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LUKE TWINS LAID TO REST

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Luke AFB retires Block 25 F-16 aircraft

By Senior Airman
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Like old soldiers being relieved from their posts, the Block 25 F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft have been relieved of duty Sept. 6, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. This model of aircraft has been imbedded with the 309th "Ducks" Fighter Squadron. A squadron that has successfully led the fight for decades.

"It's time for our Block 25 F-16s to be retired," said Maj. Lance "Trap" Tucker, 309th FS commander. "They are some of the oldest F-16s we have in our Air Force. They are close to the end of their airframe life and capabilities-wise they're not as upgraded as our current Vipers."

The 309th FS has deep-rooted history within WWII, even producing many aces during that time.

"The 309th (FS) is one of the more historical squadrons in the Air Force," said Tucker. "In WWII in the European theater, they flew Spitfires, Warhawks and P-51s, fighting mostly in Italy and North Africa."

With the scope of the Air Force's mission extending, and the technological systems' ever advancing, it's always a matter of time until newer aircraft come to replace the older models.

"It's a little surreal, to be honest with you," said Lt. Col. Matthew "Fuse" Eldredge, former commander of the 309th FS. "I can remember as a lieutenant growing up, flying with a lot of guys in F-4s and watching that historic change from F-4s to F-16s. And here I am, 20 years later, watching an F-16 I've flown be retired. I've gone full circle, and it's bittersweet. But it's an awesome opportunity to be the last commander to fly this jet."



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman David Busby

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Matthew "Fuse" Eldredge, 309th Fighter Squadron "Ducks" former commander, greets Airman 1st Class Keilani Durfey, 310th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, outside the retiring Block 25 F-16 Fighting Falcon Sept. 6, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. With the Block 25 Divestment complete, all aircraft from that block are being flown to the 309th Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Group, or "Boneyard", for repurposing. The divestment marks history for the aircraft, retired after many faithful years of duty to our nation.

With that in mind, the 309th FS looks forward to the future.

"The 310th Fighter Squadron is sched-

uled to become an F-35A squadron next year," said Tucker. "And the 309th (FS) gained newer Block 42 F-16s this summer to replace our Block 25 aircraft. With the F-35 mission expanding, it is time for them (the F-16s) to go to the 309th Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Group, also known as the Boneyard, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. They'll be used for spare parts and some will be used for drones or for targets in missile practice."

For Eldredge, it's an honor to watch history unfold for the Ducks and the Air Force.

"There are a lot of guys that have come through these doors for training, whether as a new student or a transition student," said Eldredge. "How many hours and how many landings have they flown in the past? And here we are, flying the last one out. It's awesome to be a part of that, and to close that chapter in our history, if you will, and to continue with our Block 42 aircraft."

Just as systems and equipment evolve and grow over time, Luke AFB F-16 student pilots continue to develop, reaching greater heights than ever before. Armed with advanced aircraft, pilots have nowhere to go but up in the 56th FW.



Commanders, honorary commanders and members of the 309th Fighter Squadron "Ducks" sign a retiring F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft Sept. 6, 2022, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The F-16 will be flown to the 309th Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Group, or "Boneyard" by Lt. Col. Matthew "Fuse" Eldredge, 309th Fighter Squadron former commander, the next day.

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2022 Tower Challenge



Firefighters from the Maricopa Fire Department, walk down stairs during the 2022 Tower Challenge, Sept. 9, 2022, at Gila River Arena, Glendale, Arizona.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Mason Hargrove
U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jason Schaffer, 56th Fighter Wing Command Chief, rings a bell during the 9/11 Tower Challenge, Sept. 9, 2022, at the Gila River Arena, Glendale, Arizona. Participants rang the bell upon climbing 2,071 steps, which represented the 110 floors of the World Trade Center that first responders climbed during the terrorist attacks that occurred Sept. 11, 2001.



Bill Hillermeier, a retired Ridgefield Fire Department fire chief, speaks in an interview, Sept. 9, 2022, at the Gila River Arena, Glendale, Arizona. Hillermeier was one of the many firefighters that assisted New York City following the terrorist attacks that occurred Sept. 11, 2001.

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Viper Den helps 607th ACS stay resilient

By Airman 1st Class
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For the Airmen of the 607th Air Control Squadron, high-paced training environments can induce immense levels of stress. In addition to training the newest Control and Reporting Center operators, the squadron prides itself in its mission to improve the well-being and working environment of its Airmen.

Early in 2022, 607th ACS Airmen began construction of an Airmen's Lounge, a place where squadron members could relax, unwind, and connect with their peers, both on the operations and maintenance sides of the unit.

Working in an old office, a team of more than 50 Airmen put over 4,000 hours into the project, using \$41,000 of donations from various organizations, including other units on base. A ribbon-cutting ceremony

was held for the newly completed and christened Viper Den on June 3, 2022

The Viper Den has a table tennis set, two gaming systems, various movies, and board games. According to Airmen, it would not be uncommon to see a ping pong match or even a training class on any given day.

"We had a lieutenant colonel, who was a reservist, come in and do a presentation about a new simulation software for our students here," said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Airman Nathen Vanbuskirk, 607th ACS weapons simulation technician, one of the Airmen who led the renovation project.

With the extra space provided, the squadron has been able to host group discussions and informal classes on various topics, previously unavailable to the unit. Nearly three months after the opening of the den, the squadron's senior leaders have seen the effects.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Jakob Hambricht
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Howard Stevens, 607th Air Control Squadron weapons director, plays table tennis in the newly opened 607th ACS Viper Den, August 22, 2022 at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The Viper Den was built to give Airmen a place to relax, unwind, and take a break from their duties, allowing them to stay focused on the mission.



The 607th Air Control Squadron's Mothers Room is ready for nursing mothers who need it, August 22, 2022 at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The Mothers Room was renovated to meet the standards set by 56th Fighter Wing Public Health and the Air Force, which ensure that Airmen are provided with the proper resources to take care of themselves.

"It's been a massive success," said Master Sgt. Admire Gary, First Sergeant of the 607th ACS. "Not only have I, but our commander has seen a huge impact on our Airmen."

The success of the Viper Den in-

spired other Airmen to contribute to their workplace in other ways. One way was the renovation of the Mother's Room, where members could nurse their children in a safe and secure environment.

Securing \$1,800 of unit funds

and \$2,000 in donations, a team of 12 Airmen put 125 work hours into the renovation, adding various comfort features and utilities into the room, including additional furniture and dividers.

"A lot of the new furniture we got for the room was donated or given to us from other groups," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Menina Closner, 607th ACS surveillance training non-commissioned officer in charge. "The new chairs are actually these old comfy commander chairs, so we figured they'd work."

After its completion, the Mother's Room passed Public Health's initial inspection with a perfect 27 out of 27, and strictly followed guidance in AFI 36-3013.

Apart from the technical improvements to the room, new chairs, tables, and dividers were added to create a stress-free environment for the mothers, allowing them nurse comfortably.

"Some of the privacy things we added were an availability sign, that the mother could change to show the room's being used, and a keypad lock so that they could nurse privately without the risk of someone walking in," said Closner.

Aligning with the squadron's mission to improve its Airmen's experience, the Mother's Room recognizes the extra work mothers put in, while still maintaining the mission of the squadron, and the U.S. Air Force.

As resiliency remains one of the U.S. Air Force's top priorities, even junior Airmen can better themselves, their peers, and their units. The Viper Den and the Mother's Room are just two examples of the 607th ACS ensuring that their Airmen are ready for the mission ahead.

Chaplain's Corner ...

Right Thing, Right Time, Right Reason **Chaplain (Capt.) Chase Rotman**

IMA, 56th Fighter Wing

Recently, I was at the base newcomer's briefing to present on behalf of the chapel. I arrived early and was able to listen to our Vice Commander, Col. Keagan McLeese and Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Weimer speak to the Airmen new to Luke AFB. Colonel McLeese began to speak about working and living with intention and spoke a profound statement. He said, "You can do the right thing at the right time for the wrong reason."

Each of us have experienced this, whether by our own actions or from the actions of others. I had an



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Chaplain (Capt.) Chase Rotman

experience like this at Officer Training School a few years ago. My roommates and I were preparing for a room inspection and had a difference of opinion on how to fold the green duffle bag. I knew that I was right and figured if they would not listen, then they can bear the consequences for their actions.

As one of our MTFs rolled through and picked apart our room, he zeroed in on the green

duffle bags. He noticed one was correct and the other was not. I stood there beaming with pride only to be met with the question, "Why did you leave your Airmen behind?" I did the right thing at the right time, yet I did not do it for the right reason. I neglected to live out the core value of service before self and as a chaplain, that stings a little more because of the calling I have accepted.

In my faith tradition, there is a letter in the book of Revelation written to a church that had the right beliefs, the right actions, but the wrong intent. Jesus speaks to them and says they have forgotten to love and if it is not fixed, then they will lose their light to the world.

It can be easy to go through the motions in the Air Force. Another shift, another jet to work on, another day of CBTs, another day of loading equipment or components for aircraft. The work we do can become mundane and lose its purpose when we "Do the right thing at the right time for the wrong reason."

May we be encouraged to remember our call and our purpose. We were never meant to live on autopilot, distanced from our purpose and call that has been placed on us as maintainer, flight chief, OIC, or superintendent. We were meant to live with purpose and with the right intent in everything we do in order to have purpose in our lives.

If you are feeling like you have lost your purpose, your intent, or your reason, then contact the Chapel at 623-856-6211 to speak with a Chaplain. Our goal is to help you be spiritually fit in a world that is full of troubles and hardships. You don't need to walk it alone. We're here for you.

Help conserve monsoon rainfall



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Water is a precious resource, and all of us are responsible for preventing rainwater from becoming polluted and conserving drinking water whenever we can.

Even though Luke has received more than average rain this monsoon season, the

Phoenix Valley and the Southwest region is in a drought. The water levels at Lake Powell and Lake Mead are at historic lows. Recently the City of Phoenix declared a Stage 1 Water Alert which activated their drought management plan. With Stage 1, water use reduction is not enforced, but the community is asked to voluntarily conserve water.

For Arizona, the monsoon season officially starts on June 15 and ends on Sept. 30. That means that we are a little more than halfway through the monsoon season. According to the 56th CES/CEIE rain gauge, it has received 5.22 inches of rain since the

start of the monsoon. That is a lot of rain for this area, and it is important that only rain goes into our storm drain system. It is the responsibility of everyone who works or lives on base to prevent rainwater from becoming polluted.

There are easy actions we can take to prevent stormwater pollution. We can prevent litter and pick up trash if we see it. We can keep our vehicles in good condition so that they do not drip oil, antifreeze, or other fluids. If we have animals, we can pick up after them so that their waste does not get into the stormwater.

One way to conserve water is to water our lawns and plants correctly. This means that we don't over water, but just provide the irrigation needed to keep the plants healthy. It also means that we try to make sure that we only water the lawn and plants, and not spray water onto sidewalks and driveways.

Another thing we can do to conserve water is to find and fix any leaking toilets or sinks. If a sink leaks 11 drops per minute, that would waste more than one gallon per day. If a toilet leaks 116 drops per minute, that would waste more than 11 gallons per day, or 330 gallons per month.

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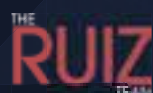
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Limited public service loan forgiveness waiver nearing end

Defense Department personnel with student loan debt might be able to benefit from temporary changes made to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

The Limited PSLF Waiver allows borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment, making it easier to have their loans forgiven.

Those who have not already applied for this waiver must submit a PSLF form and consolidate their non-direct federal student loans by Oct. 31 to receive the benefit.

The waiver allows borrowers to gain additional PSLF credit, even if previously told they had the wrong loan type or repayment plan.

Those interested can learn more about the limited waiver and who qualifies on the Federal Student Aid Site.

"If you have a federal student loan and are eligible, I encourage you to take advantage of the PSLF waiver benefit today," said Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen H. Hicks. "A few minutes of your time may save you thousands of dollars on your student loans. Remember, you need to take the steps necessary to qualify."

President Joe Biden also commented on the PSLF program portion of the White House website: "Dedicated public servants are the lifeblood of democracy. They do the hard work that is essential to our country's success — protecting us, teaching our children, keeping our streets clean and our lights on, and so much more."

After the Oct. 31 deadline and beginning on Nov. 1, the standard PSLF program requirements will resume.

Federal Student Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/pslf-limited-waiver>

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School liaison managers guide academic transitions, overcome hurdles for military kids

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the opportunity to accept similar course work that was completed at the previous school," she said.

Additionally, the student, who was also an athlete, missed tryouts so Allen connected the parent to the school administration so their student could tryout under the provision of the MIC3.

When a high school student from Stavanger, Norway, transferred to a school in a different country, they were told they would lose GPA points and class credits. That's when Faith Madsen, SLP manager in Stavanger, went to work for the family.



U.S. Air Force graphic illustration

"I mobilized partnerships I had established at our local school and brought the high school counselor, principal and other stakeholders together to communicate the GPA transferability and class credits so they could understand the system accurately," she said.

By getting the student's educational records and grades validated by the new location, Madsen was able to get the student full credit with correct GPA transferability.

"What started with a student being told to repeat classes and losing valuable GPA points, ended with full class credits awarded and the earned GPA accurately reflected on the student's transcript," she said.

"As school liaisons, we understand that

families don't want their military service to have a negative impact on their student's educational experiences," Allen said.

Although the SLP may be busier during the peak PCS season, Phipps and the school liaisons at installations are quick to point out that the program is critical year-round.

Through strong education-community partnerships, SLs are a "strong voice" for military families in the areas of legislation advocacy, policy review, joint service education initiatives, scholarship and grant resources, Impact Aid and the Military Family Life Counseling Program, Phipps said.

They also oversee MIC3 compliance, monitor compliance with public laws mandating education and related services for military populations, and advocate on behalf of military students on various boards, networks, and committees at the local and national levels.

For leadership teams at installations, SLs are there to help increase readiness, support retention and sustain the mission with deployment, homeschool and transition support for families. SLs are also up to date on local laws and policies to help families understand school choices and even assist with higher-education options like Junior ROTC, internships and mentoring opportunities.

"Our school liaisons continually collaborate with installation and community partners to identify educational opportunities, communicate them to families and assist to resolve issues if they arise," Phipps said.

"It's an integral part of fulfilling the AFSVC's mission of delivering services, programs and activities to build and sustain ready and resilient Airmen, Guardians and families," said Madsen, "and provides connectivity and consistency for our families."

"Our SLs support transitioning military families from all branches of the military using a purple community capacity model which integrates the installation, school, and community. Regardless of where a fam-

ily goes, there will always be a school liaison available to take care of them.

"Even if a family isn't located on an installation, that military connected family is covered by the School Liaison Program," Phipps said.

Stacey Holland is the SLP manager for the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. With 30 years of experience as an Air Force and civilian educator, she is familiar with many resources available to military families.

"I work hard to advocate for our military-connected students in our community," said Holland. "I help to ensure that transitions are as smooth as possible by providing resources to inbound and outbound families. I also provide professional development to the local education agencies specifically on servicing military students and help incorporate programs such as 'Student to Student' and 'Anchored For Life' in our heavily military connected schools."

Another key component of Holland's role is ensuring that the Military Interstate Compact is enforced throughout the state, while addressing challenges that families and students may encounter in schools.

"I'm a member of the Community Action Team," said Holland. "I continuously provide updates on education in the State of Arizona to the community, families, and wing leadership."

Holland also provides workshops for families in areas such as career and college readiness, homeschooling, preparing for kindergarten, the Military Interstate Compact, and STEM.

For more information on the DAF SLP, visit www.dafchildand youth.com/school-liaison-program. Holland is available at 623-856-6378, or email stacey.holland.1@luke.af.mil.

(Editor's Note: School liaisons serve all Department of Defense ID cardholders to include civilians, retirees, Guard and Reserve, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Public Health Service, Foreign National Training Students, employees, and eligible family members.)

DOD helping strengthen economic security and stability of service members, families

Today, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced immediate and long-term actions to help strengthen the economic security and stability of service members and their families.

Recognizing the extraordinary pressures that military families face, Secretary Austin has directed the following actions in four key areas:

To help **secure affordable basic needs**, the Secretary has directed the Department to:

- Review the prospective 2023 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) tables to ensure calculations reflect the unusually dynamic fluctuations in the housing market.

- Institute automatic increases in BAH for active-duty Service members in the 28 Military Housing Areas (MHAs) that have experienced an average of more than 20 percent spike in rental housing costs this year above this year's BAH rates. These automatic increases will go into effect in October 2022.

The 28 Military Housing Areas are: Vandenberg SFB, MCB Twenty Nine Palms and San Diego in California; Dover AFB/Rehoboth, Delaware; Patrick SFB, Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Volusia County, Fort Myers Beach in Florida; Kings Bay/Brunswick, Georgia; Maui County, Hawaii; Chicago, Illinois; Boston, Cape Cod-Plymouth, and Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Brunswick and

Coastal Maine; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Helena, Montana; Wilmington, North Carolina; Northern New Jersey; Newport and Providence in Rhode Island; Beaufort/Parris Island, South Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; Houston, Texas; and Quantico/Woodbridge, Virginia.

- Fully fund our commissaries to cut prices at the register, with goal of achieving at least a 25 percent savings on grocery bills compared to the local marketplace.

- Pay eligible Service members the Basic Needs Allowance (BNA) starting January 2023. The BNA is a supplemental allowance for Service members with dependents who apply and qualify based on their gross household income.

- In addition, the President's budget includes a 4.6 percent pay increase for Service members starting Jan. 1, 2023

To further **ease the process of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves**, the Secretary has directed the Department to:

- Permanently increase standard TLE maximum coverage from 10 to 14 days for CONUS moves and allow up to 60 days of TLE if a Service member is in a specified Military Housing Area with a housing shortage, to take effect in October 2022.

- Increase the Dislocation Allowance (DLA) for E-1 to E-6 Service members, to further help offset personal expenses for PCS moves. DLA payments for all Service members will be paid automatically one

month prior to their move date to pre-empt out-of-pocket expenses. This will take effect in October 2022.

- Continue improvements to Military OneSource online moving and housing tools.

To further **strengthen support to families**, the Secretary has directed the Department:

- Make significant investments in Child Development Program (CDP) facilities and infrastructure to further expand our capacity to provide quality childcare.

- Standardize a minimum 50 percent discount for the first child of CDP direct-care workers, helping to attract more talented staff and to increase capacity. This will take effect in October 2022.

- Improve access to childcare programs and resources such as Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood and expand the in-home childcare fee-assistance pilot program to additional states to provide more options to military families.

- Military Child Development Centers hours have already extended their hours to better account for Service members' varied schedules. The Department has also reached out to additional high-quality, community-based childcare providers who agree to care for military families using DODs fee-assistance program.

- The Department has also previously expanded parental leave policies to cover non-chargeable leave following the birth or

adoption of a child for active duty and eligible Reserve Component Service members; established a New Parent Support Program; and updated policies to reimburse nursing Service members for shipment of breast milk when on mandated temporary duty travel.

To further **enhance employment opportunities for military spouses**, the Secretary has directed the Department:

- Accelerate the development of seven additional occupational licensure interstate compacts with organizations representing multiple professions, easing burdens for spouses who must transfer professional licenses or credentials with each move.

- Increase the use of non-competitive, direct hiring authorities for military spouses in the Department of Defense and further expand remote work and telework options to help military spouses build portable careers.

- Launch a new career-accelerator pilot initiative that will match military spouses with paid private-sector fellowships in a variety of career paths. This will take effect in January 2023.

- Increase the number of partners in the Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) by 10 percent before January 2023. MSEP is critical in connecting DOD spouses to organizations committed to hiring them.

The memorandum for Taking Care of Our Service Members and Families can be found here.

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MILITARY FUNERAL, FLYOVER HONOR

By Arlington National Cemetery

The "Thunderbirds" performed a double missing-man formation flyover as part of the funeral service for U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Cuthbert Pattillo and Lt. Gen. Charles Pattillo in Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Twin brothers Maj. Gen. and Lt. Gen. Pattillo enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force in November 1942. During World War II, both flew with the Eighth Air Force's 352nd Fighter Group, protecting bombers and attacking ground targets. Maj. Gen. Pattillo flew 135 combat missions before being shot down and captured by the Germans. He remained a POW until the end of the war.

Both were released from active duty following World War II but were later recalled in early 1948, serving with the 31st Fighter Group. Later, both served with the with the 36th Tactical Wing at Furstenfeldbruck Air Base in Germany. While in Europe, both helped form and flew in the Air Forces in Europe-North Atlantic Treaty Organization aerial demonstration team, the "Skyblazers."

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Later, the brothers went to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, as gunnery instructors. Together, they were instrumental in forming the "Thunderbirds," the first Air Force official aerial demonstration team. Maj. Gen. Pattillo flew right wing and Lt. Gen. Pattillo flew left wing in the original 1953 team.

Both generals continued their long careers through the Air Force, serving through the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Maj. Gen. Pattillo retired in 1980 and Lt. Gen. Pattillo retired in 1981.

Maj. Gen. Pattillo's military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Silver



Twin brothers and Thunderbirds founders Lt. Gen. Charles "Buck" Pattillo and Maj. Gen. Cuthbert "Bill" Pattillo when they were stationed at Luke AFB, where they helped start the Thunderbirds precision flying team.

Star, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 13 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation emblem with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon, French Croix de Guerre with palm and the Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal, 1st class.

Lt. Gen. Pattillo's military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation emblem with oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Air Force Distinguished Service Order 2nd Class and the French Croix de Guerre with palm.



From left: At Luke AFB with Capt. Robert Kanaga, Capt. Charles Pattillo, Maj. Richard Catledge, Capt. Robert McCormick and Capt. Cuthbert Pattillo, the original Thunderbird pilots.



Airmen participate in military funeral honors with funeral escort for U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Cuthbert Pattillo and Lt. Gen. Charles Pattillo in Section 75 of Arlington National Cemetery.



Mounted service members pull the remain of twins Lt. Gen. Charles "Buck" Pattillo and Maj. Gen. Cuthbert "Bill" Pattillo



The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, the U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Band, known as the "Old Guard," Caisson Platoon conduct a flyover for U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Cuthbert Pattillo and Lt. Gen. Charles Pattillo

FOR TWIN BROTHERS FROM 3 WARS



Courtesy photos

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monial Brass Band, and the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment military funeral honors with funeral escort for Air Force Maj. Gen. Cuthbert Pattillo in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.



LEFT: Maj. Gen. Pattillo's son, Robert Pattillo, and Lt. Gen. Charles Pattillo's daughter, Deborah Jones, received the U.S. flags from the funeral services. Joyce Pattillo, Maj. Gen. Pattillo's wife, and Bobbie Pattillo, Lt. Gen. Pattillo's wife, were also interred during this service.

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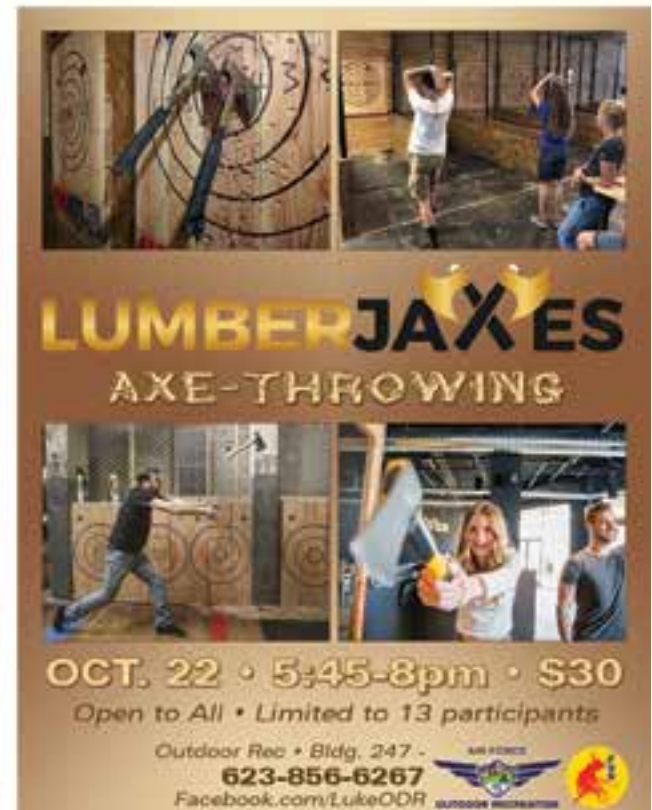
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Falcon Dunes Golf Course	535-9334
Falcon Dunes Grill	856-0004
Family Child Care	856-2684
Fighter Country Inn (Lodging)	856-3941
Fort Tuthill	928-774-8893
G-Force Cafe	856-6446
Hensman Dining Facility	856-6396
Information, Tickets and Travel	856-6000
Library	856-7191
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
T-Bolt Cafe	856-6420
Wood Hobby Shop	856-6566
Youth Programs	856-7470
Unite Program	856-2472

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FALL BREAK

CAMP

Oct. 11-14

8:30am - 1pm

Ages 9-18

\$60

Enjoy a variety of fun and exciting activities including games, video games, movies, arts & crafts, open gym, outdoor play, & much more!

Athletic shoes must be worn in the gym.

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SCHOOL AGE CARE

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FALL CAMP

Oct. 11-14

6am - 5:30pm

AGES 5K-12

COST IS BASED ON TOTAL FAMILY INCOME

Enjoy a variety of fun and exciting activities including games, video games, movies, arts & crafts, open gym, outdoor play, and much more!

Breakfast, Lunch & an afternoon snack included

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