

The Hawk Talk

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



Warhawks,

We start off this Hawk Talk but highlighting the confirmation of our new Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Mr. Frank Kendall. Congratulations to Hon Kendall on his confirmation! I can't help but think we might have the opportunity to meet him in person sometime in the future as the Gateway Wing has a tendency of drawing some pretty important people in to learn more about our mission and highlight our selectively-manned force.

We started off the week by wrapping up our quarterly commanders calls with the E-6 and below call at the PRC. Thanks to all who participated and asked questions. These calls represent our Command Team's opportunity to speak with you directly and to hear your concerns. We will continue to go through the questions that were presented on Slido and work to provide answers for you through Warhawk Solutions and on here inside of the Hawk Talks over the next couple of weeks.

This week also marks the transition of our 2nd Air Force commander, Maj Gen Andrea Tullos. Maj Gen Tullos will be moving to the local area and will be the AETC Deputy, while Maj Gen Michelle Edmondson takes the reins as the 2nd Air Force commander. Chief Morgan and I will be hosting this week's Freeform Friday from Keesler AFB prior to the event so be sure to tune in. Congrats to Maj Gen Tullos on completion of a great tour and a big welcome to Maj Gen Edmondson who we'll get to host in person.

Finally, we received some good news that the Child Development Center project for Lackland will be moving forward in FY22. This will certainly help ease childcare concerns in the future for many of our Airmen. This increased capacity, while still a few years away, will bring some much-needed relief in terms of reducing our waiting list, providing more flexible care options for non-traditional shift workers and will reduce out-of-pocket expenses. Today, during our E-6 and below Command team call we spent some time talking about where to find information regarding all things childcare in terms of waiting list information, how to find family childcare providers and how to receive subsidies for out-of-pocket expenses. While we will include more specific information in Warhawk Solutions in the future, much of this information can be obtained on www.childcare.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

Please join us to recognize this quarter's 37 TRW Quarterly Award nominees and award winners. The theme is Summer Fun.

Who: 37 TRW Personnel

What: 37 TRW Quarterly Awards Ceremony

When: 4 August, 1430-1530

Where: Pflingston Reception Center Auditorium

Why: To recognize the 37 TRW award nominees who, with you, have assisted us in getting “Back to Better”.

Family and friends are welcomed to attend. We look forward to hearing and seeing your enthusiasm after a long hiatus!

INNOVATION:



- **Spark Tank 2022:** Spark Tank is an annual competition during which Airmen and Guardians pitch innovative ideas to top Department of the Air Force leadership and a panel of industry experts. Hosted each year at the Air Force Association’s Warfare Symposium, thousands of attendees watch the pitch competition. To support Spark Tank, SAF/MG launched the Guardian and Airmen Innovation Network (G.A.I.N.) platform, which allows Airmen and Guardians to share ideas, critique submissions, and upvote the most promising solutions. The personnel with the most game-changing and upvoted ideas then compete at the culminating Spark Tank event. New this year to Spark Tank are innovation awards. Trophies/plaques will be awarded to recognize the innovative solutions proposed/developed by Airmen and Guardians across the enterprise. Timelines and criteria for submissions can be found in the attached Spark Tank 1-Pager. Stay tuned for more information at <https://www.afwerx.af.mil/spark-tank.html>

- **AFWERX Fellowship** – Opportunity alert! Applications for the AFWERX Fellowship (Fall cohort) are now open! AFWERX is looking for solution oriented Airmen and Guardians with a passion for innovation and ability to solve real world problems for the warfighter. **Applications are due by 31 Jul 2021.** To learn more about this exciting opportunity, visit <https://afwerx.com/afwerx-fellowship/>
- **Quarterly AETC iSummit and 37 TRW CPI and Innovation Event ****Update****:** The next quarterly AETC Innovation Summit will be held on **29 July from 0930 to 1130** in the Hopper Suite and via Zoomgov. This quarter’s iSummit theme is “Innovation Resources”. The agenda includes a great group of presentations, with each followed by a short Q&A:

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 1130-1200.** Everyone is welcome to attend one or both events.

Contact the 37 TRW CPI office for Zoom info.

- **San Antonio Innovation Summit:** With the theme of Accelerate Change, the summit takes place **Aug. 3-4 at the Henry B. González Convention Center.** The event – a partnership between the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Air Force Security Forces Center, Air Force Services Center, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Education and Training Command and AFWERX – will bring innovation collaboration opportunities to an expanded installation and mission support audience. Registration is free and the summit is open to everyone including military, civilians, community members and industry. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/afpcfaimsc-innovation-collaboration-tickets-160681489661>.

OF NOTE:

- **OPSEC, OPSEC, OPSEC:** Check out the attached CSAF and CSO OPSEC Memo. *“Remember denying our adversaries an advantage depends on the effectiveness of our protective measures in all mission areas. Practicing proper OPSEC is an essential element of protecting our missions, personnel, and their families-thank you for your continued vigilance.”*

- **Child Development Centers:** The Air Force was the only service to have requested funds for child development center construction in its fiscal 2022 budget request. This means the Lackland CDC project will be moving forward. Many Airmen are on the waiting list to receive childcare here. Read more [here](#).
- **Tokyo Olympics Free Live Stream:** AAFES customers who have a shopmyexchange.com account can watch the Tokyo Olympics (23 Jul-8 Aug) free of charge (see below article for details). Airmen can access NBCUniversal's coverage from their computers or personal devices by visiting NBCOlympics.com or the NBC Sports app and choosing the Exchange as their service provider. To verify Military status, an active ShopMyExchange.com account will be required. The below article has more info about the AAFES partnership with NBCUniversal. Read more [here](#).

AROUND THE 37TRW

IAAFA



- **Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman (SEAC) Visits IAAFA:** Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman (SEAC) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), SEAC Ramón Colón-López, visited IAAFA on 21 Jul. Members provided overviews of their duties in the academy, their role in the success of the institution, and the importance of the Academy in carrying out AETC's Security Cooperation mission. SEAC Colón-López expressed his gratitude to IAAFA for supporting Joint Staff initiatives team and coined some of the high performers in attendance.

- **IAAFA's Field Studies Program (FSP) goes "Back to Better":** For the first time since the onset of the COVID pandemic, a group of IAAFA International Military Students participated in an immersion trip to NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. Under the guidance of staff members, 109 IMS' learned about the United States' space program history, current initiatives and its role in promoting security cooperation with its mission partners. The FSP is a cornerstone of security cooperation efforts between the US and Partner Nations; this key element of the Academy's curriculum instills cross-cultural understanding and reinforces strategic alliances.



737 TRG:

- BMT welcomed back families and friends for the "grand-opening" of graduations. More than 1,300 visitors filled the stands to watch their Airman graduate. Read more about the ceremony [here](#).



DLIELC:

- On 21 Jul the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (SEAC) Ramón Colón-López visited DLIELC. During his walkabout he spoke to Echo Co. trainees, including a few that were from near his hometown in Puerto Rico. Additionally, he held a developmental all-call with DLIELC's enlisted Air Force, Army, and Navy personnel. It was a great opportunity for these military members to not only interact with someone of such a high position, but also see where they could potentially be in their futures.



37TRG:

- 344th TRS hosting 2021 AF Contracting Superintendent Symposium this week:** Senior enlisted leaders, MAJCOM chief and career field managers from across the Air Force will be attending. Maj Gen Holt, SAF/AQC, will be covering a block at the symposium on the current state of Contracting. Symposium topics include superintendent responsibilities, acquisition professional development program management, expeditionary ops and more. The symposium is an opportunity for leadership to come together and understand the expectations levied upon the contracting career field; as well as provide an opportunity for networking.
- 37 TRSS Faculty Development flight implements a Hybrid-Flexible (HyFlex) approach to course delivery** that gives students the option of attending in-residence or online. FacD's first HyFlex course, the Basic Instructor Course, has one student attending virtual from Fort Lee, Virginia, and the rest are in-residence. The instructor facilitates student learning, synchronously, ensuring students are engaged in a single learning community. By offering the HyFlex course option, FacD meets both student needs and mission requirements.



- 341 TRS welcomed 11 puppies to the team.** Their mother Qquinta is doing well. The puppies will stay for 6 weeks and then be released to their foster homes until they are old enough to return to training.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COUNCIL HAPPENINGS:

- D&I Symbol:** The D&I Council is looking for an artist or team to design a meaningful and inspirational symbol. The submission should have an abstract explaining the significance to diversity and inclusion. It will be used in the monthly D&I Newsletter, the SharePoint page and in social media, on correspondence and even possibly a coin. The winner will have the honor of displaying the new Wing Spirit trophy and be 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](mailto:37trw.dei.council@us.af.mil) (37trw.dei.council@us.af.mil) SUSP 09 August. Please submit in .pdf, .png, .jpg, .jpeg formats.

- Dismantling Oppressive Systems: Building Just Communities July 26-29, 2021:** Pitt's 2021 Diversity Forum, "Dismantling Oppressive Systems: Building Just Communities," is online, free, and open to all. This year's forum sessions and workshops will engage and equip participants with the knowledge, skills and resources to identify sources of systemic oppression, consider strategies for dismantling that oppression, and identify actions critical in fostering more equitable and just communities in which to live, work and learn. You can register for as few or as many sessions as you wish. There is no cost to participate, and all are welcome.



REGISTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

CALENDAR: <https://teamup.com/event/show/id/Wz6ABsefBxxqEHrHVeQdjXKuiymbVC>

INFO: [Diversity Forum 2021 | Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion | University of Pittsburgh](#)



- The 37th 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 27	7:30 - 4:00	Airmen Professional Enhancement Seminar
Tue July 27	9: 00 – 10:30	5 Voices Workshop
Wed July 28	11:00 – 12:30	Great Power Competition: China Overview
Thur July 29	3:00 – 4:00	Bullet Writing Principles

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

Social Connection:

Freeform Friday: Watch Season 2, Episode 2.

- 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](#).

JBSA Happenings & Upcoming Events:

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.

July Special Bowling Promotions

- **Single military Nights:** Single active-duty military members can bowl three games with shoe rental included every Thursday from 4:30-7:30 p.m..
- **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

Community Programs

- **Night in Vegas: July 30 • 6:30-11 p.m.** Head to the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for Night in Vegas. The cost is \$25 and includes \$2000 chips, food, music and a prize auction at the end of the night. Registration and pre-payment required by emailing JBSAcommunityevents@gmail.com This event is sponsored by GUNN Automotive Group, GEICO and Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. No refunds after **July 28**. For more information, call (210) 652-6763
- **VARIETY NIGHT:** The Gateway Club hosts Variety Night on **July 23 and 30** as DJ Tony Style plays a wide variety of music from 5-10 p.m.in the Lone Star Lounge. Relax in the lounge or enjoy the weather out on the patio with pool tables and big screen TVs.
- **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT July 27 • 5-7 p.m.:** The Gateway Club hosts Customer Appreciation Night in the Fiesta Ballroom with entertainment provided by DJ Tony Style. The price is \$12.50 for members and \$15.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call (210) 645-7034. The menu features potato salad, coleslaw, potato bacon soup, fried catfish, roasted brisket, Jack Daniels BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, hush puppies, bourbon baked beans, whipped potatoes with brown gravy, creamed corn, okra gumbo, cornbread, rolls, fresh fruit salad, peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream, double chocolate cake and caramel cheesecake with mixed berries.

- **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.
- **Golf Greenside Grill – Lackland Thu.-Sun. • 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. :** Stop in to visit us on your way to work or before you head out on the course! We have excellent breakfast and lunch options! We also have a great selection of ala carte items or specials.
- **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 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
 - Bounce Houses: \$113 per weekend
 - Dunk Tank: \$105 per weekend
 - Margarita Machine: \$83 per weekend
 - Chaffing Dishes: \$8 per weekend
 - Chocolate Fountain: \$8 per weekend
 - Party Speakers: \$30 per weekend

Youth Programs

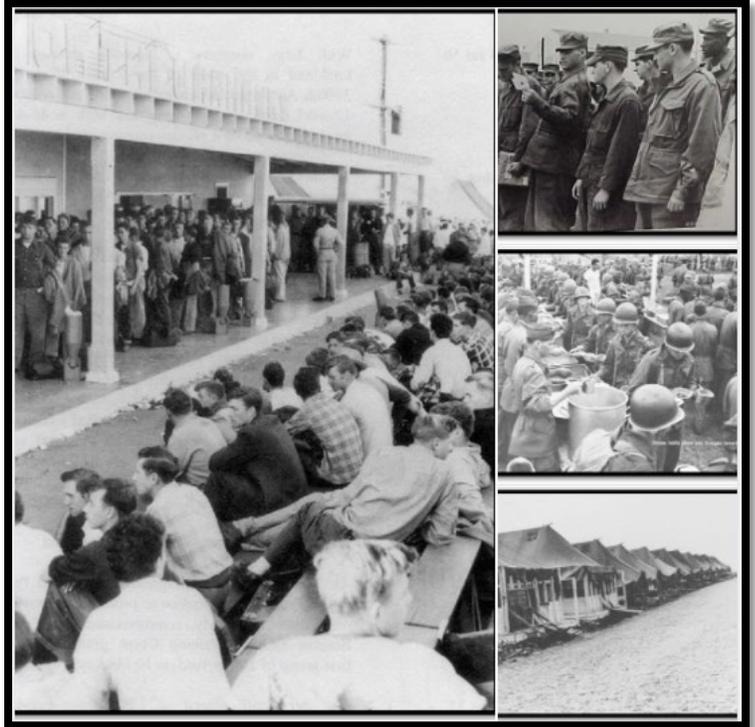
- **First Steps Fall Soccer Registration July 19-Aug. 13 :** Children ages 3-5 years old learn the fundamentals of soccer in a non-game/team format. First Steps teaches the basic fundamentals of soccer. Parents are required to participate as an extension of the instructor. The cost is \$35 per child. Each weekly session last for one hour. Registration will take place at the Lackland Youth Programs and the season starts on Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 21. For more information, please call (210) 671-2388.
- **National Root Beer Float Drive Thru Aug. 6 • 5-7 p.m.:** Cool off with a cold root beer float for National Root Beer Float Day at Lackland Youth Programs. The drive-through station will be located in the Youth Programs parking lot. This free event is open to all military families and will be open while supplies last. For more information, call (210) 671-2388.

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:

24 July 1950: With large numbers of recruits arriving at Lackland in the wake of the Korean War, the 3700th Air Force Indoctrination Wing replaced its 13-week basic military training program with a 40 day training program (based on a six day work week). This effectively cut BMT in half!



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