AEDC Commander announces 2013 AEDC Fellows

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Leadership at AEDC values the important contributions of its past and present personnel throughout the years and recognizes their accomplishments each year through the AEDC Fellow Program.

This year AEDC recognizes Ron Polce and Marvin Sellers as AEDC Fellows at the annual AEDC Fellows Banquet June 25. The AEDC Fellow is recognized for personally making sustained, notable and valuable lifetime contributions to AEDC’s mission.

David Beale

Beale was selected as an AEDC Fellow due to his outstanding technical leadership, technical innovations and project management contributions to the development of ground test techniques for gas turbine engines. He began his AEDC career in 1977 as a project engineer in the von Karman Gas Dynamics Facility (VKG) facility. He was recognized as an expert in stability and control and pressure loads test techniques, as well as an expert in model test technique, boundary layer model test technique and automated wind tunnel model test technique. Since his arrival in 1981, he has been recognized for his contributions in propulsion and aeronautics test techniques, as well as a leader in the development of automated test techniques.

Marvin Sellers

Sellers was recognized for his outstanding technical leadership and contributions to the Global Hawk program and other aircraft and spacecraft programs requiring propulsion, propulsion test techniques, and propulsion test instrument, and flight systems business development. He was recognized for his significant contributions to the development of ground test techniques for gas turbine engines. He began his AEDC career in 1977 as a project engineer in the von Karman Gas Dynamics Facility (VKG) facility. He was recognized as an expert in stability and control and pressure loads test techniques, as well as an expert in model test technique, boundary layer model test technique and automated wind tunnel model test technique. Since his arrival in 1981, he has been recognized for his contributions in propulsion and aeronautics test techniques, as well as a leader in the development of automated test techniques.

Ron Polce

Polce’s AEDC career began in 1974 as a lieutenant. After his assignment ended in 1978, he later returned in 1980 as Chief of the Aeronautics Systems Test Facility (ASTF) Systems Activation and Test Office. His AEDC career continued until 2011 when he retired from the Complex.

Polce was instrumental in the successful activation and operation of the ASTF during a nine year period. Later he provided technical direction for the planning, programming, advocacy, design, construction, maintenance, repair and modernization of AEDC’s ground test facilities and support infrastructure. His management of mission support services led to high quality support services while reducing support costs by 22 percent over a four year period.

Polce’s exceptional leadership during his career eventually led to the successful testing of numerous weapon systems critical to national defense; a successful 2003 AEDC operating contract competition, earning the Secretary of the Air Force Acquisition Excellence Award; reactive...
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The complex’s vision:

The Memorial Day holiday marks the official kick off to the AEDC summer season. Although the critical days of summer conclude on Sept. 3, this year’s theme allows us to view every single day as an opportunity to provide the very best of AEDC support and assert stewardship to our customers and friends.

What’s your AF relationship status?

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFRL) – How are things between you and the Air Force these days? Would you say you are in a committed relationship? Are you happy with the Air Force? How are they happy with you? Are either of you feeling under-appreciated or misunderstood? These relationship questions may sound silly, but when you really think about it, your relationship with the Air Force is a lot like your relationships with friends and loved ones. A character in the Air Force will require maintenance, work and development. Just like any other long-term relationship, you need to give your relationship the proper amount of time, space, and love needed to grow and be successful.

Just like any other relationship, you need to make sure you are happy with the Air Force. If you are not having fun or enjoying your time in the Air Force, it may be time to explore other avenues to keep yourself happy and fulfilled. Relationships are not one size fits all. At AEDC, we are about accommodating the needs of our people.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Don- ley, Air Force Chief of Staff Will Shelton and Master Sgt. of the Air Force Cady Issued a report to us.

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• Courage
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FORT LEE, Va. (AFPS) – When furloughs are implemented, the most military commissaries will close or furlough employees. As DeCA follows Department of Defense protocols related to budget reductions, known as DeCA’s Director, Joseph H. Jeu, added. "We know that any disruption to patrons, employees, and industry partners," Jeu added. "Our store and clicking on “Locations” tab, then "Review contracts of service. "We are in this together," Jeu said. "We know our commitment to support AEDC as an employee, partner to plan for potential disruption to patrons and stores, and to support our employees, customers, and industry partners. As part of the traffic collision and avoidance system, we had to develop test techniques to safely generate collision warnings and flight test sorties this month. Thus, the aircraft was ferried back to Edwards AFB, where the test team will accomplish the remaining flight test sorties this month. The results of the 418TS flight testing of 3.5.2 will help support a test office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio," said Maj. Zackery Schaffer, 418TS flight testing at Edwards AFB, as DeCA is ready to conduct 72 deficiency reports that were documented during previous C-5M test programs, said John Williams, the 75TS Test Squadron’s C-5 super Galaxy Block 3.5.2 software upgrade is intended to correct 72 deficiency reports that were documented during previous C-5M test programs. (U.S. Air Force photo/Jet Fabara)
WASHINGTON (AFNS) – More than 8,000 money-saving ideas have cascaded into the Pentagon from across the Air Force this month.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry Spencer launched the Airmen Powered by Innovation Challenge May 1, challenging uniformed and civilian Airmen to find places to save money across the service, no matter how big or small.

“If there are things we can do better, if there are things we can stop doing, or if there are ideas (Airmen) have on how we can better manage our money... we want to hear it,” Spencer said.

When Airmen click “submit,” on one of two websites, their ideas fall directly into the hands of Spencer’s team of action officers here, who dedicate their time to receiving ideas and tasking them out for consideration.

“Chaotic, at best, is what it’s like working in here, because all these ideas are flowing through considerably. It takes me personally, on average, about 10-15 minutes to process each idea,” Master Sgt. Joel Meyer said.

Meyer, a security forces Airman by trade, said this is a unique opportunity for today’s Airmen.

“It’s an opportunity for Airmen in the field to provide an idea straight to the top, and not have that filter of that staff sergeant on their flight, or master sergeant, or (operations) officer,” Meyer said. “They don’t have to go through any of that... they can get their idea right to General Spencer.”

Airmen who may be holding back due to reservations about confidentiality should think again.

“The people who are responsible for filtering that (submission) and looking into it deeper – they have no idea who it is. So don’t be apprehensive. Submit it,” Meyer said.

Uniformed and civilian Airmen can submit their ideas on how to squeeze the most out of every Air Force dollar via the Air Force portal, or EveryDollar.DoD-Live.Mil; the opportunity is live until June 1.
F-35B Lightning II celebrates 1 year at Eglin AFB

By Maj. Karen Roganov

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) – The Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron-501 celebrated the one-year anniversary of flying the F-35B Lightning II at Eglin Air Force Base May 22, by continuing to train up the pilots and maintainers on the nation’s newest fifth-generation fighter.

The opportunity to live a lifetime chance to get to write the first chapter in a story that will last 50 years and beyond,” said Lt. Col. David Berke, the commander of VMFAT-501 located at the 33rd Fighter Wing’s F-35 Integrated Training Center.

The low-observable fighter is designed to meet the needs of the services for the next half a century, making use of integrated sensors, the active electronically scanned array radar, and the distributed aperture system. Combined they provide the pilot with increased situational awareness and survivability.

Being able to fly such a technologically advanced fighter brings great responsibility for cultivating tomorrow’s defenders of freedom.

“We went to our country to get it right,” said Berke. Under his charge, the unit is laying the foundation for pilot and maintenance training at Eglin and promoting having enlisted training teams as it moves forward toward providing the Marine Corps with an initial operating capability.

Since May 22 last year, the unit has flown 833 local training sorties and logged more than 1,100 flight hours executing about 40 to 50 sorties a week. “This is a bounding loop from the three or so sorties flown a week last year to this time,” said Berke.

Other accomplishments include verifying joint technical data for weapons loading thus paving the way for instructions for all three services and the partner nations; authoring well over one-thousand maintenance procedures; and collaborating with industry and other F-35 sites to mature the jet, he said.

A senior leader with the F-35 program since flying the X-35 prototype aircraft in the early years and who is now the 33rd Fighter Wing’s vice commander as well as an F-35 instructor pilot agreed. “If you look at what they have accomplished in air-to-air refueling training; ground hot refueling, multi aircraft missions, first pilots trained... you don’t just see one-time events,” said Marine Corps Col. Arthur Tomassetti. “What you see is a pattern of not just demonstrating new capability but turning it into repeatable and routine operations.”

Being able to refuel a truck planwise while the jet is running has allowed the unit to “increase its ability to turn sorties by 40 percent,” he said. The hot refueling allowed eight F-35B to fly 16 sorties in three hours recently.

In addition to the unit accomplishments made locally, VMFAT-501 has been the catalyst to accomplish ground refueling at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, this feature allows the pilot to hover the fighter and set it down much like a helicopter.

“Being able to refuel in austere conditions is a key difference with the B variant of the F-35,” said Berke. “The Marines are planning to train the same way in Eglin in the fall.”

For the upcoming year, if flying, the unit also looks forward to receiving more jets to include its first Block 2A aircraft which means a software upgrade and increased capability, he said.

Marine Corps maintainers and an Airman fueler tomorrow perform “hot” refueling of an F-35B Lightning II joint strike fighter at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., May 22, Col. John Valle, a maintenance officer with the Marine Corps, Navy, the Air Force, and international partner operators and maintainers at the Lightning II’s (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Karen Roganov)

VMFA-121 is the first operational fleet squadron anywhere in the world for the first international pilots and maintainers imbedded at an F-35 training squadron. There are 14 maintainers and two pilots from the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy working seamlessly with the unit, said Valle.

As Valle reflected upon the past year he cited the team efforts by Lockheed Martin, Pratt and Whitney, Rolls Royce, the Marine Corps, Navy, the Air Force and operational test as key to past performance and the outlook for the future achievements.

“Our success has been based on relationships.”

By Debbie Gildea

AFPC and the Secretary of the Air Force, Interna- tional Affairs office are accepting applications for senior defence official defence-attack, air attack and assistant air attack duties at nine locations, with four lengths ranging from 18 to 24 months, said Maj. Carl Wood, AFPC International Affairs.

“Attache officials report to the Secretary of De- fense, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff to the host country defense ministry,” he said. “They help build and sustain relationships between the U.S. and host country, provide critical advice to the U.S. ambassa- dor and country team, and directly support our efforts to fight global terrorism.”

This year, two duty locations have C-12 Huron aircraft assigned, so the attaché for those offices must be fixed-wing pilots. Only rated officers who are regional or political af- fair strategists may apply for the C-12 position, the major said.

Attaché applicants must be active duty senior cap- tain, majors or lieutenant colonels. Air operations background, foreign language skills and experience in the region are highly desired, but not mandatory.

Applicants must have taken the Defense Lab- oratory Aptitude Battery test, and each applicant and all immediate family mem- bers must be U.S. citizens. Candidates must also have their assignment functional manager’s hard-copy or e- mail release to compete for attaché duty.

Candidates selected for an interview will be noti- fied by July 28. They (and their spouses, if appli- cable) will be interviewed in Washington D.C.

AFPC and International Affairs will host an infor- mation webinar May 30, 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, on the Defense Con- nect Online site (https://www2.dco.dod.mil). For more information about the attaché pro- gram, go to the Air Force Portal and enter “attaché application” in the search window. To download the application, enter “attaché application” in the search window and select the May 2013 option. Applications must be emailed to AFPC and Air Force International Affairs, afpc.dgapapers.af. mil and ofajc.gapapers.ofajc.gov.mil, by June 20.

For more information about developmentally op- erationalized and other per- sonnel issues, visit the myAF Portal at https://www.mypa.gov.
Tunnel 9 personnel exhibit team spirit running for the gold

The Federal Research Center at White Oak, home to the AEDC Hypervelocity Wind Tunnel 9, in Silver Spring Md. hosts the White Oak Classic 5K run and 2.5 mile walk each year in which Tunnel 9 personnel participate. Last month 15 Tunnel 9 individuals participated with more than 1,000 participants from the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). Tunnel 9 personnel train as a group to prepare for the race. Pictured on the back row, left to right is Lindsay Haig, Mike Fain, Bob Hurt, Arnold Collier and Dan Marren; on the middle row, left to right is Jeanette Moreno, Christine Ewing, Sarah Cole, Dennis Huprich and Mike Metzger; on the front row, left to right is John Lafferty (kneeling), Terry Mullin, Jeff Waldo, Oscar Villegas (kneeling) and Mick Marana.

Lindsay Haig, an AEDC Hypervelocity Wind Tunnel 9 security specialist is shown here during the White Oak Classic 5K run and 2.5 mile walk at the two mile point.
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**Milestones**

**30 YEARS**
Keely Beale, ATA
Joseph Boyer, ATA
Stevey Garner, ATA
Steven Hise, ATA
Jenny McDonald, Premiere
David Presley, ATA

**25 YEARS**
Mark Rigney, ATA
Stevie Sullivan, ATA
Mary West, ATA

**20 YEARS**
Robert Brooks, AF
Peggy Glass, ATA
Alan Swann, ATA

**19 YEARS**
Russell Austin, ATA

**18 YEARS**
Neil Askerman, ATA
Timothy Brown, ATA
Michael Cowan, ATA
James Crawford Jr, ATA
Karen Morris, ATA
Thomas Northart, ATA
Robert Park, ATA
Norman Smith, ATA
David Snow, ATA
Samuel Stewart, ATA
Kenneth Taylor, ATA
Richard Taylor, ATA
Timothy Taylor, ATA

**10 YEARS**
Deborah Cantrell, ATA
Jeffrey Youngblood, AF
INBOUND MILITARY
Capt Scott Vanhoogen, AF

**5 YEARS**
Deborah Cantrell, ATA
Jeffrey Youngblood, AF
INBOUND MILITARY
Capt Scott Vanhoogen, AF

**OUTREACH MILITARY**
Lt John Labouliere, AF
Lt Col Gregg Leisman, AF

**RETIEMENTS**
D D Bartlow Jr, ATA
Larry Roberts, ATA
Sam Turner, ATA
Paul Winter, ATA

**NEW HIRES**
Tommy Anderson Jr, ATA
Samuel Anderson, ATA
David Ansley, ATA
Terry Asheby, ATA
Richard Hargreaves, ATA
Richard Hargreaves Jr, ATA
Brian Barnes, ATA
Michael Burch, ATA
Trenton Russell, ATA
Douglas Camp, ATA
Charles Chapman, ATA
Michael Clark, ATA
Steve Covan, ATA
Terry Cross, ATA
Donna Crowe, AF
Scott Cutmore, ATA
Tommy Denton, ATA
US Army
Charles Easley, ATA
Jeff Farnum, ATA
Gary Fulkers Jr, ATA
Andrew Gable, ATA
William Garner, ATA
Samuel Gilbert, ATA
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Richard Gunn, ATA
Brian Hale, ATA
Christopher Harrell, ATA
James Hearst, ATA
Johnny Hicks, ATA
William Hill, ATA
Anthony Timmsley, ATA
Matthew Kolozynach, ATA
Charles Lee Jr, ATA
Rusina Long, ATA
Kevin Lovvorn, ATA
Jason Lord, ATA
Jeffrey Mass, ATA
James Melton, ATA
Haci Munarali, ATA
Michael Mills, ATA
Michael Money Jr, ATA
Michael Money, ATA
Peter Neal, ATA
Russell Neal, ATA

**PROMOTIONS**
Joshua Coughenour, to first lieutenant
Brian Fair, to master sargent
Chance Johnson, to first lieutenant
Josh Ludorf, to captain
Charmeeka Scroggins, to captain
Samuel Stephens, to first lieutenant
Akshay Tripathi, to first lieutenant

**GRADUATE / DEGREES**
Henry Horne, MS Aerospace
Nathan Lister, MS Mechanical Engineering

**1st Lt. Joshua Coughenour (2nd from left) is shown here during his promotion ceremony with (left to right) his father, Scott Coughenour; and his fiancé, Casey Bolin. (Photo by Rick Goodfriend)**

**Master Sgt. Danielle Morris (center) is pictured here at her promotion ceremony with Col. Raymond Toth (left) and Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Lazarus. (Photo by Rick Goodfriend)**

**Capt. Charmeeka Scroggins is pictured here during her promotion ceremony with her father, Charles Scroggins (left), and mother, Linda Scroggins. (Photo by Jacqueline Cowan)**

**1st Lt. Sam Stephens is pictured here during his promotion ceremony with his sister; Tracy Stephens (left), and father, David Stephens. (Photo by Rick Goodfriend)**

**1st Lt. Chance Johnson (center) is shown at his promotion ceremony with Col. Rick Pettit (left) and 2nd Lt. Joey Achtembach. (Photo by Rick Goodfriend)**

**1st Lt. Akshay Tripathi (center) is shown during his promotion ceremony with Col. Patrick Tom (left) and Capt. Nicholas Bauer. (Photo by Rick Goodfriend)**
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS) – Armed with his Nikon D90 camera, Warren Neary, Air Force Reservist, civilian and artist stands in 22-degree weather to capture and witness the history of President Barack Obama’s inauguration. In a first for the Air Force Art Program in covering an inauguration, Neary was one of only three artists invited to capture the proceedings and create paintings for the Air Force Art Collection. That’s just one example of the many opportunities Neary witnessed throughout his civilian, military and artist careers.

He’s an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA Reservist) for the Air Force Space Command history office, as well as a career civilian for the Air Force Network Integration Center history office and one of approximately 200 civilian artists in the AF Artist Program.

Unbeknownst to most, Neary’s experience and reputation speaks volumes. He’s a sought after officer, dedicated civilian and a very accomplished artist, with works spanning from the Pentagon and AFNIC hallways, to local and national art galleries. “It’s the Total Force experience,” said Neary. “I have had the opportunity to see the big-picture perspective of various missions and operations in multiple roles, as an active duty and Reserve public affairs officer, Reserve and civilian assistant historian, and artist in the Air Force Art Program. It’s fascinating capturing our legacy in text and paint. Although there are vast differences in each of these professions, they are also similar in identifying and capturing the essential elements to effectively tell a part of the Air Force story.”

It all started for Neary in high school, where he graduated as the Art Scholarship Scholar, followed by a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree on a two-year art scholarship from Utah State University. Upon graduation, Neary accepted a commission as an officer in the Air Force, serving for eight years on active duty. He later finished a Master of Fine Arts degree to pursue a career as an artist and continue as an officer in the Air Force Reserve. His most recent civilian career started in 2011 when he became the AFNIC historian.

Neary has 12 years of experience with the Air Force Art Program and has created 20 paintings for the Air Force Art Program. He has been painting for more than 20 years. (Courtesy Photo)
“While they slept,” Tillery said with pain and emotion, “I’ve been beaten, I’ve been tied up, I’ve been burned with cigarettes,” Tillery said with pain and difficulty. “One of my mom’s boyfriends was particularly violent. He would use a scalding pot just to watch us jerk around.”

A crawling is meant to sociable animals with jobs of electricity, but the man used the pot to shock the feet of John Tillery and his brothers while they slept.

“Today I can sleep with my feet uncovered,” Tillery said. “The man would seek the boys out to punish them, he continued. “We would all scatter like mice.”

The violence in the house was so overwhelming that at times, Tillery would seek out even the darkest of places in order to escape the brutality. “There was this little place I would go, built into the wall there was a little door; it was our dirty clothes hamper,” Tillery said. “You know that man never looked there? Not once. It was a perfect hiding place for me. When I hid there never found me – ever. It was a place that was safe.”

Because of the chaos in his home life, Tillery moved to two or three different schools every year and didn’t learn how to read until the third grade. Even then, he was placed into the lowest reading group in his class because he was still working at a kindergarten level. “I don’t have a single memory of my mom, or any adult, helping me with my homework,” he said.

“When I went into the second grade, I didn’t even know my alphabet. Despite the challenges he faced during his childhood, Tillery was able to regain hope for his future through the help of his teacher in third grade.

“Had I never heard, good job; I had never heard, good boy,” Tillery said. “I had never been in a place where all is right with the world, no matter what is going on around me.”

Because of his upbringing, Tillery said he was driven to a cruel man like the one he had known all his life. “All growing up, I knew I was going to end up in prison, I knew I was going to become drug addicted, and I knew I was going to do some kind of violent thing,” he said. “But I remember very clearly deciding when I was 11 years old that I would not be a violent man.”

When Tillery was 15, his philosophy was put to the ultimate test. “My stepfather got a branch – not a stick, a branch – and he beat my younger brother and me,” he said. “We were literally bled on the floor. My older brother went to get the gun and threatened to kill my stepfather if he was there when he got back.”

After that, Tillery and his older brothers left home. His older brother joined the Army and Tillery went to live with his girlfriend’s family and soon after had a child and was married. Shortly after his daughter was born, Tillery’s wife left him, and he was left homeless and impoverished at the age of 17.

“During the draft, Jan. 11, 1972, I joined the Army,” Tillery said. “I wanted to go to Vietnam because, as far as I was concerned, there was nothing worse than what I was already going through.”

Even though Tillery had finished high school or even earned his GED diploma, he was selected to be a Russian linguist. However, during his first six months in training, he drank heavily and was considered to be unreliable. He was boot ed out of the program and moved to the artillery career field. While in the unit, Tillery
Guard service leads Airman to extremes

By Senior Master Sgt. George Thompson

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) – Staff Sgt. Sophia Mantzouris of the 386th Expeditionary Wing, Delaware Air National Guard, has received a family care plan from the Delaware Air National Guard’s 166th Fighter Wing C-130 Hercules Air National Guard’s 166th Airlift Wing, Man
tzouris said that the Wing was one of the firstguard units I ever
to join was the 109th (Airlift
Wing, Scotia, N.Y.), Man
tzouris said. “I served there
for nine years and I became
a friend steered her toward
the Air National Guard.

“Time she was a little girl, but
said she knew she wanted to
craft Maintenance Squadron
Mantzouris of the 386th Air
Expeditionary Wing, where
her family care plan

Deep Freeze missions in
Antarctica – a stark contrast
to the desert heat of her cur
rent deployment here.

“In some ways (Ant
arctica is) like here, but it’s
different,” said. “You deal
with the extreme cold
instead of the extreme heat.
When the wind starts whip
ning down there, it’s like the
sandstorms here where you
can’t even see in front
of your face.”

Due to the harsh Antarcti
canvironment, Operation
Deep Freeze missions are
flown during the Southern
Hemisphere summer. But
in Antarctica, those sum
mers don’t lend themselves
to the desert heat of her cur
rent mission,” she said. “So far, the
family care plan into action

“Mantzouris has once
again put her long-term
family care plan into action
supporting the Delaware Air National Guard’s 166th
Expeditionary Wing, where
summer temperatures rou
tinely top 100 degrees. So,
dead rather be here than
in Antarctica.

I hate the cold, which is
why my family thought it was
comical that I joined the only
mission that was here, but
I’m a perfect example of
how being a single
parent presents its own set of
challenges for Mantzouris.

“Being a single mom is
difficult, because it’s two
ways that I’ve completely
dedicated my life,” she said.
“I’m a perfect example of
the importance of a family
care plan.”

The family care plan is designed to provide a
smooth, rapid transfer of
responsibilities during short- and long-term
absences for military duty.

“My plan allows it to
be there for my Guard unit
as best I can and still make
sure that my daughter is
properly cared for as she
needs to be,” she said.

While serving with the
109th Airlift Wing, Man
tzouris put her plan into
effect to support Operation
Predator passes 20,000-hour mark
in Afghanistan

By Capt. Brian Maguire

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) – Maj.-Gen. Deane
assigned here recently
became the first Predator
airman to pass 20,000 flying
hours over Afghanistan, a feat
equivalent to flying 15
hours every other day, for
667 days.

While the Predator re
cently piloted aircraft pro
duced surpassed one million
hours of total development,
test, training and combat
in August 2011, this is the
firsttime to accumulate
50,000 flying hours indi

“Reaching this mile
stone is significant, but
what’s more special are
the missions we enable
every day,” said Lt. Col.
Russ Garner, 62nd Expedi
tionary Reconnaissance Squadron commander.

Maintainers are the key
to enabling a single air
frame to reach so many
hours, Garner said. Maint
ainers keep the aircraft
flying, especially through
the extreme weather in
Afghanistan, he added.

“Without maintainers
we couldn’t reach this mile
stone, let alone get in the
air,” the squadron com
mander said. “This achieve
ment is really a tribute to
our maintainers.”

A team of military and
civilian personnel maintain
and repair the aircraft.

The mission of the 62nd
ERS is to provide launch
and recovery for RPA as
signed to the 451st Air
Expeditionary Wing here.

“With only two percent
of the RPA access [in the
caniel field deployed here],
we’re enabling 80 percent
of the mission,” Garner said.

“During their deployment
there are no days off for the
crew, while they set an unbe
teatable operations tempo.”

The MQ-1 and MQ-9
Reaper are assigned to the
squadron and conduct int
elligence, surveillance,
and reconnaissance, and
close-air support missions
in support of Operation
Enduring Freedom. The
aircraft are operated by
Airmen with the 62nd ERS,
U.S. crews located outside
and Royal Air Force crews
in the United Kingdom.

Staff Sgt. Sophia Mantzouris conducts an inspection on a C-130 Hercules at the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia. Mantzouris, native of East Greenbush, N.Y., is deployed here from the 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard. She is a 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Group aerospace propulsion journeyman. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Master Sgt. George Thompson)
began to turn his life around. He stopped drink-
ing, made friends and be-
gan attending church. "I didn't believe in God. I had no reason to," Tillery said. "God," Tillery said. "I began of going to church." was always worth the pain I would resist, but the fun you go with me now," Tillery said, laughing at he would leave for church on Sundays. "He was a person of faith, but he didn't push it on me ever. On Sundays, he would leave for church and he would say in the morning 'I'm leavin' and I ain't coming back to pick heart, not in your hands." Tillery said. "That's something you carry in your life, not in your hands." He once again found solace in reading, this time in the Bible, a book that he had always disdained in the past. "I have read the Bible numerous times, I have learned Hebrew and have learned Greek," Tillery said. "I love all of the wealth that goes behind that, that's underneath that. The Bible gets embedded in your heart in such a way that it controls your life, so that you do the right things as a way of existing, as a way of being. It's my guide." After his enlistment in the Army was over, the boy who had never stopped foot in a high school earned an associ-
ate's degree, a bachelor's degree, three masters' de-
grees and a doctorate – and joined the Air Force's Chaplain Corps. He has since risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel and has spent 17 years serving his country as a chaplain. When his time in the Air Force is over, Tillery said he plans to become a teacher. "I find that ironic," Tillery said with a smile. "A boy who literally could not read wants to teach others to read not just words, but life." subjects, draws composi-
tions and looks through supporting reference ma-
erial in order to create a painting. "It takes time to cre-
ate a successful painting; representational subjects such as Airmen in action or lighter jet operations are easier to capture. Satellite operations are a bit tougher and I personally find cyber even more challenging in telling the story visually. You can't reach out and touch it; you can't experience it like you can see a satellite launch vehicle taking off. It is also very technical, complex and it teaches almost everything we disc-
said Neary. Once AF artist paintings are completed they are de-
ned to the Air Force. The average time a painting takes ranges from a few hours to weeks or months, depending on the size and the complexity of the paint-
ing. The final outcome will be an oil painting that will showcase a mission for years to come. In some cases, paint-
tings are exhibited at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Air Force lead-
ship will often host a ceremony to recognize and unveil the Air Force artists' collection. No doubt, Neary is as scholar today as he was when he graduated high school years ago. His con-
cluded.

The Air Force Art Pro-
gram was founded after World War II with 500 paint-
ings from the Army, and continues a long tradition by documenting Air Force operations from the artist's perspective. The collection now contains over 10,000 artworks that hang in govern-
ment buildings around the world showcasing the Air Force's proud legacy.
Missoula Children’s Theatre returns June 24-28 for “The Wizard of Oz”

Missoula Children’s Theatre (MCT) is back to present their production of “The Wizard of Oz” at the Missoula Children’s Theatre at the Missoula Community College (MCC) (MAC).

The show’s goblins are complete with their own costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT Tour Actor/Directors conduct auditions and rehearsals for the entire week with participation. Approximately sixty roles are available for local students. All students grades 1-2 are encouraged to pre-register. Cost is $20 per child and additional children in the same family will receive $5 off. Pre-registration allows cast members to sign up in advance and child should sign up to receive a part in the cast but not for a specific role. Once each age group is filled, casting will be closed to any additional children.

The show is a familiar but as it is believed. That nasty tornado carries Dorothy and her new friends off to aid in rehearsals throughout the week as they work to take on essential backstage responsibilities. Each child will be cast in a role to stay with the company. Assistance is also available.

All program dates, times and prices are subject to change.

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HORIZON
Hours of operation

Arnold Lakeside Center: Catering/Management offices by appointment. Operations Clerk Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dinner: full menu available Thursday 5:30 – Friday and Saturday 5:00 – 1:00 a.m. Bar Thursday 5:00 – Friday 4:30 – and Saturday 5:00 – Movie Night Thursday 6:30 – Closed July 4.

Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT): Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Contact Christopher Floden, BX manager, at (931) 454-6350.

ALC (office located at Arnold Lakeside Center): Monday through Friday 7:30 – 4:00 p.m. May vary depending on bookings. Closed July 4.

Outdoor Recreation (ODR): Tuesday through Sunday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Bar & Grill open Sat., Sun. 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. during inclement weather. Driving Range open 24 hours with prescription driver card. Major League Baseball Bar & Grill open Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Recycling: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Nonpropraiset Funded: HF Resources: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BACommissary customer eligibility

AAFES government civilian and contractors have access to the following limited items at the base exchange: 100% consumable items including tobacco and over-the-counter medications. Excluded from sales are airmen basic creed, bankruptcy, education, life insurance and credit card services. Reduced rates are available to retired uniformed services personnel and their dependents as well as equipment purchased and food or the department of defense on equipment. Active duty and contractor employees have access to the following items at the base exchange (AAFES) overall earnings including all sales.
features $1 Cook Your Own Chicken. Monday-Friday 5-9 p.m. during Carlisle’s nine-week cooking classes, customers will select their stir, and attend a class guided by Carlisle’s nine-week seasons from a select- ed menu and make their own menu items. The grill will be set up by the cooked parts when you order and placed on the patio or take their stir-fry home to enjoy in the dining room. The meal includes all the fixings such as baked potato, corn on the cob, salad and sauce. The finished food will be a stir-fry option for kids. Cost for Mem-Fin Plus members and their immediate family only is $1 per person (.50 cents for kids’ hamburger steak). Cost for non-members is $4 and $8 for ages 12 and under. Cornhole and high-volleyball will be available for your enjoyment. Sign up by June 18 by calling 454-3350. Open dining is available at the Four Seasons Room and in the Lakeside Bar.

Air Force Services is conducting the Annual Club Membership Scholarship Program. Current Members First Plus individuals and their immediate family members who have been accepted by or enrolled in any accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2013 term as a part time or full-time student are eligible to apply for scholarships. Grandchildren are eligible if they are a dependent of the club member. Student enrollments must be for either undergraduate or graduate programs. Applicant must provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter. Twenty-five (25) $1,000 scholarships will be awarded. A representative from Dell laptop computers will be available in the coffee shop to answer questions, write and submit a 500 words or less essay on the following topic: “Who or What Inspires You To Be Successful?” Essay must exceed 500 words (excluding title and back- ground). Essays must be typed in MS Word 12-point Times New Roman or single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs. One-inch top and bottom margin and 1.25 inch left and right margin. Scholarship essays may be submitted by mail or email to the Fitness Center. Essays will be judged on content, organization, and writing style. Top five winners will be announced in advance so that members can bring their own bags but they must be issued for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. Barber Shop is located on the ground floor in room A107 and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. or by appointment. Call 454-6997.

Fitness Center (FC) 454-6440

Check us out on Face- book! Arnold AFB Ser- vices available on Facebook. Join Outdoor Rec for an Introduction to Fishing Class June 22 with a mid- day camping at Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park. The costs consist $50 and includes safety on the trails, leaving leave from 1:00 p.m. It is a visit to the museum and history of Old Fort Station and at 4:00 p.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m. This class is for ages ten and older. There must be at least five to take the class and no more than fifteen. Remember to wear cloud toe shoes and bring water if needed. Sign up by June 19.

Kicking for Begin- ners Class will be held this coming Wednesday June 19, 2013 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a beginners’ introduction to the basics of football equipment, emergencies and wet and dry. Following the classroom time, participants will load up plant equipment and go down to the beach to practice entering a game, and creating a team. At the end of the week, there will be 3 coach’s evaluation clinic. The evaluation, the week will be divided into three $250. The $250 will be used to fund scholarships or to fund our monthly grants.

A&E Building. Each team will have four members who will consist of four runners with the next runner. Teams must be for 120 and one timekeepers. Teams may select appropriate and tasteful ways toAPI equipment and go down to the beach to practice entering a game, and creating a team. At the end of the week, there will be 3 coach’s evaluation clinic. The evaluation, the week will be divided into three $250. The $250 will be used to fund scholarships or to fund our monthly grants.

The Fitness Center will be holding the Golden Rate Relay June 19 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in front of the A&E Building. Each team must complete laps around the A&E Circle before passing the baton to the next runner. The team consists of four runners with a combined total age of at least 120 and one timekeepers. The team may select appropriate and tasteful ways to distinguish themselves and bring or use batons provided by the Fitness Center. The first six teams to sign up will receive six event Pratts will also be given for the most clever team to wear coordinated, colorful or overall team special to Pratt June 24-6440 to sign up for more details.

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Arnold Lakeside Center (ALC) 454-3550

June 4 - Closed

July 11

July 17

July 25

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July 4 – Lincoln

July 18

July 25 – “Golden State,” R-rated (1 hr. 33 min.) starring Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Viola Davis, Ken Jeong, and Tessa Thompson. In the future, lower class citizens are forced to contend with threats from the populace that jeopardizes their very existence.

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FamCamp docks at noon. The tour will depart from the lake in the SS Stewart Woods Reservoir. Learn about the islands, build-up for these events.

Archery Basics Class will be held July 6 for all ages. The class costs $5 and will begin at 9 a.m. There must be at least two to take the course and no more than twelve. This class will teach the basics of archery to include how to hold a bow properly, how to shoot with correct technique and also learn some history. Bows, arrows and targets will be provided but you may bring your own equipment if you have it.

Camping Guests Lake Tour is scheduled for 12-3 p.m. July 7 and 21. ODR will be hosting the open lake in the SS Stewart to explore the history of Woods Reservoir. Learn about the islands, buildings, and other sites that make this area unique. The lake tour is $5 and open to guests staying in FamCamp, Crockett Creek and Dogwood Ridge. The lake tour will depart from the FamCamp docks at noon.

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Extended Stay available at FamCamp. The FamCamp is a wooded area off of Northshore Road on the banks of Woods Reservoir with tent and RV camping. Amenities include bathhouse with showers, barbecue grills, fire rings, lanterns, hammocks, boat launch pad, picnic and beach area, covered pavilion as well as washer/dryer service and boat docking service. There are 18 tent sites and 36 RV sites, 15 of which is pull-through. All RV sites are equipped with 30 and 50 amp 115v service. Daily rates for RV camping are $20 during the summer and $15 during the winter. Dogwood Ridge consists of 134 total sites with 75 tent sites and 59 full pull-through. There must be at least two to take the course and no more than twelve. This class will teach the basics of archery to include how to hold a bow properly, how to shoot with correct technique and also learn some history. Bows, arrows and targets will be provided but you may bring your own equipment if you have it.

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