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#### On Feb. 2 in Eloy, Ariz., engineers performed air drop testing on sub-scale parachutes for the NASA Orion spacecraft. The test is meant to determine which parachute configuration will ensure the Orion lands safely after missions. (Photo credit: NASA)

By Deidre Ortiz ATA Public Affairs

AEDC engineers at the National Full Scale Aerodynamics Complex (NFAC) assisted in recent testing of sub-scale parachutes for the next mission of the Orion spacecraft, Exploration Mission-1.

conducted at

**AEDC NFAC** 

facility

The testing, conducted in January in the 80-by 120-foot wind tunnel by a team of NASA, Jacobs Engineering, Airborne Systems and NFAC personnel, was to help improve the safety and reliability of Orion's landing.

The team tested 13 parachute configurations using a tether system to hold the parachute while

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AEDC engineers were part of a test team that performed wind tunnel testing on the parachutes for NASA Orion spacecraft in January. The test team also consisted of NASA, Airborne Systems, Jacobs Engineering and NFAC personnel. Pictured here is a parachute being tested in a NFAC wind tunnel. (AEDC photo)

### Students victorious in local Engineers Week activities

By Raquel March

ATA Public Affairs

Engineers helped students reach new horizons in various activities and competitions during National Engineers Week, Feb. 22-28.

Local engineering societies joined in hosting a MathCounts® competition and a student design competition where students used their engineering skills to solve math problems and design problems. Student teams were awarded for their results and recognized at the Engineers Week Banquet which concluded the activities for the week.

"Involving students from the surrounding counties in activities of the week is a big part of promoting engineering," said Paul Ritter, the Engineers Week chairperson.

The Student Design Competition on Feb. 24 at the Tullahoma Hands on Science Center hosted 44 students from Moore County High School, The Webb School, Shelbyville Central High School,



First place winners of the Engineers Week Student Design Competition, Jacob Parnham and Sam West with Coffee County Central High School, accept their award Feb. 24 at the Hands on Science Center from Col. Timothy West, director of the AEDC Test Operations Division. (Photo provided)

County Central High School and Cascade High School.

students at the competition as instructed in the project guidelines was, "An evil warlord has barricaded himself inside a high-walled

Tullahoma High School, Coffee castle...With the limited resources you have available, you are tasked The challenge presented to the a projectile over the castle walls."

Given the parameters and provided materials, students built launchers that propelled them to victorious rankings in the compe-

Coffee County Central High with developing a launcher to fire School, with team members Jacob Parnham and Sam West, placed first. Second Place winners were team members Godwin Murillo

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## **Combined Test Force** helping to streamline work at AEDC wind tunnel facilities



Wayne Hawkins, AEDC Propulsion Wind Tunnel Test Branch technical director

By Deidre Ortiz ATA Public Affairs

A total of five Combined Test Forces (CTF) have been established to improve testing at AEDC.

The Flight CTF, which includes the Propulsion Wind Tunnel and von Kármán Gas Dynamics facilities, makes up one of these CTF groups.

The others include the Propulsion CTF and the Space and Missiles CTF, as well as the Tunnel 9 CTF in White Oak, Md., and the National Full Scale Aerodynamics Complex (NFAC) CTF at Moffett Field, Calif.

According to Wayne Hawkins, technical director of the AEDC Propulsion Wind Tunnel Test Branch, the wind tunnel facilities were operated under a similar structure years ago when they were operated as separate director-

"We're functionally structured now," he said. "All our assets are combined and we have everything needed to support the work we

According to Hawkins, the base had moved toward using matrix-type organizations because at that time the workload was lower.

Now that workload has significantly increased and many of the AEDC facilities are at or over capacity for testing through the next several years, Hawkins said the switch to CTF is a much more "integrated and streamlined" way of conducting business.

"Working as a CTF is more efficient and we will have the manpower to be able to do more productivity," he said. "It also gives us leeway to decide priorities on maintenance and operation and with fewer conflicts with the workforce on priorities."

Hawkins explained because there is more autonomy with a CTF, it makes wind tunnel operations "run much smoother."



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## Cybercrime: How it affects you

**By Special Agent Monte Stephens** 

Air Force Office of Special

dictions.

of crimes are not neces- information about U.S. common online scenari- ey or transfer funds via sarily new (theft, fraud, military members to de- os are sale scams and the the purchase of a money extortion, drug prolifera- fraud the public. These tion and sex-based ex- scams range in forms and ploitation), the technol- all are designed to extort ogy provides criminals information or money an unprecedented range from innocent victims by of targets, increased op- exploiting the public's erational capabilities and trust in the U.S. military.

a reduced risk of capture and prosecution.

In 2013, cybercrimi- information,

U.S. military members' too good to be true and former government lead-Investigations Detachment nals defrauded the U.S. real or fake, for three broad terms. The potenpublic to the tune of reasons: 1 - credibility; tial victim answers the more than \$780 million 2 - plausibility; and 3 ad and is soon contacted MOUNTAIN HOME through a variety of on- - emotional appeal. Ap- by the scammer, claim-AIR FORCE BASE, line scams ranging in a pearing attractive to a ing to be a member with Idaho (AFNS) - Cyber- level of complexity from victim's emotional re- a U.S. military unit that's crime is the fastest grow- simple fraud schemes to sponse the criminal gen- being deployed abroad. ing and most dynamic complex hacking scams, erates trust and loyalty. The scammer uses this area of crime. Ever-in- according to the 2013 in order to increase cred- "deployment" to explain creasing reliance on cy- Internet Crime Report, ibility once the scam is the devalued sales price ber technology is allow- FBI. In the past few suggested. The military of the vehicle and they ing criminals to operate years, there have been ties also give criminals a will be unable to test with virtual impunity numerous online scams credible reason to solicit drive it. Often, the scamacross a range of crimi- where criminals have money from victims that mer insists the transacnal activities and juris- either directly targeted would normally make tion take place quickly military personnel or such a request seem sus- and requests the poten-Although the types used actual and fictitious picious. Two of the most tial victim wire the mon-

> Online sale scams: the code to the scammer. The scam begins by offering online goods well fraud scam or Nigerian below their market price, Letter scams: Seeks to most frequently carried defraud potential vicout on an online sale tims by promising big

Nigerian Letter scams.

Advance-fee online site. Most of such scams profits in exchange for involve vehicle sales and help moving large sums generally take the fol- of money. Claiming to lowing pattern: a scam- be a government offimer advertises a vehicle cial, business person or footprint.

Online scammers use for sale at a price almost the surviving spouse of a whether describes the vehicle in er, the criminals offer to transfer millions of dollars into victim's bank account in exchange for a small fee. The scammer really wants the victim's bank account information in order to transfer money out of their account.

> Air Force personnel appear to be at risk to online impersonation because of the perceived reputability and integrity of service members by the general public. Criminals looking to impersonate service members can find an abundance card and then providing of personal information from official websites, news articles and social networking sites. Air Force members should be aware their personal information can be exploited by online imposters and must remain vigilant to protect and minimize their Internet

### March marks Brain **Injury Awareness Month**

By Karen S. Guice, M.D., M.P.P.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

pen on the sports field, in ducted.

your home, or on the job.

Military Health System tative services provided (MHS) is focusing its tal- by physicians, psycholoent and efforts on the is- gists, physical therapists, sue of TBI. We will pro- occupational therapists, vide tools and resources and speech-language pato educate service mem- thologists. The DOD ofbers, their families, re- ters a variety of products tirees and Defense De- such as clinical recompartment civilians about mendations, tool kits, and the prevention and treat- mobile applications to asment of TBI, while high- sist health care providers lighting ongoing MHS in the diagnosis, evaluaresearch and break- tion, and treatment of pathroughs.

According to the Censervice members were care. diagnosed with TBI, and

produced several break- making great progress in throughs that improve improving and prolongthe lives of our patients, ing the quality of life for beneficiaries, and all those living with TBI.

Americans who sustain TBIs. Our work is even taking us back to college to examine the impact of TBIs on athletes. The NCAA and the DOD WASHINGTON are currently sponsoring (AFNS) - Often called the "Mind Matters Chalone of the "invisible lenge," a landmark initiawounds of war," trau- tive to enhance the safety matic brain injury (TBI) of student-athletes and is the result of a blow or service members. The jolt to the head that dis- partnership is the most rupts the normal function comprehensive study of of the brain. Anyone can concussion and head imsuffer a TBI, it can hap- pact exposure ever con-

For TBI patients, TRI-During March, the CARE covers rehabilitients with mild TBI.

One of the most imters for Disease Control portant steps in TBI and Prevention, each year treatment is rest, which 1.7 million people are allows the brain to physidiagnosed with a brain cally and mentally recovinjury. The most com- er, and removes the risk mon form of TBI, even of suffering another confor the military, is mild cussion while the brain is TBI (also referred to as a healing. Early diagnosis concussion) and the vast of TBI, as well as evalumajority occur at home. ation, and treatment can The Defense and Veter- shorten return-to-duty ans Brain Injury Center time and lead to the best reported that from 2000- possible outcome for 2014 more than 313,000 those entrusted to our

Along with our partmost of these were mild. nerships and cutting-MHS research has edge research, MHS is



## **Smoking Policy**

1. The following revised AEDC smoking policy is effective immediately. Smoking is permitted solely in designated areas identified by a plastic "smoke genie." This receptacle is for the sole purpose of cigarette butt disposal. If there is no receptacle, smoking is not permitted in that area. It is the responsibility of all smokers to clean up the area surrounding the receptacles for any cigarette butts on the ground. Smoking in government-owned vehicles is strictly prohibited. Personnel are allowed to smoke in their personal vehicles at any time. Smoking areas will be held to the absolute minimum and will be located in low traffic, low visibility areas away from points of building ingress/ egress and air intakes. A map of all authorized smoking areas is available on the Team AEDC SharePoint site. Smoking near a facility in 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 all employees.

Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, is prohibited in any area, at times when official business is being conducted with government clients, test customers, outside visitors and dignitaries, and where official business is being conducted including conference rooms, auditorium settings, business meetings, or in any other area where Air Force regulations specifically prohibit use. Containers of tobacco waste product, including selaed containers, must not be left unattended or disposed of in trash receptacles. Users of smokeless tobacco must flush tobacco waste down the toilet. Due to the nature, appearance, and safety concerns of electronic cigarettes (also known as "e-cigs"), the use of said products will abide by the same rules for tobacco products stated

above and governed by AFI 40-102, Tobacco Use in the Air Force. 2. Supervisors at every level will ensure this policy is followed. Disciplinary action is appropriate for repeated

3. Updates to this policy will be made in the future to further align with Air Force guidelines. 4. This policy remains effective until rescinded. (This policy is dated December 20, 2013)

#### **Action Line**

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

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

> Col. Raymond Toth **AEDC Commander**

### **Congressman Diane Black** staff members visit AEDC



Col. Timothy West (far right), the AEDC Test Operations Division director, explains test operations in the Complex's Propulsion Wind Tunnel facility to a group of staff members from Congressman Diane Black's office, March 13. The group toured the base as part of a congressional staff orientation program. (Photo by Jacqueline Cowan)

## Take care of your personal protective equipment

By AEDC Safety, Health and Environmental

Choosing the right personal protective equipment (PPE) is the first step toward ensuring your safety. Once you've assembled the right combination for your needs and your jobs, you are only halfway there.

The next step – looking after your PPE - is often overlooked. Caring for your PPE is just as essential as choosing the right PPE.

#### Head Protection

• Hardhats are designed to protect your head. Inspecting and caring for them is vital. Promptly replace any expired, damaged or defective hardhat.

Are the inside (harness) straps working properly? Are they properly adjust-

- Is the outer shell cracked or weakened with dents?
- Is your hardhat clean and free of any decals or stickers? Use a damp rag with mild soap and water to clean your hardhat periodically. Mold and mildew can grow on any surface damp with sweat. Clean approved hard hat liners in accordance with manufacturer's lines. Per AEDC Safety, Health and Environmental Standard F2 Personal Protective Equipment, Para. 4.5.5, only the factory-imprinted

shield and a single sticker with your name are allowed. No other stickers - including those docu-

menting training such as Confined Space Safety are permitted.

#### Eye Protection

- Does your eye protection fit? If not, talk to your supervisor and get eye protection that fits properly.
- Are the lenses clean? Again, using a solution of warm soapy water or an approved lens cleaner should do the trick. Clean them as many times a day
- as necessary. they cracked. scratched or broken? Duct tape or super glue is not a safe repair. If your glass-

scratched, get a new pair.

es are broken, cracked or

#### **Hearing Protection**

Reusable earplugs and ear muffs must be cleaned on a regular basis. Dirt and oil will reduce their fit and lessen their protective qualities. Clean with mild soap and water on a regular basis.

#### **Hand Protection**

- There are as many different types of gloves as there are jobs in the workplace. Use the right kind of glove job you are performing.
- and do not have any rips ronmental consultant.

#### Foot Protection

- Caring for your foot protection is a daily requirement.
- Check the soles, laces and eyelets for wear. Also check the inside soles of your footwear. Any excess wear or damage will compromise their protective properties.
- Make sure your footwear is free of contaminants such as oil or grease which will eliminate their ability to provide traction.

If you are unsure which that fits properly for the PPE you need for a specific task, ask your supervisor or Always make sure your contact your organization's gloves are in good repair ATA Safety, Health and Envi-

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Pictured here are the top scoring winners at the MathCounts® competition, on Feb. 28 at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, who combined to create the Tullahoma Team who will compete in the Math-Counts state level competition. Shown left to right are team members Carol Zhou, Jessie Song and Clare Beckett, The Webb School, Coffee County; Brandon Perry, West Middle School, Tullahoma; Trace Baxter, East Middle School, Tullahoma; Ruth Ann Terry and Aimee Christopher, West Middle School; and teacher Lea Anne Windham, The Webb School. Members not shown are Noah Johnson, The Webb School; and alternates, Kelly Nguyen and Alyssa Williams, East Middle School. (Photos provided)

High School.

the week was Engineer schools, including 51 For a Day.

"The second event... Complex," Ritter said. Lincoln counties. "This event provided to interact with younger problems. engineers and experience test environment."

MathCounts

and Bryan Oudomsouk 28 at the University of ma; and third place team, ing individuals in order Cascade High Tennessee Space Insti- East Middle School, of first to third place School. Third place win- tute was a local event Tullahoma. The Webb were Song, Brandon and ners were team members where the winners were Jake Crabtree and Grant combined into a team top four scoring indi-Rigney with Tullahoma that will compete at the viduals not on the win- neering societies instate level and possibly The second event of at the national level. Six students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades, was held at Arnold En- competed from Bedford, gineering Development Coffee, Franklin and

students the opportunity lenges mathletes to solve and Aimee Christo- Aeronautics and Astro-

second place team, West Middle School. competition on Feb. Middle School, Tullaho-

School is joined by the Zhou. ning team to complete cluded the Tullahoma the Tullahoma team who Chapter of the Tennessee will compete at the state Society of Professional level. The team members Engineers, the Highare Carol Zhou, Jessie land Rim Chapter of Song, Clare Beckett and the American Society of Noah Johnson from The Mechanical Engineers, Webb School; Brandon the Tennessee section of The competition chal- Perry, Ruth Ann Terry the American Institute of pher from West Middle nautics, the Society for The Webb School School; and Trace Bax- Maintenance and Reliwhat it might be like to from Bedford County ter, as well as alternates, ability work in an engineering placed first in the com- Kelly Nguyen and Alys- the Project Management petition followed by sa Williams, from East Institute and the Arnold

The top three scor- sional Societies.

Participating Professionals, Association of Profes-

### **AFMC promotes 'Spring** Into Shape' physical activity challenge

By Air Force Material **Command Wellness** Support Center

TERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – During April and May, Air Force Materiel Command will promote its Spring Into ucation class, "Exercise Shape physical activity challenge. Spring Into Shape is a commandwide initiative designed to promote physical activity for the AFMC workforce. Participants will receive a free copy of the "Quick Start Walking" DVD at the official check-in. Civilian Health Promotion Services (CHPS) will conduct the challenge.

How to Participate in Spring Into Shape (SIS):

Enroll online at www. AFMCwellness.com from March 12 to April 16 (appropriated fund DOD civilians need to have an up-to-date Health Risk Assessment to participate).

the initial check-in with to be sure it is safe. CHPS staff between

"Quick Start Walking" DVD at this visit.

Perform physical activity and log your min-WRIGHT-PAT- utes on the www.AFM-Cwellness.com Activity Log from April 9 to May

> Attend the CHPS ed-Across the Lifespan."

To be eligible for the completion award, you will need to:

- a) Attend both enrollment check-in and completion award check-out **CHPS**
- b) Complete and log at least 600 total minutes (10 hours) of physical activity
- c) Attend "Exercise Across the Lifespan" class from CHPS staff

Participants that complete the Spring Into Shape challenge requirements will receive a free copy of the "Fitness That Works" book from CHPS. Contact your physician Print your SIS confir- before beginning any mation email to turn in at physical activity program

For more informa-March 30 and April 16 tion, visit www.AFMCto finalize enrollment. wellness.com or contact You will receive the free your local CHPS team.

### Dobson receives award for outstanding support



D.J. Dobson, Superintendent of Arnold Golf Club at Arnold Air Force Base received the **Employer Support of Guard** and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award on Feb. 24. The ESGR, a Department of Defense Agency, recognizes employers that go beyond the requirements of the **Uniformed Services Employ**ment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) which protects guard and reserve member jobs while training or during deployment. Pictured left to right is ESGR volunteer John Basinger, nominator Sgt. 1st Class Monica Oosting, honoree D.J. Dobson and nominator Staff Sgt. Erik Day. Monica is an Arnold AFB grounds keeper and Erik is a cook at the base golf course. **Both are Tennessee Army Na**tional Guard members, Monica serving with the 30th Troop Command and Erik with the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. (Photo provided)

## AF general shatters both gender, racial barriers

By Martha Lockwood Air Force News Service

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) - Born about the time the tenant in 1965. Tuskegee Airmen were earning their reputation over the skies of North Africa and Italy, Marcelite Harris would go on to break a number of racial and gender barriers during an illustrious Air Force ca-

16, 1943, in Houston and attended Spelman College in Atlanta, where she earned a bachelor's degree

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she was com-

of her career, Harris held assignments as an administrative officer in California and West Germany, before commanding at the U.S. transitioning into the main- Air Force Academy in Coltenance field by attending orado Springs, Colorado. the aircraft maintenance officer's course at Chanute an avionics maintenance Harris was born Jan. Air Force Base, Illinois, and graduating as the first tenance squadron, both in female aircraft mainte- Kansas, and a director of

in speech and drama in a maintenance officer was another first - this time as

1964. She then attended to support the Vietnam War Officer Training School at as a maintenance supervisor with the 49th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Korat missioned a second lieu- Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand. After stints back in During the early days California and Washington, D.C., Harris broke another barrier as one of the first women to be an air officer

After commanding squadron and a field mainmaintenance in Okinawa, Her first assignment as Japan, Harris would make



### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONT

(U.S. Air Force graphic/Maureen Stewart)

the first woman deputy she was the highest rankcommander for mainte- ing female officer in the nance.

in 1991, Harris became Department. the first female African-Logistics Center.

Air Force. At that time, ate. The board submits blazer Award.

Air Force and the highest But her biggest accom- ranking African-American

Harris continues to American general, when contribute to the Air Force she pinned on her first star even after her retirement. as the vice commander of In 2010, President Barack

reports to the secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and Congress plishment lay ahead, when female within the Defense via the secretary of the Air Force.

As she continues to serve the Air Force she serves her community.

She is a member of the Oklahoma Center Air Obama appointed her a the National Association member of the Board of for the Advancement of Harris retired from the Visitors for the U.S. Air Colored People and Delta Air Force in early 1997, Force Academy. As a Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she had been serving board member, she inqui- For her works, in 2010 she as the director of mainte- ries into the morale, disci- was nationally recognized nance, deputy chief of staff pline, curriculum and other by the Black Girls Rock for logistics, Headquarters matters deemed appropri- Foundation with the Trail-

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was also allowed to fly istics of the parachute. freely in the tunnel, durby photography, was Eloy, Ariz.

measuring aerodynamic used to gather data on

ing which photogramme- test, parachutes were try, measurement taken deployed last month in

Data from the air drop forces. The parachute aerodynamic character- and wind tunnel tests will provide guidance as In completing this to which parachute configuration will be most reliable for future Orion missions.





## 2015 AEDC Security Area spring turkey hunting regulations



Persons authorized to hunt are limited to active duty military, DoD civilians, contractor employees (including temporary employees of the primary contractors) with permanently assigned pictured badges and their dependents.

Dependents must be accompanied by a sponsor. The sponsor must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device at all times. If the dependent is 16 years or younger, the sponsor must be in a non-hunting capacity and cannot carry a weapon. All dependents 18 years or older must submit to a "wants & warrants" check at the Arnold Security HQ FP&C Building 251 before being allowed to hunt. A valid state issued driver's license will be needed.

All hunters, including dependents, must have a permit from Services to participate in the to the mandatory hunt briefing.

anytime from Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 3055, for \$11 (\$10 permit fee + \$1 agent fee). You can also purchase permits via telephone with a credit card from Outdoor Recreation at extension 6084. Be sure to keep your Services receipt and bring it with you

Tennessee Wildlife Resourc-Permits can be purchased es Agency (TWRA) Wildlife regulations apply to the Arnold AFB Security Area Turkey Hunting Program except where the following regulations are more restrictive. All hunters must have appropriate state hunting licenses and an Arnold AFB hunting permit. The Complex Commander

controls all hunting on Arnold AFB. The Security Area Turkey Hunting Program is administered by the Natural Resources Management Office (AEDC/ TSDCI) in the A&E Building, 454-6653.

All hunters must attend a mandatory pre-season turkey hunt briefing to be eligible to **AEDC SECURITY AREA SPRING TURKEY HUNT DATES** 

**Young Sportsman:** 

28-29 March

Turkey:

4-5 April

11-12 April 18-19 April

25-26 April

2-3 May

9-10 May 16-17 May

## AF develops high-temperature, abrasion-resistant coating for fighter aircraft

By 88th Air Base Wing Office of Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTER-SONAIR FORCE BASE. Ohio (AFNS) - The Air Force and a small business partner developed an innovative, high-temperature, abrasion-resistant coating product that could directly improve the reliability and maintainability of weapon systems across the Air Force, including the F-35 Lightning II.

With funding from the Air Force Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program, Texas Research Institute (TRI), in Austin, Texas, the Proteckt high-temperature coating has demonstrated significant improvements in abrasion resistance at operational temperatures during laboratory testing.

"This is roughly a 2,000 percent improvement in the average time between coating failures and directly addresses a current F-35 need," said Maj. George Woodworth, the Air Force Research Laboratory SBIR project manager. "We anticipate that the new material will provide the program an estimated \$14 million in lifecycle cost savings."

Abrasion-resistant camouflage coatings are used to protect composite surfaces of aircraft. These coatings are thin and usually spray-applied. Existing products experience some degradation in performance and color over time, especially when exposed to high temperatures, and can cause extensive damage to the underlying composite material.

"When a coating wears prematurely, it also causes an unscheduled maintenance burden to repair or strip and recoat the area," degradation is not discov-



Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The Air Force Small **Business Innovation Research/Small Business** Technology Transfer program office and a small business partner have developed high-temperature, abrasion-resistant coating to improve reliability and maintainability. AEDC has conducted multiple weapons tests for the F-35 and tested the Pratt & Whitney F135 engine that powers the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Mikaley Towle)

abrasion-resistant camouflage coatings are filled polyurethane paints. These paints have moderate highresistance at high temperatures and they degrade mulations. over time, resulting in the

and recoating.

underlying aircraft section that match the existing camouflage paint schemes Currently, the preferred of aircraft parts. TRI evaluated a variety of raw materials, developed numerous coating formulations in conjunction with temperature resistance, but the experimental design very poor long-term wear development process and then identified the best for-

need for frequent repair camouflage coating offers greatly improved However, the Air Force high-temperature abrasion needs abrasion-resistant resistance for aerospace Woodworth said. "If the coatings that can with- composite applications. stand high temperatures The coating cures faster, ered in time, damage to the for longer durations and is resistant to standard air-

The new Proteckt ated fluid exposures.

Rick Goodfriend)

craft fluids, meets color spray. and gloss requirements,

and exhibits good adhe- in the product, the firm It can be applied using award to further advance search/Small

A Pratt & Whitney F135 engine for the Conventional Take-Off and Landing ver-

sion of the F-35 Lighting II Joint Strike Fighter undergoes Proof Testing, and

augmentor characterization work, in AEDC's Sea Level 3 test cell. (Photo by

commercialization portfo-Due to high interest lio of over \$30 million.

(Information courtesy sion, even after acceler- received a \$1.3 million of the Air Force Small Rapid Innovation Funding Business Innovation Re-**Business** traditional procedures, in- the technology. TRI has an Technology Transfer procluding brush, roller and excellent record of SBIR gram office, Air Force Rehigh-volume low-pressure transition success with a search Laboratory)

## 'Special Program' emerges to combat cyber insider threats

By Justin Oakes

66th Air Base Group Public Affairs

**HANSCOM AIR** FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFNS) - It's not often that the public gets to hear about the Air Force's inner workings when pertaining to highly classified networks; however, a special programs team from Hanscom Air Force Base's Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence ate has recently emerged, making their presence known.

agile and efficient process for delivering solutions that protect against the cyber insider threat," said Lt. Col. Richard Howard, the Materiel Solutions Analysis (MSA) chief.

Unlike other teams within the Special Programs Division, the MSA is the only one that functions outside the classified realm.

The team's mission is to rapidly identify and test government and commercial off-the-shelf hardware and software, and if viable, transition it to the combating the cyber insider threat on secure networks quickly became one of MSA's primary focuses.

In January 2014, the special programs unit stood up the MSA Lab, where the team tests and scrutinizes commercial and government technologies that could potentially function on a secure network, and at the same time, serve as a deterrent for insider attacks.

three sections: Level 1, a robust unclassified area used to test incoming technologies; Level 2, which has the potential to perform classified tests; and Level 3, which is a virtual demonstration room.

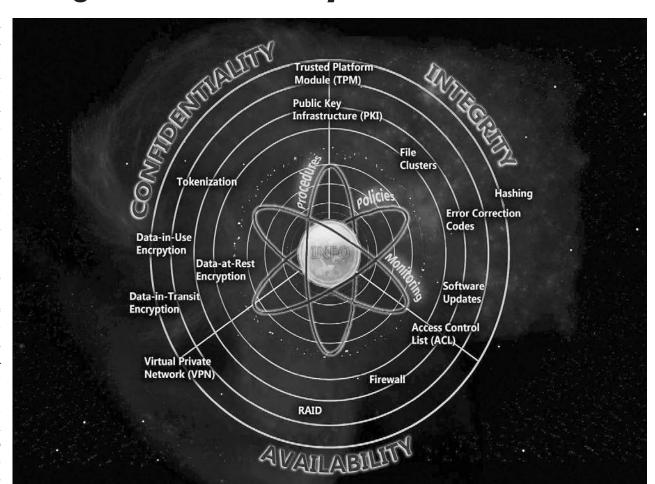
Since MSA's inception, they have fielded more than 100 proposals on insider threat mitigation technologies from commercial companies, both large and small.

"The MSA Lab is and Networks Director- unique, and by design, highly specialized on the needs of a select classified community," said "We have developed an Paul Krueger, the MSA chief engineer. "Being colocated at Hanscom AFB with the Hanscom Collaboration and Innovation Center is important so that when necessary, we can take advantage of its infrastructure for massive joint and multi-nation coalition warfighting experiments and demonstrations."

> Upon significant amounts of testing, the Air Force partnered with MIT Lincoln Laboratory and began to notice a common misconception within industry.

"We saw a disturbclassified arena. However, ing trend emerging from companies -- that there is a single solution fix to insider attacks," Howard said. "The cyber insider threat is complex, and to believe a single technology exists that will prevent malicious insiders from stealing, altering or destroying sensitive information is inaccurate."

To better understand and depict the intricacies of this problem, MSA engineers devised a model The MSA Lab consists of known as the Insider



The Mission Solutions Analysis team from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., developed the Insider Threat Universe model used to describe how certain technologies protect, in part, the Air Force's secure networks. (Courtesy graphic)

Threat Universe (ITU).

The ITU concept is comprised of layers that convey how certain technologies protect in part but not in all – the Air Force's secure networks.

Confidentiality, integrity and availability make up the basis of the ITU with information serving as the core. Procedures, policies and monitoring are other items that directly impact information concerns. Specific areas such as data-at-rest encryption and role-based access controls represent technology layers also used to protect informa-

The MSA team realized the need to socialize the ITU concept and gen-

erate open communication among other Defense cept." Department agencies also faced with growing insider threat problems.

office hosted the first Cyber Insider Threat Work-

than 30 organizations at-Combat Command, Air Force Research Lab, 24th Air Force, Carnegie Mellon University, C3I Infrastructure Division, MIT Lincoln Laboratory and MITRE discussed current mitigation efforts and how they fit into the ITU model.

officials, there were two main takeaways from the event.

threat is complicated, dif-various contractors. ficult to define and a chal-Krueger said. "The ITU Networks

constantly evolving con-

Krueger also called for more effective communication across the Air Last month, the MSA Force, government, and other agencies throughout the DOD.

"Communication More than 100 cyber, the only way synergy can security and acquisition be developed across the professionals from more board," he said. "Making the community aware of tended. Representatives currently used technolofrom the MSA office, Air gies, as well as equipment and software that's being tested and fielded by facilities like the MSA Lab, is critical to solving this problem."

Over the last year, the demand for MSAvetted technologies has increased exponentially. In order to keep up with According to MSA testing and analysis, the lab increased from two to seven engineers plus sup-

lenge to defend against," Craig Olson, the C3I and Division senior materiel model is a useful tool that program executive officer, and innovation are key to can be used to help define presented MSA's areas of securing our computing these threats, but it is a interest to industry during environment."

the annual 2015 New Horizons event in Newton, Massachusetts.

"Not only is this a great opportunity to bring our efforts to light outside of DOD agencies, but it will also allow us to gather valuable feedback on how our industry partners deal with insider cyber threats," Olson said.

Since the MSA team was created, they've stood up a testing lab, developed a threat model and organized a forum fostering dialogue among other DOD agencies -- all in the name of cyber security.

"In order for us to successfully mitigate the cyber insider threat problem, organizations across the DOD must work together; technological, physical and administrative solutions should port from MIT Lincoln be leveraged across the "The cyber insider Laboratory, MITRE and DOD IT enterprise," said Col. Jeffrey Kligman, Recently, Maj. Gen. the Special Programs Directorate leader. "Communication

## AF leaders seek relief from sequestration-level funding

By Staff Sgt. Torri Ingalsbe

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

#### WASHINGTON

(AFNS) - Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III discussed the damaging effects of sequestration with members of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations' Defense Subcommittee Feb. 27.

"Your Air Force is working hard to meet the combatant commanders' most urgent needs," James said. "But a budget trajectory that results in sequestration simply will not allow us to sustain this pace. We will either break or we won't be able to execute the Defense Strategic Guidance. We cannot do it."

Sequestration-level funding will force the service to divest fleets of aircraft, to include the KC-10 Extender. Total force flying hours will be cut, as well as weapons systems sustainment, ranges, simulators and high-end training exercises like Red and Green Flags.

To avoid some of these cuts, the Air Force has proposed a fiscal year 2016 budget that is about \$10 billion more than current funding levels, which will allow the Air Force to meet combatant commander require-



Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III testify before the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations' Defense Subcommittee, Feb. 27, in Washington. D.C. The two leaders met with the House members to discuss the Air Force's Fiscal Year 2016 President's Budget Request. (U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash)

service's top priorities.

"Even if we get that Closures. (additional funding), it doesn't solve every ill," James said. "There's a lot of good in our budget, but there's also hard choices."

Some of those hard choices include divesting the A-10 Thunderbolt II fleet, slowing the growth of compensation and requesting Base Realignments and

"The most pressing issue of all (is) more than half of our combat Air Force is not sufficiently ready for a high-end fight," she said.

To balance the readiness of today with the modernization of tomorrow, the Air Force's proposed budget requests an increase in end strength to 492,000 activemen. The extra dollars will has. The capability gap also be invested in missioncritical infrastructure; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; vital space ric advantage that airpower programs; cyber teams; the nuclear enterprise; the KC-46 Pegasus, F-35 Lightning II and the Long-Range modernization isn't an op-Strike Bomber.

"My pride in this Air Force and the Airmen who give it life hasn't changed,"

that separates our Air Force from others is narrowing, and as it does the asymmetprovides the United States military is shrinking."

The general explained tion – it must be done, and he and the secretary asked Congress to help by lifting sequestration.

"Our short-term readiness recovery will stall; our long-term infrastructure investment will remain a dream; we'll be forced to recommend dramatic fleet reductions, and modernization will be further delayed, allowing our adversaries to be able to further close that capability gap," he said. "You understand it's an ugly picture – we just want to make it clear."

The Air Force recognizes the financial strain on the U.S. government, and has cost savings throughout the proposed budget to alleviate the strain.

"We get it in the United States Air Force that we have to treat the American taxpayers' money as precious and we can't afford to waste a single dollar of it," James said. "We're working

ments while investing in the another round of Defense duty, guard and reserve Air- Welsh said. "My concern hard to make every dollar count."

The Air Force is driving steadily toward auditability, and it's taken a 20 percent reduction in funding at headquarters levels. The Airmen Powered by Innovation initiative has also turned up savings, and the Air Force is still looking for the best ideas from Airmen who do the job every day.

"We understand that we must be part of the nation's solution to the debt problem and we're ready to do that," Welsh said. "We need your help in some areas -- so that we can be ready for today's fight and still be able to win in 2025 and beyond."

Both James and Welsh agree America's Airmen are what makes the Air Force what it is today, and they have been performing to the highest level, but they are being spread too thin. The operations tempo, coupled with decrease to critical infrastructure that gets Airmen and units combat ready, have taken their toll on Airmen and their families.

"If sequestration remains the law of the land, it will get worse," James said. "Sequestration needs to be lifted permanently for the whole of government."

## AF research will improve camera for targeting munitions

By Timothy Anderl

Air Force Small Business Innovation Research

WRIGHT-PAT-TERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) - In order for an imaging munition to find and make its mark, a variety of invideo imagery.

Future Air Force munitions will likely feature wide field-of-view (WFOV) imaging seekers that provide Air Force warfighters several advantages over using traditional imaging seekers, including improved capability and lower cost.

The Air Force Small Business Innovation Re-

search/Small Technology (SBIR/STTR) office recently provided nearly \$100,000 of addieffort that will give the Air Force warfighter a WFOV tech- Laboratory nology system.

Business acquisition and process- proves significantly. Transfer ing, maturing the tech-Seeker Program.

According to tional funding for a SBIR Nicholas Rummelt, an Research researcher involved in the project, The objective of this new ACE optical systems formation is required, SBIR Phase II follow-on generate images from including high-resolution contract is to address crit-multiple sub-images that Rummelt said. ical sub-system technolo- view different parts of the gies in the WFOV sys- field-of-view, similar to es more than \$100,000 in businesses of 500 or fewtem and its biologically the compound eye of an inspired Artificial Com- insect. Image processing pound Eye (ACE) optical is then required to seamtechnology. Spectral Im- lessly stitch together the aging Laboratory, located sub-images and produce in Pasadena, California, a smooth, easily read imwill use the additional age. By implementing funding to address the this processing within data acquisition hardware the camera system's data and software require- acquisition hardware, the

program nology for the WFOV concept was originally needs and requirements as bees which use the optic flow field to control ment topics that have their flight and navigate. military and commercial So one of the advantages potential. of having a WFOV seeker is the potential for was established by Con-GPS-denied navigation,"

> additional AFRL project er employees. The STTR funds. These funds will program was established help ensure the Phase II in 1992, to fund cooperaproject graduates into a tive R&D projects with Phase III program that small businesses and successfully transitions nonprofit U.S. research the technologies into institutions, such as unimilitary or private sec- versities.

mission-oriented "The WFOV seeker grams that integrate the inspired by insects such of the Air Force through research and develop-

The SBIR program gress in 1982, to fund research and development tions. This program leverag- (R&D) through small

Since 2006, the Com-The Air Force SBIR mercialization Readiness

linked Air Force centers to AFRL technical points of contact to identify and evaluate Air Force needs and innovative solutions. Its primary objective is to accelerate the transition of SBIR/STTRdeveloped technologies into real-world military and commercial applica-

The Air Force SBIR STTR programs provide more than \$300 million in funding for research and development activities by small businesses annually. With this budget, the Air Force funds research from the early stages of concept development until it transitions to miliments needed for image video output quality im- and STTR programs are Program has directly tary or commercial use.

## Putting face on prevention training

By Tech. Sgt. Joshua Strang

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) - The Air Force recently changed its annual suicide prevention training from a computerbased (CBT) course to faceto-face training.

Feb. 11, replaces the annual hance the effectiveness of vention Program manager, cilitator manual, is designed computer-based training for active-duty and Reserve plete the CBT.

The goal is to have all Airmen attend face-to-face tunity to discuss suicide pretraining by the end of 2015.

"The Air Force Community Action Information in the Suicide Prevention Board and the Air Force Training Facilitator Manual,

suicide prevention training," said Lt. Col. Mitzi Thomas-Airmen, while civilians Lawson, the Air Education have the option to attend the and Training Command face-to-face training or com- Mental Health Branch chief. "The desired outcome is to provide Airmen an opporvention concepts."

In a message located

explained the need for the change in training.

"Our previous computer-based training was a good way to standardize the information and make it readily available," wrote Crimmins. "But it missed an opportunity for leaders and their Airmen to address the problem on a personal

The new training, which

to provide for good discussion and give each member a chance to talk openly.

"The face-to-face training is an hour in length which includes a 24-minute vignette-based video," Thomas-Lawson said. "Discussion groups should have between eight and 20 members and should not exceed 30 participants."

Training facilitators are chosen within individual units and Crimmins' message states that commanders should choose their best mentor-leaders and supervisors to lead the small group discussions.

A recent training attendee here, Tech. Sgt. Katrina Learning Service. Rollins, a medical administrator for AETC Medical the facilitator manual and Services and Training, said training videos, can be acthe facilitator-led interac- cessed by going to the tion was much more benefi- Wingman Online website at

cial for her than the CBT. "With the CBT, you home.

kind of just sit there and click through some slides," Rollins said. "Being part of a group discussion, seeing how everyone perceives the issues and having the facilitator bring up more discussion really changes the training for the better."

Similar to the CBT, the face-to-face training will be an annual mandatory requirement and, according to Thomas-Lawson, the goal for AETC is to have 95 percent or more activeduty Airmen trained using the new format by May 26, 2015. Once complete, training will be documented by unit training managers in the Advanced Distributed

All training, to include http://wingmanonline.org/



## **PGA Family Tee Program comes to Arnold Golf Course**



Two markers are shown here to indicate where to initiate play during a game in the Family Golf Tee Program. This program caters to players who are new to the game of golf. The program is new to the Arnold Golf Course and will be available in the spring. (Photo provided)

By Erica Sturkie

**AEDC Services** 

Have you ever been interested in golf, but the game seems too intimidating? Confusing? Do you know the rules, or even how to swing the club?

Certified by the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA), a family course will be built into the already existing nine-holes at the Arnold Golf Course (AGC).

play without the intimidation and expectation that the regular length holes may present. The cart paths will be marked with the location of closer tee boxes, and markers will be buried into the ground to signify their new locations creating an easy to spot, free-flowing golf experience.

Under new manage-Known as the PGA ment, AGC is currently ers looking to try the Family Tee Program, this in the idea stage for many course from a new vanfamily course will create new and exciting projects tage point." yardage and raising the perience levels. Whether sport, an amateur version interest in learning how to ligan's Grill for a bite to FOOD.

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par of each hole, allow- you've never picked up a is first presented to al- play, until now. ing for golfers of all ages club, only played a little, low newcomers to attain and experience levels to have no clubs to start, or a liking for the sport and need lessons to better your game, Arnold has it all.

"The PGA Family Tee program is a great way to introduce new or inexperienced players to the game without the intimidation of having to hit the ball like a tour professional," said Lyle Russell. manager of AGC. "It also doubles as a Par-3 course layout for seasoned play-

learn the skills needed to play. Then as experience clubs, don't worry. AGC increases, so does the difficulty, expectations and stipulations of the game.

fields are shorter distances that eventually become longer as experience levels increase. In baseball, available on-site and can the bases start closer together and gradually are farther apart. Unfortu-

AGC's newest program will arrive April 15. If you don't have offers men's, women's, left-handed, right-handed and junior clubs for rent at For example, soccer a reasonable price to accommodate golfers of all types. Club repair and regripping services are also

Some other amenities nately for golf, an ama- at AGC include rental teur version of the game pushcarts and riding carts, is rarely an option for a driving range, personaleasier holes by reducing to attract golfers of all ex- For almost every other newcomers who have an ized private lessons, Mul- or to go orders at 454

sometimes be done while

you wait.

eat, and a pro shop full of personalized Arnold Golf Course merchandise. Even though the course is located on Arnold Air Force Base, the course is open to the base staff and to the general public.

"Supporting our military members and being able to offer our facility to the public is a win-win for every golfer in the community," Russell said.

For more information call 454-GOLF. If you plan to eat lunch at Mulligan's Grill, you may call ahead to place advance



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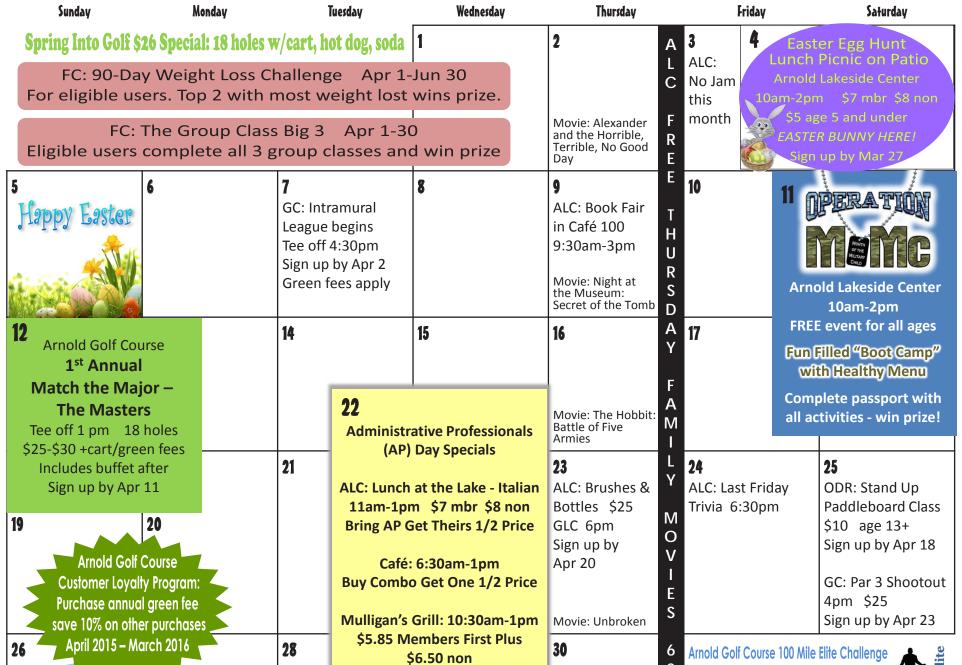
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# AEDC Woman's Club recognizes scholarship recipients at April meeting



AEDC Woman's Club (AEDCWC) Scholarship Committee make plans for the April 7th meeting. Pictured left to right are AEDCWC members Gale Klingelhoets, Kate Canady, Suzette McCrorey (chairman), Theresa Toth (honorary president) and Cecelia Schlagheck. Committee member Julie Lanza isn't shown. (Photo provided)

By Barbara McGuire AEDC Woman's Club

Club (AEDCWC) will 7 meeting at the Arnold mation regarding the true present the scholarship Lakeside Center. recipients from Cof-

School, Tullahoma High ney, city editor of the spell and do math. School, Franklin County Shelbyville High School and Huntland zette. The AEDC Woman's High School at their April

fee County Central High meeting is John Car- been able to read, write,

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John will share inforstory behind the horse Jim The speaker for the Key, who was said to have

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Bedford County.

tions at the March meeting bership information call is not part of the Departwere given to The United 455-3569. Way of Coffee and Moore Counties. The table dona- April meeting starts at governmental status.

The meeting is open Jim Key is buried in involved with Arnold Air Force Base to become a The \$150 table dona- member. For more mem- private organization which

tions for the April meeting 9:30 a.m. with the busi-It was recently an- will be given to The Blue ness meeting and program beginning at 10 a.m.

Reservations and cancellations for the April 7 meeting must be made no later than noon, March 31. You may make reservations or cancellations by calling 393-2552 or 931-636-4152.

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