Arnold AFB personnel provides gifts for 140 Angel Tree area children

By Bradley Hicks

The gifts flowed into the Arnold Air Force Base Medical Aid Station so rapidly on the morning of Dec. 6 that the space remaining in the storage room used to house them was quickly filled.

As presents continued to roll in, additional space was needed. The hallway outside the storage room was temporarily lined with gifts until these were moved to an unused exam room. Like the storage area, this room also filled quickly.

The gift-filled rooms served as proof that this year’s AEDC Angel Tree program was once again a success and, thanks to the efforts of active-duty military, DOD civilians and contractors at Arnold AFB, Christmas will be a little brighter for 140 area children.

Each year, personnel across Arnold sponsor “angels” from a list and purchase gifts based on each angel’s wants, such as toys and electronics, and needs, like coats and shoes, as identified in the list. The angels are local children who may not have otherwise received Christmas gifts from family members due to their financial situation.

Master Sgt. Ricardo Hollingsworth, Health Services manager at the Arnold Medical Aid Station, coordinated this year’s program, including the arrangement to have the Medical Aid Station serve as the point for gift drop-offs. He said those at the base went “above and beyond” in providing toys for children this year.

“It’s really nice to see that people still care and that the holidays mean something,” he said.

Team AEDC has worked with the Center for Family Development in Shelbyville since the late 1990s. When the partnership began, there were around 30 children on the Angel Tree list provided to Arnold. As the number of people seeking support through the Center has increased, so has the number of children on the list.

Last year, there were 143 children on the list provided to Arnold. All received sponsorship.

Hollingsworth was especially pleased that this year’s Angel Tree was a success considering the quick turnaround needed to pull it off. When the original coordinator of this year’s effort had to take time off for personal reasons, Hollingsworth, who has been at Arnold for about four months, was tasked with leading the campaign. He was informed on Nov. 20 that he would be responsible for arranging a location for gift drop-offs and getting the word out about the Angel Tree.

Chuck Kurtsinger, front, drops off gifts for the 2018 AEDC Angel Tree program. Through the AEDC Angel Tree program this year, Arnold personnel provided gifts to 140 area children who may not have otherwise received Christmas presents.

The Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Combined Test Force (CTF), operated by AEDC, was activated to support modernization and life extension for the LGM-30 Minuteman III and development of the next generation Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ICBM. Pictured here is an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launching during an operational test at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

The team at AEDC Hypervelocity Tunnel 9, White Oak, Maryland, conducted a test on the Sierra Nevada Corporation’s Dream Chaser using temperature-sensitive paint and the recently-developed plenum view capability prototype. The plenum view prototype allows for data collection from the windward side of a test article, moving Tunnel 9 closer to achieving a 360-degree TSP capability.

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**Smoking Policy**

1. The following revised Arnold AFB smoking policy is effective immediately and applies to all individuals on base.
2. Traditional Tobacco products (e.g., cigars and cigarettes):
   - Smoking is permitted solely in Designated Tobacco Areas (DTAs) identified by designated signage. If no signage exists, smoking is not permitted in that area. It is the responsibility of all smokers to ensure they are smoking in compliance with the Arnold AFB smoking policy.
3. Smoking in government-owned/leased vehicles is strictly prohibited.
4. Smoking in all areas of the buildings except in the approved DTA.
5. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of government-owned/leased vehicles, including the vehicle bays. Smoking is permitted at Arnold AFB approved vehicle bays only.
6. Smoking in all areas of government-owned/leased vehicles is strictly prohibited. Personnel are allowed to smoke in their personal vehicles while in government-owned/leased vehicles.
7. For government employees, the first time a person smokes has no bearing on the number of times they may smoke. Breaks should be taken in accordance with the current supervisory and personnel policies that ensure all work areas are clean of cigarette butts.
8. No smoking is permitted within 50 feet of golf course buildings and structures except in the approved DTA.
9. Smoking is not permitted on any part of the Arnold AFB property, unless specifically designated as a DTA.
10. Individuals are responsible for the disposal of their cigarettes and ashtrays. Ashtrays must be kept clean and empty.
11. Smoking is permitted within 100 feet of any building.
12. Smoking is not permitted in any area where signs indicate no smoking or signs prohibiting smoking.
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Hollowell emphasizes the friendships that those in officiating develop over time. “I enjoy the comradery and friendship that you develop with other officials,” he said.

Like Hollowell and Mosley, Nugent said the thing he enjoys most about officiating is the friendships that those in officiating develop with the kids and coaches,” he said.

With a little more than 140 years of combined officiating experience between them, Hollowell, Mosley, Northcutt and Nugent have witnessed jubilation and dejection among scores of players, coaches and fans. But the quartet has also seen their fair share of incidents that are more out of bounds.

While officiating basketball, Northcutt said he once saw a coach receive a technical foul—a penalty administered when a player or coach gets a little too vocal in their rebuttal of an official’s call—when that coach’s team was fighting each other. The most outrageous thing, he said, happened this year. “As we finished the Hilburn versus Burch game, at the end of the game a fight broke out on the sidelines. The most unusual thing about this was that the two teams were fighting each other,” Hollowell said of some of the unusual things he has heard during his time as a sports official.

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Mosley added he recently witnessed a memorable sideline scrap while officiating a football contest between two nearby high school squads.

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Hollowell and Mosley were recently selected to officiate the Division II, Class A 2018 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Championship game in Cookeville.
Decorative Lights

Inside or outside, use only lights that have been tested and identified by the label of an independent testing laboratory.

• Check each light, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, loose connections, or damaged or broken bulbs. Replace any suspected damaged or broken lights.
• Check the tree lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect them from wind damage.
• Check for three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Place all extension cords and receptacles away from soaking water, fires, or other high-risk conditions that you think or know will put the house or electrical system at risk.
• Never use electric lights on a metal tree. The tree may become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and anyone touching a metal tree could be killed.

Fireplace Safety

Before starting your fireplace:

• Remove all lights, brooms, paper, and other decoration from the fireplace area. Check to see that the fireplace itself is clean. This means the fire box be the fire is not completely blocked by ashes, soot, or creosote. Do not use over onto fires, and check for the presence of firefighters. They can float up into chimney and cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned.
• Inspect your chimney at least once a year and clean if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire.
• Place fires only in the fireplace and use a screen or fire guard. Never use a screen and only burn material appropriate for fireplaces. Ashes and embers left in the fireplace can float up into chimney and catch one on fire.

• Check the floor around your fireplace for signs of burn marks or soot, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns. You need to be sure that the fire is out completely.

Fireplace candles:

• Place only flameless candles in fireplaces. candles with wax or liquid fuel can start a fire.

• Never leave burning candles unattended.

• Lock the doors immediately once you leave the house. The house can be left unattended at any time.

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Winter Driving:

Drive no faster than 5 to 10 miles an hour in parking areas, or if they are really empty. You can turn, park to try to park in well-lit areas as close to the front door of the store as possible.

• Never driving alone.

• If you are in a car, walking to your car alone, ask a security guard or a store employee to accompany you.

Private Streets:

• Have a well-lit driveway and be able to see the front door of the house. The house can be left unattended at any time.

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AEDC Hypervelocity Tunnel 9 advanced diagnostician and physicist Michael Smith works in the Tunnel Laser Lab. Advanced laser diagnostics helped pave the way for Mach 18 capability at Tunnel 9, an AEDC facility located in White Oak, Maryland. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Outside machinists Tim Gilliam, left, and Will Jacques, right, and boilermaker Troy Caldwell, second from right, look on as Lead Outside Machinist Mark Carpen loads a projectile into the launcher at the AEDC Hypervelocity Ballistic Range. The craftsmen helped to improve weather encounter testing at the facility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Bradley Hicks)
Col. Keith M. Roessig, center, becomes chief of the AEDC Test Operations Division during a Change of Leadership Ceremony July 12 in the J-8 Large Rocket Motor Test Facility at Arnold Air Force Base. AEDC Commander Col. Scott Cain (left) passes the Test Operations Division guidon to Roessig as Senior Master Sgt. Michael D. Roberts looks on. (U.S. Air Force photo by Rick Goodfriend)

During a Change of Leadership event, Lt. Col. Adam Quick became the new chief of the Space and Missile CTF at Arnold Air Force Base. Col. Timothy West (left), formerly AEDC Test Operations Division chief, passes the Space and Missile Combined Test Force guidon to Quick, while guidon bearer 1st Lt. Karlie Madden looks on. (U.S. Air Force photo by Rick Goodfriend)

Col. John Tran stepped into the role of AEDC Test Systems Sustainment Chief at Arnold Air Force Base. Tran, pictured left, speaks to Senior Master Sgt. Michael Roberts in the TSS Office at Arnold. (U.S. Air Force photo by Deidre Ortiz) (This image was altered by obscuring items for security purposes)
Arnold AFB hosts Children’s Christmas Party

The Arnold Air Force Base Services Branch hosted a Children’s Christmas Party Dec. 1 at the Arnold Lakeside Center. The event was open to all Base members, Reserve and Guard members, retirees and their immediate families. Activities included indoor and outdoor activities, a petting zoo, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. (Courtesy photos)
AEDC Woman’s Club presents focus on literacy

By Barbara McGuire

Are you prepared to welcome 2019 during the AEDC Woman’s Club meeting Jan. 3 at the Arnold Lakeside Club? Dot Watson, a Tullahoma native who has traveled around the world and lived in many places with her Navy husband of 56 years, will be the guest speaker.

Since retiring to Tullahoma, Watson has been involved in many volunteer activities which include opening Partners for Healing, a primary care clinic for the working uninsured, and the Book Shelf, a used book store which is a project of The Literary Council.

She will speak about the Literary Council history and mission, changes to the program, and the newest developments.

During the Dec. 6 meeting, the AEDCWC were entertained by singer-songwriter Carson Hill. The Toys for Tots drive and the Christmas Boutique throughout the meeting were considered a success by meeting organizers.

The social hour of the Jan. 3 meeting starts at 9:30 a.m., with the business meeting and program beginning at 10 a.m. Reservations must be made no later than noon Dec. 27. Make reservations by calling 931-393-2552 or 931-434-5415.

The AEDCWC meetings are open to the public and provides the opportunity to meet the members and become a member. You don’t have to have military connections or be involved with Arnold Air Force Base to visit and become a member.

For information about the AEDCWC, call the membership chairman at 931-455-3169.

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‘Year-In-Review’ for AEDC

Special Events

AEDC team members at Arnold Air Force Base support the Area 13 Special Olympics on May 1 at the Tullahoma High School stadium. Pictured is Staff Sgt. Richard Griffin, far right, participating in the lighting of the Special Olympics torch with athlete Darius Battles, third from left. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jacqueline Cowan)

Until June 2018, when Chief Master Sgt. Robert Heckman entered the role, it had been more than a decade since AEDC has had a Chief as Superintendent. As AEDC Superintendent, Heckman serves as an advisor to AEDC Commander Col. Scott Cain on all issues regarding operations, readiness, morale, good order and discipline at the Complex. Pictured is Heckman, at right, speaking to Jason Austin, chief of AEDC Public Affairs. (U.S. Air Force photo by Chris Warner)

Col. Scott Cain, AEDC commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Heckman, AEDC superintendent, visit the 900-ton crane at the Holloman High Speed Test Track - Target Array Capability in October 2018. The HHSTT, part of the AEDC 704th Test Group - 846th Test Squadron, has the capability to test weapons that can penetrate hardened structures. (Courtesy photo)

Four new AEDC Fellows who have made significant long-term contributions to the advancement of aerospace ground testing technology and capabilities at AEDC were selected as the 2018 AEDC Fellows. The Arnold Community Council AEDC Fellows Committee runs the AEDC Fellows program, the highest honor for AEDC employees. The 2018 AEDC Fellows were, from left, Scott Bartlett, Technical Fellow; John Murphy, Technical Fellow; Mark Kelly, Lifetime Achievement Fellow; and Art Weise (photo unavailable), Craft Fellow. (Courtesy photos)