

TeKi WEEKLY UPDATE

October 10, 2024

The 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office publishes the Team Kirtland (TeKi) weekly update each Thursday unless that day or the day after is a federal holiday or other non-duty day. To submit an item for consideration, email it to 377abw.pa@us.af.mil or call 505-846-5991 by 3p.m. the Wednesday before the requested day of publication. This is subject to change for weeks with a holiday.

TEAM KIRTLAND NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gate Hours

For the upcoming Indigenous Peoples' Day and AFGSC family day, the Youth Center and Child Development Center will be open on Friday, October 11, and closed on Monday, October 14.

Please see the below gate schedule for these days.

Truman Gate– Normal hours (24/7)
Eubank Gate– Normal hours (24/7)
Carlisle Gate – Closed Monday, Oct. 14
Wyoming Gate – Closed Monday, Oct. 14
Gibson Gate– Closed Monday, Oct. 14
Kirtland Contractor Gate – Closed Monday, Oct. 14

Base exercises are being conducted Oct 18-28. Expect possible gate delays and closures. More info to come.

MPF will be closed on Nov. 7 starting at 12:00 p.m. and will reopen on Nov. 12.

Grief Support Group

A new Grief Support Group will begin meeting every Thurs at 1:30 p.m. in the Gravity Airman Resiliency Center, located at 1421 1st Street NE. This support group is an opportunity to heal and connect with others who are facing similar challenges. Anyone with base access is welcome to attend. If you would like to participate in this support group, please RSVP to Chaplain Maj. Joseph Kamphuis at joseph.kamphuis@us.af.mil

Kirtland Gravity Oct Events

Gravity is the Kirtland AFB Airman Ministry Center. It's a place for airman to relax, hang out and develop new friendships. Located in Building 20224, Gravity hosts several events per month open to junior enlisted members and their families. Members seeking further details or to r.s.v.p for the following events can contact the below POCs.

Zach Sullivan, Civilian Coordinator: zsull32@yahoo.com or (505) 313-4431
A1C Jon Ault, President of Gravity: jon.ault@us.af.mil or (928) 458-6932
A1C Anna Bustillo Avila, VP of Gravity: anna.bustillo_avila@spaceforce.mil or (407) 575-0149

These are the upcoming events being hosted by Gravity for **October**:

- **Oct 10:** Thursday night football @ 6:30 p.m. at Gravity center (open to public)
- **Oct 11:** DnD (Dungeons and Dragons) @ 5:30 p.m. at gravity center
- **Oct 16:** General Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m at gravity center (open to public)
- **Oct 17:** Thursday night football @ 6:30 p.m at Gravity center (open to public)
- **Oct 18:** DnD (Dungeons and Dragons) @ 5:30 p.m at gravity center
- **Oct 19:** Escape Room 10:00 a.m., time subject to change, RSVP needed for head count. (Location will be provided by Zach Sullivan, once member has reserved)
- **Oct 24:** Thursday night football @ 6:30 p.m at Gravity center (open to public)
- **Oct 25:** Dinner and a movie, Gaming Tournament @ 6:00 p.m at Gravity center (open to public)
- **Oct 31:** Thursday night football @ 5:30 p.m at Gravity center (open to public)

Military & Family Readiness Center Food Pantry – Donations Needed

- Non-perishable food
- Hygiene products
- Baby supplies
- Any contribution, whether big or small, food donations or food drives, would be greatly appreciated.
- For more information, please contact (505) 853-1717.

M&FRC Events:

- **EFMP Equine Therapy, Oct. 14** at 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. off site
- **DOL Employment Track, Oct.15-16** at 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.at the Consolidated Support Building, Room 120
- **Financial Planning for Marriage, Oct. 15** at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Consolidated Support Building, Room 126
- **Ditching the Dorms, Oct. 17** at 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Consolidated Support Building, Room 126
- **Demystifying Real Estate, Oct. 18** at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Consolidated Support Building, room 126
- **Hiring Event, Oct. 18** at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. the Consolidated Support Building, Room 120
- **Capstone Event (by Appt ONLY), Oct. 18** at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. the Consolidated Support Building, Room 126

Organizational Culture and Employee Assistance Program Events

- A. Wellness Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., via link below. No need to register; just use link below to join any session.
- How to Thrive this Holiday Season: Oct 30

When it's time, join the meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/8081823907pwd=U0UzQTRpRDh1LzZmUEZ5WINvRmp5UT09>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16699006833,8081823907# or +12532158782,8081823907#

Or Telephone: 833 548 0282 (US Toll Free) | 877 853 5247 (US Toll Free)

888 788 0099 (US Toll Free) | 833 548 0276 (US Toll Free)

Meeting ID: 808 182 3907

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/zoomconference>

B. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Webinar Series

- Motivating Others to be their Best: Oct 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Using Emotional Intelligence for Workplace Success Nov 13 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1611807915pwd=L1VqcVFPZWtBMDc0TzE5ZmNsUTYzZz09>

Meeting ID: 161 180 7915 Passcode: 270366

AF LPDP Fall 2024 Application Open Season, Sept 16 - Dec 13

The Air Force Logistics Professional Development Program Fall application season is open starting 16 September for military and civilians! Please go to <https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/10352/SitePages/Home.aspx> for application information, and please ensure your package includes the most current Requirements Sheet, Transmittal Sheet, etc. as they have changed since the Spring 2024 cycle. Applications are due by the end of day Dec 13.

Please contact the AFGSC POCs, Ms. Gale Funk at gale.funk.1@us.af.mil/318-456-9119 and Ms. Kristina Garcia at kristina.garcia.11.ctr@us.af.mil/318-456-9462, for any questions.

377th Medical Group Influenza Vaccine Availability Updates, Sept 23-Dec 6

Vaccine distribution is highly dependent upon receiving inventory. MDG intends to vaccinate eligible populations as follows:

23 September – 4 October – First responders and priority groups (MDG, CDC/Youth Center staff, Firefighters, SFG, 898 MUNS)

15 October, 29 November & 6 December – Hosting Friday Flu Clinics from 0800-1600 by appointment only for all MDG enrollees (Active-Duty Dependents, retirees and their dependents).

Finance Office Changes, Oct 1

Starting Oct. 1, Finance will only accept appointments between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on those days. Visit the Comptroller Services Portal [FMF-Customer-Service - FMF-CS \(dps.mil\)](#) to schedule an appointment, upload documents, and ask basic finance questions.

VLA tours conducted by NRAO scientists and engineers, Oct. 12

Free day of tours and talks at the Very Large Array in Socorro. This event will take place from 9a.m. – 4p.m. Guided tours given by NRAO scientist and engineers will every half hour between 10am – 3pm. There will also be short talks by guest experts in both the morning and repeated in the afternoon. Admission is free, but advance entry tickets are required to help us control the flow of parking as best we can. Visit [National Radio Astronomy Observatory \(ticketapp.org\)](https://www.nrao.edu/ticketapp.org) to reserve tickets.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month Info Fair, Oct. 16

The BX is hosting an info fair for National Disability Employment Awareness Month on Oct. 16 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HVAC transition from Cooling to Heating for all facilities, Oct. 14 – Nov 22

The CE Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Shop will begin the Fall transition from cooling to heating in all USAF facilities base wide beginning Oct. 14 with an estimated completion date Nov. 22.

KAFB Lean Speaker event, Oct 15

Please join AFRL, AFNWC, SNL, 58 SOW, and 150 SOW at their next Lean Speaker Series event to share process improvement topics. The KAFB Lean Speaker event begins at noon MT over Teams, and features Maria Elena Fonseca-Stopher presenting "From Sandbox to Strategy: How Kindergarten Wisdom Can Make Lean Thinking Simple." Ms. Fonseca-Stopher has more than four decades of experience in continuous improvements and Lean. You will learn about how Lean and continuous improvement isn't new and we seem to have forgotten our roots and got lost along the way.

POCs: denise.steele@us.af.mil , brooke.tsilianos.1@us.af.mil and ali.partow.1.ctr@us.af.mil

This event is held on the Teams platform:

Microsoft Teams meeting:

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

+1 410-874-6740,,575619887# United States, Odenton

Phone Conference ID: 575 619 887#

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A new grief support group will begin meeting every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Gravity Airman Resiliency Center. This support group is an opportunity to heal and connect with others who are facing similar challenges. Anyone with base access is welcome to attend.

SkillBridge Fair and Hiring Event, Oct 18

The Education Center and M&FRC are partnering for the first ever SkillBridge Fair and Hiring Event. The event will take place on Friday, Oct 18, in the Consolidated Support Building. There will be 34 employers in room 120 and 10-15 Skillbridge providers in the hallway. All members with base access are welcome to attend the event. All Active-Duty members can attend in uniform.

Trinity Site Open House, Oct 19

White Sands Missile Range will conduct the Trinity Site Open House, Oct 19. Trinity Site is where the world's first atomic bomb was tested at 5:29:45 a.m. Mountain War Time July 16, 1945. The open house is free, and no reservations are required. At the site visitors can take a quarter mile walk to ground zero where a small obelisk marks the exact spot where the bomb was detonated. Weather and roads permitting the Schmidt/McDonald Ranch House will also be available to visit. The ranch house is where the scientists assembled the plutonium core of the bomb. To get to Trinity Site visitors enter WSMR through its Stallion Range Center gate, located five miles south of U.S. Highway 380. The turnoff is 12 miles east of San Antonio, New Mexico. The Stallion Gate is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The site closes promptly at 3:30 p.m.

AFRL Hiring Event & Career Fair, Oct 22-23

The Air Force Research Laboratory is hosting a hiring event and career fair on Oct. 22-23 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the New Space Launchpad 2420 Alamo Ave. SE Suite 104, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Students welcome.

3rd Annual Rattler Classic Golf Tournament, Oct 25

The 58 MXS invites you to the Rattler Classic Golf Tournament, Oct 25, at Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course. Food will be included. If you can't find a team, they will also help you find one. Below are the details for the golf tournament. If you have questions or want to register, please contact Talbert Chase at (505) 853-4180 or talbert.chase@us.af.mil. Please register NLT Oct 23 with your team info.

Registration/Sign-in: 7 a.m.
Shotgun Start: 8 a.m.
Cost: \$65 Per Player
Format: 4-Person Team Scramble

AAFES Base Exchange Trunk or Treat, Oct 30

The Kirtland AFB BX will host a Trunk or Treat event on Wed. Oct 30 from 5 - 7 p.m. in the main store parking lot. They will have candy, games, a bounce house, a costume contest, prizes, and food trucks. Volunteers needed! Contact Mr. Daniel Sacramento at Sacramentod@aafes.com

Disability Awareness Panel & Vendors, Oct. 30

The Mountain View Club is hosting a Disability and Awareness Panel in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month on Oct. 30 at 11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. hor d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

377 MDG Clinic Pharmacy Reopened

The 377 MDG Clinic Pharmacy has reopened for medications from in-house providers only. Hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12 a.m.-1 p.m.).

The Base Exchange pharmacy is available for ALL prescriptions, Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Starting September 23, the 377th MDG Clinic Pharmacy will begin filling all NEW prescriptions from on and off-base providers. All prescriptions will be automatically filled before patients arrive for pick-up, effectively reducing wait times and increasing the number of patients who can be served. The Bx Pharmacy will process refill prescription only.

377th Optometry Clinic will have limited appointment availability until Feb 2025. For an appointment or referral, call the appointment line at 505-846-3200. The clinic is still open for walk-in technician services.

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CLASS/COURSE/BRIEFINGS/EDUCATION

Leaders Encouraging Airman Development (LEAD) Program Event, Oct. 4

For enlisted Airmen who are interested in attending the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) through the Leaders Encouraging Airman Development (LEAD) program, there will be a presentation by USAFA representatives on 4 October at 1600 MST in the Consolidated Support Building, Rm 110.

First Term Enlisted Course (FTEC), Oct. 7 – Oct. 10

Registration is conducted when in-processing through the Welcome Center. Any questions about FTEC or registering please contact SSgt Selene Mendez at selene.mendez@us.af.mil

Green Door Opportunity Briefing, Oct. 8

If you are interested in Green Door opportunities, there will be an AFSOC Green Door Recruiter coming to Kirtland on 8 October. He will be presenting from 1000-1100 (377 ABW Auditorium) and from 1400-1500 (Base Theater).

Palace Chase/Palace Front – AF Reserve Transition Opportunities – Enlisted & Officers, Oct. 17

If you are interested in transitioning to the AF Reserve, MSgt Amy Laframboise, our In-Service Recruiter for the AF Reserve, will discuss the processes and benefits of the Palace Chase and Palace Front programs. To reserve your spot on the roster, please email [MSgt Laframboise](mailto:amy.laframboise@us.af.mil) at amy.laframboise@us.af.mil.

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Junior Enlisted Foundations Course 300 (JE FC), Oct. 21-25

The Junior Enlisted Foundations Course 300 bridges the gap between tech school and Airman Leadership School. The course provides students with the foundational skills and knowledge needed to conform to standards, customs and courtesies, and offers guidance to help enhance the students' focus on becoming highly efficient career field and 5-skill level agents. The JEF300 empowers Airman to reflect on their behaviors in relation to the Airmen Leadership Qualities. It facilitates the journey to developing supervisory and leadership skills, developing the competency of leading individuals and teams, and understanding the guardrails and guidelines of supervision.

Flight Commanders Edge Course, Oct. 28-Nov. 1

The Flight Commander's Edge is a program established by The Air University and managed by the Global College of Professional Military Education (hereinafter, "Global College") to support the development of flight commander courses across the Department of the Air Force. Intended for 2Lt - Maj / New or projected Flight CCs / Nominated by Unit CC / enlisted will be considered based on CC nomination. If interested in attending, please have your Commander or equivalent send your name to Capt Ashe at bryant.ashe.1@us.af.mil, MSgt Ijato at latricia.ijato@us.af.mil, and TSgt McKnight at jessenia.mcknight@us.af.mil.

CLEP/DSST Guidance

We have created a fact sheet for the education office on the Kirtland website that includes all pertinent information. Please follow the link to the fact sheet here: [Education Office* > Kirtland Air Force Base > Display \(af.mil\)](#)

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Coaches and officials for Youth Program

Sports Youth Sports program is starting Youth Program Basketball in January 2025. We need volunteer coaches and officials for basketball and any of the upcoming sports. It's a terrific opportunity to get involved with the youth sports and the community. Volunteers could earn points for the Presidential Service Award. Tentative starting date for basketball would be 13 January 2025 so volunteers would be needed before then. If you are interested or would like

more information, please contact Ricardo DIXON, Youth Center Sports Director, at ricardo.dixon.1@us.af.mil or by phone at (505) 846-1829. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Job Shadow Opportunity

Interested in the recruiting advantages you can experience while providing an invaluable experience for a student? If interested, please contact Cindy Dominguez-Trujillo at cynthia.dominguez-trujillo@us.af.mil or 505-846-1041 with the name of your organization and date of availability.

Airman's Attic

The local Airman's Attic is available to all Active-Duty, Guard, Reserve, and their dependents. This resource is powered by volunteers and sign-ups are offered on their Facebook page "Airman's Attic Kirtland AFB". Located in bldg. 20224, their hours are Monday and Wednesday from 4 - 6 p.m. However, additional shifts and updates are frequently posted to their Facebook page.

For additional inquiries please contact MSgt Veronica Guerrero, veronica.guerrero@us.af.mil. Sign up to volunteer at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B44ABA82EA0FC1-51806818-2024>

The [Airman's Attic FB Page](#) has continuous updates on hours, inventory, and volunteer opportunities.

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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Area Defense Counsel at Kirtland

The ADC ensures complete attorney-client confidentiality and independent legal counsel. It does not report to any leadership chains and provides free, effective, and independent legal counsel to Air and Space Force members facing adverse actions. Contact alister.riviere@us.af.mil or Kimberly.simpson.3@us.af.mil or call 505-846-5553/5554.

OSI Detachment 814 KAFB

Office of Special Investigations Detachment 814 conducts foreign travel briefs for Kirtland AFB personnel every Thursday at 10 a.m. (except for federal holidays and family days). Briefings are conducted at 2050 2nd St SE, bldg. 20203B, Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5522. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact OSI Det 814 at 505-846-0999.

Legal/Judge Advocate Office Contact

Customers needing assistance from the Legal Office can email them at Kirtland.Legal.Assistance@us.af.mil.

Legal Office: <https://www.kirtland.af.mil/About-Us/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/825943/kirtland-afb-legal-office/>

Article 120 Conviction: <https://www.kirtland.af.mil/Sexual-Misconduct-Disciplinary-Actions/>

Equal Opportunity Office

The EO Office takes walk-ins, but appointments are strongly recommended to ensure a counselor is available. To schedule an appointment members may call us at 505-846-5369 or email our org box at 377ABWEOAdminMailbox@us.af.mil.

Medical Group

Info and Hours - <https://www.kirtland.af.mil/About-Us/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/825951/377th-medical-group/>

MDG Appointments - <https://kirtland.tricare.mil/>

Military & Family Readiness Center

<https://www.kirtland.af.mil/About-Us/Airman-Family-Readiness-Center/>

For detailed information on M&FRC services and classes, refer to the [M&FRC Calendar of Events](#).

Gate Hours

Regular schedule and holiday schedule [Gate Hours](#).

Kirtland AFB Public Affairs information channels:

- Website: <https://www.kirtland.af.mil/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KirtlandAirForceBase/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/KIRTLAND377ABW>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kirtlandafb/>
- Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/148064553@N05/albums/>
- KAFB App (search "USAF Connect", under favorites add "Kirtland Air Force Base")
- Google Play: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.m360connect.usaf&hl=en_US&gl=US
- Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/usaf-connect/id1403806821>



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