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F-35 testers nominated for prestigious aviation award

By Kenji Thuloweit

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The National Aeronautic Association named the F-35 Integrated Test Force here as one of nine organizations nominated for the 2017 Robert J. Collier Trophy. The NAA announced all nominees in a press release Feb. 5.

The trophy is awarded every year for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year, according to the NAA website.

The F-35 ITF and 461st Flight Test Squadron conducts developmental test and evaluation of all three variants of the fifth-generation F-35. The organization carries out the system development and demonstration phase of the Defense Department's F-35 Program, which is nearing its completion following weapons delivery accuracy tests in December.

Lt. Col. Tucker Hamilton, 461st FLTS commander and F-35 ITF director, said the F-35 Joint Program Office nominated the ITF for the award. The nomination package commended the ITF's accomplishments in 2017, which included completing test requirements ahead of schedule while carrying out complex test missions with "the hardest to prove capability, the most advanced threat emulation and the most integrated scenarios."



An F-35A Lightning II from the 461st Flight Test Squadron soars over Edwards Air Force Base Sept. 15, 2017. The F-35 Integrated Test Force at Edwards is one of nine nominees for the National Aeronautic Association's Collier's Trophy. (Courtesy photo by Chad Bellay/Lockheed Martin)

"The Edwards ITF did not just conduct the same-old flight test, they demonstrated superb excellence, tackling unique challenges, and performing at a sustained level simply never seen before in any Department of Defense flight test organization," according to the award nomination. See Collier, page 3

State Department travels to Edwards for passport fair



Lea Ricci, 771st Test Squadron, goes over her passport application documents with a passport specialist from the Los Angeles Passport Agency at the Airman and Family Readiness Center Feb. 6. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

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To show their support for the military, passport specialists from the Department of State drove up the freeway from Los Angeles to conduct a passport fair for the Edwards community Feb. 6.

Attendees brought their applications, passport photos and identification to the Airman and Family Readiness Center to hand over to one of ten passport specialists who then took the required fees to process the applications. Those who attended can expect their passports in about four weeks. "We wanted to do something for the military so we reached out to all the bases in our region, which includes California and Nevada," said Chans Chiv, Los Angeles Passport Agency customer service manager. "Instead of having to go to local passport acceptance centers, like the one in Lancaster, we thought it would be convenient for us to come to the base; it looks like it's a success."

Chiv said his office visits Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, on a regular basis but hopes they can come to Edwards once a year as well.

The 412th Force Support Squadron acted as gracious hosts for the visit, said Chiv.

According to the State Dept., there were more than 21 million passport issued last year. People can apply for passports a couple different ways depending on if the applicant has had a passport in the past or if they are a new applicant.

If someone needs a passport, it is recommended to apply sooner than later.

"We want to emphasize that if you need a passport, start the process early," Chiv said. "A lot of countries require your passport to be valid for six months before you can travel there. And if you have young children, their passports are only good for five years and they cannot renew by mail, they must show up in person to renew their passports."

For more information on passports, clicke here.

Certain officers can cross-train into Air Force OSI

From 412th Test Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is offering a time-sensitive opportunity for certain officers to join AFOSI. They are seeking highly qualified nonrated line officers for a cross flow opportunity as a special agent at various, worldwide duty locations.

Applications are due by Feb. 28 and applicants must be eligible to cross flow. The following company grade officer Air Force Specialty Codes are exempt from cross flow: 13N, 13S, 14N, 15W, 17X, 21A, 21M, 31P, 38F, 61A, 61C, 62E, 63A and 71S. The following field grade offi-



(Courtesy graphic)

cer AFSCs are exempt from cross flow: 10 series (operational-nonrated only), 21A, 21M, 21R, 35P, 38F, 61A and 64P.

Interested applicants, meeting minimum recruitment requirements listed at www.osi.af.mil, should contact Special Agent Daniela Carchedi at 277-1138 or email <u>daniela.carchedi.1@us.af.mil</u>.

Founded in 1948, at the recommendation of Congress, AFOSI is a field-operating agency mandated to provide professional investigative services to identify and neutralize criminal, terrorist and intelligence threats to the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Defense and the U.S. Government.

Health: AFMC promotes wellness screening campaign

From Air Force Materiel Command Wellness Support Center

Civilian Health Promotion Services (CHPS) offer wellness screenings that measure numbers you need to know to safeguard your health. The Cardiac Risk Profile screening measures your blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and blood sugar. These numbers can provide a glimpse of your health status and risk for certain diseases and conditions.

Elevated cholesterol may lead to atherosclerosis, or fatty deposits in the inner lining of arteries, which can cause a heart attack or stroke. High blood pressure is dangerous because it makes the heart work too hard, and the high force of the blood flow can harm arteries and organs such as the heart, kidneys, brain, and eyes. People who have excess body fat are at higher risk for health problems, especially if a lot of fat is located in the waist area. Frequent or ongoing high blood sugar can cause damage to your nerves, blood vessels, and organs.

Take charge of your health for a better life. Knowing your numbers can assist you in monitoring your health status. Early identification and management of risk factors can help individuals stay healthy and live a long, productive life.



(U.S. Air Force graphic)

To participate in a CHPS wellness screening and healthy lifestyle behavior programs, contact your local CHPS team or visit <u>www.AFMCwellness.com</u>.



Tax Center now open

The Edwards Tax Center is now open through April 14. The center is available to active duty and dependents; military retirees and dependents. Active duty E-1 through E-6 have priority until March.

The Tax Center is located in the Desert Mall, Bldg. 7210, off of Kincheloe Ave.

Hours: Wednesdays - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Appointments only, please call 277-4310

For any questions regarding the Tax Center, call Capt. Jamie Paetz at 277-9609.

Remember, this year's filing deadline is April 17.

412th Force Support Squadron upcoming events

Force Support Squadron 277-0723

New Studio412 Print Shop is open 8 a.m. --4 p.m. and is located at the Marketing Office inside the Arts & Crafts Center. The Marketing Office is now able to support your printing needs under their new Studio412 Print Shop! Printing services include 8.5x11 standard prints, posters and photo prints and are available to anyone with base access. To view our price listing and to submit an order, please visit: <u>https://edwardsfss.</u> <u>com/wordpress/support/studio412</u>. For more info call 275-3826.

Save the Date — Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will be here Feb. 11 and perform at 4 p.m. Free admission. More information to come.

Club Muroc 275-CLUB

Membership Appreciation Breakfast is Feb.



Adopt me!

Red is a sweet 2-year-old border collie mix. He's a little shy at times but is ready to land a home with someone who wants a snuggle bug and who is ready to help him gain the confidence boost he needs. He does well with kids and likes other dogs except for aggressive alpha males. He is fully vetted and waiting on you to scoop him up! Call APET at 258-9525 today! 12 from 7-9 a.m. Free breakfast for club members.

Club Hold'Em is Feb. 15. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with game beginning at 6. Complimentary food with entrance fee.

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center 275-BOWL

Mardi Gras Party is Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Rainbow head pin glow bowling all day. Low price unlimited games, shoe rental included. Fun for all ages. Prizes for strikes on a colored head pin.

Armed Forces Bowling Championship is open to active duty, guard and reserves. Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 Armed Forces Bowling Championship April 14-17 at Ft. Lee, Virginia. Submit your application by Feb. 22 via the new apptrac system: <u>https:// cloud.mwr.army.mil/apptrac/atwsc/apptrac.wsc/ wb1000.html?wbp=5</u> FMI please contact <u>AFS-</u> VA.FitnessSports@us.af.mil for more info.

Green Pin Special is every Monday, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Get a strike when you have a green head pin and get that game free. Shoe rental not included. Cannot be combined with any other offers/specials.

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.

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

Instructors Needed! If you're creative, we need you. Arts and Crafts is seeking out instructors of all types. Come and share your creative knowledge with a diverse group of students looking for painting, photography, drawing, scrapbooking and other craft/art related instruction.

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.

Library 275-BOOK

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! Special Story Time:

Valentine's Day: Wednesday, Feb. 14 Presidents' Day: Friday, Feb. 16

Black History Month: Friday, Feb. 23

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

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

the "Library & Resources" tab, then select "Educational Resources" where Mango Languages will be listed.

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.

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.

Rosburg Fitness Center 275-GYM1

Bench Press Competition is Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. Waist Management Weight Loss Challenge runs until Feb. 28 at the Rosburg Fitness Center. Sign up by Jan. 8 to start the new year right. Take part in eight weeks of competition to see who will lose the most weight. Challengers will receive bonus workouts, classes and advice.

Oasis Community Center 275-CNTR

Cupid's Workshop is Feb. 1-14 at the Oasis Community Center. Give your Valentine something special with a personalized basket from Cupid's Workshop. Build your perfect gift from our selection of balloons, baskets, stuffed animals, specialty gifts, wines and beers; or purchase a pre-made basket. Schedule your basket to be delivered on Valentine's Day by our friendly team of Cupid's helpers!

Outdoor Recreation 275-CAMP

Movie & Swim Night: Moana is Feb. 24 from 4-8 p.m. at the Oasis Aquatic Center. Sign up by now because space is limited. The night features parent/child races before a poolside showing of Moana. Entry price includes food, beverages, goodie bags and prizes. Coast Guard-approved floatation devices are allowed only. Children in lifejackets must have an adult with them in the water at all times.

Mammoth Ski Shuttle is Feb. 24, 4 a.m.-8 p.m. Sign up by Feb. 22 at Outdoor Rec. Ski rental equipment included with entry fee or discounted fee without ski rental equipment. Lift tickets are NOT included. Anyone under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Rental equipment fitting required by Feb. 22.

Now Hiring Lifeguards for the Oasis Aquatic Center. Free training for applicants who pass the initial swim test. Swim test includes a 300 meter swim, two-minute tread with no hands and a timed deep-water brick retrieval. Must be 16 years or older to apply. Contact the Oasis Aquatic Center for more information.

Open/Family Swin at Oasis Aquatic Center is Monday-Friday. Hours are 3-5:30 p.m. Family pass is valid for four people for three months. Passes are available for purchase at Outdoor Recreation and the Oasis Community Center now. They must be shown to the lifeguards on duty for verification before entering the pool.

Free Lap Swim at the Oasis Aquatic Center hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6-8 a.m. And Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. No children allowed unless they are able to swim laps unsupported.

Need Ski or Snowboard Gear? Outdoor Rec has all of the equipment you need. Check out the Equipment Rental pricelist on ODR's page at <u>www.edwardsfss.com</u> or stop by ODR today! **Numerous openings in RV Storage** — Come over and park your equipment for our low prices and have access to them anytime you need.

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.

The Benefits of Being a Family Child Care Provider — 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.

Muroc Lake Golf Course 275-PUTT

Valentine's Day Tournament is Saturday, Feb. 17. Shotgun start is 8 a.m. Entry fee includes cart and green fees. Sign up by Monday, Feb. 12. Format is 18 hole, two-player scramble. Couples preferred. Limited to the first 36 teams (72 players). Prizes and food following play. Must have an SCGA handicap.

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 Forceled joint base without a spouse and a guest.



Teen Center 275-8336

Cal State Northridge Campus Tour is Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Small trip fee required. Shuttle departs from Desert High School. Call 275-TEEN for more info.

Edwards School of Music — 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.

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. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 275-CAMP.

Information, Tickets and Travel 275-TRIP

New Travel Specialist — Save hours of searching the internet by contacting Candace at Edwards ITT. She has over 10 years of travel experience and is here to help you plan the vacation of your dreams. Custom packages are available including resorts, cruises, flights and tours.

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

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. ITT is located in the Oasis Community Center. Call 275-TRIP (8747) for more info.

Youth Sports 277-8961

Youth Baseball and Softball signups are now open for youth ages 5-15 from Feb. 5-March 2. Prices fro members and non-members; discounts for siblings. Late fee for signups after March 2. Feel free to drop by the Youth Center or call 277-8961 for details.

Youth Track signups are now until March 2. Open to youth ages 5-15.

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MDG Airmen learn how to 'stop the bleed, save a life'



Capt. Christopher Liu, 412th Medical Operations Squadron, applies a tourniquet to Capt. Regina Ortega, 412th MDOS, at the 412th Medical Group's Education and Training building Jan. 29. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

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Airmen and civilians from the 412th Medical Group learned that with a few pieces of cloth and some bravery, they can save lives.

The medical group invited staff members from Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster to conduct Stop the Bleed, Save a Life training Jan. 29.

Mostly non-clinical 412th MDG staff learned how to take action and stop a victim's bleeding by listening during a short class and then practicing how to apply tourniquets and gauze to dummies and mock wounds. Simple techniques such as applying pressure, stuffing clean cloths into wounds and applying tourniquets could mean the difference between life and death according to the instructors.

Motivated by the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting in Connecticut and multiple tragedies that occurred in the ensuing years, the American College of Surgeons convened the Hartford Consensus to bring together leaders from law enforcement, the federal government and the medical community to improve survivability from manmade or natural mass casualty events. Stop the Bleed, Save a Life came about to educate the public about the importance of bleeding control.

Jeremiah Johns, an Antelope Valley Hospital trauma nurse From Collier, page 1

The Edwards F-35 Integrated Test Force is completing a 15year flight test effort proving full mission systems capability of the F-35. This past year proved to be very challenging according to Hamilton and the F-35 JPO where the ITF tackled difficult test requirements to ensure the F-35 is capable of providing the operational warfighter with the most advanced capabilities the fighter has to offer. Such strides in 2017 included proving multi-ship interoperability, tracking targets and weapons delivery accuracy achievements.

"Being recognized as a Collier Trophy finalist is very satisfying," said Hamilton. "This team has made a historic accomplishment in remarkable fashion and it's very fulfilling knowing that their hard work is being recognized. Day in and day out they have made the seemingly impossible a reality and I am humbled and proud to work alongside such fine men and women."

The Collier Trophy Selection Committee will meet March 22

and certified Stop the Bleed instructor, said that a trauma surgeon who treated the young victims of Sandy Hook believed that with some basic and simple on-scene treatment to stop blood loss, lives could have been saved. He also discussed how tourniquets applied to the limbs of U.S. warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan saved many lives.

"This was a course one of our Ambulance Services staff noticed on an AV advertisement," said Lt. Col. Timothy Gillispie, 412th MDG. "He elevated it to Col. West (412th MDG commander) who is always looking for ways to partner with our civilian counterparts. Several of us went to a training earlier this month and decided it would be beneficial to our staff (mainly non-clinical) and possibly the base population."

The American College of Surgeons states that civilians need basic training in bleeding control principles to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders are able to take over care of an injured person. It may take some time for emergency personnel to arrive so without civilian intervention in these circumstances, preventable deaths will occur, according to the college.

"Due to current world and local events, this training is extremely important," Gillispie said. "It gives a layperson the skills, and more importantly, the confidence to step in and render assistance to control bleeding to those that are injured. These are skills that could be put into action during your drive home, at a concert or mall or your child's school."



Maj. Joshua Wilson, 412th Medical Operations Squadron (right), applies a commercially bought tourniquet to a dummy during a special training event Jan. 29 at the 412th Medical Group Education and Training building. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

in Arlington, Virginia, with the announcement of the winner the following day. The formal presentation of the Collier Trophy is scheduled for June 14 at a location to be determined.

The NAA is a non-profit membership organization devoted to fostering opportunities to participate fully in aviation activities and to promote public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the country.

The NAA Collier's Trophy is named for Robert J. Collier, the son of Collier's Weekly publisher P.F. Collier, who was a prominent publisher himself and aviator.

Past winners include the crews of Apollo 11 and Apollo 8, the Mercury 7, Scott Crossfield, Elmer Sperry, Howard Hughes, and Orville Wright. Projects and programs which have been the recipient of the Collier include the B-52 Stratofortress, the Boeing 747, the Cessna Citation, the F-22 Raptor and the International Space Station.

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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

By Arlene Johnson

412th Medical Operations Squadron Family Advocacy Outreach manager

Did you know February is "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month?" As a mother of four, two of which are teenagers, I found myself questioning, "Is this a real issue?" Unfortunately, it is. As a matter of fact, according to www.loveisrespect.org:

- Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.

- One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.

- One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.

This is why as the Family Advocacy Outreach manager, I am taking the opportunity to share information with information, please call 661-277-5292 purple up/orange up on Feb. 14.



you and our youth on healthy relationships - communication, dealing with conflict and when to seek help. If you are interested in getting an information packet that contains more statistics on the issue, tips and conversation starters, warning signs and where to gain more (U.S. Air Force graphic)

or stop by the Family Advocacy Program office, located at 30 Nightingale Rd., Bldg. 5513.

Together as a community we can continue to protect and empower our youth to a healthy future.

To show awareness and support please

Exchange, H&R Block offer discount on tax preparation



(U.S. Air Force photo)

By Jennifer Coleman Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public

The Internal Revenue Service expects more than 155 million tax returns to be filed this tax season, with more than 70 percent of taxpayers receiving refunds. To take the guesswork out of filing for military members and their families, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is teaming up with H&R Block to provide tax preparation services at a 10 percent discount at Edwards AFB.

"To make it even less taxing, if you file a 1040EZ form, the tax professionals will do it for free until Feb. 28, said Chad Davis, Edwards AFB Exchange general manager.

Filers who use H&R Block's services at the Exchange will receive complimentary access and support during tax season. Military shoppers will also receive H&R Block's Audit Assistance to help prepare a response in the event of an audit.

H&R Block tax preparation at the Edwards AFB Exchange also includes a free second-look review. Tax professionals will examine tax returns from the last three years to see whether filers are entitled to money that was not claimed.

The Edwards AFB Exchange H&R Block office is located at 240 W. Fitzgerald Blvd., Bldg. 6001, and is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. On the weekends H&R will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday by appointment.



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