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## NEWS

# Team Randolph honors Airman's service to country

## Meaning of the Air Force Combat Action Medal



The medal is designed to evoke Air Force heritage, scarlet with diagonal yellow stripes – adapted from the art insignia on the aircraft of Gen. Billy Mitchell, who coordinated the first air-to-ground offensive in history. The AFCAM features an eagle grasping arrows in one talon and an olive branch in the other, the arrows reflecting preparedness for war, while the olive branch represents a goal of peace, according to official Air Force wear guidance.

By Airman 1st Class Katie Hickerson  
Wingspread editor

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., was given a hero's welcome and honor here Tuesday for his dedication to duty and service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Slaydon was awarded the Purple Heart, the Air Force Combat Action Medal and two Army Commendation medals, one with valor, by Gen. William Looney, Air Education and Training Command commander.

Sergeant Slaydon was injured during a mission to clear a path for a convoy, while on a deployment to Iraq last year. The tour was his third deployment.

According to officials, EOD technicians are called into the most dangerous locations in the area of responsibility and get up close and personal with the number one killer in the war on terror, improvised explosive devices. Technicians are tasked

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**Capt. Matt Hileman**  
56th EOD flight commander

to disrupt bombs that kill or maim entire groups of ground forces.

Sergeant Slaydon has been in the Air Force for 14 years and has been stationed at Luke AFB since October of 1994. He was assigned to the 506th EOD unit at the time of his deployment.

Capt. Matt Hileman, 56th EOD flight commander, acted as Sergeant Slaydon's commander during his time at Luke AFB.

"Sergeant Slaydon is an exceptionally skilled and motivated leader for all his peers," Captain Hileman said. "He has had an incredibly positive impact on everyone here and I would like to thank him on his

outstanding positive attitude."

With his wife, Annette, by his side, Sergeant Slaydon has made a great deal of improvement in only three months, the Captain said.

"Those who serve in the military have to be ultimately brave in those critical seconds, minutes, hours and even lifetime of service," Captain Hileman said. "Sergeant Slaydon and his family have devoted their support to the completion of the Air Force mission."

"I want to thank and praise Sergeant Slaydon's wife for taking care of him, supporting him and working as a team," the Captain added.

## OUTFITTING THE NEWEST GENERATION OF AIRCREW

# Anthropometric survey seeks to update data

By Robert Goetz  
Wingspread staff writer

Employing the same technology that created special effects for films such as "Terminator 2" and "The Polar Express," a team of scientists from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is engaged in a study here that will help the Air Force outfit its aircrews in the future.

The scientists from the Air Force Research Laboratory, Human Effectiveness Directorate, with assistance from personnel at Brooks City-Base, are using computerized full-body scans of Randolph aircrew members – part of a process called an anthropometric survey – to determine their measurements and proportions.

"The data collected from our survey will be used to improve the sizing and design of personal protective equipment, aircrew workstations and other equipment made to fit the human body," said Col. John Oates, chief of the Undergraduate Flying Training and Standards Division for the Air Education and Training Command.

Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, participated in the survey Thursday

and he urged Team Randolph aircrew members to volunteer as well.

"The AFRL is always looking for ways to improve the combat effectiveness that sustains our competitive advantage as the world's premier Air Force," he said. "This anthro study is a great example of the efforts taken to keep us on the cutting edge and I encourage folks to participate. What you do here today will help enhance tomorrow's combat airpower."

The team is hopeful that 200 aircrew members from Randolph – including pilots, combat systems officer students and instructors – will participate in the survey, which is also open to Airmen from the other San Antonio bases. Volunteers are still needed.

The anthropometric survey is the first one the Air Force has conducted since 1967, when men and women were roughly an inch shorter and more than 20 pounds lighter than they are today.

There are also other differences between the Air Force population now and in 1967. At that time, aircrews consisted mainly of young white males.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Katie Hickerson

A Randolph aircrew lieutenant receives a computerized full-body scan as part of the anthropometric study conducted here.

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## News BRIEFS

### Retirees

Congratulations to Chief Master Sgt. Michael Drumming, Air Education and Training Command; Jose Lerma, 12th Logistics Readiness Division; and Master Sgt. Diane Miles, Air Force Recruiting Service, on their retirements.

### Use of BDU field jackets

Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, reminds all Airmen assigned to Randolph who wish to wear a Battle Dress Uniform Gore-Tex or field jacket to wear them with a serviceable set of BDUs, not the Airman Battle Uniform.

Airmen are authorized limited wear of the BDU Gore-Tex or field jacket with the ABU, but only in "situations when operational and safety concerns dictate the necessity and no other acceptable uniform combination is available" as authorized by their commander.

### Volunteers needed for Brooks study

The Air Force Research Laboratory at Brooks City-Base is looking for moderately fit men and women ages 18-39 to participate in a research study titled "The Effect of Whey Protein and Leucine Supplementation on Physical and Cognitive Performance." Subjects will be reimbursed for their time.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Julia McGregor, 536-6865, or 1st Lt. Jessica Smith, 536-4777.

### Luncheon

Bexar County Assistant District Attorney Daryl Harris will speak at the Randolph African-American History Month Luncheon today at 11 a.m. at the Randolph Enlisted Club.

Call Tech. Sgt. Denita Harris at 652-9184 for more information.

### National Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast takes place Feb. 27 at the enlisted club. Chad Hennings, an Air Force Academy graduate who was a member of the Dallas Cowboys, will be the guest speaker.

### MOAA Valentine dinner, dance

The Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter will present a Valentine's dinner and dance Feb. 13 at the Randolph Officers' Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Wilburn Brothers Band.

Call 228-9955 or e-mail [moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net) to make reservations. Deadline is Feb. 11.

### Military comptrollers

The Alamo City Chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers hosts its 60th anniversary Professional Development Symposium Feb. 19-20 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Service Center Region 20, 1314 Hines Ave., San Antonio. The two-day training event for personnel in financial management or related fields

offers a range of topics from budgeting and leadership to information technology and retirement planning. The event will also commemorate the organization's heritage.

For more information, contact Capt. John Coats at 652-9028, Jane Keller at 573-6702, Ellen Hester at 536-3311 or Rory Chapman at 725-8805.

### Resident Advisory Committee

Pinnacle Hunt Communities is seeking four volunteers to serve on the Resident Advisory Committee. Volunteers will meet regularly to discuss residents' concerns and act as a voice for their respective community sections.

To volunteer, stop by the welcome center or call 659-9061.

### Scholarships for Military Children

Applications for the 2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 20. They are available in commissaries worldwide or online through a link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and directly at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org), where they can be filled out on the computer and printed or printed and filled out by hand. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

### Wilford Hall seeks volunteers

Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base is looking for volunteers to work a

few hours a week as step-saver cart drivers or to help with administrative duties in the hospital clinics.

The Volunteer Services Office is in room 1C33, down the hall from the flower shop, in the main hospital building. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Call 292-6591 for more information.

### MOAA recruiting new members

The Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter is recruiting new members. Members represent all branches of the armed services, including active duty, reserves, National Guard, retirees and their spouses.

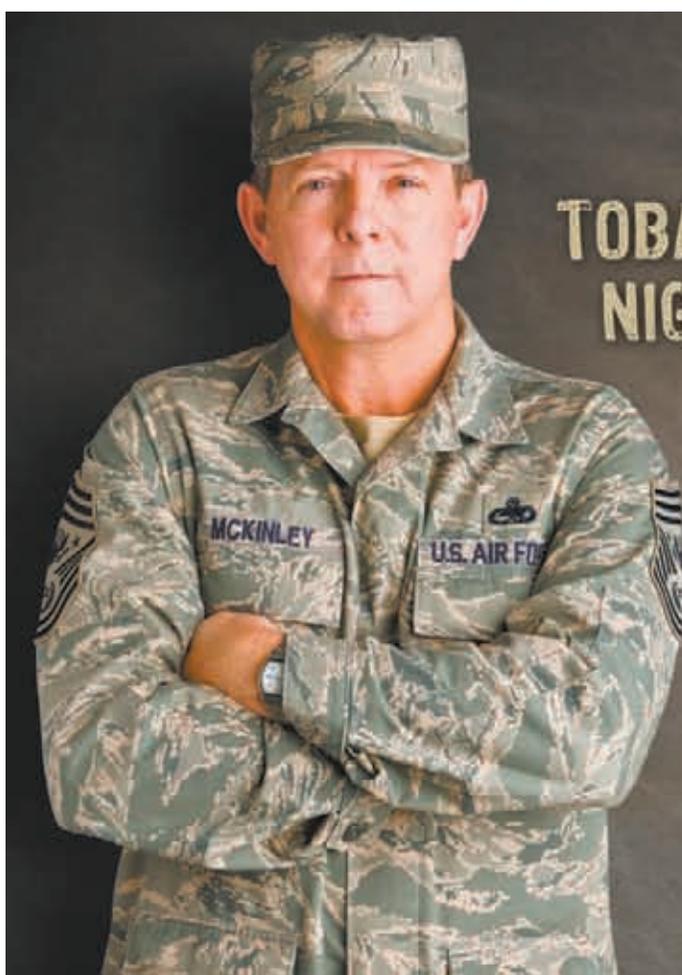
Call 228-9955 or e-mail [moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### UK nixes samurai sword imports

People scheduled to PCS to the United Kingdom are advised not to ship samurai swords in their personal property shipments because the UK plans to prohibit the importation of the swords early this year.

Samurai swords are being added to the list of offensive weapons whose importation is prohibited by the Criminal Justice Act of 1988. The UK may allow exemptions for authentic swords in collections or for cultural uses.

For more information, call 652-1848 or 652-1849.



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**Col. Richard Clark**

12th Flying Training Wing commander



## COMMENTARY

### HOW DO YOU HANDLE CHANGE?

By Lt. Col. Frank Battistelli

386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group  
deputy commander  
(Deployed from Randolph AFB)

Did you ever return to a base you were once stationed at or return to a town you once lived in to discover that things were just not the same? The chemistry was different, people changed and you didn't seem to fit in quite as well as you did the first time. Your recollection of the way things once were was different than what you found upon your return.

The same holds true in today's Air Force.

Ask one of your senior non-commissioned officers or field grade officers what the Air Force was like when they entered the service 15-plus years ago. They would probably tell you performance reports were done using typewriters, e-mail was virtually non-existent and, most notably, manning was great.

Over the years, however, technology has significantly changed the way we do business and budget crunches have leveled manning.

As a mission support squadron commander, I asked my flight chiefs and supervisors to read a book called "Who Moved the Cheese" by Spencer

Johnson. The book is about "change" and was especially important to the squadron at the time given the major transformation of personnel initiatives. The book discussed how important it is for people to adapt and change as the world changes and paradigms shift.

Unfortunately, people don't always respond to change, especially in the Air Force.

When was the last time you asked your supervisor why you do something a certain way and the answer you got back was "That's the way we've always done it," or "Because that's the way I learned it."

We get hung up on antiquated procedures and fail to acknowledge that changes have occurred around us. Hey, typing an evaluation performance report on a typewriter worked very well, but you don't see us typing anything today. In fact, most of you have noticed that we are now digitally signing performance reports and never see the paper product until it's in our record.

This is exactly what I mean. We must embrace change by looking at the way it can enhance our quality of life or work centers and move us out of our comfort zone.

If you look at how change has

impacted our world, you'll realize it's almost impossible to ignore.

Thomas L. Friedman, in his book titled "The World is Flat," discusses how the world has become flat over the last decade.

By the term "flat" he means international barriers have been broken and the playing field has become level.

For example, if you are having computer problems at your home in Nebraska, you may pick up the phone and call a 1-800 phone number for computer support. To your surprise, you are connected to an English-speaking technician in a foreign country 10,000 miles away. The same holds true for purchasing merchandise online or by phone. Technology has virtually eliminated commercial boundaries, and in essence, flattened the world.

As we accept that the world is changing, we have to make a decision to embrace change and keep the momentum or we will remain stagnant and risk missing opportunities.

My challenge to the men and women in today's Air Force is to ask yourself how you can enhance your life or work center by accepting change, adapting and then slowly making the transition.



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## ON THE COVER

Gen. William Looney, Air Education and Training Command commander, presented Staff Sgt. Christopher Slaydon from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., with four medals, including the Purple Heart and the Air Force Combat Action Medal, in a ceremony here Tuesday. Photo by Joel Martinez

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# Randolph chosen as test bed for expansion of Civil Air Patrol's role

By Robert Goetz

Wingspread staff writer

Randolph is one of two bases chosen to evaluate a program that could expand the Civil Air Patrol's role on installations throughout the Air Force.

The program, Volunteer Support to the Air Force, will provide CAP members with an additional non-combat role, filling a variety of needs on bases.

Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, said the program will break new ground for the Air Force.

"Randolph is the test bed along with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio," he said. "Depending on the pilot program's success, it will branch out to all Air Force bases. This represents a change in history. It may become an everyday occurrence to see Civil Air Patrol uniforms on Air Force installations."

Craig Duehring, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, said last week the VSAF program "will provide greater volunteer opportunities for citizens through the CAP while enhancing Air Force capabilities as a part of the Air Force's Continuum of Service program."

Continuum of Service is a

Department of Defense initiative that seeks to provide opportunities for service along a continuum from military active duty to civilian volunteer.

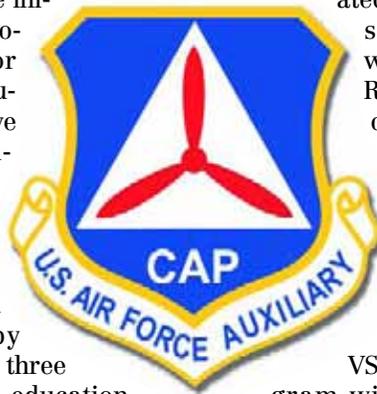
The Civil Air Patrol, the auxiliary of the Air Force, was founded in 1941 and was charged by Congress in 1948 with three missions – aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services. It now conducts 90 percent of inland search-and-rescue missions in the United States.

A Civil Air Patrol official said the organization welcomes the new opportunity.

"The members of the Civil Air Patrol, all patriotic American citizens, are proud to have this opportunity to help the brave men and women defending our country and the loved ones they leave behind when they deploy," Brig. Gen. Amy Courter, interim CAP commander, said in a statement last week.

The program at Randolph will originate in the 12th FTW, Colonel Clark said.

"We're focusing on the 12th Flying Training Wing to get the process initi-



ated and streamlined," he said. "As it grows, we want to offer other Team Randolph members the option to bring in volunteers to augment their offices. That will take place several months down the road."

Lt. Col. Jack Burns, 12th FTW director of staff and the base VSAF officer, said the program will help fill personnel needs created by drawdowns and deployment. In some cases, services that have been eliminated could be restored.

He said staff has identified 15 possible positions for CAP volunteers to fill, including three administrative support slots and six skilled positions in civil engineering, from interior design to environmental science. In addition, five volunteer opportunities are available in services.

"Our greatest need is in administrative support," Colonel Burns said, "but we will try to employ the volunteers' particular skills sets. If they come and want to give, we will do everything we can to accommodate them."

He said 22 Civil Air Patrol members – all of them from the greater San Antonio area – are already interested

in participating in the program. Local CAP officials will ensure that volunteers meet the criteria that the organization has established for participation in the program.

Colonel Burns said the hours of service they provide will vary, depending on their personal situations.

"Whatever time they can give, we will use," he said.

Volunteers will wear "uniforms identifying them as Civil Air Patrol members" and should be visible in the coming weeks, Colonel Burns said.

Colonel Clark said volunteer opportunities will grow as the program matures.

"We will continue to refine the program until it meets all Air Force requirements," he said. "We'll find those areas where volunteers can feel like they are a valuable part of the 12th Flying Training Wing, that their time is well-valued and well-received."

The program could have a long-term positive impact on the Air Force, Colonel Clark said.

"The Civil Air Patrol is a great organization," he said. "I'm very excited that their members are coming out to Randolph and will put into motion a program that potentially changes the way the Air Force operates for the next 50 years."

## ANTHROPOMETRIC from P2

Now there are more women than ever and ethnic diversity is greater. In addition, the pilot population is older because of the larger number of active reservists.

"The bottom line is that the body shapes and sizes for the Air Force of 2008 are drastically different than they were for the Air Force of 1967," Colonel Oates said.

When the last survey was conducted, scientists used tape measures, calipers and other measuring devices. They continue to use those tools.

"Traditional anthropometric measurements are linear," said Scott Fleming, project manager and anthropologist with the AFRL/RH Biosciences and Protection Division, Biomechanics Branch. "We use the traditional measuring tools to compare to the historic database."

But now they're also turned to computer technology and a piece of equipment called the Cyberware Whole-Body Scanner that captures a three-dimensional map of a subject. The result is a more accurate picture because the 3-D map depicts body shape.

"This process gives you shape data," Mr. Fleming said. "You can custom-shape body armor with this data. The process is quite a bit more accurate."

The survey, which is taking place in Hangar 71, consists of three stations. The aircrew member first listens to a briefing describing the data-collection process, signs an informed consent form and answers demographic questions. Then the Airman changes into gray cotton scanning garments – form-fitting shorts for men, form-fitting shorts and sports bras for women.

The last part of the process is the landmarking/scanning station, where the subject is scanned three times in sitting and standing positions.

"We place 72 white stickers on the subject's body that represent anatomical landmarks," Mr. Fleming said. "These stickers are used as reference points for the scanner."

The scanning equipment – two computers and two lasers on each of four heads – completes the scanning process in 17 seconds, collecting data as it descends on rails. The result is a 3-D image with several hundred thousand data points 2 to 5 millimeters apart.

"It's pretty accurate for the whole body," said Mr. Fleming.

The entire process takes about an hour, about half as long as the traditional approach.

Mr. Fleming said scanning technology appeared in the 1990s, when airplane and clothing manufacturers used it to redesign products. But the subjects used for those surveys were from the civilian population and were not representative of aircrews.

Head scanners have also been used to redesign helmets and other headgear.

Mr. Fleming said the survey will take several years to complete. More data will be collected at other bases pending availability of funding.

"We need 2,000 to 3,000 subjects to get a statistically representative sample of aircrew," he said. "There are more women and there is more ethnic diversity, so we have to include that in the database."

Mr. Fleming said the survey will not only update an out-of-date database but will assist in the redesign of "flight equipment from head to toe," resulting in "huge logistical and financial savings" and offering the "best protection and care for aircrews."

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### African-American History

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

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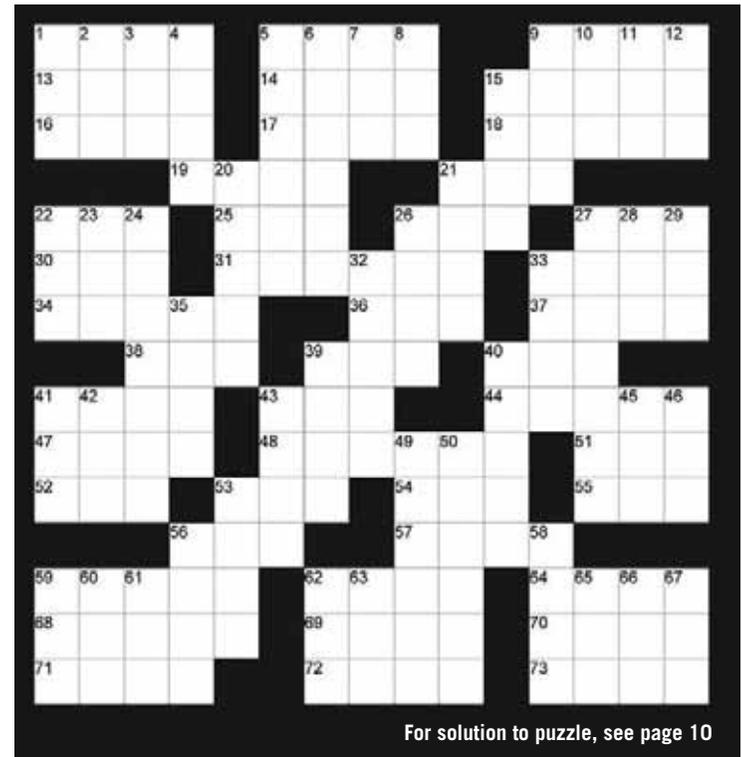
1. First African-American man to win Wimbledon
5. Of the highest quality, excellence or outstanding
9. Legume
13. Den
14. Line about which a rotating body, such as the earth, turns
15. First African-American general officer in the USAF
16. \_\_\_ facto: by the fact itself; by the nature of the deed
17. Skating site
18. African-American currently campaigning for U.S. presidency
19. Without
21. Plaything
22. Scientist's workplace
25. American servicemember, informally
26. Part of USAF
27. Giant
30. Kwik-E-Mart owner/operator
31. To give or allocate; allot
33. Arm bone
34. First African-American Secretary of State; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
36. Gun lobby
37. Performed a song or voice composition

sition

38. Allotted share or portion
39. \_\_\_ Dome; Indianapolis Colts home field
40. Ump
41. Converse in a familiar or informal manner
43. Debt letters
44. Choose as one's own; make one's own by selection or assent
47. Distinctive and pervasive character; air; atmosphere
48. First African-American soldier to receive the Medal of Honor
51. \_\_\_ Sea
52. Sleeping site
53. \_\_\_ and reel
54. Tokyo, once
55. USAF Medal of Honor recipient
56. 2000 film "\_\_\_ of Honor"
57. Red or white table beverage
59. First African-American promoted to the rank of general
62. 1980s rock band
64. African-American won consecutive 100m Olympic gold medals
68. Make suitable to requirements or conditions
69. Lotion ingredient
70. Two-wheeled vehicle with springs, drawn by a horse or pony
71. Marries
72. Remove or correct defects or errors in
73. Saintly; godly; pious; devout

#### DOWN

1. African-American boxer who won heavyweight title, gold medal
2. Vital circulating fluid of a woody plant
3. Towel marking
4. Greek god of love
5. First African-American CMSAF
6. To continue to be; persists
7. Transgression of divine law
8. Used as an exclamation of contempt, disdain or impatience
9. 2007 Affleck movie "Gone, \_\_\_, Gone"
10. Actress Mendes of "Ghost Rider"
11. One time USAF Slogan: \_\_\_ High!
12. U.S. cryptologic org.
15. Any means of approach, admission, or access
20. \_\_\_-garde; unorthodox or daring; radical
21. African-American Grammy winner Turner
22. Resinous substance; used to manufacture varnishes a sealants
23. Overseas mil. Address starter
24. First African-American military pilot
26. Taj Mahal site
27. First African-American in space
28. Hotel
29. Joke
32. To come into or acquire
33. Employed for a purpose; utilized
35. Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet



For solution to puzzle, see page 10

39. Long path with a smoothed or paved surface for cars
40. Semisynthetic textile fabric
41. Taxi
42. Gradation or variety of a color; tint
43. Symbol
45. Vegetable
46. Mil. duty away from home station
49. First African-American USAF Thunderbird pilot
50. Eliminated; deleted
53. Take a break
56. Mil. enlistment site
58. Outline clearly or sharply; delineate
59. Talk; chat; gossip
60. Summertime sweet beverage
61. Angry
62. Zodiac symbol for Aries
63. Pub order
65. NBA All-Star \_\_\_ Ming
66. Web address
67. Pig's pen

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Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger

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Rated PG, 105 min.

## COMMUNITY

# Randolph readies for annual chess tournament

By David DeKunder  
Wingspread staff writer

For the fifth consecutive year, Team Randolph chess players will have the opportunity to match their wits and checkmate their opponents on a game board.

Active-duty personnel, Department of Defense civilians, dependents, contractors, spouses and retirees are invited to participate in the Base Championship Chess Tournament March 1 at 9 a.m. at the enlisted club.

Base members who are eligible to compete in the tournament have until noon Feb. 29 to sign up. To sign up call Sharon Rector, 12th Services Division community support flight program manager, at 652-6508.

Twenty-five participants are expected to compete in the chess tournament. There will be five categories for youth ages 6 to 18 and two categories for adults age 19 and older. Trophies will be given to first, second and third place in each category.

Since the first base chess tournament, held in 2004, Ms. Rector said interest in the tournament has grown. Last year the tournament had 23 contestants.

"We started out with 10 participants in 2004 and we have doubled our participation in the last five years," she said.

The tournament follows the rules and guidelines

of the U.S. Chess Federation. Children in the younger age bracket 30-minute games and are allowed 15 minutes each to plot their moves. Adults play for an hour and are allowed 30 minutes each to make their moves.

Ms. Rector said people of all ages from around the area have participated in the chess tournament in the past.

"We had a couple of participants from Fort Sam Houston and Lackland Air Force Base, retirees, parents and their children," Ms. Rector said. "People of all skill levels have participated. We had people who were ranked by the U.S. Chess Federation and people who played for recreation."

Besides fostering good competition, the base chess tournament has created a strong family atmosphere, Ms. Rector said.

"Because the Randolph Youth Center has a chess club, we have tons of kids who have play," she said. "Last year we had 15 kids participate. It is amazing to watch them play, especially the pre-teens. The parents are able to take the kids to the enlisted club, watch them play and enjoy it."

Raymond Chase, Randolph Youth Center teen coordinator, said children like to play chess because it benefits them educationally and is fun to do.

"Chess helps children develop skills that can help them in class and with their reasoning," Mr. Chase said. "Chess is a competitive thing while being non-threatening at the same time. Usually kids who play



chess will continue to play as they get older."

Ms. Rector said people have formed friendships while competing during the tournament.

"We have a lot of returning adults who have gotten to know each other; some have even exchanged phone numbers and played chess during the year," Ms. Rector said.

Paul Fafoutakis, a retired Air Force captain, has played in the chess tournament since it started. Mr. Fafoutakis, a lifelong chess player, said the tournament gives him the opportunity to compete against and meet people who share his love for chess.

"I consider the competition at the tournament to be very good; it is stimulating," Mr. Fafoutakis said.

While promoting chess and friendly competition, the base chess tournament has proven to Team Randolph to be more than just a game.

## Community BRIEFS

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### • Chess tournament

A base championship chess tournament takes place March 1 at 9 a.m. at the enlisted club. The tournament is open to all active duty, dependents, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and retirees in five categories – youth 6-8, youth 9-12, youth 13-15, youth 16-18 and 19 and older. Active-duty participants have the opportunity to compete at the Air Force level.

To sign up, call Sharon Rector at 652-6508. The deadline to register is Feb. 29 at noon.

#### RANDOLPH CHAPEL – 652-6121

##### • Chapel schedule

For a complete chapel schedule, including Protestant, Catholic and other religious services, visit [www.randolph.af.mil](http://www.randolph.af.mil) and click the "chapel" link on the right side.

##### • Espiritu concert

The Catholic Women of Our Lady of Loretto will present Espiritu in concert Saturday from 7-9 p.m. at Chapel 2. The inspirational evening of music and song will also feature Children's Church and Catholic Youth in Action

members.

#### A&FRC – 652-5321

##### • Bundles for Baby

The Air Force Aid Society will present Bundles for Baby, a program for active-duty members and their spouses who are expecting a baby, today from 2-3:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. Among the topics are budgeting for baby, dental and pediatric clinics and the New Parent Support Program. Attendees receive a bundle of baby supplies and a book for baby's first year.

Call 652-5321 to sign up.

##### • Retirement/separation briefing

The next retirement/separation briefing is today from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the A&FRC. Spouses are encouraged to attend. An appointment is not required.

Contact Debbie Hall at 652-3633 or [debra.hall@randolph.af.mil](mailto:debra.hall@randolph.af.mil) for more information.

##### • Credit When Credit is Due

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight and Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union will present a five-week financial education course, Credit

When Credit is Due, starting Tuesday at the A&FRC. Participants will meet each Tuesday through March 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Call 652-5321 for more information or to sign up.

##### • Salary negotiations

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight will present a salary negotiations workshop Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. at the A&FRC. Participants will learn how to negotiate civilian job salaries and increase their knowledge of networking.

Call 652-5321 to sign up.

##### • Investment seminar

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight Financial Readiness Program will present "Investigate Before You Invest!" Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the A&FRC.

To sign up, call 652-5321.

#### EDUCATION CENTER – 652-5964

##### • Scholastic Aptitude Test

The Scholastic Aptitude Test will be administered at the education center to active-duty personnel Feb. 11. Personnel should talk to a counselor at the center to see if they should take

the test.

Call the education center for more information.

##### • OTS Selection Board

Officer Training School Selection Board (non-rated only), which had been scheduled to meet Monday, will begin on March 3. The estimated release date of March 7 has been changed to April 11. Applicants have until Feb. 13 to submit any corrections to their packages.

##### • Park University

Scholarships for the value of full tuition up to 15 academic hours are available this spring at the Randolph Campus Center. Nonmilitary dependents of active-duty military personnel assigned, attached or residing in the vicinity of the campus center are eligible.

For other eligibility criteria and for application procedures, e-mail [rand@park.edu](mailto:rand@park.edu). Deadline for application procedures is Feb. 29.

##### • St. Mary's University

The St. Mary's graduate school offers teacher certification classes through the education department. Students can earn a master's degree

and certification or certification alone.

Contact Dr. Tom DeKunder at 658-8102 or [dekunder@att.net](mailto:dekunder@att.net), Dr. Dan Higgins at 436-3121 or [dhiggins@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dhiggins@stmarytx.edu) or Dr. Neva Davenport at 436-3121 or [edneva@stmarytx.edu](mailto:edneva@stmarytx.edu).

##### • Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University will begin spring registration Monday for returning students via IQ Web and Feb. 11 for new students. The spring term will run from Feb. 25-May 17.

##### • ERAU

Today is the deadline to register for the undergraduate distance learning term, which begins Feb. 15, and to withdraw from the 08/S1 classroom term at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

For more details, call 659-0801.

##### • ACCD

Registration for the Spring 2008 Flex II session begins Monday and continues through March 4. Various associate of applied sciences and associate of arts degree programs are offered.

Call 659-1096 about evening courses at Randolph.

## FEATURE

# EXCELLENCE ABOUND

## Congratulations to the Team Randolph Quarterly Award Winners

### CGO of the Quarter

Capt. Troy McGath, a command airlift training program manager with the Air Education and Training Command, is the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.

He filled a short-notice deployment requirement to Iraq, eliminating a critical Air Expeditionary Force shortfall. He commanded the staff unit control center during two rocket attacks, acting as the information link to the group commander.

Captain McGath revised situation reporting procedures to the combat wing, saving more than 60 man-hours a month and erasing late reporting trends.

During his off-duty time, he completed honor guard training and led the first-ever CGO Honor Guard for the air base. He created the first CGO Council, for which he was elected president by his peers, and arranged for members to visit and mentor new Iraqi CGOs in C-130 flying training.



**Capt. Troy McGath**

### Senior NCO of the Quarter

Master Sgt. John Prather, a command vehicle maintenance superintendent with the Air Education and Training Command, is the Senior NCO of the Quarter.

He flawlessly managed the AETC's and Air Force Recruiting Service's \$600 million vehicle fleets, including more than 7,000 vehicles at more than 800 state-side and deployed locations. He scrutinized and corrected 682 alternative fuel waivers, ensuring the command exceeded the Air Force's 30 percent fossil fuel reduction and analyzed eight maintenance contracts, removing incorrectly identified government-furnished equipment, saving \$2 million.

In his spare time, Sergeant Prather passed two National Automotive Service Excellence certifications, attaining elite status achieved by only 3 percent of Air Force maintenance personnel. He also served as an Adopt-A-Highway program manager, collecting more than 450 pounds of trash and strengthening the bond between the base and the local community.



**Master Sgt. John Prather**

### Junior Enlisted Member of the Quarter

Airman 1st Class Samuel Vazquez, a network services technician from the Air Education and Training Command Computer Systems Squadron, is the Junior Enlisted Member of the Quarter.

He identified and replaced failed power supply to AETC remote file servers, ensuring non-stop service to 19,000 users and repaired failed hardware for the primary backup Storage Area Network, preventing the loss of data for more than 45,000 users.

Airman Vazquez applied 36 patches to 50 servers and provided core services and applications to more than 26,000 users at seven bases, thwarting more than 1 million cyber attacks.

During his spare time, Airman Vazquez completed two credits for his Community College of the Air Force degree in Information Systems, bringing him one course away from graduation. He also volunteered his time in support of a commander's conference and was presented a coin for outstanding service.



**Airman 1st Class Samuel Vazquez**

### Honor Guard NCO of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Melissa Mollenkamp, a duty history and status technician with the Air Force Personnel Center, is the Honor Guard NCO of the Quarter.

She supervised a training class, producing five new 100 percent-qualified guardsmen for Randolph and base volunteers for retirement honors.

Sergeant Mollenkamp was selected as NCOIC of six military honors and was twice voted "Guardman of the Week" by teammates. She also flawlessly performed in 10 military honors and ceremonies, displaying expert command of all honor guard facets.

In her spare time, Sergeant Mollenkamp completed six semester hours toward the completion of her Community College of the Air Force degree in human resources with a 3.5 grade-point average. She also volunteered her off-duty time to Operation Home Front, assembling packages for deployed servicemembers and spent time volunteering at Randolph Elementary School.



**Staff Sgt. Melissa Mollenkamp**

### Honor Guard Airman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Joseph Jenkins, a medical laboratory technician for the 12th Medical Support Squadron, is the Honor Guard Airman of the Quarter.

He modified a five-day training plan to less than four days with zero errors, providing a quicker turnaround. He stepped up as a junior enlisted member, serving as assistant flight sergeant for 15 details, ensuring his flight flowed fluidly.

Airman Jenkins managed \$30,000 in honor guard equipment as the supply custodian, including the self-inspection and function check of 38 weapons valued at \$6,000. He also acted as the safety representative, defining the Wingman concept.

In his spare time, Airman Jenkins maintained a 4.0 grade-point average in pursuit of a degree in business administration. He also volunteered his off-duty time in support of a holiday gift wish program.



**Senior Airman Joseph Jenkins**

### NCO of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Nora Crossan, the NCOIC of medical network operations for the Air Education and Training Command, is the NCO of the Quarter.

She delivered a \$1.3 million data recovery solution for the AETC medical field, slashing restoration times by 70 percent for more than 13,000 clients. She also initiated an upgrade of Air Force Central Standards Board's records scanning program, resulting in 1 million searchable fields.

She was instrumental in the redistribution of more than 50 excess items back to the Air Force and Department of Defense, saving \$50,000 and accomplished the task with zero errors during the program review.

While off duty, Sergeant Crossan dedicated her time to the Brooke Army Medical Center's Fisher House, delivering meals and wrapping holiday presents for wounded servicemembers and their families.



**Tech. Sgt. Nora Crossan**



**Heather Weaver**

### Junior Civilian of the Quarter

Heather Weaver, an International Affairs student trainee with the Air Force Personnel Center, is the Junior Civilian of the Quarter.

She completed an in-depth office files and administrative records review, disposing of 1,000 excess files, yielding smarter accessibility. She organized, implemented and presented an International Affairs "Spread the Word" brief and developed an evaluation tracking system, decreasing evaluation turnaround time by 15 percent. She acted as the sole source for International Affairs information, handling more than 100 field requests, closing all requests satisfactorily.

Ms. Weaver acted as the National Security Personnel System Pay Pools Recorder, keeping meticulous data for board members and staged binders providing quick reference guides.

During her spare time, Ms. Weaver maintained a 4.0 grade-point average in pursuit of her human resources degree.



**Randall Ford**

### Intermediate Civilian of the Quarter

Randall Ford, an aircraft expediter from the 12th Maintenance Division, is the Intermediate Civilian of the Quarter.

His management of the daily flying schedule directly impacted the base's 11,985 sorties and 18,284 flying hours.

He identified an inboard flap-rub against an airframe, preventing structural damage to seven T-6 aircraft (he notified civil engineers and cut the power, after finding a water intrusion in T-6 shelter's electrical outlets) preventing a fire and loss of resources.

Mr. Ford authored an aircraft shelter and built-in external power training program enhancing new fully covered parking and developed a comprehensive Delayed Discrepancy tracking program to screen and prioritize aircraft maintenance.

During his spare time, Mr. Ford spent numerous off-duty hours with the Parent-Teacher Association supporting various fund raising activities.



**Sharon Hogue**

### Senior Civilian of the Quarter

Sharon Hogue, Master Personnel Records Branch chief with the Air Force Personnel Center, is the Senior Civilian of the Quarter.

She was lauded as relieving 16 Military Personnel Flights of administrative burden, scanning 45,000 records to give members around-the-clock access to their records. She led a 193,000 Air National Guard records scanning contract, including system and equipment set-up and training.

Ms. Hogue acted as the Air Force representative on the Department of Defense Records Management Task Force, revising DoD instruction to standardize all component's records management to enable cross referencing and expedient document retrieval, saving \$1 million in storage costs quarterly.

In her spare time, Ms. Hogue was actively involved in her church community, leading a financial and budget planning committee, helping to raise the credit score of six of her fellow church members.

### BOWLING CENTER – 652-6271

#### • Sweetheart Mixed Doubles tournament

Celebrate Valentine's Day by bowling in the Sweetheart Mixed Doubles tournament on February 10 at 1:30 p.m. The team composition is one male and one female and you must sign up in advance at the Bowling Center. The price is \$25 per couple.

### ENLISTED CLUB – 652-3056

#### • Sweetheart's lunch

Bring your "better or sweeter half" to the club on Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you purchase one lunch, you will get half off the other if you're a club member. Take advantage of this special in either the dining room or Gil's Pub.

Nonmembers may sign up for membership and take advantage of the same special.

#### • 2-4-1 steak

If you couldn't go out to dinner on Feb. 14 come to the club on Feb. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and spoil your date with a complimentary glass of wine, a red carnation and a 12 oz. NY Strip Steak with all the fixings. This delicious meal is \$24.95 for members or \$26.95 for nonmembers. Call for reservations for tables of 4 or more and no coupons will be accepted with this offer.

#### • Special cash drawing

Every Mon. thru Fri. there will be a cash drawing in Gil's Pub or the Nite Club between 5 and 6 p.m. The cash prize starts with \$25 and goes up \$5 each time until it is won or reaches \$500.

#### • Frequent lunch program

The enlisted club offers super lunch deals from all-you-can-eat buffets to special priced sandwiches. Addi-

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tionally, Gil's Pub menu has been completely revamped and now includes new items such as a Chicken Santa Fe sandwich and Souvlaki pita.

Pick up a lunch punch card and get a free lunch for every six lunches you purchase.

### FITNESS CENTER – 652-2955

#### • Basketball court closed

The Rambler Fitness Center basketball court is closed Feb. 15-18 for refinishing of the floor. We appreciate your patience as we try to improve.

#### • Circuit training

The fitness center conducts circuit training every Wednesday from 7-8 a.m. in court 1. Circuit training provides the benefits of both a cardiovascular and strength training workout. No reservations required.

#### • Indoor triathlon

Visit the fitness center between Feb. 11-18 during normal operating hours to accomplish an indoor triathlon and do some running, biking and rowing on specific pieces of equipment. Each participant must complete pre-determined distances on all three pieces of equipment in order to get their t-shirt.

### OFFICERS' CLUB – 652-4864

#### • Super Bowl

Watch the Super Bowl on Sunday at the Auger Inn beginning at 4 p.m. There will be free give-aways, complimentary snacks and drink specials as well as seven televisions available for viewing the game. The cost is only \$5 for members or \$10 for nonmembers.

#### • Lunch program

Avoid traffic, save time and expensive gas by dining at the officers' club. There is no greater value anywhere

in the local area; guaranteed! Lunch is \$6.45 for members, with no coupon. Clip a \$1 coupon from the club calendar to save money and save even more on "Coin Day".

Treat yourself to a hot, freshly prepared daily lunch buffet, scrumptious salad bar, drinks and assorted desserts for an unbelievably low price. Nonmembers can take advantage of the all inclusive buffet for only \$2 more. All DoD ID cardholders and their guests are invited to dine at the club.

#### • Dinner special

Buy one entrée and get the second entrée (of equal or lesser value) for half price.

### SKEET RANGE – 652-2064

#### • Lady's Valentine's Day open shoot

The Lady's Valentine's Day open shoot takes place February 8-10.

National Skeet Association rules govern and Texas residents must have a current Texas Skeet Shooting Association card.

### WOOD SKILLS CENTER – 652-5142

#### • Parent/Child woodworking class

On February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon you and your child can have fun building a tug-a-lug tug boat. Cost is \$5 and sign up deadline is Feb. 11.

### YOUTH CENTER – 652-3298

#### • Spring break camp registration

Registration is taking place through March 2 for Spring Break camp. This camp is for youth ages kindergarten-6th grade. Space is limited so sign up early. Fees are based on total family income.



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**SUPER BOWL XLII**  
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**ENLISTED CLUB**

Watch the Super Bowl on one of the 10 flat screen TVs in the Nite Club. The doors open at 11 a.m. for the tailgate party and the specials are a 10 oz. New York strip steak with all the sides and \$8 Budweiser buckets.

There will be lots of prizes such as NFL t-shirts, caps, mugs, etc and complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres at half time in the lobby

## SPORTS and FITNESS

# Ro-Hawk swimmers anticipate big splash at regional meet

By David DeKunder  
Wingspread staff writer

After winning their third consecutive district title, the Randolph High School Ro-Hawks swim team is aiming for a strong showing at the regional meet next week while hoping to send a swimmer to the state meet for a second year.

The Ro-Hawk boys swimmers won the District 28-4A championship Jan. 26 at Palo Alto College Natatorium in San Antonio. The Ro-Hawks had six first-place and four second-place finishes for 150 points, beating out second place Cibolo Steele, who had 102.

While Randolph competes in Class 2A in other sports, the Ro-Hawks' swimming team competes against 4A and 3A teams in their district.

"Winning district for the third year now is a big deal for us because we compete against 4A schools like Steele and Schertz Clemens," Randolph coach Kathleen Hoffer said. "We won district because we have impressive, hard-working and dedicated swimmers."

All nine of the Ro-Hawk boys swimmers will compete in the regional meet Feb. 8-9, which will be held at Palo Alto College Natatorium.

Randolph is led by junior Cole Gindhart, who earned four medals at the district meet. Gindhart won the 200-yard individual medley and placed second in the 100-yard backstroke and was on two winning relay teams, the 200-yard medley and the

400-yard freestyle.

For his performance at the district meet, coaches awarded Gindhart with the District 28-4A male swimmer of the year award.

Gindhart is one of the best sub-Class 5A swimmers in the San Antonio area; he is ranked No. 1 in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke. Last year, Gindhart competed at the state meet in 500-yard freestyle, an event he won in regionals.

Since Randolph started fielding a swimming team in the 1990s, Gindhart is the third Ro-Hawk to make it to state.

Gindhart said he will need to better his performance at this year's regional meet if he is to make a return trip to state, which will be Feb. 22-23 in Austin.

First-place finishers in each event at the regional meet advance to state. With eight regions in the state, there will be eight first-place winners plus the next eight fastest times from around the state in each event.

"In my race, the 200-yard individual medley, I have a good chance of going to state," Gindhart said. "The competition has improved from last year, but my times are two seconds faster than before."

John Rippetoe will compete in his first regional meet after earning two gold medals, one silver and one bronze medal at the district meet. Rippetoe was a member of both the first-place 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relay



Photo by Andrea Gindhart

The Randolph High School swim team took home the boys 2008 District 28-4A championship trophy. Pictured are (back row, left to right) David Grieder, Austin Gindhart, John Rippetoe, Cole Gindhart, Stephen Turner and Tyler Rubio (front row, left to right) Ian McNamara, Luke Nickell and Evan Turner.

teams and placed second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard backstroke.

Rippetoe has simple goals for what he wants to accomplish at the regional meet.

"I want to do my best, improve my times and go out there and compete against some of the more experienced swimmers in the area; it will be exciting to swim against them," he said.

Other Ro-Hawks who turned out strong performances at the district meet were Austin Gindhart, Cole's older brother, Stephen Turner, Evan Turner, Ian McNamara, Tyler Rubio and

David Grieder.

Austin Gindhart won the 50-yard freestyle, placed third in the 100-yard freestyle and was a member of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay. Along with Grieder, Rubio and McNamara, he also was a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay that finished second.

Stephen Turner placed first in the 500-yard freestyle and was a member of the winning 400-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relay teams. In addition, he finished sixth in the 100-yard backstroke.

McNamara won the 200-yard freestyle and took sec-

ond in the 50-yard freestyle.

Rubio placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle, and he was part of the first-place 200-yard medley relay and the second-place 200-yard freestyle relay.

Grieder finished fourth in both the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke. Evan Turner placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and seventh in the 100-yard freestyle.

Luke Nickell, a member of the swimming team, will not compete because of a broken arm, but will go to the regional meet as the team manager.

## Sports BRIEFS

### Fitness Center - 652-2955

#### • Basketball Court Closed

The Rambler Fitness Center basketball court will be closed Feb. 15-18 for refinishing of the floor.

#### • Valentine's Day run

Start your Valentine's Day celebration with a 5K run/walk on Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. at Eberle Park. This is a great way to work off all those Valentine chocolates. The first 60 participants will receive a T-shirt.

#### • Rambler tennis courts

Tennis courts 1 and 2, which are located behind the fitness center, are closed due to repair work that is being done.

### Golf Course - 652-4570

#### • Special twilight pricing

Regular twilight pricing begins at 1 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$14 per person. Super

twilight pricing begins at 3:30 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$10 per person.

#### • Tee times

Golfers should sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance.

Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active-duty members to qualify for a priority tee time. To sign up for weekend tee times, e-mail to [tee.time@randolph.af.mil](mailto:tee.time@randolph.af.mil).