

Hawk TALK

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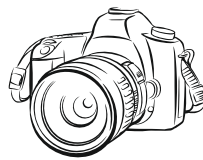




Upcoming Events

- Jan. 27-28- Senior Leader Conference
- Jan. 28- Excellence in Competition CATM
- Feb. 7- Fourth Quarter Awards Ceremony
- Feb. 7- 37 TRW First Friday
- Feb. 12-13- No BMT Grad Week
- Feb. 21- Warhawk Coffee Tawk
- March 7- 2024 Annual Awards Ceremony

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AROUND THE 37 TRW





AFAC, ELC, NAF CoEs DECLARE INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY

“Initial operations at these centers directly support the **Secretary of the Air Force’s directive** for AETC to reshape and redesignate as a reoptimized Airman Development Command. We will continue to **‘follow through’** as we adapt ADC’s ability to find, recruit, train, educate and develop resilient, Mission Ready Airmen who will thrive in complex, contested environments - **anywhere, anytime.**”

Lt. Gen. Brian Robinson
Commander, AETC

Airman Development Command Explained:

[Click here for video](#)



What does this mean?

Second Air Force is working to establish **five Technical Training CoEs** supporting groups of AFSCs under the following areas: Institutional, Information Warfare, Logistics, Command and Control and Combat Power.

As part of the command’s technical training transformation effort, courses are transitioning toward a **competency-based model**, providing more flexibility at lower levels to change individual tasks that are being trained than there is under the legacy construct.

Moving into 2025, the headquarters AETC **Command Integration Center** will provide major command-level command-and-control, situational awareness and decision information to swiftly adjust production requirements when needed to succeed in the GPC environment.



How Vehicle Maintenance Airmen keep the ‘birds in the sky’

The name “U.S. Air Force” sparks images in one’s mind of airplanes soaring through the sky and fighter pilots executing high-speed maneuvers as they disappear through the clouds to combat the enemy. Rarely, do people think about what’s on the ground, keeping the planes in the air.

“Everything in the Air Force moves. All the vehicles that we use: fire trucks, cargo loaders, forklifts, and the vehicles that pull the aircraft, which we call tugs,” said Staff Sgt. Maurice Kelly, an advanced vehicle maintenance course instructor. “I believe maintenance is what keeps things going.”

Depending on what Air Force Specialty Code each Airman is assigned to, the length of their first course will vary. After Vehicle Maintenance Airmen are assigned to their duty stations, if they need supplemental training they can enroll in the four, in-house, advanced courses offered at Port Hueneme: vehicle powertrain diagnostics, chassis alignment, diesel maintenance and welding.

[Read more about the 346 TRS here!](#)

Augmented Reality Welding

Enhancing Training

After the first class kicked off in 2018, welding quickly became the most popular course the 346 Training Squadron had to offer. In recent years, the welding course has added augmented reality simulators that provide welding techniques for students, so they can prepare their muscle memory before they try welding in real life.



MOTHER OF FALLEN DEFENDER 'MARCHES ON' HONORING SON

By: Ava Leone

In the sweltering summer heat, 31 Defenders trekked up the rigorous route for their graduation ruck. Sixty-five-year-old Jiffy Helton-Sarver marches near the front, carrying a guidon commemorating her fallen son, Security Forces Officer 1st Lt. Joseph Helton.

Helton-Sarver comes to JBSA-Camp Bullis three times a year to complete a 4-mile ruck on the rugged terrain in the Texas backcountry alongside Security Forces Defenders to signify their graduation from 81 days of technical training in the U.S. Air Force Security Forces Basic Officer Course. Her son was a 24-year-old security forces officer with the 6th Security Forces Squadron based at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. After volunteering to extend his deployment in Iraq to support his detachment, on Sept. 8, 2009, he was killed by an explosively formed projectile — one of the deadliest improvised explosive devices — that struck his Humvee vehicle near Baghdad.

Read the rest of the story [here](#).



Quick response time saves trainee's life



On Dec. 11, 2024, a potentially life-threatening emergency was averted thanks to the swift and heroic actions of Staff Sgt. Sean Howley and Katie Samret. The pair responded to an unresponsive trainee following a physical fitness test. Without hesitation, they immediately began performing chest compressions and used an Automated External Defibrillator to administer several shocks.

Their quick response proved to be life-saving. The trainee regained consciousness and was able to leave the scene alert and in good condition. That evening, the ER doctor commended the pair for their decisive actions, noting that their prompt response was instrumental in saving the trainee's life. Thanks to their diligence and training, the trainee is expected to make a full recovery.

Awards & Recognition



2024 Diversity and Inclusion Award Nominees

Individual Category

Tech. Sgt. Karla De Los Santos

Team Category

War Skills and Military Studies Team

2024 A1 Award Nominees:

A1 Special Recognition Award

Individual Category

Capt. Benjamin Weintraub

General Billy J. Boles Mentorship

Award Legacy Category

Master Sgt. Alex Hernandez Vargas

Chief Master Sergeant Billy R. Hunter

Instructor of the Year Award Legacy Category

Tech. Sgt. David Linden

Force Support NCO of the Year

Enlisted Category

Staff Sgt. Steven Vogel

Force Support Airman of the Year

Enlisted Category

A1C Martina Roncoletta

A1 Special Recognition Team of the Year

Raptor Flight

2024 AETC Security Forces Functional Awards:

Security Forces CGO of the Year

Capt. Ian Ginn

Security Forces Support Staff

SNCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Michael LeMaster

Security Forces Support Staff

NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. William Manis

Security Forces Support Staff

Airman of the Year

SrA Yevgeniy Sosnovskiy

Security Forces Support Staff

Civilian of the Year

Mr. Dennis Lopez

Security Forces Military Working Dog

Professional of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Corey Rundle

Security Forces Combat Arms Training &

Maintenance Professional of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Don Sandidge Jr

2024 HQ AETC Annual Safety Award

Unit Safety Representative of the Year Award

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hnatiuk

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