



Tam Harper sews stripes on a uniform in the new alterations shop in Military Clothing Sales. Alterations is a new addition to the Military Clothing Sales Barksdale Base Exchange location.



Tam Harper pins a skirt on Airman 1st Class Joycelyn Potter, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, in the new alterations shop in Military Clothing Sales.

Military Clothing Sales reopens inside base exchange

Article & photos by Senior Airman Kristin High

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
The Barksdale Military Clothing Sales is open for business at their new location located inside the base exchange.

For the past year, Barksdale's Military Clothing Sales was in a temporary trailer located behind the Base Exchange. It has now moved where the old dry cleaners was located at the south end of the Base Exchange.

For more information

To learn more about Military Clothing Sales, call (318) 746-6429.

The move was necessary in order to provide a one-stop-shop for Airmen at the base. Airmen are already making the transition and making purchases at the new location.

"It was much easier to find what I needed at the new store," said Airman 1st

Class Joycelyn Potter, 2nd Maintenance Squadron. "It was put together well and it wasn't hard to find what I needed. I didn't feel cramped in the dressing room which was great."

The new location not only has increased floor space for easier shopping, but also features wider aisles and multiple shelves to allow all merchandise to be easily displayed.

The most anticipated addition to the new facility is the alterations shop locat-

ed inside Military Clothing Sales.

"Alterations is in the clothing store so I was able to purchase my item and then walk right over to get my adjustments," she continued. "It was very convenient; overall, I would have to say the new clothing store was a pleasant shopping experience."

According to Dwight Scott, Military Clothing Sales manager, his workers are happy with the new move and feel it will be a



Airman Potter searches for a skirt in the new alterations shop in Military Clothing Sales.

huge benefit to the Airmen.

"We now have one place where the customers can shop versus having to go to multiple locations, which is a huge convenience to our customers. It will also help with our civilians, retirees,

and reservists who come on the weekends," Scott said.

Barksdale's Military Clothing Sales store hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours are subject to change without notice.

A cut above the rest

Article & photos by Senior Airman Chad Warren

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Crossing through the glass doors into the well-lit room, the buzz of simultaneous hair clippers drowns out the sound of the televisions. Customers thumb through old, tattered magazines as they wait for their number to be called. A thin, white-haired man calls from the back corner of the room. "32," he calls out to the waiting patrons.

Scissors in hand, he motions for the next customer to have a seat in front of him.

Larry DeMars has cut hair for the military during every conflict since the Vietnam War, most of that time spent here at Barksdale. He has stood behind a barber chair for more than 30 years and has witnessed Barksdale's transition into the home of Air Force Global Strike Command.

"It's my home," said the 65-year-old barber. "I couldn't cut hair anywhere else. The military is just fun to work with."

DeMars has spent a huge part of his life cutting hair, and his skills are appreciated by his customers, a large number of whom request him by name. His years of experience are recognized and respected by his peers as well, and they take every opportunity to learn from this master-of-his-craft.

"Before I got here, I thought I could cut hair," laughed Henry Moseley, who has been a barber here for 10 years. "I got here and started looking, learning and listening. The guys who had been here awhile really showed me the ropes."

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Larry DeMars gives change to one of his regulars, Airman 1st Class Austin Grupp, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, after a haircut at the main barbershop in the Barksdale Base Exchange. DeMars has cut hair here for more than 30 years.

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Am I a uniter or a divider?

By Lt. Col. James Kafer

2nd Force Support Squadron commander

In our Air Force careers, we're often reminded that we're part of a team. We all think we understand it in our own way, but how do we apply that in our daily activities? I think the real point is that we're part of a united team. So how do we demonstrate our participation in this united team in our day-to-day lives?

We have often heard divisive statements in our day-to-day business. We hear them all the time between operations and maintenance, support and operations, civilian and military, enlisted and officer, sons and daughters...the list goes on. Yet we all have one Department of Defense, Air Force and Barksdale mission to

accomplish in support of our national defense.

How do you react when you hear or when you're tempted to make divisive statements?

One way to avoid the temptation to divide is to increase your knowledge and understanding of our mission at all levels, and how you and your organization contribute to the mission. With increased understanding of how you and your organization fit in the bigger scheme, you will be able to communicate well with others more effectively.

The next logical step is to try and understand the view of others around you...to "walk in their shoes." Once you have a better understanding of your mission and can communicate it to those around you, a better appreciation of the bigger mission is easier.

The bigger challenge is responding to others when we hear divisive statements. The easy way out is to walk away or go-with-the-flow of the conversation, which is what most of us do. Yet, we all know that's not the correct response. The correct response is to appropriately confront this issue and take the opportunity to remind our teammates that we're all supporting one common mission — we just have different parts of that mission.

None of us can complete the mission on our own. We all rely on each other to provide the best combat capability in support of our nation's defense. The next time you hear divisive statements ask yourself, "Am I a uniter? Or am I a divider?" How can you make a positive difference?

Standards of courage

By Lt. Col. Aaron Burgstein

1st Combat Camera Squadron

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — The other day at lunch I saw something that really stuck with me. A colonel excused himself from his dining companions for a moment and went over to an Airman at another table. Discreetly, he corrected her on improper wear of the uniform.

Is this something to be concerned about? Is this what leaders should take their time to do?

The answer is yes. He corrected something the moment he saw it was wrong. It doesn't matter that it was something as seemingly trivial as the improper wear of the uniform. It's our duty as Airmen, and especially as leaders, to correct things that are wrong, from simple uniform items to multi-million-dollar budgets, and everything in between. It's a combination of excellence and integrity. To put it more concretely, as I sit writing this in an airport gate area, awaiting my maintenance delayed flight, I sure hope some-

one is watching and correcting the mechanics fixing my jet.

In addition to integrity, it also took courage to correct that Airman. Sure, some might argue that as a senior officer, one should feel secure in correcting a lower-ranking person. In this case, rank doesn't matter. It takes moral courage to walk up to someone you don't know and tell them they're doing something wrong. Odds are, you're not making an instant friend and you're going to cause some hurt feelings.

It's a responsibility all supervisors share. I knew of a supervisor who would not give feedback, or at least honest feedback, because once when he did so, the person he was trying to help started crying. I've known of others who just didn't take the time to correct seemingly minor infractions such as hair or uniforms. The problem is those seemingly minor issues become larger issues. These leaders set their Airmen up for failure. In a couple of cases I've seen, the lack of an early course correc-

tion resulted in being passed over for promotion a few years down the road.

It's not fun correcting people. Adversarial encounters rarely are a good time. However, it's our duty, as Airmen and as leaders, to uphold the standards. That requires not only knowing the standards, but having the moral courage to tell someone they're wrong. You do it professionally, with as little fuss as needed, but nonetheless, you do it.

But it's not just supervisors.

A personal example and one that definitely shows courage is the Airman who recently corrected me on a uniform issue. We were at a squadron event and he asked if he could speak to me. When we were out of earshot of everyone else, he very quietly told me that I was doing something the Air Force Instructions did not allow. I quickly corrected the issue and thanked him for helping me out.

That took courage. Moreover, he handled it fantastically. He pulled

me aside, kept it very professional and helped me out instead of playing "gotcha!" I appreciated that correction which helped me look better, and even more so, I appreciated his courage in approaching me.

This is where excellence comes in. We hold ourselves responsible, as Airmen of all ranks, to uphold standards and display excellence in what we do.

It's also about more than just correcting mistakes or issues you see. It's about setting your Airmen up for success. One of the hardest things I've had to do in my career was to defer a promotion until the Airman could meet standards — not my standards, but Air Force standards. However, as a leader, it was about more than just telling someone they were wrong. It doesn't just stop with the correction. After that, a good leader ensures the Airman has the support needed to get back on track. That's what we do as leaders. We help our Airmen.

Have that moral courage to do what's right, no matter how unpleasant it may be. You'll be happy you did, and just importantly, those people you correct will most likely thank you in the long run.

Barber

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Like a bartender giving advice to troubled patrons, the relationship between a barber and their customers is one of understood trust. DeMars' warm, inviting demeanor creates lasting friendships with his regulars, no matter how much time may pass between their visits.

"I used to cut guys' hair that had just made major, and two of them came back here as three-star generals," said the Mansura, La., native.

From the Vietnam War to Operation Enduring Freedom and every skirmish between, DeMars has dutifully spent his days pleasing customers with a fresh haircut and a friendly conversation. He is at home behind his leather barber chair, clippers in hand. From his back corner of the barber shop, DeMars gives his customers something to look forward to every time they need a quick trim.



Haircutting accessories sit on the counter at the main barbershop in the Barksdale Base Exchange. The barbershop gives several hundred haircuts each week to servicemembers and their families.



ABOVE: Several barbers cut hair at the main barbershop in the Barksdale Base Exchange.



For more photos, visit www.barksdale.af.mil.

LEFT: Larry DeMars gives a haircut to one of his regulars, Airman 1st Class Austin Group, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, at the main barbershop in the Barksdale Base Exchange. DeMars has been cutting hair for the military through every conflict since the Vietnam War.

Staying fit to fight



Senior Airman Kristin High/U.S. Air Force

Airman 1st Class Drew Stockwell, 2nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, executes a push-up during a session of squadron physical fitness on Barksdale. Good physical fitness is one of the many standards that an Airman must maintain throughout his or her Air Force career.

A day in the life of a pharmacy technician

By Senior Airman La'Shanette V. Garrett

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
Pharmacy technicians are known as the right-hand man to licensed pharmacists.

They are responsible for receiving written and electronic prescription requests, counting tablets, labeling bottles, answering phones, replenishing medications and filling prescriptions.

"My day starts out by making sure all medications have been refill in the robot, along with ensuring there are enough bottles and labels," said Staff Sgt. Hector Velazquez-Ramos, 2nd Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician.

The PharmASSIST ROBOTS is an automated machine designed to store and dispense medications that have been placed into the electronic system by the technicians to be filled.

"Once the windows open, its game on," Sergeant Velazquez-Ramos said. "The patients come in with their prescriptions, and if they have any questions, we counsel them on any side effects they may encounter or any kind of contraindication that could be harmful to them while taking the medications."

In order for a prescription to be filled, it has to be typed into the PharmAssist by a technician.

"The functions that are being handled by the pharmacy technicians are actually things the pharmacist used to do years ago," said Thomas Barnard, 2nd Medical Support Squadron pharmacist. "It comforts me to know and work with such professional and well-trained technicians.

By having such, it allows the pharmacist greater latitude in the thought process to focus on the bigger picture in the end, which is the patient and their well fare."

With the different types of medicines being discovered and introduced, every day is typically a training day in the pharmacy.

"I like to give my Airmen a few tablets or capsules and have them identify it just by looking at it,"



Airman 1st Class Sean Martin/U.S. Air Force

Airman 1st Class Ashley Parker, 2nd Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, fills a bottle of pills at the base pharmacy on Barksdale.

Sergeant Velazquez-Ramos said. "For the most part each tablet or capsule has a distinctive color, shape, size and feature markings. They will never know everything, that's the nature of this career field, but they need to have a general understanding and know where to look for references and help if they need it."

Each technician completes 12 weeks of training, with two different phases. The first phase is class and the second phase is clinical. After completing training one can become nationally certified, but it's not required.

Once the prescription has been filled, it goes to the verifying station for the pharmacist or senior-ranking technician to check for accuracy.

After the verification has been completed, down the conveyer belt and out the window it goes.

"I can't just pin-point one part of the job that is more important than the other," he continued. "The process is vital from beginning to end. In the grand scheme of things all aspects are important because you are dealing with patients' lives. I harp, gripe and drive that point to my Airman and fellow NCO's so they stay sharp and learn as much as they possibly can in their career.

"The most rewarding part of this job is knowing that at the end of the day, we have brightened the patients day by giving them their medication to help make them feel better."

Barksdale to host annual blood drive

By Staff Sgt. Terri Barriere

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The annual Mash Bash Blood Drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hoban Hall.

According to Gwendolyn Herndon, a Lifeshare Blood Center donor recruiter, the Mash Bash is the largest blood drive in the Ark-La-Tex, and has become a summer tradition in the area.

"Our donors look forward to this annual area-wide blood drive to help ensure we have sufficient blood supplies for our local patients," she said.

With the Lifeshare organization currently down to a half-day supply of blood, the upcoming drive comes just in the nick of time.

"This annual event makes sure the patients who could be our loved ones, friends and neighbors have blood when they need it," Herndon said.

Though there are more than a dozen blood drives held on base throughout the year, the need for blood never stops.

"I encourage every Airman on Barksdale to donate," said John Daggett, 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics manager. "Donations saved my life. I was on the operating table for 11 hours and required 20 units of blood — if those 20 individuals hadn't of came forward to donate, I would have died on that table."

There are patients like Daggett in area hospitals and trauma centers who need blood every day.

Herndon said in the Ark-La-Tex there is a need for at least 150 blood donors each day to help local patients.

"It takes a lot of personal sacrifice to donate on a regular basis," Daggett said. "Airman can donate every eight weeks, and this Mash Bash is a great way to start."

Herndon said she believes a combination of things have made the Mash Bash, now in its 27th year, a local tradition.

"Not only does this drive have longevity, but it is a fun summertime event and gives

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John Daggett

2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

people a chance to support our community blood center so that our local patients will have the blood they need when and where they need it. People who grew up watching their parents donate at the Mash Bash are now donors themselves," she said.

Despite the fact that the summertime has taken a lot of heat for being an unsafe time to donate blood, Herndon said that when the proper precautions are taken, the summer months are just as safe as any other and a great time for the Mash Bash due to the seasonal drop in donors.

"In the summertime, the number of blood donors drop off for several reasons. Number one, schools are out so we don't have our student blood drives, and number two, people are on vacation so they aren't donating," she said.

She advises would-be donors not to fear the heat, but get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids and eat a good meal prior to donating, as their donations are even more critical during this time of the year.

"We often hear people say 'what can I do to make a difference, I'm one person,'" but when you are the person who gives the unit of blood that saves a life, you have made a tremendous difference to the person whose life you've saved," she said. "You may never know that person whose life you've saved, but he or she will always remember you and will forever be grateful to you for your gift of life."

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Barksdale's Recovery Care Coordinators program aids ill, injured Airmen

By Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

It's been one year since Barksdale implemented the Recovery Care Coordinators program here affecting numerous injured and ill military members.

The RCC program, which was developed to help aid seriously wounded and ill Airmen, including members of the Reserve and Guard components and their families, has now helped just shy of 100 military members in need.

"Our job is to assist the wounded, ill and injured with information, if it is determined they are going to go through the medical evaluation board process. We help them understand what benefits they're entitled to and what resources are available to them and their families. I work close-

ly with the Airman and Family Readiness Center, physical evaluation board, casualty affairs officer, chaplain, medical evaluation board official and case manager to ensure each individual who comes to me in need receives the proper help they are looking for," said Elizabeth Melahn, RCC.

RCCs are trained to develop and employ a recovery plan, which identifies the needs and provides a course of action to enable wounded or ill Airmen and their families to reach personal and professional goals during the recovery process. Melahn provides assistance with transition to civilian life, veteran assistance benefits, transition assistance programs, relocation, employment and career options, and financial counseling.

Although Melahn is the only RCC for Barksdale, her dedication to each military member in need is extraordinary. Melahn manages roughly 40 cases at any one time and even with a full case load her devotion to the troops allows her to form close bonds with many of the Airmen she helped over the past year.

For Airman 1st Class Jacqueline Tobin who was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in December 2010, the help offered by Melahn was incomparable.

"I was initially told by hospital workers I was going to die due to my injuries," said Tobin.

"I had no physical strength, let alone mental strength to care or deal with anything relating to the military while I was in the hospital. Even if I did, I wouldn't

have known where to go, who to call, or where to start. Elizabeth Melahn was assigned to me as my RCC and not only did she walk my mother and I through every step, she relieved all the stress of anything I had to do. I could focus on nothing but my recovery because of her help. Now that I beat the odds and am out of the hospital, I'm able to start re-learning my fine motor skills again. I must say, my life is better now than it was even before my accident and I owe that to Elizabeth Melahn."

To Melahn, however, her dedication to the troops just comes with the nature of the job. She stands by each troop as she prepares them for their return to duty, separation or retirement.

She encourages all ill or in-

For more information

To learn more about the Recovery Care Coordinators program, call Elizabeth Melahn at (318) 456-3223.

jured Airmen with medical questions to stop by her office and seek help.

"I want to help alleviate any worries they have so they can focus on getting better," she said. "Whether I can help by answering questions, arranging for legal help, or simply picking up their favorite drink to cheer them up — whatever I can do to help, I am more than happy to accommodate. I want them to know someone is there to take care of them."



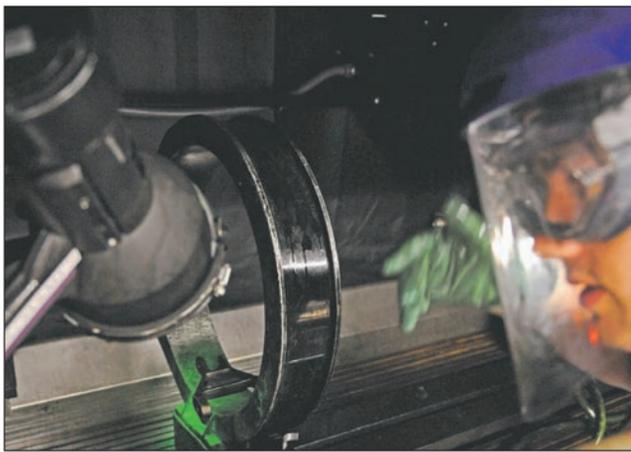
Airman 1st Class Paul Nessel, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, reads a technical order in the 2nd Propulsion Flight building on Barksdale. The guide is used to assist Airmen while operating the Magnetic Particle Bench and other equipment.

Propulsion Flight attracts attention

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Micaiah Anthony



Airman Nessel uses a field indicator to measure the electromagnetic field the part is emitting in the 2nd Propulsion Flight building July 8. The machine can magnetize and demagnetize metallic objects, and can be used to perform quality control checks on metallic parts.



Airman Nessel operates the controls of the Magnetic Particle Bench while a part gets demagnetized in the 2nd Propulsion Flight building.

LEFT: Airman Nessel inspects a part for scratches, dings and gashes in the 2nd Propulsion Flight building. A special magnetic fluorescent dye is poured over the part and reveals any imperfections.

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Staff Sgt. Martin Strom, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal, instructs Col. Tim Fay, 2nd Bomb Wing commander, how to properly detonate a bomb during a bomb demonstration on an EOD range.



Col. Tim Fay, 2nd Bomb Wing commander, yells "fire in the hole" prior to detonating a bomb during a bomb demonstration on an Explosive Ordnance Disposal range located on Barksdale. Yelling the words "fire in the hole" three times prior to detonation is an EOD policy to alert the range that an explosion is about to occur.

BOOM!

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Second Bomb Wing leadership and members of 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit discuss EOD procedures prior to entering a bunker during a bomb demonstration on an EOD range.

BELOW: Senior Airman Bryan Bell, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal, drives a HUMVEE transporting EOD personnel to the bomb range July 5.



Tech. Sgt. Bart Matthews, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal, explains to Col. Tim Fay, 2nd Bomb Wing commander, how detonation cord works during a bomb demonstration on the EOD range.



Second Bomb Wing leadership and members of 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit survey damage after watching a bomb demonstration on an EOD range located on Barksdale. The demonstration not only informed base leadership about EOD procedures, it allowed EOD personnel to get their monthly range qualification.

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307th Bomb Wing relocations unit eases transition for new Airmen

Article & photos by Staff Sgt. Ted Daigle

307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Three young Airmen sat inside the personnel relocations office of the 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale with looks of anxiety and nervousness on their faces. In a few hours they would board a plane for Air Force basic military training, leaving behind family, friends and all vestiges of civilian life. Easing this often difficult transition is the job of Master Sgt. Dewey Richards, 307th Force Support Squadron personnel relocations chief, and Staff Sgt. Tamara Thompson, 307 BW personnel relocations technician.

It is Sergeants Richards and Thompson's business to ensure all non-prior service members have a large part of their in-processing done before leaving for basic military training and business has been very good. Sergeant Richards said the number of non-prior service members coming into the wing has grown with each passing year.

"Three years ago we shipped sixty-three trainees. The next year we shipped ninety-three and the year after that we shipped one hundred and twenty-one," Sergeant Richards said. "This year from April 1 to July 19 we project to process one hundred and ten."

Master Sgt. Steven Bender, 307 BW assistant senior recruiter, accredited the increase in non-prior service members to the shaping of the active duty Air Force. Since the active duty component is releasing fewer members, the reserve component has had

to recruit more non-prior service members.

Sergeant Richards said if this pace keeps up, he and Sergeant Thompson will help two-hundred or more new trainees in-process into the 307 BW and the 917th Fighter Group. Since each new member's file requires about six hours of processing time before leaving for basic military training, the work load can be significant. However, it is time well spent.

Before they leave, new wing members will already have many important in-processing elements complete, including identification cards, life insurance and military pay. Personnel Relocations also coordinates each new member's flight to San Antonio. Taking care of these items before trainees leave is a plus for the Air Force, according to Sergeant Thompson.

"It alleviates problems at BMT and lets the recruits get to their training", she said.

Aside from the practical implications of taking care of the in-processing, it is necessary to have this procedure occur once a recruit enlists in the Air Force Reserve. Unlike their active-duty counterparts, Air Force Reserve recruits are not on delayed entry status.

"The day you enlist is the day you are considered a member of the Air Force Reserve. So we are obligated to get them in-processed prior to BMT," Sergeant Richards said.

Monitoring the new members from the time they enlist to the time they leave for basic military training is a priority for the recruiters. Sergeant Bender said they stay in contact



Staff Sgt. Tamara Thompson, personnel relocations technician for the 307th Bomb Wing, briefs new members of the 307th BW at Barksdale. The Airmen were being assisted through in-processing prior to their departure for basic military training. Sergeant Thompson and the personnel relocations staff at the 307 BW play a critical role in smoothing the transition of new Airmen from civilian to military life.

with their recruits several times a month as do many of the First Sergeant's of the units to which the member has been assigned.

In spite of these efforts, some members don't make it to basic training. Sergeant Richards said some have to drop out for a variety of reasons. He is required to ask each recruit on the day they ship out if they want to opt out. Some do so for a variety of reasons.

Once a new member does get to basic training, the job of taking care of them continues for the personnel relocation staff. Sergeants Richards and Thompson visually track the new wing

members going through basic military training or technical school by placing their pictures on two large bulletin boards inside their office. Three years ago they could fit all the pictures on one small bulletin board, but the increase in numbers forced them to move to a second board, even larger than the first.

Sergeants Richards and Thompson also maintain the records of all trainees even while they are in ba-

sic military training or in technical school. Pointing to a long line of file folders in the office, Sergeant Richards explained those were all trainees waiting for amendments to their records. Amendments can be anything from marital status to a change of address. Each change adds more hours to the processing of the trainees files.

The end result of all the effort is worth it for Sergeants Richards and Thompson

when they see the new members come back from basic military training and tech school.

"We use the board so we can put a face with a name. But when they come back they look different from the pictures. They carry themselves differently," Sergeant Richards said.

Sergeant Thompson agreed with Sergeant Richards.

"They look more mature," she said.



Airman 1st Class Holly Montano, 307th Bomb Wing customer service representative, helps Airman 1st Class Chase Wylie put on an ABU shirt for his identification card photo. Airman Wylie is a new member of the 307 BW. Obtaining an identification card was part of his in-processing routine before leaving for basic military training.



Debbie Semira, 307th Bomb Wing military pay technician, assists Airman Darius Burgy with finance paperwork. Burgy was in-processing into the 307 BW prior to leaving for basic military training. In-processing for the 307 BW is overseen by the personnel relocations staff.

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Services deliver 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal input

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Officials from all of the services and combatant commands have provided their input to the Defense Department in advance of the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law that bans gays from serving openly in the military, a Pentagon spokesman said here July 13.

The input includes progress on training of the force, the regulatory aspects of the change in the law and other aspects, Marine Col. Dave Lapan said.

"Ultimately, it's for the services to provide their input to the secretary about whether their services are prepared for repeal to take place," he said.

No requirement exists for 100 percent of the force to receive training prior to repeal, the colonel said.

"It is more in the nature of giving the input where all the services are in the training and whether they've reached a point where they believe they are ready to move forward," he explained.

The department actually is trying to follow two laws, Lapan said. The first is the original law passed in 1993. Its provisions were to remain in effect until repeal. The second law calls for repeal to take effect after certification that the services are ready.

However, a court in California ruled that the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law is unconstitutional. The U.S. government asked for a stay, and a three-panel court of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals granted the stay. On July 6, the court vacated the stay and gave the department 10 days to stop enforcing the provisions of the old law.

"We have two laws: the law known as 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' that a court injunction has stopped us from enforcing, but we also have a law that requires us to certify that the force is ready for repeal," Lapan said. "And we are trying to comply with both."

Since then, Defense Department officials have been speaking with Justice Department lawyers about the next steps. In the meantime, the department continues to abide by the repeal law, and that is what the input from the services represents, Lapan said.

Officials from each of the services have provided input, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the secretary of defense will make their decision when to certify to the president that DOD is ready to move forward with repeal.

Lapan would not hazard a guess when the decision will land on the president's desk.

Chart topping temps



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force

The sun shines through the leaves of trees along Barksdale Boulevard as summer temperatures rise above 100 degrees. Airmen who work outside should remember to drink plenty of water, avoid high-caffeine drinks and take frequent breaks in a shady area.

DOD sets rules for schools receiving tuition assistance

By Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — All schools participating in Title 10 tuition assistance will need to have a signed memorandum of understanding with the Defense Department under a new policy that will take effect Jan. 1, officials said.

Carolyn Baker, the chief of voluntary education for DOD's military community family and policy office, explained what the agreement covers.

"The MOU articulates the commitments and agreements between an educational institution and DOD prior to an institution accepting funds via the tuition assistance program," she said, adding that some schools already have begun the process of signing the memorandum.

DOD's tuition assistance program helps active-duty service members pay for college courses. The program covers undergraduate and most graduate courses delivered through online distance learning or traditional classroom instruction.

A voluntary education joint service review committee developed one standard document to replace the separate services' tuition assistance agreements, Baker said.

Under the new agreement, "The institution ... must agree to one single tuition rate per Office of Post-Secondary Education identification number," she said. "What this means is that institutions cannot charge service members different tuition rates to attend the same class."

The agreement requires that

schools be accredited by an agency recognized by the Department of Education, abide by DOD and military-service regulatory guidance on voluntary education and adhere to the principles and criteria established by the Servicemembers' Opportunity Colleges, Baker said.

Key issues addressed in those principles include reasonable transfer of credit to avoid course work duplication and excessive loss of previously earned credit; required academic residency limited to no more than 25 percent of degree requirements, or 30 percent for undergraduate degrees offered 100 percent online; credit for military training and experience; and credit for at least one nationally recognized testing program, such as the College-Level Examination Program.

Schools also must agree to provide timely course enrollment, withdrawal and cancellation information and grades, as well as an evaluated education plan outlining the courses needed for a degree, Baker said.

The agreement includes addendums outlining how tuition assistance is administered in each of the services, she said.

The new policy also requires all schools accepting tuition assistance dollars to participate in a periodic third-party review.

DOD is committed to providing programs and services that support, sustain and improve quality of life for service members, Baker said, and the review process will address accountability and quality of education they receive using tuition assistance.

The agreement does not obligate funds or guarantee enrollment or access to military installations, she said. Schools offering courses on military

posts or bases must have an additional, separate agreement with installation commanders permitting access and on-base instruction.

The policy states that any school without a signed memorandum after Jan. 1 will not be able to enroll students using tuition assistance funds, she said. Schools can review and sign the memorandum at <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/voled>.

A list of schools that have signed the agreement will be posted to the site, so military students receiving tuition assistance can see if prospective schools have signed the memorandum, Baker said.

Service members who have concerns about an institution that has signed the agreement can submit their question or complaint to DOD through the site.

A centralized process will record the issue, work on a resolution, track the status and provide a response, Baker said.

She said the department has been working with schools that receive the greatest share of tuition assistance funds, and those institutions are aware of what the memorandum will require of them.

"We might find some institutions out there that have not been timely, or they don't agree to all of the terms of the memorandum," she said. "So we're going to have to work with service members enrolled in those schools."

Baker said DOD is committed to offering comprehensive, lifelong learning opportunities for service members, and the new policy will ensure a viable program is in place to assist them in realizing those opportunities.

Barksdale seeks 'friends' on Facebook

Senior Airman Allison Boehm, 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs journalist, updates the Barksdale Air Force Base Facebook profile. The base Facebook page is updated daily with notifications, stories, photos and upcoming events.



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force

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Sports physicals

The 2nd Medical Group will be conducting sports physicals for children between the ages of 4 and 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 to 11 a.m. July 30. For an appointment, call (318) 456-6555.

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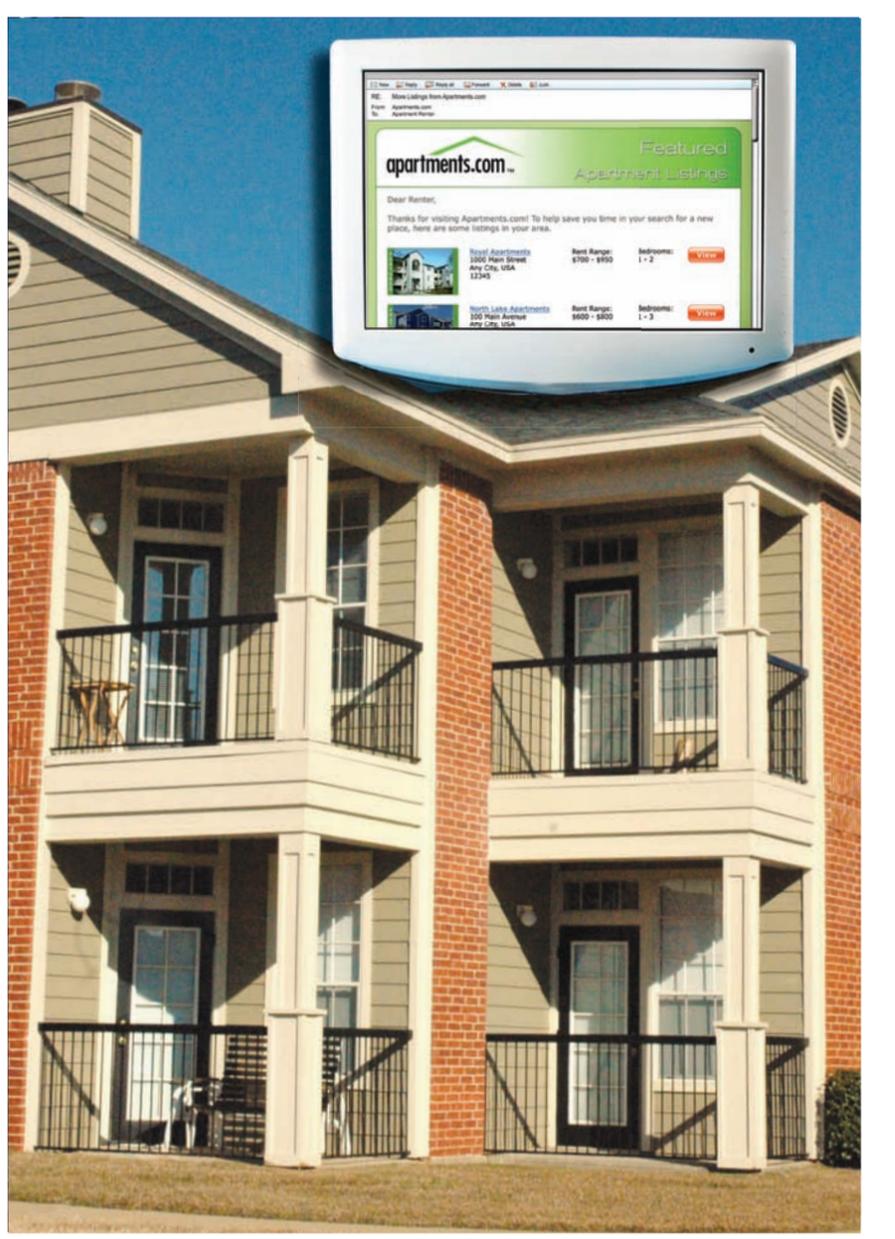
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MOVIES & MOONBEAMS
When: 8:30 p.m. Columbia Park, 2900 Creswell Ave., Shreveport.
Featuring: outdoor screening of "Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore."
Admission: free.
Info: www.mySPAR.org.

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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP ARTS, CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW SUMMER SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 16; 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. July 17. Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City.
Featuring: exhibitors with a variety of arts and crafts, unique items, floral, baby and children items, women's accessories, monogramming, home decor, clothing, hairbows, tasty foods and more. Door prizes will be given away hourly.
Admission: \$3; free, children ages 10 and younger.
Info: (318) 470-6714, (318) 564-9489 or www.shoptiludropla.com.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CRUISE NITE
When: 6-9 p.m. Collier's Custom Classics and Hot Rods, 2915 Youree Drive, Shreveport.
Featuring: display of classic and custom cars and trucks, music and concessions. Presented by the Red River Street Rod Association.
Admission: free.
Info: (318) 218-4823.

JULIO IGLESIAS CONCERT
When: 8 p.m. Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City.
Admission: \$55-\$65.
Info: (888) 512-7469 or www.riverdome.com.

CLASSIC ARMS GUN & KNIFE SHOW
When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 16; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 17. RiverView Hall, 600 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.
Featuring: buy, sell or trade new and old guns, ammo, gun parts, books, knives, camouflage, militaria and related items at discount prices. Persons younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent.



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The Shop 'Til You Drop Arts, Crafts and Gift Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Bossier Civic Center.

Admission: \$2-\$7.
Info: (985) 624-8577 or www.capgunshows.com.

HOUSE CONCERT SERIES
When: 7 p.m. Fairfield Studios, 1510 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport.
Featuring: 2-Bit Palomino.
Admission: \$20.
Info: (318) 219-7688 or reservations@fairfieldstudios.com.

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SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS VS. WICHITA WINGNUTS
When: 7:05 p.m. July 18-20. Fair Grounds Field, 2901 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport.
Featuring: a minor league baseball game.
Admission: \$5.
Info: (318) 636-5555 or captains@sbcaptains.com.

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2011 BOYS & GIRLS CITY JUNIOR AMATEUR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP
When: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Querbes Park

Golf Course, 3500 Beverly Place, Shreveport.
Featuring: a medal play tournament open to all junior golfers up to age 17.
Admission: \$25, entry fee. Register by July 15 at noon.
Info: (318) 673-7773.

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TNT TROLLEY EXPRESS
When: 5 p.m. artspace, 710 Texas St., Shreveport.
Featuring: "Picture This Architecture!" Tour curated by Mike McSwain of downtown Shreveport's finest architectural buildings. Photographer Neil Johnson will be on board to help riders capture the view on their cameras.
Admission: free.
Info: (318) 673-6535.

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SIZZLIN' SUMMER SHOP-A-THON
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Courtyard Marriot at Louisiana Boardwalk, 100 Boardwalk Blvd, Bossier City.
Featuring: Barksdale Spouse Home & Small Business Group is holding a vendor show.

Admission: free.
Info: (662) 352-1946.

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TEKKEN BLOOD VENGEANCE IN 3D
When: 7:30 p.m. Tinseltown, 8400 Millicent Way, Shreveport.
Featuring: a special digital cinema event presented in RealD 3D based on the videogame "Tekken."
Admission: \$12-\$14.
Info: www.FathomEvents.com.

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CHELY WRIGHT IN CONCERT
When: 8 p.m. DiamondJacks Casino Resort, 711 DiamondJacks Blvd., Bossier City.
Admission: \$20-\$35.
Info: (888) 595-4849 or www.diamondjacks.com.

'SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE' NATIONAL DANCE DAY CELEBRATION
When: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sandys-Dance Center, 111 Dalton St., Suite 400, Shreveport.
Featuring: dance demonstrations, exhibitions, door prizes and refreshments.

Admission: free.
Info: (318) 798-7836.

2011 ARK-LA-TEX COIN, STAMP & CARD EXPOSITION
When: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. July 30-31. Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City.
Featuring: a chance to buy, sell, trade and appraisal old coins, currency, stamps and sports memorabilia.
Admission: free.
Info: (318) 868-9077.

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LITTLE BIG TOWN IN CONCERT
When: 8 p.m. DiamondJacks Casino Resort, 711 DiamondJacks Blvd., Bossier City.
Admission: \$25-\$45; \$100, VIP Meet and Greet tickets.
Info: (888) 595-4849 or www.diamondjacks.com.

MOVIES & MOONBEAMS
When: 8:30 p.m. Riverview Park, Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.
Featuring: outdoor screening of "Grownups."
Admission: free.
Info: (318) 673-7892 or www.mySPAR.org.

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TASTE OF CULTURE
When: 6 p.m. Skybox, Independence Stadium, 3301 Perishing Blvd., Shreveport.
Featuring: a fundraising event for the Multicultural Center of the South with food and entertainment of 26 cultures that represent Shreveport-Bossier and North Louisiana.
Admission: \$35.
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Featuring: a Shreveport Little Theatre Lagniappe production.
Admission: \$22; \$10, student rush policy available.
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