

WEEKLY UPDATE

July 25, 2024

The 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office publishes the 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 3 p.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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Kirtland AFB Vehicle Related Announcements

- Stop at blinking red traffic lights.
- Come to a complete stop and wait during the playing of the national anthem at 5 p.m.
- Cyclists must wear a helmet when riding on base.
- All auto work conducted on base must be performed at the Auto Hobby Shop (extended hours now available).

THIS WEEK

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico will be offering WebEx on Health, Dental & Vision programs available for all federal employees. Each session will be about an hour in length and include a Q&A. Listed below are the dates and times along with the registration links. Once the participant registers, they will receive the sessions call-in information with the option to add the session to their Outlook calendar. Please note: If the registration link does not work, first try registering through Google Chrome. If this does not work, please register through personal email.

Topic: BCBS Medical Benefit Overview

Date: Tuesday, July 30. Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., MDT. To register for this training session click [here](#). Once you are approved by the host, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.

Topic: BCBS FEDVIP (Dental and Vision) Overview

Date: Tuesday, July 30 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. MDT. To register for this session click [here](#)

CPTS Closure 31 July 2024

The 377 CPTS will be closed to all customers on July 31 for an official function. Please plan accordingly.

New 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.

Puppy Yoga

Join Outdoor Recreation July 30 from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. for an evening of meditation and puppy cuddles. All puppies at this event are currently being fostered and are up for adoption so, you might even leave class with a brand-new addition to the family- if it is the perfect match. Otherwise, enjoy giving these fur babies extra love and pets while practicing yoga poses. For ages five and up. Registration is required as the class sells out and includes puppies, a mat, and a yoga instructor. Contact kirtland.odr@us.af.mil or call 846-1499.

New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs

The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs has several facilities near Kirtland that you and your families might enjoy. These include the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, Jemez and Coronado Historic Sites, and the National Hispanic Culture Center in Albuquerque. Also, plenty of museums in Santa Fe. Under their Blue Star Program, museums are open and free to Active-Duty personnel and their families through 2 September.

M&FRC Events

- Retiree Group Briefing (SBP Mass Briefing & Pre-Separation Counseling) – July 30 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Separatee Group Pre-Separation Counseling – Aug 1 from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Backpack Brigade (Free school supplies and backpacks) – Aug 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- TAP Capstone (By appointment only) – Aug 2 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Sandia IDEA Council Family Day

Sandia IDEA welcomes thousands of its employees and their friends and families to the 2024 Family Day on Saturday, Sept 7 at Manzano Mesa Park from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. They will have food trucks and a variety of family friendly activities. To register an activity/table, please [complete this form](#) at your earliest convenience, but no later than Aug 7.

The Women's Equality Day 5k

On Monday, Aug 24 , AFOTEC will host a 5k walk/run at Hardin Field to celebrates the anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. All participants are welcome and highly encouraged to wear the color purple to embody the spirit of Women's Equality Day. They are also requesting donations of clothes, socks, underwear, blankets and diapers to assist low-income women with children. Email atiqah.baker@us.af.mil for any questions or concerns and register NLT August 19 via the QR code below:



3rd Annual Rattler Classic Golf Tournament

The 58 MXS invites you to the Rattler Classic Golf Tournament, Oct 25, at Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course. Food will be included, and they will have contests for closest to the pin, longest drive, and longest putt. For prizes, there will be something for first, middle and last place. If you can't find a team don't worry, they will also help you find a team. Below are the details for the golf tournament and if you have any questions or want to register, please contact Talbert Chase at 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

UPCOMING

Team Kirtland's Kingfish ACE Wargame Event

Learn Agile Combat Employment (ACE) and Multi-Capable Airmen (MCA) concepts. Afterwards teams will be assigned, and participants will play in a wargaming exercise. Register with the following link... <https://teamup.com/event/show/id/pE3mSCmGgKuJnKR31kCVqM4MNcbY8d> or <https://teamup.com/ks6voi653zzv2kjin69>. Let the games begin 26 July, 8 a.m -4 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center.

Rattler Classic Golf Tournament

You're invited to join us for food and fun at the Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course 26 July. The cost is \$65 per player with a 4-person team scramble. To register, contact Talbert Chase at 853-5751 or talbert.chase@us.af.mil and my alternate is Alexander White at 846-7021 or alexander.white.17@us.af.mil.

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CLASS/COURSE/BRIEFINGS/EDUCATION

CLEP/DSST Guidance

To avoid sitting fees service members can take CLEP/DSST exams through the remote process using a test proctor. For additional questions or education guidance, please contact the Education Center at email 377fss.fsde@us.af.mil or 505-846-9933.

Base Education and Training Section Updates

The Base Education and Training Section can be reached at 377fss.fsde.testing@us.af.mil with any testing questions not relating to WAPS testing. Members must be scheduled to take the tests below. For additional questions or education guidance, please contact the Education Center at email 377fss.fsde@us.af.mil or 505-846-9933.

Testing: DLPT/DLAB Language Testing - OPI - EDPT – AFOQT – TBAS - TAPAS

CDC 5/7-Level Please schedule through your Unit Training Manager (UTM)

Briefings: SkillBridge - Tuition Assistance - TAP My Education Track

Civilian Training: Civilian training is mandatory for all GS employees. For GS civilians, an SF 182 - Authorization, Agreement, Certification of Training, must be approved by the Civilian Training Office before attending training that is 8 hours or longer and/or if there is any cost involved, regardless of the funding source. Please submit SF182s directly to 377fss.fsdeto@us.af.mil and allow a two-week time frame for processing. Refer all questions to Jennifer Gladfelter 505-846-1207 or jennifer.gladfelter@us.af.mil.

How to reach the Base Education and Training Section:

Admin (General Questions/CCAF): 377fss.fsde@us.af.mil

Base Training: 377fss.fsdet@us.af.mil

Military Formal Training: 377fss.fsdeo.mft@us.af.mil

Civilian Training: 377fss.fsdeto@us.af.mil

Testing: 377fss.fsde.testing@us.af.mil

WAPS: 377fss.fsde.waps@us.af.mil

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Kirtland Partnership Gate Cleanup

Volunteer on Saturday, 17 August 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Team Kirtland Gate Cleanup. All are welcome to participate in this day of service and camaraderie. Locations will include the Truman, Gibson, Eubank Gates. Volunteer by 3 August with your POCs below:

- 377 ABW: Capt Ismael Cabrera; ismael.g.cabrera.mil@health.mil
- 58 SOW: TSgt Nathaniel Bennett; nathaniel.bennett@us.af.mil
- 150 SOW: MSgt Audrey Rische; audrey.rische.1@us.af.mil
- 150 SOW: MSgt Wesley Diglio; wesley.diglio@us.af.mil

International Military Student Sponsors

The Air Force Safety Center is soliciting potential sponsors for international military students who will attend the six-week International Flight Safety Officer Course, which is scheduled three times per year. The next class will be 12 August through 20 September. For more information, contact Ms. Sheryl Johnson, 505-846-9511, or e-mail afsec.setm@us.af.mil.

Balloon Fiesta Volunteers

Help manage bus terminal crowds to transport individuals to/from the Balloon Fiesta. Your organization (Booster Club or similar) is cordially invited to attend a fundraising meeting for the 2024 New Mexico Balloon Fiesta. Join us 19 July at 1400 in the 377 ABW Presentation Center, 2000 Wyoming Blvd SE, Bldg. 20604.

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. Their current volunteer shifts are listed below. For additional inquiries please contact MSgt Veronica Guerrero, veronica.guerrero@us.af.mil.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B44ABA82EA0FC1-48751711-2024> The [Airman's Attic FB Page](#) has continuous updates on hours, inventory, and volunteer opportunities.

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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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](#).

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/>

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>