



# THE HERD



Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas - March 29, 2019

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## Crew chief apprentice earns ACE award

By Airman 1st Class Madeleine E. Remillard

Nine blocks. Eighty training days. Six hundred forty hours of hard work and concentration. This is what it takes to become an Air Force crew chief apprentice. [Click here for the story.](#)



## Motorcycle Safety Training: What AF riders need to know

By Arthur Albert

Training season for motorcyclists is just around the corner, and as training gets into full swing, it may be helpful to shed some light on the Air Force's training requirements, review the proper acronyms for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses and dispel some misinformation. [Click for the article.](#)



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# WORD ON THE TWEET

#USAF #TACPs mentor their Thai brothers in arms, utilizing #airpower from the U.S., Thailand and Singapore on a simulated battlefield. <https://>

Celebrated every March 29, #VietnamWarVeteransDay is set aside for Americans to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who served in the

We're proud to introduce the 2019 Air Force Warrior Games team! The 40 team members will compete during the @DeptofDefense #WarriorGames in



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## FSS EVENTS

### Free Bowling

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday  
South Lanes

### New Baked Potato Bar

10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., every Wednesday  
Sheppard Club

### A Night of Magic with Jason Michaels

7 p.m., March 29  
Base Theatre



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Contact: SrA Matthew Graves  
for more information on  
events and ways you can participate

## SAFETY CORNER

### Severe Weather (Thunderstorm) Safety

by Tech. Sgt. James Grimes  
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Here are some definitions and guidelines to follow to help keep you and your family safe:

Severe Thunderstorm Watch - issued when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms, people located in and around the watch area should keep an eye to the sky and listen to their NOAA weather radio all hazards or tune to local broadcast media for further weather information. The watch is intended to give you time to prepare, time to review safety rules.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning - issued when a severe thunderstorm has been detected by national weather service Doppler radar or a reliable report has been received. A warning is usually issued for portions of one or two counties, for an hour or less. If the warning includes your neighborhood or work place, you should take immediate action to protect your life and the lives of others. Severe thunderstorms can produce large hail and damaging winds. Tornadoes can and occasionally do accompany severe thunderstorms. Treat this warning the same as you would a tornado warning by taking the proper safety precautions.

- The best defense against thunderstorms is to stay inside a sturdy building or shelter that can protect you from deadly lightning, large hail, damaging winds, flooding rain and tornadoes. Fortunately, thunderstorms typically do not last very long and will most often pass by your location in less than one hour.
- Once in a shelter, stay away from windows and avoid electrical equipment and plumbing. Remember to bring pets inside. If there is time, secure loose objects outside as these objects often become dangerous flying debris in high winds.
- Postpone outdoor activities until the storms have passed.
- If caught outside, take shelter in a sturdy enclosed building or hard top automobile immediately. Avoid open spaces, isolated objects, high ground and metallic objects.
- Get out of boats and away from bodies of water. Remember, if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.

If a tornado is spotted, act quickly and move to the lowest level basement of your shelter, putting as many walls between yourself and the outside as possible.

Source: [https://www.weather.gov/bmx/sps\\_svrsafetyrules](https://www.weather.gov/bmx/sps_svrsafetyrules)

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**Free event hosted by Sheppard AFB**

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## **HUMANE SOCIETY OF WICHITA FALLS**

- Seeking energetic volunteers to interact and exercise with second chance dogs and cats who are waiting to be adopted to their new FURR-ever home
- Seeking volunteers with special skills in general facility maintenance (electrical, carpentry, HVAC, etc.)
- Seeking volunteers who are interested in helping to update and manage the Humane Society's Facebook and other social media
- For more information please contact Cheryl Miller at 940-855-4941 or email [director@humanesocietyofwichitacounty.org](mailto:director@humanesocietyofwichitacounty.org)/If you are interested please text Paul Cancino at 915-274-9869/Stop by any time Monday thru Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.: 4360 Old Iowa Park Road Wichita Falls, Texas, 76305.

## **COWBOY TRUE, ARTS COUNCIL WICHITA FALLS AREA**

- Volunteers needed for traffic and parking assistance, March 29th and 30th at the Bridwell Ag Center.
- Contact Jerry Smyers at 940-631-2589 for more information.

## **AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

- Volunteers to read to kids at Sheppard Elementary Feb. 11-15.
- Readings would begin at 8:30 a.m. throughout the week.
- For more information, contact Angie Stokes by email at [rylissite@yahoo.com](mailto:rylissite@yahoo.com).

## **FAITH REFUGE**

- Volunteers needed for the local homeless shelter for women and children and various projects.
- For more information, contact Sherry Hill at 940-322-4673/2017

## **AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (A2D2) VOLUNTEERS**

- Volunteers to cover CQ duty, drivers and escorts
- Friday and Saturday nights; volunteer shifts are from 10:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m.
- Located at Sheppard Lodging for CQ duty and on-call for drivers and escorts. email [SheppardAADD@us.af.mil](mailto:SheppardAADD@us.af.mil)

## **THE UPSIDE**

- Volunteer group to assist families who have children with Downs Syndrome.
- Monthly meetings are held with guest speakers to provide information on their services.
- Parents can share experiences with other parents
- For more information email [misti@theupsideWF.org](mailto:misti@theupsideWF.org) or visit the website [www.theupsidewf.org](http://www.theupsidewf.org)

## **SATURDAY BUILD DAYS**

- Help build a home for a local family
- Every Saturday - 8 a.m.-noon, 1-4:30 p.m.
- Located at designated Habitat Build site
- Scope of work will change each weekend as we complete stages of construction. For more information contact Dan at 940-716-9300 or volunteer at [www.vol-habitat@habitatwf.com](http://www.vol-habitat@habitatwf.com)

## **WICHITA FALLS COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

- Concerts held throughout the year volunteer times: WFCO rehearses Monday nights at 7 p.m.
- We welcome all musicians (especially strings).
- Formal auditions are not required. Good rehearsals mean good performances although we realize not everyone can attend every rehearsal, we do require a sincere level of commitment.
- To sign up or for more information email [WFCCommunityOrchestra@gmail.com](mailto:WFCCommunityOrchestra@gmail.com) or visit [www.wichitafallscommunityorchestra.com](http://www.wichitafallscommunityorchestra.com)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## PRODUCE EXPRESS BAGS

- Help to assemble fresh produce for distribution
- Any Tuesday or Wednesday; Volunteer Times: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Located at 1230 Midwestern Parkway
- For more information email [betsilujan@wfafb.org](mailto:betsilujan@wfafb.org). To sign up call 940-766-2322 or email [wendellgriffin@wfafb.org](mailto:wendellgriffin@wfafb.org)

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters** 940-767-2447 or [wfinfo@bbbstx.org](mailto:wfinfo@bbbstx.org) **Patsy's House** 940-723-1646

**Children's Aid Society** 940-322-3141

**Boys and Girls Club of Wichita Falls and Burkburnett** 940-322-2012

**Christmas in Action** 940-696-9393

**Read 2 Learn January Jones** 940-235-1009  
or [jbjones@wfid.net](mailto:jbjones@wfid.net)

**Faith Mission** 940-723-5663

**Salvation Army** 940-687-2051

**Faith Mission Donation Center** 940-766-0705

**Wichita Falls Adult Literacy Council** 940-766-1954

**Faith Refuge** 940-322-4673

**First Step** 940-723-1646

**Wichita Falls Area Food Bank** 940-766-2322 [terrymorton@wfafb.org](mailto:terrymorton@wfafb.org)

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**Sheppard AFB Thrift Shop** 940-676-3173 or DSN 736-3173

**Wild Bird Rescue** 940-691-0828 or [paige29072@yahoo.com](mailto:paige29072@yahoo.com)

**Habitat for Humanity** 940-716-9300

**Whispers of Hope** 940-696-8044

# News Notes



## **Time to prepare for EOY process**

Although it feels like we just closed out Fiscal Year 2018, the current fiscal year closeout will hit you before you know it. Unit resource management and mission requirement owners should begin working with the 82nd Contracting Squadron as soon as possible to start building their End-of-Year requirement list. If you are aware of a requirement, it is never too early to begin preparation and coordination with your local contracting and finance offices. In fact, the earlier you are prepared, the more likely your chances are to receive additional funding for requirements prior to end of year should funding come down. The earlier a requirement is identified, the earlier the acquisition process begins, the greater the likelihood of success to create more positive opportunities for your organization to achieve project goals and objectives. Units are encouraged to have their requirements completed and submitted by June 17, 2019.

## **Vendor Day set for April 25**

A variety of vendors will be on hand April 25 during the Sheppard Air Force Base Vendor Day at the Sheppard Club from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. to showcase their products and how they could contribute to the technical training revolution taking place here.

Vendor Day is an event where vendors are able to assist Sheppard with strategic market analysis of innovative products, services and technologies in technical training. This includes platforms such as virtual, augmented and mixed realities technology and other content-delivery tools.

Team Sheppard members are invited to attend the day-long expo to see different technologies and tools that can be introduced to the training environment.

## **DTS blackout March 27-April 4**

DTS will experience a blackout for several updates to be implemented from 12:01 a.m. March 27 to 12:01 a.m. April 4.

Access for any reason including logging in to create, modify or cancel authorizations or vouchers, ticketing, report running, or reviewing and approving items. Any actions taken in DTS during the blackout period will cause nearly irreparable damage to profiles.

-Keep the following timeline in mind before and during the blackout:

-Prior to March 25: All authorizations must be signed, reviewed and approved.

-12:01 a.m. March 25 - 11:59 p.m. March 26: Only authorizations with travel dates "25 Mar-5 April" must be signed, reviewed and approved.

-March 27 at 12:01 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 29: New "URGENT" reservations must be made "OUTSIDE" of DTS via traditional means (phone, fax, email) with the TMC that services your base.

-After 4:01 p.m. March 29: Reservations must be booked "OUTSIDE" of DTS via traditional means with Travco Travel for Sheppard personnel. 1-855-804-4943

-After 12:01 a.m. April 4: Travelers are now able to utilize DTS.

## **Sheppard public website issues**

The Sheppard Air Force Base public website (<https://www.sheppard.af.mil>) and public websites at other AF installations are experiencing certificate issues that results in personnel not being able to accessing those sites on government NIPR (networked) computers. The issue has been channeled up to the 82nd Communication Squadron as well as the Defense Media Activity American Forces Public Information Management System, the organization that works behind the scenes for DoD public-facing websites.

# News Notes



## Public Affairs streamlining multimedia work order process

- Support for graphics, video and command information products will begin once an AF IMT 833 is submitted to public affairs by email to 82.trw.pav@us.af.mil. Products approved for public affairs support include still photography, motion photography, audio, video, photo and broadcast journalism products, and graphics as well as news and feature articles to be published on the Sheppard Air Force Base public website at [www.sheppard.af.mil](http://www.sheppard.af.mil).
- Requesters must complete items 7-12, 16-22, and 24 on the AF IMT 833. Work will not be authorized until the requester completes each field as required. This is to ensure the public affairs staff has the most accurate and descriptive information needed to successfully complete the request.
- Customers needing official photos can call the photo studio at 940-676-6620 or 940-676-2732 to schedule an appointment. An AF IMT 833 will be filled out electronically during the appointment.
- The AF IMT 833 can be downloaded [here](#) or by going to the Public Affairs page on the Sheppard AFB public website. Call 940-676-7239 for more information.

## Recruitment & Cross Training

Are you thinking considering cross training? If you find yourself at a career crossroads, and are interested in learning more about the Manpower career field, give us a call or stop by, we will be glad to discuss it with you further. If you possess a strong desire for outside the box thinking, are currently in a balanced or over-age AFSC, and in the grades of E-4 through E-7, with 4-to-15 years of service, you might be qualified for this opportunity. Contact Jim Getchell at 676-4935 to find out more.

## Finance Office Hours

The Finance Office will be closed for training every third Wednesday of the month beginning on Jan. 16, 2019. Customer service hours on those days will be 1-4 p.m. As a reminder, customer service hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, with Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. reserved for our AiT population. For more information call 940-676-4866.

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