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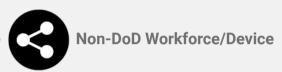


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FROM THE COMMANDER



COL DOUGLAS P. WICKERT COMMANDER, 412th TEST WING



In the spirit of candor and transparency, and as a believer that we can learn from lapses in judgment, Col Doug Wickert shares off-base incidents. **READ MORE**

TOP NEWS

NOV. 3, 2023

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



OCT. 5. 2023

USAF partners with GM Defense to successfully power aircraft with Electric Ground Power Unit



OCT. 4, 2023

Edwards AFB Builds International Partnerships, One Jump at a Time



EVENTS



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

 Eagle Hart Drums and Dance
- o Time: 11 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
- Location: BX, 240 Fitzgerald Blvd.
- 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
- Wednesday

 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
- 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



- 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.

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
- o 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

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

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

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RECURRING EVENTS

□ Food Trucks' Schedule

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WHAT: Tony B's Cheesesteaks

WHERE: Express

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHAT: Big Flame Hibachi WHERE: Exchange Parking Lot

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 2, 6 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WHAT: Cocina Santa Cruz

WHERE: Express

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WHAT: Barrios Popuseria AND Crudos Surf and Turf

WHERE: BX

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 3, 6 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WHAT: Cocina Santa Cruz

WHERE: Express

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WHAT: Tony B's Cheesesteaks

WHERE: BX

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHAT: Hi Thai Food and Boba

WHERE: BX

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

Hard Talk

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.

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

☐ Tuition Assistance Briefing

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

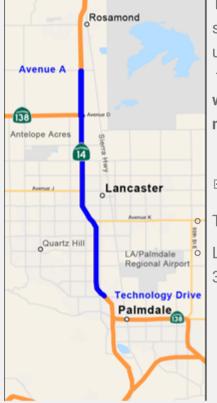
- o Dates/Times: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thrusdays at 1 p.m.
- Location: Zoom (virtual)
- Zoom link for Tuesdays: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612185292?pwd=ZmUzVjZYb3gzeXZwcUUwL2lrazNIQT09
- Zoom link for Thrusdays: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1604912636?pwd=WHZjdmJIQzhqZE14SU5DMFdNYUhwdz09

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Below events and notices are NOT endorsed by a federal entity

- Tue.-Fri.

 Doct. 31 Nov. 3 Lane Closures on Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14)
- Time: Nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Full Freeway Closure: Northbound SR-14 from Avenue L through Avenue J; Southbound SR-14 from Avenue H through Avenue L



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.

Tue.-Sun.

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

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

Saturday

NOV. 11 Veterans Day Ceremony and Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin Presentation

Location: Westpark Elementary School, Rosamond

Time: 11 a.m.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

□ 3 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

☐ 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.

☐ ズ 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.



□ ズ 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

☐ Meet the Real Property Team!



From left to right: Kendall King, Lawrence "Dean" Latinette, Imelda "Mel" Bantilan, Marisel Bulda-Young, Kiona Ward, Robert Baldwin, Casey Bowen

In the sprawling world of infrastructure management, the Real Property Team within the Installation Management Division of the 412th Civil Engineer Group, plays a critical role in documenting all facilities, structures, infrastructure, and linear structures across 308,000 acres. Edwards AFB, situated in California's high desert, is not just a significant installation; it is an epicenter of aerospace testing, and the Real Property Team is at the forefront of ensuring the installation receives the appropriate amount of facility sustainment, repair, and modernization dollars for over 2,000 real property assets.

The Department of Defense boasts an impressive portfolio as one of the globe's largest builders, owners, and operators of infrastructure. Managing millions of acres of land and billions of dollars' worth of facilities and infrastructure worldwide, it's a monumental task. The Real Property Team, which consists of six Real Property Specialists and one Real Property Accountable Officer, conduct cyclical inspections of all real property assets on the installation every five years and capture any changes to facilities and real property installed equipment such as generators that are authorized for specific facilities. The Teams' meticulous attention to detail over the years has proved instrumental in the installation receiving additional incentive funds for projects from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center and are on track to receive them again in FY24.

The Team also works very closely with Project Managers in the Engineering Division and 412th Civil Engineer Squadron to ensure all real property assets are quickly capitalized following the completion of projects. Prompt capitalization of the construction/improvement of any real property asset allows for accurate condition reporting which enables proper prioritization of scarce funding allocated to facilities and infrastructure.

Additionally, the Team develops, maintains, and renews all real property instruments (such as licenses, leases, in-grants/out-grants, etc.) that allows the Air Force to receive funds from private organizations or other non-Air Force organizations that have a sustained presence on the installation; funds received are directly invested back into the base infrastructure or quality-of-life projects.

"I am impressed daily by the Real Property Team's efforts, hard work and commitment to supporting the overall mission at Edwards AFB," said Hugo Via, Chief - Installation Management Division. "These are exciting times to live and work at Edwards AFB and the Team enjoys what they do each and every day here at the Center of the Aerospace Testing Universe."

As Edwards AFB evolves and expands, it's individuals and teams like the Real Property Team who help ensure the infrastructure and the sustainment, repair and modernization dollars associated with it keeps pace with the demands of the ever-evolving aerospace industry. Their dedication and commitment reflect the spirit of excellence that defines the 412th Civil Engineer Group.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

□ Bell's Lunar Landing Research Vehicle (LLRV)



Bell's LLRV made its first flight, piloted by Joe Walker at Edwards Air Force Base. The LLRV, nicknamed the "Flying Bedstead," was developed by the NASA Flight Research Center to simulate a lunar landing profile for research and lunar pilot training for NASA's Apollo program. The angular structure was equipped with a small jet engine, two lift rocket motors, and 16 smaller rockets to provide flight control. It served as a predecessor to the Lunar Lander Training Vehicle (LLTV) that came later. Neil Armstrong completed 21 flights in the LLRV-1 before its crash on May 6, 1968 (Armstrong ejected safely). The arrival of the three LLTVs meant that the surviving LLRV was not used after January of 1967. It is currently on display at the Flight Test Museum on base.

READ MORE

VANPOOLS

- o Operates Monday Friday
- o 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

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

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

☐ ♥ Victorville, Hesperia and Adelanto

Contact Hector at 661-810-3868

- 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

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.

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:

- · 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

<u>Cars</u>

Children

<u>Divorce</u>

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 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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