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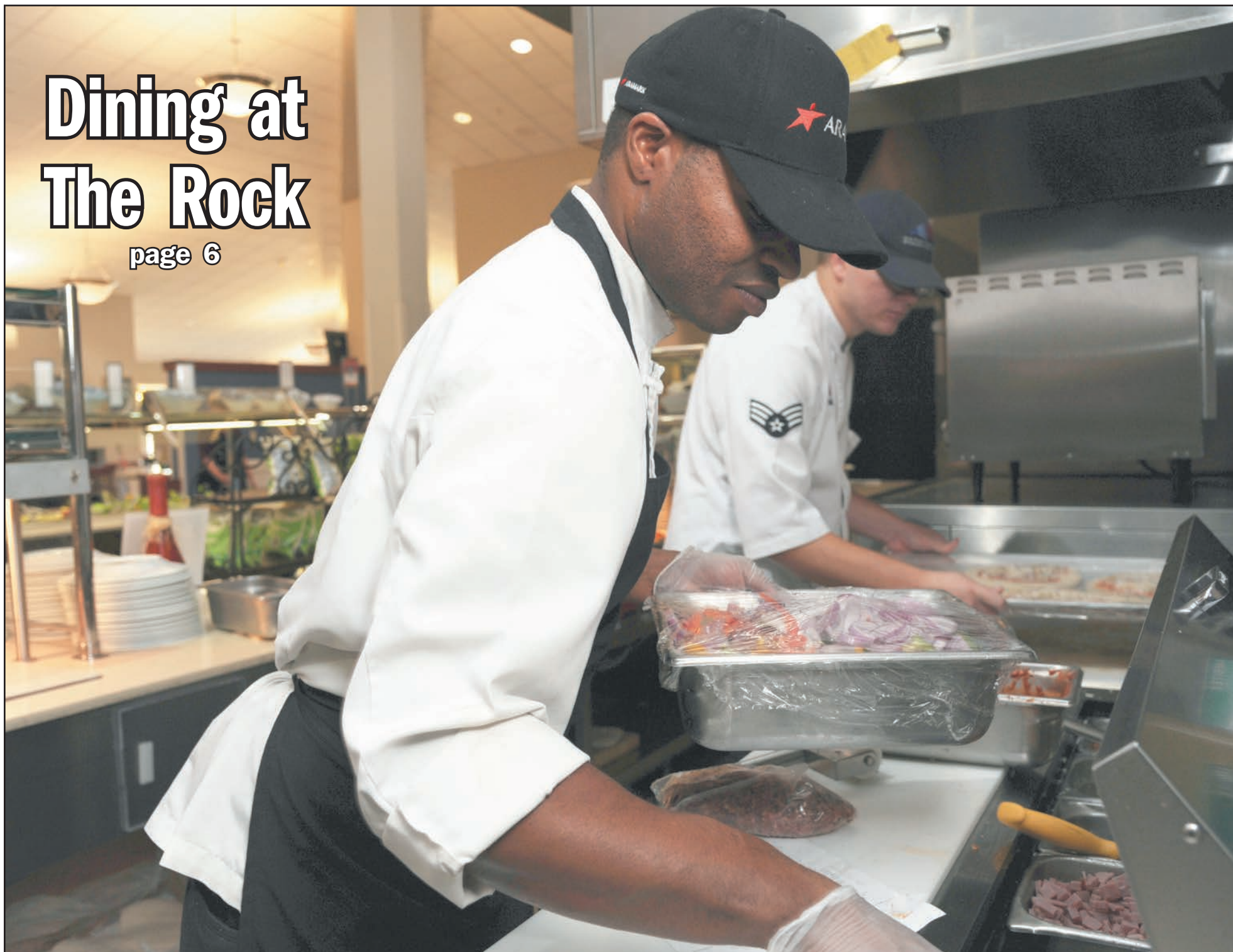
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— WEATHER —

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High: 78°

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Chance of rain: 0%

Wind: WSW at 4 mph

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High: 86°

Low: 60°

Sunny

Chance of rain: 0%

Wind: WSW at 8 mph

SUNDAY

High: 85°

Low: 59°

Sunny

Chance of rain: 10%

Wind: SSW at 9 mph

MONDAY

High: 82°

Low: 63°

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 10%

Wind: S at 15 mph

TUESDAY

High: 76°

Low: 55°

Scattered thunderstorms

Chance of rain: 60%

Wind: SSW at 14 mph

WEDNESDAY

High: 66°

Low: 46°

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 20%

Wind: N at 9 mph

THURSDAY

High: 70°

Low: 49°

Sunny

Chance of rain: 20%

Wind: NNE at 8 mph

COMBAT AIRLIFTER OF THE WEEK

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Harry Brexel



Tech. Sgt. April Stanford, 19th Operations Support Squadron weather flight noncommissioned officer in charge, gives a briefing about severe weather radar visualization Oct. 20 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Stanford was selected as the 19th OSS 2013 NCO of the Year and Air Mobility Command's 2013 Weather Flight NCO of the Year. (Inset) Col. William Otter, 19th Airlift Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Rhonda Buening, 19th AW command chief, congratulate Stanford for her selection as Combat Airlifter of the Week on Oct. 20 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Stanford, a native of Arlington, Texas, coordinates mission weather support for three wings by issuing watches, warnings and advisories for the base and two drop zones.

"Sexual Assault has no place in our Air Force. We live in a culture of respect."

— Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, USAF Chief of Staff of the Air Force

SAPR Elements

By Airman 1st Class Clifton Dolezal

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Defense as well as the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office have developed a strategy for promoting a safe and comfortable work environment for all Airmen. By creating the program, it raises awareness of different avenues of education and training and builds a strong support group.

"All of these programs are great," said Linda Benjamin, 19th Airlift Wing sexual assault victim's advocate. "Reports are up from last year, which is a good thing. It

means people are comfortable informing their leadership and confident that they will be taken care of."

The efforts of education and training are designed to improve knowledge and influence attitudes and behaviors of a small population of sexual predators, to decrease the amount of sexual assaults in the United States Air Force as well as in the rest of the branches of service. The Air Force has implemented several courses and down days across the service dedicated to ensuring the dignity and respect of all Airmen.

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On the cover



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mercedes Muro

Sidney Taylor, a 19th Force Support Squadron chef, prepares food Oct. 9 at Little Rock Air Force Base. The Hercules Dining Facility offers food during their breakfast, lunch and dinner serving hours.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Harry Brexel

Maj. Brent Reiss, a 61st Airlift Squadron C-130J aircraft commander, stands in front of a C-130J on Sept. 24 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Brent was reinstated to active-duty status after being medically discharged because of the autoimmune disease ulcerative colitis.

‘I wasn’t done serving’

By Airman 1st Class Harry Brexel

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Ever since he was a young boy Maj. Brent Reiss knew he wanted to be a pilot.

“I remember going to the airport in Charlotte, North Carolina, and watching planes on the runway with my father,” Reiss said. “Though my dad was a doctor, I knew I had a passion for planes.”

Reiss’ dream came true in 2000 when he commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was selected for pilot training.

Eventually Reiss was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base with the 50th Airlift Squadron. Reiss is now a 61st AS C-130J aircraft commander and the current 19th Airlift Wing Inspector General director of complaints resolution.

After being active-duty for seven years and reaching the rank of captain, Reiss married his wife, who was in the Arkansas Air National Guard. For Reiss and his new family,

everything was going well.

“While assigned to the 50th AS, I went on four deployments to various operations in the Middle East.”

In April 2006, however, his career and life took an unexpected turn.

“I loved my career and flying, and I had no idea that it would all be taken from me,” added Reiss. “Almost out of the blue, I was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called ulcerative colitis. I was told that the disease was not controllable through medical therapy.”

Ulcerative colitis is a disease that causes long-lasting inflammation and sores in the digestive tract.

Along with facing a health crisis, Reiss’ career was put in jeopardy.

“I was told that I could no longer fly and then put on the temporary disability retirement list,” said Reiss.

In February of 2007, Reiss was given his 30-day notice.

“It was a huge blow,” said Reiss. “I wasn’t done serving. I raised my right hand for a reason, and I didn’t feel

that I had fully served my nation.”

Though being forced to leave the Air Force was a huge challenge for Reiss, it was just the beginning of many trials to come.

For the next five years, Reiss battled with his condition while simultaneously trying to support his family.

“First, I worked for an airline company, but was unable to continue the job due to my health,” said Reiss. “So then I worked two jobs, one as a bartender and the other at a jewelry store.”

During that time, Reiss also had several surgeries in order to cope with his medical condition.

“After my last surgery in April 2009, my health improved, and I was able to return to the job I had with the airline company,” Reiss added.

Although Reiss’ health was improving, finding a stable job which he enjoyed and that provided for his

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SCORECARD: 314TH AIRLIFT WING

The 314th Airlift Wing is the nation’s C-130 “Center of Excellence.” The wing is responsible for training C-130 aircrew members from across the Department of Defense, to include the Coast Guard and 46 allied nations. Some of the ways the 314th AW tracks its successes are through measured aircraft availability and mission-capable rates. Those metrics as of Tuesday are:

Mission capable rate

C-130J: (standard 80%):
82.7%

Aircraft availability

C-130J: (standard 8.4):
9.6

C-130 SCHOOL GRADUATES

Number of combat aircrew members sent to the fight beginning Jan. 1, 2014 :

C-130H: 586

C-130J: 492

Calendar of Events

Nov. 4

Deployed Family Dinner,

6 p.m., Hangar 1080

CFC Fundraising Events

Today

19th CES chili cookoff,

*11 a.m to 1 p.m., Thomas Community
and Activity Center*

Oct. 31

LRS bakesale,

1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Commissary

Community Happenings

Through March 2015

"Lights! Camera! Arkansas!" An exhibit featuring the state's ties to Hollywood through movie and television is on display through March 1 at that Old State House Museum, 300 W. Markham St., in Little Rock. Artifacts related to films shot on location in the state, actors born in Arkansas and literary figures whose works were the basis for films shot in Arkansas are included in the exhibit. Visitors can see five galleries of costumes, scripts, film footage, awards, photographs, theater posters, and props. The Arkansans featured include Mary Steenburgen, Harry Thomason, Julie Adams, Lisa Blount, Johnny Cash, Gail Davis, Levon Helm, James Bridges, Jeff Nichols, and Joey Lauren Adams and others. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.oldstatehouse.com.



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family was difficult.

"I left my job with the airline company and then became a contract flight simulator instructor at Columbus Air Force Base, in Mississippi," said Reiss.

However, the job as an instructor was eventually cut, due in part to military budget changes. Reiss then headed to work at the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, performing background checks. It was his fifth job after his departure from active duty.

During the time Reiss was working, he also faced yearly Air Force informal physical evaluation boards.

Each year he was evaluated, Reiss was told he was not fit to return to active duty. But in 2010, Reiss knew he was ready and healthy enough to put the uniform back on.

"After due diligence and determination, I appealed the board's decision for the first time," said Reiss.

In August of 2010, he got the call letting him

know that he was fit to fight.

"I'll never forget that day," said Reiss. "I answered my phone and remember hearing, 'Brent, I hope your blues still fit.'"

After almost two years of waiting, Reiss put his uniform back on and headed back to The Rock. He first worked a short stint with the 34th Combat Training Squadron and was then assigned to the 61st AS.

"The first hurdle was being cleared to get back into the Air Force," said Reiss. "But being cleared to fly was another challenge in and of itself. It took time and determination."

In September of 2013, Reiss was finally able get back into the cockpit of a C-130J.

"It was a great feeling of nostalgia," said Reiss. "It was like riding a bike."

Reiss is now flying regularly.

"I'm humbled," said Reiss. "Less than one percent of people return to active duty from the Air Force's temporary disability retirement list."

Not only is Reiss proud to be an Airman again, he is honored to be a part of the mission at Little Rock AFB as well.

"Combat Airlift has been the backbone to

U.S. missions for years," said Reiss. "I have a desire to continue contributing to the mission and legacy here."

Along with supporting the base's mission, Reiss is also the proud father of two daughters.

"I am so thankful for my family," he said. "I wouldn't be where I am today without my wife and daughters."

As he looks back, Reiss realized how much he learned through his experience.

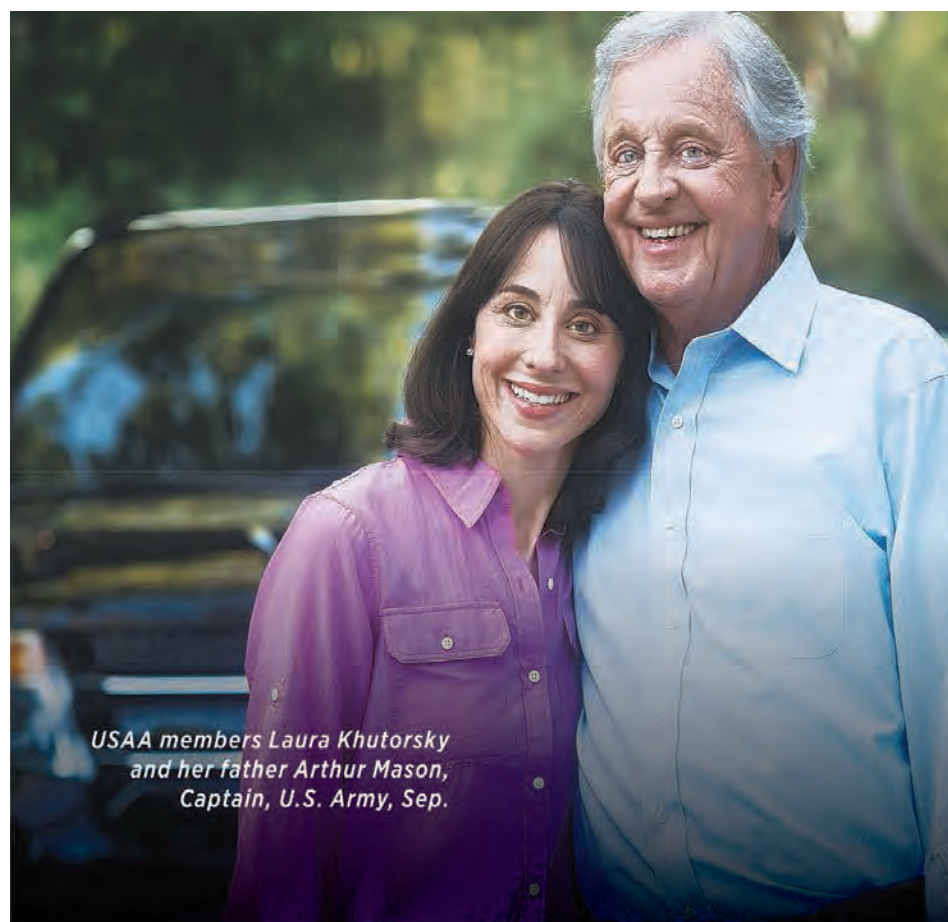
"I learned that the answer is always 'no...' unless you ask," said Reiss. "Along with the support from my family, I am back in the Air Force because of asking questions, staying informed and using my resources."

He even offers advice to others who may find themselves in a similar situation.

"If you work hard, something will come out of it," Reiss said. "You must use your network of friends, supervisors or coworkers for assistance."

Reiss is slated to deploy early next year. He says he is more determined and prepared than ever.

"I didn't work this hard to let it go away," Reiss said.



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Dining at The Rock

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Mercedes Muro, 19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Hercules Dining Facility is open to all Airmen, retirees, contractor civilian employees and guests of Little Rock Air Force Base. The dining facility offers healthy and nutritional meals to enhance physical fitness and well-being. While fresh fruits and vegetables are made available at the salad bar, more indulgent food choices, such as pudding and desserts, are also provided. For more information about the dining facility and meal hours, visit www.rockinattherock.com.



Youth center offers many programs

By Senior Airman Kaylee Clark

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Finding activities to occupy your child in between the end of the school day and the time you get home from work can be overwhelming. While one child might think video games will suffice to occupy their time, the Little Rock Air Force Base Youth Center offers hands-on and interactive activities and programs to keep youngsters busy.

The center offers two separate programs for base youth: The Before and After Care Program and the Open Recreation Program. The Before and After Program hours are from 6:30 – 7:20 a.m. and from 1 – 6 p.m. The open recreation program is from 3 – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and is for children ages 9 and up.

The center's \$35 membership fee covers an open recreation participant for a year. During this time, members have full access to video games, pool, foosball, basketball, arts and

crafts and books.

The Teen Center is open Saturdays from 5 – 10 p.m. Teens may bring a guest along for 2 dollars per visit.

On Thursday nights, the Iron Skillet, which is affiliated with the 4-H Club, is an opportunity for children to learn about healthy eating and cooking.

The Torch Club, a Boys and Girls Club program, meets on every Tuesday. In this program, members learn the election process and how to work together to implement activities in four areas: service to club and community; education; health and fitness; and social recreation.

The youth center also offers volunteer opportunities. Last summer, kids volunteered to cook meals for a homeless shelter in Little Rock. They produced more than 450 meals, which trumped their goal of 150.

"I feel that opportunities like this teach the children that people need our help," said Jackie Russell, the 19th Force Support Squadron Youth

Center school age coordinator. "This opportunity teaches them responsibility."

The Youth Center hosts guest visitors such as the American Red Cross. Future guest speakers include members from Arkansas Engineering for Kids who will teach the children about engineering video games.

"The difference in kids going home alone after school and coming here is that we can provide safety and supervision and higher-learning activities," said Russell. "For instance, when they participate in an art class, it is more than just finger painting: We teach them about the history of an artist."

The staff takes pride in looking after the next generation.

"I believe that when you are working with children you are working with the most precious resource, they are our future," said James Ussery, the youth and teens program director.

To contact the Youth Center for additional information call 501-987-6355.

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AFI changes affect TA

By Airman 1st Class Scott Poe

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Tuition assistance is one of many benefits Airmen are entitled to and a reason why many Airmen joined the Air Force.

TA can be used to achieve multiple degrees including a CCAF degree. As of Oct. 1, 2014, several changes to tuition assistance have been implemented and will impact these Airmen.

"One of the major changes we are seeing now is that all members are required to have their TA request submitted no later than seven days prior to the term start date, which

is causing a lot of problems for individuals who were not aware of the changes," said Master Sgt. Shawna Budde, the Education Center superintendent.

TA requests cannot be submitted any earlier than 45 days before each term start date.

Other changes include:

■ The Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online will take the place of military tuition assistance by January 2015. Airmen who are currently enrolled in a certification program funded through MilTA will have one year to complete their

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Scott Poe

Patrick Loggins, an education services specialist, along with Master Sgt. Shawna Budde, the Education Center superintendent, hosts a tuition assistance briefing Oct. 16 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Airmen who have not attended a class in the last year must go through the TA briefing which is held on at 8 a.m. Tuesdays and at 3 p.m. Thursdays at the education center.

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program. For one to pursue new certifications, they will be based on the Airman's specialty code.

■ Officers are no longer eligible for the certification program. It is now strictly for enlisted.

■ For commissioning programs, information can be found online on the Air Force Portal. The Education Center will no longer have counseling for members who are looking to commission. However, they will assist members with navigating the commissioning website on student computers at the Education Center.

■ New grade requirements. Airmen who receive a D or below in undergraduate courses and a

grade of C or below in graduate classes will be required to reimburse TA funds.

■ Members are required to have an E-degree, or electronic degree plan, which identifies semester hours needed for their program.

■ Lifetime caps have been set on semester hours allowed. 124 semester hours will be allowed for undergraduate and 42 semester hours for graduate level courses. For example, if a class was taken 10 years ago using TA, those credits will count against the cap.

"If members have not taken a class in the last year, they must come in and do a one-on-one with a counselor here and have their education record updated," said Budde. "Also, anyone using TA for the first time must meet with a counselor as well."

To accommodate for the changes, the Education Center is now hosting walk-in briefings. Walk-in

initial tuition assistance briefings and education briefings are held every Tuesday at 8 a.m. and every Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Education Center and last about an hour.

Although supervisors are involved with the approval process, the Education Center is currently having minor difficulties with supervisors not being able to approve TA because of a glitch in the network.

"We are well aware of the issues with the supervisors not being able to approve TA applications but we are working with Airmen to make sure their TA documents are generated," said Budde. "The problem has been elevated, but currently they do not have a fix for it."

If you need assistance or have questions about the program call the Education Center at (501) 987-3417 or email them at education@us.af.mil.


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Little Rock AFB and the Cuban

By Mark Wilderman

314th Airlift Wing Historian

Fifty-two years ago this week, the men and women stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base played a role in one of the most pivotal events of the Cold War: The Cuban Missile Crisis. Never before, or since, has the world come so close to global nuclear war.



In October 1962, Little Rock AFB was a major Strategic Air Command bomber base hosted by the 384th Bombardment Wing and its three squadrons, the 544th, 545th, and 546th Bombardment Squadrons. The 70th Air Refueling Squadron and its Boeing KC-97G Stratofreighter tankers supported the SAC bomber mission and their B-47s. A handful of Fairchild C-123 Provider aircraft assigned to SAC also supported the bombers and tankers.

The 308th Strategic Missile Wing and its 18 Titan II intercontinental ballistic missile launch control facilities were under construction north of the base, but not yet operational. The entire force at Little Rock AFB was under the control of SAC's intermediate headquarters, the 825th Strategic Aerospace Division, at Little Rock AFB, which reported to SAC headquarters, Second Air Force, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

During the crisis, several hundred members of the air police, now known as Security Forces, armed themselves with light infantry weapons and defended Little Rock AFB.

While the air police were responsible for holding the down the home front, each of Little Rock Air Force Base's squadrons played an important role in supporting President John F. Kennedy's strategy



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President John F. Kennedy and Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara during a meeting with advisors at the White House during the Cold War.



against the Soviet Union and their Cuban allies.

The 384th BW and the 70th ARS were immediately placed on a higher state of alert in response to the discovery of Soviet offensive missiles and bombers in Cuba. During the October-November period, the base's aircraft maintenance complex experienced its largest workload to date, with organizational maintenance squadrons working 24 hours a day to generate every available B-47 and KC-97 aircraft.

On Oct. 22, 1962, the Joint Chiefs of Staff raised the nuclear war readiness level of the 384th BW and its supporting KC-97 tankers to Defense Condition 3, one level above the normal SAC readiness posture. On Oct 24, as the Cuban Missile Crisis escalated, SAC forces were ordered to DEFCON 2. During DEFCON 2, all available B-47s went to alert status, loaded with weapons, and were made ready for immediate launch against targets in the Soviet Union. Eleven

B-47s from the wing were dispersed to various airports throughout the United States to ensure their survivability and complicate Soviet targeting. Likewise, the 70th ARS generated emergency KC-97 tanker to support the B-47 force in the event of a scramble against their Soviet targets. All SAC tanker combat crews remained close to the alert facility on the flight line in the event of a Soviet missile launched against the mainland from Cuba. Starting Nov. 2, the 70th ARS also supported Operation COMBAT BOXER, the refueling support of U.S. reconnaissance aircraft conducting aerial surveillance over the country by contributing six tanker crews. The 70th ARS also supported the refueling of B-47s from the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron at Forbes AFB, Kansas. Little Rock AFB's tanker crews remained in DEFCON 2 until Nov. 28, a period of over three weeks.

For several days, despite overwhelming evidence, the Soviets denied the presence of offensive missiles in Cuba. On Oct. 27, the U.S. requested an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council, and the U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, Adlai E. Stevenson, directly confronted the Soviet ambassador over the presence of the missiles. In the Caribbean Sea, U.S. warships intercepted Soviet ships bound for Cuba and checked for additional evidence of offensive missiles and bombers. U.S. ships narrowly averted a nuclear exchange. On Oct. 28, a Soviet ship intercepted a Soviet diesel-powered submarine which was armed with a nuclear-tipped missile.

Tensions increased further on Oct. 29, when a Soviet commander in Cuba ordered a missile battery to shoot down a U-2 reconnaissance aircraft. Throughout the long weeks of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Kennedy administration and

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Nikita S. Khrushchev secretly pursued a diplomatic solution via letters and radio broadcasts to avoid an imminent nuclear war.

On Oct. 26, Khrushchev proposed removing Soviet missiles from Cuba. In exchange, the U.S. promised not to invade the island and to remove its intermediate-range Jupiter missiles from Turkey. Finally, in Nov., the two parties reached an agreement, ending the Cuban Missile Crisis and pulling the world back from the brink of nuclear war. In addition to the stipulations, the Hotline Agreement, which established a Moscow-Washington hotline to allow U.S. and Soviet leaders to confer directly in any future crisis, was established.

The base's Heritage Park has preserved a Boeing B-47 Stratojet similar to those operated by the 384th BW during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Also preserved is a Fairchild C-123 Provider, similar to those that supported the B-47s and its personnel. Building 160, the former semi-hardened SAC alert facility, is the home of the 34th Combat Training Squadron, but is not open for tours. The adjacent SAC alert aircraft

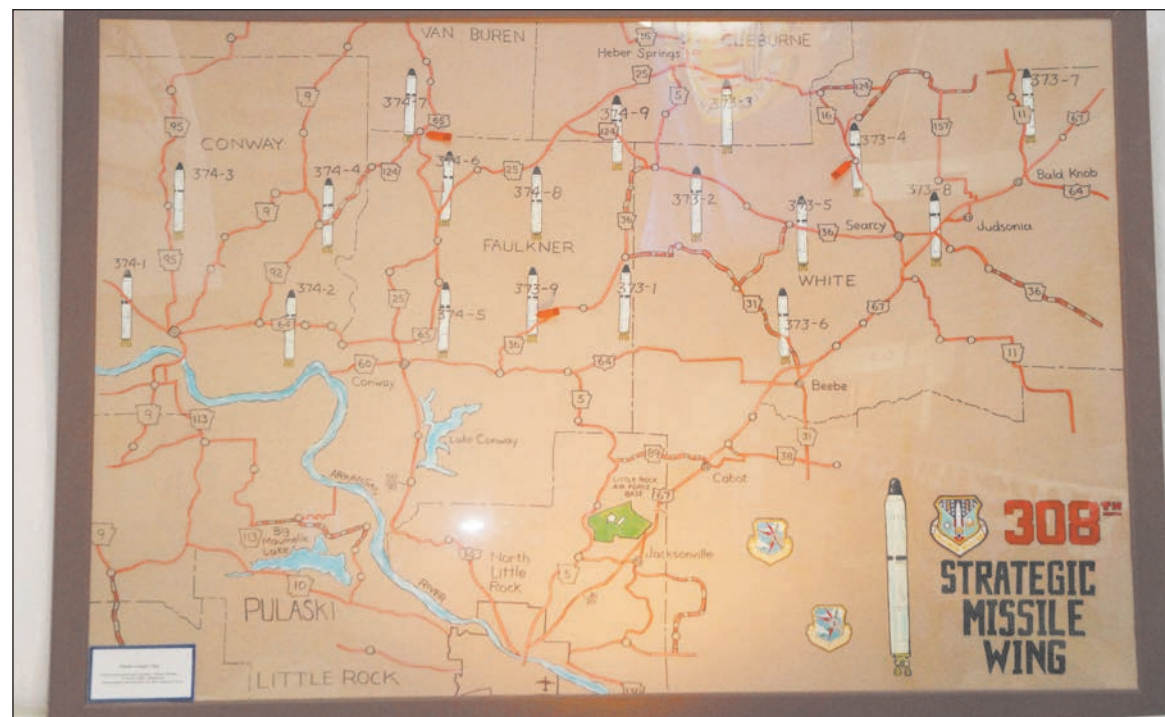


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A C-123 at Little Rock Air Force Base.

"Christmas Tree," haunted by the ghosts of Cold War B-47 Stratojets, KC-97 Stratofreighters, KC-135 Stratotankers and B-58 Hustlers, is routinely used as the staging location for Team Little Rock Airmen participating in the joint exercise GREEN FLAG.

The nearby Jacksonville Museum of Military History has preserved several artifacts relating to the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Cold War. Their hour are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.



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The 308th Strategic Missile Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base was assigned 18 Titan II missiles in north-central Arkansas. The missile shown at the top left exploded Sept. 18, 1980, in a silo near Damascus, Van Buren County.

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Appliance reduction

In your office, are there personal appliances that can be removed? Even if you don't remove them, it is a good idea to unplug them.

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Force IT Power Management Team at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., estimates this action alone could save more than \$10 million a year.

Temperature control

Most bases have set thermostat policies for warm and cold season temperatures. Instead of compensating with space heaters or fans, dress appropriately for the temperature in your facility.

Inform your facility manger

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Outdoor conservation

If you see a broken sprinkler spraying in the road or leaking, or if you notice a parking lot light left on during the day, please report it to your local civil engineer customer service representative.

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These lessons are in place to reinforce key messages and provide opportunities to practice the skills that are learned in each course. The courses are taught by peer educators who introduce real-life scenarios to help facilitate group discussions and minimize lectures; however, it is up to the base leadership to customize culture-specific content to their participant's levels and base needs.

"Our base leadership has done a wonderful job of being innovative and working through these

programs to target different audiences instead of just having a commander's call and talking at people, instead of with them," said Benjamin.

The training core competencies were developed by DoD SAPR office and the military services to assure consistency as well as effectiveness at all command levels.

The entirety of the DoD community will underscore the commitment and resolve to preventing sexual assaults.

"Sexual assault has no place in our Air Force. We live in a culture of respect. We cherish our core values of integrity, service and excellence. But in order to ensure all Airmen experience and benefit from those values, we must eliminate sexual assault in our ranks," said Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, USAF Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

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19th AMXS disassembles FSS

By Senior Airman Kaylee Clark
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19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Football in the South is just like water is to a fish; it is a vital necessity. Every week at Little Rock Air Force Base, intramural flag football teams meet head-to-head on the gridiron to fight tooth and nail for base bragging rights.

Intramural football heavyweights 19th Force Support Squadron and the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron battled it out Oct. 16 in early season action.

The confidence beamed off of Malik Royal, a 19th FSS wide receiver as he said "The only thing we need to do for this game is practice and show up."

The beginning of the game looked promising for the 19th FSS as the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron threw an interception on the first drive of the game.

However, as Lee Corso, an ESPN college football analyst, would say, 'Not so fast my friend!'

The 2-1, 19th AMXS defense rallied forcing a "four-and-out" and the offense put up six on the ensuing drive almost effortlessly. Slicing through the 19th FSS coverage like a hot knife through butter.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Clifton Dolezal

Nicolas Lafavor and Brady Thompson of the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, celebrate after connecting for the second time to go up 20-0 on Oct. 16 at Little Rock Air Force Base. The duo had major success through the air against the 19th Force Support Squadron.

Sideline chatter referred to Nicolas Lafavor, 19th AMXS quarterback, as the "game manager" and whispered comparisons to the Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson were heard.

However, the maintainer's dominating defensive unit stole the show.

The 19th AMXS defense resembled that of the Steel Curtain, 1976 Pittsburgh Steelers, absolutely disassembling the 19th FSS's QB, getting inside his head and forcing him to make quick decisions resulting in bad judgment throwing into double

and even triple coverage.

Only one team was on the scoreboard at the half and that was 19th AMXS, 13-0.

Fredrick Burgos, the 19th FSS quarterback, was shaken up at the beginning of the second half, rightfully so after a dismal first half performance, but the 19th AMXS quarterback, Senior Airman Nicolas Lafavor, showed no signs of stress.

After another four-and-out, Lafavor launched a 35-yard laser-guided bomb perfectly in to the

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Brady Thompson, receiver for the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, catches a pass in the end zone Oct. 16 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Thompson ended the bout with several receptions and two touchdowns. (Inset) Fredrick Burgos, the 19th Force Support Squadron quarterback, looks on after throwing his second interception of the night Oct. 16 at Little Rock Air Force Base. Burgos and his FSS squad failed to find pay dirt in the 20-0 shutout.

AMXS

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arms of Brady Thompson, scoring his second TD of the game, to put up 6 more on the board followed with an extra point. Lafavor and his wide receivers seemed to have an explosive chemistry or some might say a telepathic signal, connecting for two TD receptions with receiver Brady Thompson and totaling three on the night.

With time winding down, the 19th FSS defenders made a huge stop in the red zone, but a critical mistake on fourth down sent penalty flags flying and gave the 19th AMXS team another shot at scoring. The very next play, they did just that, turning that mistake into the game-winning touchdown.

Shedrian Williams, a 19th AMXS wide receiver and safety said, "I am hopeful that the rest of the season goes this way, all we need to do is stay focused because we have the talent."

The mainainers put the 19th FSS out of their misery via the mercy rule with a final score of 20-0.

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