

EDWARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6







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TOP NEWS

NOV. 3, 2023

Edwards Air Force Base Plays Pivotal Role in Next Generation Aerial Target (NGAT) Development



OCT. 5, 2023

<u>USAF partners with GM Defense to successfully power aircraft with Electric Ground Power Unit</u>



OCT. 4, 2023

Edwards AFB Builds International Partnerships, One Jump at a Time





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EVENTS



- o Time: 8-9 a.m.
- o Location: Starbucks, 240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
- o Come share your thoughts, ask questions, and learn about the National American Indian Heritage Month and why we celebrate.



NOV. 08 Native American Heritage Month Celebration (national)

- o Time: 10-11:30 a.m. PDT
- Location: https://www.dvidshub.net/webcast/33045
- Theme: Tribal Nations Soaring to New Heights
- o Presented by the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, Department of the Air Force, Department of Veterans Affairs and Pentagon Force **Protection Agency**



NOV. 08 Eagle Hart Drums and Dance

- o Time: 11 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
- o Location: BX, 240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
- o The Eagle Heart Drums and Dance will join us again this year to share their Native American style drumming and dancing. It is beautiful to watch and to hear.
- Event is part of the <u>National American Indian Heritage Month</u> program
- Thursday

 Spouse and Family Virtual Forum
- Time: 11 a.m. PDT
- Location: Zoomgov (Webinar ID: 161 583 4057 / Passcode: AFMCFAMILY)
- o Open to ALL military and civilian personnel as well as their family members

This forum will focus on **Mental Health and Resilience Resources**. Department of Air Force experts will be on the line to share an overview of available resources, who is eligible for what services, and how to access resources. Panel members include representatives from *Military OneSource, Military Family Life Counseling, Chaplain, First Sergeant, Mental Health Clinic, and the Employee Assistance Program* The forum will be hosted on ZoomGov and is open to ALL. Questions will be taken live or can be submitted prior to the event by e-mailing afmc.a1z.ipr@us.af.mil.



Edwards AFB shoppers can visit <u>ShopMyExchange.com/Sweepstakes</u> for a chance to win one of the 128 prizes. No purchase necessary to win. Drawings for winners will take place around Dec. 22. Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilians and retirees and honorably discharged Veterans who have confirmed their eligibility to shop online may also enter. Veterans can visit https://aafes.media/paveterans to learn more. DoD civilians can visit https://aafes.media/paveterans to learn more.

- Saturday

 Nov. 11 Free challenge coins to Veterans
- o Time: 11 a.m.
- Location: Exchange (BX)



In honor of Veterans Day, the Edwards Air Force Base Exchange will be handing out free challenge coins to those who selflessly served our Nation. For the fourth year in a row, the BX will distribute limited-edition challenge coins to Veterans on Veterans Day. The coins, which feature an eagle on one side and the emblems of all six military branches on the other, are available while supplies last.

Thursday

NOV. 16 412 TW Commanders Call and Third Quarter Award Ceremony

Please save the date for the 412th Test Wing 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony, hosted by Col. Douglas Wickert and Chief Master Sgt. Justin Stoltzfus. Max attendance is requested.

Award winners get a change to throw an axe at a tur-cot-a-tu!

- o Time: 9-11 a.m.
- Location: Base Theater
- $\circ~$ Uniform: UOD, Business Attire or Group/Squadron Pride
- Thursday

 2023 Education Fair
- o Time: 9 a.m. 4 p.m.
- o Location: Club Moroc, bldg. 5600, Alliance Room
- o Contact 661-277-2713 or email 412fss.fsde.education.services@us.af.mil



Time: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- o Location: Oasis Center, bldg. 2500
- o Active Duty, family members (ages six months and up), and civilian

Can't make it? Walk-in to the Immunization Clinic after Nov. 17. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 7:30-11:45 a.m., 12-4:15 p.m. Thursdays: 7:30-11:45 a.m.

- Thu.-Fri.

 | Nov 30 DEC 1 | Mistletoe Bazaar | a holiday shopping event
- WHEN: Nov 30 and Dec. 1, 9 a.m. 5 p.m.
- o WHERE: Club Muroc (275 Doolittle Pkwy. Edwards, CA 93523)
- LINK: <u>Event on Facebook</u>
- o FREE to all with base access. Hosted by Edwards Spouse's Club



□ DEC. 08 Brig. Gen. Matthew Higer Retirement ceremony

- o Time: 9 a.m.
- o Location: Military and Family Readiness Center, 90 Farrell Drive, Building 5620, Edwards AFB, CA 93524
- Formal invitation forthcoming
- Contact

Ms. MỹNga (pronounced Meena) "Penny" Day Chief of Protocol, 412th Test Wing D 661-277-3326/DSN 527-3326 C 661-810-8748

412tw.protocol@us.af.mil



Come have fun and run a 5k or walk a mile.

• Sign up by scanning the QR code with your personal cell phone (Google Form won't work on AFNET devices)



- Location: Mayroad Community Park
- o Check-In: 3:30 p.m. 🏃 🏃 Run starts at 4 p.m.



RECURRING EVENTS

☐ First Term Airmen Course

This course is mandatory for new Airmen to take within the first 45 days of arriving at their first duty station.

- o Dates: Nov. 27 Dec. 1, 2023 and Dec. 11-15
- o Location: Bldg. 2460 Room A
- Registration: https://teamup.com/ksy5zdj7ji3bwyajq8.
 You will receive additional instructions three (3) days from the start of the course.
- o Contact: Tech. Sgt. Bionca Thomas, bionca.thomas@us.af.mil

Food Trucks' Schedule WHEN: Monday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WHAT: Barrios Red Tacos

WHERE: Express

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WHAT: Crudos Surf and Turf WHERE: Exchange Parking Lot

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6-10 a.m.

WHAT: Cocina Santa Cruz

WHERE: Express

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WHAT: Barrios Red Tacos

WHERE: BX

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHAT: Hi Thai Food and Boba

WHERE: BX

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WHAT: Tony B's Cheesesteaks

WHERE: Express

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☐ Hard Talks

412 TW Leadership holds small group talks weekly, open to all base personnel. The form is a safe place to discuss hard issues members are facing, to include dealing with current local/world events or personal issues. Assisting leadership, members from the Chapel, EO, IG and other helping agencies are in attendance.

- Date/Time: Thrusdays at 3 p.m.
- Location: Chapel 1 Annex

□ Professional Enhancement Seminar

• Who: Noncommissioned officer (NCO) who have not had any Professional Development in the last 3 years.

When: November 14-17, 2023 Where: Bldg. 2460 room A

Registration: https://teamup.com/ksy5zdj7ji3bwyajq8

Contact: Master Sgt. Douglas Cox, douglas.cox.9@us.af.mil or Tech. Sgt. Bionca Thomas, bionca.thomas@us.af.mil

• Who: Airman through Senior Airman who have completed CDC requirements

When: December 5-8, 2023 Where: Bldg. 2460 room A

Registration: https://teamup.com/ksy5zdj7ji3bwyajq8 Contact: Staff Sgt. Luke Nowland, luke.nowland@us.af.mil

Topics: Communication in the chain of Command, Enlisted Force Structure, Career Progression, Thrift Savings Plan, Mentorship, and Leadership, Standards & Discipline and

Tuition Assistance Briefing

Attention Airmen and Guardians! Want to go to college? Need a TA brief?

- Dates/Times: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thrusdays at 1 p.m.
- Location: Zoom (virtual)
- Zoom link for Tuesdays: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612185292?pwd=ZmUzVjZYb3gzeXZwcUUwL2lrazNIQT09
- Zoom link for Thrusdays: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1604912636?pwd=WHZjdmJIQzhqZE14SU5DMFdNYUhwdz09

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Below events and notices are NOT endorsed by a federal entity

Mon.-Thu. NOV. 6-9 Lane Closures on Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14)

North- & Southbound SR-14

Median work and K-rail Installation between Technology Drive and Avenue A

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has scheduled Lane Closures on the northbound and southbound Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) between Technology Drive in Palmdale and Avenue A in Lancaster, closing up to three lanes. The closures are necessary to perform pavement replacement, inside shoulder work and set K-rail that will extend the life of the existing lanes by a minimum of 40 years and improve ride quality. Currently, construction work is on-going Monday through Thursday, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Friday through Saturday, 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. to minimize traffic impacts. Northbound SR-14 has one lane open from Avenue A.

Tue.-Sun.

NOV. 7-12 AV Wall Display (volunteers needed)

- o Time: 24 hours (On Nov. 7, gates open at 4 p.m.)
- Location: Westpark Elementary School 3600 Imperial Ave, Rosamond CA 93560

We need your help to honor and celebrate our Vietnam-Era Veterans!

The AV Wall is a half-scale size tribute monument of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., and it's coming to Westpark Elementary School in Rosamond, November 7-12, 2023.

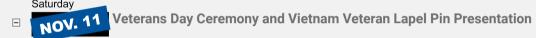
If you or someone you know would like to take part in this "monumental" event, while honoring our Veterans, please sign up as a volunteer.

Volunteers will help to build the AV Wall, greet visitors, walk the wall, answer questions, and help find names of those on the Wall through our computer system.

- Volunteers must be 18 years of age
- Volunteers must attend one of two mandatory trainings on either, Monday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Rosamond Elementary School or Wednesday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m. at the Southern Kern Unified School District Conference Room.



- o Time: 8 p.m. followed by TAPS
- Location: Westpark Elementary School 3600 Imperial Ave, Rosamond CA 93560



- o Location: Westpark Elementary School, Rosamond
- o Time: 11 a.m.

OFFICIAL NOTICES



The 2023 CFC has begun! This is our opportunity to give back to our communities, neighbors, and causes. For maximum flexibility, you can make a one-time or recurring donations to the charities you believe in and want to support.

We pushed the limit last year to raise \$100K. In CFC23 this year, we are aiming for \$103,500. This is a goal we will achieve together!

- 1. Give through payroll deduction for a greater impact over time.
- 2. Give to multiple charities and pledge volunteer hours in one place.
- 3. Give for greater impact the world is a better place when we give together.
- 4. GIVE HAPPY! Studies show that when you give happiness, you get happy too.

https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/offerings

☐ ズ Closure: Arnold Park

We are closing the park to remove the old gazebos and replace them with new ones. We estimate that the park will re-open on Friday November 17, 2023, but it could open sooner.

Fam Camp Updates

Phase 1 of FamCamp's inner asphalt road and pad renovation project started on Monday, October 23, 2023. The old asphalt has been removed, soil has been compacted and the road is ready for a new pavement! Kudos to the Civil Engineer Squadron Project Manager, Mr. Jeff Craig, the Force Support Squadron, Mission Support Group and Contracting teams for working together on this much needed project. New guest reservations are temporarily unavailable. Thank you for your understanding and patience during the project.



South Gate will be closed at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, and will remain closed until 5 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. West Gate and North Gate will remain open during this time.

The water level at the Branch Memorial Park Pond is being lowered approximately two feet in preparation of a prescribed burn that will occur in December of 2023 to help manage the vegetation in the pond. Following the prescribed burn, the water level will be increased to the normal water level. If you have any further questions, please contact the Environmental Management Division at 277-1401.



OUR PEOPLE

□ Congratulations to Col. Doug Wickert!



Col. Doug Wickert was selected as an Associate Fellow by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The grade of Associate Fellow recognizes individuals "who have accomplished or been in charge of important engineering or scientific work, or who have done original work of outstanding merit, or who have otherwise made outstanding contributions to the arts, sciences, or technology of aeronautics or astronautics." To be selected as an Associate Fellow an individual must be an AIAA Senior Member in good standing, with at least 12 years of professional experience, and be recommended by three AIAA Associate Fellows.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

☐ The first flight of an optical-guided unmanned bomb



On November 7, 1941, the first flight of an optical-guided unmanned bomb took place at Muroc Bombing and Gunnery Range (later known as East Camp on the eastern shore of the lakebed). Throughout early November, a number of Glide Bomb (GB) designs arrived at Muroc for testing. Most consisted of a 2,000-lb bomb equipped with 12-foot wing that allowed bombers to release them outside flak zones that often surrounded high-value targets. The bomb would then glide to its target. On 7 November a B-23 *Dragon* dropped the National Defense Research Committee and Radio Corporation of America joint project (later designated the GB-8) from an altitude of 7,000 feet. This version included a television "viewer" and was guided to its target by an observer aboard the bomber. This was just one of several efforts made toward the development of guided munitions in this period. The link below lays out that context, though it focuses more on the Kettering *Bug* program, which the Army also tested at Muroc.

READ MORE

VANPOOLS

E Cancaster

- Operates Monday Friday
- \circ Departs from the City of Lancaster Park and Ride at 6:05 a.m. to reach our destination on base by 6:45 a.m.
- Returns from the base at 4 p.m. to arrive back at the City of Lancaster Park and Ride around 4:45 p.m.
- o Contact: Vinh.Pham@us.af.mil or 661-802-2627

- o Operates Monday Friday
- o Departs from Lancaster Baptist Church (40th East and Lancaster Blvd.) at 7 a.m.
- o Departs main base at 4 p.m. (most riders work in bldg. 3500)
- o Contact: 818-640-3924

□ ₩ Ridgecrest

o Contact: Nicholas.Kuttor@us.af.mil or 661-275-3545

Wictorville, Hesperia and Adelanto

Contact Hector at 661-810-3868

West Lancaster

o Departs from Park and Ride (Ave. K8 / 10th St. W) at 6 a.m.

Departs Edwards AFB at 4:15 p.m.

Fee \$220/month. Military/Civil Service personnel may qualify for the Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) and ride for FREE!

o Contact: 661-903-0915

- Meets at the mall, Monday Friday, around 6 a.m. to arrive on base around 7 a.m.
- Departs base at 4:30 p.m.
- o Contact: 661-277-7290

LAW AND ORDER

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate 🎥 Download the latest Report, November 2023

LEGAL CORNER

🖃 🙅 Deployment Readiness

Combat readiness is key in the post-9/11 environment. A key to ensure combat readiness is to make sure one's legal affairs are in order. This starts with a visit to the base legal office.

The legal office assists Airmen with routine matters such as claims and notaries, but we are also equipped to deal with more complicated issues such as power of attorney and wills. The legal office advises customers about readiness issues and preventive measures to take care of military and their family members; these include education and advice about the SCRA and USERRA.

When the deployment rotation begins, family members will be left behind.

It's important for military members to have all their affairs in order before they deploy. Otherwise, it's the spouse, kids or other family member left behind who will potentially be affected.

The legal office is ready to assist deployers with issues such as wills, powers of attorney, providing for incapacity, personal finances, etc.

There are good reasons for adults to have wills. A will can assist in ensuring wishes for property division are carried out. This may seem like a difficult thing to do, but you will want to take control, instead of letting the courts decide.

Powers of attorney are a way of permitting others to act on one's behalf.

Whether it is taking a child to the hospital for a medical appointment or allowing a trusted agent access to one's bank account, a power of attorney can alleviate deployment headaches, allowing the warfighter to focus on the task at-hand. A power of attorney can make sure deploying member's children are taken care of when it comes to enrolling in school.

Powers of attorney and notaries are on walk-in basis from 0900-1500 Monday thru Thursday. Will appointments and legal assistance appointments must be scheduled in advance by contacting the legal office.

For more information, Airmen should contact the 412 TW/JA base legal office at 661-277-4310.

😑 垫 Hatch Act Guidance

With some political campaigns underway, including the re-election campaigns of President Biden and former President Trump, the legal office reminds Edwards Air Force Base civilian employees of the following dos and don'ts under the Hatch Act:

The Hatch Act applies to ALL civilian employees in the executive branch, with VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS. 5 USC 7322(1); 5 CFR 734.101.

The Act prohibits any political activity while:

- On duty.
- Wearing a uniform, badge, insignia, or other similar item that identifies the employing agency or the position of the employee.
- o In a government building or space, or in any room or building while performing official duties.
- · Using a government-owned or leased vehicle or using a privately-owned vehicle in the discharge of official duties.

5 USC 7324 (a); 5 CFR 734.306.

"Political activity" is any activity, including speech and social media activity, directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group. 5 CFR 734.101.

It is also a Hatch Act violation to display in the workplace coffee mugs, buttons, or other paraphernalia with messages supporting or opposing a partisan political candidate, party, or group. 5 CFR 734.306.

The Hatch Act prohibits political bumper stickers on government vehicles. But employees can place bumper stickers on their personal vehicles so long as they do not regularly use them for official government business. 5 CFR 734.306.

Generally, civilian employees must be careful to avoid any political activity when on duty, in the federal workplace, wearing a government uniforms or insignia, using a government vehicle, or invoking official authority. If you have specific questions about whether a particular activity is permitted or prohibited, we recommend you address your questions to your supervisor or chain of command.

Legal Assistance Brochures

<u>Cars</u>

Children Divorce

Fundraisers

Household Goods

Housing

Name Changes
Small Claims California
Wills, Trusts, Estates
Relocation Notice

412 TW/JA has relocated to building 2800. All JA phone numbers remain the same. The front desk number is 661-277-4310.

LEAVE SHARING

☐ Mr. Ben Blanton, 412 AMXS/MXMW

- o Donations are requested due to the employee's emergency. If you are interested in donating annual leave please complete OPM Form 630A.
- Please send completed OPM 630A and a copy of your LES to: janelle.acheronti@us.af.mil. LES's are used to validate donor SCD leave dates and available leave balances and may be redacted of any/all pay related information.
- o Contact(s): Civ <u>Janelle Acheronti</u> Work: 277-8798

■ Ms. Brittney Martin, 412 TENG/ENG

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☐ Ms. Kimberly Murray, 412 CPTS/FMA

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☐ Ms. Melissa Young, Plant 42, 412 TW/CEXF

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