



Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas - April 4, 2019

Visit the [Sheppard homepage](#) for more news and information



Sheppard Airman Receives Air Force Commendation Medal

By Airman 1st Class Pedro Tenorio

On November 12, 2018, a 74 year old woman knocked on the door of her neighbor when she was suffering from pneumonia, luckily for her, one Senior Airman Janine Casey, 82nd Security Forces Squadron unit scheduler, answered.

[Click here for the story.](#)



373rd TRS to begin KC-46 courses this year

By Airman 1st Class Alan Ricker


Air Education and Training Command's 373rd Training Squadron Detachment 8 is scheduled to begin its first KC-46A Pegasus classes this year.

[Click for the article.](#)

ACTIVE SHOOTER EXERCISE

April 11, 8-11 a.m.

Exercise area is the parade ground



BE A DONOR give blood.

Sheppard Air Force Base Blood Drive

Tues., April 16, Wed., April 17
& Thur., April 18
11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Levitow Gym

For appointments, please email Tsgt. Anthony Owens or Ssgt. David Schutte. You can also contact your squadron blood drive representative.

Give blood & receive your choice of t-shirt!*

PHOTO ID REQUIRED - *TAKE SUPPLIES LAST
1-877-544-8777 • OR: ORG • 1700 ORG • ANOVA ORG



Train, Develop and Inspire Warriors: Combat Capability Starts Here

SHEPPARD IN PHOTOS

See more at: www.sheppard.af.mil





WORD ON THE TWEET

Effective at the next 81st Training Group Drill Down competition, the formal drill portion will be replaced by Military Regulation Breakdancing. For

After a visit last year to Pilot Training Next & facing a pilot shortage, the United Kingdom's @RoyalAirForce is taking #innovation to the next level.

More than 1,400 #Airmen and @USNavy #Sailors participated in the Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition in Sirat, Malay-



Have content for The Herd?
Submit requests by close of
business Wednesday.

82trwpa.1@us.af.mil

FSS EVENTS

Sam Adams Tap Takeover

April 10, 4-7 p.m.
Sheppard Club

Month of the Military Child FREE Bowling

April 13, 12-4 p.m.
South Lanes

Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts & Culture Craft

April 13, 2-4 p.m.
Community Center

Drop Zone Gaming Lounge Grand Opening

April 19, 4-6 p.m.
Airman's Club

Free Military Appreciation PRCA Rodeo

April 27, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets at the MPEC Box Office



Sheppard AFB
Airman's Council
For airmen, by airmen.

www.facebook.com/sheppardairmanscouncil

Contact: SrA Matthew Graves

for more information on
events and ways you can participate

SAFETY CORNER

Distracted Driving - Put Your Phone Away or Get Ready to Pay

by Ms. MacKenzie Dunmeyer
82nd Training Wing Safety Office

U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

Distracted driving has become a national epidemic—endangering passengers, adjacent vehicle occupants, motorcyclists and bicyclists, and nearby pedestrians. While we generally think of distracted driving as texting or talking on the cell phone, it can take many other forms: adjusting the radio station, applying makeup, eating, chatting with other passengers, or taking a sip of your drink can all distract a driver from the essential task of safe driving. Texting has become one of the most common, pervasive forms of distracted driving, and too many drivers are succumbing to this deadly—and often, illegal—habit. April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month so here are some tips:

The Frightening Stats

- Between 2012-2017, nearly 20,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver.
- Texting while driving has become an especially problematic trend among younger drivers. In fact, in 2017, 8 percent of people killed in teen (15-19) driving crashes died when the teen drivers were distracted at the times of the crashes.
- Female drivers with a cell phone have been more likely to be involved in fatal distracted driving crashes as compared to male drivers every year since 2012.

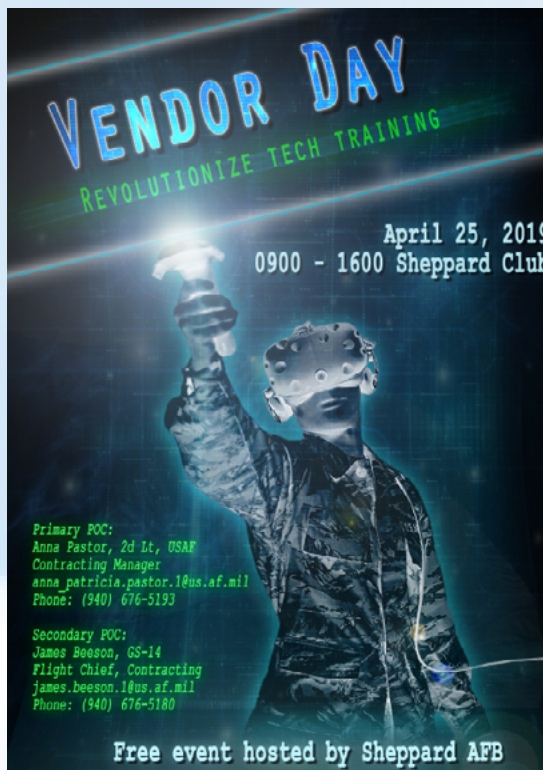
Safety Tips for Driving

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving. Cell phone use can be habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

Put Your Phone Away or Get Ready to Pay

- You could end up paying a hefty fine, and could get points on your license.
- If you see something, say something. If your friends text while driving, tell them to stop. Listen to your passengers: If they catch you texting while driving and tell you to put your phone away, put it down.
- Remember, when you get behind the wheel, put your phone away. U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

Source: www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov.



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/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.

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

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 or visit the website 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

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 or visit 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. To sign up call 940-766-2322 or email wendellgriffin@wfafb.org

Big Brothers, Big Sisters 940-767-2447 or wfinfo@bbbstx.org **Patsy's House** 940-723-1646

Children's Aid Society 940-322-3141

Christmas in Action 940-696-9393

Faith Mission 940-723-5663

Faith Mission Donation Center 940-766-0705

Faith Refuge 940-322-4673

First Step 940-723-1646

Food Bank 940-766-2322

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

Habitat for Humanity 940-716-9300

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

Read 2 Learn January Jones 940-235-1009
or jbjonas@wfsd.net

Salvation Army 940-687-2051

Wichita Falls Adult Literacy Council 940-766-1954

Wichita Falls Area Food Bank 940-766-2322 terrymorton@wfafb.org

Wild Bird Rescue 940-691-0828 or paiage29072@yahoo.com

Whispers of Hope 940-696-8044

Sheppard AFB Rising Six Trash Off

Don't mess with Texas

TRASH-OFF

APRIL 7, 2019

- ▶ An estimated 435 million pieces of litter will collect on our highways this year alone.
- ▶ The Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off is an annual event encouraging Texans across the state to join forces to clean up Texas roadsides.
- ▶ Your participation on April 7, 2019, is essential and sends a message to Texans everywhere that the smallest efforts really do make the biggest difference.

Date/Time: 7 April 2019 @ 1300

Location: Meet across from missile front gate in the empty field (Marked by the X).

- ▶ We will begin at 1300 and pick up trash from the missile road gate to the main front gate.
- ▶ 50+ volunteers needed and family is welcome to help.
- ▶ Must be 16 or older to volunteer
- ▶ POC: SSgt John Cofer MDG

#RisingSix
#texastrashoff
#trashchallenge

News Notes



Testing Services Temporary Closure 15-19 Apr

The base testing office will be undergoing some technical renovations to rework our military and commercial network testing capabilities for future upgrades of the testing room. During this period all military testing will be off-line including: WAPS, FAA, DLPT, DLAB, AFCT, AFOQT, CDC, EPME, etc. Normal testing operations should resume on 22 April. Please contact the Base Testing Office at: 82fss.fsde.testing@us.af.mil regarding available testing dates and scheduling.

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.

While this issue affects accessibility on network computers, personnel can still access the public website on computer connected to commercial internet as well as smartphones and tablets. We appreciate your patience as professionals continue to work on and resolve this issue.

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.

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.
- 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.

PRESENT A COPY OF THIS FLYER &

20%

OF ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE AF
BALL



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Flyer required with each check to receive credit. Cannot be used with regularly offered discounts.

This is a private organization. It is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components & it has no governmental status.

WHICH WICH®
SUPERIOR SANDWICHES

**IS PROUD TO SUPPORT
THE**

***AIR FORCE
BALL***