

Make a difference at school cleanups

On National Make a Difference Day, TEAM KIRTLAND volunteers will work Oct. 23 at Sandia Base, Kirtland and Wherry elementary schools.

Make a Difference Day, celebrated the fourth Saturday of October, is a day of mass volunteerism with community members helping community members.

Volunteers will do grounds cleaning, some painting and indoor tasks, binding and shelving books.

About 40 volunteers are needed for the project that begins at 9 a.m. at Sandia Base Elementary School on Wyoming. Deborah Andrews will organize work groups for the three schools at the 9 a.m. gathering at Sandia Base Elementary.

Refreshments are provided for volunteers.

For information about the project, call the Family Support Center 846-0741, and leave your name and telephone number for Mrs. Andrews.

Curbs, gutters repaired

New curb and gutters will be installed on the inbound lane of west Carlisle, beginning Wednesday. The work continues through Nov. 12. Use caution, seek alternate routes and follow signage.

Redeployment seminars

A redeployment seminar for Airman returning from deployment is Oct. 29, 8-11 a.m., in the Rio Grande Ballroom in the Rio Grande Community Center.

The 377th Air Base Wing commander has designated the briefing as mandatory for wing personnel who deployed in AEF 9/10 deployment.

For questions on the briefings, call 846-3305.

To the men and women of AFMC

BY GEN. GREGORY S. MARTIN

Air Force Materiel Command commander

As many of you may have heard, I have requested that my nomination to serve as Commander of the United States Pacific Command be withdrawn. I think it very important for you, the men and women of the Air Force Materiel Command, to know why I made that decision.

For over two years, Senator John McCain, a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has believed that the Air Force's plan to lease KC-767s as a replacement for the aging KC-135Es was ill-conceived and may have involved improper dealings between members of the Air Force and the Boeing Corporation. Throughout that period of time, he has been trying to get documents, including e-mails, from Department of Defense individuals associated with the KC-767 decision. Until August, the administration maintained the e-mails requested by Senator McCain to be internal and not releasable because they dealt with the pre-decisional staffing, deliberations and discussions which were not formal department positions or decisions. However, after Ms. Darleen Druyun, a former senior deputy Air Force acquisition executive, pled guilty to conspiracy during the KC-767 deliberations with Boeing, it was clear that some of Senator McCain's suspicions were confirmed.

With that in mind, the Department of Defense directed the Air Force and other appropriate DoD agencies to release the requested e-mails and documentation. As a part of that direction, Air Force organizations were given explicit instructions on how to complete the appropriate electronic search of their databases. As the Air Force Materiel Command commander, I directed the AFMC staff judge advocate to independently conduct the search and forward all the requested documents directly to headquarters Air Force without my review. Those actions were accomplished precisely as directed and forwarded within the prescribed timelines.

Oct. 6, I appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee as a part of the confirmation process for my nomination to command the U.S. Pacific Command. Early in the hearing process, Senator McCain expressed his frustration and serious concern with the Air Force's lack of responsiveness in providing him with the e-mails he had requested. As



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a result, he made it clear that he would strongly object to my nomination going forward until he received all e-mails and all the answers he has requested from the Air Force, even though I have not been a part of the KC-767 program.

With that in mind, and knowing that the review being conducted by Senator McCain's staff will take months to complete, I believe it in the best interests of the U.S. Pacific Command and the Air Force Materiel Command for me to withdraw my nomination and remain as your commander. Although I was proud to have been nominated to command the U.S. Pacific Command, as I mentioned in my Aug. 24 2004 Commander's Log, I was very torn between that opportunity and the important and inspiring duties of commanding the Air Force Materiel Command.

I want each of you to know that I am proud of what you are accomplishing every day for our entire Air Force, and I am glad that I will be able to continue as your commander as we deliver: War-winning capabilities ... on time, on cost!

Absentee Voting Week ends today

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Oct. 11 to 15 has been designated Absentee Voting Week by the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Overseas voters should mark and return their state absentee ballots or the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot during this week, federal voting officials said.

It is imperative to mark and mail ballots as soon as they are received, they said. If a state absentee ballot has been requested but does not arrive by voting week, a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot should be submitted. In the event the state ballot shows up after the write-in ballot is sent, it also should be marked and returned.

Votes will not be counted twice, but in the event the state ballot makes it to the state by the deadline, it will generally be counted instead of the write-in because it includes nonfederal offices, according to information on the FVAP Web site.

MyPay updates that are important to know

All military, civilian, Guard and Reserve members are encouraged to obtain a myPay personal identification number. New capabilities continue to be implemented to allow all members easier access to their pay.

TEAM KIRTLAND members should be aware that hardcopy leave and earning statements and W-2s will be discontinued over the next six months.

Active duty Airmen no longer receive a hard-copy LES or W-2.

Once union negotiations are completed, civilian members no longer will receive hard copy products.

Guard and Reserve units are also being included and hard copies will be discontinued for them in March 2005.

The new capabilities include:

- view 12 months of LES data
- start, stop and change financial allotments
- restricted access personal identification number

The PIN allows the member to provide a spouse or

Absentee Voting Week is not the first push made to get overseas voters to participate. In early July, Overseas Citizens Voters Week began the push to get DOD people overseas to register to vote. Armed Forces Voters Week followed in early September. Again, it was a push to encourage those who had not registered and requested an absentee ballot to do so, officials said.

Many changes have been made since the absentee-voting system was criticized in 2000, officials said. In that election, numerous ballots were disqualified for lack of postmarks or other reasons.

One of the biggest changes made is the effort to make registering and voting as easy as possible for those voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act.

Since state requirements vary, voters should consult the voting Web site and check state-by-state instructions to determine submission deadlines and rules for state absentee ballots, officials said.

trusted individual with a view-only PIN.

To obtain a restricted PIN:

- Sign into myPay and click "Personal Settings" page
- Click "Restricted Access Pin"

- Create and input the PIN and provide it to your spouse/family member/trusted individual

For the designated member to use the PIN, simply sign into myPay with the member's social security number under "LoginID" and enter the provided PIN.

Note:

- This is a view-only PIN; pay changes cannot be made with the RAPIN.

- This does not replace the need for a special power of attorney.

Don't have a myPay PIN? Got to <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. Click on "Need a New Pin." Request the PIN, and a temporary PIN will be sent directly to your e-mail account.

(Courtesy of the 377th Comptroller Squadron)



Photo by Clover Hatcher

Que la fuerza te acompañe

Master Sergeant Richard Montoya was welcomed home by his family Tuesday night. He had completed his 17-day deployment with the New Mexico Air National Guard, in Chile. The deployment was an opportunity for the New Mexico Air National Guard to participate in Salitre. Salitre is an exercise for more than 600 airmen from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States at Los Cóndores Base in Iquique, Chile. The exercise is designed to help sharpen their air combat skills, exchange air operations and tactics and promote closer relations among American nations.

Phishing for personal information - computer users beware

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Many people love to fish as a hobby, yet few are aware they are being baited as prey for a new Internet scam known as phishing.

Phishing is a high-tech ploy that uses e-mail spam or pop-up messages to deceive people into disclosing credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security numbers, passwords or other sensitive information.

Computer users may receive an email from a business or organization – a bank, online payment service or sometimes a government agency – claiming the recipient needs to validate or update their account information. The e-mail will display a link that appears legitimate; however, it actually will open another Internet Explorer window to the scam

web site. The display message is designed to scare a victim into providing personal information without thoroughly examining the web page.

While the e-mail may look official, with all the right graphic logos, recipients must pay close attention to the web address to make sure they really are accessing the organization's web site.

The Federal Trade Commission has identified phishing as a growing problem to defraud consumers at a frightening pace. Several measures have been sent to Congress to make this activity illegal and to help law enforcement agencies track down and prosecute the scam sources.

The FTC offers several tips to help consumers avoid being hooked by a phishing scam:

- Be wary of any e-mail or pop-up message that asks for account validation – legitimate companies don't ask for this information via e-mail;
- If you are concerned about your account, con-

tact the company by phone or customer service e-mail account for verification;

- Always remember that e-mail is not a secure method of transmitting sensitive information;

- Review credit card and bank statements as soon as you receive them for unauthorized transactions;

- Ensure your anti-virus software is current, since some phishing e-mails may contain software that can track your online activity without your knowledge;

- Be cautious about opening any attachments to e-mails you receive, regardless of who sends them; and report suspicious activity to the FTC and forward the suspicious e-mail to spam@uce.gov.

If you believe you've been scammed, file a complaint at www.ftc.org, and then visit the FTC Identity Theft web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft to learn how to minimize the risk of damage.

Kirtland AFB online: a web of information

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Did you know that the Albuquerque Public School system has a higher ACT and SAT score average than the U.S. average?

Did you know that you can make or cancel medical appointments with one click of the mouse?

This type of information and much more is located on Kirtland AFB's public website. There is a wealth of knowledge and answers to your questions at Kirtland.af.mil. "The Web Team and Public Affairs office at Kirtland AFB have created the public Website to help strengthen the relationship between Kirtland and the surrounding communities," commented Dean Armstrong, Kirtland AFB webmaster.

The Kirtland webmaster has recently revamped their system of updating the public site by offering training to unit content managers. What is a unit content manager you ask? This additional duty is where all the magic begins.

As a unit content manager, it is up to you to create and help design your own link from the Kirtland homepage. All of those repetitive phone calls or questions asked can be answered

online. Here comes the catch...Public Affairs needs your help to maintain operational security (OPSEC). When you are deciding what to include or leave out of your link, we ask that you agree all content is unclassified, technically accurate, informational, non-proprietary and considered suitable for public release. If you can undoubtedly agree with that statement, the hard

part is over.

"Our goal is to give a better understanding of what Kirtland AFB is all about. In doing so, we hope to keep the public informed on topics that are equally important to all of us such as the environment and water quality," Mr. Armstrong explains.

The Kirtland website can also serve as a tool for base personnel to

learn about TEAM KIRTLAND and the other organizations just down the road. You will find that most of the large, well known associate units at Kirtland AFB have links from the homepage to discuss missions and objectives. With over 100 associate units on Kirtland AFB, it could take years to visit each unit and discover the information currently available online.

For those who are avid *Nucleus* readers, you will be pleased to know that an archive, current and previous months, of *Nucleus* editions are located on the Kirtland public website. The site also includes a *Nucleus* supplement link where you can view important articles that, for space and layout purposes, did not make it into a previous print *Nucleus*.

Keep in mind that Kirtland AFB also has an extranet website used for sharing internal government information, not applicable to the public. If you are interested in submitting information on your unit, please contact the Kirtland Webmaster at 853-6326.

If your unit does not have a content manager assigned, or would like to learn more about posting information for your unit, please contact the Public Affairs office, Chief of Internal Information at 846-6086.