

The Hawk Talk

The 37TRW weekly rundown of events, news and need-to-know information



Warhawks,

Last week's Freeform Friday was episode #45, or episode #1 of season #2 after completing a full year without getting the show cancelled. CMSgt Morgan and I welcomed two special guests to join us Col Jeff Pixley, 737 TRG Commander, and MSgt Brandon Johnson, 326 TRS Instructor Supervisor, to discuss this week's historic BMT Graduation on Thursday, 22 July, at 0900 hours. It's historic because it is the first graduation since the COVID-19 Pandemic forced us to stop allowing family and friends of the BMT graduates to attend based on CDC recommendations. The safety of our Trainees and their families as well as our Permanent Party Instructors and staff members and their families was and is our primary concern. But after a long 16 months of Live Streaming the graduation events, we're expecting approximately 1,200 guests to be in attendance on Thursday.

Guests must show proof of vaccination prior to attending the event and all safety protocols will be strictly followed to include 3 feet social distancing in the stands. Graduating Airmen who have been vaccinated will be authorized Town Pass with their family on Thursday afternoon, all others will spend time with their families on base with authorized Base Liberty. We are so excited to welcome the families and friends of our BMT graduates back to this emotional graduation ceremony!

What does this mean for you all? As you've seen from our partners in the 502 ABW, gate hours have been extended for Luke West Gate (Thursday only) and Selfridge East Gate (Monday-Friday). Full details below.

Also, a friendly reminder regarding our final three Command Team Calls taking place today through next Tuesday (full schedule below). We look forward to seeing you there!

All-Calls:

We will be hosting another round of commander's calls in July. Make sure you **SAVE the DATE** for your call. Dates/times are as follows:

- Tues, 20 Jul @ 1500-1630 – w/Civilian Supervisory (Arnold Hall)
- Fri, 23 Jul @ 1400-1530 –w/Civilian (Non-Supervisory) (PRC Auditorium)
- Tues, 27 Jul, @ 0900-1030 – w/E-6 & Below (PRC Auditorium)

Operationalizing the Warhawk Way:

Did you know the 37th TRW Inspector General team created a tracking mechanism within Microsoft Teams to track the "[Operationalizing the Warhawk Way](#)" objectives so outcomes and impact can be measured? The objectives are tracked as part of the Commander's Inspection Program and each unit's Self-Assessment Program. The objectives will be inspected as part of the unit inspections and reported at the Commander's Inspection Management Board. There is a closed-loop system that shows a clear link between meeting the plan's objectives and the success of mission execution. If you're new to Warhawk Nation, be sure to familiarize yourself with the [plan](#).

Of Note:

- **Air Force Basic Military Training graduation at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland** will reopen to a limited number of family and friends beginning July 22. “We’re excited to welcome back visitors to Lackland and the greater San Antonio area to witness our Air and Space Force’s newest members start their military journey,” said Brig. Gen. Caroline Miller, Joint Base San Antonio commander. “Recent changes to our local health protection conditions and CDC guidance have contributed to this decision. We have assessed COVID-19 impacts and associated risk factors and have determined we are in a good place to welcome families back.”

The Air Force suspended guest attendance to mass gatherings, to include Basic Military Training graduations, in March 2020. The graduation ceremony and activities beginning in July will be different than they were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We truly understand the personal value and meaning attending graduation events in person has to our trainees’ families,” said Col. Rockie K Wilson, 37th Training Wing commander. “While our ceremony will look a little different, we want families to experience the culmination of building the next generation of Airmen and Guardians, and to share that experience with others so we can continue to inspire and recruit young men and women to join our ranks.”

Opening day is subject to change if local conditions and COVID-19 protocols change.

BMT graduations are currently scheduled for every Thursday and will include the following changes:

- Each graduating trainee will be allowed to invite two guests only (infants and children are considered a guest).
- All visitors must be fully vaccinated (last shot plus 14 days) according to current CDC guidelines, and must show proof of their vaccination (i.e., the vaccine card); photos or copies will not be accepted.
- All guests of trainees – including Department of Defense ID card holders – MUST be on the visitor list to enter the ceremony. No exceptions will be made. Trainees will provide their guests the required information to access the installation and ceremony.
- Graduates will have the opportunity for on, or possibly off-installation, liberty following the ceremony to spend time with their guests. In order to mitigate risk to other trainees and cadre, trainees will be required to be fully vaccinated to participate in off-installation liberty. All other trainees will be able to spend that same time with their families on JBSA-Lackland.

Information about graduation and COVID-19 protocols will be posted to <https://www.basictraining.af.mil/> and the BMT Facebook page at www.facebook.com/USAFBMT. Information will be updated regularly.

- **Gate information:**

Personnel reporting to JBSA-Lackland can expect an increase in vehicle traffic Thursday mornings, especially between 6-9 a.m.

Additional gates will be open in an effort to reduce traffic delays:

- Luke West Gate, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. (in/outbound) **Thursday only**
- Selfridge East Gate, 6-9 a.m. (in/outbound) and 3-6 p.m. (outbound only) **Monday through Friday beginning July 22**

Graduation attendees are highly advised to use the Luke West and Valley Hi gates when arriving.

- **Tutor.com:** Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families™ is available at no cost to all U.S. military service members, DoD personnel, and their dependents. The program provides 24/7 online tutoring in more than 100 academic subjects for grades kindergarten through college. DoD Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) expanded

eligibility for the Tutor.com/military program. With the expanded eligibility, all Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, and Wounded Warrior service members, DoD civilian personnel, and their dependent children and spouses can access the program at no cost. Survivors of KIA service members plus ROTC, NROTC, and DoD Service Academy cadets are also now eligible to use the program. U.S. Coast Guard Active Duty, Reserve, and civilian personnel; and their families are also eligible through funding from Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. Please contact your local School Liaison Office, Library or visit www.tutor.com/military for current eligibility information.

- **Air Force to test child care app:** This summer, the Air Force is testing a mobile app called [Kinderspot](#) that is designed to centralize and streamline the [subletting of short-term slots](#) at military child development centers. Maj Jacque Vasta (AFPC section commander and app originator) said, “The concept is similar to what you would use for Airbnb, but instead of subleasing your house or apartment, you’re subleasing your child’s spot at the CDC.” Pilot testing started at Malmstrom Air Force Base but will soon roll out at seven additional bases for testing. Maj Vasta won first place for her idea during the 2020 AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo. Designing a tool that would benefit military families necessitated that AFIMSC Ventures partner with a commercial company and the Air Force Service Center to shape the app and processes to align with other child and youth program priorities and efforts. Ms. Emilie Miller (Innovation program manager with AFIMSC Ventures) said, “It’s awesome to see how quickly this app has come to fruition and we are very excited to support our military families through a secure easy to use platform.” The app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Around the 37 TRW

IAAFA

- **IAAFA Visits 17 TRW:** IAAFA Plans and Programs (XP) and Intelligence members attended the 17th Training Wing change of command ceremony at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. They also carried out discussions with the 313th and 315th Training Squadrons to learn about the curriculum offered to international partners, the structure of the new Air Force officer and enlisted ISR curriculum, and latest curriculum development, instructor training and standardization strategies. This and other engagements with USAF technical schoolhouses are a key element of IAAFA’s recapitalization and modernization strategy.

737 TRG:

- **GRADUATION:** Last week, **664 Airmen and Guardians from the 433 TRS participated in the BMT graduation ceremony**, marking the completion of their training and entrance into the World’s Greatest Air and Space Force! [Watch the BMT Graduation](#)
- The BMT team has been diligently preparing to bring back guests to the BMT Graduation Ceremony. This Thursday, 22 July, will be the first iteration of the ceremony to include outside visitors and guests, the graduating Airmen will also be granted Base Liberty and/or Town Passes on Thursday afternoon.
- **“Change of Command Season”** for the 737 TRG is complete! The group has welcomed 6 new squadron commanders in the last two months.

DLIELC:

- **DLIELC Welcomes Alumnus Hungarian Air Chief:** On 13 Jun 21, DLIELC welcomed Major General Nandor Kilian, Hungarian Air Force Air Chief, for a campus visit. He was joined by Hungarian military training and aviation experts. Maj Gen Kilian was a former student of DLIELC. Now, he serves as the commander of the entire air force branch of the Hungarian Defense Force. This is a great example of how the relationships built at DLIELC can lead to stronger future security cooperation around the world.



37TRG:

- **344 TRS Engagement:** The 18th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant, CMSgt Chad Bickley, visited the 344 TRS, Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA CoE). His visit was part of an overarching tour of all undergraduate flying training to learn more about relationships across the training pipeline. Chief Bickley was briefed on efforts within the CoE to modernize training methods, improve responsiveness to operational demands, and ensure the most relevant aircraft, vehicle, and parts training devices are available for our students.



Diversity & inclusion Council Happenings:

- The **37 TRW Diversity and Inclusion Council** is sponsoring a competition for an artist or team to design a meaningful and inspirational symbol for the 37 TRW D&I Council. The submission should have an abstract explaining the significance tied to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This emblem will be placed on our monthly D&I Newsletter, EIM page (SharePoint) and Facebook D&I page; used in all our correspondence; and potentially be part of our coin. The winner will have the honor of displaying our new Wing Spirit trophy and the first to do so.

We know there are **phenomenal** artists out there, but we can't reach them without your help. Please disseminate around your groups to ensure everyone has access to this request (inclusion is part of our mission) to see if there's anyone who has interest in crafting a symbol that will capture the importance and significance of D&I and Air Force pride. Send all submissions to the **37 TRW D&I Council** (37trw.dei.council@us.af.mil) The Suspense is **9 August**. Please submit in .pdf, .png, .jpg, .jpeg formats.

We look forward to your submissions and can't wait to see our diversity, equity, inclusion pride!



The 37 TRW D&I calendar is now LIVE! Bookmark the TeamUp link <https://teamup.com/ks4s41xupxuidzmv53> or scan the QR code. We share D&I events from around the wing, JBSA, locally, and nationally. **Email us** any D&I events, webinars, trainings, etc., you find as well as YOUR squadron/group events to 37trw.dei.council@us.af.mil. You can download the app for instant access and create your own dashboard on TeamUp and include the Warhawk U calendar as well.

Warhawk University:



Upcoming Courses: Below you can find a quick snapshot of the upcoming education, training, and development opportunities.

Date	Time	Course Title
Tue Jul 20	10:00 – 11:00	Franklin Covey's "Understand Bias to Unleash Potential"
Tue Jul 20	18:00 – 20:00	2021 Women's Leadership Conference

Got questions about Training & Development? Find out more at: 37TRW.Warhawk.University@us.af.mil

Social Connection:

Freeform Friday (Episode 45): Col Wilson welcomed everyone to Episode #1 of Season #2 of Freeform Friday! **Click the link to watch the last episode!**

- Maybe you are new to the Warhawk family and have not heard of Freeform Friday yet? If not, be sure to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/37thTrainingWing>.

Feedback:



Let your voice be heard! Use Warhawk Solutions to submit feedback!

We hear you! When you submit a Warhawk Solutions, your questions/concerns are brought to leadership's attention. Answers are provided in various forums such as FreeForm Friday which is hosted live each Friday on the [37th TRW Facebook Page](#); commander's calls, and the [37th TRW Website](#).

Warhawk Spark Cell:

- **Warhawk Spark Cell:** One of the wing priorities from wing's Strategic Plan, *Operationalizing the Warhawk Way*, is Partnerships. With that in mind, Col Wilson and Chief Morgan have signed the formal spark cell charter that establishes business rules to enable quick response in the form of resourcing options and rapid start-up to unit-level innovation initiatives. The Champion will be appointing the standing members of the Warhawk Spark Cell Mentorship Group in the near future. See attached for more information.
- **Quarterly AETC iSummit and 37 TRW CPI and Innovation Event:** The next quarterly AETC Innovation Summit will be held on **29 July from 0900 to 1030** in the Hooper Suite and via Zoomgov. The Warhawk Improvement and Innovation Office will host a watch party in the Wing Conference Room and immediately following the iSummit, the wing's quarterly CPI and Innovation Event will commence from 1030-1200. This quarter's iSummit theme, Zoom meeting information and agenda are forthcoming. Everyone is welcome to attend one or both events.
- **Continuous Process Improvement and Innovation (CPI²) Green Belt Training:** Do you want to help the Air Force "Accelerate Change?" Are you interested in challenging the status quo and develop the ability to effect change and continuously learn new ways to improve processes in your daily activities to save resources and eliminate waste? If your answer is "yes", the Air Force wants you to enroll in its Green Belt (GB) training course. This eLearning course is available to all authorized U.S. Air Force personnel (military members and civilian employees). Details on how to enroll for this eLearning course can be found in the USAF CPI Professional Development Registration attachment. Upon successful completion of the GB training course, individuals will receive a USAF Certificate of Green Belt Training Completion, earn 2.9 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), and be eligible for award of the GB Training SEI for military personnel or DCPDS Code for civilian employees. Please

email the Wing Process Manager/Innovation POC, Ms. Jennifer Bear, at jennifer.bear@us.af.mil for more information.

JBSA Happenings & Upcoming Events:

- **Lackland Aquatics**

- **Skylark Pool**

- Closed for maintenance and repair until further notice

- **Warhawk Pool**

- Open for Recreation Swimming

- Wed-Fri; 1-7 p.m.

- Sat-Sun; Noon to 8 p.m.

- **Lackland Bowling**

- **Kids Bowl Free**

- Registered kids receive two free games of bowling (rental shoes not included). Register at www.kidsbowlfree.com, select Military Bowling Centers then the JBSA Bowling Center of your choice. Once registered you will see the available times to receive the two free games of bowling.

- **July Special Bowling Promotions**

- **Tuesday and Wednesday • Open to close**
Join us for three games for only \$5, what a great deal!
 - **Thursday and Friday • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
Bowl for only \$7.50 an hour

- **Frequent Diner Card**

- Patrons can pick up a Frequent Diner Card at any JBSA Bowling Center Snack Bar. Once they have purchased 10 combo meals they will get the 11th combo free.

- **Fitness**

- **CHAPARRAL FITNESS CENTER**

- **5000m Rower Challenge**

- **July 23 • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. • FREE**

- Hardest challenge ever done, come challenge yourself! Do you have enough willpower, stamina and anaerobic capacity to finish it? Give it your best shot and check your time against the scoreboard! The person with the fastest time WINS! Times will be tracked by Fitness Center Staff. Please call and sign up to compete. The deadline to sign up is July 21. For more information, call (210) 671-2401.

- **Lackland Golf**

- **Member Appreciation Scramble**

- **July 17 • 8 a.m. Start**

- This is a four-person scramble with blind draw teams. Teams will be drawn by the Pro Shop staff. Entry fee is \$10 per person and the deadline to register is COB on July 14. Entry fee includes greens fee and cart. Event is open to all JBSA Annual Pass Holders. Sign up through The Greens @ JBSA App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. All current HPCON guidance will be followed. Those without the App can stop by the Pro Shop or call (210) 671-3466 to sign up.

- **Frequent Diner Card**

- Patrons can pick up a Frequent Diner Card at any JBSA Golf Course Snack Bar. Once they have purchased 10 combo meals they will get the 11th combo free.

Club Fitting

Are you looking to get fitted for the latest drivers, fairway woods, irons or wedges? Gateway Hills Golf Course offers the latest fitting carts from Callaway, Ping, and Mizuno. All fittings are conducted with Voice Caddie SC300 Launch Monitor. For more information about fittings, call **(210) 671-3466**.

- **Outdoor Recreation**

Equipment for Summer Fun

Outdoor Recreation offers a full list of party items for your summer fun for special events to include tables, chairs, cotton candy machines, margarita machines, party speakers, champagne fountains and many more items. Come in and take a tour of our equipment and ask our front desk employees for assistance in finding the right equipment.

News across the 37th TRW/Air Force/Space Force/DoD:

- Click [here](#) for the latest news from the 37 TRW.
- Click [here](#) for the latest news around the Air Force.
- Click [here](#) for the latest news around the Space Force.
- Click [here](#) for the latest news around the DoD.

This Week in History:

THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

24 July 1950:

With large numbers of recruits arriving at Lackland in the wake of the Korean War, the 3700th Air Force Indocination Wing replaced its 13-week basic military training program with a 40-day training program (based on a six-day workweek). This effectively cut BMT in half—all in the effort to get as many recruits through as possible and to alleviate the severe overcrowding situation on Lackland.



THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

21 July 1961:

America's second Mercury astronaut, Air Force Captain Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, reached an altitude of 118 miles and 5,310 MPH in a 303-mile suborbital space flight from Cape Canaveral in the Liberty Bell 7 launched by a Mercury-Redstone 4 booster. Grissom thus became the first Air Force and the world's third man in space.

He later died in the Apollo 1 launch pad fire on 27 Jan 1967 at Cape Canaveral.



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