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Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish



Photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

Air Force Appreciation Day

Above: Members of the base honor guard perform a flag folding ceremony during the AFAD retreat and remembrance ceremony Sept. 10 at Holt Park. The retreat kicked off the AFAD events.

Left: Master Sgt. Kevin Jamros, 366th Services Squadron, helps haul shucked corn Sept. 10 for the AFAD barbecue Saturday. Sergeant Jamros and other Gunfighters shucked about 5,000 ears of corn. (See page 7 for more photos.)

Newsline

FTAC award winners

Congratulations to Airman **Jesse Nerius**, 366th Operations Support Squadron, for being selected as the First Term Airmen Center's Sharp Troop for Class 04Z and Airman 1st Class **Benjamin Brown**, 366th Component Maintenance Squadron, for receiving the Class 04Z Razor Sharp Award for excellence in dress and appearance.

Road closure

Central Road in the Oasis housing area is permanently closed starting Wednesday.

The Oasis housing area is being demolished to make way for new housing. Street configurations in the Oasis Housing Area and the overall site layout are going to be totally changed.

Please excuse this inconvenience, and plan routes through housing accordingly.

Playground Promenade

The base Primary School and PTP is holding its annual Playground Promenade Saturday at 9 a.m. There will also be a rummage and bake sale.

Those interested in a spot in the rummage sale should contact Mr. A.J. Koehler at 832-5024 or Ms. Dianna Mancil 832-5043.

Prices for tables are \$7.50 for one or \$10 for two. Spaces are limited. All proceeds benefit the new kindergarten playground.

Case lot sale

The base commissary is having a case lot sale Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 2. A list of products available during the sale is located in the store by the coffee bar. Quantities are limited.

Blood, bone marrow drive

The American Red Cross is conducting a blood and bone marrow drive Sept. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the base community center.

Blood donations contribute to the Red Cross's efforts to help all of those in need including American troops overseas. For more information about the drive, contact Ms. Kaye Risk at 587-8007.

Vehicle roll-by inspection

The annual base vehicle roll-by inspection is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Sept. 29.

Agencies being inspected should contact 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle management and analysis at 828-1606 to find out their scheduled inspection time and area.

Vehicles should be in place at respective inspection areas at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled inspection times.

The objective of the inspection is to review the condition of the base's vehicle fleet and identify those vehicles requiring new paint, refurbishment or repair.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The 366th Fighter Wing is hosting a Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 30 starting at 8 a.m. in the community center. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Carl Olsen at 828-4878.

Base supply needs

For efficient funds management, base personnel are encouraged to source DRMO first for all supply needs. Coordinate with the 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron customer service office at 828-2978 or 828-6039.

Contact Tech. Sgt. Abayoni Tobias or Tech. Sgt. Gene Prescott from the 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron Customer Service Office at 828-2942 or 828-6168 for all base supply concerns.

366th FW to hold first Air Force Ball

Saturday marks the Air Force's 57th birthday, and the base is celebrating in grand tradition by having an Air Force Ball Oct. 2 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Gunfighters Club.

All active-duty and retired military members, Guardsmen, Reservists, and civilian employees are invited to come out for this gala event, which features a full-course meal, dancing and keynote speaker, Dr. James Fegan.

"The birth of our service is an important event," said Col. Charles Shugg, 366th Fighter Wing commander. "It is our heritage. We need to remember how the Air Force originated and the accomplishments of those who have made our Air Force the best in the world. I think our Air Force Ball is a time for celebration and an opportunity to have a good time with fellow Airmen and their supporters."

Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by entertainment and then dinner. During the dinner, Dr. Fegan will

give a presentation. Dr. Fegan is a former Gunfighter and Air Force Academy graduate. Music will be provided by the Air Force Band of the Golden West.

"This is the first Air Force ball here at the base in 12 years," said Capt. Johan Deutscher, Air Force Ball coordinator. "We are working hard to make this a world class event for all Gunfighters to enjoy."

Dress code for the ball is mess dress for officers, mess dress or semiformal uniform for enlisted, and suit and tie/evening gown for civilians.

Ticket prices are \$35 for O-5 and GS/WG-10 and above; \$30 for O-3 and O-4, E-7 to E-9, and GS/WG-6 to 9; \$25 for O-1 and O-2, E-5 and E-6, GS/WG-4 and 5; \$20 for E-1 to E-4 and GS/WG-1 to 3; and \$30 for retirees.

Deadline to purchase tickets is today. See a first sergeant for details and to purchase tickets.

(Compiled by the Gunfighter public affairs office.)

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Commander's Hotline

This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home AFB a better place to live and work.

I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function.

Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828-6262 or CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.



Col. Charles Shugg

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366th Fighter Wing commander

Last DUI:

(As of noon Thursday)

366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

9

AADD made 11 saves in September, 238 in 2004

Air Force to celebrate 57 years of air power

(Editor's note: On Saturday, we celebrate the Air Force's 57th birthday. September 18, 1947 is the day the Air Force officially separated from the Army and became its own branch of the United States military.)

In August 1945, the guns of World War II fell silent. In its aftermath, the United States demobilized its forces and began to rebuild. Two years later, Congress passed the National Security Act, which tore the Army Air Force away from the Army and laid the foundation for the Air Force we know today.

The anniversary of this momentous occasion presents an opportunity to reflect upon the heritage of both the Air Force and Mountain Home Air Force Base. In mid-September 1947, the Air Force left its Army roots and began to build a dominate Air Force. Meanwhile, the base remained in the caretaker status it had been in since the end of World War II.

In early 1948, as West Berlin stood alone, surrounded by the Russian-occupied zone, it needed constant resupply to survive. In a heinous act, Russia closed access, thus starving Berlin's occupants and giving the Air Force its first mission. In response, the United States and its allies initiated Operation Vittles. Before the airlift ended, the allies carried more than two tons of supplies on 277,579 flights into the heart of Berlin. The Russians eventually backed down, representing a pivotal moment for not only the Air Force but also the United States. It defined the beginning of the Cold War in Europe and established the Air Force's focus for the next 40 years.

The Air Force's birth corresponded to a technological revolution in military aviation. Gen. (ret.) Chuck Yeager, an Air Force test pilot, broke the sound barrier Oct. 14, 1947, and the jet age had begun. The Air Force worked to

field jet aircraft while upgrading its offensive and defensive capabilities. Strategic Air Command fielded a force of bombers combined with intercontinental ballistic missiles, while building a capability to "keep an eye on the enemy."

Mountain Home AFB had a less auspicious start. At the end of 1948, the Air Force reopened the base and the 4205th Air Base Group began to repair and modify the base for a reconnaissance mission. Unfortunately, turbulent times defined the fledgling service's needs, and the Air Force soon closed the gates of the base once again.

North Korea invaded South Korea June 25, 1950, starting the Korean War, which lasted three years. The Air Force found that the stiff doctrine of strategic bombing did not work well in all cases. Although bombers were used, the air war centered on air-to-air duals between high speed jet aircraft. By 1951, the Military Air Transport Service had taken command of Mountain Home AFB for a new covert mission. As SAC deterred communist aggression, MATS activated three air resupply and communications units to look beyond the Russian "Iron Curtain." As the first special operations units of the Air Force, they trained for psychological missions including leaflet drops and extraction of personnel from behind enemy lines. All three units left Mountain Home AFB by May 1953.



Air Force photo

A Gunfighter taxis the first RF-4C to arrive at Mountain Home Air Force Base in 1964.

Subsequently, SAC began to take a leading role at Mountain Home AFB with the arrival of the 9th Bombardment Wing and its B-29 bombers and KB-29H refueling aircraft. Eventually, the 9th BW traded the aged B-29s for the new jet-powered B-47. Keeping with the SAC mission, the Air Force began construction of three Titan missile sites in the local area in mid-1959.

The Vietnam War of 1961 through 1973 spawned a resurgence of tactical aviation in the Air Force, resulting in a

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Rack 'em up – Annual Gunfighter winners

Welcome to Gunfighter
Country — home of a
winning attitude!



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Air Combat Command Awards 25



12th Air Force 3

Hardcopy LES to be discontinued

By Master Sgt. Martin Okamura
Gunfighter finance office

MyPay will be the sole means for active-duty members within Air Combat Command to access their leave and earnings statements starting Oct. 1.

Those who have not already set up their MyPay account should log in to mypay.dfas.mil, click on "How do I get a new PIN," and follow the instructions.

MyPay allows Gunfighters to:

- Access leave and earnings statements for the past 12 months
- Change correspondence address

- Change direct deposit account information
- Change federal income tax withholding information
- Change state tax withholding information
- Print/view tax statement
- Turn on/off hard copy of W-2
- Start/update Thrift Savings Plan
- Change personal settings like PIN, e-mail address and restricted access PIN

The list of financial service activities a person can do on MyPay has recently grown to include access to each month's LES for the past 12 months. It also includes the addition of a new limited access PIN feature that will only allow users to view pay amounts but not make any changes to their accounts.

Mountain Home AFB has been preparing for this change for months and is leading the way in ACC with 95.38 percent of its members having customized MyPay accounts.

With MyPay access, Gunfighters no longer have to wait in the base finance customer service lobby to make minor changes to their pay records. This also frees up additional time for those with difficult pay issues.

Finance customers requiring actions that can be accomplished on MyPay will now be directed to one of the computers in the base finance customer service lobby to make the adjustments themselves.

However, if the customer cannot complete their adjustment for some reason, finance specialists can lend assistance at the base finance customer service counter.

TRICARE option offers added benefit

Ms. Johnna Proud
366th Medical Support Squadron

Point of service is a TRICARE option that adds a measure of flexibility to the health care benefit of TRICARE Prime for beneficiaries of active-duty members. However, it is at a higher out-of-pocket cost.

Simply put, POS allows prime-enrolled beneficiaries to receive nonemergency inpatient or outpatient care from providers other than their own primary care managers or from providers outside the TRICARE network without disenrolling from prime or first obtaining an authorization or referral.

The prime benefit is similar to a civilian

health maintenance organization. As a prime beneficiary, all required health care must come from an assigned military or civilian network PCM or from specialists referred by a PCM.

Prime and prime remote beneficiaries of active-duty members have no enrollment fee or copayments. Retired prime beneficiaries and their family members are responsible for a small enrollment fee and minimal copayments. However, all prime beneficiaries are responsible for associated costs when using the POS option.

Typically, the POS option is used for a one-time visit to a non-network provider without a preauthorization. However, POS cost-sharing also applies when urgent care

is received without an authorization, without a PCM or TriWest clinical staff members permission or if prescriptions are filled at a non-network civilian pharmacy. It may also apply when visiting a TRICARE network provider without authorization.

Because the POS option is more expensive, people should always make every effort to contact their PCM for an authorization or referral before seeking care. When authorization is given, TriWest should send the beneficiary and the provider a copy of the authorization. A copy of the authorization letter should be retained by the beneficiary for future reference.

When utilizing the POS option, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are respon-

sible for an annual deductible of \$300 for an individual or \$600 for a family. Once this deductible is met, the cost-share for POS services is 50 percent of TRICARE's maximum allowable charge.

POS users are also responsible for any additional charges from non-network providers, up to 15 percent above the TRICARE maximum allowable as permitted by law.

Any POS-related out-of-pocket expenses do not apply to the annual enrollment-year catastrophic.

For more information about POS, access the "Prime Member Handbook" that is available at www.tricare.osd.mil or contact Ms. Johnna Proud at 828-7803.

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smaller bomber force and a strengthened fleet of fighter aircraft. That renewed focus permanently altered the base's mission. Tactical Air Command took control of the base in January 1966 and assigned the 67th Tactical Fighter Wing. The 67th TFW operated the RF-4C and later the F-4D. The RF-4C filled a photo reconnaissance role while the F-4D put steel on target.

As the Vietnam War closed, another technological revolution similar to the one after World War II took place. The Air Force fielded many new fighters including the lethal F-15 and F-16. It also continued to build its bomber force and sought the edge of stealth technology. As for Mountain Home AFB, it traded its F-4s for the formidable F-

111. The 366th TFW transferred to the base in October 1972 and began operating the newly arrived fighters.

Throughout the remainder of the 1970s and into the 1980s, the state of the Air Force could be defined as calm. The Air Force did not participate in any major conflicts until 1989, when the United States invaded Panama under Operation Just Cause. In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and a coalition led by the United States eventually ended the occupation during Operation Desert Storm. Airmen from Mountain Home AFB participated in both operations. The 1990s and into the new millennium were marked with constant deployments to support Operations Southern Watch and Northern Watch. Mountain Home AFB supported these deployments by transforming into the composite wing, with a wide range of aircraft to support the

Air Force's global engagement mission. The Air Force also supported many humanitarian deployments to assist less fortunate countries in the midst of crisis and turmoil.

On Saturday, the Air Force's 57th birthday, it is important to recognize the contribution that the base has made to the Air Force mission. As with the past, Gunfighters will continue to lead from the front as the Air Force forges into the future. The Global War on Terrorism serves as a perfect example. When the base received the call to defend America, Gunfighters deployed, destroyed the enemy and returned to fight another day.

The history of Mountain Home AFB as well as that of the 366th Fighter Wing contributes significantly to the overall heritage of the United States Air Force.

(Courtesy of the Gunfighter history office.)

Gunfighter History Bullets

The Historic Gunfighter Patch



During the early years of the Vietnam War, American F-4 crews were becoming increasingly frustrated by their inability to shoot down North Vietnamese MiGs in dogfights because their Phantoms did not have an internal gun. This changed in the spring of 1967 when the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, then deployed to Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, began mounting external SUU-16, 20 mm gun pods on its F-4s.

According to wing historical files, the wing scored its first two "gun kills" against a pair of North Vietnamese MiG-17s May 14 followed by a MiG-21 May 22 and another MiG-17 June 5. With four gun kills in three weeks, the 366th quickly became known throughout Southeast Asia as the Gunfighters.

To further distinguish the 366th from other F-4 units, Col. Frederick "Boots" Blesse, 366th deputy commander of operations, and some of his crews designed an unofficial emblem to enhance the wings new Gunfighter persona.

The design they came up with depicted Spook, the official F-4 mascot, holding

an SUU-16 pod under his arm with guns blazing. At the time, the top of the patch read, "366 TFW - Da Nang."

Brig. Gen. Robin Scott brought back the patch for flight crews to wear on Fridays as a morale patch in 1999. Since then, it has caught on in popularity and is seen on all sorts of written medium and advertisement.

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The Strata Courier

◆ The first Mountain Home Air Force Base telephone book was distributed. Mrs. Inez Kiser, from base reproductions, drew up the first complete directory that included listings for PHA, brick quarters, squadrons and duty sections.

◆ Ground breaking ceremonies for the new base exchange, located across from the new Trainer Building, took place.

◆ As part of the base conversion program from B-29s to B-47s, the first officers from Mountain Home AFB attending B-47 transition training returned from McConnell AFB, Kansas.

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SECAF, CSAF send Air Force birthday message

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- The following is an Air Force birthday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

"Happy birthday to the Airmen of the world's greatest air and space force!

"Our 57 years of history may be short, but they are packed with astounding accomplishments. We've broken the sound barrier, expanded military



operations to the reaches of space, ushered stealth technology and precision-strike capability into modern warfare, delivered humanitarian aid to austere locations, jointly won the Cold War and provided decisive air and space power for wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Your dedication to excellence, your integrity and your faithful service is recognized and appreciated by all Americans.

"Since our inception in 1947, America's Air Force has flown lead in defending peace and freedom around the world. That legacy was made possible by millions of professional Airmen dedicated to accomplishing critical missions with total success.

"Today, you are the torchbearers of our legacy. You are performing remarkably across the globe delivering aid to people in need and defending and protecting our great nation



from emerging threats and new enemies. Your competence, dedication to the mission and pride of service is renowned.

"We know you also have wonderful families who support your long hours and deployments away from home. We are grateful for their support.

"You represent the strength and patriotism of our great nation. America is proud of our Air Force because of you. Thanks for your service, and again, happy birthday!"

Hispanic heritage celebrated more than once a year

Master Sgt. Miguel Montanez
Gunfighter Hispanic heritage committee secretary

This year, America and Gunfighters will celebrate Hispanic Heritage from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as it has been for 34 years.

Public Law 90-498 was approved by the 90th Congress Sept. 17, 1968, and it "resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the president is hereby authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week."

Public Law 100-402 expanded Hispanic Heritage Week to what we know today as Hispanic Heritage Month.

The first question that may come to mind is, "Why do we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month," or "Why is it important to celebrate it?" An even more relevant question may be "How do we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month?"

I don't necessarily need a month to celebrate my Hispanic Heritage because every time I speak Spanish, listen to Hispanic music or prepare a meal, I am celebrating my heritage.

Now, I'm going to tell you how you have been celebrating and continue to celebrate your Hispanic heritage even if you didn't know that you were doing it.

Let's start by mentioning our mighty dollar and its Hispanic heritage. Did you know that in 1775 the United States adopted the Spanish dollar as the basic monetary system? One theory indicates that the dollar sign was taken from the pillars of the Spanish Imperial Coat of Arms.

Even though the use of the Spanish dollar didn't last for

too long, the term dollar was adopted and its symbol recognized and associated with our beloved greenback still endures.

Next time you pull money out of your wallet, remember that it is one way you have been celebrating Hispanic heritage all year long.

What about common words we use in everyday conversation? The terms rodeo (from the word rodear meaning "to surround," chaps (from the word chapparera or chaparro) and lasso (from the word laso meaning "rope") are Spanish in origin.

Are you a resident of Arizona, Florida, California or Texas? Nevada, anyone? Ever visited or passed by San Francisco, Los Angeles or El Paso? What about Alcatraz or Colorado? I think you get the idea that how you celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month can take on a lot of different ways, some of which you probably didn't know.

Now let's turn our attention to this year's celebration and our theme on base, "Hispanic Americans - Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation." While searching for some information to tie some ideas to this article, I learned that President Ronald Reagan spoke at the Rose Garden at the White House Sept. 13, 1988, remarking on the signing of the National Hispanic Heritage Week proclamation.

"We have all been enriched by the contributions of Hispanics in every walk of American life," he said.

And here are some examples to illustrate our theme. Thirty-nine Hispanic-Americans are among the more than 3,400 Medal of Honor recipients since its creation in 1861. The Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office has also recognized some very special Hispanic Americans whose inventions contributed a great

deal to making this country the most technologically advanced nation in the world.

Hispanics have received patents in many technological fields including medical, biotech, and other health-related fields. For example, a neurosurgeon named Jesus Maria Sanchez-Perez was granted patent number 2,617,944 for a means of taking X-rays of a person's circulatory system. Sanchez-Perez was born in Madrid, Spain, in 1908 and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1951.

How about some homework? Here are a few trivia questions for you to take a crack at. Hopefully, you will enjoy looking for the answers and maybe even send me an e-mail with a few questions of your own.

- Who were the Borinqueneers?
- Who was Bernardo de Galvez, and what did he do?
- Who said, "Damn the torpedoes; full speed ahead?"
- What is the oldest city in the United States?
- What did César Milstein receive in 1980?
- Who is Rosita Dolores Alverio?
- What did Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra do in 1602?

You might not get out of the library for a while, but when you do, please share what you have learned with your children. This will enrich both of your lives and will go a long way to answer the questions, "Why do we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month?" and "Why is it important to celebrate it?"

I hope that what you discover about America's Hispanic heritage serves as an inspiration and a constant reminder that we should not need an annual presidential proclamation to remind us about the many contributions that Hispanics and other cultures have brought to our American experience.

Gunfighters warned to beware of black widow spiders

Mountain Home AFB is home to a vast array of creatures and insects. One insect that is abundant and draws many concerns is the black widow spider, or *Latrodectus Mactans*.

With some knowledge and a few helpful hints, Gunfighters should be able to control any encounter with this spider at home or work.

Black widow spiders are predators, feed on live prey and are perhaps the most successful predators on the face of the earth. Even so, they are relatively non-aggressive toward people and rarely bite humans.

Spiders bite people as a means of defense. It's when people put their shoe or shirt on and a spider is in it or when they roll over on a spider at night and squeeze it inadvertently that the spider bites them.

Black widows are easily identified. They

are basically black with a red or orange hourglass marking on the abdomen.

Spiders are insect eaters so they are found anywhere insects can be captured like around windows and doors or in corners, shrubbery and woodpiles.

Prevention is the first line of defense for black widows. To keep webs from accumulating under eaves and around doors, windows and foundations, sweep or wash the webs away as needed to keep the spiders from establishing a home.

A fly swatter is the most effective control for spiders, since it gets immediate results and leaves no harmful chemical residue.

However, if choosing chemical control, aerosol sprays are safer and more effective on spiders than residual sprays. A short burst (one or two seconds) should be more

than adequate to kill even the biggest of spiders.

Residual sprays (ones that last for a duration of time on the surface) can be applied around all entries into the house (doors, windows and garage doors), and from the base of the house to 18 inches high. The residual spray targets the pest black widows eat, not the spider. If there are no insects, the black widow will move on to find a food source.

With the weather changing, people might see numerous kinds of pests around the house. By following these helpful hints and taking some precautionary measures, the pest problem around the house should be minimal.



Courtesy photo

The base self-help store issues an aerosol insecticide that works for indoor applications and as a contact spray.

However, residual sprays must be purchased at the base exchange or a store downtown.

(Compiled by the Gunfighter housing office.)



If using a land line, dial 911 for all on-base emergencies.

If using a cell phone, dial 828-0911.

Local community shows Air Force appreciation



Photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

Gunfighter and local community members line up alongside American Legion Blvd. in Mountain Home to watch the AFAD parade Saturday morning. The parade featured almost 300 vehicles and floats including entries from the 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, 390th Fighter Squadron, 366th Medical Group, 366th Communications Squadron, 366th Security Forces Squadron, Airman Leadership School, Commissary and Child Development Center among other base units and squadrons.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

About 100 Gunfighters and local community members participate in the 5-mile AFAD Fun Run/Walk Sept. 10.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

From left to right, Mr. Ian McMurray, Mr. Jeff Blazi, Ms. Princess Bryant and Mr. Michael Paulien do Ki Cho Hyung training, the first form of the martial art, Kuk Sool Won. The purpose of the training is to practice kicking, turning, blocking and balancing. The group, led by Master Sgt. David Wheeler, performed three times Saturday during AFAD.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gish

Lt. Col. Gene Lee, 726th Air Control Squadron commander, fills cups of orange juice during the free AFAD barbecue Saturday afternoon at Carl Miller Park.