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### Mickey Hartinger, spouse of AFSPC founding father, dies at 79



Mickey Hartinger, (left), spouse of Gen. (Ret.) James Hartinger, speaks to a celebration of Air Force Space Command's 35th Anniversary at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, Sept. 18, 2017, as Senior Amn. Megan Richards (center), and Tech. Sgt. Beth Guidry look on.

#### By 2nd Lieutenant Tyler Whiting | AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mildred Etta "Mickey" Hartinger, wife of Gen. (Ret.) James V. Hartinger, first former Air Force Space Command commander from 1982 to 1984, died at the age of 79.

As spouse of the "founding father" of AFSPC, Hartinger stood beside her husband during the last years of his distinguished military career.

Hartinger nobly continued her support to AFSPC long after her husband retired from active duty and even after his death in 2000. She was no stranger to the AFSPC Headquarters building, which is appropriately named after her husband. Whether she was presenting an award or proudly attending an anniversary celebration, she was an ever-present reminder of her husband's legacy.

Current AFSPC Commander, Gen. Jay Raymond, said, "Mrs. Hartinger was an inspiration and great influence to us all; and a dedicated supporter of Air Force Space Command. Her charismatic personality and selfless service to our military community will greatly be missed."

Award, which was established in 1984. It is one of the highest remembrance.com/colorado-springs-obituaries/

honors any space professional can achieve. It is presented each year to a person who has made a significant contribution to the Unities States military space mission. Mickey Hartinger often attended the award ceremony each year; initially with her husband, and representing him after he had passed.

At the time of publication, memorial services were still being determined. Contact the Shrine of Remembrance "America the Beautiful" Chapel, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd for One way the Hartinger legacy lives on is through the Hartinger more information; or visit their website at: www.shrineof-

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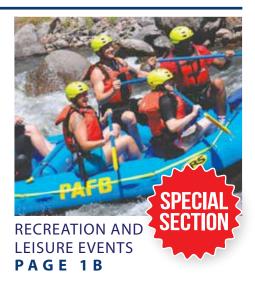
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### TRENCTH AND PREPARED **Diversity: Our National Character**

Sometimes inclusion and

It's a matter of survival.

diversity come as a necessity.

By Timothy Parker | WING STAFF AGENCY

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — In 1946 my grandfather, Johnnie Thompkins, joined the U.S. Marine Corps at a time when black recruits were trained at separate facilities. He went to boot camp at Camp Montford Point, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, where black Marine

recruits were trained from 1942-1949. These first "black Marines" are now referred to as the Montford Point Marines and are part of the rich history of the Corps, similar to how we embrace our Air Force history through the Tuskegee Airmen.

Sixty-six years after attending boot camp my grandfather, along with 378

surviving Montford Point Marines, traveled to our nation's capital to receive the Congressional Gold Medal for their efforts to integrate our Marine Corps. By the time I got the call that he was going to receive the medal I had orders to deploy to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. I remember watching the ceremony in June of 2012 on a silent television hanging in the corner of the dining facility and reading the closed captions. The faces of those Marines were weathered but strong. They clearly were humbled by the monumental rec-

ognition they were about to receive. It was in that moment I realized that I was the embodiment of the ideals that drove my grandfather to endure such hardship.

Part of our strength as a nation comes from our diversity. The fabric of our nation is made up of people from various

> backgrounds and ethnicities. While we have a rocky history with inclusion of different peoples as equal citizens with rights affording under the constitution, our progress

has been impressive. I work with people every day here at Peterson Air Force Base that started school as children in a system segregated by race. In the 1990s, I witnessed a wing headquarters facility renovation to add a restroom for women. Sometimes inclusion and diversity come as a necessity. It's a matter of survival. When your fellow bomber pilots are suffering staggering losses to enemy fighters, you don't care about the race of the pilots escorting you to target; you only care that they are the best. Our military has a strong

history of successfully integrating the skills and talents of diverse groups.

My grandfather and men like him paved the way for me to attend integrated schools and serve our country openly. Because of them I didn't have to attend separate training and be relegated to separated facilities because of my race. Recently, I watched the video of the ceremony and was struck by the genuine emotion displayed by former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, John Boehner. As he spoke at the congressional gold medal ceremony at the U.S. Capitol he more than once reached for his handkerchief. He spoke of how these men not only helped defeat Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, but how they "thoroughly discredited a poisonous philosophy deeply held and long defended by elites here at home." Speaker Boehner went on to say, "before the end of the war, the Marine Corps commandant at the time said the experiment was over; that the men trained at Montford Point were, and I quote 'Marines' period." This brought forth a spontaneous and emotional applause from the honorees.

It's fitting that these men received our nation's highest civilian honor because while they will always be Marines, their impact goes deeper into the positive side of our national character. Thank you to all those who served before us and paved the way.



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**EVENTS** 



### Maintaining Mission Readiness through Operational Testing

By Cameron S. Hunt | 21ST SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Detachment 4, tests and evaluates new space, cyberspace, missile and missile defense capabilities. Their mission is to test weapons systems in operationally realistic environments. The goal is to inform warfighters of the lessons learned and influence national resource decisions based on the test results. Det 4 has been assigned to operationally test and provide feedback for over 30 separate weapons systems.

"AFOTEC Det 4 is one of the coolest organizations I've ever worked for; our comradery and esprit de corps here are so high," said Lt. Col. Tyler Frander, AFOTEC Det 4, director of operations. "We operationally test Air Force Space Command's largest space systems and inform the warfighter on how well they work; we're like the consumer reports for the Air Force."

AFOTEC employs more than 600 military and civilian personnel, headquartered at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. AFOTEC is comprised of five detachment units in five different states: Edwards AFB Det 1 and 5, Eglin AFB Det 2, Peterson AFB Det 4, and Nellis AFB Det 6, said 1st Lt. Randi Winther, AFOTEC Det 4, space and cyber test operations division officer.

Our Peterson Detachment has three operating locations under its command, located at Buckley AFB, Colorado, Hill AFB, Utah, and Los Angeles AFB, California, said Winther.

"Each test team is broken into five main areas: test director, analyst, cyber analyst, effectiveness and suitability. These test teams provide a robust, challenging operational assessment for our mission-critical systems. In an effort to determine the overall effectiveness of our current and newly proposed weapon systems," said Winther. "The results of AFOTEC's tests are normally conducted on prototype and pre-production models and systems, and the data plays an important role in Air Force and Department of Defense acquisition decisions."

During the test, AFOTEC personnel are positioned next to the operators for the duration of the test, which lasts approximately 30-45 consecutive days. This close-proximity assessment technique enables test teams to thoroughly observe the mission needs of the operators in real time and determine how a current or new system responds to the challenge, said Winther.

"Most systems tested are replacing some type of legacy system," said Frander. "Once the AFOTEC test team completes



PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Detachment 4 assessment team review their findings from a recent Satellite Global Positioning System exercise, Feb. 13, 2019 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. The Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Cen-ter employs more than 600 military and civilian personnel charged to test new and legacy weapons systems for effectiveness and mission readiness.

their assessment, they will compile a report and forward it to Major Command leadership which determines if the new system will replace the legacy system."

The Det 4 Space-Based Infrared Systems test team recently won AFOTEC's test team of the year for 2017, beating out over 89 other test teams for the Air Force Association Howard W. Leaf test team of the year award at the AFOTEC headquarters level. All programs are unique in terms of what capabilities are being provided to the warfighter, therefore all are equally important to accomplishing the mission, said Winther.

"In addition to the typical acquisition programs, AFOTEC has recently been tasked in supporting Agile 804 programs," said Col. Joe White Jr., AFOTEC, Det 4 commander. "This type of testing requires more succinct scenarios and on a more frequent basis, which provides the warfighter practical capabilities at a much faster rate. Benjamin Franklin said 'If you do tomorrow what you did today, you will get tomorrow what you got today.' This is just another way AFOTEC Det 4 is supporting our Airmen on the battlefield."



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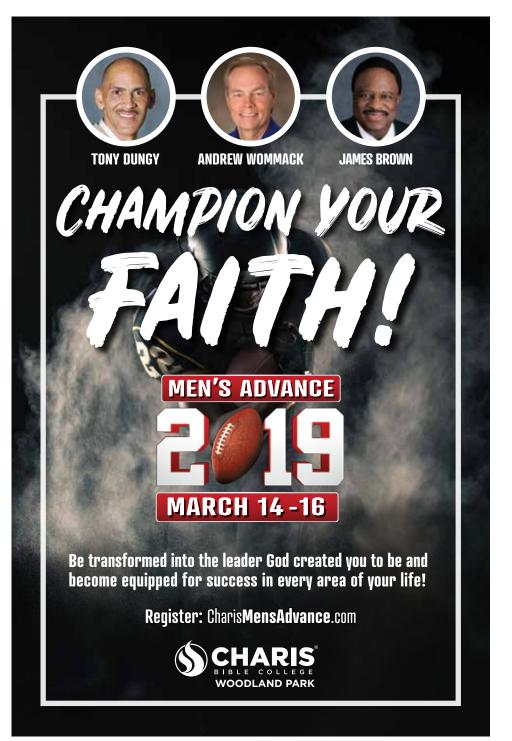
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- If Peterson AFB has a base closure Airmen scheduled to test will be rescheduled and Airmen will be notified of new test date by their Unit WAPS Monitor
- Airmen in the process of testing when Peterson AFB has an early release will continue testing until they have completed the portion of the exam they are currently taking. If necessary, the SKT portion of their exam will be rescheduled and Airmen will be notified of test date by their Unit WAPS Monitor

#### **TEEN SUICIDE PANEL**

The teen suicide panel is a panel discussion for adults presented by Deep Roots, the Teen Board at Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention. It will take place March 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. For any questions, call Violence Prevention Office at 719-556-2835. https://www.21fss.com/about/youth-center/calendar-events/

### JOINT PERSONNEL PROPERTY SHIPPING OFFICE NORTH CENTRAL (JPPSO-NC) NEW HOURS

Effective March 4, the Joint Personnel Property Shipping Office North Central (JPPSO-NC) Peterson Air Force Base's new office hours will be 8 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Questions and concerns can be directed to 719-556-4196.

### **BROWN BAG LUNCHEON**

In recognition of Women's History Month in March, we cordially invite you to attend our Women's Leadership Panel chaired by Brig Gen DeAnna Burt. The event will be conducted as a "Brown Bag Luncheon" in the Pikes Peak room on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 (Bldg 1, 3rd floor) from 1130-1230.

This opportunity is open to both military and civilian personnel.

The option is available to submit questions ahead of time; otherwise, you will have the opportunity to engage the panel directly during the event. To allow an accurate head count, please RSVP by Monday, 8th March 2019 to myself, Maj Amber Dawson AFSPC/CCX or CMSgt Kristi Steck, AFSPC/A3/6O

12 WEEK WEIGHT LOSS CLASS

Starts Wednesday, 6 March 2019

Time: 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Where: Health Promotion Classroom, 2nd floor of fitness center in Rm 206 Who: All DoD ID Cardholders, 18 yrs and older

For questions or enrollment, contact: Dana Johnson; Dana.L.Johnson12. ctr@mail.mil or 719-556-9642

Ongoing classes also offered on Thursdays at noon and 5 p.m.

### **RETIREE ACTIVITY OFFICE**

The Military Retiree Activity Office holds its monthly meeting for all military retirees and their spouses on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 am at The Club on Peterson Air Force Base, followed by lunch at 12:45 p.m. Guest speaker for March 14, Lee Mizer, will talk about Rebuilding Together, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### PETERSON AFB ANNUAL STORYTELLERS EVENT

Every Airmen has a story, what's yours? We are currently looking for individuals who would like to share their unique stories of struggle, resiliency and the strength it took to overcome these personal challenges at the Peterson AFB Annual Storytellers Event. Anyone with base access is welcome to audition. If you would like more information on how to be a part of this event contact the POC listed. The submission deadline is March 13, 2019.

POC: Staff Sgt. Folarin Akinwale folarin.akinwale.mil@mail.mil and Staff Sgt. Robin Winston robin.l.winston4.mil@mail.mil

#### SUPERVISOR SAFETY TRAINING

Supervisor Safety Training is a required one-time training for all supervisors. The 21st Space Wing Safety Office has 11 classes available per year on the third Wednesday of every month except December. The classes are located at building 845 in room 219. For those who haven't taken the course, please contact Staff Sgt. Michael Whitley at 719-556-6345.

### TAPS MOUNTAIN STATE REGIONAL GOOD GRIEF CAMP

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is the national nonprofit caring for the families of America's fallen heroes. At the Mountain State Regional Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp, surviving military family members from across the region will come together and connect with others who have experienced similar losses. Current and former service members are eligible to volunteer for this opportunity. After a group training session with TAPS Youth Programs staff, mentors are paired with their own mentee and work in small groups facilitated by an experienced leader. The one-on-one time with mentees gives them the companionship and support needed to feel comfortable connecting with peers and engaging in lessons. All activities will take place in Colorado Springs.

MILITARY MENTOR SCHEDULE:

Friday, March 29 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Good Grief Camp Kid Zone (OPTIONAL)

Saturday, March 30 6:30 — 8:15 a.m. Mentor training - MANDATORY FOR ALL MENTORS

8:15 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Good Grief Camp

Sunday, March 31 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Good Grief Camp

HOW TO REGISTER: 1. Go to taps.org/militarymentor and complete the registration 2. Immediately log back into your new account and complete the background check release 3. You'll receive an email when background check is completed, and THEN you can sign up for the Good Grief Camp.

#### TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

The Peterson legal office will not be sponsoring a Tax Assistance Program this year. The primary reason for this decision is competing mission requirements (i.e. legal assistance, etc.) and the program's detraction from mission readiness. Second, the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff's August 18, 2016 "Reducing Additional Duties" memorandum limits the legal office's ability to obtain and train volunteers in each squadron. The minimal number of volunteers over recent years put a significant strain on the legal office. In consideration of the aforementioned factors, the decision was made to discontinue the tax Assistance Program at Peterson AFB.

Numerous tax preparation resources are available. Below are some convenient resources available to Airmen and their families:

- Free digital filing for retirees and active duty available through H&R Block. For more information please visit: http://www.unitedway.org/myfreetaxes/resources/hr-block
- Free IRS Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free help to those making \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance preparing their own tax returns. In addition to VITA, the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free tax help to those 60 years of age and older. Trained VITA volunteers are able to address military specific tax issues. To locate a VITA or TCE center near you, please visit: https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers

#### THE ART OF PARENTING

Family Life's "Art of Parenting" course will take place on Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:15 p.m. until mid-March. The video-based study gives parents a simple vision and creative ways to lay a solid foundation for their parenting. The course features guidance from more than 20 experts using humor, encouragement, activities, anecdotes and practical advice. For more information, contact the Chapel at 719-556-4442.

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# Wide area detection among eight finalists for AFIMSC's inaugural 'Innovation Rodeo'



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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — Wide area detection is one of eight ideas selected to compete at the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center's inaugural 'Innovation Rodeo' March 1, 2019. The top three ideas will each receive \$200,000 in funding for research and prototyping.

By Steve Warns | AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND MISSION SUPPORT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — John Shackell, a force protection business consultant with the Air Force Security Forces Center at JBSA-Lackland, once had an idea "before its time."

"Over a decade ago, I worked in the Force Protection Battlelab and developed an initiative called REDCAR (Remote Detection Challenge and Response) using unmanned ground vehicles in support of the security forces mission," Shackell said. "It was not taken up by the career field."

Last year, Shackell attended the AFWERX Las Vegas workshop on perimeter site security and led the sub-workshop on temporary perimeter security. A small start-up approached Shackell and asked him to develop a viable product. The result was the Perimeter Control Operations Suite, which established a virtual perimeter using a mesh network supported by UGV-carrying sensors.

Shackell started to wonder.

"What if we could deploy a virtual perimeter and look beyond it using sensors," Shackell said.

Shackell's submission to the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center's Innovation Office as part of its "Call for Innovation" campaign is a culmination of several concepts, and his idea is one of eight finalists to participate in AFIMSC's inaugural

"Innovation Rodeo" March 1 in San Antonio.

The campaign ran Jan. 1-31 and received 122 submissions and more than 2,000 online votes. Eight ideas advanced to the "Innovation Rodeo," where competitors with the top three ideas will receive \$200,000 each to get their ideas to prototype via AFWERX and tech accelerators.

"Our senior leaders have committed to participating in weeklong events, where it's all about the Airmen and their ideas," said Marc Vandeveer, AFIMSC chief innovation officer. "We want to transition those ideas into the innovation ecosystem and AFWERX challenges so we can get those ideas into prototype and then the implementation phase across the I&MS enterprise."

Shackell said innovation might be this year's buzz word, but it's exciting and motivating.

"We need good equipment much more quickly and current acquisition processes fall behind technology development," Shackell said. "The idea must be to keep pace with change. To succeed, we need senior level buy-in and an enthusiasm to get things done quickly, but properly. We need a puppet master to work behind the scenes. I think we have it in the Innovations and Analysis Branch of AFIMSC."



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"Often, employers see the value in our interns and in their performance and offer full-time positions early in the internship, significantly assisting regional development," said Jessica.

Full-time hire decisions made early in the internships by employers enabled Mt. Carmel to maximize the program. In 2018, more than 40 internships provided access to careers for the military, veteran, and military spouse community.

"Wages for the internship program are funded by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment through a strong partnership with The Pikes Peaks Workforce Center," said Jessica.

Veterans, transitioning military, and spouses, looking for career opportunities, and regional employers looking for talent, should e-mail: jgriser@mtcarmelcenter.org or visit Mt. Carmel.

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

Mar 1: Legal Assistance, Noon-2 pm

**Mar 2:** PTS/Trauma relief-focus Tai Chi, 10-11 am

**Mar 4:** Spiritual Coverage, meet with a chaplain, 10 am-2pm

**Mar 4:** Power Breath Follow-Up Class, 6:30-8:30 pm

Mar 5: Legal Assistance, Noon-2 pm

**Mar 5:** Spiritual Connection Group, non-denominational discussion of spirituality, 12-1 pm

**Mar 5:** Veteran-X PTS-focused group, 4-6:15 pm

**Mar 5:** Yoga, PT/trauma relief-focus, 5-6 pm

**Mar 6 & 7:** Free Tax Preparation for ALL, 10 am-4pm, by appointment: 772-7000

**Mar 6:** Ash Wednesday Event, 10:30 am-2:30 pm

**Mar 6:** Ash Wednesday, meet with a chaplain, 10:30 am-2:30 pm

\*Mar 6: Employer Day Event, 11 am-3 pm

**Mar 6:** Warriors First, support group for justice-involved veterans, 3:45 pm-5 pm

**Mar 6:** PTS-focus Art Therapy for stress relief & self-healing, 4:30 pm- 7:15 pm

**Mar 6:** Point Man Ministries Support Group, non-denominational fellowship, 6-8 pm

**Mar 6:** Faith Night, meet with a chaplain, 6-7 pm

**Mar 7:** Nextop Employment Readiness Workshop, 9 am-3 pm

Mar 7: PTS (I) Support Group, 9-10 am

Mar 7: PTS Support Group, 10-11 am

**Mar 7:** David Ramsey Class 3: Cash Flow Planning, 6:30-8:30 pm

Mar 8: Legal Assistance, Noon-2 pm

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AL DHAFRA AIR BASE, United Arab Emirates (AFNS) — Airman 1st Class Sarah Derringer, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment technician, holds a tire in place while Airman 1st Class Mia Duran, 380th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment technician, fastens the tire's bolts Feb. 11, 2019, at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. Their mission is to provide safe and reliable support equipment to five separate airframes on the installation.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Darnell T. Canr

AL DHAFRA AIR BASE, United Arab Emirates (AFNS) — Airman 1st Class Mia Duran, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment technician, replaces a tire on an air conditioning unit while Senior Airman Andyhoang Vu, 380th EMXS AGE technician, holds it in place, Feb. 11, 2019, at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. Their day-to-day mission is to maintain all of the equipment here and on the flight line to make sure it's mission ready whenever the aircraft needs it.

By Tech. Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady | 380TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AL DHAFRA AIR BASE, United Arab Emirates (AFNS) — The 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Aerospace Ground Equipment shop is responsible for 84 different types of support equipment, totaling 313 pieces in all at Al Dhafra Air Base.

Their mission is to provide safe and reliable support equipment to five separate airframes on the installation.

"Our day-to-day mission is to maintain all of the equipment here and on our flight line to make sure it's mission ready whenever the aircraft needs it," said Staff Sgt. Evan Rose, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron AGE craftsman. "We do inspections, and when something comes in for maintenance, we fix it and get it back out to the line. We also deliver AGE to the aircraft, back shops and anyone who needs it."

To work as an AGE technician it's required you to know how to fix various pieces of equipment, also known as being a "jack-of-all-trades."

"Being a 'jack-of-all-trades' means that we are trained on maintaining equipment used to sustain the flight line," said Tech. Sgt. Eric Stuart, 380th EMXS. "We support equipment that provides heating and cooling, and we also deal with hydraulic and electrical systems. Not to mention we have unique units—such as our bomb lifts—that literally do what the name implies, lifting bombs onto airplanes."

"My favorite part is fixing what's broken," said Airman 1st Class Quentin Kern, 380th EMXS AGE technician. "Having to solve problems and troubleshoot is like a puzzle, something I have to go piece by piece to figure out what is wrong and how it went wrong. Every day, I get a different problem that I get to try to solve and it's really satisfying when you find that missing puzzle piece and put it all together."

Without support equipment, the flight line grinds to a halt, hence their motto: "No air power without ground power."

"Maintenance on our equipment is criti-

cal because these are live missions and the jets can't take off without any of our equipment," said Kern. "They need our electric, hydraulics and more, which comes from the equipment we service."

Their Airmen accomplish different challenges each day while learning from each other's experiences.

"Being an AGE troop comes with accepting that no two days are ever the same and to expect the unexpected," said Stuart. "We might all be AGE, but some folks will spend their entire career having never worked on a certain piece of equipment. It is also not uncommon for a seasoned master sergeant to approach an airman first class with questions regarding a specific unit and thus counting on our junior enlisted to keep the planes in the sky."

"At my home station they don't have the air conditioning cart but here I get to work on it," said Rose. "Different bases have their own special equipment, so by working on other equipment and with people from different bases who bring their knowledge to the task, I learn from all ranks and in this job you learn something every day. I can say that is my favorite part of the job."

By facing these challenges together this team continues to grow stronger and provide the best support to Al Dhafra AB's mission.

"Out of the three times I've been here this has been my most enjoyable experience," Stuart said. "The crew I've got working with me is outstanding and our leadership has provided us with all the tools necessary and a very handsoff approach in trusting us to do our job well, which gives our guys lots of confidence. We have a lot of fun in the 380th EMXS!"

"Even as an airman first class, I feel crucial to the mission at (Al Dhafra AB) because somebody has to get the maintenance going to get this equipment in operational condition," said Kern. "Even our lowest-ranking Airmen have a huge role in the amount of maintenance we perform."



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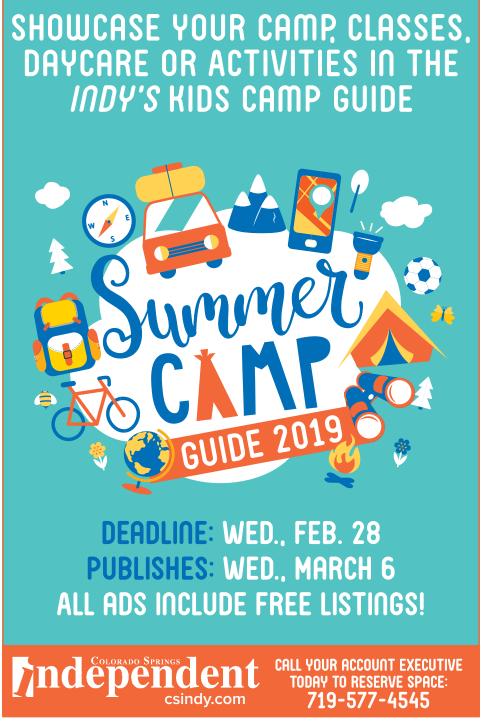
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### Combat metals: The modern-day blacksmiths



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sqt. Jeremy L. Mosier)

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) — Master Sgt. Andrew Liederbach, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron combat metals flight chief, inserts temporary placeholders where rivets will be placed after a permanent patch is complete at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Feb. 6, 2019. When the damage first occurred, Liederbach and his team got their tools and materials together to fly to the aircraft to place a temorary patch on the wing to get it back to base for a permanent repair.

#### By Staff Sgt. Jeremy L. Mosier | 386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) — While there are a lot of precautionary measures in place to prevent bird strikes and other aircraft incidents, they are not 100 percent preventable.

When these incidents occur, there's a small group of Airmen who are called upon to do patchwork to get the aircraft back to base and to fix the damage as quickly as possible to mitigate ground time for the aircraft.

These Airmen and what they do is not completely well known. But, their impact on the flying mission is felt across the maintenance world.

They are the combat metals flight, the modern-day blacksmiths.

"Most maintenance people change parts but we have to make our own parts, from raw materials and then install them," explained Master Sgt. Andrew Liederbach, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron combat metals flight chief.

In a deployed environment they are responsible for anything and everything fabrication.

Whether it's putting a part together or creating the part from scratch, The combat metals flight supports units stationed with the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing and those passing through.

In a recent mishap their capabilities were showcased when a bird struck the leading edge of a wing on a C-130 Hercules. The small bird left a softball-sized hole in the wing and grounded the aircraft until it could be repaired.

Shortly after this occurred Liederbach and his team jumped into action to get the aircraft fitted for a one-time flight patch so it could make the trip back to base.

Due to the aircraft being grounded at an airfield with little

to no ability to support the patching of a wing, Liederbach explained they had to pack all their tools to take with them.

"We took some metal with us and made the patch on site by hand," he said.

In just five hours they were able to get the aircraft patched and cleared for flight.

Once the aircraft was back to base, the wing leading edge panel was removed and taken to the metal shop where the extensive work would begin.

Because the aircraft is a valuable asset to the 386 AEW's mission, there was no time to wait for a new leading edge to be shipped.

They were going to have to repair it by creating every part and piece by hand from sheets of metal.

Liederbach explained that the damage had extended into the inner skin of the wing and had actually crushed one of the rib supports.

The creation of the new rib was one of the most time consuming and frustrating parts of the project.

After it was all said and done, the combat metals section worked 144 total hours and created more than 30 parts from scratch.

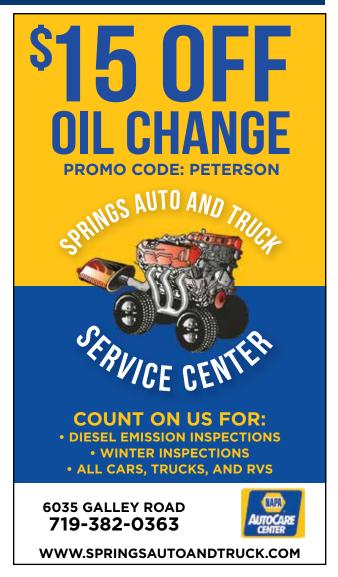
With the shop creating all the parts in house it cut nearly three weeks off the downtime of the aircraft.

"We would have potentially lost the ability to fly at least four missions, and it would have put even more strain on the remaining aircraft and crews," explained Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Ford, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron superintendent.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy L. Mosier)

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) — Senior Airman Conor Goetsch, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron combat metals journeyman, applies the final coat of paint to the leading edge patch the combat metals team manufactured and installed at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Feb. 8, 2019. The entire process took the combat metals flight 144 hours to complete, which got the aircraft back in the fight three weeks earlier than if they would have ordered the part.







### Charleston reservists deliver humanitarian aid, met by Colombian president, VP

By Maj. Wayne Capps | 315TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CUCUTA, COLOMBIA (AFNS) — A group of reservists from the 315th Airlift Wing from Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, delivered humanitarian aid Friday, Feb. 22, which will benefit the people of Venezuela.

The C-17 Globmaster III touched down in Cucuta, just a mile and a half from the Venezuelan border and was met by Colombian President Ivan Duquemarquez and Vice President Marta Lucia-Ramirez.

"Today, you may have helped changed the world," said President Duquemarquez as he spoke to the C-17 crew from JB Charleston about international efforts to feed and provide care for the people of Venezuela. "You are helping more people than you could possibly know."

The shipment consisted of 49,580 pounds of rice and 12,100 pounds of medical equipment that will be distributed to the people of Venezuela. This is the third humanitarian aid shipment delivered to the region by JB Charleston partners, the 315th and 437th Airlift Wings.

According to the U.S. State Department, the flights contained enough rice to feed an estimated 2,000 people for one month, along with medical supplies consisting of wheelchairs, crutches, bandages and exam gloves.

"As an American, I am proud and honored to be part of this joint effort to deliver humanitarian aid to Colombia for the people of Venezuela on behalf of the United States," said Maj. Amanda Gierhart, mission commander and pilot from the 317th Airlift Squadron. "These are some of the most rewarding missions we fly, where we see how the generous donations from our country directly impact the lives of those suffering around the world," she said.

The relief supplies are being pre-positioned in Colombia as part of a surge of U.S. humanitarian assistance that began earlier this month at the request of Interim Venezuelan President Juan Guaido.

According to a U.S. State Department release, "the United States remain committed to helping the people of Venezuela, and this assistance is not the first - and will not be the last - that the American people are sending to help those in need." The release also states, the U.S. has provided more than \$140 million in aid to the Venezuelan people and more than 3.4 million people have fled the chaos in the impoverished nation.

On Jan. 24, Secretary of State Pompeo announced the U.S. is ready to provide more than \$20 million in additional funding to support humanitarian assistance activities in Venezuela.

A flying crew chief from the 437th AW accompanied the Reserve aircrew on the mission.

Editor's note: Michael Dukes, 315th Airlift Wing Public Affairs contributed to this article. For more behind the scenes photos and videos from this mission, see the 315th Airlift Wing on social media @315 AW.



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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Whether you're in the military, a civil servant, or both, you've no doubt participated in suicide prevention training. It's mandatory. We learn how to recognize warning signs and how to appropriately respond. We see incident-based scenarios, usually an Airman experiencing surmounting stressors, i.e., financial, familial, and legal struggles. The training wraps up with a friend or co-worker escorting the Airman to help.

While the training is certainly valuable, and I know of actual circumstances that ended much like our training videos, the focus is on our Airmen. So when I received a call last year from my daughter's middle school calmly informing me my 14-year-old daughter was planning to kill herself, I was unprepared. What had I missed? I knew the warning signs. She'd never been in trouble, her needs were met. She certainly had no legal problems, her parents were divorced and lived separately, but she's loved and valued. The months of March through July were a whirlwind. I didn't know if I was coming or going, I wasn't sleeping well, and the trauma of being suicidal wasn't even mine. My daughter wasn't talking. She didn't know why she was feeling that way, she just didn't want to feel it anymore.

While visiting my daughter during an in-patient stay, I saw a flyer titled, "Every Voice Matters: What I Wish You Knew." It was a local teen panel, presented by Deep Roots, a teen board branch of Pikes Peak Suicide

Prevention. I thought I knew all the facts, warning signs, and actions to take, but I didn't have access to my daughter's thoughts, emotions, or triggers. After attending the local events, I learned these kids are struggling more than we know. I've learned more about the pros and cons of social media and that our young people are experiencing greater stressors and influences than we could imagine.

Three hospitalizations, hundreds of hours of therapy, genetic testing, and multiple medication changes later, things are starting to look up. While I'm not sure how long, if ever, it'll take to be "out of the woods," what I do know is that I'm still learning along the way. There's so much I wish I knew long before all of this started.

Adolescence and young adulthood are transitional stages, present many challenges and certainly joys. While teens are uniquely susceptible to suicidal tendencies for a variety of reasons, it's not just our children who fall into this group. Look around your work centers; our young military and civilian co-workers could be experiencing emotions, thoughts and triggers similar to those of our teens. The possibility someone close to you is suffering without your knowledge is likely. Someone out there is wishing you knew.

I hope you'll join us at the R.P. Lee Youth Center on Peterson Air Force Base, March 1, 2019, at 6p.m. where the Teen Board will share their stories with our community. We hope you walk away with a little insight into what those around you just may want you to know.

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### **Motorcycle safety training:** You must be ready



By Staff Sgt. Michael Whitley | 21ST SPACE WING SAFETY

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. As spring slowly returns to southern Colorado, safety is paramount for Airmen who want to trade in their four wheels for two.

Military members interested in riding a motorcycle must first put in a request for initial training, which they will then have 30 days to complete. They then must undergo intermediate training within a year of completing initial training, with refresher courses required every five years.

Airmen can verify their training through the Motorcycle Unit Safety Tracking Tool or by contacting their unit's motorcycle safety representative. In conjunction with the unit's MSR, the 21st Space Wing safety office can help Airmen get reimbursed for two basic rider's course, a sports bike rider course or an advanced rider's course.

Even with the proper training, Airmen

should still never get on a motorcycle without the proper gear. Proper gear includes a Department of Transportation/ Snell certified helmet with a chin strap, goggles, wrap-around glasses or a full-face shield approved by ANSI standard Z87.1 for eye protection, a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers and full fingered abrasion-resistant gloves, and sturdy overthe-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles.

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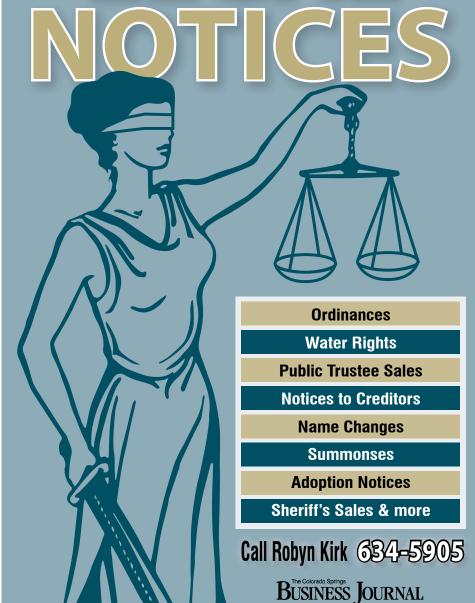
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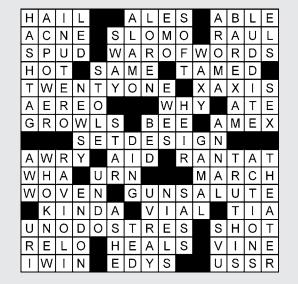
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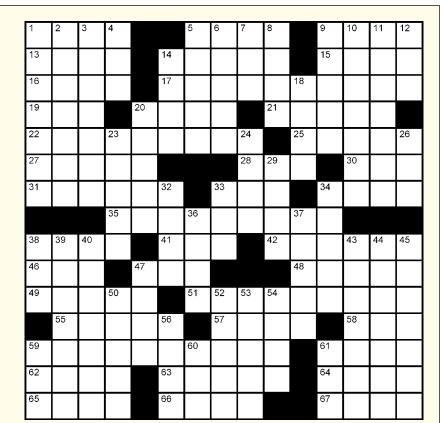
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1715 Aldrin Place Park Ridge • \$65,000

Land 1740 Aldrin Place

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1535 Monterey Road #110 Spring Creek • \$185,900 Condo/Under Contract

1535 Monterey Road #200 Spring Creek • \$189,900 Condo/Under Contract

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Town Home 10216 Antler Creek Drive Meridian Ranch • \$425,000

14395 Westchester Dr Gleneagle • \$444,900

15805 Teak Place Woodlake • \$599,900

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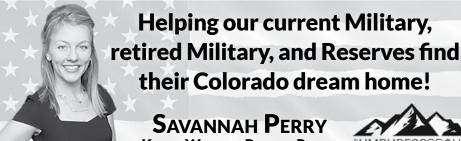
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