

## Civil engineers work to give Edwards bright future

By Laura Motes  
412th Test Wing Public Affairs



Luis Sandoval, Lead Builders electrical foreman, demonstrates how to adjust a new light fixture with a downloadable app for a smart device. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

The 412th Civil Engineering Group is in phase two of a base-wide, major lighting upgrade, which replaces inefficient fluorescent lighting with new LED lighting complete with motion sensors and programmable controls. Each phase will take about a year to complete.

"In California the average home uses 6,684 kilowatts and we saved 2,310,108 kilowatt hours, which is equivalent to powering 345 California homes," said John Shartzter, 412th CEG Energy and Utilities engineering technician.

New LED lights are brighter and work more efficiently than what workers are accustomed to. Previously, lighting in some hangers was so inefficient that maintenance workers would need to bring in light stands to see what they were doing, according to Shartzter.

Lighting was not only replaced, but additional fixtures were also added to base aircraft hangers. The new light fixtures' motion sensors allow for only

essential lights to be on when needed. Once a worker leaves a lighted area with the sensors, a timer times out and the lights are turned off, saving a lot of energy, Shartzter said.

Phase one cost \$3.9 million with upgrades made to eight buildings consisting of hangers and administration offices. Lighting fixtures were replaced, and in some offices, retrofit kits were used to improve lighting.

The new LED lights can be controlled by an app downloaded to smartphones or tablets to regulate the brightness of the lights and control when lights turn on and off. Lighting can be customized for each office.

Shartzter said the cost savings for phase one is \$927,000 annually. Cost savings is not just in the energy savings, but also in maintenance and demand charges. The lighting is made by a Southern California company who offers a 10-year

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## Air Force transitioning to a single combat uniform

From Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Air Force leaders announced the service will move to a single combat utility uniform, adopting the Operational Camouflage Pattern, or OCP, already in use by the Army and Airmen in combat zones and in certain jobs across the Air Force.

Starting Oct. 1, 2018, Airmen who have serviceable OCPs may wear the uniform, and Airmen can purchase OCPs at Army and Air Force Exchange Services at the following locations: Aviano Air Base, Italy; Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina; Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina; and MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. These initial locations will allow uniform manufacturers to produce additional stocks for other locations, eventually outfitting the total force in the coming months.

The service will fully transition to OCPs by April 1, 2021.

Air Force leaders decided to transition to the OCP following feedback from Airmen that it is the best, battle-tested utility uniform available. It will also eliminate the need to maintain two separate uniforms – one for in-garrison and one for deployments – and it is a visible reminder of the service's identity as a joint warfighting force, Air Force officials said.

"We looked at all utility uniforms currently in our inventory to find the best-of-breed," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein. "We spoke to and listened to Airmen on this, and the OCP was the clear choice."



(U.S. Air Force graphic)

"The uniform works in all climates—from Minot to Manbij—and across the spectrum of missions we perform," Goldfein added. "It's suitable for our Airmen working on a flight line in Northern Tier states and for those conducting patrols in the Middle East," he said.

More than 100,000 Airmen have been issued or are already wearing OCPs or equivalent two-piece flight suits—from Airmen deployed to Air Forces Central Command, to those serving in Air Force Special Operations Command, and most recently, aircrews in Air Mobility Command and defenders in Air Force Global Strike Command.

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# Starting 2018 on a high note: 1st quarter awardees

By Kenji Thuloweit

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

The 412th Test Wing held its 2018 first quarter awards ceremony in the base theater May 3. Top performers were announced and brought up stage in front of a cheering audience to be handed their award by Col. Jason Schott, 412th Test Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Roosevelt Jones, 412th TW command chief.

Congratulations to all 412th TW first quarter award winners!



## 412th TW 1st Quarter (Jan.-March 2018) Awardees

*Airman of the Quarter*  
Airman 1st Class Tumarow Morning  
412th Maintenance Group

*NCO of the Quarter*  
Tech. Sgt. James Solano  
412th MXG

*Senior NCO of the Quarter*  
Master Sgt. Aaron Thompson  
412th MXG

*Company Grade Officer of the Quarter*  
Capt. Brent Mason  
412th MXG

*Field Grade Officer of the Quarter*  
Maj. Kevin Hooker  
412th Medical Group

*Dorm of the Quarter*  
Airman 1st Class Mutia Graham  
412th MDG

*Honor Guard of the Quarter*  
Senior Airman Emmanuel Barnette  
412th Mission Support Group

*Supervision/Management of the Quarter*  
Marla McCully  
412th Test Management Group

*Scientific/Engineering of the Quarter*  
Carolyn Boron  
412th Electronic Warfare Group

*Staff/Technician of the Quarter*  
Gwendolyn Turner  
412th MDG

*Trades and Labor of the Quarter*  
Robert Topp  
412th Civil Engineer Group

*Secretarial/Clerical of the Quarter*  
Nicole Paschen  
412th MDG

*Specialist/Analyst of the Quarter*  
Melida McWeeney  
412th Test Engineering Group

*Program Manager of the Quarter*  
Jack Dawson  
412th MDG

*Team of the Quarter*  
KC-46 Flight Sciences Engineering Team  
412th Operations Group

*Volunteer of the Quarter*  
John Gilliam  
412th EWG

*Innovator of the Quarter*  
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Neilson  
412th MXG

*Innovation Team of the Quarter*  
HAVE DARKSIDE Test Team  
412th TENG

*Safety Well Done of the Quarter*  
William Shattuck  
U.S. Air Force Plant 42

From left: Col. Jason Schott, 412th Test Wing vice commander, presents Airman 1st Class Tumarow Morning, 412th Maintenance Group, with the 412th TW Airman of the Quarter award, along with Chief Master Sgt. Roosevelt Jones, 412th TW command chief. The wing held its first quarter awards ceremony at the base theater May 3. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kyle Larson)

# Edwards AFB engineers search for future innovators

By Laura Motes

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

Companies from all innovative disciplines often send engineers to career fairs all over the nation to search for future go-getters. The Air Force test mission is no different.

Two aerospace engineers, Lauren Kruszewski and Bryce Milnes, from the 773rd Structures Flight, travel to multiple career fairs throughout the U.S. to “spread the word about Edwards AFB.”

“It’s about recruitment and outreach. We’re trying to bring new engineers in,” said Kruszewski, who has been at Edwards for nearly a year. “We find many [students] really don’t know what a test environment is. By participating, students receive information on Edwards AFB career opportunities.”

Kruszewski became an aerospace engineer because she loves fighter jets. Milnes, also relatively new to Edwards, loved going to air shows as a youth and said the aerospace community has always been part of his family.

Being the new kids on the block motivates them to volunteer to go out and search for the next engineer.

According to Kruszewski, they try to do presentations in the classroom before a career fair takes place. This way, when students come by their booth, they see a familiar face.

“A lot of what we do here at Edwards AFB is what they



Aerospace engineers Bryce Milnes and Lauren Kruszewski from the 773rd Structures Flight, travel to multiple career fairs throughout the U.S. to recruit for all engineering disciplines at Edwards AFB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thuloweit)

teach (at colleges like Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University),” said Kruszewski.

When they attend career fairs, Kruszewski and Milnes recruit for all engineering disciplines at Edwards. Milnes explained they have an idea of what they are looking for and they will pull out resumes of students who make an impression.

Read the full article [here](#)

# 412th Force Support Squadron upcoming events

## Airman and Family Readiness 277-0723

**Ice Cream Social and Open House** is Friday, June 1, from 2-4 p.m. Celebrate the end of the school year and the start of summer at the A&FRC. Bring the family out to enjoy a cold treat, activities and more.

**Bundles for Babies** is June 8 from 1-3:30 p.m. On behalf of the Air Force Aid Society, this quarterly opportunity for new and expectant parents provides financial information, local parent resources, a special gift bundle, plus an AAFES gift card. Learn strategies to help manage your new addition both physically and financially. This class is open to all Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps families and is presented in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Sign up by June 6.

## Club Muroc 275-CLUB

**Superhero and Princess Dance** is Saturday, June 16 at Club Muroc. Dinner goes from 5-6 p.m. with music 6-8 p.m. Price includes three-course meal for one adult and one child. Under two years is free. Reservations required by Thursday, June 14.

**Club Muroc Summer Parties** — Are you looking to host a squadron event or party this summer? Look no further than Club Muroc! For a low price per person, enjoy our "Patio Burger Burn" option, which includes burgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, potato chips lettuce, tomato, and onions, condiments and water. All you have to provide are cooks, plates, napkins and utensils. Enjoy the secluded patio with access to the pool. Add our 20 foot water slide for an additional fee.

**Kids Eat Free on Saturdays!** Purchase one adult meal and receive one free kids meal valid for children under 12. Dine-in only.

**Monday Pizza Night** — Every Monday night from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy a 16" pizza made with fresh dough for dine-in, carryout or delivery. Make sure to try our delicious chicken buffalo pizza! For more options and to place your order, call 275-CLUB.

**Wednesday Breakfast Special** — Every Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Start your day off with scrambled eggs, bacon, toast and juice. Breakfast is served every weekday from 6:30 - 10 a.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Delivery Service** — Did you know that we deliver to base housing? Call us Monday-Friday from 5-8 p.m. to place your order.

**Birthday Packages** — Parties include room rental for up to three hours, 20 kids and use of the projector for movies. Pizza and ice cream parties available.

## High Desert Lanes Bowling Center 275-BOWL

**National Children's Day No-tap Doubles Tournament** is Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. One fee for one adult and one child per team. Ages 12 and under, knock down seven pins and get a strike. Adults and kids ages 13 and up, knock down nine pins and get a strike. Price includes three games, shoe rental and a

hot dog lunch with chips and a drink.

**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.

**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.

## Rosburg Fitness Center 275-GYM1

**May Fitness Month** — Punch cards available at the Rosburg Fitness Center. Record 20 workouts by May 31 and receive a prize. Complete any of our classes or do any of the special May Fitness Month events and receive two punches.

## 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!

## 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

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## Adopt me!

Levi is as handsome as he is snuggly. This big fella is a main coon/Japanese bobtail mix. He's got a cute stubby tail, huge paws, big ears and a BIG heart full of love. He loves everyone and is always ready to snuggle up and get attention. Levi is fully vetted and searching for the purrfect home. Call APET at 258-9525 today!



### Outdoor Recreation 275-CAMP

**Gun Safety Classes** are on the fourth Saturday of every month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Small fee per person. Open to ages 18 and up with classes being held at the Rod & Gun Club. Familiarization and how-tos of guns and shooting taught by California's fastest shooter, Len Paris. Includes a classroom portion on basic firearms and safety rules, followed by two hours of shooting practice on the range. Ammunition at no time will be allowed in the classroom. Guns will not be provided. Class size is limited so reserve your spot by visiting Outdoor Rec.

**Rock Wall Belay Class** is June 12, from 5:30 p.m.-6:30. Ages 16 and up. Register by the Saturday prior. Class fee required.

**Pool Movie Nights** are 4-8 p.m. Price includes food, goodie bags, relay races and door prizes. Space is limited so sign up fast.

**June 16** - "Coco" at Sonic Splash Pool. Sign up by June 8.

**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 Swim** 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 [www.edwardsfss.com](http://www.edwardsfss.com) 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 Of-

fice at 275-4322. We need providers to offer alternate hours to accommodate evening, swing and weekend duty hours.

### Muroc Lake Golf Course 275-PUTT

**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.

### 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.

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**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.

### Oasis Community Center 275-CNTR

**Venice Beach Trip** is Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Join us for a trip south to the Venice Beach Boardwalk to see hundreds of street vendors, performers, mimes, musicians, jugs-

glers and jesters. Pick-ups in Rosamond and Lancaster. Call for prices.

**Disney Bingo** is June 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Oasis Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. Fun for all ages. Grand Prize is two, one-day Disneyland Hopper tickets (upgradeable to Military Salute Tickets for eligible winners).

### Youth Programs 275-5437

**Instructional Classes** — Gymnastics (ages 3-17 years) are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Email [ssgymnastic1@yahoo.com](mailto:ssgymnastic1@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Boys & Girls Club Power Hour/Project Learn** is Monday-Thursday, 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Making minutes count helps club members (ages 6-12) become successful in school by providing homework help/tutoring while encouraging members to become self-directed learners. See Ms. Breanne for details and to sign up.

**Creative Kids** - Art Daily at 3 p.m. in the art room area. Children will enjoy creating all types of cool arts and crafts.

**Fitness Daily** is at 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Center Gym. Join us for fitness. See what played like dodge ball, skating, volleyball and much more.

**Torch Club** is every Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Torch Room. Torch clubs are charter, small-group leadership and service clubs for boys and girls ages 9-12. It is a powerful vehicle through which club staff can help meet the special character development needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. See Ms. Breanna for details.

**Youth & 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 with, supervision, tutoring and fun. Contact the main youth center at 275-5437..

## 412th Security Forces Squadron issues speeding citations

The 412th Security Forces Squadron issued 4 speeding citations and processed zero driving suspensions from May 7 through May 13.

### Citations issued

1 to 10 mph.....0  
11 to 15 mph.....3  
16 to 20 mph.....1  
21 to 24 mph.....0  
25+ mph.....0

### Driving privilege suspensions (current)

15 days.....0  
30 days.....0  
45 days.....0  
90 days.....0  
180 days (six months).....0  
365 days (one year).....30  
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.

# New uniforms can be worn beginning October 1, 2018

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As with the Battle Dress Uniform, or BDU, worn by all services until about 10 years ago, the OCP Airmen wear will have distinctive Air Force features. The name tape and Air Force lettering will be a spice-brown color, and T-shirts and belts will be tan. Most rank will also be in spice-brown thread.

Squadron patches will also be worn on the OCP, said Goldfein. Bringing back squadron patches was among the recommendations made by Airmen as part of the ongoing effort to revitalize squadrons.

“Unit patches express squadron identity and heritage – something our Airmen are incredibly proud of and want to celebrate,” he said.

Unit patches and special functional identifiers (Security Forces, Fire, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Tactical Air Control Party, Combat Controller, etc.) will be attached to Velcro fabric on the sleeves. All patches will be in subdued colors; headquarters patches and the U.S. flag will be worn on the right shoulder, and unit patches and authorized duty identifiers will be worn on the left shoulder.

Airmen can find guidance for proper wear of the uniform in the coming months via an Air Force Guidance Memorandum, followed by updates published in AFI 36-2903.

Feedback from the force indicated Airmen find the OCP more functional—from the slanted, Velcro chest pockets to the easily-accessible shoulder pockets. Female Airmen have made it clear that this uniform is a better fit, as well.

“The Army has done considerable work to make the OCPs a better fitting uniform for female service members,” said Maj. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, director of military force management policy, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. “The uniform comes in 20 female sizes and 37 unisex sizes. Female Airmen, currently issued the unisex uniform in U.S. Air Forces Central Command, report a better fit and higher morale as a result.”

Enlisted Airmen should start to see an increase to their annual clothing allowances starting Oct. 1, 2018.

“Many of our Airmen already have this uniform from their numerous deployments, so they will be able to make the transition easily,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. “For other Airmen, we must provide enough time for their clothing allowance to fund the items to avoid out-of-pocket expenses.”

Effective April 1, 2019, Airmen can purchase the uniform at any AAFES store that carries them and AAFES online services will open purchases to Airmen around October 2019. The schedule will be updated monthly on the AAFES and Air Force’s Personnel Center websites.

The delay in availability allows the supply chain to produce

and field enough uniforms, boots and other associated uniform items to meet both Army and Air Force requirements. Enlisted Guard and Reserve Airmen will receive the new uniform through their unit’s clothing replacement procedures.

The Air Force will also outfit Basic Military Training, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, and Officer Training School starting October 1, 2019.

“This celebrates joint warfighting excellence as OCPs will become the joint combat uniform for Airmen and Soldiers while patches and nametapes will identify our respective services,” Goldfein said. “We’ll maintain our distinctive Air Force uniforms in blues, service dress, mess dress, and PT gear.”

**TIMELINE**

- 2018**
  - 1 OCT** Serviceable OCPs may be worn. Airmen can purchase OCPs at the following AAFES locations: Aviano AB, Charleston AFB, Shaw AFB and MacDill AFB
- 2019**
  - 1 APR** Expansion of in-store AAFES sales locations continues. Tan T-shirt must be worn (Desert Tan is authorized until this date)
  - OCT** Online sales projected to be available
- 2020**
  - 1 JUN** Coyote Brown boots must be worn (Tan is authorized until this date). DLA issued green socks must be worn (Desert Tan, Tan authorized until this date)
- 2021**
  - 1 APR** OCP Mandatory Wear Date

**BENEFITS**

- The OCP works in all climates and across the spectrum of missions we perform
- Over 100,000 Airmen have been issued and/or are already wearing OCPs. This includes Air Force Central Command, Air Force Special Operations Command and our Air Force Global Strike Command Defenders
- The OCP will bring back Air Force heraldry with unit patches
- The OCP celebrates our joint warfighting excellence and close ties with the Army

**AIR FORCE OCP UNIFORM GUIDANCE**  
Further official wear guidance will be available soon in AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance

Click on the graphic to view full-size version. (U.S. Air Force graphic)

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warranty on all their products covering the lights if they break and if there is degradation.

“If I go in and take a light level reading today and its 100, and come back in 10 years and its 95, they will replace the light and pay for labor to have it reinstalled,” said Shartzter.

The second phase of the project began April 16. Eight more buildings are being upgraded. Light fixtures in the Exchange and food court will be replaced as well.

In the third phase, 46 buildings will be upgraded throughout Edwards AFB making it the largest lighting effort.

The additional annual savings for phase three will be \$923,000 and it will save 4.6 million kilowatt hours.

“Our projects are geared to improve working conditions and save money not only on the base but for the taxpayer. That is important for our office to do and we are not done,” Shartzter said.



## This Week in Edwards History

On May 17, 1946, the highly innovative XB-43 Jetmaster made its first flight with Douglas test pilot Bob Brush at the controls. The XB-43 was the nation's first prototype jet bomber. Captured at a later date, this Edwards History Office file photo shows the XB-43 sharing the Edwards ramp with two Northrop flying wing bombers. (Edwards History Office file photo)



## STARBASE is hiring

Edwards AFB is now hiring government civilian positions for its STARBASE program.

The base has openings for two teachers and one director.

For more information, email Maj. Yvette Bivins at [Yvette.bivins@us.af.mil](mailto:Yvette.bivins@us.af.mil) or call 661-277-6323.

The Department of Defense's STARBASE is a premier educational program sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. At DOD STARBASE, students participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, or STEM, according to the DOD. They interact with military personnel to explore careers and observe STEM applications in the "real world." The program provides students with 25 hours of stimulating experiences at National Guard, Navy, Marine, Air Force Reserve, Army and Air Force bases across the nation.

STARBASE focuses on elementary students, primarily fifth graders. The goal is to motivate them to explore STEM as they continue their education. The academies serve students that are historically under-represented in STEM. Students who live in inner cities or rural locations, those who are socio-economically disadvantaged, low in academic performance or have a disability are in the target group. The program encourages students to set goals and achieve them.

Read more about DOD STARBASE at <https://dodstarbase.org/>.



(National Endowment for the Humanities photo)

## 'Right Stuff' author dies

Renowned author and journalist Tom Wolfe died May 14 according to numerous news reports citing confirmation from his agent. He was 88.

Wolfe was probably best known locally as the author of the novel "The Right Stuff," which was later turned into an Oscar-winning film released in 1983. Much of the movie and novel took place at Edwards Air Force Base where Wolfe explored the creation of the first astronauts during the beginning of America's space program.

He also wrote another novel that was later adapted for film, "The Bonfire of the Vanities."

Wolfe was a prolific author who wrote on a variety of subjects. You can read more about his life on the National Endowment for the Humanities website at <https://www.neh.gov/about/awards/jefferson-lecture/tom-wolfe-biography>.

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