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While there, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein, and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright attended several events in addition to the opening ceremonies, including pistol and rifle shooting, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball.

During the games Airmen will also compete in archery, swimming, track and field, and cycling.

“The Warrior Games showcase the competitive spirit of our wounded warriors,” said Wilson. “Athletic competition at this level requires focused hard work of body, mind and spirit.”

The goal of the Warrior Games is to use sports to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect of those who serve.

“These athletes have risked it all for their country,” Goldfein said. “Competing in the Warrior Games is a testament to not only the hard work they’ve put in, but also to the family members and close friends who have made their own sacrifices to help them get here.”

WARRIOR CARE

Air Force leadership has made taking care of Airmen a priority through initiatives like the Air Force Wounded Warrior program, which works to ensure wounded warriors receive personalized support and care from the point of injury or illness, through return to duty, separation, or retirement, but acknowledge there is still work to be done.

“We take an aircraft off the line at a certain point for scheduled maintenance,” Goldfein said. “We pull panels, make sure everything is good, get it back on the line, and later we take a deeper look with depot maintenance. We do this for our aircraft, but what would it look like if we did this for our people?”

Goldfein said the Air Force is working to build a program similar to Special Operations Command’s Preservation of the Force and Family initiative. POTFF looks at how Airmen are doing physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually on a regular, reoccurring basis, and makes sure they’re getting the type of support they need.

“The ultimate source of our capability as a service resides in the men and women of the Air Force,” Wright said. “We must put them first.”

Wilson agrees, adding that it’s important for the Air Force to maintain its wingman culture.

“We have to take care of each other, identify problems, and get Airmen help when it’s needed,” she said.

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Construction on CMSgt Williams Drive between Vandenberg Boulevard and Avenue A East has begun. Avenue A East is still accessible from the west side.

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The Department of Defense’s elite special operations unit will hold an informational briefing July 12 and 13 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Walters Community Support Center. For more information contact the base’s Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Michael Kumiyama, at 501-987-5905.
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Col. William Phillips, (right) 19th Maintenance Group commander, takes the unit’s guidon from Col. Charles Brown, 19th Airlift Wing commander, June 30 at Little Rock Air Force Base. The 19th MXG performs all maintenance on assigned C-130J aircraft.

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One of the major benefits of the shop is base members can save money by repairing their own vehicles utilizing equipment they may not have at home as well as have a mechanic on standby to educate them and answer any questions they may have.

“I just enjoy helping people out and seeing them walk away with a smile,” said Thomas Johnson, 19th Force Support Squadron Auto Hobby Shop lead mechanic. “Their car is fixed the right way and they’ve saved a substantial amount of money.”

Good customer service and a knowledgeable staff are the pillars of the Auto Hobby Shop.

“When people come in, they get first-hand knowledge from a certified mechanic while learning basic mechanics on the vehicle,” said James Simpson, 19th FSS Auto Hobby Shop parts and tools attendant.

Tools and a helping hand aren’t the only things offered at the Auto Hobby Shop; classes are taught by professional mechanics and are available to everyone.

“We offer one class a month for members on base about things like general maintenance, brakes maintenance or a class on how to better deal with winter troubles later in the year,” Johnson said.

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(Above) Treyton and Conner Fares box each other in a bouncy house ring at the kids zone.

(Right) Ian McGuffin bounces high with the bungee jumper in the kids zone.
Little Rock Air Force Base held the annual Liberty Fest at the base lake July 3. This year saw more than 30 attractions to include live bands, food, games and fireworks. Liberty Fest celebrates Independence Day and offers a special venue for service members and their families to come out and enjoy the day.

(Above) Children and adults alike were entertained by the juggling and balancing skills of Justin Therrien, one of the many acts at Liberty Fest 2017. 

(Left) The Outdoor Recreation Center brought out standing paddle boards along with canoes and kayaks.

(Below) Peter Hildebrand made balloon animals and fun shapes for children.

A children’s patriotic bike parade was one of many events that took place at Liberty Fest 2017.

U.S. Air Force photos by
Staff Sgt. Jeremy McGuffin
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs
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Airmen Against Drunk Driving (AADD) is a group of volunteers at Little Rock Air Force Base who provide rides home to service members, dependents and civilian employees who have been drinking – no questions asked.

“We aren’t here to get you in trouble,” said Airman 1st Class Cooper Graham, AADD vice president and 19th Communications Squadron client systems technician. “We just want to get you home safely.”

AADD’s mission is for every Airmen to get home incident free every night, even when their plans don’t work out. If arrangements with designated drivers or friends fail, AADD volunteers can prevent the temptation of driving home under the influence of alcohol.

The service is anonymous, and the dispatcher and drivers don’t ask questions or keep a record of calls; the purpose of AADD is protecting the individuals of Little Rock AFB, not to get them in trouble.

“Everyone who puts their life on the line for our country deserves to be taken care of,” said Airman 1st Class Wyatt Lynch, AADD president and 19th Communications Squadron client systems technician. “We will pick you up, take you home and make sure you’re safe.”

Anyone assigned to Little Rock AFB can assist with AADD and serve as dispatchers, standby drivers, schedulers and advertising and recruitment coordinators.

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- **Mission capable rate**
  - C-130J: (standard 80 percent): 79.1%

- **Aircraft availability**
  - C-130J: (standard 8.4): 6.0

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**C-130 School Graduates**

Number of combat aircrew members sent to the fight beginning Feb. 20, 2017:

- C-130H: 302
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