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Warbirds descend on Edwards for 70th Anniversary

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412th Test Wing Public Affairs

While Edwards personnel were on the ground working on testing new aircraft and new systems, in the sky was a quartet of old aircraft about to land at the historic base.

A B-25J Mitchell bomber, TBM-3E Avenger torpedo bomber, FG-1D Corsair fighter and P-51D Mustang fighter from the Texas Flying Legends Museum in Houston, Texas, arrived at Edwards Air Force Base Sept. 18.

The vintage warbirds were escorted into Edwards airspace by a C-12 Huron crew from the 419th Flight Test Squadron. The World War II era aircraft are here to be part of the base's 70th Anniversary of Supersonic Flight celebration being held Oct. 13-14 for the base



From bottom to top: A B-25J Mitchell bomber, TBM-3E Avenger torpedo bomber, FG-1D Corsair fighter, and P-51D Mustang fighter are escorted into Edwards AFB airspace Sept. 18. (U.S. Air Force photo by Donald R. Allen)

workforce and guests. Base aerial photographers and videographers were both in the air and on the ground to capture the Edwards Air Force Base website.

the four vintage aircraft arriving.

For more photos of the planes, visit

CE's 'Mr. Disaster Preparedness' wins top DOD award

By Kenji Thuloweit

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

His award recommendation calls him "Mr. Disaster Preparedness." He also has another alter ego — Eddie Bee Ready. Now, he can be called a Department of Defense award winner.

David Babcock of the 812th Civil Engineer Squadron's Emergency Management Flight was named the top individual award winner for an active duty component at the DOD's 2016 National Preparedness Award Ceremony Sept. 21.

Babcock was presented the award in the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon outside Washington D.C.

"It's humbling to win this type of award, it feels like my work is getting noticed," Babcock said. "Leadership has put me on a path where I can do my job. It's a huge accomplishment, and even though it says it's an individual award, it's really a team effort; it's my whole team and supervision.'

His award was one of six handed out by the DOD. The department's National Preparedness Awards recognize significant achievement and innovation in preparedness by DOD individuals, organizations, and installations. The recipients must demonstrate exceptional achievements in preparedness and leadership within the DOD and its communities, said the official award announcement.

Babcock was nominated locally by the 412th Civil Engineer Group for his efforts and accomplishments that include everything from protecting base assets and the test mission with training and materials, to engaging with the entire Antelope Valley community on mutual disaster preparedness efforts.

Babcock also helped support civilian first responders with



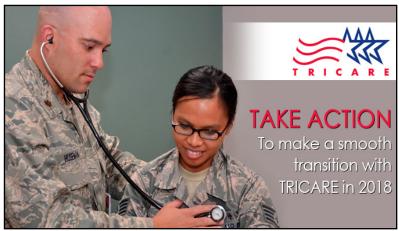
From left: U.S. assistant secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Kenneth P. Rapuano, hosts the annual DOD National Preparedness Award Ceremony in honor of the 2016 recipients in the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon Sept. 21. David Babcock, 812th Civil Engineer Squadron, poses with the top individual award along with Robert G. Salesses, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Trevor Wiegel)

equipment following a local mudslide that trapped motorists following a heavy rain storm. Additionally, he is a key member of the Los Angeles County Air Show team helping organizers develop disaster plans, according to his award recommendation write-up.

"I started taking an interest in emergency management when we had the F-22 crash a few years back. I was working in CE's Pavements Shop and graded the roads so people could

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Take action to make smooth transition with TRICARE in 2018



If you're currently enrolled in, or eligible for TRICARE coverage on Dec. 31, 2017, you'll transition to your respective TRICARE plan on Jan. 1, 2018. If you want to enroll in a TRICARE plan or change coverage after Jan. 1, 2018, you'll need to take action to enroll in the plan of your choice. (U.S. Air Force graphic)

From TRICARE Communications

You may be wondering what action you need to take, if any, to ensure you continue TRICARE coverage in 2018. Some beneficiaries will need to take action, but most will not. If you're currently enrolled in or eligible for TRICARE coverage on Dec. 31, 2017, you'll transition to your respective TRICARE plan on Jan. 1, 2018. If you want to enroll in a TRICARE plan or change coverage after Jan. 1, 2018, you'll need to take action to enroll in the plan of your choice.

Automatic Transition for Current Enrollees

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime, either stateside or overseas, as of Dec. 31, 2017 will remain enrolled in TRICARE Prime on Jan. 1, 2018. If you have TRICARE Standard or TRICARE Extra as of Dec. 31, 2017, you'll transition to TRICARE Select. TRICARE Select replaces TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra on Jan. 1, 2018.

If you're enrolled in any <u>TRICARE premium</u>-based plan on Dec. 31, 2017, you'll remain enrolled in your plan on Jan. 1, 2018 as long as you continue to make your premium payments. These premium-based plans include:

TRICARE Young Adult TRICARE Reserve Select TRICARE Retired Reserve

On Jan. 1, 2018, TRICARE will transition from three regional contractors to two. Beneficiaries who pay premiums or enrollment fees by electronic funds transfer or recurring debit/credit card payment will be contacted to update their

payment information. If you currently pay through a Defense Finance and Accounting Service allotment, your payments will automatically transfer.

You don't need to take any action unless your current TRI-CARE health plan coverage doesn't automatically transition. In this case, you'll need to contact the <u>TRICARE contractor for your region</u>. Check your eligibility in the <u>Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System</u> (DEERS).

Automatic Enrollment of New Enrollees

New active duty service members are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote if they live in remote areas in the U.S. Family members of active duty service members who become eligible for TRICARE on or after Jan. 1, 2018 will also be automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime if they live in a Prime Service Area. If family members live outside a Prime Service Area, they'll be automatically enrolled in TRICARE Select.

Active duty family members who are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select have up to 90 days after the eligibility date to change health plans.

Enroll by Nov. 20, 2017 for Coverage Beginning Jan. 1, 2018 By Nov. 20, 2017, beneficiaries should complete any and all enrollment actions. During December 2017, there will be an enrollment freeze for TRICARE Prime enrollments, and a delay for primary care manager changes.

For all other beneficiaries, you'll also need to complete any and all enrollment actions by Nov. 20, 2017 to ensure continued health coverage in 2018. As long as your regional contractor receives your completed enrollment application by the 20th of the month, your coverage will begin on the first day of the next month. You'll still be able to receive care during the enrollment freeze. If you have a problem accessing care, contact your regional contractor.

Enrolling is easy. You can enroll in certain TRICARE plans over the phone, email or mail. Check out how to enroll or purchase a plan.

Update **DEERS** to Ensure Active Enrollment

Make sure your information is current in DEERS. Report any changes (for example, marriage, birth, divorce and death) to DEERS as soon as possible to ensure continuous TRI-CARE coverage.

Visit the <u>TRICARE Changes page</u> for the latest information. You can also <u>sign up for email alerts</u> to get an email anytime new updates are available.



412th Force Support Squadron upcoming events

Airman and Family Readiness 277-0723

Women, Infants & Children Program is Oct. 2 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Open for both walk-ins and appointments; closed for lunch 12-1 p.m. For an appointment or voucher information, call toll-free 866-327-3074.

Newcomer's Orientation and Information Fair is Oct. 5 from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. This is required for all active duty members providing vital information regarding base resources and services, policies, procedures, recreation opportunities and more.

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center 275-BOWL

October Grill Special — Bratwurst with your choice of sauerkraut, bell peppers and grilled onions. Served with jumbo soft pretzel, nacho cheese sauce and 16 ounce drink for a special price.

Family Package Fridays is from 2- 6 p.m. Price includes two hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, large one-topping pizza and a pitcher of soda.

Glow in the Dark Bowling is Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m.-midnight. Shoe rental included with price. Bowl as many games as you want. Don't miss out on all the fun at an affordable price and a fun atmosphere for the whole family.

Monday Night Red Pin Bowling goes from 3-7 p.m. Get a strike on the head red pin and receive a free game.

Unlimited Bowling on Tuesdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Low price for unlimited games. **Wacky Sundays** are 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Discounts for each person with unlimited games.

Birthday Bowl - Bowl up to three games free between 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on your birthday. Open to all ages. Bring your ID.

Birthday party packages are available. Several price packages are available to include shoes and food.

Aero Club 275-AERO

Flight Instructors Needed!

Realize Your Dreams. Start Flying! — Join the thousands of men and women who made their dream a reality. Open to active duty military, DOD and NAF civilians, family members, Civil Air Patrol members, retired military, Guard and Reserve, and others by installation approval. Earn three months free Aero Club membership with your introductory flight. For more information visit myairforcelife.com/aeroclubs or contact your local Aero Club to sign up for your introductory flight.

Club Muroc 275-CLUB

First Friday is Oct. 6, 4-6 p.m. Free hors d'oeuvres for club members.

Football Frenzy — Watch up to six games at once on Sundays! Doors open at 9:45 a.m. Food and drink specials available Sunday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Monday from 5-8 p.m. Plus, club members will have the chance to win week-

ly prizes

Kids Eat Free on Saturdays! Purchase one adult meal and receive one free kid's meal (under 12). Dine-in only.

Delivery Service — Did you know that the club delivers to base housing? Call Monday-Friday from 5-8 p.m. to place your order!

Arts and Crafts Center/Auto Hobby 275-ARTS/AUTO

Arts & Crafts Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pumpkin Decorating is Oct. 12 from 5-7 p.m. All supplies included with price of admission. For ages 16 and up. Sign up by Oct. 6. Use a variety of materials, including paint, rhinestones and wire to bling out a pumpkin. Sign up with a friend and receive 25% off.

Towing service available through Auto Hobby Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Towing is available on-base and off-base. Call Auto Hobby for more information or prices.

Auto Hobby hours are Wednesday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday & Friday, 12 p.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 .p.m.-5 p.m. **Interested In Taking Classes?** We are currently offering: stained glass, paper-crafting, mosaics and cookie/cake decorating. Instructors are also needed.

Rosburg Fitness Center 275-GYM1

Run with History Half Marathon, 10K & 5K is Saturday, Oct. 14. Sign up today at http://www.active.com/edwards-ca/running/distance-running-races/run-with-history-half-marathon-10-and-5k-2017. May be subject to additional administration or convenience fees.

Are you a certified personal trainer? The Rosburg Fitness Center is currently looking for certified personal trainers with at least 100 hours of individual fitness program experience to include fitness assessments, cardiovascular and strength conditioning programs. Certification must be current and include First Aid certification and either BLS/AED or CPR/AED certification. Please contact the gym if interested.

Education and Training 277-2713

Leadership Training Opportunities — Did you know that your Edwards Education and Training Center offers a variety of civilian leadership training programs to help civilian leaders in their day-to-day leadership paths? Examples of the courses that can be offered are: Leadership Gold, 360 Degree Leader and Leadership the Challenge. Please contact your Edwards Education and Training Center if any one of these courses are of interest to you.

National Test Center hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. only. To schedule an exam, or for additional information, please contact the AMU test examiner at 524-4431, or contact Education and Training. As always, the office is open for all your educational needs. As always, drop by the Ed Center for any questions. The Education Center is here for you.

For more information about 412th FSS offerings, visit

www.edwardsfss.com/wordpress

Library 275-BOOK

New Mango Languages Online — This new option to learn more than 70 languages is being offered by Air Force Libraries and is available through the AF Portal. To create an account, select "Database and Online Resources" from the "Library & Resources" tab, then select "Educational Resources" where Mango Languages will be listed among other resources. For more information call or stop by the library.

Storytime — Toddlers and preschool children are invited every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. to enjoy a wonderful story and create very unique craft projects. Volunteer readers are welcome!



Adopt me!

Zander is a super sweet 9-monthold pom/chi-terrier who can be a tad shy at first, but once he trusts you he becomes you're best friend. He loves other dogs and is perfectly fine with kids. He is most certainly a lap dog, but is also playful and fun loving. He is completely vetted and searching for his new home. Call APET at 258-9525 today!

Outdoor Recreation 275-CAMP

R4R Boulderdash Climbing Gym Trip is Oct. 14; register by Oct. 11. Open to active duty and dependents only. Join ODR for a fun-filled day at Boulderdash Climbing Gym in Chatsworth. This gym offers top rope, crack climbing and bouldering walls for enjoyment.

Climbing Wall Class is Oct. 10 from 5-6:30 p.m. Register by Oct. 5. Learn all the fundaments of climbing. Climbing wall is located behind the Oasis Aquatic Center. Spaces are limited!

Fall Pool Hours — The Oasis Pool is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Sonic and Muroc Pools are both closed until next summer. Thank you for a great summer pool season!

Land sailing program operates by private bookings only. Must be cleared with flightline one week prior to scheduled event. If you have any questions, call ODR.

Overnight Camping at Branch Park — Low fee for a campsite suitable up to four people. Come and get a wilderness experience right here on base. This is a primitive campground with no potable water, telephones, electricity and no RVs.

Numerous openings in RV Storage — Come over and park your equipment for our low prices and have access to them anytime you need.

Oasis Community Center 275-CNTR

Santa Monica Pier, Beach and Shopping is Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sign up by Oct. 5. Join us for a trip south to the famous Santa Monica Pier and Third Street Promenade. We will pick up in Rosamond and Lancaster.

Las Vegas Shuttle runs Friday-Sunday. Sign up the Thursday before. The shuttle is available Oct. 13-15; Nov. 9-12 and Dec. 8-10. Friday departure is at 12 p.m. from the Oasis Community Center. Sunday departure is at 12 p.m. from Nellis Air Force Base's Air Force Inn. Call for shuttle price. This is an excellent opportunity to experience Las Vegas without the hassle of driving there.

Family Child Care 275-4322

Family Child Care is seeking dedicated people who love working with children! If you live on-base and want to care for children in your home or you are a military dependent and live off-base, you may be eligible to be a licensed or affiliated provider! Make a positive difference in the lives of children! Most materials and training are provided free of charge!

Extended Duty Care is offered to assist parents who need additional child care beyond their normal arrangements due to mission-related requirements. Children must already be enrolled in the Child Development Center, the School Age Program or the Family Child Care Program to qualify. To enroll in this FREE Extended Duty Program or for more information, please contact the Family Child Care office.

PCS Care is a program offered by Air Force Aid Society offering 20 hours of free child care during your PCS in or out of Edwards!

The Benefits of Being a Family Child Care

Provider — Being able to work out of your home, working while caring for your own chil-

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dren, being in charge of your own business, doing work that you love, setting your own hours and free training! If you are interested in becoming an FCC licensed provider, contact the FCC Office at 275-4322. We need providers to offer alternate hours to accommodate evening, swing and weekend duty hours. We are looking for providers to offer care for children with special needs including asthma, allergies, and other physical impairments. We are also looking for providers to offer extended duty care.

Muroc Lake Golf Course 275-PUTT

Customer Satisfaction Survey — Muroc Lake Golf Course strives to deliver the best possible golfing experience to its customers on every round. We are always eager to hear what our customers have to say and we'd like to invite you to complete our customer survey. Our survey is short and to the point and we encourage you to be open and candid with your feedback. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you soon. Please visit the Muroc Lake golf Course to fill out a paper survey or head to the following link to complete the survey online: https://gsp.ngf.org/cgi/start.asp?SC=Edwards-MurocLake.

Single Airman Golf Special — Single Airmen can enjoy 18 holes, cart, burger, fries and drink for a small price. Rental sets are provided for no charge if needed. Limited to the first 100 participants. Single Airmen are Air Force active duty or Air Reserve Component personnel permanently assigned to an Air Force installation or Air Force-led joint base without a spouse and a guest. Must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license.

Teen Center 275-8336

Edwards School of Music begins in October. Sign up today. Open to ages 5-18. Lessons available for piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and voice. Other instruments available upon request. Lessons available at all levels, beginner to advanced. For prices and class schedule, stop by the Teen Center or Youth Center. The Edwards School of Music is located in building 7211, right next to the Teen Center

Keystone Club meets every Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. at the Teen Center. The Keystone Club is a leadership club that performs community service projects around the base. The club also helps teens to maintain focus in high school and helps potential graduates prepare for college.

Youth and Teen Centers Memberships — For about a dollar a day, you could have peace of mind knowing that your son or daughter is in a safe environment - an environment that fosters development and offers constant supervision, tutoring and fun. The Youth and Teen Centers offer social opportunities and structured programming from affiliated agencies such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the 4-H Club.

Information, Tickets and Travel 275-TRIP

ITT Pricelist & Other Events: To see the current ITT price list for events, parks, hotels and discount information, visit www.edwardsfss.com/wordpress/travel/itt.

Armed Forces Vacation Club — Let us find your dream vacation rental. Forget cramped quarters, get access to space-available resort rentals worldwide for one low weekly price.

412th Security Forces Squadron issues speeding citations

The 412th Security Forces Squadron issued **11** speeding citations and processed one driving suspension from Sept. 18 through Sept. 22.

Driving privilege suspensions (current)

Citations issued	15 days()
Citations issued	30 days	2
OF OF	45 days()
1 to 10 mph	90 days()
11 to 15 mph6	180 days (six months))
16 to 20 mph3	365 days (one year)3	
21 to 24 mph1	730 days (two years))
25+ mph0	1,095 days (three years)	1

Per AFI 31-218 and EAFBI 31-218, a DD Form 1408 Armed Forces traffic tickets (no-fine) are issued to military members. Military members receiving 1408s are subject to Uniform Code of Military Justice action. A U.S. District Court Violation Notice (USDCVN) (a fine) is issued to all civilians, dependents and retirees. If issued a USDCVN, violators may be required to be present at Magistrate Court in Bakersfield, California, receive traffic violation points against their state-issued driver's license and potentially receive suspension of on-base driving privileges.

Edwards Key Spouses roll in on Green Dot training



Pauline Schaefer, spouse of Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th Test Wing commander, introduces the Green Dot training to a group of spouses at the Airman and Family Readiness Center Sept. 19. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ethan Wagner)

By Christopher Ball

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

Nearly all Edwards employees, military and civilian, have completed Green Dot training and are familiar with the concepts. But what they may not know is that the training isn't limited to Edwards' workforce.

Recently, the Edwards Key Spouses, squadron spouses and group spouses took Green Dot training at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Pauline Schaefer, spouse of Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th Test Wing commander, introduced the training to the group.

"Why are you guys here today? Because if violence takes two people (or more), it doesn't do us a whole lot of good if only one-half of the group is hearing it," she said. "The other people that need to hear it are the spouses. And specifically key spouses, squadron spouses and group spouses. When people come to you in a crisis, you need to have the tools in your tool box; how do I deal with this crisis situation?"

Schaefer then passed leadership of the room to Amy Tromba, one of only a handful of Air Force spouses trained as a Green Dot facilitator, who guided the group through the session. Tromba is a volunteer with the Edwards Key Spouse Program and is married to Col. George Tromba, 412th Mission Support Group commander.

William Brown, Violence Prevention integrator for Edwards, said the base's integrated approach to violence prevention is intentional.

"As a diverse team, we are united in the mission of primary prevention; stopping interpersonal violence and harassment before it ever happens," he said. "Having our military spouses and family members as part of our Edwards Air Force Base Violence Prevention Team is an essential force multiplier and supports and enhances our 412th Test Wing priorities of safely, effectively and flexibly executing the mission, developing and caring for Airmen and their families and innovating for tomorrow's mission."

Brown heads the Edwards Air Force Base Violence Prevention Team, which consists of 21 military, dependent and civilian personal who are making significant contributions to the Air Force priorities by providing innovative violence prevention training, developing exceptional primary prevention leaders and strengthening prevention alliances within our military and local community.

The Edwards Key Spouse Program is an official unit/family program designed to enhance readiness and establish a sense of Air Force community.

It is a commander's program that promotes partnerships with unit leadership, volunteer key spouses appointed by the commander, families, the Airman and Family Readiness Center and other community and helping agencies. The program has been standardized across the Air Force to address the needs of all military families with special emphasis on support to families across the deployment cycle.

Green Dot is a program designed to reduce interpersonal violence. Dr. Dorothy Edwards, author of the Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy and president of Alteristic, Inc. said, "Our strategies focus on building resilience and equipping Airmen with the tools they need to contribute daily to a culture that supports dignity and respect. This proactive approach has inspired many bases to develop creative ways to spread the message that interpersonal violence is never okay and that everyone is expected to do their part."

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get to the crash site. I started volunteering in other aspects of emergency response and eventually, after bugging supervision, they sent me to Fort Leonard Wood (Missouri) to undergo Emergency Management training."

Babcock added that he is a "big people person" and what he likes best about his job is working with the base populace and educating children where at times he dons the Eddie Bee Ready costume, which is the Emergency Management Flight's readiness mascot.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense states the DOD plays a pivotal role in supporting whole-of-government efforts posed by acts of terrorism, cyber-attacks, pandemics and catastrophic natural disasters. Military-to-military and civilian-to-military partnerships enable the U.S. and its communities to be prepared to meet strategic challenges with a unified approach to crisis management, according to the DOD.

The DOD's National Preparedness Program is in line with the Department of Homeland Security's and the National Response Framework's outline that encourages a whole-community approach to disaster response and preparedness. This is everything from the federal government to local towns, cities and tribes.



Eddie Bee Ready makes a visit to the Exchange Express gas station as part of National Preparedness Month. Members of the 812th Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Management Flight regularly dress up as the readiness mascot. including David Babcock who recently won the individual category of the Department of Defense's 2016 National Preparedness Awards. (Courtesy photo)



This Week in Edwards History

On Sept. 25, 1974, Northrop's F-5F made its first flight, piloted by Hank Chouteau. The F-5F was the two-seat trainer version of the company's F-5E Tiger II and featured a completely new fuselage. (Edwards History Office file photo)



(U.S. Air Force photo)

Free layaways for holidays

By Jennifer Coleman

Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

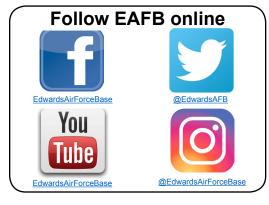
Airmen, families and retirees at Edwards AFB Exhange can get a head-start on holiday shopping while keeping gifts away from prying eyes with fee-free layaway from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service.

The Edwards AFB Exchange will waive the \$3 service fee for items that are placed on layaway and paid for by Dec. 24 — including toys and bikes. Purchases of \$25 or more are eligible for the layaway plan.

"Layaway is not just a way to keep snooping loved ones from ruining their holiday surprise—it can also be used as a budgeting tool," said Edwards AFB Exchange General Manager Chad Davis. "We want to make holiday shopping easy for Airmen and families at Edwards AFB Exchange, that's why we're giving the gift of fee-free layaway this holiday season."

A deposit of 15 percent is required to hold items on layaway. Shoppers can visit customer service at the Edwards AFB Exchange for complete program details and eligibility information.





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