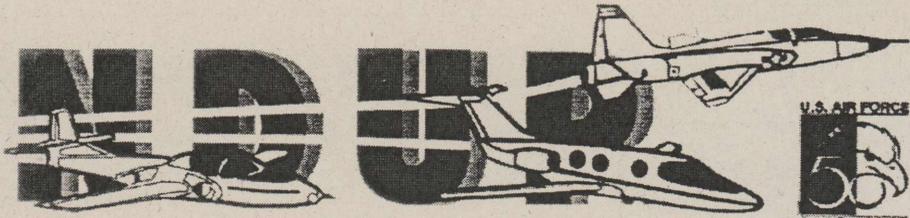


# ROUNDUP



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## Reese's newest staff sergeants announced

**2nd Lt. Chris Breighner**  
*Chief, public affairs*

Commanders and supervisors formed four knuckles into a "punch," helping to tack four stripes on each of the newest staff sergeant selectees at Reese Wednesday.

Out of 53 eligible Reese senior airmen, 12 were selected for promotion; four of those have already reported to their new assignments.

"We did great," said Chief Master Sgt. Al Keenum, 64th Flying Training Wing senior enlisted advisor, noting Reese beat the Air Force and Air Education and Training Command selection percentages by five percent.

"Here are eight of the Air Force's newest staff sergeants--that deserves a big round of applause," said Col. Kodak Horton, 64th FTW commander.

"It wasn't easy. It took a lot of hard work and doing the right thing at the right time," he said. "Congratulations!"



Photo by Staff Sgt. Orlando Guerrero

The newest Reese staff sergeant selectees are, from left to right: Senior Airmen Lee Smith, civil engineer flight; MariaLisa Edwards, 64th Mission Support Squadron; Bryan Bedwell, CEF; Jack Williams, medical flight; Brian Blackwood, security forces; Tony Francis, 64th Logistics Squadron; James Eberly, CEF; Brent Schafer, 64th LS.

The senior airmen selected for promotion are: Bryan Bedwell, Brian Blackwood, James Eberly, MariaLisa Edwards, Tony Francis, Brent Schafer, Lee Smith, and Jack Williams.

The four senior airmen selected who

have PCS'd are: Eric Mayo, Kristy Mayo, Marnie Ryder, and Nicole Thivierge.

The Mayos were with the security forces flight; Ryder and Thivierge were with the medical flight.

## AF secretary nominates Ryan for chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall nominated Gen. Michael Ryan July 31 to be the next Air Force chief of staff. She passed her recommendation to the secretary of defense and, in turn, to the president who both agreed with the nomination.

"It was with great pleasure this morning that I nominated Gen. Michael E. Ryan for the position of Air Force chief of staff, and the president accepted his nomination," said Widnall.

"General Ryan will bring a wealth of Air Force leadership experience to this position. He will also be invaluable

as an adviser to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the secretary of defense and the president. He possesses all the traits needed to provide superb leadership to the people of the Air Force — uniformed, civilians as well as family members.

"A combat warrior and fighter pilot, General Ryan is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and has commanded at every level of the Air Force. He has also had in-depth experience in the European and Pacific theaters and was assistant to the chairman (Joint Chiefs of Staff) from May 1993 to September 1994, during which time he was liaison with the State Depart-

ment, traveling extensively throughout the world with the secretary of state and president. As commander of Allied Air Force in Southern Europe, he directed air operations over Bosnia. General Ryan is currently the commander of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

"The Air Force and the nation are fortunate to have such a remarkable officer ready to take the position of chief of staff and lead the Air Force into the future. As my nominee for the highest uniformed position in the Department of the Air Force, he has my absolute trust and confidence. I look forward to welcoming General Ryan and his wife, Jane."

# Chief of staff sends message to AF personnel

**Gen. Ronald Fogleman**  
*Air Force Chief of Staff*

Dear Men and Women of the United States Air Force.

As my tenure as your Chief of Staff ends, I want to tell you what an honor and a privilege it has been to represent everyone in the United States Air Force.

The timing of my announcement was driven by a desire to defuse the perceived confrontation between myself and the Secretary of Defense over his impending decision on the Khobar Tower terrorist attack. The decision to retire was made after considerable deliberation

over the past several weeks.

On one level, I've always said that my serving as the Chief of Staff was a "tour" - not a sentence and that I would leave when I made all the contributions that I could. After I accepted this position in 1994, I met with other senior leaders of the Air Force to discuss our goals for my tenure. We wanted to take care of the troops and their families, to stabilize the force, to set a course for modernization and to develop a new strategic vision. During some difficult and challenging times we have worked hard to accomplish that and more. Certainly there is more to be done but the framework of the plan and the leadership is in place to move forward with the

support and efforts of the magnificent men and women of our Air Force.

On another level, military service is the only life I have ever known. My stock in trade after 34 years of service is my military judgment and advice. After serving as Chief of Staff for almost three years, my values and sense of loyalty to our soldiers, sailors, marines, and especially our airmen, led me to the conclusion that I may be out of step with the times and some of the thinking of the establishment. This puts me in an awkward position. If I were to continue to serve as Chief of Staff of the Air Force and speak out, I could be seen as a divisive force and not a team player. I do not want the

Air Force to suffer for my judgment and convictions. In my view this would happen if I continue as your Chief. For these reasons I have decided to retire and devote more time to personal interests and my family...but the Air Force will always be in my thoughts.

Miss Jane and I have met a lot of wonderful American service men and women—active duty, guard, reserve, civilians and family members—and they continue to be a part of our lives. We have been proud to represent the men and women of the United States Air Force around the globe and to serve in the finest Air Force in the world. God bless and keep you all as you continue to serve this great nation.

## It takes integrity, courage to do the right thing

**Capt. Douglas Wall**  
*Laughlin AFB Social Actions*

Over the last year, we have been overloaded with negative publicity. Leaders at all levels of the military have been exposed as breachers of the high standards of conduct and morality expected of those that wear the uniform.

If my only source of information on the caliber of people serving in our armed forces was the media, I would believe the country was in sad shape. Luckily, it's not my only source.

Daily I see the high standards of conduct and the intensity with which

the majority of Air Force members seek to excel in their personal lives and respective duties. I have wondered lately what was the difference in the airmen I meet daily and those that have become news headlines. I believe the difference is integrity. Much more than a "core value" buzz-word, integrity is a way of life. The degree to which integrity governs our actions determines the amount of trust and confidence our fellow airmen place in us.

Lt. Gen. Robert Springer said: "Integrity demands a disciplined commitment to a way of life. There are dozens of tempting opportunities to abridge the trust of subordinates or seniors--or the public trust...a leader

with integrity is always a bright spark--a catalyst for higher unit cohesion and morale as well as better efficiencies. I believe subordinates want their commanders to demand the honest answer; to demand a commitment to military standards; and to expect the dedication to endure hardships. When integrity is there...the dedication is there."

Courage is the behavior that supports integrity. It takes courage to do the right thing, even when it's unpopular or requires the suppression of personal desire or gain. It's a shame that many good stories of our people often play second fiddle to negative hype.



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# Stokin' pallets, making s'mores with B Shift

*Out and about with*

**2nd Lt. Chris Breighner**  
*Chief, public affairs*

If you think fire safety articles are a crock, and Sparky the Fire Dog an oversized mutt, think again.

These things are some of a plethora of methods our fire department has for getting the word out on preventing fires and what to do if you find yourself, your house or anything else on fire. After seeing fire (and feeling its heat) up close and personal, believe me, a fire is something you can live without.

I not only "rode-along" with the Reese Fire Department on the evening of July 25, but while the rest of you were enjoying the premiere of "Air Force One," and the company of your sweetheart, I was sweatin' my you-know-what off as an honorary firefighter, battling the blaze with an outstanding crew, the Bravo (or "B") Shift.

It was fire training at the "pit," a concrete block, three-room building, affectionately labeled with an askew "Club Entrance" sign. Lt. Col. Joe "Snake" Wil-

son, 64th Logistics Squadron commander, and 1st Lt. George "Been There, Done That" Matusak, civil engineer flight deputy, were my fellow honorary firefighters, seeing the mission of *dousing all things burning* from a front row seat (kneeling and scooting actually, but we'll get into that shortly.)

I reported to the fire station at 7:30 p.m. after having drunk water since 3:30 p.m. ("Drink plenty of water—you're gonna sweat and you don't want to pass out," said Matusak.) Certainly not, so I chugged liquid until I left home, and upon arrival at the station, politely asked the first person I saw where the ladies facility was.

Anyway, Tech. Sgt. Alan C. Newton, Jr. (now retired), Senior Airman Alonzo "Gully" Guliford, and Matusak pawed through the supply room to get me outfitted in the proper, multi-layered firefighting gear called "bunkers."

This distinguished fashion ensemble included an insulation layer that looked like blue quilted pants, yellow "clown pants" over those and lookalike kid's fishing boots underneath both. The boots have a few safety features over your blue gill-hunting variety, such as steel shanks, steel toes and thicker insulation. The yellow pants were held up by red suspenders. ("Do you know why firefighters wear red suspenders?" asked Newton. Wanting to appear fire-intellectual, I wagered a guess, was wrong, and Newton slyly answered his own question, "To hold their pants up.") Tee Hee.

I also modeled a fetching yellow jacket, a helmet or "brain bucket," and the necessary self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), which is the lovely looking mask and 30-or-so pound tank of compressed air. (The bottles are said to last an hour, but Newton explained if one is working hard, you might get 30-40 minutes, depending on the person.) I'd never even been scuba diving, so this was a whole new ballgame.

(Breathing outside air through the mask, and then sucking in deep to "jump-



All photos by 2nd Lt. Chris Breighner

Lt. Col. Joe Wilson, 64th Logistics Squadron commander, gets accustomed to his self-contained breathing apparatus prior to the firefighting training exercise.

start" the tank and stop the outside air so you can go in and fight the fire--whew! - is too tough to explain. You had to be there, man.) But Tech. Sgt. Chris Summers expertly set me straight, explaining each part of the SCBA, as well as how to tug on the rubber straps to make it fit tight and "be one with the face."

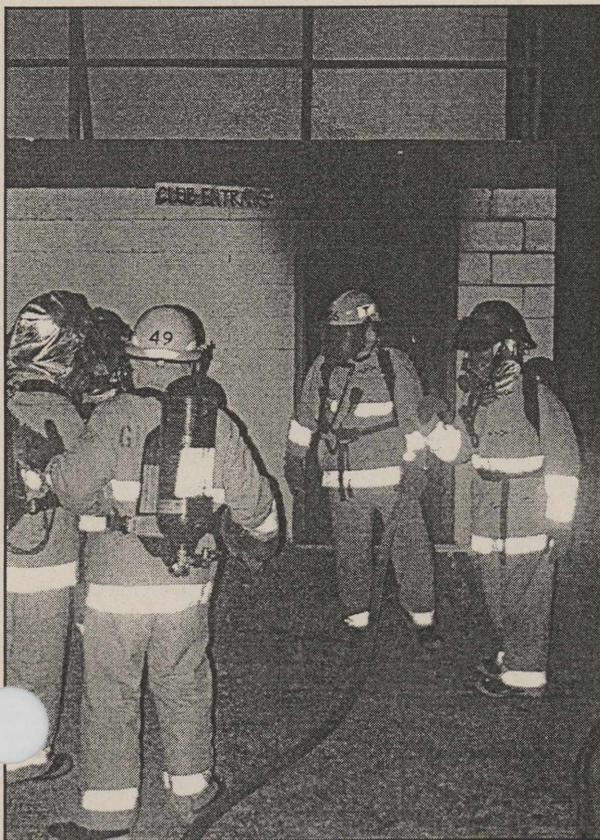
On a clothing trivia note, the yellow outfits you see firefighters in are for fighting structural fires. The silver "aluminum foil" looking outfits are designed for crash situations, where the fire is more intense (from fuel) and the outfit reflects more heat. (Spout that off at your next family reunion when you're running low on conversation.)

After a trial dress, Wilson, Matusak, me, and the crew gathered in the day room for a sip of Gatorade and waited for sunset. While we waited, the movie "Backdraft" filled the big screen TV, adding to my confidence as I watched Alec Baldwin fall a couple floors.

Following the safety briefing conducted by Staff Sgt. Joe "J.J." Walker with the anthem and advice of "Stay down low" ringing in my ears, we headed out. I was seat-belted in a rear-facing seat on Engine 10, imagining how good I would look with my eyebrows singed off.

So there we were, out past the runways watching the sun sink and starting a fire with old pallets so we could put it out. There were three "teams." Wilson was on the first team, Matusak on the second, and me on the third. All of us were "on the nozzle," meaning we controlled the water output and whether it

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Suited up and on the scene July 25.

# Widnall looks at Air Force challenges

**Sheila Widnall**  
*Secretary of the Air Force*

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Last week was one of the most challenging in recent Air Force history.

In the midst of global deployments and continuing challenges as we downsize the force, you may perceive the sudden retirement of Chief of Staff Ronald R. Fogleman and decisions by Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen with regards to last year's Khobar Towers bombing as setbacks for the Air Force. I'm sure many of you feel anxious or concerned for the future. I understand your concerns and want to share my insights with you.

General Fogleman has done a masterful job preparing the Air Force for challenges we'll face over the next three decades. He has accomplished the agenda he

set out for himself as chief. Last week, I nominated Gen. Michael E. Ryan to succeed General Fogleman, and the president accepted the nomination. General Ryan has a superb record in the most demanding Air Force and joint positions, and I know he will provide outstanding leadership as we move into the 21st century. You should expect no changes in direction, commitment to readiness, quality of life or modernization.

The Air Force — your Air Force — is still very much intact and pressing on with its vital missions. While we are busier than ever before, it is for good and important reasons. Fact is, many nations and millions of people around the globe are depending on us. Today, our missions are more complex than those of the Cold War but just as vital to world peace. This is a time of great opportunity for our nation. As military professionals, our stock in trade is very

much in demand, and this is something of which we can be very proud.

Dramatic changes and challenges are nothing new to our profession. Think back to your history lessons, to stories of B-17 crews being shot out of the skies over Europe during WWII. Airmen went on to help win the war, but in the process the price paid was enormous. Our challenges today are nowhere near the challenges of that period, but they point out the fact that cannot be disputed: The people of the U.S. Air Force will weather any storm.

In addition, the lessons learned from the Khobar Towers will not be lost. In fact, we have already acted on these lessons and continue to place the highest priority on force protection. I'm confident our troops deployed around the globe operate in the most secure environment we can provide.

As we emerge from these difficult times, I'm sure we

will be a better Air Force. Our opportunity to show the world what we're made of has everything to do with your actions in the field. Your professional demeanor in the execution of the Air Force's mission will be the true measure of Air Force resilience, not the decisions or actions in Washington.

I know I can count on you and, to be very clear, I have come to expect nothing less. So as we deal with our recent challenges, we must continue to carry out the business of the Air Force in the outstanding manner that has become our hallmark.

Every one of us is responsible for a portion of our mission, and the nation expects all of us to do our duty in our standard excellent manner. For my part, I pledge my efforts will always have your best interests at heart and I will do everything I can to maintain our standing as the world's most powerful air and space force.

## Low registrations baffle Women's Memorial foundation

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Wilma L. Vaught is perplexed, disappointed and baffled by the meager number of women, particularly those on active duty, who have registered with the Women's Memorial.

"We thought at least 350,000 women would register, but it doesn't look like we'll have that many," said Vaught, president of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc. With the Oct. 18 dedication day looming, only about 11,000 or more than 200,000 women on active duty have registered she said.

Registration by women veterans is also disappointing, Vaught said. There are 1.2 million women veterans in the nation, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Only 117,000 have

registered, most from the World War II era. More than 1.8 million women have served in the armed forces starting with the American Revolution.

Registering is easy, said Vaught, a retired Air Force brigadier general. Eligible women—or their descendants or friends—can obtain registration forms by writing to: The Women's Memorial, Dept. 560, Washington DC 20042-0560. For more information, call (800) 222-2294. Send e-mail request for registration forms to [wimsa@aol.com](mailto:wimsa@aol.com). The foundation's Internet web site address is <http://www.wimsa.org/>.

The registration form requires the woman's name, date and place of birth, hometown, service branch, highest rank, military awards and decora-

tions. The registrant also may include most memorable experience and photographs. Memorial officials request a \$25 donation upon registration to help defray the costs, but the tax-deductible donation isn't a prerequisite. The Women's Memorial is a Combined Federal Campaign beneficiary.

All women with military experience are eligible, including those on active or reserve component duty, veterans living and deceased, and members of service auxiliaries (such as the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps during World War II) and uniformed corps of the U. S. Public Health Service. Red Cross, USO and Special Service members who served overseas in direct support of the armed forces during conflicts are also eligible.

## 'Air Force One' soars at box office

WASHINGTON — "Air Force One" was not only the number one movie in the country the weekend it opened, July 25, but it scored high with the mostly Air Force audience during a special premiere in Washington July 23. Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall, John F. Kennedy, Jr., and Chelsea Clinton were also in the audience.

The film features Harrison Ford as President Jim Marshall. A large helping of Air Force aircraft and extras also add to the film's authenticity.

Hollywood's 747 version of the original VC-25A aircraft is the battleground for Ford in the terrorist-oriented plot. Thus, the audience gets to see a mock "Air Force One" interior, including the aerial "oval office," conference room, private bath, cargo area, cockpit and press area. On the exterior, a crew of 10 people split round-the-clock shifts over four days to paint the Air Force One's clone.

Other Air Force assets were splashed on screen throughout the movie. From the outset, Air Force Special Operations Command representatives helped actors with tactics. A computer-generated refueling mission was carried out on-screen using a KC-10 from Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio, standing in as Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

"The Air Force worked very closely with the movie industry," said Chuck Davis, the Western Region Air Force Public Affairs Office in Los Angeles. "Many units contributed to help portray the Air Force professionally, realistically and accurately.

It was an opportunity to show what the Air Force is all about."

Six F-15s from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., an AFSOC MC-130E from Hurlburt Field, Fla., a C-5 from Travis AFB, Calif., and a C-141 from McGuire AFB, N.J., also appeared on the screen.

In the fictional movie, shooting high-impact dramatic scenes proved tough, such as the one depicting Ramstein.

"That sequence was probably one of the most difficult scenes I've ever done," director Wolfgang Petersen said of the Ramstein scene.

"It involved an air base at night with the 747 we were using and an escort of six F-15s. The 747 was trying to land with 20 or 30 helicopters, troops and many types of military vehicles on the tarmac, and everything was moving. It's difficult enough to shoot with just a

747."

"Not since the Air Force supported 'The Right Stuff' have we been so heavily involved in the making of a major motion picture," said Davis. "While we are expectant of a big hit, only the viewers will determine whether or not it's one of the year's best."

Audiences can see more movies with Air Force support, scheduled to hit the silver screen in the near future, according to Davis.

"Tomorrow Never Dies," starring Pierce Brosnan, is expected to open around Christmas. The James Bond movie features more special operations scenes partly shot at Royal Air Force Stations Mildenhall and Lakenheath in England.

"Home Alone 3" will show off Air Force recruiting, while "Armageddon," starring Bruce Willis, features explosive ordnance disposal tactics.

## Fast Facts

Aug. 2, 1909 - The Signal Corps formally accepted delivery of the first military aircraft. The "Wright Model B," built by the Wright Brothers, carried two passengers and had a top speed of 54 mph.

Aug. 6, 1945 - The "Enola Gay" dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. This was the first use of the atomic bomb in war.

Aug. 7, 1959 - The Air Force took a giant step toward establishing space superiority, precision engagement and information superiority as core competencies when the U.S. satellite Explorer VI transmitted the first images of Earth from space.

Aug. 9, 1945 - "Bock's Car" dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. It was the last time atomic weapons were ever used in war.

Aug. 13, 1961 - Construction began on the Berlin Wall.

## Band on the run...



Photo by 2nd Lt. Chris Breighner

Staff Sgt. Orlando Guerrero, public affairs, at left, instructs Glenda Ward, 64th Flying Training Wing command section, on the finer points of guitar playing during a lunchtime jam session August 5. Music tops both of their hobby lists.

## Reese Activities

### Services closures and other activities

<u>Auto Hobby Shop</u>	Closed	
<u>*BX Barber Shop (885-4856)</u>	<i>Both Barber and Beauty Shop scheduled to close August 16.</i>	
	Monday	Closed
	Tuesday-Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
	Saturday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed daily from 1- 2 p.m.) By appointment only
Beauty Shop (885-4856)	Monday-Tuesday	
<u>*Bowling Alley (3116)</u>	<i>Bowling ceases August 15. Snack bar is scheduled to close September 15.</i>	
	Monday-Friday	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
	Saturday	12 - 5 p.m.
	Sunday	Closed
	Holidays/Goal Days	12 - 5 p.m.
<u>*Car Wash</u>	<i>Closes Sept. 5</i>	Open 24 hours, seven days a week
<u>Child Development Center (3541)</u>	Scheduled to close September 12 Monday-Friday	7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
<u>*Commissary</u>	<i>Closed</i>	
<u>Education Office (3634)</u>	Scheduled to close September 30 Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLEP testing	no longer available	
CDC testing	no longer available after September 1	
<u>Family Support Flight (3305)</u>	Relocated to Bldg. 920, Room 226. Scheduled to close September 30 Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<u>Fitness Center (6021)</u>	Scheduled to close September 30 Monday-Friday	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
	Saturday, Sunday, Holidays	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Aerobics	Monday-Friday	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
<u>Gas Station</u>	Closed	
<u>Golf Course (3819)</u>	Scheduled to close September 1 Tuesday-Friday	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Saturday, Sunday	7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Monday	Closed
	(Exception -- if Monday is a goal day, then closed on Tuesday)	
<u>Medical Flight</u>		
Behavioral Medicine	Bldg. 1145, Room 109.	
Dental Clinic	Closed	
Pharmacy	Closed	
Family Advocacy (3739)	Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<u>Primary Care (3515)</u>	Bldg. 1145, Room 108. Sees active duty Air Force only from 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	
Sick-call hours	Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
TriCare Service Center (1-800-406-2833)	Located at 5121 69th Street, Suite 110 in Lubbock.	
<u>Lodging (3155)</u>	Monday-Friday	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
	For lodging after hours contact 885-3018 and enter code 468.	
Reese Manor	Closed	
<u>*Military Personnel Flight (3276)</u>	<i>ID card issue stops August 8</i>	
	Monday-Friday	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Normal MPF hours	<i>Naval Reserve Center manages ID card issue after August 8. They can be reached at 765-6657 for directions and more information.</i>	
<u>Postal Services</u>		
Dorm mail delivery	Stopped.	
Civilian Post Office (3351)	Scheduled to close September 30.	
Military postal/BITC (6178)	Organizational delivery stops Aug. 22. Units will be advised of follow-on procedures.	
<u>Security Forces</u>		
Desk (3333)	Open 24 hours a day (co-located with Main Gate)	
Main Gate (3694)	Open 24 hours a day	
Industrial Gate (3228)	Closed except for fuel/hazardous cargo delivery and departure.	
4th Street Housing gates	Closed	
Visitors Center	Closed (services available at the main gate).	
<u>Shoppette (885-2427)</u>	Scheduled to close August 29.	
	Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
	Saturday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
	Sunday/Holidays	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

\* Annotates changes to the hours or activities

(Page compiled by Staff Sgt. Orlando Guerrero.  
Please call 3410 with any updates to this information.)

## Around Reese

### Bowling Center "Menu"

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#### Breakfast Specials

**Today:** Biscuit and Sausage. Cost is \$2.15.

**Monday:** French Toast and Sausage. Cost is \$3.00.

**Tuesday:** Silver Dollar Pancakes, 1 Egg and Ham. Cost is \$2.95.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast Burrito with Ham. Cost is \$2.30.

**Thursday:** Two Eggs with Sausage, Hashbrowns or Grits, Toast and Jelly. Cost is \$2.95.

#### Lunch Specials

**Today:** Barbecue Beef on a Bun with French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.55.

**Saturday:** Cheeseburger and French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.65.

**Monday:** Cheeseburger and French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.65.

**Tuesday:** Chicken Fried Steak with

French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$3.20.

**Wednesday:** Soft Taco with French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$3.00.

**Thursday:** Pattie Melt with French Fries or Onion Rings. Cost is \$2.95.

Any size coffee free!

## 'Honorary' firefighters battle flames in hothouse

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was a straight stream or a "fog," wide and raining down on the flames, or in between. There were two firefighters behind us, helping us control the hose, and a "safety" firefighter in front.

I was a little wiggled out thinking the fire would be extra hot and raging by the time I got in, but with the hand signals memorized that meant, "Get me the hell out," I felt I was good to go.

When it was almost my turn to go in, seven people must have helped me get all that equipment on right, even after being briefed at the station house. I didn't care that my hair was getting pulled as the Nomex hood (same stuff flightsuits are made of) was stretched over my mask by capable hands who had done this a hundred times. (They

are tested to get all this stuff on in a minute, or so. Unbelievable. Chicago would burn down if I had to dress that fast—bunkers or not.)

So I went in—through the front room to the second room where the fire was—crawling on cement covered with black cinders, sweating like a banshee, heart pounding in my ears, and trying to drag that swashbuckling elephant of a hose. Senior Airman David "Chewy" Chabak was behind me and Airman 1st Class Crispin Pacificar behind him. Newton was the safety guy already inside.

I "penciled" that fire (lingo meaning using the straight stream). It kind of put it out, and I remember thinking, "Gee, this cement floor is a little warm. No wonder they say to stay low...I'm freaking out...I'm outta here."

And I crawled in reverse as best I could with 30 pounds on the back of my 112-pound frame, dragging a pressurized hose backwards, tripped myself on the doorframe and cap-sized like a turtle. Somebody pulled me up and I remember thinking, "Talk about graceful...I've got to go back in; I was in there for like a whole weenie 30 seconds."

After a little break, I went back in, crawling, my bony knees raw and screaming. I pointed the "fog" spray above the fire, and just when I was thinking, "OK. Cool, I'm putting out this fire," I turned funny, I guess, in the squat position and one of my boots started to come off. I cursed in the mask, and motioned to my team to "get the hell out." I couldn't fight a fire in my stocking feet, for cryin' out loud.

That was it for me. The boot flopped totally off on my exit, tripped me and I'm sure whoever saw this spectacle wrote home about it. (So much for bringing redemption to the lieutenant corps.)

I refreshed with some Gatorade, and stripped off some of the equipment, grateful for the night air. I looked up then, made out the Big and Little Dippers and a Zodiac sign or two in the sky. I saw the lights of Levelland to the west, Lubbock to the east and thought, "I'm glad I don't have

this firefighting job, but thank God these pros do."

Wilson, Matusak and I got hosed off later, an induction of sorts. So, in the end, the officers were "all wet." (And let the record show that through the following Tuesday, my knees were tender, and my shoulders a little sore from the air pack. It's a blessing that I can make my living with a pen.)

To the entire Reese Fire Department, thanks for the experience and *thanks for what you do*.

Specifically, thanks to the great crew I worked alongside with that night (forgive me if you were there and I didn't get your name): Newton; Summers; Staff Sgt. Chuck Harrison; Walker; Senior Airmen Jay Burdick, Chewy, Gully, Theresa Linder, and Aaron Tarabori; Airmen 1st Class Jacob "Doogie Howser" Chaulklin, Paul Luveano, Kevin O'Connell, Pacificar, Jason Schlegel and Ken Spruill; and who could forget funnyman Van O'Harrow, who let me drive the truck on our return, but I made him back it in the station house. (Parallel parking is bad enough.)

And so, my dear audience, the next time you see a fire safety article or that Sparky fellow, PAY ATTENTION. I know from experience, it could save your you-know-what.

Now, about that S'Mores recipe...



Part of the Reese Fire Department crew outside the station. They are, left to right: Luveano, Spruill, Chaulklin, O'Harrow, Linder (front), Summers, Guliford, Staff Sgt. Richard Alter, Harrison, Chabak, Walker, and Mike Watson.

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**1. TELEPHONE MOVES OR INSTALLATIONS:** Any request for moves or installations of Telephone related equipment (Telephone, Fax, Modem, Answering Machine) must be in by Aug. 30. This will allow time to de-obligate any remaining funds in the contract and to close out the contract for this fiscal year. Any questions can be directed to SSgt. Parnell, at extension 3117.

**2. COPIERS:** The new point of contact for base copiers is MSgt. Hernandez, extension 3252.

**3. BUILDING 955 CLOSING:** Records Management, Administrative Communications, and Plans and Resources will be located in Building 20, effective Aug. 11., and can be reached at extension 3252.

**4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** Air Force officials have announced the start of the Fiscal Year 1998 NCO retraining program. During this Fiscal Year 1998, approximately 1,800 NCOs, (SSgt, TSgt, MSgt) will be retrained from AFSCs with NCO overages to those with shortages. The voluntary phase of the program runs through Dec 31, 1997. A list of retraining out and retraining in AFSCs is available at the Education Office. Some restrictions apply, depending on your grade and AFSC. Contact SrA Dehnert or MSgt Klemmer at extension 3524 or 3482 for complete details.

**5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** The next Undergraduate Flying Training (UFT) selection board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) on Oct. 21, 1997. (This selection board will review applications for both pilot and navigator training). Those officers with a date of birth after July 1, 1970 will be eligible to apply to UFT. Applicants must send application, post-marked by Sept. 12, 1997, to HQ AFPC/DPAOY3, 550 C Street West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733. Applicants should advise supervisors/individuals providing AF Form 215 comments of the application deadline. Those applicants requiring a new physical exam should schedule the appropriate physical well in advance. All applicants competing for pilot training must also complete the Basic Attributes Test (BAT). For more information on application procedures, contact the Base Formal Training Element, SrA Dehnert, 3524, at your Education Services Flight. (DPE/3524)

**6. BASE INFORMATION TRANSFER**

**CENTER(BITC)/ADMIN COMM TIP:** Attention all Activity Distribution Offices (ADO), command support staff office, and tenant units currently using the BITC system. Request you provide in writing deactivation dates, as soon as possible, to ensure your mail is handled and routed properly. Due to postal budget expenditures, please do not wait until the last minute to mail large volumes of correspondence or boxes. Please give us a call if we can be of any assistance. (SCBA/3252)

**7. BARBEQUE GRILLS:** To start charcoal fires safely, use an electric starter, cake fire starter or charcoal starter and match. Never use gasoline. To start a propane gas grill, always light the match before you turn on the gas. Store and use these grills outside the house and not on the porch. To rekindle a slow fire, tuck dry kindling under the coals and add charcoal if necessary. Never add any additional lighter fluid to any existing fires. Always cool hot charcoal with water before disposal.

**8. NAF PROPERTY CASH AND CARRY SALE:** There will be a NAF property cash and carry sale, Saturday, Aug., 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The sale will be held at Hangar 70 and is open to active duty, retirees, DoD employees, contractors and dependents. I.D. cards are required. Items will be sold on a first-come basis. Each item will have tags affixed, which must be presented to designated cashiers for purchase. Items without tags are not available for sale. Items cannot be viewed prior to sale and cannot be reserved. Items must be removed from the premises when purchased.

**9. VIRGINIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD (ANG):** The Virginia Air National Guard has part-time openings in the following career fields: 2T3X1, 2T4X1, 3E0X1, 3E2X1, 3E3X1, and 3E4X1. Palace Front and Palace Chase accepted. Retraining is available. State tuition assistance and other great benefits available. If you are interested, call the 203rd Red Horse Flight at DSN: 864-6137. POC IS MSgt Keith James.

**10. LIMITED HOURS AUG. 12:** The 64th Mission Support Squadron announces that the military and civilian personnel flights, education services flight and family support flight will be closed from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 12. Please contact the command post at extension 3754 for emergency situations.