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Schaefer applauds Team Edwards, looks to path ahead

By Kenji Thuloweit

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

The base theater was filled to maximum capacity for a commander's call May 5 to recognize the achievements of the 412th Test Wing in the recent Capstone Unit Effectiveness Inspection that ran April 25-28.

Inspectors from the Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General Team from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio visited Edwards to close out a two-year Unit Effectiveness Inspection cycle.

The inspection system, which went into effect under an updated Air Force Instruction August 2013, evaluates four major graded areas of wing readiness: Managing Resources, Leading People, Improving the Unit and Executing the Mission.

Team Edwards received a rating of Highly Effective, which is the highest possible grade, in Executing the Mission and Improving the Unit.

"We are crushing it; wherever you are at you're crushing the mission," said Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th TW commander. "That is the feedback that I got... The things you are doing today is impacting downrange right now."

Edwards received the second highest rating of Effective in Managing Resources and Leading People for an overall "very strong" Effective rating, Schaefer said.

Under the UEI process, wing members are responsible for assessing deficiencies in their units, reporting them to the inspector general and then devising and implementing a plan of action to correct any issues that arise. The process involves a mix of exercises, self-assessments, Airmen-to-IG sessions, no-notice inspections and an in-depth IG inspection of the



Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th Test Wing commander, held a commander's call at the base theater May 5 to congratulate Team Edwards for the base's recent performance during the Capstone Unit Effectiveness Inspection held April 25-28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joseph Gocong)

unit every two years, with a wing Capstone UEI event every 24-30 months conducted by AFMC.

After many thanks from the general for a job well done, Schaefer had dozens of Team Edwards members come on stage and to be presented certificates of achievement for their extraordinary efforts, which helped contribute to the high inspection score.

"That is a huge deal to be recognized in what I believe is the best wing in AFMC. These are the best of the best and they represent a lot of people that are out here. I want to pass on, from me to you, a huge congratulations on this inspection. You came through with flying colors," Schaefer said.

After the UEI portion of the commander's call, Schaefer turned to the future in which he discussed the impending in-

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412th SFS hosts National Police Week events May 15-19

From 412th Security Forces Squadron

Team Edwards and the 412th Security Forces Squadron will observe National Police Week with a slate of events May 15-19.

Police Week is a time designated to remember and celebrate past and present civilian and military law enforcement officers, as well as the survivors of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duties. The week is to ensure they are not forgotten.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week.

The law was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, signed by President Bill Clinton, directing the United States flag be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings May 15 each year.

National Police Week is always the calendar week beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15. On page 2 is a list of events along with contact information if you'd like to participate. Come out and help make these events be the best they can be!



412th Security Forces Squadron members at last year's National Police Week retreat ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher Ball)

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412th SFS to mark police week with daily activities

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK EVENTS AT EDWARDS



(U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

MAY 15

The Police Week opening ceremony begins at 7:15 a.m. at the Airman Leadership School Drill Pad.

Beginning at 10 a.m. there will be a Combat Arms Training and Maintenance display and K-9 demonstration at the Exchange.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Joseph Gocong)

MAY 16

7:15 a.m. — 14K Memorial Ruck March. To sign up, contact Airman 1st Class Fabian Nieves at fabian.nieves_vergara@us.af.mil, or call 277-7432.

3 p.m. — Bowling for Badges at High Desert Lanes Bowling Center. Contact Staff Sgt. Jordan Corson-Walp to register. Teams can be up to four people. His e-mail is jordan.corsonwalp@us.af.mil, or call 277-2031.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

MAY 17

The Police Week Golf Tournament at Muroc Lake Golf Course at 7:30 a.m. Contact Senior Airman Stephen Mears to register at stephen.mears.3@us.af.mil, or call 275-2480. Alternate contact is Senior Airman Jeffrey Tarby at jeffrey.tarby@us.af.mil, or call 275-6744.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

MAY 18

Please come out to the gym track at 10 a.m. for the Defender Olympics and Jail and Bail. Want someone locked up? Contact Staff Sgt. Stephanie Grebe at stephanie.grebe@us.af.mil, or call 277-0570. Alternate contact is Staff Sgt. Brandon Anderson at brandon.anderson.20@us.af.mil, or call 277-1988. "Prisoners" will be on full display at the Jail and Bail event.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher Ball)

MAY 19

4:10 p.m. — The National Police Week retreat ceremony will be held at the Airman Leadership School Drill Pad.

412th Force Support Squadron upcoming events

Force Support Squadron 275-3826

Sign up for FSS Texting! Receive FSS event info straight to your phone by signing up on edwardsfss.com! We promise we won't spam you — each keyword will receive an average of one weekly message.

New 2017 Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities — Attention local business operators. Reach your military market! Edwards Services is proud to provide businesses the opportunity to show support of our military members through the Air Force Commercial Sponsorship Program. From 4th of July's Summer Bash to the annual Summer Reading Program, Edwards Services does its best to show appreciation for the commitment to excellence that the men and women of Edwards AFB provide every day. We are seeking support for these events and more in the form of funding and event enhancements. Sponsors will receive recognition such as logo placement on advertising materials, booth space onsite during the event, verbal acknowledgement, mention in base newspapers, and opportunities to network with event participants. All offers of sponsorship must be received no later than three months prior to the event date. Contact Tiffany Meyer at 275-3841. This is a solicitation for commercial sponsorship by a Non-appropriated Fund instrumentality of the United States government. It does not obligate appropriated funds or nonappropriated funds of the government.

Airman and Family Readiness 277-0723

Department of Labor 5-Day Transition Assistance Program is Monday-Friday, May 15-19, from 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. The TAP workshop is required for all separating and retiring military members. Spouses are welcome and highly encouraged to attend. Completion of the pre-separation counseling briefing is a mandatory prerequisite for this workshop. Call for more information.

Hearts Apart is May 18 from 5-7 p.m. AFRC's monthly event for families of servicemembers who are deployed, on an extended TDY or on a remote tour assignment. Join us for dinner and fun activities!

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

2017 Air Force Photo Contest — Submit your photos May 1-31. This year's theme is travel destinations. Participants can enter up to two original images that adhere to the theme. Open to eligible adults and children ages 6-17. Amazon gift cards awarded to the top three winners in each category. Visit MyAirForceLife.com/Photo-Contest.

Club Muroc 275-CLUB

Mother's Day Brunch is May 14. Seatings begin at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call the club for prices and to preregister. Menu includes: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, biscuits and gravy, omelet station, waffle bar, tri tip with

red wine gravy, stuffed pork roast, spinach orzo, mashed potatoes, cauliflower gratin, Brussels sprouts, salad, fruit and dessert. All moms receive one complimentary mimosa!

Kids Tipsee Artist Paint Day is May 20. Doors open at 11 a.m. Bring the kids for a fun paint session with the Tipsee Artist!

Tipsee Artist Paint Night is May 30 with doors opening at 5 p.m. Painting starts at 6 p.m. Come test your artistic abilities! Must be 18 and older to paint and 21 to drink. Call to reserve a spot.

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

Aero Club 275-AERO

R4R Single Airman Orientation Flights run May-Sept. Discounted price for eligible personnel! One-hour flights will originate and end at the Aero Club on South Base. Single Airman are U.S. active duty or Air Reserve component personnel permanently assigned to an Air Force installation or Air Force-led joint base without a spouse.

Learn to Fly — The sky is the limit at the Edwards Aero Club. Experience the thrill of piloting an aircraft. Your local Aero Club provides many stages of flight training, from your first introductory flight through solo, then on to private, commercial and instructors' ratings. The choice is yours. Whether your aim is recreational or a career path, your Aero Club will train you to the highest standard with safety always foremost.

Information, Tickets and Travel 275-TRIP

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

Armed Forces Vacation Club — Let us find your dream vacation rental! Forget cramped quarters, get access to Space-A resort rentals worldwide for one low weekly price! Spread out in family-sized (2-8 people) resort accommodations, many of which include on-site recreational facilities, living rooms, kitchens, washer and dryer, kids' activities, and on-site pools. Start your search today, you've earned it!

Cruise Crazy — Have you ever wanted to take a cruise but didn't think you could afford it? Now is the time to get your sea legs in gear and get over to the Information, Tickets and Travel office because the prices are lower than sea level. Call the ITT office today so we can show you that you don't have to sink to swim!

Oasis Community Center 275-CNTR

Reduced Rate Music Lessons are available for piano, guitar and bass, with kinderfiddle lessons for children. Reduced rates available for only deployment-affected personnel and their dependents. To get more information please contact the Oasis Community Center.

Don't forget mom on May 14! Our balloon shop will have special balloon bouquets and baskets to show your mom how much you love her.

**For more information
about 412th FSS offerings, visit
www.edwardsfss.com/wordpress**

Forrest Gump Ping Pong Championship is May 19. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. with the tournament beginning at 5 p.m. Get your name etched on the championship's perpetual plaque. Small entrance fee required.

Library 275-BOOK

Coffee and Coloring is every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while coloring designs created for adults. For more information, please call 275-2665.

New items Tuesdays — Be the first one to borrow newly released books, DVDs, Blu-Ray, TV series, books on CD and more. Call or e-mail the library for more information.



Adopt me!

Marcia is a 5-year-old quirky kitty that's outgoing and friendly. She loves being around people but does prefer being petted on her own terms. She's great with other cats and dogs and would prefer a home alongside them. Although she isn't a lap kitty, Marcia deserves a home to enjoy the many years she has left. We are sure she will entertain you and give you plenty of company! Call APET at 258-9525 today!

Outdoor Recreation 275-CAMP

Lifeguard Certification Class is May 20 and 21, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sign up today! Oasis Aquatics Center is offering American Red Cross Lifeguard training and certification. You will receive a lifeguard instruction manual and CPR mask. The class is composed of video, lecture and in-water skills. You must attend both class days and must pass with a score of 80 percent or higher on all written tests and 100 percent on all in-water skills. Pre-course swim assessment required by May 17. Must complete on-line training sessions through the American Red Cross Learning Center. The Red Cross charges \$35, which is in addition to the training fees charged by Outdoor Recreation. See Jennylee January at the Oasis Aquatic Center to schedule your pre-course swim assessment and get started.

Kayaking in Ventura is scheduled for May 20. The trip runs 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Register by May 17 at Outdoor Rec. Price includes transportation, equipment and instruction. Enjoy the diverse terrain of Ventura's beautiful coastline making it a kayak wonderland. Participants will have the opportunity to paddle in the calm waters of Ventura Harbor and then venture out to one of the nearby beaches.

Paintball field is now open! The paintball field is open by reservation only. If you have any questions, call ODR at 275-2267.

Adult swim lessons are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ten sessions, ages 15 and older. Lessons focus on people terrified of water and extreme beginners. For more information and prices call ODR.

Riding Stables where you can board your horses are available. There is a limit of four stalls per patron. Fees can be paid monthly and there is a discount for additional horses. Please call ODR for more details.

Overnight Camping at Branch Park — Come and get a wilderness experience right here on base. This is a primitive campground with no potable water, no telephones, electricity and no RVs.

Rod & Gun 275-CAMP

"Big 50" Thursdays — The "Big 50" is an Amateur Trap Shooting Association registered shoot in which all participants shoot 50 single targets, 50 double targets and 50 targets from their handicapped position.

Rosburg Fitness Center 275-GYM1

Intramural Softball begins in June. Team letters of intent are due May 15. Please see your squadron sports representative to submit a team. Call the gym for more information.

May Fitness Month — Events happening all month long. Stop by the fitness center to pick up your punch card and get credit for all your workouts.

High Intensity Workout Classes are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, classes are at 3:30 p.m. during the month of May. Join us outside underneath the PT pad at the Rosburg Fitness

Center for a high intensity workout class designed to burn major calories. These classes will take the place of regular circuit training.

Run with History Half Marathon, 10K & 5K is October 14. Registration is now available at www.active.com. For more information, please contact the gym at 275-GYM1.

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center 275-BOWL

4R Single Airman Glow Bowl Nights are Saturdays from May 13-Aug. 26; 8 p.m.-midnight. Single Airmen will receive unlimited games and shoes for free Glow in the Dark Bowling! There will be music and a fun atmosphere for all. Must show valid military I.D.

Mother's Day Bowling Special is Sunday, May 14, from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Moms bowl free! Includes shoes.

Midnight Meal at Strike Zone Snack Bar — The snack bar will now be open until 11 p.m., Monday-Saturday due to the dining facility renovations. Call-in orders encouraged! Call-in orders taken up to 11 p.m. for pick up by 11:30 p.m.

Muroc Lake Golf Course 275-PUTT

May Tournament will be May 20. Shotgun start begins at 8 a.m. Entry price includes green fees, cart fee, lunch and prizes. The format is 18-hole, four-person scramble. Limited to the first 18 teams to sign up. Must have an SCGA handicap. Sign up by Monday, May 15 at the MLGC golf shop.

Youth Programs 275-5437

2017 Teen Aviation Camp Call — The Air Force Services Activity Child and Youth Programs is accepting applications for this year's Teen Aviation Camp to be held June 24-30 at

the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Lodging, meals and activity fees are funded. Air fare or POV travel costs and spending money are the responsibility of the attendee. Freshmen and sophomores of active duty military, retired AF, AF civilian employees, Air National Guard and AF Reserve members can apply. DEADLINE is May 5.

Space Camp Applications are now available for the Child and Youth Program's Space Camp July 30-Aug. 4 in Huntsville, Alabama. Youth ages 12-18 can choose from several space-related programs. Lodging, meals and activity fees are funded. Airfare or POV travel costs and spending money are the responsibility of the attendee. Applicants must be dependents of Air Force active duty, retired or civilian employees or active duty military members assigned to AF installations, Air National Guard or AF Reserve. DEADLINE to apply is May 18. For more information contact the Teen Center at 275-8336 or school liaison office at 277-2456.

Teen Center 275-8336

Operation Talent Search is May 18 at 5 p.m. in the Stripes Lounge. Auditions are May 15, 3:30-7 p.m. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Can you sing, dance, juggle or have a different talent that you'd like to showcase? Edwards FSS is looking for you! Categories include solo, group acts, specialty acts, youth acts, teen acts, adult acts, family acts, parent and youth act and husband and wife act. Cash prizes for each category winner. For all winners who are eligible, a DVD will be sent to the Air Force-wide competition and could possibly win even bigger prizes! Call Paul La Bella at 275-5437 for more information.

412th Security Forces Squadron issues speeding citations

Driving privilege suspensions (current)

The 412th Security Forces Squadron issued 18 speeding citations and processed one driving suspension from May 1 through May 7.

Citations issued

1 to 10 mph.....	1
11 to 15 mph.....	11
16 to 20 mph.....	4
21 to 24 mph.....	1
25+ mph	1

15 days.....	5
30 days.....	0
60 days.....	0
90 days.....	1
180 days (six months).....	2
365 days (one year).....	15
730 days (two years).....	0
1,095 days (three years).....	0

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.

National Police Week honors fallen officers, defenders

Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Michael Young
412th Security Forces Squadron

National Police Week is a time when we honor those police officers who have sacrificed their lives in service to their communities. The event traces its history to 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a declaration designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week.

The chance to take time and dedicate our thoughts to those who have served and their families is especially meaningful to military law enforcement members. They not only provide service to their stateside bases of assignment, but also are called upon to perform law enforcement and security missions in support of operations around the globe. An Edwards defender for example, could be patrolling the base one day and later, while deployed, could be riding with a coalition partner executing law-and-order missions or even dismounted patrols outside the wire of a main operating base in a combat zone.

So when we take pause to remember our lost in the line of duty, that includes those lost in direct-fire operations with the enemies of our nation at the farthest corners of the world.

Personally, after 27 years of service, I am constantly amazed at the sacrifice our Airmen make every day and night of the year and am privileged to stand with them while they perform duties that put them in harm's way. They allow us to live,



The memorial service for Tech. Sgt. Robert B. Butler in 1998. Butler was killed by an Airman while making a routine traffic stop Jan. 10, 1998. (U.S. Air Force photo provided by the Air Force Test Center History Office)

work and play with peace of mind and security.

Police Week is our most hallowed event. It gives us the chance not only to reflect and remember, but also to refresh our hearts and minds while building camaraderie through events intended to bring the community together and remind ourselves to be grateful for Airmen willing to protect us at all costs, even at the expense of laying down of their own lives in defense of others.

We here at Edwards also take this week and every week to remember our own fallen defender, Tech. Sgt. Robert B. Butler. He was killed in the line of duty on Edwards Jan. 10, 1998. Butler was on patrol when he initiated a traffic stop on a motorist driving erratically. Unbeknownst to him, the driver of the car had killed another Airman moments earlier and when Butler approached the driver, he was shot and killed. Butler's courage and dedication to the safety of the community of Edwards AFB remains a tragic yet honored example to us all as we strive to serve as valiantly as he did.

From our youngest Airmen to myself, Butler's lesson of sacrifice rings loud and clear as a reminder of how critical our mission to the public remains. We remember him and all of our lost law enforcement brothers and sisters and encourage everyone to come out and enjoy fellowship and life in their honor this Police Week.



Joseph Butler, father of Tech. Sgt. Robert B. Butler, along with Robert's wife, Takako Butler, stand in front of a memorial plaque following the dedication of the Tech. Sgt. Robert B. Butler Dorm in July 1998. The dorm is building 2425. (U.S. Air Force photo provided by the Air Force Test Center History Office)

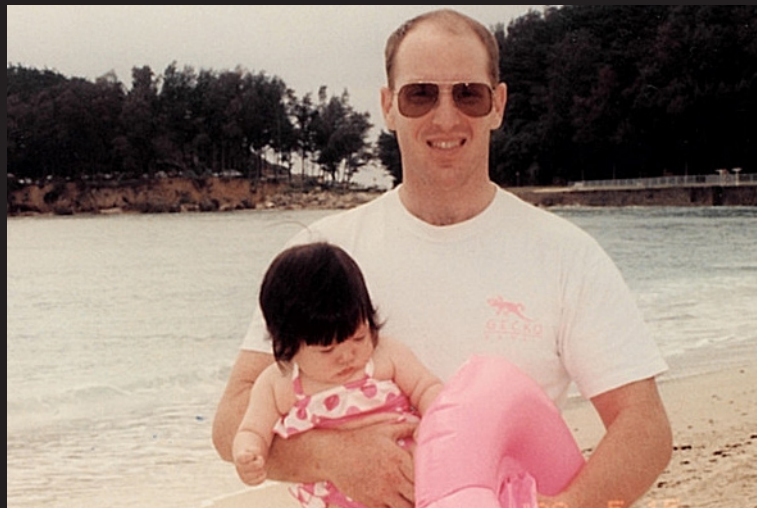
Remembering a fallen defender

Tech. Sgt. Robert B. Butler, of the former 95th Security Forces Squadron on Edwards, was killed after pulling over a suspected DUI driver at 2 a.m. Jan. 10, 1998. Butler radioed for assistance before he was fatally shot approaching the vehicle. Backup arrived and saw the suspect driving away.

Reports say Senior Airman Devaughn Brown and Senior Airman Darrick Moore had a dispute earlier that night at Stripes Lounge. Before killing Butler, Brown was believed to have killed Moore after they left the bar. Moore's body was found later at the base landfill. Brown was driving Moore's truck when he was pulled over by Butler.

Security forces pursued Brown who was headed to the dorm area. About 100 Airmen were evacuated. Brown was later found dead in the recreation room of one of the dorms from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, reports said.

Butler left behind a wife and three young children.



(U.S. Air Force photo provided by the Air Force Test Center History Office)



This Week in Edwards Flight Test History

On May 10, 1972, Fairchild Republic's YA-10A Thunderbolt II made its first flight, flown by company chief test pilot Howard "Sam" Nelson. The twin-engine, twin-tailed ground attack aircraft was designed around the GAU-8 Avenger 30mm rotary cannon. (Edwards History Office file photo)

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crease of active duty Airmen throughout the Air Force, especially in aircraft maintenance fields. He also touched on the upcoming programs that will bring an increase in planes and keep Edwards ever so busy in the coming years.

"We're the portal for modernization for the Air Force. So if modernization has to happen it is going to come through Edwards. That's what being part of this test community is all about. As new weapons systems come on line, as we upgrade more, it's all going to come through Edwards and we're going to need people to do that and money," said Schaefer.

He added that whatever government plans are made for the federal civilian workforce, whether to grow or shrink, Edwards AFB's civilian workforce needs to grow to accomplish all the things that the Air Force needs Edwards to do. He said that concept is understood by Air Force leadership.



Team Edwards packed the base theater May 5 to receive kudos from Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th Test Wing commander, for the base's recent performance during the Capstone Unit Effectiveness Inspection held April 25-28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joseph Gocong)



Retired Staff Sgt. Thomas White gets his blood pressure checked by Senior Airman Linwood Fields, 412th Medical Group Aerospace Medical technician, during Retiree Appreciation Day May 6. (U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher Ball)

RAD 2017 greets 313 guests

More than 300 military retirees and their guests gathered in the Oasis Community Center here for Edwards AFB's annual Retiree Appreciation Day May 6.

Attendees were given a chance to learn about programs that affect retirees and received free services during the visit. Legal services, immunizations, retiree benefits information, door prizes and refreshments were among the attractions.

The guests were treated to breakfast and live entertainment before the speakers and open house commenced.

Brig. Gen. Carl Schaefer, 412th Test Wing commander, commemorated veterans of each war since World War II. Although there were no WWII vets in attendance, there was one from the Korean conflict. The majority of retirees were Vietnam War-era veterans, and the first Gulf War veterans were also well represented.

1st Lt. Harvey Hurst, Air Force Research Laboratory Rocket Propulsion Division, was emcee for the day.

The yearly event is to show Edwards AFB's gratitude for military retirees and their families and to provide important information and services to the local retiree community.

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