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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. C.J. Hatch  
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## Royal Danish Air Force general visits Luke



Photos by Airman Mason Hargrove

Royal Danish Air Force Maj. Gen. Jan Dam (second from right), Air Command Denmark commander, walks with Danish service members on the flightline at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, June 15, 2022. Dam received a closeup look at the F-35A Lightning II jet and observed the training environment and operations during his visit.



LEFT: Royal Danish Air Force Maj. Gen. Jan Dam, Air Command Denmark commander, greets U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Matthew Cisar, 308th Fighter Squadron commander, upon arrival to the 308th FS June 15, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Dam visited with Danish service members and received a pilot training status briefing.



Royal Danish Air Force Lt. Col. Nick Hansen (right), 308th Fighter Squadron senior national representative, familiarizes RDAF Maj. Gen. Jan Dam, Air Command Denmark commander, with the cockpit of the F-35A Lightning II jet during a visit June 15, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Luke AFB is the F-16 and F-35 pilot training location for five partner nations, allowing for increased interoperability between nations’ Air Forces.



Royal Danish Air Force Maj. Gen. Jan Dam, Air Command Denmark commander, speaks to Danish pilots during a visit to the 308th Fighter Squadron June 15, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. During the visit, Dam gained firsthand insight into the training environment his service members receive on a daily basis.

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**Unit:** 56th MDG

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Technologist

**AFSC:** 4R051

**Hometown:** Freetown, Sierra  
Leone, Africa

**Duty Description:** Works with  
a radiologist to diagnose and  
treat patients using diagnostic  
imaging examinations.

**Recent Accomplishments:**

- Lebbie has exceeded all expectations of the career field. She was awarded Academic Excellence with a 91% for the

56-week Diagnostic Imaging program.

- She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Biology Sciences before joining the Air Force and earned her Master of Arts in Criminal Justice while being assigned to Luke AFB. Her accomplishments have motivated the department, and five peers have obtained Community College of the Air Force degrees.

- Lebbie volunteered to be a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) member for Maricopa County. She has volunteered 120 hours and was assigned two cases to support neglected youth. In turn, she reunited a family and saved a child from domestic abuse.



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# Juneteenth: the last vestige of slavery ends

By  
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**BREMERTON, Wash. (AFNS)**— Juneteenth was celebrated as a federal holiday June 20, 2022, after becoming an official holiday in 2021 by an executive order from President Joe Biden.

Juneteenth honors the date, June 19, 1865, when the last Confederate community of enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, received word that they had been freed from bondage. Union General Gordon Granger led the unit in Galveston who would ensure the proclamation was enforced.

In the years before Granger's landing, news of the proclamation was slow to reach Texas, and did not reach some quarters at all. In other places, the news was hidden by slaveholders to preserve slavery.

While the Emancipation Proclamation had freed enslaved people more than two years prior, it wasn't until the end of the Civil War that Union troops had the strength to enforce General Order No. 3 in the once Confederate states.

The Reformation Amendments that followed further expanded the freedoms and rights of African Americans. The 13th Amendment ended slavery in all states; the 14th Amendment provided citizenship, due process and equal protection; and the 15th Amendment provided the opportunity to vote and hold office.

But Juneteenth always held a sacred space for those who had endured the horrors of slavery and racism. Many formerly enslaved African Americans and their descendants continued to celebrate Juneteenth in Texas—sometimes making pilgrimages to Galveston in honor of the day.

Juneteenth has been an official holiday in Texas since 1980.

In President Biden's proclamation of the official federal holiday he wrote, "In its celebration of freedom, Juneteenth is a day that should be recognized by all Americans ... A day in which we remember the moral stain and terrible toll of slavery on our country—what I've long called America's



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**Airmen and personnel stationed at Luke Air Force Base attend a Juneteenth luncheon event at Luke AFB, Arizona. June 19 became a federal holiday in 2021 when United States President Joseph R. Biden officially signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.**

original sin. A long legacy of systemic racism, inequality, and inhumanity. But it is a day that also reminds us of our incredible capacity to heal, hope, and emerge from our darkest moments with purpose and resolve."



**U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Donald Winchester addresses the crowd at the Juneteenth Luncheon event at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Diversity and inclusion are imperative in the U.S. Air Force, where multicultural contributions to national defense are celebrated and all Airmen are valued and respected for their identity, culture, and background.**



**Attendees proceed through the line at the Juneteenth Luncheon event at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.**



## Commemorating the incredible life of Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. Asa Herring

By  
**STEPHEN DELGADO**

Thunderbolt staff writer

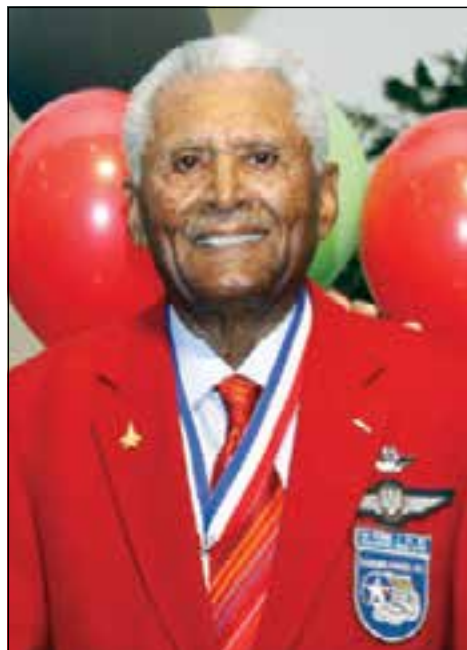
*Editor's note: Below is a story published by Luke AFB in 2013 highlighting the inspirational life of a true American hero, Lt. Col. Asa Herring, who sadly passed away on May 27, 2022.*

We often hear the term, "larger than life," which defines a person's life as being filled with extraordinary events and accomplishments; a life in which a person overcame obstacles and had achievements, which at the time seemed impossible.

Meet retired Lt. Col. Asa Herring, whose body of work started as a Tuskegee Airman. He spent an additional 21 years in the Air Force as well as many post-retirement years with Western Electric and performing community service. His life is the material of legends.

His story began Oct. 3, 1926, in Dunn, North Carolina. He was born at a time when African Americans had few rights and even fewer opportunities, but he would defy the odds and lead a life which nearly nine decades later would be part of an incredible journey for him and a nation.

Herring graduated from high school at age 16 but had to wait until he was 18 before he



Courtesy photos

could enter the military. He had passed the Army Air Corps written examination at age 17 and entered active-duty as an aviation cadet Dec. 27, 1944.

However, World War II ended before he finished his training. Germany had surrendered and the "Tuskegee Experiment" was one of many flying schools that were soon to be eliminated, he said.

He left the Army Air Corps in 1946, but his love of aviation and a profound change in

policy would bring him back.

"I did not want to be in a segregated military, so that is the principal reason I left," he said. "I also wanted to further my education. I had graduated from several top-notch technical schools, but was unable to obtain employment with an airline or a fixed-base operator. Then President Harry Truman issued Executive Order 9981, ending the policy

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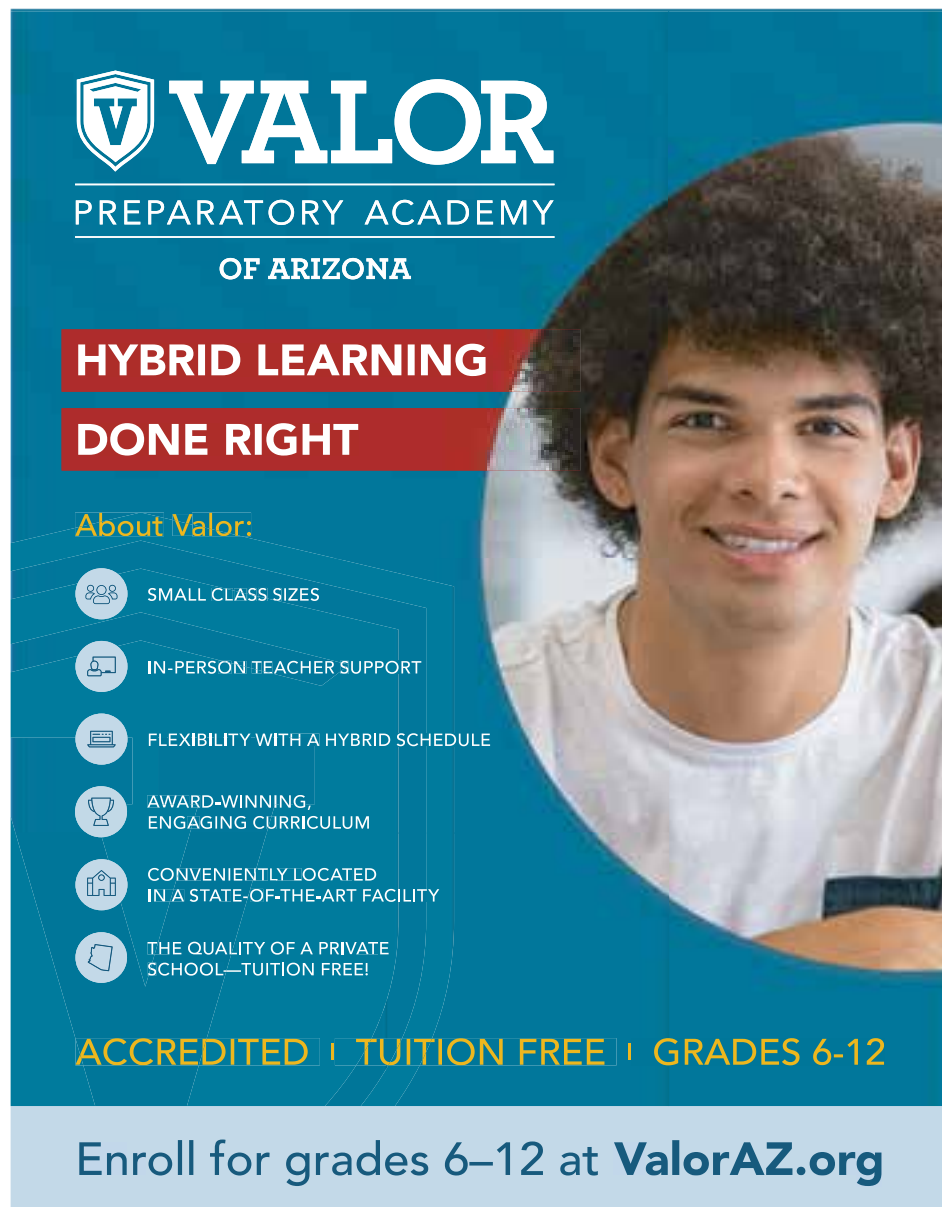
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## Chaplain's thoughts ...

# Be Responsible

By Chaplain (Capt.)  
JESUS PRADO

IMA, 56th Fighter Wing

One thing I enjoy doing during my paucity of free time is to sit down and enjoy a good Netflix series. So in an effort to unwind, I sat down to enjoy a recently released documentary called *Meltdown: Three Mile Island*. Some of you may be wondering, "What is that?" The Three Mile Island nuclear accident was a partial meltdown that occurred in 1979 in Pennsylvania. While this is the historical context of the documentary, that is not what grabbed my eye. You see, in the series we're introduced to U.S. Navy Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, who is regarded by many as the "Father of the Nuclear Navy," who helped create the Navy's first nuclear-powered submarine, the Nautilus. Interestingly, Admiral Rickover also holds the record as the longest-serving naval officer with 63 years of military service. One can surmise that with this record, one should take heed to what this man had to say. One of those statements is expressed in the documentary and it really captured my attention, "be responsible."

Now in the grand scheme of things, the context of this phrase was uttered to the nuclear community. Here in our Air Force however, we're not submerged under the oceans in submarines powered by nuclear reactors. The mantra of "be

responsible" may not carry the significance of its original audience. However, the application of this simple statement can remain poignant and relevant. This is the question that I challenge you to consider, what can 'be responsible' mean to you? In my faith tradition, the Parable of the Talents (coins) tells the story of a servant entrusted with five talents, who is responsible and gains five more talents. In the end, the master replies, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things ..." (Matthew 25:21, NIV). The message of responsibility is an important one. The charge to be responsible ensures the safety of each other, and also may lead to greater opportunities. Thus, in every decision you make, make it a responsible one.

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of racial segregation.

With the end of segregation and the Air Force becoming a separate branch of the military, I volunteered for military service in 1949 and stayed until 1970. Joining the Air Force and being able to fly was a turning point in my life."

What's more, Herring's years offered him the opportunity to travel the world. He served in England, Germany, Korea and Vietnam, as well temporary duty assignments worldwide. His service in Vietnam included flying 350 combat missions.

He said his years in the military gave him a special confidence and a new perspective.

"You know you can do something, but people won't let you do it," he said. "Once you are in a combat situation such as in Vietnam, you get a different perspective. I realized that we were in it together and color didn't matter."

Herring's more than two decades of military service included three tours of duty at Luke Air Force Base, where he was the first African Americansquadron commander. He trained pilots in the F-104G Advanced Jet Fighter Gunnery Program.

He said he was officially appointed an honorary command pilot in the German Luftwaffe.

Not only that, Herring flew a

plethora of aircraft, which included the PT-17, AT-6, F-51D, T-33, F-86A, F-84, F-100C, D, F and G, and the F-104G.

After retiring from the military, Herring's pace didn't slow at all. He spent the next two decades at Western Electric, which at the time was the manufacturing arm of AT&T. He retired in 1989.

"I had the opportunity to serve in several management positions including personnel, quality assurance, manufacturing operations and benefits administrations," he said.

Community service in many facets is a strong aspect of his legacy. His service included being a member of the Phoenix Union High School Vocational Advisory Board, the chairman of Phoenix Municipal Aeronautics Board and the Phoenix Community Development Block Grant Committee.

Herring was married 61 years. His wife died Veterans Day 2011. He has two sons.

In all, he reflected on his life and the profound changes he's experienced.

Herring said he is pleased by how far the fight for equality has progressed, but cautioned that there is still work to be done.

"The changes have been great," he said. "That's what we fight and die for is to have justice and equality both here and abroad."

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# The Berlin Airlift: What it was, its importance in the Cold War

By  
**KATIE LANGE**

DoD News

In June 1948, the Americans, British and French introduced a new currency, the Deutschmark, to their zones, which included West Berlin. They kept it from the Soviets because they wanted to regain economic control from Russia and quell the black market that was running rampant, as well as bring in aid under the Marshall Plan, a U.S. strategy to rebuild Europe.

But the problem was this — Berlin was located far within Russia's East Germany, so the Soviets took advantage, leading to the first Berlin crisis of the Cold War.

## The Berlin Airlift begins

On June 24, 1948, Soviet forces blockaded all road, rail and water routes into Berlin's Allied-controlled areas, stifling the vital flow of food, coal and other supplies. Soviet troop numbers dwarfed those of the Allies, which had drawn down after the war, so there was little the Allies could do about it militarily.

But the Soviets couldn't block Allied airspace, so U.S. and UK forces took to the skies to get supplies to the Allied sectors. On June 26, the U.S. launched Operation Vittles, which the U.K. later joined. It was the biggest aerial resupply mission ever embarked upon. The Allies also imposed their own counter-blockade, restricting trade with East Germany and East Berlin.

## A massive mission

The airlift was a daunting task at first. More than 2 million Berliners were relying on the aid, which included much-needed food, fuel and medicine. Over time, though, it became more efficient, and the number of airdrops increased. At one point, Air Force and Navy planes were landing at Tempelhof Airport every 45 seconds.



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**Air and ground crews of the U.S. Navy Squadron VR-6 at Rhein-Main celebrate the end of the Berlin Airlift, May 12, 1949.**

On Easter Sunday, April 17, 1949, the constant procession of planes managed to deliver 13,000 tons of cargo, including the equivalent of 600 railroad cars of coal — all in one day!

Things weren't going well for the Soviets. The airlift had been going on for 10 months, and the Allies had proven they could keep it up indefinitely. The Russians had gained a reputation as bullies because of their blockade. On top of that, an Allied counter-blockade was causing severe shortages in the Russian sectors, leading to fears of an uprising.

The Soviet Union gave in and lifted the blockade on May 11, 1949; however, the airlift itself didn't end until Sept. 30, just in case the Soviets decided to change their minds.

During the entire airlift, the U.S. and UK delivered more than 2.3 million tons of food, fuel and supplies to West Berlin via more than 278,000 airdrops. American

aircrews made more than 189,000 flights, totaling nearly 600,000 flying hours and exceeding 92 million miles.

The airlift demonstrated America's innovative spirit, efficiency, perseverance and leadership. It also highlighted the value of cooperation and the need to have allies to accomplish tasks that one country simply can't do alone.

While that crisis ended peacefully, the ideological division of Europe had just begun. By the end of the blockade, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization had been established, partially in response to Soviet aggression. A few weeks later, East and West Berlin officially separated, with each becoming a symbol of their respective political views — democracy and freedom in the West versus communism in the East.

*Editor's Note: This item has been updated. The original was published June 25, 2018.*

June 26 marked the 74th anniversary of the beginning of the Berlin Airlift, America's first major test of resolve during the Cold War and one of the largest humanitarian aid missions in history.

Never heard of it? Well, you're in luck — we've summed the history up for you here.

## Post-World War II division of Germany

After World War II ended, Germany was in ruins, and the situation in its capital, Berlin, was dire. About 2.5 million Berliners were still living in the war-ravaged city, but food was scarce and shelter was hard to find amid all the rubble. The economy was mostly black market goods at that point.

To begin rebuilding, the Allies split Germany between the Allies - the United States, the United Kingdom, France and the Soviet Union. Berlin, which was in the Soviet-occupied zone was also divided. The Soviets controlled the eastern section, while the western part of the city was divided between the United States, the United Kingdom and France.

Unfortunately, the Soviet-Allied alliance deteriorated quickly, and tensions fully erupted by 1948.

## The Breaking Point

Russia met regularly with Britain, the U.S. and France after the war to coordinate occupation policy between the varying zones, but it stopped in early 1948 when it found out the other three nations were secretly planning to create a new German state out of their zones.



**Around-the-clock maintenance of planes during the Berlin Airlift.**



# Luke Airman Leadership School named best in AETC



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Clinton Atkins

Brig. Gen. Gregory Kreuder (left), 56th Fighter Wing commander, presents the 2021 AETC Outstanding Airman Leadership School of the Year award to Staff Sgt. Halley Mosley (middle) and Staff Sgt. Victoria Barsness (right) at the John J. Rhodes Airman Leadership School June 7, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Mosley and Barsness accepted the major command-level unit award on behalf of the schoolhouse during an impromptu visit from the commander.

RIGHT: Brig. Gen. Gregory Kreuder, 56th Fighter Wing commander, addresses the student body of the John J. Rhodes Airman Leadership School after presenting the 2021 Outstanding AETC ALS of the Year award at the schoolhouse June 7, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Airman Leadership School is the first level of professional military education for Air Force enlisted service members.



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## Damaging winds and downbursts

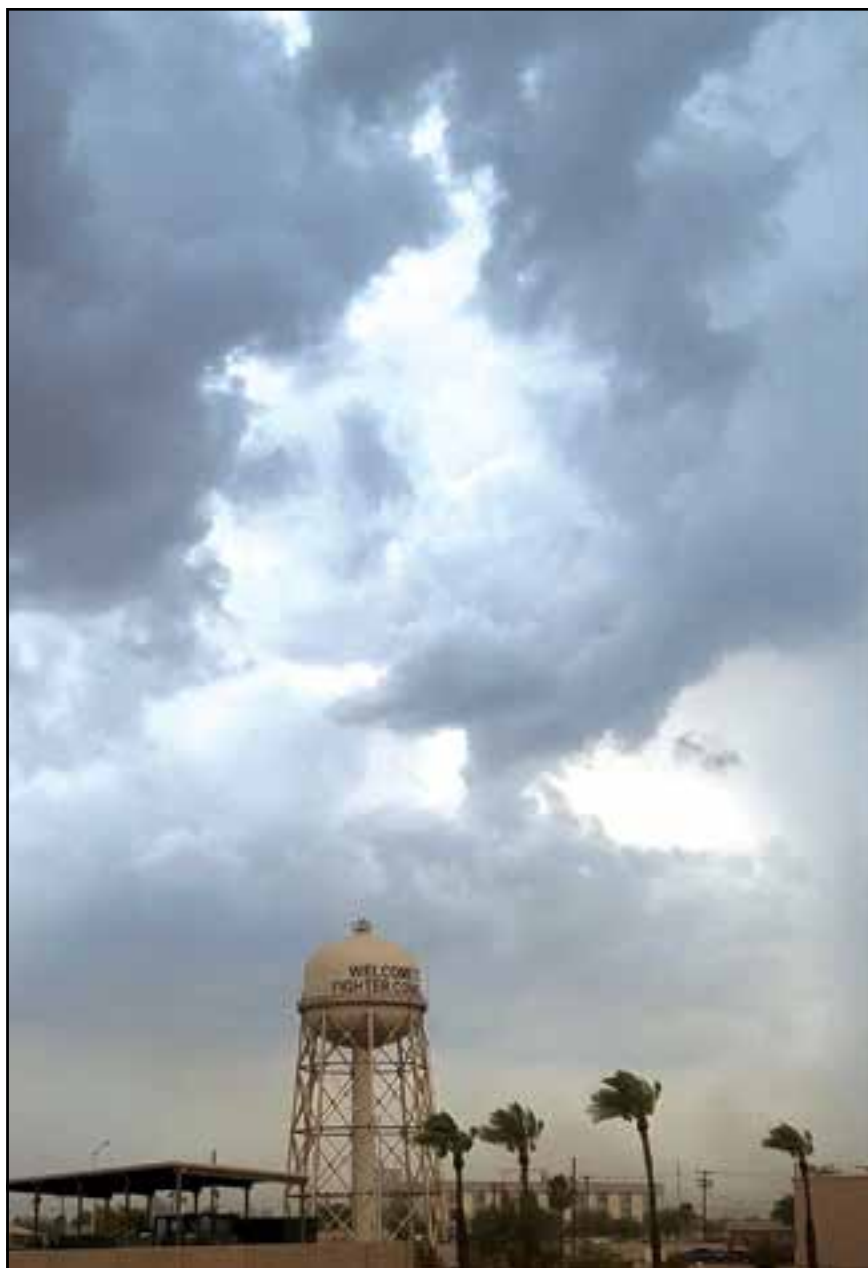
### What is a downburst?

Strong winds within the rain-cooled downdraft of a thunderstorm.

What to do when winds are expected:

- Move indoors to an interior room.
- Watch for falling trees, flying debris, or downed power lines.
- Secure loose outdoor furniture and garbage cans, or move them indoors to prevent them from blowing away.

Wind speeds can exceed 40 mph and may go up to 100 mph.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Marcy Copeland

A monsoon approaches Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, Aug. 8, 2016. From June 15 until Sept. 30, strong storms affect Luke with heavy rain, lightning, thunder and dust storms.

## By 56th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

The Southwest Monsoon season occurs annually from June 15 to Sept. 30 and begins with a large-scale shift in winds that transport humid air to dry desert locations. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms during this time produce 40-50% of this region's annual precipitation. Hazards produced from these thunderstorms include downburst winds, dust storms (haboobs), and flash flooding.

## Dust storms (haboobs)

### What is a haboob?

A fast moving wall of dust that is the result of strong thunderstorm outflow winds.

What to do when driving in a haboob:

- Pull over away from the road.
- Turn off vehicle.
- Engage the emergency brake.
- Take foot of the brake pedal.
- Never stop in a traffic lane.

Avoid driving in dust storms at all costs.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jensen Stidham

A U.S. Air Force and Royal Australian Air Force F-35A Lightning II are towed on the flight line during a monsoon at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, July 30, 2018. Several aircraft maintenance units stopped their maintenance operations to take cover from the dust.





# awareness 2022



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. C.J. Hatch

## Lightning

**Watch:** maintain situational awareness and look out for signs of a potential thunderstorm.

**Remember:** if you can hear thunder, you are probably close enough to be struck by lightning.

**Get inside:** most lightning strikes occur outside, so find shelter inside of a house or vehicle. If no shelter is available, get as low to the ground as possible.

**Stay away:** distance yourself from water, tall trees, telephone poles and any metal rails.

Lightning is the most unpredictable characteristic of monsoon storms.

*Lightning strikes over the White Tank Mountain Range Aug. 26, 2013, during a thunderstorm as seen from the end of the runway. Residents of Luke Air Force Base and the surrounding area were treated to nature's light show, high winds and heavy rain.*



U.S. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jensen Stidham

*The morning after the storm holds the remnants of an evening storm which dumped 6.84 inches of rain and left much of the base's parking lots and streets under water on July 17, 2017, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.*

## Flash flooding

**What is a flash flood?**

A rapid and extreme flow of high water into a normally dry area.

Driving in flash floods:

- Driving in floodwater is extremely dangerous.
- Water levels rise quickly and can fill the streets.
- Floodwaters can easily sweep a vehicle away in seconds.
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Memorial Regional Health is actively recruiting Registered Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals.

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Craig, where Memorial Regional Health serves a community that includes a county, but which is concentrated in this little city, is the kind of destination toward which most folks who come here never realized they'd been journeying their whole lives. Between the protective cover of the sand rock ridge that runs along the north side of the community and the coal-fired power plant to the south - both of which are visible from almost any point in town - sits a city in a valley built on electric power and sustained by human power.

Here atop one of the several hills headed out of town, lives Memorial Regional Health. Keeping a watchful eye over the community it serves, MRH, among the city's largest single employers, has sought to fulfill the responsibility and hoist the burden placed on it's broad shoulders to improve the lives of that community. Within these walls is a family that's coalesced around that critical mission with the humbling understanding that, in so many ways, without us, this community would surely fall critically ill.

Single digit miles from some of the country's grandest free, accessible wilderness, a few more from world-class skiing, and closer than you'd think to the amenities provided by the sizes of cities those who escape to Craig are largely looking to leave behind, it's hard to fully comprehend the three-fold satisfaction by this locale of the old real estate motto: Location, location, location.

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