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Griffith presents AFOUA to 64th FTW

2nd Lt. Chris Breighner Deputy chief, public affairs

"Look at this base. There isn't a finer looking place anywhere—inside and out-and the reason for that is people care," said Lt. Gen. John "Clark" Griffith, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, here Friday

Griffith's one-day visit to Reese was full of ceremony. He was the guest speaker for Reese's last pilot training class graduation and he also presented the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the people of the wing.

The general spoke of not only it being a "great day" for 18 of the newest Air Force pilots, but for all the people who worked to make the day happen.

During his address to the last class and 600 audience members, Griffith outlined three steps to cope with change, and the first of these is to celebrate the past.

"25,000-plus pilots defending this country were born and raised right here as aviators through the help of the community and certainly the hard

work and dedication of the men and women of Reese Air Force Base."

"Look at the future," Griffith said of the second way to cope with change. He asked the new pilots to challenge the future of the Air Force as it moves to an Air and Space Force and finally a Space Force under "Global Engagement", the recently published strategic vision for the Air Force of the 21st century. "You're going to be a part of it. You'll drive it and you'll lead," Griffith said to the graduates.

Remembering the basics is the general's third step for dealing with change. "The basics are real simple. We call them 'core values," he said.

The core values are:

- Integrity first. "You can't have anything without integrity," said Griffith.

Service before self. "That's what this business is all about. These young men and women have committed themselves saying 'I will serve this country."

- Excellence in all we do. "I can't think of any place in the world—and I've been all over this world—that epitomizes 'excellence in all we do' better than the attitude and what happens here at Reese," he said.

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Lt. Gen. John "Clark" Griffith, AETC vice commander, pins on the fourth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award presented to the 64th FTW as Chief Master Sgt. Dave Ptomey, 64th FTW senior enlisted advisor, presents the wing flag.

Sorties end at

Mission

T-38 sorties

Mission Complete

T-1A flying hours

> Mission Complete

Two members of Joint Service Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 97-04 flew the final student training sorties

in both the T-38A and T-1A

The final T-lA sortie took off at 10:15 a.m. with a crew of two. Lt. Col. LeeRoy Martin, commander of the 52nd Fly-



Col. Kodak Horton, 64th FTW commander, left, congratulates 2nd Lt. Jason Rue as he completes the last student sortie in the T-1A.

training aircraft here Jan. 23 ing Training Squadron, was the instructor pilot and 2nd Lt. Jason Rue, of Gainesville, Ga., was the student.

> The last T-38A sortie took off at 10:30 a.m., becoming the final training sortie of any kind to take off. It also had a crew of two, Lt. Col. Vinnie Gallagher, the commander of the 54th Flying Training Squadron, was the instructor pilot and 2nd Lt. Windy Martinson, of Plant City, Fla., was the student pilot.

> Both aircraft returned to base and landed at noon. Each made a final low pass above the field prior to touchdown.

Col. Kodak Horton, 64th Flying Training Wing commander, led a welcome home group of about 400 personnel, visitors, and many of the members of JSUPT Class 97-04. In addition, parents and friends of the graduating class members were on hand to welcome the aircraft.

The two aircraft taxied in trail after joining up at the south end of the runway to travel to the red "Welcome-T" in front of Base Operations. As the aircraft turned off the taxiway to the "T," two of the base's crash-rescue firetrucks unleashed a high-speed stream of water.

(See Last Sortie on page 3)

Sgt.

Close attention can curb workers' comp fraud

Special Agent Michael Ashworth Air Force OSI

The Air Force isn't what it used to be; much of the news these days is about down-sizing and relocation. But through it all, there has been one area of "growth" —by some estimates, a multimillion-dollar growth — and that is workers' compensation fraud.

There are some who see nothing wrong in committing such fraud. They say: "The government can afford it." Or: "C'mon, everybody does it! What's the big deal?"

The "big deal" is that widespread fraud ultimately translates into higher taxes, or, more likely, a reduced budget for the Air Force.

Ironically, lower wages, reduced staff, and base closures! The old cliche "what goes around does indeed come around" applies in this case.

Regardless of how lax the attitude toward workers' comp fraud might have

been in the past, and regardless of how widespread the "everybody does it" mentality might be, the simple truth is that such frauds, and related criminal acts, are federal felonies.

The people who commit such frauds are criminals,

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and the place to deal with these people is in the criminal courts.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations investigates allegations of workers' comp fraud and has made great strides in detecting and eliminating this type of fraud.

Despite that success,

workers' comp fraud is not going to suddenly disappear.

Fraud is about BIG money, and as long as that money is out there, someone will be after it.

In order to spot potential fraud, it is important that

you accept and believe that the frauds and other related criminal acts are wrong.
Workers' Comp fraud is wrong. It is a crime. It belongs in the criminal courts.
No one can afford to

courts.

No one can afford to look the other way, to buy into the attitude that it's "not so bad" to steal from the Air Force, to shrug off the loss as being only government money.

It isn't — it's everyone's money. It's your money. Recognize fraud for what it is

"If it smells like a dead fish, it probably is one" and you need to follow through and report your suspicions.

There are some "red flags" which indicate fraud.

While these "red flags" don't mean a fraud HAS occurred, they certainly point that direction and should make you suspicious. Some of those "red flags" include:

- ☐ Injured worker is disgruntled, about to be fired, or laid off.
- ☐ Injured worker is involved in seasonal work that is about to end. ☐ Injured worker takes
- more time off than the injury seems to warrant.

 Injured worker is having financial difficulties. The accident occurs late Friday or when the worker comes in on Monday morning.

Accident occurs in an

area where injured em-

ployee would not normally

☐ Injured worker has a history of short term employment.

There are two common fraud schemes:

- ☐ Collecting benefits from one employer while working another job.
- ☐ Claiming a non-work related injury was sustained on the job to collect benefits.

You, every person on Reese Air Force Base, are the first line of defense and this article is specifically directed toward you.

To report a suspicion of workers' comp fraud, contact the OSI detachment at 3414.

"Fraud and falsehood only dread examination, truth invites it."

Thomas Cooper (1759-1839)

Air Force personnel chief to visit Reese Wednesday



McGinty

The Air Force director of personnel, Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty, will be at Reese Wednesday.

The general will speak to Reese personnel on a variety of subjects in a "Spread the Word" visit.

The general will hold a briefing in Simler Theater at 2 p.m. on a variety of current personnel topics.

Those topics include such things as promotions, assignments, Department of Defense drawdown.

All personnel are asked to be in place no later than 1:45 p.m. to ensure the briefing begins on time

McGinty serves as the senior Air Force officer responsible for comprehensive plans and policies

covering all life cycles of military and civilian personnel management. That includes military and civilian end strength management, education and training, compensation and resource allocation.

The general entered the Air Force in 1965 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Minnesota Air Force ROTC program. He has commanded an Air Force fighter wing. Prior to assuming his current position, he commanded the Air Force Personnel Center.

McGinty is a command pilot with more than 3,500 hours, principally in fighter aircraft. He flew 115 combat missions in Southeast Asia, including 100 over North Vietnam.



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AETC SEA asks if it is the right thing to do

Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown Editor

The distance between bases in Air Education and Training Command makes reaching the enlisted force a challenge for the command senior enlisted advisor. But that is just part of the excitement Chief Master Sgt. Ken Hair faces.

"It's quite different from being a wing senior enlisted advisor," Hair said. "You don't feel as close to the wing missions. But you can still get out and talk to the people and letting them know that you are concerned."

The newest AETC SEA also says being a team player is one of the primary concerns everyone must remember in today's Air Force.

"In a wing you can go straight to the work center to see the people and talk with them," the chief said. "If there is an issue, you can go straight to the individual or people involved and talk with them."

He said the temporary duty rate is increased being a command senior enlisted advisor, allowing him to talk with the people, listen to what they say and address their concerns and issues.

Hair lives by a motto that can be applied to any walk of life. "Is it the right thing to

do?" If the answer is yes, then it's the right thing to do for the Air Force and the people, he

Having been the AETCSEA for three months, Hair sees challenges for the command just like the ones that were present at the bases where he was the senior enlisted advisor, namely Altus Air Force Base, Okla., and Scott AFB,

"Those challenges are constrained resources and budgets," he said. "We have to learn to do things smarter and more efficiently with the resources and budgets we currently have."

To do that Hair reminds everyone to be a team player. We have to work together. We need to react as a team or we won't succeed."

Privatization outsourcing are just some of the changes Hair sees on the horizon for AETC. "We're looking for more economical and efficient ways to do some of our support processes," he said. "To do that we are seeking contract provisions or civil service conversions through A-76 studies.

"While this won't eliminate enlisted positions, it will cause the people to have to relocate or transfer to different areas of the Air Force to work. It won't affect people wholesale, but it will affect them in some career fields."



Chief Master Sgt. Ken Hair, AETC senior enlisted advisor, listens to a discussion that Chief Master Sgt. Dave Ptomey, 64th FTW senior enlisted advisor, has with Reese personnel.

forefront of everyone's mind at Reese, Hair wants to ensure that people are aware that the senior leadership is greatly concerned.

He said they are on their side and working hard to ensure smooth transitions, whether transferring equipment and supplies to the city of Lubbock or enlisted assign-

"Gen. Billy Boles, AETC commander, is personally involved, making sure the assignment process goes well With closure now on the and without any glitches," the

chief said. "That is a priority

"We want everyone to know that we, from the AETC commander down, are keenly aware of their needs," he continued. "And we are trying everything we can to make the process as painless as pos-

He also stated that leadership is trying to communicate information to the enlisted force as soon as it becomes available.

The mission of "the first command" is recruiting, training and educating people. This is exactly where Hair would like to see AETC continue in the 21st century.

"The mission of AETC is valuable because it is 'the first command' everyone is associated with when they come into the Air Force," he said. "The command trains them for whatever job and command they will be going to.

"We (AETC) will be doing the mission better because we have improved processes," the chief said. "But the mission will probably be the same."

Last student sortie at Reese

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That wall of water arched above the aircraft forming a dense curtain of water. The water was blown in a steady mist over the assembled wellwishers by Reese's traditional high crosswinds, gusting out of the west at about 25 miles per hour. "The winds really came up strong during the last half-hour of the flight," reported Lt. Col. Ken Montague, 64th Operations Group Commander, 1 was praying that they wouldn't get any higher than they did. The last thing I wanted to do was divert them to Lubbock (IAP) at the last minute and make them land there."

After leaving the aircraft, each of the IPs congratulated

their student and sprayed them with a traditional bottle of champagne. Students and IPs from both squadrons made sure that all four pilots received a thorough dousing from the fire hose in honor of the two special "fini" flights.

"Its an honor to fly the last flight with Colonel Gallagher," said Martinson. "I'm really happy that we are getting our wings tomorrow."

"I feel very confident that ing. we accomplished our mission of training this final class of students as thoroughly and well as we have their predecessors," Martin commented.

"The students in class 97-04 had a special esprit among themselves that really made them one of the best classes we have worked with," said Montague, "I expect them all to do very well as they move on in their Air Force careers. They will make great future leaders of the Air Force!"

The sole mission of the flying organizations stationed at Reese AFB-Lubbock Army Air Field between 1942 and the present is pilot training. Jan. 23rd's sorties mark the end of a 55-year era of flying train-

The 64th Operations Group and the 52d and 54th Flying Training Squadrons will inactivate at Reese on April 1. Until that time, the primary mission of the instructor pilots remaining at Reese is to ferry the remaining aircraft to other air bases.

AFOUA presentation

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It's these same people Griffith cited as the main factor in why the 64th Flying Training Wing was awarded its fourth Outstanding Unit Award, which he presented at a ceremony in Hangar 82.

He said good, excellent and outstanding things have been done here, but they don't just happen by themselves. "It's the people. That's who we dards." honor today." Those same quality people are the foundation of "Global Engagement," said Griffith.

The general, commander of the 64th Air Base Group here from March 1985 to July 1986, brought a simple message to Reese personnel: "Listen to

your wing commander."

"I read his article. Colonel Horton has outlined, in my opinion, exactly those goals and steps that you need to follow to continue to operate Reese Air Force Base as it's always been operated—with dignity and class.

"The last part he (Horton) put in there is so important: 'Never, never sacrifice stan-



64th Ops Group announces annual awards



Capt. Sam Szvetecz
Flight Commander of the Year



Capt. Christopher Hamilton Instructor Pilot of the Year



Capt. Douglas Hammen Company Grade Officer of the Year



Senior Master Sgt. Gary Loftus ATC Manager of the Year; Senior NCO of the Year



Staff Sgt. Dexter DeVera Airfield Manager of the Year



Staff Sgt. Mario Gonzalez NCO of the Year



Staff Sgt. Keith Raulerson ATC Trainer of the Year



Staff Sgt. Stephen Roberts Ops System Management NCO of the Year



Staff Sgt. Samuel Stewart Life Support NCO of the Year



Senior Airman Guillermo Chapa Weather Observer of the Year



Senior Airman James Coker Weather Forecaster of the Year



Senior Airman Derek Koloshinsky Air Traffic Controller of the Year



Senior Airman Melissa White Airman of the Year



Airman 1st Class Shirley Harris Life Support Airman of the Year



George Taber Life Support Civilian of the Year



Diane Bailey Civilian Mission Maker of the Year



Napoleon Cooper Senior Mechanic of the Year



Joe D'Amico Maintenance Supervisor of the Year



Doug Ford Maintenance Support Person of the Year



B. C. Hall T-1A Academic Instructor of the Year



J. B. McManus Maintenance Supervisor of the Year



Mac Staples
T-1A Simulator Instructor
of the Year

Other winners already PCSd:
Airman 1st Class Richard Sarkodie
Ops Systems Mgt. Airman of the Year

Kirby Lewis
T-38 Simulator Instructor of the Year

Jerome Willis Mechanic of the Year

JSUPT Class 97-04 IPs

64th Operations **Support Squadron**

Lt. Col. Joseph Scaparra commander

> Maj. Greg Davis operations officer

Lennie Day T-38 academics site manager

Instructor pilots **Bruce Crockett** Gary Lenz T. Kirby Lewis Lloyd Oliver William Russell

Larry Van Sickle T-1A academics site manager

T-1A instructor pilots Greg Aaron John D'Annunzio B.C. Hall Dana Logino Mike Neilan Mac Staples

35th Flying Training Squadron

Lt. Col. Jerry Free commander

Maj. Robert Eddington operations officer

Capt. Slim Morgan A-flight commander

Instructor pilots Capt. Bill Davis Capt. Robert Fairbanks Capt. Paul Garcia Lt. Scott Hammonds Lt. Mark McCardle Capt. John McCoy Lt. Cy Reynolds Lt. Omar Velasquez Capt. Mike Watson 1st Lt. James Pena

Lt. Stephen Martell E-flight commander

Instructor pilots Lt. James Dean Capt. David Grimes

Capt. Pete Muttel Capt. Orin Osmond Capt. James West Lt. Stephan Xaudaro 1st Lt. Jeff Meyers 1st Lt. Chuck Stevens

52nd Flying Training Squadron

Lt. Col. LeeRoy Martin commander

Maj. Dan Leonard operations officer

Maj. John Doherty C-flight commander

Instructor pilots Maj. Craig Johnson Maj. Mark Ostrye Capt. John Biegger Capt. Andy Buescher Capt. Bill Cole Capt. Scott Crase Capt. Geoffrey Dougals Capt. Ethan Furrie Capt. Mark Grief Capt. Danny Harris Capt. Dave Meyers Capt. Mike Mudd Capt. Doug Sevier Capt. Ted Taylor Capt. Dave Tilton

54th Flying Training Squadron

Lt. Col. Mark Gallagher commander

Maj. Kevin Kimsey operations officer

Capt. John Wood A-flight commander

Instructor pilots Lt. Col. Leo Kowatch Lt. Col. Roger Rechsteiner Lt. Col. Rich Takacs Lt. Col. Bill Thompson Maj. Greg Davis Capt. Nick Kangas Capt. Troy Porter Capt. Bill Rayner



AETC Commander's Trophy winners, 2nd Lt. Jason Costello, left, and 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Goodale, pose with their commander's trophies, being recognized as the top graduates in their respective tracks.

Costello, Goodale take top honors in JSUPT Class 97-04 graduation

Goodale received top honors in their respective pilot training tracks for Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 97-04 here Friday.

The two graduates received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy as the top overall graduate in each

Perry Bell, a resident of Lubbock, and a member of the first graduating class at Lubbock Army Flying School, presented the Flying Training Award to the graduate in each track who recorded the highest flying grades.

Catherine Sheppard, sister of Lt. Augustus Reese, the base's namesake, and resident of nearby Brownfield, Texas, presented the Academic Training Award to the graduate in each track with the highest academic grades during the year of intensive training.

In addition to the commander's trophy, the top sticks were the distinguished graduates from each track. Costello won the Flying Training Award in the fighter/bomber track. Goodale

Second Lts. Jason Costello and Jeffrey was the Academic Award winner in the airlift/ transport track.

> Recognized in the fighter/bomber track were: — Capt. Pat Testerman — Academic Award and Leadership Award, 2nd Lt. Michael Barten Citizenship Award, and 2nd Lt. Jonathan Reid — Outstanding Young Officer.

> Also recognized in the airlift/transport track were: Capt. Bradley Harris — Flying Training Award, Capt. Jay Pallatt - Leadership Award, 2nd Lt. Bryan Christensen — Citizenship Award, and 2nd Lt. John Kury — Outstanding Young Officer.

Other awards presented were: Outstanding Crew Chief — Jan Peterson (T-37), Adam Acebedo (T-38) and Emsy Crawford (T-1A); Outstanding Flightline Instructor Pilot — Capts. Bill Davis and Paul Garcia and 1st Lt. Chuck Stevens (T-37), Lt. Col. Bill Thompson (T-38) and Capt. Dave Meyers (T-1A).

The Outstanding Mission Maker was Ted Lathey. The Outstanding Contract Simulator Instructor - Kirby Lewis, T-37; Lloyd Oliver, T-38 and B.C. Hall, T-1A.



Problems?

Concerns?

Questions?

Call the Care Line 3273

Around Reese

Simler Theater

NOW SHOWING

Today: "The Preacher's Wife" (PG)

Saturday: "Star Trek: First Contact" (PG-13) 7:30p.m.

Sunday: "Space Jam" (PG) 6:30p.m.

Prices: \$1.50 adult, \$1.25 children under 12.

Reese Chapel

Catholic services: Mass -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Confessions -- Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and weekdays by appointment.

Protestant services: Sunday worship at 11:15 a.m.

Bowling Center Breakfast Specials

Friday: Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, \$2.30.

Saturday: Hot Cakes with Bacon, \$2.30.

Monday: Bacon and Cheese Omelet,
Toast and Jelly, \$2.80.

Tuesday: Short Stack with Bacon, \$2.30 Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito with Bacon, \$2.30

Thursday: Two Eggs with Ham, Hashbrowns or Grits, Toast and Jelly, \$3.20

Caprock Cafe

(6027 - voice | 6028 - menu)

Today: Lunch-- Spaghetti with Meatsauce, Baked Canned Ham, Lemon Basted Sole. Dinner--Chicken Enchiladas, Tamale Pie, Roast Pork Loin.

Saturday: Lunch--Country Style Steak, Baked Ham, Macaroni and Tomatoes. Dinner--Spinach Lasagna, Cantonese Spareribs, Corned Beef.

Sunday: Lunch--Beef Stew, Grilled Bratwurst, Lemon Cilantro Sole. Dinner--Salisbury Steak, Hawaiian Fish, Mexican Baked Chicken.

Monday: Lunch-Barbecue Spareribs, Fried Chicken, Tarragon Beef and Noodles. Dinner-Onion-Lemon Baked Fish, Szechwan Chicken, Lasagna.

Tuesday: Lunch--Swedish Meatballs, Turkey Nuggets, Chicken Enchiladas. Dinner--Yankee Pot Roast, Creole Fish Fillets, Herbed Baked Chicken.

Wednesday: Lunch--Barbecue Diced Pork, Parmesan Fish, Roast Turkey. Dinner--Chili Macaroni, Braised Liver, Corned Beef.

Thursday: Lunch--Veal Parmesan, Salmon Cakes, Fried Chicken. Dinner--Meatloaf, Teriyaki Chicken, Spicy Baked Fish.

Ruby's Lounge

Today: Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials. Shuffleboard tournament with prizes at 7 p.m. Variety DJ from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Lounge hours: Saturday and Sunday opens at noon, Monday through Thursday opens at 3 p.m.

Wednesday: Taco night from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Free for members.

Reese Club

(3466)

Today: Happy Hour and Bar from 4 to 9 p.m.

Reese Club is scheduled to close Feb. 1. Call the club for more details.

Youth Center

(3820)

Today: Movie from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday: Computer Club for ages 8 and up from 5 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Science club and indoor activites for ages 5 and up from 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Arts and crafts and chess club from 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursday: Cooking Club for ages 5 and up from 5 to 6 p.m. Spanish Club from 5 to 6 p.m.

Community notes

Give Parents a Break

The child development center is having a "Give Parents a Break" night on Feb. 7, from 6-10p.m. Call 3541 to register.

Tax assistance available

The legal office will begin the 1997 tax assistance program on Monday. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) representatives will assist in filling out income tax forms. Call 3505 for an apointment or more information.

Pre-registration for South Plains

Pre-register for South Plains College spring semester at building 920, Monday through Feb. 13, 1997. Term dates are Feb.19 - May 8, 1997.

Phaseout date extension

The Jan. 1,1997, phaseout date for the olive field jacket has been extended to July 1,1997.

Computer classes

The following classes will be held in Bldg. 36 during February: Excel, Feb. 11-13, 8-11a.m. Access, Feb. 25-27, 8-11a.m. Call data monitor systems at 3299 to register.

Vehicle dispatch closes on weekend

Effective Monday vehicle operations will be open 5:30 a.m. - 5p.m., Monday through Friday only.

Job availability seminar

Job availability seminars will be held Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. -12 p.m. and 12-1 p.m. Call 3305 for information or to sign up.

Networking seminar

A networking seminar will be held on Feb. 19 from 12-1p.m. Call 3305 for information or to sign up.

Be my valentine

Communication Skills for Couples will be presented Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the family support flight. The brown bag workshop will focus on ways to improve communication with your mate. Call 3305 for reservations.

Education grants available

The Air Force Aid Society is currently accepting applications for the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program.

Grants of \$1,000 will be given to selected children of active duty, retired and deceased Air Force members for undergraduate studies. Call Elsa Summers

at 3305.

Kick Butts

The behavioral medicine clinic is offering classes designed to help people kick the tobacco habit. Weight loss classes will also be available. Call 3739 for information or to sign up.

Unemployment Insurance Seminar

An unemployment insurance seminar will be held Thursday from 3-4 p.m. The seminar will be in the family support flight classroom, Bldg. 310. Call Kay Dyer at 3305 for information or to sign up.

Equal Opportunity 101

Q. What Native American tribe has the largest reservation? (Look for the answer in next week's Roundup.)

Last week's question:

Q. When was the first time since WWII that U.S. military women, other than nurses, were put to the test of enemy fire in a combat theatre?

A. Jan. 31,1968, the Tet Offensive.

(Submitted by Capt. Eric Bass, 64 FTW/SA)
Submit equal opportunity questions and answers to 64
FTW/SA. The name will be published along with the information provided.

Superiority essential in air and space

(Editor's note: This is part 1 of a 9-part series on the freedom from attack and freedom to attack. Air Force's core values and core competencies.)

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force is committed to complete integration of air and space. That vision is reflected in the core competency of "air and space superiority" that the Air Force's senior leadership recently defined.

Core competencies represent capabilities the Air Force brings to the nation to support the national military strategy and are part of the Air Force's new strategic vision, "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force.'

The other Air Force core competencies are global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

Air and space superiority combines two core competencies from the Air Force's earlier strategic vision, "Global Reach, Global Power." The air and space link is now even stronger in Global Engage-

"Air and space superiority prevents adversaries from interfering with operations of air, space or surface forces and assures freedom of action and movement," said Sheila E. Widnall, secretary of the Air Force.

"The control of air and space is a critical enabler for the joint force because it allows all U.S. forces

"With air and space superiority, the joint force can dominate enemy operations in all dimensions: land, sea, air and space."

Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff, noted that while air and space superiority is lethal against enemy forces, it saves American lives.

That view was echoed as recently as last fall when the Air Force received a letter from a man whose brother served as a Marine during Desert

"I believed at that time and continue to believe that the greatest threat to (my brother's) safety was from air attack," said Brit Ferguson of Stephenville,

"This danger never materialized," he continued, "and he came home safely because of the absolutely outstanding job that the U.S. Air Force did in rapidly gaining and then maintaining overwhelming air supremacy."

This core competency from the "Global Reach, Global Power" strategic vision, now modified to include space, fits comfortably into Global Engage-

"Gaining air and space superiority is not just operationally important," Fogleman said.

"It is also a strategic imperative for protecting American lives throughout a crisis or conflict. It is

the precursor for dominant maneuver and the basis of full-dimensional protection."

Strategic attack and interdiction, Fogleman said, are "crucial to the outcome of any battle. They're not possible without air superiority. Effective surface maneuver is impossible without it. And so is efficient logistics.

"The bottom line is that everything on the battlefield is at risk without air and space superiority. Moreover, air dominance is achieved and joint forces can operate with impunity throughout the adversary's battle space.

The joint force commander will prevail quickly, efficiently and decisively."

The Air Force secretary added that defense against ballistic and cruise missiles is an increasingly important element of the air and space superiority core competency.

"The proliferation of cruise and ballistic missiles threaten Americans and America's interests and is one of the developments that accelerates warfare along the air-space continuum. The Air Force is moving aggressively to counter this threat."

Although the global and theater missile threats are now addressed separately, Fogleman said, over time they will merge into a common missile defense architecture, becoming a single counter air and space missile defense mission.

Fire Safety Tip



Employees should count the doors or desks between their work areas and the nearest exit. During a fire, employees may have to find their way out in the dark.

Seat belts are required to be worn at all times while on a military installation. Failure to do so could result in a loss of driving privileges.



Assignment process draws more than 60 bases

Tech. Sgt. Donald Porter Assignments and relocation

More than 250 Reese enlisted personnel made their next assignment selection here Jan. 22 and 23 at the Reese Club.

The Air Education and Training Command/Air Force Personnel Cener assignment team provided assignment choices of more than 60 bases in 33 states throughout the continental United States and the District of Columbia. Of the more than 250-plus people who processed through the assignment line, only 35 chose separation or retirement.

According to Chief Master Sgt. Burt Aranaenz, the team chief for the twoday process, the program flowed smoothly. "I really didn't see any prob-

lems throughout the entire program," he said. "About 90 percent of the people were happy with the selection choices made available to them.

"Obviously, we couldn't give everyone their desires," he continued. "But with more than 60 bases available to choose from, there were some pretty decent assignments."

Throughout the assignment process, the family support flight provided cookies and doughnuts to everyone. They even went a step further providing detailed and up-to-date SITES packages for each assignment

As with most programs, there were some last minute changes on the processing line. One of those changes enabled the assignment team to provide assignment selections on the spot to two individuals, accommodating for specialized requirements.



Airman 1st Class Bryan Catt, 64th Security Police Squadron, left, reviews his assignment choices as Staff Sgt. Theron Nelson, AETC assignment team, gives directions on filling out the assignment selection form. Catt selected

Banks' presence felt on hardwood Basketball teams hold Reese Appreciation Day Saturday

Senior Airman Tim Dempsey Sports editor

She wanted to play basketball so bad, she told everyone she was in eighth grade while in sixth so she could play in a church league in Dallas.

Thirteen years later, Rhonica Banks is still playing basketball, but now for Lubbock Christian University's Lady Chaparrals.

"This is probably one of the best years we've had at LCU," said Banks. "Right now we are 15-3 and 3-2 in the league. At the beginning of the year we were placed at the bottom of the league." LCU competes in the Sooner Athletic Conference where it is in a five-way tie for second place.

"I think our conference is the best in the nation." Banks said. "Four-out-of-seven teams are nationally ranked. We beat Wayland Baptist University (48-46) and they we're ranked 12 in the nation at the time." LCU will play Wayland again Feb. 8 in Plainview in an important conference game.

In Saturday's tough 76-71 loss to Phillips University, Enid, Okla., Banks scored 12 points, grabbed four rebounds and had two assists. After five games she is averaging 12.8 points, 30.1 percent from the field, 20 percent from the 3-

the free-throw line, 6.4 rebounds and two assists per

"We're really pleased that Rhonica is a part of the program," said Miles Watters, Lady Chaps coach. "Our only disappointment is she couldn't play earlier. We had to put her in during the tough part of conference play. But she has made the adjustment very

LCU isn't the first college Banks has played for. She had to sit out the first half of the season because she transferred from the University of Colorado in Boulder where she played for three seasons. "I met the lieutenant (1st Lt. Antoine Banks, 64th Communications Squadron, who was a cadet playing football at the U.S. Air Force Academy at the time) and he swept me off my feet." Choosing to put a temporary hold on her career, Banks married the lieutenant and supported him in his ca-

Now, Banks receives the support from her husband in basketball. "He's been real supportive. He's going to be my agent when I go to the ABL," said Banks laughingly.

Unlike most collegiate athletes who juggle classes and practice, Banks has an added responsibility, she is a wife and a parent. "I have roles and they turn on and off,"

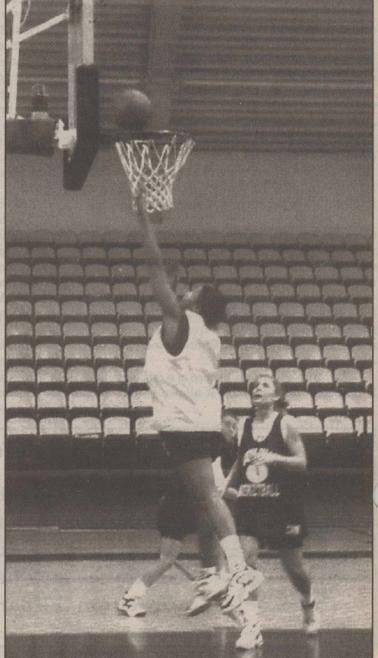
point arc, 72.2 percent from Banks explained. "When I go to school, I'm a student. When I go to practice, I'm a player. But above all, I'm a parent first. If Audrey (her two-year old daughter) says jump, I say 'How high?"

> LCU women and men's basketball teams will play Southern Nazarene University Saturday. The women will play at 1 p.m. and the men at 3 p.m. The women of SNU are past NAIA national champions and are currently ranked first in the NAIA Women's Basketball polls.

> "They are three time defending champs and they are solid," Watters said. A victory against SNU could help the Lady Chaps break into the NAIA Women's Basketball

> Saturday's games will be dedicated to Reese and its personnel for many years of support to LCU and Lubbock. Col. Kodak Horton, 64th Flying Training Wing commander, will be on hand to receive a special proclamation from Dr. Ken Jones, LCU's president. This will take place at halftime of the men's game. Reese's honor guard will present the Colors and LCU's mini-chorus will sing the National Anthem prior to the men's game.

> All Reese personnel will receive free admission with their military identification



Rhonica Banks shows her shooting skills during a recent Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaps basketball practice. Banks has averaged 12.8 points a game since her eligibility requirements were fulfilled after transfering from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo. Banks' husband, 1st Lt. Antoine Banks, is assigned to the 64th Communications Squadron here.



Coach Miles Watters, Lady Chaps coach, left, tries to get around Rhonica Banks during a Lady Chaps basketball practice. Watters said the team was disappointed that Banks could not start playing earlier because of eligibility requiremennts.

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