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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 <u>https://aafes.media/paveterans</u> to learn more. DoD civilians can visit <u>https://aafes.media/cacbenefitspa</u>.

# ThursdayNOV. 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!

WHEN: Thursday, November 16, 9-11 a.m.

#### WHERE: Base Theater

UNIFORM: UOD, Business Attire or Group/Squadron Pride



WHEN: Thursday, November 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WHERE: Club Moroc, bldg. 5600, Alliance Room CONTACT: 661-277-2713 or email <u>412fss.fsde.education.services@us.af.mil</u>



# Trans Day of Remembrance (national event)

WHEN: Thursday, November 16, 10-11 a.m. PST WHERE: Zoom for Government, passcode 697914 **CONTACT:** Ben Leever at benjamin.leever@us.af.mil



WHAT: Join us for a thrilling night! Play your hands accompanied by delectable light appetizers. WHEN: Friday, November 17, at 5:30 p.m. (games start at 6 p.m.) WHERE: Club Muroc PRICE: \$25 (\$20 for Insiders) Cash prizes depend on participation



WHEN: Friday, November 17, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. WHERE: Oasis Center, bldg. 2500 WHO: 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.



WHEN: Nov 30 and Dec. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. WHERE: Club Muroc (275 Doolittle Pkwy. Edwards, CA 93523)

## LINK: Event on Facebook

FREE to all with base access. Hosted by Edwards Spouse's Club





DEC. 06 Ms. Cheryl Boswell's Retirement Ceremony (22 Years of Service)

WHEN: Wednesday, December 6 at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Air Force Flight Test Museum, 405 N. Rosamond Blvd., Bldg. 5259, Edwards AFB, CA 93524 RSVP: NLT December 1 via https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=802850&k=0A6140017E57 CONTACT: Alison Vasquez, 277-3606, alison.vasquez.2@us.af.mil



WHEN: Friday, December 8, at 9 a.m.

WHERE: 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, 661-277-3326/DSN 527-3326, cell 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)



WHEN: Friday, December 8. Check-In: 3:30 p.m. 🏃 🏂 Run starts at 4 p.m.

WHERE: Mayroad Community Park



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.
 WHEN: Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2023 and Dec. 11-15
 WHERE: Bldg. 2460 Room A
 REGISTRATION: https://teamup.com/ksy5zdjZji3bwyajq8.
 You will receive additional instructions three (3) days from the start of the course.

**CONTACT:** Tech. Sgt. Bionca Thomas, <u>bionca.thomas@us.af.mil</u>

Food Trucks' Schedule
 WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6-10 a.m.
 WHAT: Cocina Santa Cruz
 WHERE: Express

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. WHAT: Barrios Red Tacos WHERE: BX

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. WHAT: Hi Thai Food and Boba WHERE: BX

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. WHAT: Tony B's Cheesesteaks WHERE: Express

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.WHAT: Big Flame HibachiWHERE: Exchange Parking Lot

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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. WHEN: Thursdays at 3 p.m. WHERE: 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:** <u>https://teamup.com/ksy5zdj7ji3bwyajq8</u>

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 Ethics.

😑 🔁 Religious Education

## CATHOLIC

Mass AFRL | 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at noon
Higher Ground Cafe | 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 5 p.m.
Bible Study | Men: Sundays at noon | Dorm: Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. | Women: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Chapel 2 Annex
Adoration Blessed Sacrament | 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 5 p.m. Chapel 2
Religious Education | Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

## PROTESTANT

Bible Study Groups | Contact 412TW.HC.Workflow@us.af.mil

## **MUSLIM PRAYER**

Fridays 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Chapel 1, Rooms 3 & 4 | Contact maitham.dakheel@us.af.mil

## BUDDHIST

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 4:30-5 p.m. at Chapel 2 Conference Room | Contact Ms. Dianna Kassing at 661-277-5415

## **OTHER RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL BACKGROUNDS**

Please contact the Main Chapel Office at 661-277-2110

## 😑 🔁 Tuition Assistance Briefing

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

WHEN: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

#### WHERE: Zoom (virtual)

Zoom link for Tuesdays: <u>https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612185292?pwd=ZmUzVjZYb3gzeXZwcUUwL2IrazNIQT09</u> Zoom link for Thursdays: <u>https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1604912636?pwd=WHZjdmJIQzhqZE14SU5DMFdNYUhwdz09</u>

😑 🔁 Worship Services

## PROTESTANT SERVICE (Chapel 1)

Sundays at 10 a.m.

## CATHOLIC SERVICE (Chapel 2)

Mass | Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. | Sundays at 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. **Confessions** (Room 5) | Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. or by appointment

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Below events and notices are NOT endorsed by a federal entity



NOV. 13-17 Lane Closures on Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14)

**Full Freeway Closure:** Northbound SR-14 from Avenue L through Avenue I Nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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 H to Avenue A.** 



The Air Force and Space Force Association William J. "Pete" Knight Chapter 294 cordially invites you and a guest to celebrate the Holidays

WHAT: Delectable Hors d'oeuvres at cocktail hour + a complimentary beverage + Tam O'Shanter house salad served with a selection of warm house breads + dinner (your choice of Tam O'Shanter Signature "Toad in the Hole," Lawry's Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Roasted Herb Chicken or Vegan option) + desert (Traditional English Trifle) WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 3, 4-7 p.m.

WHERE: Tam O'Shanter Scottish Steakhouse, 2980 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90003

DRESS CODE: Holiday attire

PRICE: \$80 (cash, check or Zelle to David Smith at 661-317-0858) CONTACT: Denise Smith at 760-265-3827



WHEN: Thursday, December 7, 6-8 p.m. WHERE: Lancaster Community Center, 44611 Yucca Ave., Lancaster, CA 93534

DEC. 09 A Magical Christmas 🛞

WHAT: Enjoy the sights, sounds, and feel of the holiday season with "A Magical BLVD Christmas," Lancaster's winter wonderland celebration.
WHO: Bring the entire family and spend the evening with music, dancing and festive fun with Santa Claus.
WHEN: Saturday, December 9, 5-9 p.m.
WHERE: Lancaster BLVD

#### OFFICIAL NOTICES

🖃 🏋 2023 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)



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

#### 😑 🏅 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.



Cancelled: Oasis Aquatic Center Afternoon Sessions
 Afternoon pool sessions at Oasis Aquatic Center are canceled until further notice.
 Call 275-SWIM or 275-CAMP for more information.

#### 😑 🌂 Branch Memorial Park Pond

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

😑 Guest of honor Alexis Correa dropped the ceremonial puck for the women's hockey game 🏑



As part of a special Veterans Day themed game, 412th Test Wing Amn Alexis Correa was selected to perform the ceremonial puck drop at the start of the USA vs. Canada women's hockey game! Correa serves as part of the 412th Test Wing Security Forces Squadron, helping ensure our installation stays safe 24/7, 365! She is also one of the many smiling faces greeting you at the gate each morning. She was joined along with MSgt Iris Bias and her first shirt, MSgt Katherine Lamm. Way to represent!

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

#### By 412 TW History Office

□ Major Michael J. Adams flew the X-15 No. 3 aircraft



Photo: courtesy of the Air Force Test Center History Office

On November 15, 1967, Major Michael J. Adams flew the X-15 No. 3 aircraft to 266,000 feet and a speed of Mach 5.2 on the 195th flight of the X-15 program. Sadly the aircraft departed controlled flight as it reached 264, 000 feet during its reentry. It entered a spin and then broke apart, costing Maj Adams his life. Later investigation proved that Adams had misread a dual-purpose instrument that had not switched modes like he believed, believing it was showing sideslip error instead of the vernier-attitude-error rate. Adams' actions were correct for the problem he thought he faced, but not for the actual problems he was actually experiencing. The crash investigation's findings led NASA to add a new attitude sensor display in the control room. It was also a heart-breaking lesson to not use the same instrument to display two different types of information to pilots in high-

#### READ MORE

## VANPOOLS

🖻 🚒 Lancaster

DAYS: Monday - Friday

TIMES: 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.

CONTACT: Vinh.Pham@us.af.mil or 661-802-2627

☐ # Ridgecrest CONTACT: Nicholas.Kuttor@us.af.mil or 661-275-3545

Victorville, Hesperia and Adelanto CONTACT: Hector at 661-810-3868

😑 🚓 West Lancaster

TIMES: 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 BUT Military/Civil Service personnel may qualify for the Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) and ride for FREE! CONTACT: 661-903-0915

## 😑 🚒 West Palmdale

**DATES/TIMES:** 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. **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.

#### 😑 🖕 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.
- 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
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#### 👍 Relocation Notice

412 TW/JA has relocated to building 2800. All JA phone numbers 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

- 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.
- Contact(s): Civ Janelle Acheronti 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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