

Wyoming Boulevard lane closures scheduled

Lane closures on Wyoming Boulevard Southeast are scheduled through Oct. 15, each day 6 a.m.-3 p.m.

The lane closure supports construction of the utility infrastructure servicing the privatized housing area.

To minimize impact on traffic, two in-bound lanes are maintained during the morning rush hours and two out-bound lanes will be maintained during the afternoon rush hours.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Joseph Lujan at 846-6703.

MSS closes

The 377th Mission Support Squadron (CSS, Civilian and Military Personnel flights, Education Center and Family Support Center are closed today for an official function. Call 270-1359.

Redeployment seminars mandatory for returning Airmen

The first redeployment seminar for Airman returning from deployment is Oct. 13, 1-4 p.m., in the Rio Grande Ballroom in the Rio Grande Community Center.

The 377th Air Base Wing commander has designated the briefing as mandatory for wing personnel who deployed in AEF 7/8 and returned in the June 2004 time frame.

A second mandatory seminar is offered Oct. 29, 8-11 a.m., at the same location for personnel returning from the AEF 9/10 deployment.

For questions on the briefings, call 846-3305.



Photo by Todd Berenger

Get a great job, have a great future

Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Ross (left), 377th Medical Group information specialist technician, explains some of the medical careers that the Air Force has to offer to a student during Highland High School Career Day. Tech. Sgt. James Padolan, an Air Force recruiter, answered questions and provided information to students about the range of Air Force careers and tuition reimbursement for college. For more coverage on the event see next week's edition of the Nucleus.

Air Force revises career job reservation 'wait list'

The Air Force has revised the career job reservation list to meet and strengthen goals under Force Shaping.

While five new Air Force specialties have been identified as constrained, another six have been released from the list. All constrained Air Force specialty codes receive quotas, have a rank order/wait list established and all first-term Airmen will need to apply within the appropriate CJR application windows.

"All first-term Airmen must have an approved career job reservation prior to reenlisting in the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Dee Wolfe, Air Force Reenlistments noncommissioned officer in charge at the Air Force Personnel Center. "That job reservation may now be a little bit harder to get depending on their specialty.

"The list of constrained Air Force specialties and quotas are established by air staff," she added.

Limiting CJRs is the latest in a series of Air Force initiatives to ensure the service keeps people where they are needed only.

What that means is first-term Airmen serving in career fields

that are currently constrained may not be allowed to reenlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

"Those who are not approved for retraining or do not receive a CJR will be projected for separation," said Sergeant Wolfe. "We encourage Airmen to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, through military civilian employment or through an inter-service transfer to the Army via blue to green."

Only first-term Airmen selected for reenlistment by their commander under the selective reenlistment program will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

For further information and a complete list of constrained AFSCs, contact the local military personnel flight's re-enlistment office or visit the CJR Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.

(Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center News Service.)

Disabilities Employment Task Force provides job experience

BY LT. COL. JOE HALL

377th Medical Support Squadron commander

Most of us take for granted the things we do on a daily basis that many in our society only dream of doing because of a disability. For instance, I got up this morning, took a shower and drove to work without any difficulty. I enjoyed the drive, listening to my music and seeing the dawn of the new day. However, many of our disabled citizens have a hard time even getting out of bed in the morning. Some are paraplegic or quadraplegic, blind or deaf. To put it simply, what you and I take for granted can be a major obstacle for our citizens who are disabled physically.

The Disabilities Employment Task Force was formed to help facilitate our disabled citizens in becoming productive and employed members of Kirtland AFB. They can lead full, productive and independent lives when given the proper training and equipment. And not only can they be productive, they can excel! I remember a systems technician named Richard at a previous assignment of mine. Richard had been in a car acci-

dent and became a paraplegic. However, this condition did not stop him from accomplishing the fairly labor-intensive job of working with more than 50 people in our office. I was amazed at how he would lower himself out of his wheelchair and get on the floor to work on the computers. I often would even see him rolling himself back to his office with a computer in his lap to work. We were dependent on Richard for his technical expertise; he wasn't dependent on us. Richard was disabled, but he had his own car, was an excellent and productive worker, and was able to overcome his injury and live an independent life. This is the goal of our Task Force— to help make this happen for more people like Richard.

Some of the initiatives we are working on are very interesting and hold tremendous promise. For example, a local training agreement with Goodwill Industries will allow their clients to come to Kirtland AFB where they can develop skills and job references for future employment. In fact, Goodwill Industries pays salaries to their clients, so Kirtland AFB receives free labor and the workers receive excellent job experience. This is

a definite win-win! There are also other organizations like the New Mexico Commission for the Blind with whom we are interested in developing a similar relationship. With the proper training and equipment, people who are blind are able to perform well. Our Task Force will soon start to advertise these opportunities, and I know we will find some good matches.

What about our permanent disabled work force? Our goal is to start trying to open more permanent jobs to the people with disabilities. Many of our jobs can be accomplished by people with disabilities as long as they have the right tools and accommodations. We will start working this initiative soon.

Remember, next time you see a person with a disability, count your blessings and then think about the trials and tribulations the individual had to overcome to get to where they are today. In addition, think about how you can make a difference and become involved with helping them. And lastly, give them the respect they are due, because they have overcome more than you and I could even think about overcoming!



Photo by Clover Hatcher

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Manning Masche, Safety and Occupational Health specialist, and Tech. Sgt. Tony Exum, 58th Special Operations Wing Ground Safety manager, inspect the lower control panel of a work platform to ensure that all the safety functions are working properly. Following a fatal accident at Robins AFB, Ga., Gen. Gregory Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, directed a commandwide, one-time inspection of all elevating work platforms and for operator training to be performed. All of the platforms at Kirtland AFB are being inspected.

Directed Energy engineers win Air Force awards

BY EVA HENDREN

Air Force Research Laboratory Public Affairs

Two employees with the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate at Kirtland AFB have been selected for Air Force-level scientific awards.

Receiving the Air Force Research and Development Award was 1st Lt. Jeffrey P. Heggemeier and winning the the 2004 Air Force Engineering Award for Engineering Achievement was James P. O'Loughlin. Both work in the directorate's High Power Microwave Division.

The Air Force Research and Development Award, open to Air Force officers, recognizes accomplishments of personnel working in exploratory or

advanced technology development.

Science and Engineering Awards recognize scientists and engineers for outstanding contributions in four research, development, or engineering categories: research management, engineering achievement, advanced technology development and manufacturing technology.

Heggemeier's nomination was based on his work in the development of sensors, nonlethal weapons and techniques for testing weapon effects. The citation accompanying his award included his efforts on a target identification system, a technology that will allow a warfighter to find and identify weapons hidden behind walls and other obstructions. Also noted was his work on microwave and wave-

form generators that reduce time and cost in high-power microwave tests.

Heggemeier received his bachelor's degree in physics from University of St. Thomas in St Paul, Minn. He received his master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota, where he is also a doctoral candidate in plasma physics concentration. He has published two papers on high-power microwaves.

O'Loughlin's nomination cited his work on Active Denial Technology. As a primary developer of ADT, he was nominated for his efforts leading to a successful demonstration of the technology. Included in his contributions to the technology were redesigned cooling and power systems, which kept the technology from being shelved

as a technical failure.

Active Denial Technology is a non-lethal technology that can be used in peacekeeping, humanitarian missions and for basic protection and police keeping. The technology uses millimeter-wave electromagnetic energy to stop, deter and turn back an attacking adversary. The energy, when directed at a person, penetrates the surface of the skin and heats the skin's surface, creating a sensation of pain without causing damage.

O'Loughlin received his bachelor's degree from University of Maine in Orono, and his master's from Northeastern University in Boston, both degrees in electrical engineering. He has authored 28 papers and has patents on 22 technology items.

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wealth of information, including details on entitlement, Personally Procured Move (formerly called DITY), what can or can't be shipped and contact information.

Counseling briefings by TMO, offered three times monthly, should be scheduled as orders are received.. A meeting should be scheduled at least 30 days prior to your move date by calling 846-1858, weekdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Following a move, a travel voucher/claim needs to be filed, whether a Personally Procured Move or a government move, needs to be filed within 45 days of your move date. Individuals submit a claim for the balance of reimbursement.

While some families are in their new homes, other families' houses will still be under construction. Joseph Buchberg, Kirtland Family Housing property manager, reminds families to be safe and to stay clear of homes where construction continues. He also advises people to avoid the urge to drive past areas where work continues and never enter fenced areas.

Mr. Buchberg also noted some tips and thoughts for the first families to move into the new housing. Some noise from construction of homes still being built is inevitable, so patience is needed. With new landscaping, pets will need to be kept from the newly hydra-seeded areas that in time will be grassy. The landscaped areas will be watered automatically under central control. Modifications like painting should not be made without approval from housing management.

(See move-in schedule on left. Schedule subject to change. A general schedule is available online from the Kirtland AFB homepage..)

Projected move-in schedule for new housing area

Village I			
Units 8-11 for O-6	Oct. 13	Units 31-58 for E-5 and 6	Dec. 13, 2005
Units 12-20 for O-6	Oct. 27	Units 59-86 for E-5 and 6	Jan. 6, 2006
		Units 87-116 for E-5 and 6	Feb. 3, 2006
Village II		Units 117-144 for E-5 and 6	March 2, 2006
Units 1-8 for O-4 and O-5	Nov. 19	Units 145-170 for E-5 and 6	March 26, 2006
Units 9-15 for O-4 and O-5	Nov. 30	Units 171-194 for E-5 and 6	April 17, 2006
Units 16-23 for O-4 and O-5	Dec. 10		
Units 24-32 for O-4 and O-5	Dec. 28	Village III	
Units 33-42 for O-4 and O-5	Jan. 14, 2005	Units 1-11 for O-1 to O-5	Jan. 27, 2005
Units 43-51 for O-4 and O-5	Jan. 28, 2005	Units 12-20 for O-1 to O-3	Feb. 8, 2005
		Units 21-29 for O-1 to O-3	March 7, 2005
Village VI		Units 30-40 for O-1 to O-3	March 23, 2005
Units 1-16 for E-5 and E-6	Dec. 2	Units 41-51 for O-1 to O-3	April 7, 2005
Units 17-32 for E-5 and E-6	Dec. 15	Units 52-61 for O-1 to O-3	April 21, 2005
Units 33-48 for E-5 and E-6	Dec. 29	Units 62-71 for O-1 to O-3	May 5, 2005
Units 49-64 for E-5 and E-6	Jan. 12, 2005	Units 72-79 for O-1 to O-3	May 18, 2005
		Units 80-87 for O-1 to O-3	June 1, 2005
Village VII		Units 88-96 for O-1 to O-3	June 15, 2005
Units 1-28 for E-1 to E-4	March 28, 2005	Units 97-106 for O-1 to O-3	June 29, 2005
Units 29-54 for E-1 to E-4	April 14, 2005	Units 107-116 for O-1 to O-3	July 14, 2005
Units 55-78 for E-1 to E-4	May 3, 2005		
Units 79-102 for E-1 to E-4	May 20, 2005	Village IV	
Units 103-128 for E-1 to E-4	June 9, 2005	Units 1-7 for E-7 to 9	July 29, 2005
Units 129-150 for E-1 to E-4	June 24, 2005	Units 8-15 for E-7 to 9	Aug. 11, 2005
Units 151-176 for E-1 to E-4	July 14, 2005	Units 16-22 for E-7 to 9	Aug. 24, 2005
Units 177-204 for E-1 to E-4	Aug. 4, 2005	Units 23-30 for E-7 to 9	Sept. 7, 2005
Units 205-234 for E-1 to E-4	Aug. 26, 2005	Units 31-38 for E-7 to 9	Sept. 20, 2005
Units 235-260 for E-1 to E-4	Sept. 15, 2005	Units 39-45 for E-7 to 9	Oct. 3, 2005
Units 261-292 for E-1 to E-4	Oct. 7, 2005	Units 46-52 for E-7 to 9	Oct. 17, 2005
Units 291-318 for E-1 to E-4	Oct. 27, 2005	Units 53-59 for E-7 to 9	Oct. 28, 2005
		Units 60-68 for E-7 to 9	Nov. 14, 2005
Village V		Units 69-79 for E-7 to 9	Nov. 30, 2005
Units 1-30 for E-5 and 6	Nov. 21, 2005	Units 80-89 for E-7 to 9	Dec. 14, 2005
		Units 90-99 for E-7 to 9	Dec. 29, 2005
		Units 100-105 for E-7 to 9	Jan. 13, 2006