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Aspiring aviators can obtain height waiver to reach dreams

By Airman 1st Class Madeleine E. Jinks

At the end of Fiscal year 2018, the Air Force had a pilot shortage of about 2,000 manned positions. Since then, the service has been working toward reducing that deficit by looking at different factors that prevent potential pilot applicants from joining. [Click for the article.](#)



AIR FORCE PROMOTION RELEASE
530 selected for chief master sergeant

Air Force releases chief master sergeant/19E9 promotion cycle statistics

By Kat Bailey

Air Force officials have selected 530 out of 2,529 eligible senior master sergeants for promotion to chief master sergeant in the 19E9 promotion cycle--a selection rate of 20.96 percent.

[Click for the article.](#)



AFIMSC Innovation Office

Call for Topics Innovation Campaign

Nov. 1 - Dec. 15, 2019

Have an Idea? Submit yours or vote for an Idea at...
<https://usaf.ideascalegov.com/a/ideas/recent/campaigns/100>

Chapel Holiday Worship Services

PROTESTANT:
SUNDAY, 1 DEC, 1015 @ Solid Rock Café,
 Combined Protestant Service
 Communion Sunday/First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, 22 DEC, 1015 @ Solid Rock Café,
 Combined Protestant Service

TUESDAY, 24 DEC, 1800 @ Solid Rock Café,
 Combined Protestant Candlelight Service

WICCA:
MONDAY, 23 DEC, 1800 @ Chapel
 Yule

Buildings:
 Chapel - 810
 Solid Rock Café - 450

CATHOLIC:
FRIDAY, 6 DEC
 Advent Reconciliation Service
 1730 @ Chapel

MONDAY, 9 DEC
 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America) Masses at 1130 & 1730 @ Chapel

TUESDAY, 24 DEC 1730
 Children's Christmas Vigil Mass @ Chapel

WEDNESDAY, 25 December
 Masses at 0900 & 1200 @ Chapel

TUESDAY, 31 DEC Vigil Mass at 1730
WEDNESDAY, 1 JAN Masses at 1130 & 1730
 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God @ Chapel

SUNDAY, 5 January Epiphany Mass at 0900 @ Chapel

For more information, please contact the Chapel at 940.676.0014.



WORD ON THE TWEET

[Lt. Gen. James Hecker assumed command of Air University Nov. 1, 2019.](#)

[Learn how the @usairforce is actively engaging the challenges of maintaining a strategic advantage](#)

[“We are coming together to find a way to fight an enemy that doesn’t care about borders”](#)



SAFETY CORNER

By Mike Jett

DEEP FRIED TURKEY SAFETY TIPS

- Keep outdoor fryers off decks, out of garages and a safe distance away from trees and other structures
- Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking. Ice or water that mixes into the hot oil can cause flare-ups
- Watch the weather. Never operate a fryer outdoors in the rain or snow
- Place the fryer on a level surface, and avoid moving it once it’s in use
- Leave 2 feet between the tank and the burner when using a propane-powered fryer
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to avoid overfilling. Oil can ignite when it makes contact with the burner
- Choose a smaller turkey for frying. A bird that’s 8 to 10 pounds is best; avoid frying turkeys over 12 pounds
- To know how much oil to use, place the wrapped (unopened) turkey in the pot and fill with water until turkey is fully submerged. Pull turkey out, mark the waterline, drain water, ensure the pot is dry (no water) and then fill with oil
- Purchase a fryer with temperature controls, and watch the oil temperature carefully
- Cooking oil that is heated beyond its smoke point can catch fire. If you notice the oil is smoking, turn the fryer off
- Never leave fryers unattended during the cooking process
- Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil. Once the turkey is submerged, turn the burner back on
- Wear goggles to shield your eyes, use oven mitts to protect your hands and arms and keep a grease-rated fire extinguisher close by
- Skip the stuffing when frying turkey, and avoid water-based marinades
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer at all times
- Once finished, carefully remove the pot from the burner; place it on a level non-combustible surface and cover to let the oil cool overnight before disposing

Information courtesy of State Farm:

<https://learningcenter.statefarm.com/safety-2/15-turkey-fryer-safety-tips/>



Help us find the next Military Child of the Year® Award Winners!

The Military Child of the Year® Awards - Fast Facts

What: The Military Child of the Year® (MCOY) Awards celebrate and recognize the tremendous achievements of seven outstanding military children, one from each branch of service and a special Innovation Award sponsored by Booz Allen Hamilton.

Who: Each year, 500+ children (ages 13-18) are nominated by a parent, teacher, mentor or guardian. Candidates for the MCOY Awards demonstrate resilience, strength of character, and the ability to thrive in the face of the challenges of military life.

When: The Awards Gala is held in Washington, D.C. on April 2, 2020 during the Month of the Military Child.

Award Winners: MCOY winners receive a \$10,000 cash award, a laptop computer, and are flown with a parent or guardian for a 3-night stay in Washington, D.C.

Nominations and applications accepted from September 17—December 9, 2019.
Ages 13—18 are eligible.

For more information, please visit MilitaryChildoftheYear.org



COOKING CLASS



Healthy Holidays

The holiday season can be a stressful time. Learn ways to handle your stress by eating healthy and learning how to make your favorite recipes a little less fattening! Samples and recipes are included.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH @ 1100-1200

PITSENBARGER GYM CLASSROOM, BLDG 540 Rm #139

Pre-Register by calling (940) 676-6003/5831

or email sara.l.watts3.ctr@mail.mil

Limited class size. Please sign up in advance. This event is free for all Sheppard AFB.

News Notes



Change in Public Affairs Base-wide Email Guidelines

Base-wide emails must greatly impact every recipient on the installation. Base-wide emails will not be permitted to promote optional attendance events or announcements that are not required knowledge.

Base-wide emails are generally only allowed for the following types of communications:

1. Emergencies, health and safety
2. Matters of policy, processes, or federal requirements
3. Wing command-directed communications

Everything that is not mandatory should be promoted in the HERD. The HERD is emailed every Friday and submissions are due the Wednesday prior, submit your request to 82trwpa.1@us.af.mil

- Requesting a base-wide email

Requests must be submitted at least one week prior to when you would like the email to be sent. All emails are reviewed by the 82nd Training Wing Public Affairs office, submit to 82trwpa.1@us.af.mil. For questions, call 940-676-2732.

Use the below format to request one-off emails:

DATE TO SEND EMAIL:

SUBJECT LINE:

MESSAGE:

Innovation Campaign

Sheppard AFB Airmen have the opportunity to see their innovative ideas come to fruition as the second annual Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Innovation Rodeo call-for-topics campaign is underway. The campaign, open through Dec. 15, gives military and civilian members worldwide a chance to win part of \$1 million in funding and resources to implement their ideas.

Local points of contact for the campaign are Maj. Lauren Guibert, 82nd Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, and Master Sgt. Yolanda Reynolds, 82nd LRS superintendent.

Anyone from Sheppard can submit an idea. Those who don't have any ideas of their own can go online and create an account to see what has been submitted across the Air Force and vote on those proposals.

Here's how to sign up:

1. Login to the Ideation platform at <https://usaf.ideascalegov.com/a/ideas/recent/campaigns/100>
 - First time users must register for an account using their.mil email address and enable two-factor authentication.
1. Select "Submit New Idea"
2. Complete the idea submission fields (a red * indicates required fields)
3. Select "Submit Idea"
4. Ask your colleagues to login to IdeaScale to provide input and vote for their favorite idea.

News Notes



Maryland Voters - Special Election in Maryland's 7th Congressional District

The State of Maryland will conduct a special primary election on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020, to fill a vacancy for the 7th Congressional district, which includes parts of Baltimore and Howard Counties, and Baltimore City.

Service members, eligible family members and overseas citizens may use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register and request an absentee ballot. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your election office. *If you are a resident of Maryland's 7th Congressional district, register and request an absentee ballot today starting at FVAP.gov [<https://www.fvap.gov/>]. *

Detailed instructions and county contact information is available at [fvap.gov/maryland](https://www.fvap.gov/maryland) [<https://www.fvap.gov/maryland>].

If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to FVAP.gov or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584) or email (vote@fvap.gov).

You can also contact the: Installation Voter Assistance (IVA) Office
The IVA Office can help you fill in and mail your voting materials if you need the assistance.

Please contact us at: At the A&FRC, Bldg 960, Room 109, DSN: 736-4358
Email: 82TRW.Sheppard.VotingAssistance@us.af.mil
web page: www.sheppard.af.mil/Contact/Voter-Assistance-Program/

South Bowling Lanes is scheduled to re-open on Friday, Dec. 6

Normal hours of operation will resume.

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Snack bar opens at 6:30am)

Friday 9 - 12 a.m. (Snack bar opens at 6:30am)

Saturday 9 - 12 a.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Holidays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Family Days 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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 overage 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.

Sheppard South Express Irregular Hours

Unattended after hours fueling at Sheppard South Express will be discontinued due to equipment requirements calling for sensors to be installed underneath the dispensers. However, customers will still be able to utilize the unattended fueling feature during regular business hours when the facility is manned. Hours of Operation are as follows:

Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sat: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sun: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



STAND DOWN FOR THE HOMELESS

- We need volunteers to hand out supplies, direct traffic, and help serve the noon meal. It will be held at the Downtown library.
- Date: Dec. 14
- Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- If you would like to volunteer or want more info please e-mail TSgt Price, Kaili, or TSgt Alstrin, Michael and we will put your name on the list.

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (A2D2) VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteers to cover CQ duty, drivers and escorts
 - Friday and Saturday nights 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 - Drivers and Escorts: Will get a call from CQ at 8:30 p.m. to verify they are still available to be a driver or an escort.
- When CQ receives a request for a ride, CQ will call both driver and escort. Driver will pick up escort first, and then pick up requester.
- For CQ: CQ will be at Sheppard INN by 8:30 p.m. and get an AADD binder from Sheppard INN front desk. The binder has a list of volunteers (driver and escorts) and procedures for CQ. Food will be provided at Sheppard INN for CQ volunteers.
 - If you are interested in volunteering please contact HWANG, JAEBEOM SrA USAF AETC 82 CPTS/FO to schedule your shift!

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, email director@humanesocietyofwichtacounty.org, connect on Facebook @hsowfc (main page) / @wichtafallspaws (volunteer/donation page), or stop by any time Monday thru Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.: 4360 Old Iowa Park Road Wichita Falls, Texas, 76305.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PATIENT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL (PFPC)

- Calling all beneficiaries!! Sheppard Clinic is developing a Patient Family Partnership Council (PFPC) and looking for volunteers to sit on this committee. Serve where you can make a difference.
- The meetings are held once a quarter during normal business hours. We are looking for volunteers from all categories who are assigned to/actively use our facility. We are seeking one military retiree, TRICARE Plus patient, TRICARE for life patient and an active duty family member.
- If you are interested in a volunteer position serving on this council or would like additional information, please contact Lt Cody Campbell at 940-676-8350 or email either cody.l.campbell6.mil@mail.mil or natalie.j.henderson3.civ@mail.mil.

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

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- 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

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 winfo@bbbstx.org

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Patsy's House 940-723-1646

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

Read 2 Learn January Jones 940-235-1009 or jbjones@wfid.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 paige29072@yahoo.com

Whispers of Hope 940-696-8044