

The Hawk Talk

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



Good afternoon, Warhawks!

Chief Morgan and I enjoyed visiting several units on Friday to coin our Warhawks of the Week! First we met with **Sylvia White** of our IG office. Ms. White is the Wing and Wing Staff Agency Self-Assessment Program manager. Since she took over she brought the WSA MICT compliance rate from 22% to 100% as of July 19 – a first for the WSA. Her efforts are a critical part of the Commander Inspection Program and help keep the Gateway Wing ready so our Warhawks can Train to Win!





Next we headed over to BMT to recognize two of our deserving Military Training Instructors. **TSgt. Richard Simmons** of the 324 TRS took the lead on his squadron's first, four-week quarantine-in-place flight, where he managed nine instructors, 40 trainees, and distributed 3,500 meals, ultimately mitigating the spread of COVID-19. He also directed the squadron's PT program for quarantine flights, establishing fall out times, transit routes, and enforced PT standards, preventing the spread of COVID-19 and enabling trainees to pass their final fitness assessment. TSgt. Simmons was selected by the 737 TRG as a Combined Federal Campaign representative; he led the charge in coordinating with 10 squadron points of contacts, raising over \$15,000. **SSgt. Alexandria Washington** of the 324 TRS was recently featured as one of three MTIs in a multi-part video series highlighting the invaluable contributions of Force Generators. SSgt. Washington shared that she wanted to be an MTI since she was a SrA, and said "to know that the AF selected me, is awesome." Since her arrival a year ago, SSgt. Washington has completed prerequisites to be eligible to receive an AETC Master Instructor Badge. These include 600 training contact hours with recruits, six semester college hours beyond degree requirements, and 110 professional project enhancement hours. To prepare for her final evaluation, over the past week she trained countless hours and taught three classes. She also led two newly assigned MTIs and a flight of 38 trainees, who graduated last Thursday and began their Air Force careers!

Furthermore, we were excited to host many of our Honorary Commanders during our Quarterly update last Thursday. In addition to attending BMT graduation, we also ratified our first Honorary Commanders Charter that establishes both qualitative and quantitative goals for our program as a whole and establishes a Board of Directors to help oversee the program. While

the core root of our program is the relationship between each Unit and their Honorary Commander, our Honorary Commanders have elected to establish a more holistic program that targets Wing objectives as a group rather than just as a separate individuals. We are excited to share our progress across the wing and to see results of the new program take shape. A big thanks to Dr. Steven Sheppard, Mr. Randy Termeer and Ms. Arti Pena for their leadership in bringing this all together.

Finally, we wanted to pass along a quick note inviting each of our Key Spouses to our Quarterly Key Spouses' update this Thursday at 1030 in the Wing Conference Room and via zoom. Please contact Ms. Wendy Fish at wendy.fish@us.af.mil if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY AUG. 26:



This Thursday, Aug. 26, we celebrate Women's Equality Day. This observance commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting the right to vote for women. Aptly, this year's theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced."

INNOVATION:

- **Spark Tank 2022:** The [Guardian and Airmen Innovation Network \(G.A.I.N.\)](#) platform is now live and open for Spark Tank submissions. All submissions must be received by Oct. 1, 2021. 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. The personnel with the most game-changing and up-voted 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. Please review the requirements (including a 3-minute video) for all submissions at <https://www.afwerx.af.mil/spark-tank.html>. Feel free to contact the Warhawk Improvement and Innovation Office lead, Ms. Jennifer Bear, at DSN 473-2314 or jennifer.bear@us.af.mil for questions regarding Spark Tank submissions as well as any other CPI or innovation-related topics.


OF NOTE:

- **Air Force Ball CANCELED**
 - The Air Force Ball, originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort & Spa, has been canceled due to the upward trend of COVID-19 cases in the local area. The healthy, safety and welfare of our military members and their families remain a top priority for JBSA leaders.
- **Fitness Guidance and PCS/Relocations:**
 - Service members are currently clear to PCS without a current fitness assessment until Aug. 31, 2021. Effective Sept. 1, 2021, individuals will be expected to have a current fitness assessment prior to departing. UFPMs should work closely with members pending an upcoming PCS to secure their fitness assessments prior to their departure.
 - We understand that with the ongoing pandemic, policies are dynamic and ever-changing. We will keep you informed if there are any changes as a result of HPCON status or from higher headquarters. Our primary concern is still the health and safety of our force. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!
- **Updated JBSA Mask guidance:** Read the latest guidance [here](#).
 - Installation gate availability and hours: <https://www.jbsa.mil/Gate-Hours>
 - Morale, Welfare and Recreation opportunities: www.JBSAToday.com
 - For the latest COVID updates and an expanded list of available services, please visit www.jbsa.mil/coronavirus. There is detailed information under "Facilities and Services Statuses."

- **JBSA Military Personnel Customer Service Changes.** Effective June 2021, USID card expiration dates have been extended. Please see below for expiration date changes:
 - **Aug. 31, 2021** - All Foreign Affiliates/Dependents
 - **Oct. 31, 2021** - Dependents of AD; Reserve/National Guard members and their dependents
 - **Jan. 31, 2022** - Retirees and their dependents; all other populations
- **HAF/A1 revised policy on Special Leave Accrual (SLA) extension:** On Oct. 1, 2021, eligible service members (active service between Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021) who have annual leave in excess of 60 days as shown on their September 2021 Leave and Earnings Statement are automatically approved for SLA and may carry the balance (not to exceed 120 days) until Sept. 30, 2024. Leaveweb may not accurately reflect individual use/lose balances. Members must ensure they have no rejected leave requests, if they do, first step is to coordinate with their CSS. If CSS is unsuccessful, the CSS should submit an inquiry to CSP for assistance. DAF Guidance on SLA memo is attached.
- **Air Force Civilian Employee Assistance Program:** The key features of this program is that it's provided at no cost to civilian employees and their household members; completely confidential services are provided by a third party; and it's available 24/7/365. Programs include coaching, counseling, legal assistance and more. Get started today at www.afpc.af.mil/eap or call 1-866-580-9078 or TTY 1-800-635-2883.
- **Food Distribution for Military Families**

MOBILE FOOD distribution

Serving the San Antonio military community

<p>THURSDAY AUGUST 26, 2021 2 - 4 PM</p> <p>D.R. Semmes Family YMCA 3233 N St Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p>Registration link: freshtrak.com/register/event/50840 Or scan the QR code with your smartphone</p>  <p>PRE-REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOOD AVAILABLE UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST</p>
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Operation Within is hosting a Food Distribution for military families at D.R. Semmes Family YMCA, 3233 N. St. Mary's St., in partnership with the SA Food Bank on Aug. 26 between 2-4 p.m.



If you would like to volunteer, please email nancyalv@ymcasatx.org.

MILITARY SPOUSES

- **Key Spouse Forum:** The next quarterly forum is set for this Thursday, Aug. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the 37 TRW headquarters conference room, 1701 Kenly Ave. All attendees are asked to wear masks.



Virtual Friday Q&A for Military Spouses


27 Aug 21 | 2-2:30


Writing Support for Students!

Learn Three writing strategies: Brainstorm, Outline, and Read out loud. AND learn about how to get FREE Live and Asynchronous Writing Help for Elementary through Adult Learners!

Zoom ID: 160 6089 8574 * Passcode: 391070

Presented by Ms. Kami Lum,
Client Services Manager:
Military, Government and K12
Programs, DoD Online
Tutoring & Homework Help





JBSA-Lackland M&FRC 210-671-3722 email: 802fss.fsfr@us.af.mil

TAP Too! TAP Too is specifically developed to help military spouses from all branches of service. Aug. 24-25, 8 a.m. to noon. Please see the flyer [here](#) from our partners at the Fort Sam Houston M&FRC for details on how to register or call 210-221-2705.

Remote and Flexible Jobs for MilLife: Get a FREE FlexJobs Membership! Military spouses have access to thousands of flexible and remote job openings through a 1-year membership to FlexJobs, a leading specialty online job search site. Visit https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/remote-and-flexible-jobs-for-millife-get-a-free-flexjobs-members?utm_campaign=flexjobs-email-aug-2021&utm_content=text&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Take Charge of Your Career! Hiring Our Heroes hiring events connect military community job seekers from around the globe with American businesses hiring for local, national, and remote opportunities. Find out more at <https://www.hiringourheroes.org/career-services/hiring-events/>

Resiliency Training Assistance (RTA) Course: This course will be held via Zoom from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23-25 and is open to military, civilian employees, and Key Spouse

personnel. This course focuses on Comprehensive Airman Fitness by teaching skills that will assist in building and sustaining a thriving and resilient Air Force community that fosters mental, physical, social and spiritual fitness. If interested, please sign up with TeamUp at <https://teamup.com/ks9cy211bm6t4mc42z>

Military OneSource provides resources so you can manage stress and access benefits and tools that will help you stay strong in body and mind. The link below provides access to self-care mobile applications developed within the Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and other partners. They are FREE! Visit https://www.militaryonesource.mil/health-wellness/recommended-wellness-apps/?utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_source=email

Sound Science, Strong Families, Stronger Service: Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness! The Clearinghouse is an applied research center created to help professionals identify, implement, evaluate, and improve programs that strengthen military service members, veterans, and their families! See more at <https://militaryfamilies.psu.edu/>

Thrive: The Thrive Initiative is designed to empower parents as they nurture their children from birth until their children reach 18 years of age. Their mission is to engage in applied research and evaluation, implementation science, education, and outreach, to advance the well-being and health of military families, visit <https://thrive.psu.edu/>

Veterati: Americans Mentoring Veterans! Join thousands of Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses in setting up free 1-hour mentorship phone calls with successful professionals. Create a free profile at Veterati to get unlimited access to thousands of volunteer mentors: CEOs, recruiters, entrepreneurs, managers, Veterans & civilians alike! Visit <https://www.veterati.com/>

JBSA Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC) can connect you with your School Liaison Office here at JBSA. The Child & Youth Education Services School Liaison Office (SLO) is the central point of contact for commanders, military families, and local school systems on school-related matters for grades Pre-K-12. Services provided but are not limited to: Transition Support (School Districts & Boundaries), Alternative Schooling Options/Support (Private, Parochial, Charter and Homeschool), Deployment Support, College & Career Readiness, Scholarship Resources, and Military Interstate Compact Compliance Support. SLO services are open to all DoD ID Card holders. Call any of the M&FRCs for more information: Lackland: 210-671-3722 or email 802fss.fsfr@us.af.mil, Fort Sam Houston: 210-221-2705 or email usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.mfrc@mail.mil, or Randolph: 210-652-5321 or email randolphmfrc@us.af.mil. Open to ALL branches of service!

AROUND THE 37 TRW

737 TRG:

- **737 TRG Continues to Host Diverse Guests to Share Best Practices:** Senior members of the Texas State Department of Public Safety visited BMT for a daylong immersion. The 737 TRG shared their unique insight into areas such as deliberately hiring instructors in a high-stress environment, best practices for “training the trainers,” and refined methods of conducting physical fitness for recruits to minimize injuries and maximize performance. Team BMT hopes to strengthen their partnership with this civilian organization in the years to come so both parties can gain insight into each other’s training and recruiting practices.
- **BMT Graduation:** The graduating squadron this week is the 331 TRS. There are 498 Airmen projected to graduate. Last week the 323 TRS was the graduating squadron; 563 graduates joined the ranks of the Air and Spaces Forces. To watch last week’s graduation, click [here](#).

DLIELC:

- **DLIELC Hosts Freeform Friday:** On Aug. 20, DLIELC hosted Col. Wilson and Chief Morgan for Freeform Friday! This week’s topics focused on some of the collaboration being done on campus. Maj. Rebecca Belongia spoke on the DLIELC’s partnership with JTF-COVAX/. Through this partnership, anyone with access to base can receive COVID antibody testing, COVID rapid testing, and any of the three COVID vaccines from 1-3 p.m. every Friday in the 637 ISS Operations Building (7437). Dan Vega spoke on the [AMIGO Program](#) which links volunteers in the San Antonio area with international military students for cultural and language exchange. If you missed it, check out the video [here](#).



37 TRG:

- **343 TRS Operating Location Alpha at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri:** This tight-knit team of Warhawk ambassadors for the 37 TRG, 37 TRW and the Air Force continuously showcase their talents and dedication through various joint training and competition venues. SSgt. Matthew Lazo secured the wing-level Joint Best Warrior of the Second Quarter and TSgt. Colby Kingery brought home the Fourth Quarter, each competing against 1.8K service members. TSgts. David Infante and Justin Moxley led the charge in planning and developing the Military Police Brigade's first online course; they successfully converted the courses, allowing 60 students and 12 cadre to continue training with no additional costs and no lost training time. Finally, their NCOIC, MSgt. Matthew Treadwell, orchestrated and executed a weapons training program preparing 51 Soldiers for the Army's Expert Soldier Badge Competition. Because of his efforts, 32 Soldiers earned the coveted Expert Soldier Badge – a first for Ft. Leonard Wood.

IAAFA

- **IAAFA Builds Partner Capacity within Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM):** From July 28 to Aug. 21, the Inter-American Air Forces Academy deployed a mobile training team (MTT) to Andersen AFB, Guam, to provide AMOC-E, an aircraft maintenance leadership and management training course, to 14 international military students from four INDOPACOM partner nations. During the three-week training, students from Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and the Philippines learned skills to develop, prepare, execute, and sustain maintenance activities, and developed understanding of organizational structures and management techniques used to plan and develop functional areas within a maintenance organization. IAAFA's in-residence AMOC is typically a 12-week training course taught in Spanish. The successful deployment marks the first AMOC training, in English, outside of the Western Hemisphere for the Academy.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COUNCIL HAPPENINGS:

- Don't miss out on the **Key Family (Spouse)** events and National Alliance on Mental Illness (**NAMI**) **support groups** available regularly. Learn more about NAMI at <https://www.nami-sat.org/nami-connection>



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:

COURSE HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK: Bullet Writing Principles: Every Thursday from 3-4 pm. at the MWD Kennel Master School Bldg., Room 233, second floor. For E-1 to E-6, but open to all. For more information, visit <https://teamup.com/ksdyymwdrnksv7bj8>.



WE VALUE YOUR INPUT! Warhawk University and the 37th Training and Development Council would like to know about your professional development needs and interests. The 37 TRW TDC team, in coordination with Col. Wilson and senior leaders, will use your input to guide future leadership and training initiatives and will ensure you receive information about all of the various training options available.

We anticipate this should take you 5-10 minutes to complete. Completion of this survey is voluntary and anonymous and can only be taken on a .mil computer. Please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. We look forward to hearing from you!

The survey ends Aug. 30! Access it here: <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/Dg9hrBdFrq>

**The 37 TRW Needs Assessment Survey has been validated and approved through the Air Force Survey Office and has been assigned Survey Control Number AF21-06TRW. For a list of Air Force approved surveys please visit: <https://www.my.af.mil/gcssaf/USAF/content/valid>. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Kristin Baer at kristin.baer@us.af.mil or Capt. Marissa Gaytan at marissa.gaytan@us.af.mil



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Calendar



Email us.



Warhawk U Webpage



Upcoming Courses: Scan the QR code for the latest opportunities.

Questions about Training & Development? Find answers
at: 37TRW.Warhawk.University@us.af.mil

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS:

Freeform Friday: Watch Season 2, Episode 6, [here](#). Our guests were from DLIELC and they spoke on their partnership with JTF-COVAX/ and the AMIGO program.

- 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:

- **BOWLING**
 - **August Special Bowling Promotions**
 - **Tuesday and Wednesday • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
Bowl for only \$7.50 an hour
 - **Thursday • Open to close**
Join us for three games for only \$5, what a great deal!
 - **Friday • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
Join us for three games for only \$5, what a super deal!
- **CLUB**
 - **Variety Night**
 - The Gateway Club hosts Variety Night on Aug. 27 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.
 - **Grandparents Celebration Luncheon**
 - Aug. 28 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Show your grandparents some love and treat them to a buffet luncheon with contests, prizes and music provided by OMG Sounds. The buffet includes fresh fruit salad, traditional tossed salad, chicken tenders with BBQ honey mustard sauce, golden brown macaroni & cheese, green beans, crinkle cut French fries,

spaghetti w/marinara sauce & meatballs, bread sticks, double chocolate cake, banana pudding w/vanilla wafers and a gourmet cookie display. The price for this event is \$10 per person for members and \$12 per person for nonmembers. Make your reservation for this event between Aug. 3 and Aug. 25. Payment is required at time of reservation. ***Refunds will not be made after Aug. 26.*** For more information, call 210-645-7034.

- **FITNESS CENTERS**

- Effective immediately, the operating hours are as follows:
 - LAK-Warhawk is limited to active duty, National Guard, Reserves and DOD Civilians with a CAC during operating hours
 - All other Lackland Fitness Centers remain open with normal operating hours/access
 - Wearing face coverings is mandatory except when showering or swimming
 - Limited to 40% facility capacity indoors
 - Racquetball/Basketball Courts open for single use only
 - Courts/ballfields for Unit PT by reservation only
 - Beaver Fit remains open with required social distancing and increased sanitation
 - 24/7 Fitness Access remains closed

- **CHAPMAN FITNESS CENTER**

- **August Daily Challenge**
 - **Monday-Friday during August • 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**
Come in to the Chapman Fitness Center and try to complete the following challenges:
Most pushups completed in one minute
Most pull-ups completed in one minute
Most air squats completed in one minute
At the end of each week we will announce the weekly winner and prizes will be given out.

- **KELLY FITNESS CENTER**

- Three-Point Shootout
 - Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. FREE

Come to the Fitness Center and show off your three-point shooting skill. Registration is not required. The shooters who makes the most three-pointers from the five designated locations will be our new champions. This event is free and prize will be awarded to the male and female winners. For more information, call 210-925-4848.

- **GOLF**

- **Glow in the Dark DISC Golf SKINS Game & BBQ**
 - Aug. 27 • 6:30 p.m.
 - Compete in our Inaugural JBSA Glow in the Dark DISC Golf SKINS game! The cost is \$20 per person and includes a BBQ dinner and the game. The BBQ dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the glow skins game will begin at 7:45 p.m. The

course will be set up and available to play at 3 p.m. if you'd like to play a practice round while the sun is up.

- Register on our JBSA Golf Clubs app by tapping "Event Registration" / "Randolph Oaks Golf Club" / "Glow in the Dark DISC Golf SKINS Game"

- **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

Chafing Dishes: \$8 per weekend

Chocolate Fountain: \$8 per weekend

Party Speakers: \$30 per weekend

- **POOLS**

- Skylark Pool

Mon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tues-Fri 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat-Sun Closed

- Warhawk Pool:

Now through Sept. 5:

Wed-Fri 4-7 p.m.

Sat-Sun noon to 8 p.m.

Mon-Tues Closed

Sept. 6-26: Sat-Sun and Holidays noon to 8 p.m.

NEWS ACROSS THE 37 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.

37 TRW HISTORY OFFICE:

THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Aug. 26, 1939: Maj. Charles M. Cummings and Stanley Umstead flew a B-17A from Miami to the Panama Canal Zone in 6 hours 45 minutes. The 1,200-mile flight indicated how fast reinforcements could be rushed to protect the Panama Canal in case of an emergency.

Despite the coordination and efficiency of the flight, the Army Air Service took a further step six months later by activating the 37th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) at Albrook Field, Panama, with the primary mission of defending the Panama Canal -- thus the official motto of our wing: "Defenders of the Crossroads."

Today, we remain the Defenders of the Crossroads at the Gateway to the USAF!



THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Aug. 26, 1967: On this day, Maj. George "Bud" Day, 416th TFS commander (37th Tactical Fighter Wing), was shot down over North Vietnam and immediately captured. Despite serious injuries Major Day later escaped and managed to evade the enemy and cross into South Vietnam, earning the distinction of being the only POW to escape from North Vietnam. Within two miles of freedom and after two weeks of evading the enemy, he was re-captured by the Viet Cong, thus beginning 67 months of imprisonment. The Medal of Honor recipient spent more than 35 years of military service flying fighters and was awarded every significant combat decoration available from the U.S. Air Force.



If you're a history buff you need to check out what your 37 TRW history office is all about. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/103405661580662/videos/2816829155249392>

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