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U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Mason Hargrove

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris steps off Air Force Two at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, Jan. 19. Vice President Harris was in Arizona to visit Luke AFB and break ground on a new renewable energy project, west of Phoenix.



U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris shakes hands with U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Jason Rueschhoff, 56th Fighter Wing commander, Jan. 18, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Vice President Harris was in Arizona to visit Luke AFB and break ground on a new renewable energy project, west of Phoenix.



U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris takes a group photo with Brig. Gen. Jason Rueschhoff (right), 56th Fighter Wing commander, and Col. Mark Van Brunt (left), 944th Fighter Wing commander Jan. 19.



BOTTOM LEFT: U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris smiles for a photo with Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff, and Airmen, Jan. 18. The vice president took time to meet and greet the Airmen and families of Luke AFB.



BOTTOM RIGHT: U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris shakes hands with U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Michael Clark, 56th Communications Squadron cyber systems operator, Jan. 19. Harris took time to speak with Airmen about their time in service before departing Luke.

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Airmen meet to honor Dr. King holiday



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Airmen assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing and their families walk in a group, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jan. 13, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. King organized and led events for African American's right to vote, desegregation and other basic civil rights.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Terrell Hannah, 56th Medical Group pharmacy flight chief, speaks at a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. event, Jan. 13.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Kendra Boss, 56th Medical Group material management flight chief, speaks at a Martin Luther King Jr. event, Jan. 13, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Five graduate F-35 PIFTU class

By Staff Sgt. Noah Damon Coger

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — Five allied nation military personnel successfully graduated from the first official F-35 Partner Intelligence Formal Training Unit class, Nov. 10, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

The first of its kind, the F-35 PIFTU course is meant to expedite and improve intelligence training and collaboration between the U.S. and foreign partner nation intelligence organizations, specifically regarding F-35 Lightning II systems and capabilities. It was conceptualized in 2019 by U.S. Air Force Maj. Joy Lomheim Nguyen, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa Fifth Generation Interoperability Branch engagements officer, who recognized a need for such a course after becoming a part of the F-35 program at USAFE.

"I began attending various engagements with F-35 counterparts and operators in the European theater," said Lomheim Nguyen. "After several events, I noticed that not all issues, specifically regarding intelligence, were being fully accounted for and actioned."

Lomheim Nguyen encountered multiple obstacles along her three-year journey while attempting to assemble the F-35 PIFTU course. Just when all hope felt lost, she found U.S. Air Force Maj. Kevin Hawkins, Joint Force Command Naples deputy theater collection manager, who immediately jumped on board to bring Lomheim Nguyen's vision to life.

At the time, Hawkins was the 56th Operations Support Squadron wing intelligence chief at the 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona. The 56th FW is the largest fighter pilot training base in the U.S. Air Force with a robust international training mission.

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Scouts get 62nd War Dawgs tour



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Jakob Hambricht

U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 62nd Fighter Squadron and 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, and a local Girl Scouts troop pose for a picture in front of an F-35A Lightning II aircraft Jan. 11, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The troop took a tour of the squadron and viewed two F-35A Lightning II aircraft.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler Smith, 62nd Fighter Squadron commander, fits an F-35A Lightning II helmet onto a Girl Scout Jan. 11, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. During the visit, the Girl Scouts received a guided tour of the 62nd FS and viewed many pieces of pilot equipment.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler Smith, 62nd Fighter Squadron commander, gives a tour of an F-35A Lightning II aircraft to a local Girl Scouts troop Jan. 11.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler Smith, 62nd Fighter Squadron commander, gives a tour of an F-35A Lightning II aircraft to a local Girl Scouts troop Jan. 11, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The 62nd FS is a tri-national squadron, training F-35 pilots for the U.S., Norway, and Italy.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Melanie Kluesner, 62nd Fighter Squadron student pilot, shows various pieces of flight equipment to a local Girl Scouts troop Jan. 11, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.



Members of a local Girl Scouts troop view F-35A Lightning II aircraft assigned to the 62nd Fighter Squadron Jan. 11, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.



LEFT: U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler Smith, 62nd Fighter Squadron commander, gives a tour of an F-35A Lightning II aircraft to a local Girl Scouts troop Jan. 11, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Annual scholarship program seeking applicants

Applications are now being accepted for the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation scholarship program for the 2023/2024 academic year. All residents living in Balfour Beatty Communities housing — including spouses and children — who are pursuing a degree are eligible to apply.

The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation Scholarship Program recognizes those residents who are students or aspiring students excelling academically and looking to make a difference both in and out of the classroom. Scholarship applicants must currently reside in Balfour Beatty Communities housing and plan to attend or already attend an accredited college or university in Fall 2023 or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to supporting the post-secondary educational goals of residents who live in a Balfour Beatty community. More than 500 academic scholarships have been awarded to residents since the program was established in 2009. Scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,500, with the potential for larger amounts for exceptional submissions.

For more details regarding scholarship requirements and to complete an online application, please visit the Foundation's website, www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org. Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., PDT, March 23, 2023.



Courtesy graphic

Suicide crisis benefit expansion

WASHINGTON — As of Jan. 17, Veterans in acute suicidal crisis can go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for emergency health care at no cost — including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days. Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit.

This expansion of care will help prevent Veteran suicide by guaranteeing no cost, world-class care to Veterans in times of crisis. It will also increase access to acute suicide care for up to 9 million Veterans who are not currently enrolled in VA.

Preventing Veteran suicide is VA's top clinical priority and a top priority of the Biden-Harris Administration. This effort is a key part of VA's 10-year National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide and the Biden-Harris administration's plan for Reducing Military and Veteran Suicide. In September, VA released the 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, which showed that Veteran suicides decreased in 2020 for the second year in a row, and that fewer Veterans

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Designs sought for poster contest

By
Terri Evans

Program specialist for
VA's National Veterans Outreach Office

Whether you're a seasoned photographer or a budding painter, here's your opportunity to show off your talent and use your artwork to honor Veterans.

VA and the Veterans Day National Committee are now accepting submissions for the 2023 Veterans Day Poster Contest. Submissions are due by 8:59 p.m., PDT, April 1, 2023.

This contest is open to all. Your art should reflect this year's theme of "Service." Veterans have shaped the American character, giving us an extraordinary legacy of patriotism and honor. Their service represents the highest form of citizenship.

Briana Cummings, creator of the winning 2022 design, entered the contest because "I believe in the VA mission, not only as a VHA employee but as an indebted citizen of our nation. The sacrifices our service members and their loved ones endure to secure our freedoms astound me. As a designer, I entered the contest to express my utmost gratitude for our Veterans and to help honor them on Veterans Day."

Cummings' poster is shown at right.

The winning poster will be distributed to VA facilities, military installations worldwide and across cities and towns in our nation. It will also serve as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day observance at Arlington

National Cemetery, scheduled for Nov. 11, 2023.

Although creativity has no rules, there are a few submission guidelines:

- Artwork must be 18" x 24" at 300 dpi, with scaled down submissions to 9"x12."

- The design will be used for a 1" x 1.5" lapel pin. Simple designs look best scaled down to lapel pins. If you'd like to submit a modified design for the lapel pin based on the original poster design, you may do so.

- Submissions are not restricted to "human-centric" images, such as a joint color guard. Images of American icons, monuments or scenery can qualify.

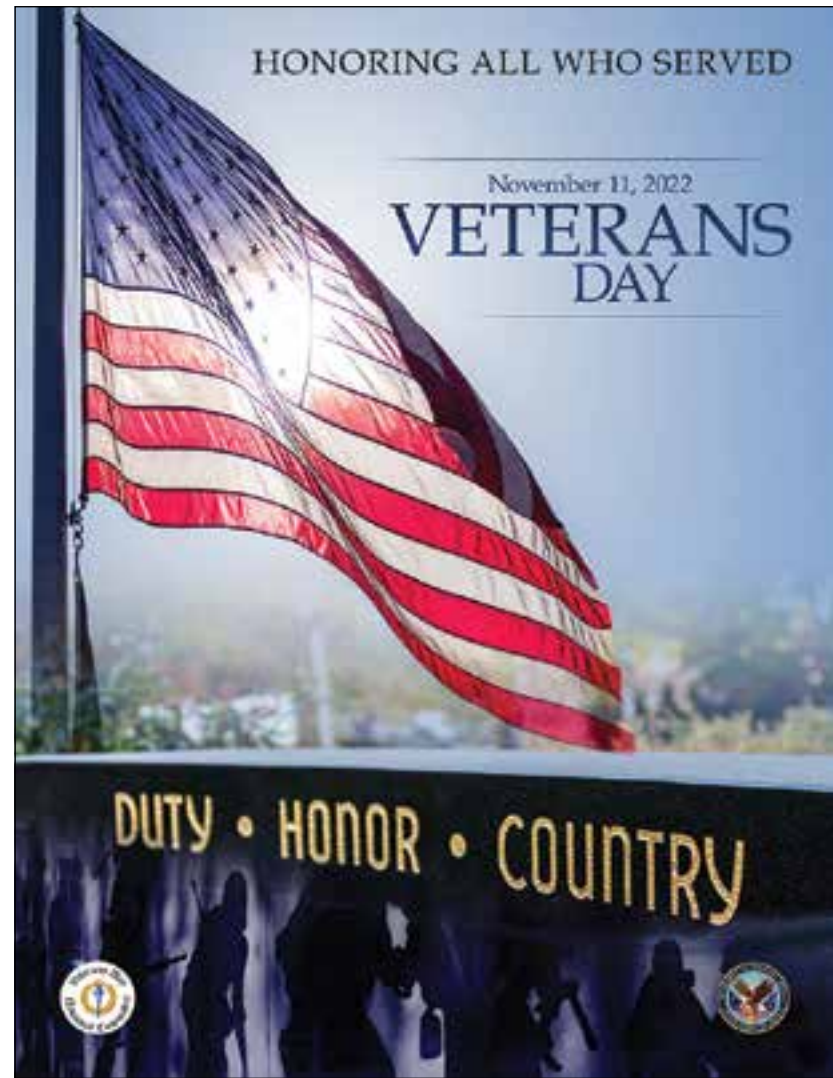
- Submissions must be representative of all Veterans who served. The Committee may select a particular submission but ask the artist to modify the original design. Additional changes may be required prior to printing.

- Each design must include the words "Veterans Day," "November 11, 2023," and "Honoring all who served."

- All submissions must include sufficient information to demonstrate that the image is the artist's work and is not copyrighted material (i.e., photos and concepts).

Successful designs are very simple, with minimal imagery and verbiage. To view examples of past winning submissions, visit The Veterans Day Poster Gallery.

Submit electronic versions as jpg images or PDF files by email to vetsday@va.gov.



Poster created by Briana Cummings

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Zachary Rodriguez (center), an F-35 Mechanical Apprentice Crew Chief for the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, works out with personnel from the 701st Military Police Battalion, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, on Dec. 21, 2022. His father, Army Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Rodriguez, was killed in Ana Kalay, Afghanistan, on Sept. 2, 2008. To honor his father, the battalion started the morning with a "Hero Workout of the Day" during Zachary's visit with military working dog trainers from the 341st Training Squadron here to learn what his father did to serve the nation.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Zachary Rodriguez, an F-35 Mechanical Apprentice Crew Chief for the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, poses with his mother, Laura Rodriguez, and two sisters, Malorie and Charlie, at The Military Working Dog Teams National Monument, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, on Dec. 21, 2022.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Zachary Rodriguez, an F-35 Mechanical Apprentice Crew Chief for the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, trains a military working dog during a building search at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, on Dec. 21, 2022.

Gold Star son



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Zachary Rodriguez, an F-35 Mechanical Apprentice Crew Chief for the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, trains a military working dog during obedience training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, on Dec. 21, 2022.

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Force Airman 1st Class Zachary Rodriguez, an F-35 Mechanical Apprentice Crew Chief for the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, trains a military working dog patrol training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, on Dec. 21, 2022. His father, Army Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Rodriguez, was killed in Ana Kalay, Afghanistan, on Sept. 2, 2008. Zachary spent the day with military working dog trainers from the 341st Training Squadron here to learn what his father did to serve the nation.

Story and photos by C ARCE

37th Training Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Gold Star Family Member spent the day with military working dog trainers at the 341st Training Squadron on Dec. 21. After losing his father at 7 years old, it was always his dream to experience the work his father did to serve the nation.

Force Airman Airman 1st Class Zachary Rodriguez, who joined the Air Force in November 2015 as an F-35 Mechanical Apprentice Crew Chief for the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

His father, Army Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Rodriguez,

was a Special Operations dog handler, and was killed in Ana Kalay, Afghanistan, on Sept. 2, 2008, while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to the K-9 unit of the 527th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade, in Ansbach, Germany.

Personnel from the 341st TRS and the 701st Military Police Battalion, an Army detachment here, started the morning with Zachary by doing a "Hero Workout of the Day" to honor his father.

"A lot of times I'm overwhelmed with emotion, so it's hard to say a lot of words," said Laura Rodriguez, Zachary's mother, at the end of the workout. "I'm good at lecturing my kids, I'm good at lecturing my patients, but as a Gold Star Spouse, I don't always have the words to say.

All of this is really meaningful to our family." Zachary said he knew he wanted to join the military at five-years-old because of his father.

"Seeing him do his job was so cool," he said. "I've always wanted to be like my dad, and at the same time, be my own self. In fact, I drive the Jeep he bought in Germany. I got it for my 18th birthday."

Zachary spent the rest of the day with 341st TRS personnel doing military working dog training, such as patrol, detection, and obedience work.

He experienced being the "bait" for an MWD by doing bite work; conducted a building search; and trained a dog to scout in an open field, which are all part of patrol work.

"I had a great time. I barely slept at all last night," he said. "I was so excited for this, but at

the same time nervous. I do like to see and follow my dad's footsteps and see what he did... I think this was a really cool experience."

The visit ended with a ceremony at The Military Working Dog Teams National Monument here, attended by 341st TRS personnel, 701st Military Police Battalion personnel, Zachary's mother and two sisters, Malorie and Charlie.

Zachary and his family are Gold Star Family Members. Gold Star family members are those who lost a loved one in military service supporting combat operations or from terrorist activities.

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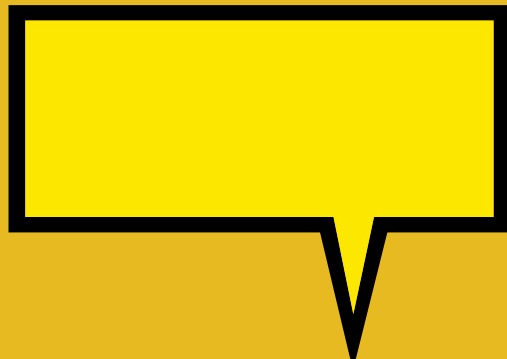
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Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) — On Jan. 10, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III rescinded the Aug. 24, 2021, memorandum mandating that members of the Armed Forces under Department of Defense authority be vaccinated against COVID-19, and the memorandum of Nov. 30, 2021, pertaining to the vaccination of National Guard and Re-

serve personnel. This rescission requirement was established by the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023.

The health and readiness of the Force are crucial to the Department's ability to defend our nation. Austin continues to encourage all service members, civilian employees, and contractor personnel to get vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 to ensure Total Force readiness.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Noah D. Cogger

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Cortney Haralson, F-35 Partner Intelligence Formal Training Unit instructor, lectures on radar systems, Nov. 10, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The first of its kind, the F-35 PIFTU course is meant to expedite and improve intelligence training and collaboration between the U.S. and foreign partner nation intelligence organizations, specifically regarding F-35 Lightning II systems and capabilities.



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died by suicide in 2020 than in any year since 2006.

"Veterans in suicidal crisis can now receive the free, world-class emergency health care they deserve – no matter where they need it, when they need it, or whether they're enrolled in VA care," said VA Secretary for Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough. "This expansion of care will save Veterans' lives, and there's nothing more important than that."

VA has submitted an interim final rule to the federal register to establish this authority under section 201 of the Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment (COMPACT) Act of 2020. The final policy, which took effect on Jan. 17, will allow VA to:

- Provide, pay for, or reimburse for treatment of eligible individuals' emergency suicide care, transportation costs, and follow-up care at a VA or non-VA facility for up to 30 days of inpatient care and 90 days of outpatient care.
- Make appropriate referrals for care following the period of emergency suicide care.
- Determine eligibility for other VA services and benefits.
- Refer eligible individuals for appropriate VA programs and benefits following the period of emergency suicide care.

Eligible individuals, regardless of VA enrollment status, are:

- Veterans who were discharged or released from active duty after more than 24 months of active service under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former members of the armed forces, including reserve service members, who served more than 100 days under a combat exclusion or in support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating an unmanned aerial vehicle from another location who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former members of the armed forces who were the victim of a physical assault of a sexual nature, a battery of a sexual nature, or sexual harassment while serving in the armed forces.

Over the past year, VA has announced or continued several additional efforts to end Veteran suicide, including establishing 988 (then press 1) as a way for Veterans to quickly connect with caring, qualified crisis support 24/7; proposing a new rule that would reduce or eliminate copayments for Veterans at risk of suicide; conducting an ongoing public outreach effort on firearm suicide prevention and lethal means safety; and leveraging a national Veteran suicide prevention awareness campaign, "Don't Wait. Reach Out."

PIFTU (from Page 2)

"When Joy [Lomheim Nguyen] first reached out about creating a shared training course, we were all about it," said Hawkins. "Our team and leadership saw it as an amazing opportunity to help the United States and our allies operate better together in the future."

Hawkins was already a part of intelligence training for personnel supporting F-16 Fighting Falcons. Which meant, he understood the impact a course like this could have on partner nations and the overall benefits that come with it.

"For a fighter unit to operate effectively, it's a lot more than just flying the planes," said Hawkins. "One of the most important background elements is intelligence support. In a fight, if our allies have learned about enemy capabilities or weaknesses, we'd want to be able to share that knowledge with them, and vice versa."

The course emphasizes and familiarizes intelligence personnel on radar, electronic warfare, infrared spectrum, low-observable principles, F-35 systems and capabilities, F-35 air-to-air missions, F-35 air-to-ground missions, and mission planning to F-35 considerations.

Before seeing the first class attend the course he helped bring to fruition, Hawkins received orders for a new assignment and had to pass the torch to a new instructor. He passed it into the capable hands of U.S. Air Force Maj. Daniel Diamond, 56th OSS wing intelligence chief, and a team of individuals who are equally passionate about seeing this course and its students succeed.

"If we're going to fight together, and we're flying the same planes, in the same air space, with the same objectives, then we need to be able to plan, coordinate, and debrief together," said Diamond. "That's been a huge impetus to better develop our processes and collaboration."

Pulling this off was no small feat, however. It was the drive and dedication of the small team of instructors as well as a much larger network of individuals at Luke AFB that made the F-35 PIFTU course come to life.

"Without Lt. Col. Jim Farrell [944th Op-

erations Support Flight wing intelligence chief], Tech. Sgt. John Hemmerich [56th OSS F-16 Intelligence Formal Training Unit instructor], and Staff Sgts. Cortney Haralson and Aubrey Smith [56th OSS intelligence analysts], this course would truly not exist," said Diamond.

"They took all of this on as a secondary duty, working with the Advanced Programs Office, the 56th Communications Squadron, foreign partner nations and foreign disclosure officers at Luke AFB and elsewhere, to make it possible for us to secure and set up a facility, build a syllabus and academics, refine coursework, build training scenarios, teach students, and so much more, all while performing their primary responsibilities for the 56th and 944th Operations Groups."

The first class saw five students from Denmark, the Netherlands, and Norway work together to graduate and forge lasting relationships for future endeavors. The students noted how the course could increase effectiveness within their air forces by creating more intelligence personnel who can support F-35 operations, as well as the benefit of meeting their counterparts in partner militaries.

Early exposure to multinational collaboration in the intelligence community can lead to more robust and faster interoperability. The ability to rapidly share information between ally nations is critical in a dynamic warfare environment. Establishing a baseline for intelligence sharing is a step towards seamless future integration, which is exactly what the F-35 PIFTU team at Luke AFB is aiming to achieve.

Although the course was hosted at Luke AFB and led by U.S. Air Force instructors, each student was able to share their unique, country-specific training with everyone involved. Lomheim Nguyen has high hopes for the future of the course.

"I hope PIFTU continues to be made available for F-35 partner nations," said Lomheim Nguyen. "And that F-35 intelligence training will be expanded to other interested F-35 nations worldwide, whether at Luke or elsewhere, to further provide this paramount training across the F-35 allied global consortium."



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Feb. 14 • 4-7pm



Bacon Wrapped Prawns *And* **Beef Tenderloin Medallions**
with red wine sauce

\$40 per person

Served with roasted baby red potatoes, asparagus with Bearnaise sauce, strawberry cheesecake, and a glass of champagne

Reservations required by Feb. 7 at:
memberplanet.com/events/lukeafbclubs/valentinesdaydinner_1

Club Five Six • Bldg. 181 - 623-856-6446
Facebook.com/ClubFiveSix





Club Five Six

LUNCH SPECIALS

Club Five Six features a daily lunch special. Lunch specials change weekly.

FIRST FRIDAY

Feb. 3 • 3:30-6:30pm • FREE appetizers and drink specials the first Friday of each month.

G-Force Cafe

The G-Force Cafe is located on the third floor of the Block House, Bldg. 1150. The Cafe is open Mon. - Fri., serving breakfast from 7-9 a.m., and lunch from 11am - 1pm

Falcon Dunes

JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC

Feb. 5 or Mar. 5 • 10-11am • \$25 • Sign-up by Feb. 3 and Mar. 3 respectively
Participants learn grip, stance, driving, chipping, putting techniques, and etiquette.

FALCON DUNES GRILL

The Falcon Dunes Grill is open daily from 7am-1:30pm. For catering services call Joe Crockett at 623-856-0004.



President's Day Tournament
Feb. 20
Tom Skelton, Scott

Register By Feb. 17

Club Members - \$62 • Nonmembers - \$67
Guests - \$72

Green fees, range balls, cart rental, lunch, & prizes included

PRESIDENTS DAY SALES EVENT

20% Off Feb. 17-20
All golf shop merchandise including size items (Excludes golf clubs)
Falcon Dunes • Bldg. 2202
623-535-9334
Facebook.com/LukeGolfCourse

At Ease

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Bryant Fitness Center — Community Commons

RUNNING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Feb. 20 - Mar. 31 • Open to All • Free
 Program meets Mon.-Wed.-Fri., 6am and Tues. & Thurs. 4pm - Fitness Center Track • Tues. & Thurs., 6am - Strength Class, Combat PT Center
 Register at: [Facebook.com/LukeFitnessCenter](https://www.facebook.com/LukeFitnessCenter).

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR EXERCISE CLASSES

Open scheduling • Free
 Beginner to advanced classes. Squadron PT reservations available. Classes meet in the Aerobics Room located in the Community Commons, Bldg. 700.

EOD 32 HERO WORKOUT

Feb. 24 • 6-9am • Combat PT Center • FREE

SMOOTHIES, JUICE, & COFFEE BAR

Mon. - Fri. • 6am - 6pm
 Smoothies, protein shakes, and coffee.

MAGIC, THE GATHERING and YU-GI-OH GAMES

Thursdays in February • 4-8pm
 Open to all, ages 17 & older • Free

PAPER PLATE FISH CRAFT

Feb. 3 • 8am - 5pm • Free Take-&-Make Craft Kits - *While supplies last*

LITTLE BRUSHES

Baby & Toddler Painting Class

Feb. 6 • 10-11am • Free
 Ages six months - five yrs. old & parent
 Create a Valentine's Day-themed painting

CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT COURSE

Feb. 16 • 5-9:30pm • Sign-up by Feb. 13
 Active-duty, 19 yrs. & older • all others, 21 yrs. & older \$70 each - Permit \$60 (additional

- Money Order required) Learn firearms safety, selection, and laws. Fingerprinting, and submission of CCW packet included. This is a non-shooting course. No real firearms will be used or presented. Sign-up via e-mail at: 56.CommunityCenter@gmail.com

POPEYE'S & POOL TOURNEY

Feb. 17 • 11am-1pm • Free Popeye's Chicken Lunch and Pool Tournament for Active Duty Airmen - Win prizes!

AIRMEN POOL TOURNAMENT

Feb. 24 • 5-8pm • Free - No sign-up required
 Prizes awarded • Open rec and game room open extended hours



VALENTINE'S 5K
 Feb. 10 ♥ 7 a.m.
 Fitness Center Track

- ✔ Trophies for top three male & female runners
- ✔ T-shirts
- ✔ Prizes
- ✔ Refreshments

Sponsored by: Fitness Center • Bldg. 820 - **623-856-6241**
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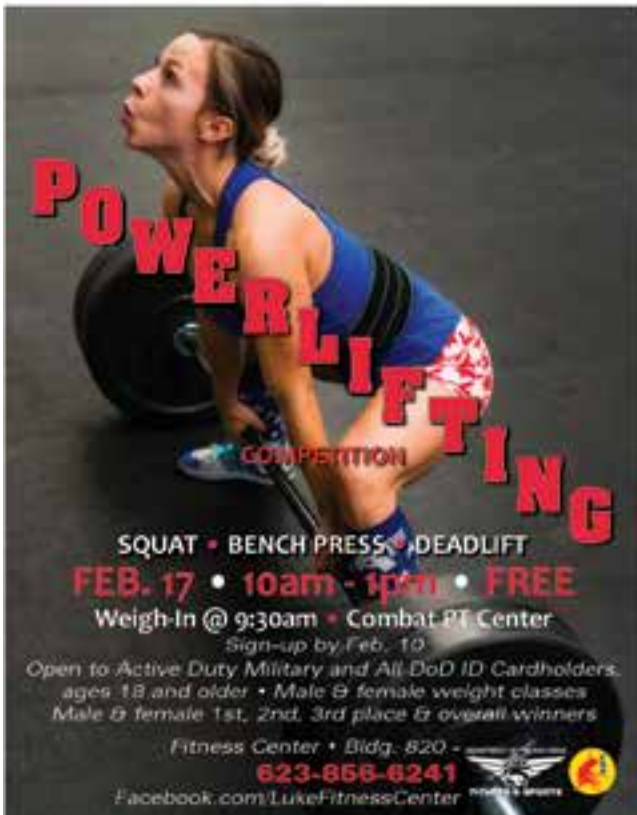
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Free Delivery Available
 Feb. 13 & 14 • 10am-1pm
(one hour only - with purchase)

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AIR FORCE COMMUNITY CENTER



POWERLIFTING COMPETITION

SQUAT • BENCH PRESS • DEADLIFT
FEB. 17 • 10am - 1pm • FREE
 Weigh-In @ 9:30am • Combat PT Center
 Sign-up by Feb. 10

Open to Active Duty Military and All DoD ID Cardholders, ages 18 and older • Male & female weight classes
 Male & female 1st, 2nd, 3rd place & overall winners

Fitness Center • Bldg. 820 - **623-856-6241**
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Spouses

The Most Flocking Fun You Could Ever Have!

FEB. 23
5-9pm • Free

Flocktails • Snacks • Crafts
 Games • Prizes
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AIR FORCE COMMUNITY CENTER

Outdoor Rec

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD TOUR

Feb. 11 • 9am - 7pm • Open to all • \$99
Limited to 12 participants

INDOOR SKYDIVING at IFLY SCOTTSDALE

Feb. 18 • 11am - 2pm • R4R - Single Airmen and Deployed Family Members - \$30 - Includes three 2-minute jumps • Limited to 12 participants

APACHE TRAIL TOUR

Feb. 25 • 8:30am - 1:30pm • Open to All Military I.D. Cardholders - \$10
Limited to 12 participants

TANDEM SKYDIVING JUMP

Mar. 4 • 7am - 1pm • \$30
R4R - Single Airmen & Deployed Family Members Only • Limited to 20 participants

GRAND CANYON DAY TRIP

Mar. 4 • 6am - 6pm • Open to all Military I.D. cardholders • \$65 • Limited to 12 participants

TANDEM HANG-GLIDING

Mar. 18 • 6am - 2pm • \$30 • R4R - Single Airmen & Deployed Family Members Only
Limited to 12 participants

BLACK CANYON ATV ADVENTURE

Mar. 25 • 7am - 1pm • Open to all • \$90
Limited to 12 participants

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Pontoon & fishing boats, canoes, kayaks & paddle boards, campers, camping & sporting

equipment, lawn & garden items, tools, tables & chairs, party games, bouncers, dunk tank, serving items, and so much more. Item/price lists on-line at: 56fss.com/outdoor-recreation



BINGO!
GAME NIGHT
Feb. 11 • 5-8pm
Ages 6 & up • Free for All I.D. Cardholders & Guests
BINGO! • Board Games • Cards
Prizes & Giveaways • Free Popcorn
Gift Shop & Coffee Bar Open for Purchases
Extended Happy Hour - \$1 Off ALL Beer on Tap
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Library

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB

Feb. 9 • 10:30am • Free
Read or Listen to "Military Wives of Arizona Territory" by Jan Cleere

FEBRUARY BOOK TOK TEEN BOOK CLUB

Feb. 13 • 4:30pm
Read or listen to "Shadow and Bone" by Leigh Bardugo. Snacks included. First four to register in person, receive a FREE copy of the book

MARCH BOOK CLUB

Mar. 9 • 10:30am • Free
Read or Listen to "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

STORYTIME

Each Wednesday • 10am • Ages 18 mos. - 4 yrs.
Kindergarten readiness is the basis for everything we do in Storytime. Be sure to join us on Monday, Feb. 5 for our special Storytime selection, "Loco Loco Lizard".

TEDDY BEAR STORYTIME

Second & fourth Mondays monthly • 6pm • Free
Bring your teddy bears, for our special evening Teddy Bear Storytimes!

STORYTIME EVENING SPECIAL

Feb. 13 • 6pm • Free
Join us for a special evening Storytime featuring "Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus". In addition, we'll have a fun cactus craft to make and a free book to keep for participants. and gaming pieces provided.



ROUGE ROOM
Mon-Fri. • 9am - 5pm
15 minute time slots - Up to one hour per person, per day
\$5 for 20 small items - per person
\$10 for two large items - per person
Outdoor Rec • Bidg. 247 - 623-856-6267
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BMX PROS TRICK TEAM
MAR. 11
3-6pm • Free
Blockhouse Parking Lot
"Kids Only" BMX & Anti-Bullying Demos from 3-3:30pm, followed by the grandstand show featuring BMX bikes, Motocross, and Big Tricks!
In addition there will be face painting, food trucks, bounce houses, bicycle show & shine with prizes, and tons of fun!
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Family Child Care

BECOME A LICENSED FCC PROVIDER

Spouses of active duty, retired military members, DoD civilians and other individuals affiliated with DoD, upon review, living both on and off base, are eligible to become licensed Family Child Care (FCC) providers. Providers must be at least 18 years of age, speak, read, and write English, have a high school diploma/GED, be able to pass background checks and attend required trainings. Call the FCC office, or e-mail; patricia.mangrum.1@us.af.mil, or visit: www.militarychildcare.com.

SPOUSE APPOINTMENT CHILD CARE

Military spouses may qualify for free childcare for job interviews/orientation, appointments, and classes they may have, through FCC.

FREE PCS CHILD CARE

Active duty personnel of all ranks, with PCS orders in-or-out of Luke AFB, may qualify for up to 20-hours of free child care, per child, with Family Child Care (only) providers. PCS care must be used 60-days prior, or 60 days after PCSing to Luke. Bring your orders to the Airman & Family Readiness Center to receive a certificate for care.

FREE DEPLOYMENT CHILD CARE

Active-duty or Reserve/Guard (active status) personnel assigned to Luke, can receive 16-hours of free child care - per child. Child care hours may be used before (once a member receives orders), during (16 hours

per month), and after (within 60 days) a contingency operation deployment, or if a member is deployed for a minimum of 30 calendar days, or if personnel are routinely deployed on a short-term basis.

Youth Programs

YOUTH PROGRAMS (YP) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Ages 9-18 • \$60 • Register at the Youth Center Youth Programs is designed to encourage members to realize a wide variety of positive outcomes by offering tested, proven and nationally recognized programs in five core areas including the Arts, Leadership & Service, Health & Wellness, Education, and Sports & Recreation that closely align with the developmental needs of all young people.

School Age Care

SCHOOL AGE CARE (SAC) PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Register now • Youth Center Ages 5(K)-12 • Prices based on total family income • Register at: parent.afcyp.com Program includes breakfast, an after-school snack, transportation (pick-up and drop-off in front of Youth Programs) to-and-from Luke, Dreaming Summit, and Heritage Elementary schools, and lots of enrichment programs after school to keep your kids active and involved.

56th Force Support Squadron

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Auto Hobby Shop	856-6107
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Bryant Fitness Center Annex	856-8299
Child Development Center	856-6338
Club Five Six	856-6446
Community Commons.....	856-7152
Falcon Dunes Golf Course	535-9334
Falcon Dunes Grill	856-0004
Family Child Care	856-2684
Fighter Country Inn (Lodging)....	856-3941
Fort Tuthill.....	928-774-8893
G-Force Cafe.....	856-6446
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Marketing.....	856-3245
Military & Family Readiness	856-6550
NAF Human Resources.....	856-7755
Outdoor Recreation.....	856-6267
Saguaro Skies FamCamp.....	856-4891
School Age Programs	856-7471
Silver Wings Pool	602-739-4826
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Youth Programs.....	856-7470
Unite Program	856-2472



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Spring Break!

TRIPLE-PLAY CAMPS

CREATING HEALTHY HABITS

Promoting Overall Health & Wellness
Learn to Eat Smart - Keep Fit - Handle Stress
and Form Positive Relationships

Mar. 13-17 **Mar. 20-24**
8:30am - 1pm • \$75 8:30am - 1pm • \$75
Ages, 9-18 • Register at: parent.afcyp.com by Mar. 8
Ages, 9-18 • Register at: parent.afcyp.com by Mar. 15

Immunization record and proof of flu shot are required

Youth Programs • Bldg. 1143 - **623-856-7470**
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Youth Programs

KIDS NIGHT OUT

FEB. 10

Superbowl Party!

5:30-9:30pm

Ages 5(K)-12 & 13-18 yrs. old

Sign-up online at: parent.afcyp.com by Feb. 8
YP members - \$20 • Nonmembers - \$25

Parents are invited to join us the first hour for a Kids vs. Parents football game - After that it's PARTY TIME! Enjoy a variety of football related activities, arts & crafts, computers, movies, video games, and much more. Refreshments provided.

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