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A meeting, hosted by Arnold Air Force Base Cultural Resources, was held May 21-22 on Arnold Air Force Base. Arnold Lakeside Center provided a face-to-government-to-government consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation representatives. Arnold as well as AEDC cultural resource program recognizes Native American tribes. The AEDC Community Council (ACC) has recognized five outstanding contributors to our nation’s aerospace excellence at the Tactical Air Force Development Complex headquarters at Arnold Air Force Base as AEDC Fellows for 2019.

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Chief of AFB High Speed Experimental Branch retiring

Glenn Listen, chief of the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory High Speed Experimental Branch at Arnold Air Force Base, will retire from Air Force civil service June 30 after 37 years of federal service.

Listen was selected to establish the new branch in May 2012 and to oversee the operations of the government and contractor teams conducting experimental research within the AEDC’s Kernan C. Gaskin Dynamic Flow Facility (VKF) at AFB. He supervised a team of about 16 members that made up the AFB branch.

Listen reported that in his nearly three years at AFB, “I got hire in October 2013 and set up the office and started hiring. We were fully staffed by December 2013.”

He commented that many individuals across the AEDC team at Arnold support the effort to start up the branch, and saw to it that the High Speed Experimental Branch had a successful start.

“Many standouts involved close collaboration with a lot of different organizations, which is also why our team works so well,” he said, “because we have support from the Finance and Accounting Office, Test Systems, Division, Test Support Division, the Test Systems Support Division and all those groups coming together. So they play a role depending on what we’re trying to accomplish.”

The branch is headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where Listen was located prior to transitioning to his new role at AFB.

Listen came over working as part of the AFB High Speed Systems Division for the Aerospace Systems Directorate, he said: “Dr. Doug Blake is a former executive director for AEDC who came up from AFB. He was a key player.”

Listen returned from Purdue University with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering and an automatic engineering degree in 1982. Following this, he worked for 10 years in the U.S. Air Force as an engineer. He achieved the rank of Captain and was both active duty at the time in Savannah, California, at the Satellite Control Center,” he said.

In 1992, he received his master’s degree in Management Science from the University of Dayton. In 1993, he started a DOD civilian position with the Air Force Wright Aeronautical Laboratories at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Listen mentioned that in his goal to have had the opportunity to work at Arnold, having worked closely with members of Team AEDC over the years, but never having visited the site in ten years. He added he has also seen team come incredibly well in coordination with many other Aerospace’s groups.

“Instead of me asking them to do things, they want to come to me and tell me what they’re accomplishing,” Listen said. “That’s a little scary but immensely satisfying.”

In addition to bringing pride of what has been accomplished, he’s also leaving with several memories. He has no doubt the reactivation of VKF Tunnel D was one of those experiences.

Glenn Listen, chief of the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory High Speed Experimental Branch at Arnold Air Force Base, stands by a model of the X-51A Wavefider, an experimental, scram-jet-powered hypersonic vehicle. In addition to his other career milestones, Listen said he is most proud of his involvement in the aircraft. He will be retiring from Air Force Civil Service June 30 after 37 years of federal service. (U.S. Air Force photo by Deidra Ortiz)

Smoking Policy

1. The following revised AFB smoking policy is effective immediately and applies to all individuals on board Air Force property.

Smoking is not permitted at any time within specific areas designated as smoking restricted areas. Such areas include, but are not limited to, special events, buildings, outdoor facilities, and public areas not specifically designated as non-smoking areas.

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Training for reliable success

Ron Moore, of RM Group Inc., teaches a class, “Reliability Based Design in Capital Projects,” to AEDC team members May 15 at the Active Mission Building on the AEDC Campus. The objective of the Test Systems and Operation Test System Branch is to improve the manner of operations and reliability of testing infrastructure. One way to do this is through making reliability and maintainability integral to the design from the outset when planning upgrades. The one-day class was conducted for 12 members of AEDC team members. (This image has been altered by obscuring badges for security purposes.) (U.S. Air Force photo by Charlie Brink)

Action Line

I believe in open and free communications with our team members, and that’s why we have the Action Line available. People can contact the Action Line to clear-up concerns, seek advice, suggest ideas on improvements, express complaints or get other issues taken care of. Our team members can view a sample of an Action Line message online under the "About Us" tab. Team members have the opportunity to submit an Action Line via the AEDC intranet home page or by calling 454-6000. You will then be prompted to select the normal x6000 commander's Action Line or the AEDC intranet home page. Simply call the normal x6000 commander’s Action Line or Op- tem. With that, you will have a honey-do list a mile long.

Listen isn’t leaving work behind entirely though, planning to continue working part-time as a hypersonic subject matter expert and also expect to continue supporting hypersonic technologies for scramjet powered vehicles. He will be splitting his time between Tennessee and Ohio.
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of leadership roles in the weapons develop-
ment, acquisition, and test communi-
ties, including Program Executive Officer
for Fighters and Bombers, commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Cen-
ter, and commander of the Air Force Test
Center.

As commander of AFMC he made fre-
quent visits to Arnold Engineering and
Development Complex.

Bunch is from Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
He succeeds Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski,
who retired in August after more than
40 years of commissioned service.

In late August, Lt. Gen. Robert D. McMurtry Jr. was named as interim
commander of AEDC, bridging the gap
from Pawlikowski’s retirement until a
vice-five-star successor was named and
confirmed.

McMurtry was dubbed-ball, serving as
Air Force Life Cycle Management Cen-
ter commander as well as interim AFMC
commander.

McMurtry will return full time to his
duties as Air Force Life Cycle Manage-
ment Center commander now that Bunch
has assumed command of AFMC.

By Dr. Doug Garrard

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Dr. Doug Garrard made significant long-term
contributions to advance aerospace ground flight sim-
ation technology and test capabilities.

The ACC AEDC Fellows committee which is headed up by former
AEDC commander and Lifetime Fellow retired Maj. Gen. Mike Wiener,
selected the new Fellows from nominations submitted by past and present
AEDC partisans and AEDC Fellows.

The selections were made by a panel of AEDC Fellows who distinguished
themselves in the very same disciplines for which the new Fellows are being
recognized.

For more information on the AEDC Fellows pro-
gram or the banquet call
334-973-4151 or send an
email to aedccommunit-
ycouncil@gmail.com

Visit: Duty.mil

Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (IAIA) as a
world class expert in propulsion and high temperature
test facilities.

Mr. Marren has been an exceptional-
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recognized. To date, 100 people
have been honored as AEDC Fel-

Life Time Achievement Fellow – Dan Marron

Dan Marron is a retired Air Force
Materiel Command director of
Aerodynamic, Propulsion
and Ground Test Eval-
uation.

“General Bunch was one of
the finest engineers I have
had the pleasure of working with.
He never takes his
subordinates for granted, and
made sure everyone on the
team was valued. He is humble
and never ever forgets any-
ting. His knowledge and
leadership style will be a great
asset to AFMC. We are lucky
to have him.”

Mike Wiener

General Bunch

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Technical Fellow –
Dr. Doug Garrard

Dr. Doug Garrard is a se-
nior staff engineer for NAS.
He has been responsible for
the development of advanced
digital systems that are used
daily to support AEDC’s
Engine Test Facility, Propul-
son Wind Tunnel and the
Aerodynamic and Propul-
sion Test Unit test facilities.
His modeling techniques have
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RoboDores wrap up robotics competition season

By Micaela House

RoboDores Co-Captain

MONTEREY, Calif. – The RoboDores, a FIRST® Robotics Competition team from Monterey High School in California, had its most exciting season yet, themed Destination: Deep Space. Presented by Boeing, the game revolved around the theme of space to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon launch.

RoboDores is one of the teams sponsored by the AEDC Air Force Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program, as many of the students have ties to the National Full-Scale Aerodynamics Complex. This year the team helped host the inaugural Monterey Bay Regional at Seaside High School. Robotics instructor Robin Coyne started this process of hosting a regional when meeting three years ago, and facilitated the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District partnering with FIRST®. Along with Regional Director Theresa Bateman and Apple mentor Matt Losier, Coyne was a part of the Regional Planning Committee and volunteered as an event manager. Students on the team did setup and teardown for the event.

This community effort involved over 50 volunteers; 16 RoboDores parents, mentors and team alumni volunteered at the Regional to help make the event run smoothly from start to finish.

The team was also able to compete at the Silicon Valley Regional. The team pulled off an exciting tie with the first seeded Team 846 at their last qualification match. Although ranked 54/59, the RoboDores were excited to represent California at the World Championships held in Houston in April. The RoboDores, a FIRST® Robotics Competition team from Monterey High School in California, is one of the FIRST® Robotics Competition teams sponsored by the AEDC Air Force Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program.

This year the team helped host the Houston World Championships and the Johnson Space Center. The team enjoyed having 16 RoboDores team members conduct some pre-checks to prepare for one of the qualifying events at the World Championships held in Houston in April. RoboDores, made up of students from Monterey High School in California, is one of the FIRST® Robotics Competition teams sponsored by the AEDC Air Force Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program. (Courtesy photo)

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RoboDores team members carry their robot from the competition floor after the team competed at the World Championshipships held in Houston, Texas, in April. The RoboDores, a FIRST® Robotics Competition team from Monterey High School in California, had a successful 2019 season and are looking forward to future competitions. (Courtesy photo)
AF Research Laboratory demonstrates world’s first day-time free-space quantum communication enabled by adaptive optics

By 86th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Starfire Optical Range, N.M. – The Air Force Research Laboratory’s Starfire Optical Range (SOR) recently demonstrated quantum communication in daylight under realistic conditions representative of space-based and earth-based applications.

“This is the world’s first such demonstration, integrating quantum communication with a novel filtering technique enabled by adaptive optics (AO), a technology pioneered by Air Force Research Laboratory, Dr. Mark Gruneisen and 2nd Lt. Eddie Hilburn make adjustments to the key quantum distribution testbed at the Starfire Optical Range propagation site. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ilka Cole)

“Continued research and development by AFRL and others will bring new capabilities to the warfighter and mankind.”

Dr. Allen. "We need our civilians and we're the problem solvers and we're the thought leaders, and we will facilitate their ideas, and we will facilitate their ideas to come to fruition and to be a successful outcome. This is a great example of what basic research can do and how we strengthen our capabilities.”

Dr. Chris-Spovart said the team plans to publish their findings and work toward transitioning the technology for further maturation and production, with the objective of reducing cost and improving performance. He attributes this success to the collaboration, communciation and expertise of the staff at AFRL, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Argonne National Laboratory.

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JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. (AFNS) – Two years and nine days since becoming the 24th Secretary of the Air Force, Heather Wilson bid a formal farewell, May 21, to the institution and its Airmen, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve and declaring, “I will always be an Airman.”

“I lived a blessed life,” Wilson said in a 15-minute speech which reflected on her tenure as the Air Force’s highest-ranking civilian official.

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While Wilson reflected on two years as secretary by highlighting the achievements and contributions of Airmen across the Air Force’s global enterprise, other speakers focused squarely on Wilson herself.

“You have been the leader we needed at this exact time in our Air Force,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein said, praising Wilson. “As an Airmen’s Airmen, you have served as a driving force for positive change.”

Under her direction and in partnership with Goldfein, the Air Force became both more prepared and nimble in the last two years. A shortage of more than 4,000 active-duty maintainers that greeted Wilson when she arrived in 2017 has been closed to zero. Aggressive efforts to streamline the procurement process has shaved 100 years off traditional timelines while a slate of major contracts approved in recent years saved more than $17 billion.

Wilson has been a catalyst in well driving innovation. She spearheaded the analysis which said the “Air Force we need” must increase to 386 squadrons from 312 to confront threats in an era of great power competition. Wilson was also a key architect of an ambitious upgrade for the service’s science and technology strategy released in April. That document will serve as a “Hippocratic oath” for Airmen, motivating them to develop and deploy breakthrough technologies in the future.

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And while hardware is important, Goldfein said Wilson, “understood the priority is with the people and improving the quality of service and quality of life for our uniformed volunteers and their families is where it starts.”

Wilson praised Airmen, expresses gratitude in farewell remarks reflecting on her tenure as Air Force secretary

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson listens as Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein gives his remarks during her farewell ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, May 21. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Rusty Frank)
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AFNS) — In the cockpit of “Wise Guy,” a B-52H Stratofortress which had been baking in the Arizona sun at the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group since 2008, is a note that reads: “AMARG, this is 60-034, a cold warrior that stood sentinel over America from the darkest days of the Cold War to the global fight against terror. Take good care of her...until we need her again.”

The plea, scrawled on a metal clipboard in black marker, proved to be prophetic when both Reserve and active duty Airmen flew the jet to Barksdale Air Force Base May 14 to begin the next phase of its life protecting U.S. interests at home and abroad.

The note’s unknown author probably knew the bomber’s chances of returning to active service were slim. AMARG is often referred to as the “Boneyard” because aircraft sent to the desert environment are normally picked over for parts. Most B-52s sent there never fly again.

But when the Air Force lost one of its bombers in 2016, it started a chain of events that made “Wise Guy” only the second B-52H ever to be taken from the 309th AMARG for active service. The first, nicknamed “Ghost Rider,” was brought to Barksdale AFB in 2015, also by members of the 307th and 2nd Bomb Wings.

With more than 17,000 flight hours in its history and more than a decade baking in the desert, getting “Wise Guy” airworthy required help from multiple sources.

“This was a command wide effort, with reservists and active duty offering a great deal of experience,” said Col. Robert Burgess, 307th Operations Group commander and pilot for the flight. “It took four months to get ready, so it was really a small effort on the aircrew side and a major effort on the maintainer side.”

The bomber had a team of 13 to 20 maintainers working on it at any given time, said Master Sgt. Steven Sorge, a 307th Maintenance Squadron fuels systems mechanic.

“The jet had cracks in the rear landing gear and was missing two engines,” he said. “It also needed all its fuels cells and hoses replaced, as well as its tires.”

“Wise Guy” also needed its egress systems overhauled, said Master Sgt. Greg Barnhill, 307th Maintenance Squadron egress shop supervisor. An egress system allows the aircrew to bail out of the aircraft in case of an emergency.

“All of our parts for repairing the ejections seats were basically in a five-gallon bucket,” he said. “It was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle.”

Fortunately, maintainers like Sorge and Barnhill have a deep well of experience, having worked on B-52s for more than two decades. They also had the advantage of the total force integration system, which combines the experience of Reserve Airmen from the 307th BW with active-duty Airmen from the 2nd BW.

“TFI worked great out there for us,” Barnhill said. “The active-duty Airmen in our shop and those from 2nd BW worked well as a team and were a big help.”

Once the maintainers completed the necessary repairs, they ran multiple tests on the engines, landing gear, fuel and egress systems to ensure the jet was flight worthy.

From there, it was all up to the aircrew to get the bomber to Barksdale AFB. The three-man crew, with more than 10,000 flying hours between them, flew the B-52 low and slow all the way to Louisiana.

With the bomber safely at Barksdale AFB, Barnhill had time to reflect on his role in saving “Wise Guy” from becoming a historical footnote.

“Bringing a bomber out of AMARG is a once in a lifetime chance and I have been able to do it twice,” he said. “It’s just an honor to bring it back into service.”

Fully restoring the jet will require 550 personnel across multiple maintenance disciplines and cost approximately $30 million, according to guidance released by Air Force Global Strike Command. The aircraft is expected to be completely restored by early 2021.
Summer – A time to enjoy family, friends, and practice good risk management

By Josh Aycock
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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFNS) – While June 21st is the official beginning of summer, Memorial Day weekend acts as the unofficial kickoff to the summer season for many Air Force families. The weather is in that sweet spot between not too hot, and not too cold. Many families are enjoying an extended weekend together. Friends gather to barbecue and take time to honor those who died while serving the United States. Simply put, it is a great jump-start for the season to come.

As Airmen approach and plan for summer activities, leadership at all levels should take the time to discuss risk management and highlight hazards Airmen may encounter during the upcoming months. The Air Force’s top three leaders began that conversation in a tri-signature memorandum recently sent to all Airmen.

“As you execute our Air Force mission or participate in summer activities with your family and friends, please use what you have learned about risk management,” the memo read. “Plan for the unexpected, make wise choices and avoid unnecessary risks.”

The memo also emphasized how personal safety directly ties to Air Force readiness. Over the past decade, preventable accidents on and off duty have tragically claimed 16 Airmen lives on average per year during the summer months.

“Lose of life to a preventable accident impacts not only the Airmen and their families, but the entire Air Force and how we get the mission done,” said Maj. Gen. John T. Rauch, Air Force chief of safety. “That’s why it’s so important for Airmen and leaders to understand risk management isn’t something that you simply focus on part time. It is a method of understanding what your hazards are, mitigating those risks where possible, and accepting risk at the appropriate levels, both on and off duty.”

Rising temperatures lead to more time spent outdoors, traveling to enjoy family vacations and increased chances of dehydration, exposing Airmen to more risk during the summer months. While Airmen commonly acknowledge these risks, they do not always register risks in the moment.

“Many of us tend to want to turn our brains off and relax when summer hits, however the opposite needs to happen,” said Bill Parsons, Air Force Safety Center’s Occupation Safety division chief. “Don’t let your guard down in the summer.”

Parsons continued that one hazard in particular stands out as often overlooked.

“Every year we lose Airmen to water-related activities and many times it’s simply due to lack of preparation,” Parsons said. “Airmen must intimately understand the hazards presented by water, whether it is temperature, depth, currents, or adding alcohol and sleep deprivation into the mix.”

Alcohol is another major hazard that often impairs good risk management. Over the last five years, 66 Airmen deaths occurred throughout the summer. At least 22 of those deaths involved alcohol. “It’s not that Airmen don’t know that alcohol impairs their decision making ability, because I’m confident the Air Force takes every opportunity to emphasize and re-emphasize that message,” Rauch said. “What’s missing is a well thought out plan before engaging in their chosen activities. Excessive alcohol, poor judgment and summer activities with the lack of a plan simply don’t mix.”

Summer is a time that every Airmen should rejoice. The beautiful weather is cause to explore the camera of not only the United States, but also countries across the globe, as Airmen are engaging in worldwide operations. With those adventures come risks. Airmen are encouraged to have a plan, understand their local hazards and practice good risk management. (Courtesy photo)
Arnold AFB Milestones

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) – Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson announced the Air Force met its “Century Challenge” milestone this month, cutting 100.5 years of unnecessary schedule from existing weapons development programs.

“Need for speed: Air Force meets acquisition acceleration “Century Challenge” milestone

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