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Thank you

Thank you for approving the funds/effort for the new paint job on the PBY on display. It looks terrific!

It's a fitting upgrade to a historical icon of our resident rescue squadron.

We're proud of the developing new look at the airpark (on Kirtland AFB's west side at Aberdeen Avenue and Doris Street), but need to give credit where credit is due. The 377th Air Base Wing provided the funds for the recent re-landscaping of the area, while our partners in the 58th Special Operations Wing obtained the funding to spruce up these classic war birds.

All in all, it's a fitting tribute to those who trained here so they'd be ready for action wherever America needed them. By the way, PB stands for patrol bomber and the Y is the manufacturer's code for Consolidated Aircraft Company.

Kudos to CDC employee

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ms. Pauline and the staff at the Gibson Child Development Center.

Ms. Pauline Palmer-Green brought to our attention that we should speak to someone about our son. She did this in the most discrete and professional matter.

Come to find out, our son was in need of help. We appreciate Ms. Pauline for stepping forward and taking an initiative. Because she notified us at an early stage, our son has a better chance to catch up with



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children his age. He is progressing slowly, but it is positive.

Thanks Ms. Pauline for taking the time to care. How glorifying. You will always have a place in our hearts. You have changed the life of one child.

I wanted to take the time to inform you of what type of individuals are employed on this installation. This one should not go unrecognized.

We are extremely proud of the high quality of child care provided by

the staff in our child development programs, as well as their dedication to meeting each child's individual needs every day. Of course, parent involvement is a crucial ingredient for the continuing success of our programs. So, we appreciate their open communications with our professional staff. We'll certainly share your comments of appreciation with staff members. Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge outstanding team members of the Gibson Child Development Center.

Grateful to housing office

I am writing to thank Norma Johnson from 377th Mission Support Group Housing Office for her help in my locating housing in Albuquerque.

I am a retired Air Force officer who is being transferred to Albuquerque by my employer. I contacted the Kirtland Housing Management and Referral Office and Ms. Johnson was exceedingly helpful to me. She faxed me listings of available housing and, only because she acted so quickly, I have just expressed mailed a lease on temporary quarters in your area. Without her aid, I'd still be looking!

Thank you does not express it all as it really warms the heart to know that the Air Force family still takes care of its own.

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Welcome to the TEAM KIRTLAND community. Thank you for your kind words about Ms. Johnson. We are proud that our housing referral staff provides quick, efficient assistance to the many people who move to the Albuquerque area. As you settle in, please know our objective is to give you and all of TEAM KIRTLAND the same high standard of service everywhere you turn.

Air Force Ball was outstanding

I would like to say thanks for giving TEAM KIRTLAND the opportunity to attend the Air Force Ball, celebrating the 57th year of the Air Force, Sept. 18. The event was outstanding, and everyone I encountered seemed to have as good a time as I did.

The event offered great variety with the orchestra dance music, the French cafe, the silent auction and photographs of couples posed before a vintage aircraft. The hangar was roomy, airy and comfortable. The commemorative coins with ticket purchase are beautiful.

The project officer, Capt. Russell Burks, did an outstanding job with the support of his committee members from all areas of the base.

You bet! That was one marvelous party and what super reasons to have a party – celebrating

our Air Force heritage and honoring America's "greatest generation." We owe a HUGE debt of gratitude to Captain Burks, TEAM KIRTLAND's company grade officers, and many others for stepping up to the plate and making this awesome gala a reality. Can't wait for next year!

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We want your suggestions and comments concerning Kirtland AFB.

However, may we also suggest giving base agencies or the chain of command the chance to resolve your concern before calling Forum.

If you decide the Forum is the right answer, we don't print callers' names.

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Balloon Fiesta salutes veterans Oct. 3; volunteers sought to present state flags

Military members from each of the 50 states have an opportunity to participate in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Salute to Veterans Oct. 3.

The state flag bearers will present the flags during the 10 a.m. opening ceremonies at the IABF grounds. The ceremonies will start with a parachute jump by the Air Force Academy Wings of Blue team and will pay tribute to several Medal of Honor recipients from New Mexico.

One Kirtland AFB military representative may represent each state. Volunteers will be enrolled on a first-come basis. To apply for this unique community relations opportunity, send an e-mail to elizabeth.wills@kirtland.af.mil. For additional details, contact Master Sgt. Elizabeth Wills, 377th Contracting Squadron, 846-8146.

Volunteers will travel by military bus from Kirtland AFB 377th Air Base Wing parking lot at 7 a.m. Oct. 3. Participants will wear an appropriate military uniform for the ceremonies, and everyone may take civilian clothes to change into following the ceremony.