

TeKi WEEKLY UPDATE
September 26, 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

Kirtland Fire Emergency Services Fire Alarm Monitoring Computer is officially back up. ASRC has replaced parts and has been monitoring the Fire alarm reporting system for the last few days. The system is functioning as normal. Occupants should still contact 853-9111 after a fire alarm activates as secondary notification.

Kirtland Gravity Sept 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

- Sept 27: Gaming tournament, 5:30 p.m. at Gravity Center (will be alternating between Smash Bros & Mario Party)

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:

- Sept 27: Initial Counseling (Step 1 of the Transition Assistance Program – TAP) at 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m

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

Rosh Hashanah bread making workshop, Sept 26

The Kirtland Chapel is hosting a bread making workshop to celebrate Rosh Hashanah on Sept 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. POC: Tony.stark@us.af.mil 502-292-7130

Family Fun Run 1k and 5k, Sept 27

For National Family Health & Fitness Day, Team Kirtland is having a Family Fun Run, taking place on Saturday, Sept 28 at the Mountain View Club. The run is open to all ages. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. and the run starts at 8:00 a.m. To register for the event, please email kirtlandafbfitness@gmail.com with the names and ages of all participants, as well as your preferred distance (1k or 5k). Please note that you can change your selected distance on the day of the event. If you have any questions about the event, please call 846-1102.

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:

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

Oct 23 – Oct 25 – Tentative Point of Distribution during GLOBAL THUNDER for Active-Duty personnel.

Oct 15, Nov 29, and Dec 6 – 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.

Pioneers of Change: Sembrando Innovación (Sowing seeds of Innovation), Oct 3

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Hispanic Outreach for Leadership and Awareness (HOLA) is presenting Pioneers of Change: Sembrando Innovación Thurs. Oct. 3 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. This live presentation will feature five Sandia Members of the Workforce, who have excelled in delivering innovation or technical achievement. Speakers will relay their journey and the impact of their work to SNL. In addition, they will share how they continue to pave the way for others through community involvement. For more information contact: Catalina Acosta @ hlm@sandia.gov, or CMSgt. Vanessa Ortega @ vanessa.ortega@us.af.mil.

Team Kirtland ACE Council Meeting, Oct 8

The Kirtland ACE Council is holding a meeting on Oct 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the wing presentation center and is hoping to integrate standing committees into their executive council. Email jamiah.nicholson@us.af.mil for further details.

Air Force Families Forever: the "Voices of Hope" Suicide Awareness Panel, Oct 9

In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month in September, we are honored to invite you to a special event hosted by Air Force Families Forever: the "Voices of Hope" Suicide Awareness Panel. This important panel discussion will take place on Oct 9, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in The Manzano Room of the Mountain View Club.

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 \(ticketapp.org\)](#) to reserve tickets.

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.

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

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

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/70A0B44ABA82EA0FC1-50212036-2024#/>

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

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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

With deep regret, the USSF Rapid Capabilities Office Director announces the death of Master Sergeant Michael A. Griffith. Any person having claims for or against the estate of Griffith, please email the Summary Courts Officer, Major Jack Waller at jack.waller.2@spaceforce.mil

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
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