Thursday, 11 a.m. at the Arnold Lake- side Center (ALC) to observe the 2013 Black history theme “The Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington.”

This year’s theme was developed by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) to observe two historical anniversaries – the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the March on Washington in 1963.

The theme is a reflection on the events that occurred beginning with the Emancipa- tion Proclamation, which focused on freedom from slavery, and the events that led to the March on Washington which focused on equality and jobs.

“This marks the 150th anniversary of the first major step this country took in es- tablishing freedom for African-Americans who were wrongfully taken from their native homelands of Africa and enslaved against their will,” said Artious Walker, an AEDC acquisition project manager and AAHL committee member. “The Emancipation Proclamation was a key leading to the 13th Amendment being passed and the beginnings of a long and continuous struggle for equal- ity for a people who helped to build this great nation.”

“The March of Washington marked the 100th year anniversary of the Emancipa- tion Proclamation and served as a key event during the American Civil Rights movement. It too had lasting effects, ailing in the Civil Rights Act as well as the Voting Rights Act being passed.”

AFSA Information Technology and AAHL committee member Sharon Vance also expressed the significance of the historical events.

“As we celebrate how far we have come.”

The March on Washington in 1963. (Photo by Warren K. Leffler)

Emancipation Proclamation Document, 1863 (Library of Congress image)

LUNCHEON

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Tracking small UAVs in an urban environment

By Philip Lorene III

ATA Public Affairs

More than 30 AEDC employees at- tended Bob Merrill’s recent Technical Excellence Seminar on his experience tracking small unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in an urban environment.

Merrill, an Air Force project manager with the Propulsion Wind Tunnel Complex at AEDC, spent six months of his first year as a civilian on a temporary duty assignment at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, with the Air Force Research Laboratory’s (AFRL) 2012 Commander’s Challenge.

After being contacted by computer play- ing for the assignment, Merrill said, “The call first came out, I thought ‘that sounds like fun’ and I went home and talked to my wife about it, but she didn’t really want to do it, having just bought a house and [with] a 6-month-old daughter to take care of. But then an email came from Lt. Col. [Leah] Davis [AFRL Propulsion Wind Tunnel Ground Complex director], who really encouraged me to do something like this for the same reason I had been considering it - that it’s going to be a great experience; a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

That really pushed me to go ahead and apply for it. As it turned out, I had the full support of the leadership here and that was greatly appreciated.”

Those leading the AFRL Commander’s Challenge invited Air Force Materiel Command’s junior workforce to apply to participate in a 6-month design challenge between national priorities and sowing the...
Commentary by Lt. Col. Patrick Cowen

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - From day one at Arnold Engineering Development Center, each new cadet quickly gains a name. Lance Peter Sijan, the only Air Force Academy cadet to lose his life in Vietnam, was known by many. From six to eight cadets, often new to Air Force life, stood around him, an instant attraction, after which he continued to hold the attention, even until his death.

Academy graduates know this story by heart, as well as legends about Sijan epitomizes as cadet and an officer that established a tone and initiative for cadets.

His story is the most prestigious one– the one that recognizes individual service from a cadet to whom we owe much. Many of us have known the qualities that Sijan exemplified.

While long before Captain Sijan was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (CMOH), he demonstrated the true meaning of those qualities,- the ones that recognize individual service from a cadet to whom we owe much.

Army and Air Force Materiel Command (AMC) and Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) have come to expect and anticipate. They know that they have dedicated, hard-working professionals that work tirelessly to support the military mission.

Sijan's simple decision to see beyond Wiley's difficulty was a courageous move at a time when American military strategy was still in its infancy, and segregation remained in force in the United States.

Political affiliation or any status, physical handicap, or economic condition should not be judged by the color of their skin but by the contributions they make. Everyone is treated equally and has the opportunity to do this.

Still, Panetta's decision to go that route left many people wondering why he would not choose to place more emphasis on the full picture.

The same could be said of the Whitlow bark because it is an area not designated on the map is prohibited and any smoking receptacles located in areas not shown on the map will be removed. All “smoking permitted” and “no smoking” signs will be removed unless specifically required by OSHA.

The fact a person smokes has no bearing on the number of breaks they may take. Breaks should be taken in accordance with the company/agency personnel policies that apply to smoking.

The real problem is when we do not get back up and allow ourselves to start over. They function as a way to fix errors so we can go back to the beginning and start over, correcting where we went wrong. This is why we so easily allow ourselves to take corrections when errors on paper. However, we do not often do that for the mistakes we make in living.

Action Line Team AEDC

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come as a nation, in contrast we sold the farm how we farmed," she said. "The voices of community members have an impact and we must acknowledge the importance of cultivating relationships with them."
"This is again a framework we can't just put our feet in as a product to go to work and generate the impacts that follow.

The speaker will be Brig. Gen Darrell Williams, U.S. Army Materiel Command chief of staff at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Some of Williams' awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

The work will take place within a 15-acre area between Hunnicut Drive and UT/TSU Road intersections. A UXO team will conduct operations Wednesdays through Sundays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to minimize the impact on traffic.

Commuters may experience some delays in traffic flow during the period of work and should slow down and use caution when approaching the area.

This work is part of the Air Force's Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) and conducted with environmental, cultural and historical training ranges.

Field commanders are no longer to make historical ranges, or munition when approaching the area.

"This is an area of great historical significance and importance to the community, is huge to us, and is something we are proud to have part of American history as well," said AEDC personnel and the community.

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From left, Erin Hedlund, Montgomery Blair High School rising senior, Dan Maren, AEDC Tunnel 9 director and Erin’s father Dr. Eric Hedlund (AEGIS Ballistic Missile Defense Test Project Manager), pose for a formal portrait with the Bird in Space sculpture mounted in the students’ Mach 3 Tunnel in Tunnel 9’s Calibration Laboratory. (Photo by Arnold Collier)
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By Jeff Sochocki
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ing pictures and sculpting as he was trouncing football opponents.” Flash also recalled a story of how he and Lance would wake an hour before sunrise to clean their rooms, prepare their uniforms, and prepare for the day. They were intent on being the best. He stated that one morning, scrubbing their floor with toothbrushes and wearing their skivvies, the room roared with laughter and amusement. They were amazed, amused, and inspired about their commitment to make it. Neither could believe their effort, energy, and enthusiasm, but both young men respected and admired the other.

Their friendship grew into a wider relationship between their families, starting in their Academy Preparatory School years and continuing to this day. Wiley said that when he met Sijan’s family, he really understood the man. “They greatly exuded the brilliance of character,” he said. “Through them, I came to understand that Lance’s exemplary character was part of a greater whole.”

Bill Bradley, a former Rhodes Scholar, professional basketball player, and U.S. Senator, reflected on the ability of teamwork to foster respect and friendship as it did between Sijan and Wiley. “You can’t play on a team with African Americans for very long and fail to recognize the stupidity of our national obsession with race,” Bradley said. “The right path is really very simple: Give respect to teammates of a different race, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your common humanity, share your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal, help one another achieve it. No ridiculous fears. No debilitating anger.”

Even more important than the bond of friendship and teamwork between Lance and Flash, was the long-lasting positive outcomes of their relationship. Sijan’s color blindness led to wider acceptance of Wiley at the prep school, culminating in his selection as barracks chief—the number one spot for a cadet candidate.

While alienation from the cadet corps could have sidetracked Wiley easily, his early successes helped him go on to become a Fulbright Scholar, a graduate of Harvard University Law School and the John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government, and a successful career as a corporate lawyer and businessman. He now pays back the benefits he received from his service as a member of the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

As for Sijan, one can only imagine what sustained him when he was pressed under torture to break faith with his comrades, but his strong personal relationship with Wiley and his other Academy brethren was certainly part of the equation. This year’s theme for African American History Month is “At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington.” While the history of civil rights was shaped by these two historic events, it was shaped by many smaller ones too.

Lance and Flash discovered the magical formula of human connection at an early stage in their lives and in an era when it took great courage to do so. The step they took to cross toward freedom and equality through friendship was not spectacular, but it could not have happened without the experiences, expectations, character, integrity and respect for others that they both shared.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Mark A. Welsh, often reminds Airmen to learn other Airman’s stories. Lance and Flash learned each other’s stories, embodied each other’s stories, and shared each other’s stories. Their bond was a deeper shade of Air Force blue.

When it comes to diversity and inclusion, the Air Force needs more Lance Sijans and Flash Wileys. Leaders who chart new courses; leaders who lead change; leaders who are fearless; leaders who embrace strength of character. The constants of their character—boldness, leadership, capacity, tenacity, openness, courage—set an example and standard for us all to follow.
Reservist's wife battles MS with mixed martial arts

By Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda

512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Dover Air Force Base, Del. (AFNS) — Dawn Fiore has been studying martial arts for 17 years, but it was only last year she went public about her toughest opponent — multiple sclerosis.

The wife of Maj. Christian Fiore, a Reserve C-17 Globemaster III pilot assigned to the 326th Airlift Squadron here, was diagnosed with MS in 2005 and can still remember what she was doing when she felt her first symptom at age 34. “I was on a conference call when I got up from my desk one day, about to go to lunch with some friends,” she said. “And, I had this spinning around me, to the point where I was holding on to a wall.”

She said that feeling continued through lunch. Six weeks later, the mother of two and a first-generation airman received a spinal tap, which revealed some of the indicators for multiple sclerosis, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system. MS can cause mild to severe neural and muscular impairments. “(The doctor) saw her immediate family was in disbelief. My mother and broth- ers were terrified and very worried for me,” she said. Her husband of 16 years said his initial reaction was fear of the unknown. “We didn’t know where this would lead us or how it would affect our lives,” Christian said. “But, then, we began the learning process.”

His wife, who is a first-degree black belt, said she always knew the disease was not a death sentence. She maintains the highest degree of competency in taekwondo, a martial art which combines combat and self-defense techniques. She also holds a yellow belt in Haidong Gumdo, also known as Korean sword fighting.

“Accepting the invitation to do the interview and telling the world was a huge step for me,” the MMA practitioner said. “People were shocked, especially in my MMA and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes. It’s hard to believe that I often fight with guys younger than my oldest son; other students in my class had no idea.”

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By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- African-Americans have made and continue to make major contributions to the nation's defense, the director of the Defense Department's office of diversity management and equal opportunity said in a recent interview.

As National African-American History Month commences today, this year's theme – "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington" – is important for two reasons, Clarence A. Johnson told the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

"The Emancipation Proclamation is 150 years old, and the March on Washington is 50 years old," he said. "The Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves, but it also enhanced America's freedom."

Because 1963's March on Washington precipitated the Civil Rights Act, DOD components worldwide will celebrate with those events in mind because of their contributions to diversity and freedom, Johnson said.

National African-American History Month gives people an opportunity to recognize African-Americans who have contributed to the nation's defense, and that recognition is important, he said.

"It gives us the time to appreciate the strides we've made," he added. "I think we pride ourselves in ... [making] sure all our individuals are treated with equality, dignity and respect."

As the military services observe National African-American History Month, Johnson said, there are two things to keep in mind: service and commitment. Greatness is achieved by serving others, he said, while commitment to diversity is critical to the nation and to DOD. African-Americans have long since left their mark on defending the nation since the Revolutionary War, he added.

In the American Revolution, Johnson said, 51 African-Americans served, and in the Civil War, 180,000 served. Some 35,000 African-Americans died in the Civil War, he added. "African-Americans continue to serve and distinguish themselves in war and peace," said Johnson, adding that 90 African-Americans have
**AEDC quarterly award winners announced**

**Team Member of the Quarter**

**Greg Holcomb**

Holcomb was recognized for his outstanding service as a technical authority regarding calibration methods for flight systems and instrumentation management.

**Russ Parker**

Parker was recognized for excellence in performing additional duties while continuing to perform his normal purchasing duties during management transitions.

**Andy Moore**

Moore was recognized for excellence and quick delivery of customer goals and objectives for a test in AEDC’s Precision Wind Tunnel 16-foot transonic wind tunnel.

**Peggy Glass**

Glass was recognized for excellence in managing funding for a test in AEDC’s Precision Wind Tunnel 16-foot transonic wind tunnel.

**Craft Team Member of the Quarter**

**William Mallory**

Mallory is recognized for his outstanding leadership in 53 projects and work conducted in the Small Business Innovation Research division.

**Steven Faini**

Faini is recognized for his unparalleled performance as chief facility technician of the Hypervelocity Wind Tunnel 9.

**Alvada Gaines**

Gaines is recognized for her professional performance and excellent management of accounting transactions for the Services Office.

**Patricia Wilder**

Wilder, a cook at the Arnold Lakeside Center (ALC), was recognized for outstanding contributions and time devoted to the ALC mission.

**Preston Martin**

Martin, a Services marketing employee, was recognized for significant contributions to bringing donations, sponsorship and advertising to the Services Office.

**Northcott**

As a result, his efforts led the way for an Arc Flash program and ensured AEDC’s test cells and plants are currently at 100 percent ready to run status.

**Lisa Watell**

Watell was recognized for excellent management of the von Kármán Gas Dynamic Facility modernization project demonstrating managing vision and purpose.

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ATA quarterly award winners

Gerald Glasner
Craft Team Member
Mission Support

Kerry Abbott
Craft Team Member
Mission Support

Wesley Porter
Craft Team Member
Integrated Test and Evaluation

Rich Hoots
Customer Service - External
Waxman, AF

Dan Lewis
Customer Service - External
Integrated Test and Evaluation

Glasner was recognized for his excellence in planning and organization and accuracy in reports, blanks and citations used to maintain crime analysis databases.

Abbott was recognized for outstanding work on the raw water upgrade project in the Engine Test Facility which was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

Porter was recognized for outstanding customer support, problem solving and attention to safe work practices.

Hoots was recognized for excellence in providing his knowledge of security and emergency classifications and implementing training.

Lewis was recognized for excellence in customer test management at Tunnel 9 and the von Kármán Gas Dynamics Facility.

Great Work Team AEDC!

AEDC Technical Achievement Award winner

The Space Threat Assessment Testbed (STAT) Combined Test Force (CTF) activation team was selected for the General Lee Gossick Team Excellence Award.

The team was awarded for their unsurpassed innovative insight, cooperation, mission success and customer support during the activation of the STAT.

AEDC General Lee Gossick Team Excellence Award winner

The team was awarded for innovation and outstanding use of complex resources in developing and demonstrating a ballistic simulation methodology for the B61-12 Life Extension Program.

AEDC Lee B61-12 Life Extension Program award

Milestones

Boswell
Ingle

40 YEARS
Steve Pearson, ATA
Bob Boswell, ATA
Donnie Ingle, ATA

30 YEARS
Danny Patterson, ATA
James Morton, ATA
Kathy Same, ATA
Michael Harford, ATA
Joseph Capers, ATA
Charles Hurst Jr., ATA

25 YEARS
Latha McFate, ATA

15 YEARS
Charles McCoy, ATA
Michael Mashburn, ATA
Richard Crouch, ATA

10 YEARS
Carrie McNeill, ATA
Frank Zimmerman, ATA
Stephen Carter, ATA
Daniel Lynch, ATA
James Mitchell Jr., ATA
Jason Watson, ATA
Genny A Harley, AF
Tracy Carter, ATA
John Laviolette, AF

5 YEARS
Kirk Butler, ATA
Derek Hammock, ATA
Bryan Webb, ATA
Stuart Hanson, ATA

PROMOTIONS
Gregory Starling, ATA
David VanCoc, ATA
Michael Harvey, ATA
Ronald Skipworth, ATA
Stephen Silger, AF

RETIREMENTS
James Stewart, ATA
Donald Gardner, ATA
Doree Jones, AF

WILLIAM HILL, STA
RYAN WILLIAMS, STA
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received the Medal of Hon-
or. And African-Americans
continue to be well repre-
sented in DOD, he added.

“Almost 18 percent of
our enlisted corps is Afri-
can-American,” he said.

“More than 9 percent of
officers are African-Amer-
ican. In our civilian work-
force, African-Americans
(make up) about 15 per-
cent.”

Since President Harry S.
Truman signed an ex-
cecutive order in 1948 to
desegregate the services,
DOD has made signifi-
cant achievements, Johnson
said.

“We have led the na-
tion in maintaining and
achieving an integrated
workforce,” he said. “We’ve
made great strides in mak-
ing sure we select folks
with the highest poten-
tial (and) talent to serve,
and we continue to find
that programs and policies
DOD put in place helped to
maintain our equal opportu-
nity program to make sure
that (people) achieve their
maximum (capabilities).”

Defense Secretary Leon
E. Panetta has said that
diversity is a force of the
military’s strength and a key
to maintaining readiness,
Johnson said.

“So as we celebrate
and commemorate diver-
sity,” he added, “we are
celebrating the contribu-
tions of all men and wom-
en who have contributed
to the DOD mission.”

On-the-go app makes it easier to 'be ready'
The Air Force “Be Ready” mobile app for use on Android devices. The app was
designed to be an on-the-go source for emergency hazard information as part
of Air Force Emergency Management’s Be Ready Awareness Campaign (U.S.
Air Force photo/ Eddie Green)

TYNDALL AIR
FORCE BASE, Fla.
(AFNS) – Whether it’s an
active shooter or natural
disaster, when emergencies
occur, it’s important to be
prepared.

“Now, thanks to Air Force
Emergency Management,
here’s an app for that!”
The Air Force Civil En-
engineer Center’s Emergency
Division here has developed an Air Force
“Be Ready” mobile app, or application, for use on
Android devices. The app
was designed as an on-the-
go source for emergency
hazard information and
preparation guides and is
the latest resource available
through AFEM’s Be Ready
Awareness Campaign.

“The Be Ready app pro-
vides information about
what to do before, during
and after specific threats,”
said Rob Genova, AFCEC
emergency management
education and training spe-
cialist. “It’s a complement to
our printed Air Force Emer-
gency Preparedness Guide.”

Having worked through
hurricanes, tornadoes and
other emergencies, Jay
Granberg, a news photog-
rapher at WMBB-TV in
Panama City, Fla., said he’s
impressed with the app.

“It’s simple, easy to use,
not cluttered like other apps
I’ve seen. There’s a lot of
information and it moves
smoothly from section to
section. It will be a great
resource, not only for my
family, but for those times
when I am covering disas-
ters that affect the commu-
nity,” Granberg said.

The app offers emer-
gency education and aware-
ness information, and gives
users practical tools to better
prepare for disasters.

“It has a family evacua-
tion plan that you can tailor
to your needs,” said Genova.

“We encourage every-
one to have an emergency
supply kit,” Genova added,
“and the app provides a
checklist for items you may
need which you can modify
to match your particular
region or threat.”

Feedback for the app,
which was downloaded
more than 250 times within
the first four days of re-
lease, has been very posi-
tive, Genova said.

Air Force officials know
there’s a need and desire for
products on other mobile
platforms and they’re work-
ing on delivering that.

“Emergency manage-
ment experts plan to release
versions of the app on other
mobile platforms including
the Apple iPhone coming
late spring 2013,” Genova
said.

To download the free
‘Be Ready’ application for
Android devices visit,
https://play.google.com/
store/apps/details?id=air.
com.ar.a.beapp. For more
information and resources
to help you and your fam-
ily “Be Ready,” contact
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Management offices or visit

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www.BeReady.af.mil
By John Burt
AF CEC Public Affairs

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THE AIR FORCE "BE READY" MOBILE APP FOR USE ON ANDROID DEVICES.
The LAIRCM is a pod designed to defeat a man-portable, man-in-the-loop, face-to-face missile. While such missiles don’t pose much threat when the KC-135 is refueling another aircraft at a high altitude, the tankers can be susceptible to such weapons while taking off and landing. Safety in a hostile environment is of particular concern when KC-135s are used to perform one of the key alternate missions of the aircraft—serving as an aeromedical transportation system to move injured military personnel from remote bases to larger hospitals.

“We volunteered to serve as a test site for this project,” said Col. David Brooks, commander, 127th Air Refueling Group, Michigan Air National Guard’s, 127th Wing at Selfridge. “First, our maintainers have the skills and abilities necessary to work on this type of a project. Second, when anyone in the Air Force thinks about tankers, we are the ones they think about. Selfridge first!”

Initial testing of the LAIRCM began with the 190th Air Refueling Wing in Kansas in 2010. After making adjustments from that testing, a prototype of the system was created for the Selfridge tests.

The LAIRCM is a pod that can be attached to the external fuel tanks of the KC-135, assigned to the 127th Air Refueling Group of the Michigan Air National Guard, was being outfitted with the additional antennae to allow it to serve as a platform for testing a prototype of a new aircraft defense system. (U.S. Air Force photo by Brittani Baisden)

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Lt. Gen. Christopher C. Bogdan's first visit to the ITF since his assumption of the role in December 2012. During his visit, Bogdan met with base leadership, toured facilities and gained valuable program insights.

"This was an opportunity for General Bogdan to see the testing done at Edwards and to allow us to show what we accomplished last year and what's ahead. There have been a lot of challenges, but the hard work by this team has produced improvements in every aspect of the weapon system. We were able to show him that we're making steady progress," ITF members made major progress in testing during Bogdan's visit. The program executive officer watched the final test mission for all clean-wing aircraft, which certified the F-35 is clear of clutter at speeds up to 1.6 Mach and 100 knots with weapon bay doors open or closed. "This testing has taken years to accomplish and we were very fortunate he was here to see it. It is an important milestone from a capabilities standpoint and what we will deliver to the warfighter," Schwartz said.

During his visit, Bogdan thanked the men and women of the ITF for their hard work and dedication to the program and also reminded them that their commitment to develop and test the fifth-generation stealth fighter remains the highest priority.

"We are gathering momentum in this flight test program; it is one of the highlights and one of the good things I stand up in front of Congress and the senior leaders and I tell them about all the time. So I want to thank you for that. Your work here is critically important," Bogdan said.

While detailing current and future challenges of the program, Bogdan emphasized the joint strike fighter's incredible complexity associated with the multi-service, multi-national program.

"This program (includes) three services, eight partners, the Department of Foreign Military Sales customers and at one level or another, they all get a say in what we do. That makes things hard moving forward," Bogdan said.

He also addressed the challenge of concurrency. The F-35 is still being signed, flight tested and produced while service members at Eglin AFB, Fla. and Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., are flying and maintaining the aircraft operationally.

"Granted it's a very small operational window we have given Eglin and Yuma, but they are out there flying airplanes and we have to support those airplanes. You roll all that together and what you have is a program, that when you push on any one part of the program, it causes big effects on other parts," Bogdan said.

Despite budgetary and concurrency challenges facing the program, Bogdan emphasized the confidence in the men and women of the F-35 ITF to continue their great work and urged them to find ways to maximize efficiency.

He also stressed the importance of accountability and learning from the past.

"There's a lot of negative looking in the rearview mirror of this program. Let's not forget this program had problems, but held this team and me accountable for what happens now and in the future. I want everyone to think about how to make you and your job more productive. Ask how we can do this in a better way. We need to be more efficient and more effective so we do not let the warfighter down," Bogdan said.

Always looking to capitalize on opportunities for improvement, Schwartz said the F-35 ITF has implemented sensible changes to the developmental test program, which cut costs and maximizes flexibility, while remaining fully committed to delivering the war-winning capabilities of the F-35 as efficiently as possible.

"We have reached a level of maturity in the aircraft where it is safe to chase low risk test missions. This is a natural evolution in a developmental program and we are always looking for ways like this to operate smarter," Schwartz said.

"In 2013, there will be approximately 100 missions, which include mostly mission systems testing and some flight sciences that will no longer require us to fly chase," he added.

"It goes so much more efficiently with our flying and saves approximately $5.5 million locally. The F-35 ITF has and has always been committed to maximizing efficiency and we will continue to look for ways to do so," Schwartz said.

The F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office is the Defense Department's agency responsible for developing and acquiring the F-35A/B/C, the next-generation strike aircraft for the Navy, Air Force, Marine, and many allied nations.
May 2 - Thursday Night Scramble begins
April 30 - AEDC Golf League begins
(4-person scramble)
AFB Services Golf Course
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through
them while they last.

May 8 - Mulligan’s Coffee Bar & Grill.
Two cards are available – Combos
includes choice of appetizer (spinach
Monteray chicken, blackened tilapia, ten
pounds or onion rings), choice of two din-
ners (grilled bacon wrapped sirloin steak,
Entrees (such as chili, potato salad, salad,
cell phone usage during the event.

tend for $13.95 per person ($4.95 for age
just choose the option you need. For

Sausage and biscuits available in the
3 points for the next question.

At check-in of all contestants. A calling meeting will be
held at 6:30 p.m. and the calling cards will be turned in
on the patio from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The menu prepared in advance and placed

The grill opens at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday but
the sausage and biscuits available start- ing at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday.

You start. These sausage and biscuits are
If you have an early golf outing during

St. Patrick’s Day Bash at ALC

St. Patrick’s Day with the popular customs of corned beef
and cabbage, green beer, and dancing
March 16. The night will kick off at 5 p.m.

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#### Hours of operation

Arnold Lakeside Center: Catering/Management offices by appointment. Cashier – Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. May vary depending on bookings. Closed: Feb. 18

Outdoor Rec: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Open 5 a.m. – 6 a.m. Feb. 18

Arnold Golf Courses: Pro Shop & Driving Range 8 a.m. – dusk. Driving Range open 24 hours with pro shop open 6:30 a.m. – dusk. Café 100 Bar & Grill Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 3 p.m. – 10 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Recreational Services: Massage, Hair Styling, Waxing, Tanning, Facial Services, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Hot Yoga, Boot Camp, Circuit Classes, and more wonders to come! Closed: Feb. 18

### BX/Commissary customer eligibility

AAFES Dividends

- All active duty members, $13.95 non-service member, $10.95 non-service member age 12 & under
- All family members, $10.95 non-service member, $5.95 non-service member, $3.95 non-service member age 12 & under

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### Services Drive Phone Numbers

- Café 100 – 454-5885
- Membership Information – 454-3367
- Information, Tickets & Services – 454-3303
- Barber Shop – 454-6987
- Gossick Leadership Center – 454-4003
- Human Resources – 454-5481
- Marketing & Sponsorship – 454-3128
- Recycling – 454-6098
- Wingo Inn – 454-3051
- Fitness Center (FC) – 454-6440
- Café 100 (CAFE) – 454-3367
- Mulligan’s Coffee Bar and Grill – 454-FOOD (3663)
- Outdoor Recreation (ODR) – 454-6084
- Includes Marina, FarmCamp, Crockett Cove, and Dogwood Ridge

### Notes

- First three months dues waived.
- $100 issued on Services promotional gift card
- Sign up in Café 100 and Mulligan’s Coffee Bar & Grill
- Eligible for Punch Cards at Café 100 and Mulligan’s Coffee Bar & Grill
- Eligible to enter weekly drawing

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**BRIEFS**

See BRIEFS, page 9H

**Area code 931** DSN 340

**Services Chief** – 454-7779

**Services Deputy** – 454-6466

**Community Services Flight Chief** – 454-4002

**Compass Manager** – 454-3367

**Arnold Lakeside Center (ALC)** – 454-3350

**Arnold Lakeside Center catering** – 454-3350

Hap’s Pizza – 454-5555

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**Menu for January 2013 (total minutes totaled) Dividends received**

- 24.9%
- 19.2%
- 12.0%
- 8.1%
- 5.4%
- 3.7%
- 2.1%
- 1.3%

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**Events**

- **Boot Camp**
  - 6 a.m.

- **FC Café 100**
  - 9:30 a.m.

- **Fitness Center (FC)**
  - 9:30 a.m.

- **Café 100**
  - 9:30 a.m.

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**Rewards**

- Show Your Card – And Save!

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**Services**

- Sign up in Café 100
- March 29 and receive a free sample of new Café 100 baked goods.
- Eligible for Punch Cards at Café 100 and Mulligan’s Coffee Bar & Grill
- Eligible to enter weekly drawing
March 20

March 21

March 22

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March 24

March 25

March 26

March 27

March 28

March 29

March 30

March 31
Day ahead of time to ensure. Those interested need to except third Saturday due.

PAINTBALL continues with regular play every Saturday except third Saturday due which is tournament day. Preregistration is required for 8 year olds and 10-17 must have an adult present in the form. Remember to wear appropriate clothing - long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed toe shoes.

Paintball is played daily and open to guests staying at least three days in advance.

Camping Preparedness: FamCamp is a wooded area and open to guests staying at least three days in advance. Other camping is not allowed in the area. There is no running water but a rustic cabins with heat and grill and picnic table. There are 18 rustic cabins with heat and shower, barbeque grills, picnic table and chairs. It is $20 per person for and closed toe shoes. Sign up deadline is 30 days for DOD employ and $400 during the service. There are 18 tent sites and 36 RV sites, 15 and 30 amp 115V service. All RV sites are equipped with 30 and amp 15 amp service. There are 18 tent sites and 36 RV sites, 15.

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