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Your bi-weekly rundown of events, news and need-to-know information



Week of 25 July 22

Upcoming Events:

29 July

2nd Quarter Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremony

2-3 Aug

37 TRW Senior Leader Conference

9 Aug

Airman Heritage Group Tour

10 Aug

IAAFA B-Cycle Graduation

12 Aug SNCO Induction

Ceremony

15-18 Aug AFSA Convention

Services Specialist course at Ft. Lee trains Airmen for diversified career field



FORT LEE, Va. – “Culinary” is in the title of meal preparers for the Army, Navy and Coast Guard. The Marine Corps, leaning more toward tradition, dubs the same job as “food service specialist.”

Then comes the Air Force with a broader and less telling name for those tasked with feeding troops: “services specialist.”

One might be inclined to think the handle is the service branch’s attempt to distinguish itself from others. However, that’s not the case, according to Master Sgt. Monica Snow, Services Academy flight chief with the Quartermaster School’s Joint Culinary Center of Excellence.

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📷 and story by Tarrence Bell

CONGRATS!
TECHNICAL
SERGEANT
SELECTS

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Tech. Sgt. Ernesto Cruz, Inter-American Air Forces Academy, was recently selected to attend Officer Training School and the Rated Preparatory Program. Cruz, who currently serves as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of IAAFA’s Plans and Programs said becoming an officer and aviator has been a longtime dream. “I will now be able to guide younger Airmen to achieve their ambitions and desires, all while doing something I love,” he said. “It doesn’t get better than that.”

📷 by Vanessa Adame



and story by C Arce

Goodson takes over 37th Training Group

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — Col. John Goodson III took the reins of the 37th Training Group from Col. Joyce Storm July 22, during a change of command ceremony here.

Col. Lauren Courchaine, 37th Training Wing commander, presided over the ceremony and highlighted the diverse missions that the 37th TRG has, including the largest career field in the Air Force – security forces, and how training Airmen is vital to building multi-capable Airmen.

“In this era of strategic competition, the 37th Training Group is crucial as we build multi-capable Airmen and prepare agile combat employment,” she said. “It’s the foundation of training that we do here that will enable us to be successful as we execute on the Chief of Staff, the Secretary, and the SecDef’s [Secretary of Defense] guidance for how we will prosecute against our adversaries.”

Courchaine also congratulated Storm on her tenure, and thanked her for her commitment to increasing the resiliency of the group’s instructors, students and personnel.

“Col. Storm came into this command position two years ago with a vision to take care of people and to ensure that the Air Force would never falter,” Courchaine said. “I think she’s executed on that wonderfully. She articulated that vision up and down the chain of command and executed relentlessly to get us to where we are here today.”

Goodson took the podium, addressing his group for the first time, and thanked all his guests in attendance and voiced his and his family’s excitement to be back under the Air Education and Training Command.

“I cannot express to you how excited I am to be back in the training environment,” he said. “I believe that the training mission is the most demanding mission the Air Force has. We have got to get it right.”

Addressing Storm, Goodson also said, “The 37th Training Group is in amazing shape because of your leadership and your efforts. I really just have to keep building upon the momentum that you started.”

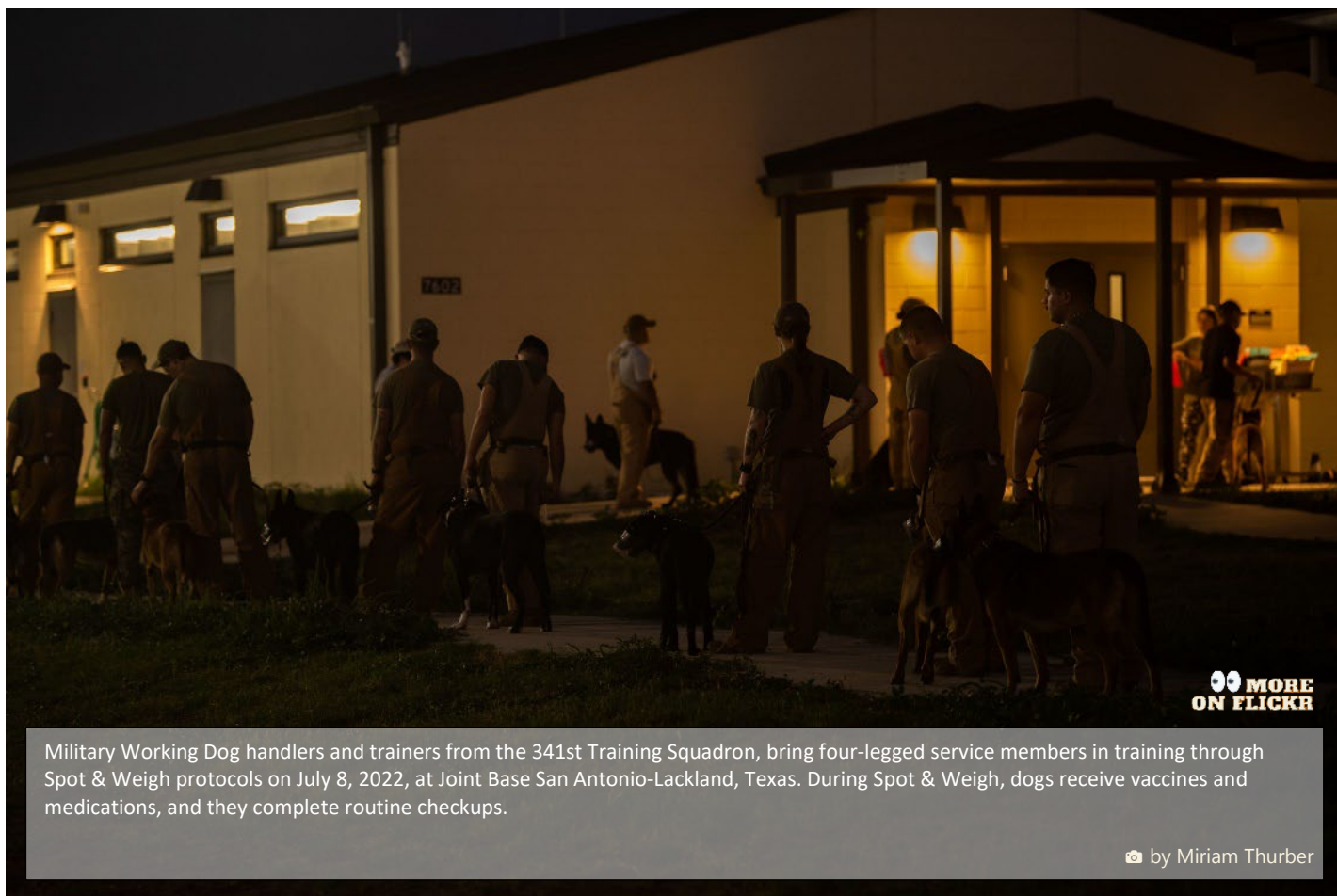
Prior to becoming the new group commander, Goodson was the director of business operations for the secretary of the Air Force in Washington D.C.

The 37th TRG, with its approximately 1,600 personnel from all four military services, provides professional and technical training to more than 36,000 military members and civilians from the armed forces, federal agencies and the international community.

29 WARHAWKS SELECTED FOR TECH SERGEANT IN 22E6 PROMOTION CYCLE

Jaye Barber	341 TRS
Alex Cowin	344 TRS
Joshua Croft	324 TRS
Myesha Crosby	344 TRS
Taylor Cyr	343 TRS
Jesse Daniel	324 TRS
Elizabeth Dawson	320 TRS
Seth Dobbins	343 TRS
Jonathan Farino	319 TRS
Alejandro Fierro	IAAFA
Stephan Giorgio	344 TRS
Marisa Grantham	321 TRS
Mahalia Hoffman	344 TRS
Marquis Langley	344 TRS
Paul Little	341 TRS
Joshua Marafino	345 TRS
Haylie Maskule	737 TRSS
Zachary Milward	344 TRS
Jennifer Paxton	343 TRS
Amanda Price	343 TRS
Dominique Reyes	737 TRS
James Root	345 TRS
Clarissa Scott	344 TRS
Derek Sharpton	343 TRS
Justin Sippola	37 TRSS
Fairalee Smith	737 TRSS
Conner Spencer	332 TRS
Matias Tercero	320 TRS
Carlos Zapata Gonzalez	837 TRS





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Military Working Dog handlers and trainers from the 341st Training Squadron, bring four-legged service members in training through Spot & Weigh protocols on July 8, 2022, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. During Spot & Weigh, dogs receive vaccines and medications, and they complete routine checkups.

by Miriam Thurber

Spot & Weigh: MWDs get monthly check up

By Tech. Sgt. Steven Vincent
341st Training Squadron

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas -- One day a month, working dog trainers, caretakers, instructors, and students of the 341st TRS and the military veterinarian corps of United States Army come together with a common goal in mind -- to provide medical care to the largest group of Military Working Dogs in the world. The day starts just as the sun begins to peak over the horizon when the barks and howls of dogs begin to echo through the air. From that moment on, all the trainers know their duty. The members of the 341 begin their march



into the first kennel of the morning with a



leash, collar, and muzzle in hand. One-by-one, they begin to attach their equipment to the rambunctious and high-spirited dogs and start their trek to the veterinarians. The veterinarians are meticulously stationed like a well-organized assembly line. As each dog is brought to them, they'll gather weights, administer vaccines and medications and do routine checkups. After each visit, these four legged heroes are given a tasty little treat and some affection before being ushered back to their individual kennels. This process is repeated hundreds of times over in a single day.



Like coffee, conversation and camaraderie?

Join Col. Lauren Courchain, 37th Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morgan, 37th TRW command chief, each first Friday of the month. Take a seat at the table and get to know your leadership team. Bring your questions, concerns, comments and stories and enjoy a cup of joe. All members of the wing, including family members are welcome!



by C Arce

HH-60 Pave Hawk aircrew visits 37th Training Group students

An HH-60 Pave Hawk commanded by Maj. Howard Palmer, aircraft commander, flew in from the 512th Rescue Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base into a 344th Training Squadron landing zone July 21, on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, after completing a flyover for the Basic Military Training graduation ceremony here. Students, instructors and staff members across the 37th Training Wing interacted with the aircrew and checked out the airframe. The 344th Training Squadron routinely requests various airframes to visit in order to give students in technical training, who will eventually interact or work on these airframes, an opportunity to see them.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Texas drought means increased flooding when finally rain appears

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas –

If you've lived in the Alamo City for a hot minute you may have already had the opportunity to check out some of the local swimming holes like Jacob's Well. It's known for its serene, cool waters that flow from a natural spring.

As of 28 July, for the fourth time in recorded history, the well no longer has any water flow – an indication of severe drought. Jacob's well isn't the only body of water affected. The local rivers have slowed and are more stagnant, making this summer's tubing fun a challenge.

With triple-digit temperatures and the aquifer water levels at critical levels, when rain and thunderstorms do finally appear, the chances of flooding increase significantly. Make sure you know what to do in the event of flooding:

- **Stay Inside:** Thunderstorms, flooding, and hail are all dangerous and can develop with a tornado. Stay inside and enjoy the storm from the safety of your home.
- **Turn around, don't drown:** It only takes 6 inches of water to knock a person down, or stall a car. It only takes 1 foot of water to move a vehicle. If caught in flooding get to higher ground, and never go around barriers.



Weather Warnings Know the Difference



Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Severe Thunderstorms are likely. Watch the sky and stay tuned to local radio or TV for information.



Severe Thunderstorm Warning

Issued when severe weather has been reported. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.



Flood Watch

"Be Aware." Conditions are right for flooding.



Flood Warning

"Take Action!" Flooding is happening or will occur soon.



Questions to ask in the event of an emergency?

1. How will my family/household get emergency alerts and warnings?
2. How will my family/household get to a safe location?
3. How will my family/household get in touch if cell phones, internet and landlines don't work?
4. How will I let loved ones/coworkers know I am safe?



2 AF Visit

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas -- The 37th Training Wing hosted Col. Nicholas Dipoma, 2d Air Force vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Kathleen McCool, 2d AF command chief, for their initial Warhawk immersion. The 2d AF team had the opportunity to meet participate in physical fitness and tour BMT, the 37 TRG, IAAFA and IAAFA July 25-26.

by Miriam Thurber



by Vanessa Adame

837th TRS gains new leadership

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas -- Col. José Jiménez, Jr., Inter-American Air Forces Academy commandant, passes the guidon to incoming commander Lt. Col. Tchoia Brown, as Lt. Col. Oscar Martinez looks on, during a change of command ceremony July 22, 2022. The 837th Training Squadron teaches courses in professional military education, technical training, and cyber network and cyber security.

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LACKLAND ISD

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:
MONDAY, 15 AUGUST, 0745 - 3:15

meet the teacher:
Thursday, August 11

A-1	2:00 - 2:45
J-0	3:00 - 3:45
P-2	4:00 - 4:45

more information about school
supplies at
www.Lacklandisd.net



CMSAF #19 visits the 37th Training Wing 28 July 22

by Daniel Cruz



New vice commander visits DLIELC



by Spencer Berry

Col. Joseph Schaefer, 637 TRG/CC and the Defense Language Institute English Language Center commandant, welcomed Col. John O'Dell, 37th Training Wing vice commander, who arrived at the campus for an afternoon immersion visit on July 21. During his visit, the O'Dell received a mission briefing in the DLIELC Conference Center, toured the unit's Operation and Academic buildings, took an opportunity to show off his pilot skills on a virtual flying simulator at the DLIELC Aviation Language Training Center, and visited the DLIELC's U.S. Army Echo Company barracks.



by Annette Janetzke



by Spencer Berry

Doubling friends with AMIGOs

The 637th Training Group (DLIELC) and 637 International Support Squadron welcomed the 37th Training Wing Commander, Col. Lauren Courchaine and her spouse; 37th Training Wing Vice Commander, Col. John O'Dell and his spouse; and 37th Training Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morgan, as special guests at DLIELC's "Red, White and Blue Themed" AMIGO Social hosted at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Ballroom July 15. During the event, Col. Courchaine received an opportunity to greet the 123 international students from 43 countries and the 38 AMIGO sponsors in attendance. Col. Courchaine also thanked the AMIGO sponsors for their volunteer service to JBSA-Lackland and took an opportunity to socialize with a few sponsors and international students.



The Rogers Airman Leadership School is the first level of Professional Military Education for E-4 and E-5's assigned to Joint Base San Antonio.

To register, First Sergeant's should call Tech. Sgt. Justin Rellin and Tech Sgt. Jessica Velasquez at 210-925-1233.

Check out the 22-5 class newsletter [here](#).