

## EDWARDS FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO OFF-BASE STRUCTURE FIRE



Air Force photographs by Kyle Brasier

**by Giancarlo Casem**  
*Edwards AFB, Calif.*

Firefighters from the 812th Civil Engineer Squadron, 412th Test

Wing, out of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., responded to an off-base mutual-aid request to nearby Rosamond.

Upon arriving, Edwards Fire and

Emergency Services worked with Kern County firefighters to put out the flames and prevented further damage to nearby private property.





# Skills for life: the Junior ROTC experience



Courtesy photographs

The unit held its annual ball April 18, 2025, highlighting the program's focus on character development, leadership and community service. Cadets and guests celebrated with dinner, dancing and a formal ceremony.

by **Laisa Leao**

Edwards AFB, Calif.

Forget about marching robots. Today's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets are being molded into well-rounded young leaders with a strong sense of community.

The Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., JROTC unit at Desert Junior-Senior High School, led by Master Sgt. Andre Brooks, is accomplishing this through challenging activities, leadership roles and service opportunities.

"JROTC is not about pushing students into the military," Brooks said. "It's about developing citizenship, leadership,

discipline, and personal responsibility."

The unit held its annual ball April 18, 2025, highlighting the program's focus on character development, leadership and community service. Cadets and guests celebrated with dinner, dancing and a formal ceremony.

Cadet Salvador Delgado was promoted to senior airman.

*The following 27 cadets also received temporary promotions, based on a job selection:*

Major: Sophie Nguyen

Captain: Michael Villapudua

First lieutenant: Evelyn Miller, Andrea Soriano

Second lieutenant: Karen

Armstrong, Nicholas Avina,

Ashley Clark, Salvador Delgado, Atthithamanee (E'clair) Ektan-ithphong

Chief master sergeant: Butch Amar

Master sergeant: Matthew Coching, Averie McDonald

Technical sergeant: Honey Harrald

Staff sergeant: Gabriella Aviles, Bernard Benveniste, Jefferson Canenguez, Victor Cifuentes, Nathaniel Coronado, Madalynn Crum, Jon Hall, Ashur Lambert, Aiden Luebcke, Ethan Ochoa, Jax Pratti, Anna-sophia Shaw, Lilianna Sutphin, Carish Vansickle

The JROTC program at Ed-

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The Edwards Air Force Base JROTC unit at Desert Junior-Senior High School honored service members who defended the Philippines during World War II by marching in remembrance of the Bataan Death March



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# Edwards students obtain full-time positions on base

by Chase Kohler

Edwards AFB, Calif.

There is nothing wrong with growing where you are planted.

Kevin Koper graduated from California City High School in 2020, and Savannah Wilson graduated from Boron Junior-Senior High School in 2023.

Within months of graduating, both found full-time positions with the 412th Test Wing, working on aircraft engines and maintenance. They join a handful of other recent graduates who have launched their careers at Edwards to enhance Air Force technology and capabilities.

The quick transition was assisted by unique programming at Edwards, including the Advanced Aircraft Maintenance Technology Lab at Desert High School. As part of a commitment to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and trade careers, students gain hands-on experience in



STARBASE students visit a class called Advanced Aircraft Maintenance Technology at the Desert High School Aerospace Lab on Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Two alumni of Muroc School District and current employees at the 412th Test Wing, Savannah Wilson and Kevin Koper, describe how jet engines work to the visiting students.

aerospace maintenance and fabrication, including immersion opportunities with the 412th Maintenance Group. This allows them to quickly join the workforce after graduation.

As Edwards continues to grow its test scope, the Muroc Joint Unified School District and base leaders are working together to further develop and certify curriculum that will directly impact students' professional aspirations. This is in addition to continued efforts through the school liaison office, STARBASE and the 412th Test Wing STEM program to ensure America remains at the cutting edge.

Air Force photographs by James West

STARBASE students visit the Desert High School Aerospace Lab at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. One of the high school students demonstrates the Redbird Flight Simulator to the visitors as they experience some of the opportunities available to them in the future.

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# RNLAF, LM Skunk Works achieve breakthrough F-35 interoperability

Northrop Grumman

**LEEWARDEN AIR BASE, Netherlands** — Lockheed Martin Skunk Works and the Royal Netherlands Air Force showcased the first-ever live classified data share outside the United States between an F-35 in flight and Keystone, a Dutch Command and Control environment at Ramstein Flag, Multi-Domain Operations exercise.

In this real-time live fly exercise, Dutch F-35s operating in an Anti-Access Area Denial environment, successfully detected, identified, and passed targeting data on multiple simulated ground effectors via Multifunction Advanced Datalink through a Skunk Works' Open Systems Gateway into Keystone. Keystone then transmitted the data to a rocket artillery platform which engaged a ground target and confirmed successful takedown, effectively closing the loop. This entire process was executed from start to finish in a matter of minutes. This is a first,



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and a significant step forward in multi-domain integration, proving F-35 interoperability between several allied nations in real-time.

By unlocking the vast amount of data from an F-35, the Skunk Works OSG enables allied air and missile defense systems to receive

precise targeting information, allowing them to detect, track, and defeat threats more effectively. This enhanced situational awareness, and interoperability empowers joint forces to respond more quickly and decisively, ultimately strengthening collective defense of partners and allies.

“Ramstein Flag was a resounding success, demonstrating the power of collaboration between United States Air Forces in Europe — Air Forces Africa, and Skunk Works,” said RNLAF Air Commodore Bert “Vida” de Smit. “We are thrilled with the results and look for-

ward to continuing this work with our partners to drive innovation and advance our integrated battlespace capabilities.”

“The combined joint all-domain capabilities demonstrated at Ramstein Flag are a breakthrough in multi-domain operations, emphasizing the F-35’s ability to seamlessly integrate with our international partners’ C2 environments,” said OJ Sanchez, vice president and general manager, Lockheed Martin Skunk Works. “This achievement is a testament to the strength of our partnerships with the RNLAF and USAF-AFAPRICA. Lockheed Martin is accelerating delivery of novel MDO capabilities that enhance the effectiveness of our allies’ F-35 fleets to ensure peace through allied strength.”

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# NASA calibrates second shock-sensing probe for X-59 testing

by **Nicholas Cholula**  
NASA Armstrong

When you're testing a cutting-edge NASA aircraft, you need specialized tools to conduct tests and capture data — but if those tools need maintenance, you need to wait until they're fixed.  
Unless you have a backup.  
That's why NASA recently calibrated a new shock-sensing

probe to capture shock wave data when the agency's X-59 quiet supersonic research aircraft begins its test flights.  
When an aircraft flies faster than the speed of sound, it produces shock waves that travel through the air, creating loud sonic booms. The X-59 will divert those shock waves, producing just a quiet supersonic  
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NASA photograph by Steve Freeman



NASA photograph by Jim Ross

NASA's F-15D research aircraft conducts a flight test near Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., with a newly installed near-shock sensing probe. Identical to a previously flown version that was intended as the backup, this new probe will capture shock wave data near the X-59 as it flies faster than the speed of sound, supporting NASA's Quesst mission.

LEFT: NASA test pilot Nils Larson inspects the agency's F-15D research aircraft at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., ahead of a calibration flight for a newly installed near-field shock-sensing probe. Mounted on the F-15D, the probe is designed to measure shock waves generated by the X-59 quiet supersonic aircraft during flight. The data will help researchers better understand how shock waves behave in close proximity to the aircraft, supporting NASA's Quesst mission to enable quiet supersonic flight over land.

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# Aerospace history illustrated at Palmdale technology campus

by Dennis Anderson  
special to Aerotech

**PALMDALE, Calif.** — A new addition to the Antelope Valley's rich aerospace history has landed on the campus of the SAGE Magnet Academy, a charter school that prepares middle school students for college and careers in aerospace.

Art Thompson, CEO of another "Sage," SAGE Cheshire, the engineering and design company that ushered in the Red Bull Stratos "Free Fall from Space" project, unveiled a unique "history timeline" project April. 25, 2025, on the SAGE Planetarium's home campus in Palmdale.



The Voyager and Red Bull Stratos panel.

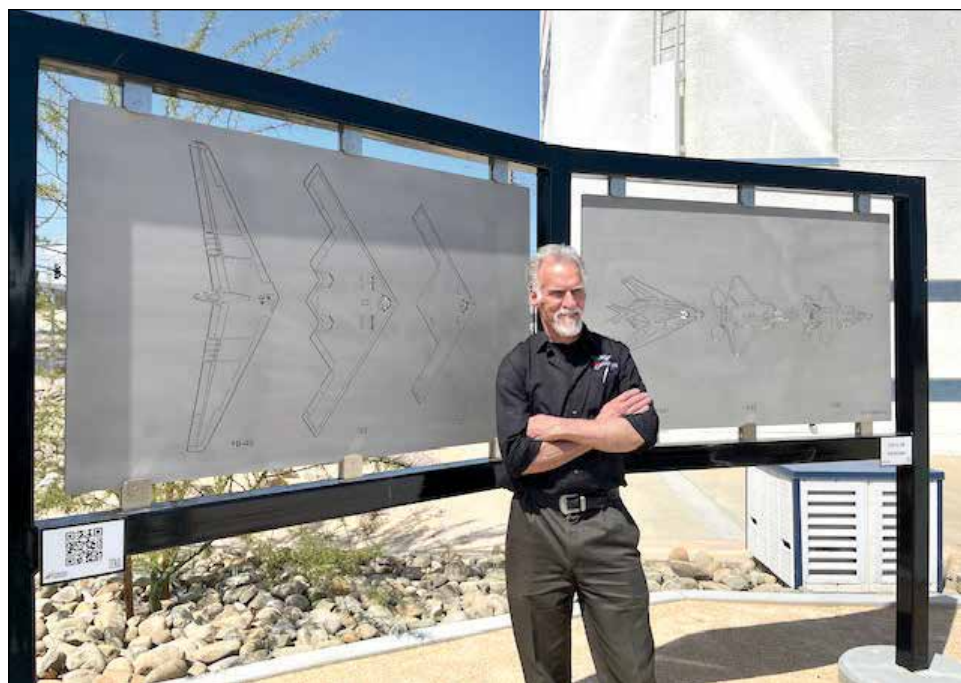
The SAGE acronym stands for Space and Aeronautics Gateway to Exploration and the magnet charter school prepares grades 6-8 to succeed in high school, and puts them on the path to college for careers in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM).

To help them stay focused and inspired, the project unveiled at PROMISE Plaza on the magnet campus provides a walking illustrated lesson that begins with high-tech illustrations and history from the dawn of powered flight forward.

A diorama encircling the plaza consists of eight large steel panels with precision-cut illustrations etched through half-inch stainless steel. The walking exhibition begins with the Wright Brothers and continues panel, by panel, through to the cutting-edge technology developments that carry us into the present and toward the future.

The illustrations, developed and manufactured at Thompson's SAGE Cheshire invention hive in Lancaster, were made with a water jet that cuts steel with 60,000 pounds of pressure per square inch, Thompson said.

"You look at these panels, these airplanes, and they are our community," Thompson said at the Friday unveiling at



Photographs by Dennis Anderson

Art Thompson, whose company SAGE Cheshire built the panels, was an engineer on the B-2 stealth bomber project at Northrop.



PROMISE Plaza, an outdoor space where students can trace their learning journey.

Thompson, speaking to dozens of dignitaries and elected officials said, "Palmdale School District is creating the next generation. It is those kids who are going to work in all the aerospace companies that create this technology. They are going to be the scientists, and technicians."

Raul Maldonado, superintendent of the Palmdale School District that supports the Magnet Academy, said, "It is important for us to remember why it is that we do what we do. This is an example of our 'Why' for the work we do."

Each of the eight panels is illustrated with milestone air and spacecrafts. A QR Code mounted on the panel provides detailed history and information.

Thompson notes that apart from the illustration of the Wright Flyer — built in 1903 by the Wright Brothers of Dayton, Ohio — all the aviation milestones on the illustrated panels are aircraft and

spacecraft that were designed, built, or tested in the Antelope Valley.

Because of the stainless steel fabrication, the cut-steel panel illustrations at the 38060 20th Street East campus are weatherproofed against the elements, including the high winds, a defining weather feature of the Antelope Valley.

"These panels will be here forever," Thompson said.

Thompson worked with students from the academy who selected and submitted sketches of the air and spacecraft that they wanted to be illustrated on the panels.

Walking on from the Wright Flyer, the next panel depicts the twin-tailed fighter of World War II, the P-38 Lightning designed by Lockheed's legendary designer Kelly Johnson, who would go on to found Skunk Works. The same panel depicts the Bell P-59 Airacomet, the first U.S. experimental jet fighter.

The plane was tested in secrecy at Muroc Army Air Field, which would become Edwards Air Force Base after the death of test pilot Glen Edwards, who died piloting the YB-49 "Flying Wing," which is depicted on the panel showing the evolution of stealth aircraft.

"I am glad that they named this school SAGE, a name close to my heart because it's on my firm, but I also would have liked them to name the school for Bob Cardenas," Thompson said.

Cardenas was the World War II combat pilot whose B-29 bomber carried aloft the Bell X-1 rocket plane dubbed "Glamorous Glennis" by test pilot Chuck Yeager on his trailblazing flight through the sound barrier on Oct. 14, 1947. Also on that panel is an X-15 rocket plane of the 1960s flown by test pilot William J. "Pete" Knight.



"Cardenas was an immigrant who became an Air Force general," Thompson said.

He cited many of the inspirational pilots aligned with the aircraft used in the history project, many of whom he knew personally, including Knight who flew the X-15 and was instrumental in securing state funding for the SAGE Planetarium.

"I was superintendent when we needed funding for the planetarium, and Pete Knight (who was then in the California state Legislature), helped us to get it," said Nancy Smith, now president of the Palmdale School Board of Trustees.

The project was about three years in the making, and under construction for the past 18 months.

Thompson lingered at the panel that illustrates the evolution from the YB-49 Flying Wing of the 1940s to the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber to the B-21 Raider now in test and development. Thompson was deeply involved in design of the B-2.

The final panel in the series depicts one of Thompson's many "brain child" initiatives, the Red Bull Stratos project that lifted parachutist Felix Baumgartner to an altitude of 127,852 feet to free fall from space and break not only the sound barrier, but also the internet livestreaming records.

Also on that panel is the Voyager aircraft, designed by Burt Rutan, and flown by his brother Dick Rutan with co-pilot Jeana Yeager, on the only around-the-world unrefueled flight.

"Dick Rutan was inspiring," Thompson said. "We lost him recently. All of these people are inspiring."

The PROMISE Plaza is on the SAGE campus next to the planetarium. The omnibus of panels illustrating the Antelope Valley's rich aerospace heritage will be open for public access during Planetarium events held three times a month, and other public access events. Dates for public access astronomy events are on calendar at [www.palmdalesd.org](http://www.palmdalesd.org)





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wards is an elective comparable to physical education, but it requires commitment extending beyond the classroom to after-school activities and occasional weekend events. Last weekend, cadets honored service members who defended the Philippines during World War II by marching in remembrance of the Bataan Death March.

“Participation in the Bataan Death March commemoration is a good indicator of our unit’s dedication,” said Cadet Aidan Vansickle. “The desert is hot, dry and windy, but our cadets persevered to complete the 14-mile march that also fixed in their memories the hardships experienced by those who came before us.”

Cadets also participate in local parades, showcasing precision marching and community involvement. From Veterans Day observances to town festivals, they represent their school and the Air Force, demonstrating the program’s emphasis on discipline, teamwork, and civic pride.

“New and returning cadets show integrity and resilience as they march,” said Cadet Michael Villapudua about a community event in Boron, Calif. “Our cadets take responsibility for their actions and appearance, while showcasing their skills and abilities.”

Cadets wear their clean, pressed, and stain-free uniforms weekly for inspections. They



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Forget about marching robots. Today’s Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps cadets are being molded into well-rounded young leaders with a strong sense of community.

stand at attention, maintain eye contact, and answer questions about uniform regulations, the chain of command, current events, and general military knowledge.

“On top of our training and service, each of us has a job,” said Cadet Jefferson Canenguez. “My job is managing uniform distribution and return, ensuring correct sizes and cleanliness. Uniforms are free, and the on-base dry cleaner even cleans them for free.”

Students, parents and guardians interested in the program should contact Desert Junior/Senior High School office at 760-306-4964.

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thump. Over the past few weeks, NASA completed calibration flights on a new near-field shock-sensing probe, a cone-shaped device that will capture data on the shock waves that the X-59 will generate.

This shock-sensing probe is mounted to an F-15D research aircraft that will fly very close behind the X-59 to collect the data NASA needs. The new unit will serve as NASA’s primary near-field probe, with an identical model NASA developed last year acting as a backup mounted to an additional F-15B.

The two units mean the X-59 team has a ready alternative if the primary probe needs maintenance or repairs. For flight tests like the X-59’s — where data gathering is crucial and operations revolve around tight timelines, weather conditions, and other variables — backups for critical equipment help to ensure continuity, maintain schedule, and preserve efficiency of operations.

“If something happens to the probe, like a sensor failing, it’s

not a quick fix,” said Mike Frederick, principal investigator for the probe at NASA’s Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards, Calif. “The other factor is the aircraft itself. If one needs maintenance, we don’t want to delay X-59 flights.”

To calibrate the new probe, the team measured the shock waves of a NASA F/A-18 research aircraft. Preliminary results indicated that the probe successfully captured pressure changes associated with shock waves, consistent with the team’s expectations. Frederick and his team are now reviewing the data to confirm that it aligns with ground mathematical models and meets the precision standards required for X-59 flights.

Researchers at NASA Armstrong are preparing for additional flights with both the primary and backup probes on their F-15s. Each aircraft will fly supersonic and gather shock wave data from the other. The team is working to validate both the primary and backup probes to confirm full redundancy — in other words, making sure that they have a reliable backup ready to go.

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# Desert Peak tests fly-away kit authorization, deployment processes

by John Ingle

Peterson SFB, Colo.

Conceptualizing a process on paper is one thing, attaining proof of concept is another.

U.S. Northern Command tested the authorization and deployment process of a counter-small unmanned aircraft system (C-sUAS) fly-away kit to a military installation March 31-April 4, 2025, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., during Exercise Desert Peak. The exercise was designed to demonstrate a rapid response to a complex drone incursion at an installation, resulting in a request for USNORTHCOM C-sUAS support.



LEFT: Individuals participating in a drone exercise walk towards an antenna at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., April 1, 2025. The technology is based on software defined by radio technology which allows for adaptability for emerging threats.

BELOW: A drone rests on the ground after performing aerial maneuvers at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., April 1, 2025. The counter unmanned aerial surveillance technology has been fielded by multiple government agencies.



An unmanned aerial surveillance drone rests in a drone pilot's hand after flight at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., April 1, 2025. The counter unmanned aerial surveillance technology has been fielded by multiple government agencies.



Air Force photographs by Senior Airman Andrew Garavito

"In November, USNORTHCOM was given the responsibility of synchronizing the Department of Defense's and, if necessary, interagency response to counter UAS incursions at military installations within the United States," said Gen. Gregory M. Guillot, commander, USNORTHCOM and North American Aerospace Defense Command. "Part of that responsibility is to develop a process and field a rapid-response capability in the form of fly-away kits to provide the initial capability to an installation to defeat a UAS threat."

U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Paul Miller and U.S. Navy Cmdr. Chuan Napolitano, joint C-sUAS planners for USNORTHCOM operations, said working through and receiving approval to deploy a fly-away kit was the primary test for Desert Peak.

Miller said the exercise began in earnest on March 31 when members of the U.S. Army's Combat Capabilities Development Command's Global Operations Support Team, or GOST, launched drones to simulate a complex drone incursion. The complex nature of the incursion prompted a Conference Uniform, a meeting between stakeholders convened by USNORTHCOM. The conference provided a forum with 355th Wing, 355th Security Forces Squadron, and installation representatives to discuss the current situation and work through a request for assistance.

Col. Scott Mills, 355th Wing commander, lauded the exercise and the opportunity to participate in Desert Peak.

"Exercise Desert Peak was a resounding success here at Davis-Monthan, showcasing



A member from L3Harris monitors GPS tracking systems at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., April 1, 2025. The technology is based on software defined by radio technology which allows for adaptability for emerging threats.

DOD's readiness and adaptability in countering the evolving threat of small, unmanned aircraft systems," said Mills. "By testing both existing and emerging technologies, we were able to not only validate our organic base defense capabilities, but also provide invaluable feedback

to developers, accelerating the development of innovative solutions for the defense of military installations across the U.S. The lessons learned during Desert Peak will directly contribute to the DOD's C-sUAS strategy, ensuring we remain vigilant."

Stakeholders were also able to

simulate the process of working with interagency partners to attain the required authority to operate a system to detect, track, identify, and defeat drones. The specific authority, Title 10 Section 130i, is the portion of U.S. Code that allows for protection of certain facilities and assets from unauthorized UAS activity. Much of the coordination is with the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that counter-UAS engagements do not pose a risk to civilian, military, and commercial aircraft.

"Exercise Desert Peak objectives were met because we got to exercise the coordination and logistics for fly-away capabilities and gaining the required authorities through specific service channels," Napolitano said. "We knew how the process should work, but to see it in action illustrated the importance of rapid, clear communication from the tactical level all the way to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and across the Interagency."





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# PARARESCUEMEN

## conduct high angle rescue training



Air Force photographs by Senior Airman William Finn V

A U.S. Air Force pararescueman training with the 68th Rescue Squadron prepares to rescue a simulated casualty near Benson, Ariz., April 9, 2025. The training focused on honing critical skills for real-world missions, such as high-angle rescue fundamentals, patient packaging, rope systems and recovery procedures for steep terrain.

LEFT: U.S. Air Force pararescuemen training with the 68th Rescue Squadron transport a simulated casualty to safety near Benson, Ariz., April 9, 2025. The pararescuemen were engaged by opposition forces while transporting the casualty and were required to respond quickly and effectively.



A U.S. Air Force pararescueman training with the 68th Rescue Squadron scales a canyon to rescue a simulated casualty near Benson, Ariz., April 9, 2025. The pararescuemen set up a rope system to safely transport a simulated casualty from the ground to higher terrain.



A U.S. Air Force pararescueman training with the 68th Rescue Squadron during the Combat Leader Course scales a canyon to rescue a simulated casualty near Benson, Ariz., April 9, 2025. The CLC trains the next generation of Combat Rescue Officers and pararescue team leaders.



U.S. Air Force pararescuemen training with the 68th Rescue Squadron rescue a simulated casualty near Benson, Ariz., April 9, 2025. The team of pararescuemen had to set up a rope system, traverse the cliff and transport and provide medical care to the casualty.



# 355th Operations Support Squadron inactivates

by Senior Airman Devlin Bishop  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

The 355th Operations Support Squadron, known as the “Firebirds,” inactivated at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. on April 3, 2025, marking the end of more than 30 years of operational support at the installation.

The inactivation comes as part of Davis-Monthan’s transition toward a more rescue-centric mission, following the divestment of the A-10 Thunderbolt II and the 2024 inactivation of the 354th Fighter Squadron.

The 355th OSS primarily provided operational support to the 354th and 357th Fighter Squadrons, but has provided support to the installation at large.

“The 355th OSS has been the airfield support squadron, taking care of everything a pilot needs to fly,” said Lt. Col. Aaron Knight, the 355th OSS’s final commander. “From intelligence and aircrew flight equipment support to weather briefings and airfield management, our Airmen ensured every mission launched safely and effectively.”



A U.S. Airman dons a 563rd Operations Support Squadron patch that they received during a repatching at the 355th OSS inactivation ceremony at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., April 3, 2025. Upon its inactivation, the 355th OSS flights transferred to the 563rd OSS.



Air Force photographs by Senior Airman Devlin Bishop

Lt. Col. Aaron Knight, former 355th Operations Support Squadron commander, right, rolls the 355th OSS guidon as Lt. Col. Patrick Chapman, 355th Operations Group deputy commander, left, prepares to sheath it during the 355th OSS inactivation ceremony at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., April 3, 2025. The sheathing of the guidon symbolized the inactivation of the squadron.

With the departure of the A-10 from Davis-Monthan, the functions of the 355th OSS are being consolidated under the 563rd OSS to better align with the base’s evolving rescue mission. Though the 355th OSS inactivated, its Airmen will continue to execute their roles under the 563rd Rescue Group as new additions to their OSS.

“The beautiful thing about this inactivation is that the only people really inactivating are my director of operations and me,” said Knight. “Everybody else is transferring over to the 563rd OSS,

ensuring the mission continues uninterrupted under the rescue community.”

The 355th OSS has played a vital role in Davis-Monthan’s history, providing airfield support since its activation in the early 1990s. The squadron’s legacy is intertwined with the A-10 community, which has long been a hallmark of the base’s identity.

“This inactivation is an acknowledgment that there will never be another A-10 deployment from Davis-Mon-

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# AIR FORCE CELEBRATES RED FLAG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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The U.S. Air Force recently celebrates 50 years of Red Flag — an aerial combat training exercise that has transformed how pilots prepare for modern warfare.

Coordinated at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and conducted over the Nevada Test and Training Range, the exercise is a major element in advancing realistic, multi-domain training for U.S., Joint and Coalition forces.

“Nellis is the epicenter of warrior ethos for the Air Force,” said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Gary Ashworth. “Red Flag represents the best of the best, training our warriors to be ready to fight and deliver lethal airpower across the globe at a moment’s notice.”

Tasked with planning and controlling the rigorous exercise, the 414th CTS maximizes combat readiness by orchestrating realistic scenarios that combine air, ground, space and electronic threats. Blue forces deploy under the Air Expeditionary Force concept to execute missions ranging from offensive counter air and suppression of enemy air defense to combat search and rescue and dynamic targeting. Their simulated adversaries, provided by the various Aggressor squadrons of the 57th Wing, replicate enemy tactics, ensuring each sortie is as challenging as it is instructive.

“Our mission is to simulate the complexity of today’s threat environment so that every pilot and aircrew member leaves with invaluable combat experience,” said Col. Eric Winterbottom, 414th CTS commander. “We’ll often hear past participants tell us their first experience in combat was hard, but

not as hard as Red Flag.”

Red Flag was born in 1975 as the brainchild of Lt. Col. Richard “Moody” Suter — a visionary whose innovative approach helped reshape combat training following lessons learned in Vietnam. Gen. Robert J. Dixon, then commander of Tactical Air Command, spearheaded the initiative to expose every Blue force pilot to their first 10 simulated combat missions. The goal was clear: build confidence and effectiveness in actual combat by providing a controlled, yet challenging, environment.

“Red Flag stood up 50 years ago to ensure we never lose our ability to win air superiority,” said Ashworth. “Ever since, the realistic, high-end training the 414th Combat Training Squadron provides has been the secret



Air Force photographs by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nesbitt

From left: Acting Secretary of the U.S. Air Force Gary A. Ashworth, Maj. Gen. Christopher Niemi, USAF Warfare Center commander, Brig. Gen. Jesse Friedel, USAFWC deputy commander, Col. Jason Glynn, 99th Air Base Wing commander, and Col. Eric Winterbottom, 414th Combat Training Squadron commander, stand for a photo next to a commemorative stone for the 50th Anniversary of Red Flag at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 4, 2025. Red Flag began in 1975 to address lessons learned in Vietnam, and celebrated 50 years of high-end training this year, highlighting Red Flag’s enduring legacy of preparing its participants to be combat-ready and mission-effective in the face of evolving threats.



Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Joel Reed addresses an audience for the Red Flag 50th Anniversary commencement at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 4, 2025. Reed was a member of the original Red Flag staff in 1975, serving as an electronic weapons systems officer.

sauce to our success. There’s nothing equivalent to what you do in the skies of the Nevada Test and Training Range; as a result of your training, we’ve seen excellence in combat operations from Operation Desert Storm to nearly 25 years of air dominance in the wake of 9/11.”

Suter’s concept not only changed training doctrine but

also fostered international collaboration. Over the decades, 29 countries, including members of the European Participating Air Forces consortium and NATO forces, have joined the U.S. in this high-stakes exercise.

“My father was always focused on excellence, integrity and mission success, prioritizing the collective over

the individual,” said Allison Suter, Richard Suter’s daughter. “Throughout his career, from the military to his work as a national security consultant, he remained fiercely dedicated to strategically creating peace during times of conflict. Mediocrity was never an option. I believe these are beating in the heart of Red Flag.”

Since its inception, Red Flag has logged more than 423,000 sorties flown by over 165,000 aircrew members, totaling nearly 785,000 hours of flight time. From simulated airfields and convoys to bunkered defensive

positions and missile sites, the exercise challenges participants in a variety of missions — ensuring they are prepared to face any near-peer adversary in any combat environment.

“Red Flag’s 50th anniversary is more than a milestone,” said Winterbottom, “it’s a testament to five decades of evolving our tactics, strengthening alliances, and preparing warfighters for the complexities of modern combat. As we look to the future, Red Flag remains committed to delivering the most realistic and challenging training anywhere in the world”

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than,” Knight said. “It is another step in the Air Force’s transition toward the future fight, ensuring the base is postured to support its evolving rescue and special operations missions.”

As the inactivation marks the end of an era, Lt. Col. Ret. and GS-11 Ret. David Bellamy, former 355th OSS chief of plans and readiness who worked in the

squadron for over 20 years, shared his thoughts on its influence and the lasting imprint it leaves behind.

“The Firebirds did all things airfield,” said Bellamy. “Whether it was airfield management, air traffic control, radar and weather services, or intelligence and survival training, the squadron ensured every operation was set up for success.”

While the mission set is changing, the Airmen who made the 355th OSS suc-

cessful will continue their work under the 563rd OSS, maintaining their commitment to enabling operations at DM.

“The job mostly won’t change for most of the people in the squadron,” Bellamy said. “They will still be supporting everything that moves on this base. The shift is more about culture — moving from an attack-focused mindset to a rescue-focused one. But I have no doubt that our people will continue to excel.”

The inactivation of the 355th OSS is a significant milestone in Davis-Monthan’s transition, representing the base’s shift away from its historic A-10 mission and toward a future centered on rescue and special operations. Though the squadron’s time has come to an end, its impact will continue to be felt as its Airmen carry their expertise and dedication into their new roles at the 563rd Rescue Group.



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# AVIATION NATION 2025



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The Commemorative Air Force Southern California (CAF SoCal) Wing performs during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 5, 2025. Through its flight demonstrations and museum exhibits, CAF SoCal underscores the vital contributions of past and present air forces, reinforcing the significance of air power in securing and protecting our nation.



The Undaunted team perform an aerial display with a two ship formation with a Van's RV-7 and a Van's RV-8 aircraft during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 4, 2025. Through these demonstrations, the partnership between the Air Force and civilian aviation showcases shared skills and a commitment to engaging with the community through aerial demonstrations.



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 4, 2025. Through these demonstrations, Aviation Nation serves as an opportunity to engage with the local community while showcasing the Air Force's capabilities and strategic importance or air power in a variety of missions.



A de Havilland DH100 Vampire taxis the flightline during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 5, 2025. The historic aircraft offers attendees a glimpse into the evolution of aviation technology and its pivotal role in shaping airpower history.



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 4, 2025. Through Aviation Nation, Nellis AFB connects with the next generation of aviators by engaging the public with aerial performances that highlight air superiority and readiness.



A paramotor parachutist carrying the United States flag performs an aerial demonstration during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 5, 2025. The display honors the nation's heritage and highlights the Air Force's commitment to engaging with the public through inspiring and patriotic presentations.



U.S. Air Force inert munitions are on display during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 4, 2025. The display offers visitors a closer look at the technology and firepower behind the Air Force's lethal capabilities, fostering an understanding of the mission and role in national defense.



A guest of the Aviation Nation 2025 air show explores inside an HH-60W Jolly Green II helicopter at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 5, 2025. The static display offers visitors a closer look at the next generation of combat rescue helicopters, showcasing its advanced capabilities in personnel recovery and combat search and rescue operations.

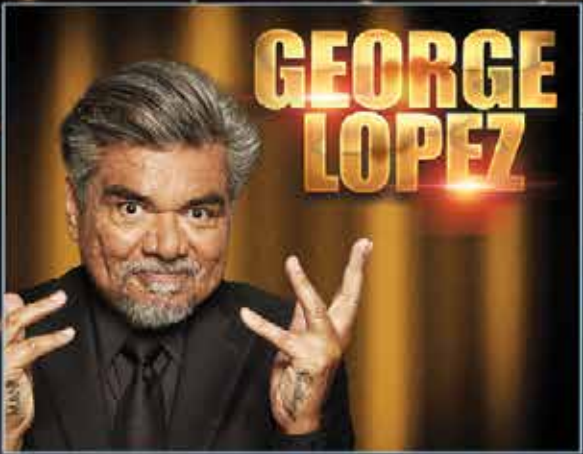


A Quadrupedal Unmanned Ground Vehicle (QUGV) walks along the flightline during Aviation Nation 2025 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 5, 2025. The QUGV highlights the evolving role of robotics in modern operations, showcasing its potential to support increased mobility and versatility.



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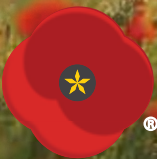
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# RED HORSE AIRMEN REUNITE WITH FAMILY DURING REDEPLOYMENT



LEFT; Senior Airman Elvin Dom, assigned to the 820th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron, reunites with his family during a redeployment at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 2, 2025.



LEFT: Airmen assigned to the 820th and 555th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer Squadrons sit with their loved ones during a redeployment debrief at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 2, 2025. Both 555th and 820th Airman supported airfield construction and repair at separate locations during their six-month deployment in support of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's mission.



Staff Sgt. Robert Worrell, assigned to the 820th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron, reunites with his family during a redeployment at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 2, 2025. The airfield construction and repair capabilities of 820th Airmen supported the Indo-Pacific Command's mission.

Senior Airman David Nelson, assigned to the 820th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron, reunites with his family during a redeployment at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 2, 2025.



Senior Airman Payton Cobb, assigned to the 820th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron, reunites with his family during a redeployment at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 2, 2025.



Senior Airman Christopher Gonzalez Encarnacion, assigned to the 820th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron, holds his son during a redeployment at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 2, 2025. 820th Airmen supported the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command by construction and repairing airfields and base infrastructure during a six-month deployment.



Air Force photographs by Airman 1st Class Michael Sanders  
Senior Airman Chris Verzonilla, front left, assigned to the 820th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) Squadron, sits with his son and wife during a debrief during a redeployment at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 2, 2025. The 820th RED HORSE Squadron's mission included site assessment, design, planning, procurement and construction during their six-month deployment in the Pacific Theater.





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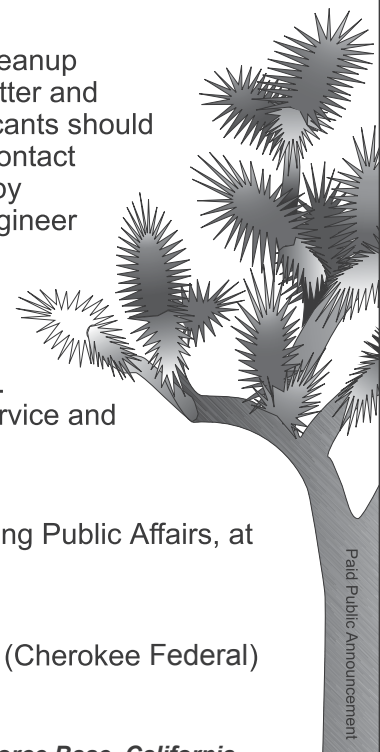
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# Burning of a piano marks aviators' final sendoff



Air Force photograph

A piano is burned during the 3rd Wing's 100th anniversary celebration at RAF Mildenhall in England to honor the wing's fallen aviators. U.S. aviators witnessed the tradition during World War II and brought the tradition to America.

by Bob Alvis

special to Aerotech

It's been a rough week with the loss of a well-liked acrobatic pilot Rob Holland. The many tributes from all sorts of aviation groups and outlets shows just how much he was liked and will be missed.

In reading many of the tributes, a couple of them recalled the tradition of burning a piano, and it got me thinking about when I was stationed at George Air Force Base, Calif. A pilot had lost his life and an empty field hosted an old piano set on fire at dusk, and a bunch of fellow airmen paid tribute to the pilot until the flames finally died out.

Looking back at history, many resources attempt to explain the tradition's origin. We can pretty well say it was born in the Royal Air Force between World War I and World War II, and that the stories covered everything from the hatred of piano lessons to the last flight of a beloved aviator who was an accomplished piano player. The answer of the tradition's beginning could very well be rooted in these two stories but with the passing of time, history can become a bit foggy.

One thing we do know is that the tradition carried on after World War II and even today is a way to pay homage to a fallen aviator. In World War II, with the Yanks and the Brits serving from airfields all over England, we must believe that the Yanks

witnessed the RAF tradition and felt it had profound meaning and was a worthy way to send off a fallen pilot's spirit.

In 2015, at Seymour Johnson United States Air Force base in North Carolina, a piano was rolled in front of a hanger and set on fire, pilots and aircrews gathered around, and the tradition played out to honor the lives lost from the RAF in the Battle of Britain in World War II.

The example above shows that the tradition has grown and become a part of our own Air Force traditions, and made its way into the private aviation world as a way to say goodbye.

Taking it all in, I can see why the tradition has grown to be so symbolic of the lost soul and those left behind. Like flight, the piano's music can only be revealed when a man or a woman takes control of the art form, and their skills and personality make it a thing of beauty and a reflection of who they are.

A pilot, making music in the air with his or her ability to fly a plane with the skills of a master pianist, is the defining definition of who they are. When the end comes, so does the ability to make that art and give it the opportunity to carry on, as the two instruments of their artwork slowly burn away leaving only silence and the memories of who they were.

Yes, it's a sad and solemn sendoff but it's also a celebration of their spirit and who they were. Many times at these events there is no singing, music, or sound except the burning



Air Force photograph

The piano burns at RAF Mildenhall.

fire. Extinguishing the fire reflects the last sound of an aviator's engine flying off into the sunset for the last time.

We have many traditions in our world of service and aviation. In the inherently dangerous world of flying the majority understand the risk but also understand the traditions that help us cope with the loss.

No matter how the tradition started, the only thing that matters

in today's world is that now we have a tradition that will bring value to lives well lived, in the pursuit of the true joy they found, making their own special brand of music in the skies.

The burning of a piano, more than just an act, it's the perfect send off and a spiritual way to say goodbye to a fallen airman.

Peace my friends and until next time, Bob out ...





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2033 Perez, Enrique (Ricky)  
5007 Akiyama, Glen  
4019 Akiyama, Glen

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The items to be sold are generally described as follows: Furniture, clothing, tools and or other household items stored by the following persons.

M17 Riffle, Ralph  
N31 Randolph, Pam  
G33 Mann, Carlton  
H16 Jackson, Christopher  
U02 Brown, Davida  
H09 Trotman, R Shawn Ragus Group LLC  
I06 Amescua Ramirez, Juan  
N09 Hernandez Cervantes, Helen  
V18 Arias, Ana  
I29 Nichols, Lamont  
D03 Chavez, Luis Alberto  
T37 Mitchell, James  
T36 Mitchell, James  
V05 Mitchell, James

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C365 Palacios, Graciela  
E625 Macias, Adan  
C359 Turner, Dina  
A005 Betetta, Diana  
E663 Miranda, Mario  
H276 Bodart, Jacqueline  
F667 Manzo, Juan

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0375B Yac, Gabriel  
0335 Acosta, Efrain  
2238 Hernandez, Misael A  
3312 Hernandez, Lizbeth  
0414 Kung, Syn H  
P7744 Carrillo, Hugo  
3332 Barton, Jessica Marie  
2333 Sandoval, Susana  
0250 Urizar, Paula  
2244 Hickman, Atavia  
1319 Estrada Pena, Alejandro  
0306 Towner, Marian  
1212 Hernandez, Veronica Ileana  
1022 Carrillo, Hugo  
1106 Estrada, Armando

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0405 Pineda, Julio Roberto  
0280 Harris, Vickey  
0120 Marroquin, Maritza  
0329 Bustos, Jesus  
0680 Moreno, Juan  
3123 Zelaya, Tiffany  
0736 Valle, Gloria  
0611 Gann, Jason  
0069 Alcaraz, Alma Rosa  
0010 Cruz, Dovi  
3501 Sierra, Felix

Date: April 21st , 2025 Signed NOVA STORAGE This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 et seq. of Business & Professional Code of the Sate of California. The owner reserves the right to bid at the sale. All purchased goods are sold “As Is” and must be paid for and removed at the time of sale. Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between owner & obligated party. Auctioneer: Nova Storage





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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR PROPOSED COMBAT SUPPORT TRAINING RANGE PROJECT AT NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, NEVADA**

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) and Nellis Air Force Base (AFB) announce the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the Proposed Combat Support Training Range (CSTR) project at Nellis AFB. As proposed, the CSTR would provide a training platform whereby combat support teams can acquire the skills necessary to establish, operate, protect, and recover an expeditionary airbase. The CSTR would support integrated training by providing an adaptable infrastructure that simulates contested operations and enables the dynamic employment of expeditionary assets under various training scenarios. The CSTR development is needed to ensure that Nellis AFB meets the requirements for a Regional Training Site. Presently, there is a lack of satisfactory training locations in the western contiguous US and an inability to meet combat support readiness within existing contiguous US locations.

The EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the DAF's Environmental Impact Analysis Process, evaluates potential impacts on the environment from the DAF's Proposed Action at Nellis AFB. Based on analysis in the Draft EA, no significant adverse impacts would be anticipated from development and operation of the CSTR. Accordingly, the DAF has prepared a proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to document its findings.

Copies of the Draft EA and proposed FONSI are available for review at the following area libraries:

- Sunrise Library, 5400 E Harris Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89110
- Nellis AFB Library, 5941 Fitzgerald Boulevard, Nellis AFB, NV 89191
- North Las Vegas Library, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard N., North Las Vegas, NV 89030
- West Las Vegas Library, 951 W Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106
- East Las Vegas Library, 2851 E Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101
- Alexander Library, 1755 W Alexander Rd, North Las Vegas, NV 89032

Electronic copies of the documents are also available on the Nellis AFB website at <https://www.nellis.af.mil/Public-Affairs/Community-Engagement/Partnerships/Environment/>.

You are encouraged to submit comments during the public comment period, which ends on June 1, 2025. Comments received after this comment period will be considered to the extent practicable. Comments or inquiries may be sent to Nellis AFB, ATTN: Ms. Sirin Toksoz Jewell, NEPA Program Manager, at 6020 Beale Ave., Nellis AFB, NV, 89191-6520; by phone (702) 679-0131; or email (preferred) **[sirin.toksoz\\_jewell.1@us.af.mil](mailto:sirin.toksoz_jewell.1@us.af.mil)**.

## PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE

This Draft EA and proposed FONSI are provided for public comment in accordance with NEPA and 32 CFR Part 989, the Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP). The EIAP provides an opportunity for public input on Air Force decision-making, allows the public to offer inputs on alternative ways for the Air Force to accomplish what it is proposing, and solicits comments on the Air Force's analysis of environmental effects.

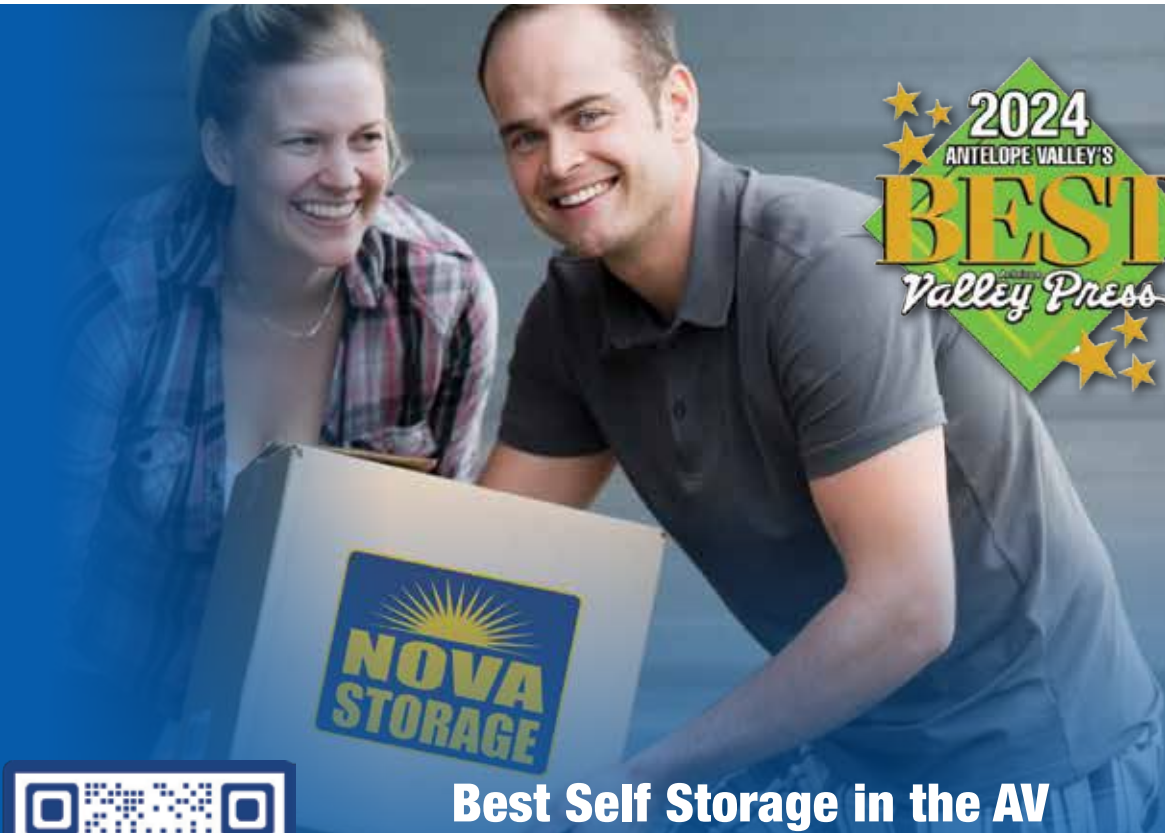
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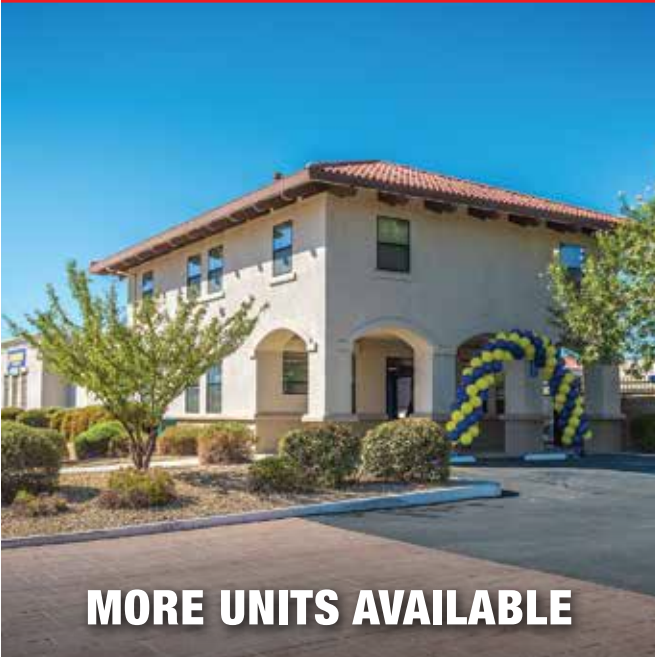
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