

Luke flies 5,000th F-35 sortie



Lt. Col. Gregory Frana, 62nd Fighter Squadron commander, celebrates May 19 at Luke Air Force Base after flying Luke's 5,000th F-35 sortie.
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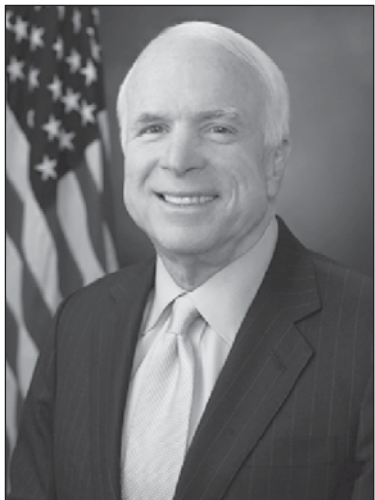
From the Desk of Fighter Country Partnership

McCain leads fight for military with National Defense Authorization Act

Last week, the United States Senate passed the National Defense Authorization Act. And, thanks to the leadership of Sen. John McCain, this year's bill provides important support for the men and women stationed at Luke Air Force Base, as well as the surrounding military community here in the Valley.

This bill includes several measures that advance Fighter Country Partnership's mission to support our troops and military community at Luke Air Force Base.

In particular, we appreciate that the national defense bill increases funding for training our next-generation F-35 pilots stationed at Luke, and supports much-needed construction projects that will increase flight safety for our airmen.



U.S. Sen. John McCain

We are also grateful that the bill increases pay and special benefits for Arizona's service members, while improving medical services for our troops, military retirees and their families.

At a time when Arizona's service members are being asked to confront a variety of challenges around the world, the national defense bill will



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give them the resources they need to defend the nation.

We thank Senator McCain for his leadership and look forward to these policies being signed into law.

Blood donors save heroes like Officer Rob Sitek

People's lives can change in a split second, and those who work in public safety professions face that reality every day. Blood donors are heroes to people like Phoenix Police Officer Rob Sitek, who required 148 lifesaving blood transfusions, when he was shot in the line of duty and lost the equivalent of all the blood in his body five times.

Officer Sitek is thankful for the talented surgeons and blood donors who saved his life.

"I applaud people who give blood regularly," he said, "because their donations were available to my doctors when I was severely injured and needed it most."

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Officer Rob Sitek

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Great things to come for Fighter Country Partnership

I'm lucky. That's what I tell everyone when I talk about working for Fighter Country Partnership. I've seen and felt the difference we make in the lives of Airmen at Luke Air Force Base long before I joined the staff.

In our previous lives, my wife and I were both active duty Master Sergeants at Luke Air Force Base; she was in charge of the Public Health clinic and I led a medical administration office and later Fighter Wing Protocol.

At any one point, we would have many junior Airmen, non-commissioned officers, and civilian employees working for us. Some lived in the dorms while others were married



Bill Johnston
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with families. They lived on base or in the local communities that surround Luke. They came from different backgrounds and different parts of the country.

They, however, had one thing in common.

At some point, they decided to serve their country and join the Air Force and ended up at Luke Air Force Base.

As leaders, my wife and I would help them in many ways. We prepared them to deploy to far flung locations across the Middle East and helped them navigate around financial speed bumps they encountered. We listened as they talked about their small children and the Child Development Center, among a myriad of other (seemingly endless) list of things that military families have to deal with on a daily basis.

If we didn't have the answer, it was our job to get them to the appropriate agency or department that

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"In no uncertain terms, Fighter Country Partnership makes real impacts in the lives of Luke Airmen and their families."

could get it for them. Unbeknownst to us at the time, Fighter Country Partnership was there, behind the scenes, supporting and enhancing the programs that we counted on for our Airmen.

It's from those experiences; I'm most excited about being part of this team. In my first three months after joining Fighter Country Partnership, I've had the privilege

in being part of our Financial Expo, Air Show, Deployed Family Dinner, coordinating delivery of Dorm Dweller backpacks, planning the next Back-to-School Bash, as well as the inaugural First Sergeant Appreciation Dinner. For me, it brings me back full circle.

In no uncertain terms, Fighter Country Partnership makes real impacts in the lives of

Luke Airmen and their families. I joined this staff at the tail end of the project that made improvements to the Fire Department and I'll be here as we make a difference in the Child Development Center, the Honor Guard Facility and many, many more.

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Governor signs HB 2324 as a boost to Arizona military families

A bill to allow spouses of active duty military personnel stationed in Arizona to qualify for Arizona resident hunting and fishing licenses has been signed into law. Gov. Doug Ducey signed House Bill 2324: G&F; military spouses; resident licenses, sponsored by Rep. Frank Pratt (LD-8, Casa Grande).

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission voted unanimously at its January

2016 meeting to support this expression of gratitude for the families whose service and sacrifice protect our liberties. Under current law, an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in Arizona either permanently or temporarily may purchase a resident license permitting the taking of wildlife. HB2324 now extends that privilege to their spouses as well.

"In partnership with Rep. Pratt, the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission are proud to honor our active duty military and their spouses. We thank them, and all our veterans, for their sacrifice and service to this country," said Commission Chairman Kurt Davis.

A valid license is required for taking wildlife, including fish, in Arizona. A resident of Arizona can

enjoy the benefits of a combination hunting and fishing license, valid for 365 days from the date of purchase, for only \$57.

An Arizona resident is a person who is domiciled (claims the state of Arizona as their permanent home and principal residence) in this state for six months im-

mediately preceding the date of application for a license, permit, tag, or stamp and does not claim residency for any purpose in another state or jurisdiction.

Through the years, the department has consistently implemented programs that provide hunting tags and opportunities for veter-

ans, wounded warriors, and military personnel to hunt on military installations throughout Arizona.

The department also has partnered with non-profit organizations serving veterans so that unused hunting permits or tags may be donated to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Walmart hires more than 3,400 veterans in Arizona

Walmart announced last month it has hired 130,828 veterans nationwide since announcing its Veterans Welcome Home Commitment in May 2013, including more than 3,400 in the State of Arizona, which represents a 39-percent increase in veteran hires in the state since last year alone. Of those 130,828 veteran hires, 15,176 have been promoted to jobs with higher pay and greater responsibility.

"Now that our economy is growing again, I have three words for Arizona employers: Hire a veteran," said Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey. "Our men and women in uniform have proven their leadership, resilience and adaptability again and again. Simply put, they make great employees. That's why I commend Walmart for making a difference in the lives of these individuals by pledging to hire at least 250,000 honorably discharged veterans by the end of 2020."

Master Sgt. Troy Clanagan retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2012, following a 20-year career. He's now putting the

same leadership qualities he displayed with our nation's military to work in his role as an assistant store manager for Walmart in Phoenix.

"Coming from a military background, I'm accustomed to managing people and meeting deadlines. That experience has translated well to this fast-paced retail environment," Clanagan said. On Memorial Day 2013, Walmart introduced the Veterans Welcome Home Commitment, which guaranteed a job offer to any eligible, honorably discharged U.S. veteran who was within 12 months of active duty. The initial goal was to hire 100,000 veterans by the end of 2018.

In May 2015, Walmart announced the expansion of that original projection, with the goal of hiring 250,000 veterans by the end of 2020.

Walmart has also changed the eligibility from within 12 months of active duty, to any veteran who has been honorably discharged since the announcement of the commitment in May 2013.

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Air Force pilots, maintainers on F-35 pros and cons

As the Air Force races to declare its F-35 jets operational before the end of the year, observers are still warning about schedule delays, a faulty logistics system, and software glitches.

But at Edwards, the pilots, maintainers and technicians of the F-35 integrated test force say they are happy with the plane – in fact, in many ways the joint strike fighter is a huge improvement over legacy systems.

'The Burger King jet'

Lt. Col. Raja Chari said the biggest difference between the F-35 and flying legacy platforms is that the pilot, freed from basic “stick and rudder” tasks by the JSF’s automation, is able to focus on mission planning.

“Each plane is its own command and control platform,” said Chari, who began his career flying F-15s and is now director of the F-35 ITF and commander of the 461st flight test squadron. “You don’t have to do as much stick

and rudder, just getting to and from, because there are so many automated modes to use on the F-35 ... (It) is almost as easy as breathing.”

Maj. Raven LeClair, assistant director of operations for the 461st flight test squadron, told Defense News May 4 he likes the F-35’s touch screen display, which each pilot can customize to his or her liking.

The “glass,” as pilots call it, looks like two iPads sitting next to each other. Pilots can divide the screens any way they want to easily see different systems, Chari said.

Pilots can easily change the display anytime just by scrolling through these “portals,” using the “hands-on throttle and stick,” or HOTAS, he added.

“It’s the Burger King jet,” Chari said. “You can have it however you want, your way.”

Subhead: A day in the life of an F-35 test pilot

Combined with the Gen III helmet, the user-friendly display gives pilots a comprehensive picture of the entire battlefield, Chari



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Two F-35s fly in formation during a 2014 demonstration.

emphasized.

“In this plane, it’s 360 degrees and a much larger range of stuff that you are looking at, so that you are not just thinking about what your particular jets doing, but now you are looking at other elements in a notional strike package,” Chari said. “So whether that’s looking at ground targets, or emitters, or air targets, you are building a much bigger picture than the traditional planes.”

Pilots are also happy with the jet’s high angle of attack, or AOA, capability, as well as its ability to perform high alpha maneuvers, Chari said. As airmen gain

more experience flying the JSF, they are learning some “tricks of the trade” for handling a close-in fight, he added. He declined to be more specific, because the information is classified.

Chari is looking forward to the integration of the AIM 9X missile, which will come as part of the final 3F software package. The combination of the F-35 airframe, the AIM 9X and the Gen III helmet is “a dogfighting game-changer,” he said.

Maintainers weigh in on ALIS

Officials say ongoing challenges with the F-35’s

Autonomic Logistics Information System, or ALIS, is the single biggest obstacle to declaring the Air Force jets operational on time. An internal diagnostic system that tracks each part of each plane worldwide, ALIS has been the subject of frequent criticism over the years, including the recent claim that if a single server goes dark, it could cripple the entire F-35 fleet.

But maintainers at Edwards AFB say that claim is ludicrous. Even if the power goes out, the team can still use ALIS, said RJ Vernon, supervisor for AF-3. All of the jet’s information is stored in a device called a

portable maintenance aid, or PMA, which the team can load to the main ALIS data base once the power comes back on.

“We’ve had that happen multiple times, and we can still use ALIS,” Vernon told *Defense News*.

If the power is out for long enough, the team may have to track maintenance and manage daily operations manually, as legacy systems do. But the chances of that happening are very slim, he added.

For day-to-day operations, the airmen and Lockheed Martin contractors here generally agree ALIS has made their lives easier.

“It tells you everything you need to know instantly,” Vernon said. “ALIS reduces our troubleshooting drastically, it makes my job very easy.”

AF-3 crew chief Staff Sgt. Cody Patters, who previously worked on A-10s and F-16s, agreed, saying the F-35 is significantly easier to take care of than legacy systems. The only

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Air Force vocalist and pilot reunited

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Master Sgt. Anne Baker, soprano vocalist with the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants, sang the national anthem for her birth son's pilot graduation May 20 at Luke Air Force Base.

1st Lt. John Lorbiecki was adopted shortly after birth by John and Patti Lorbiecki of Hubertus, Wis. In 2007, at the age of 21, he initiated an internet-based adoption search in hopes of finding his birth mother.

"I always had a natural curiosity about my birth parents that anyone would have in the same situation," Lorbiecki said. "Those questions typically evoke a wide variety of emotions. However, even before I met her, I still respected her for making the courageous decision to give someone

who desperately would like to parent a child the opportunity."

Three years later, Baker stumbled onto then Tech. Sgt. Lorbiecki's adoption page which contained his current contact information.

"There wasn't a day that went by that I didn't think about meeting him," she said. "Once I came across his page,



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I knew I needed to get permission from mom and dad before going any further. I gave them a call and they were so welcoming to the idea."

Moments later, Baker was speaking to her birth son on the phone for the first time.

"Out of nowhere, I got a phone call from her," he said. "My parents' amazing support meant a lot to me. It was a surreal moment, especially because I didn't expect it."

As the two talked and compared life stories, they were surprised to find both chose to make a career in the Air Force. He began serving in the Wisconsin Air National Guard with the 115th Fighter Wing based at Truax Field in Madison, Wis. She began by serving as a vocalist in the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill.

"The Air Force was something he always wanted to do," Baker said. "We were both wearing blue all these years and didn't know it. My father was an Air Force pilot in the 1950s, so John had it in his blood."

Lorbiecki and Baker met face to face in October 2010. They have stayed in close contact ever since.

"We met and it really was like we had known each other our whole lives," Baker said. "His whole family has been so welcoming."

When Baker received the phone call from the 310th Fighter Squadron, requesting her to sing the national anthem for this ceremony, she was thrilled.

"It's a special honor and privilege for me to be part of this ceremony at one of the most pivotal times in John's career, and also to have the



Photos courtesy Luke Air Force Base

1st Lt. John Lorbiecki receives his graduation certification during the 310th Fighter Squadron Pilot B-Course graduation ceremony, May 20 at Luke Air Force Base.

blessing from his family and his commander to participate," Baker said.

The moment also meant a lot to Lorbiecki.

"I was able to have my adoptive parents and my birth mother in the same room during the most important graduation ceremony of my life," he said. "Professionally, getting to this day was always my true goal. I

look at it as a celebration of making it happen when others thought it was impossible. Friday night was a very simple event but it was significant for both of us."

Despite time, distance and different directions in life, both have ended up in a similar place. They are fulfilling their lifelong dreams in the Air Force, and they get to do it together.



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For the fourth consecutive year, Credit Union West has earned a spot on the list of the azcentral.com Top Companies to Work for in Arizona. Best Companies AZ, in partnership with azcentral.com and the *Arizona Republic*, compiled the list of Top Companies using an employee questionnaire as well as employee en-

gagement and satisfaction surveys.

Quality candidates are more careful when choosing where to work and job satisfaction plays an important role in retention. Credit Union West maintains an exceptional relationship with its 180 Arizona employees in Maricopa and Yavapai counties.

“We provide a family environment where our employees truly matter,” said Executive Vice President Karen Roch. “Our CEO’s favorite phrase is, ‘Happy employees make happy members.’”

The credit union offers an array of employee benefits, including comprehensive medical and dental insurance, an employer-matched 401(k) plan, pension plan, tuition reimbursement and an employee incentive program.

“We are a great place to work for great people,” Roch said. “We embrace change, diversity and an open environment. We are family-oriented and treat everyone with respect. We work hard and play hard, too.”

Every year, the credit union holds an off-site employee appreciation event, where they recognize the staff’s hard work and dedication with a day of fun and team building.

Roch said overall employee satisfaction at Credit Union West averages 93 percent.

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First Things First honors Champion for Young Children

Luke Air Force Base Family Support Coordinator is recognized

First Things First recognized Marjorie Thompson as the 2016 First Things First Champion for Young Children in Northwest Maricopa region.

The award is given to local champions who actively volunteer their time to raise public awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health. Champions spend a significant amount of time volunteering with FTF and building public awareness about the importance of early childhood issues.

For more than 20 years, Thompson has worked with military families seeking support from the Airman & Family Readiness Center at Luke Air Force Base for issues ranging from child care, deployment preparation, and employment assistance to relocation services and more. She currently is the Exceptional Family Member Program Family Support Coordinator at Luke.



Marjorie Thompson

“Making sure that each child gets a chance to develop to their full potential is crucial,” Thompson said. “Parenting is not an automatic thing. Most parents only know what they read or from what they see others do, but really, they need to get expert advice if they are going to help their child be successful. The first years 0-5 are crucial in that development, and FTF is that organization that can help them in so many different ways.”

Over the last year, Thompson has worked to



Photo courtesy First Things First

Marjorie Thompson is pictured left of center in the photo, holding the crystal plaque. To her right is First Things First Northwest Regional Partnership Council Chair Deborah Pischke (holding the framed certificate).

find multiple ways to share the importance of early childhood and the work that FTF does for young children with military families. She has invited FTF to train staff at the Readiness Center to make them aware that about 90 percent of a child’s brain develops before age 5, so the job of helping them succeed starts on the day they are born. Thompson also shares FTF resources and programs available to Arizona families.

“If parents can utilize those services, their child

will get an early start,” said Thompson, who works specifically with families with dependents or spouses with special needs. About half of the families she works with have children under age 6.

Thompson has shared information with families at three large family events. In addition, each month, a Bundles for Babies educational program is held for new and expecting parents at the Base. They receive a package of items for their baby, as well as helpful literature and resources.

FTF’s parenting information is included in those resources.

“A lot of our parents are very young families, in their late teens and early 20s, and they are away from extended family, so there’s really no one there to guide them,” Marjorie said. “There’s no one there to help them with that information about raising their first child; it’s like they can get an extended family with FTF. They can learn a lot from the classes and other services.”

For more information

about Thompson and your local regional council partnership visit: www.azftf.gov/pages/yourregional-council.aspx and click on your region.

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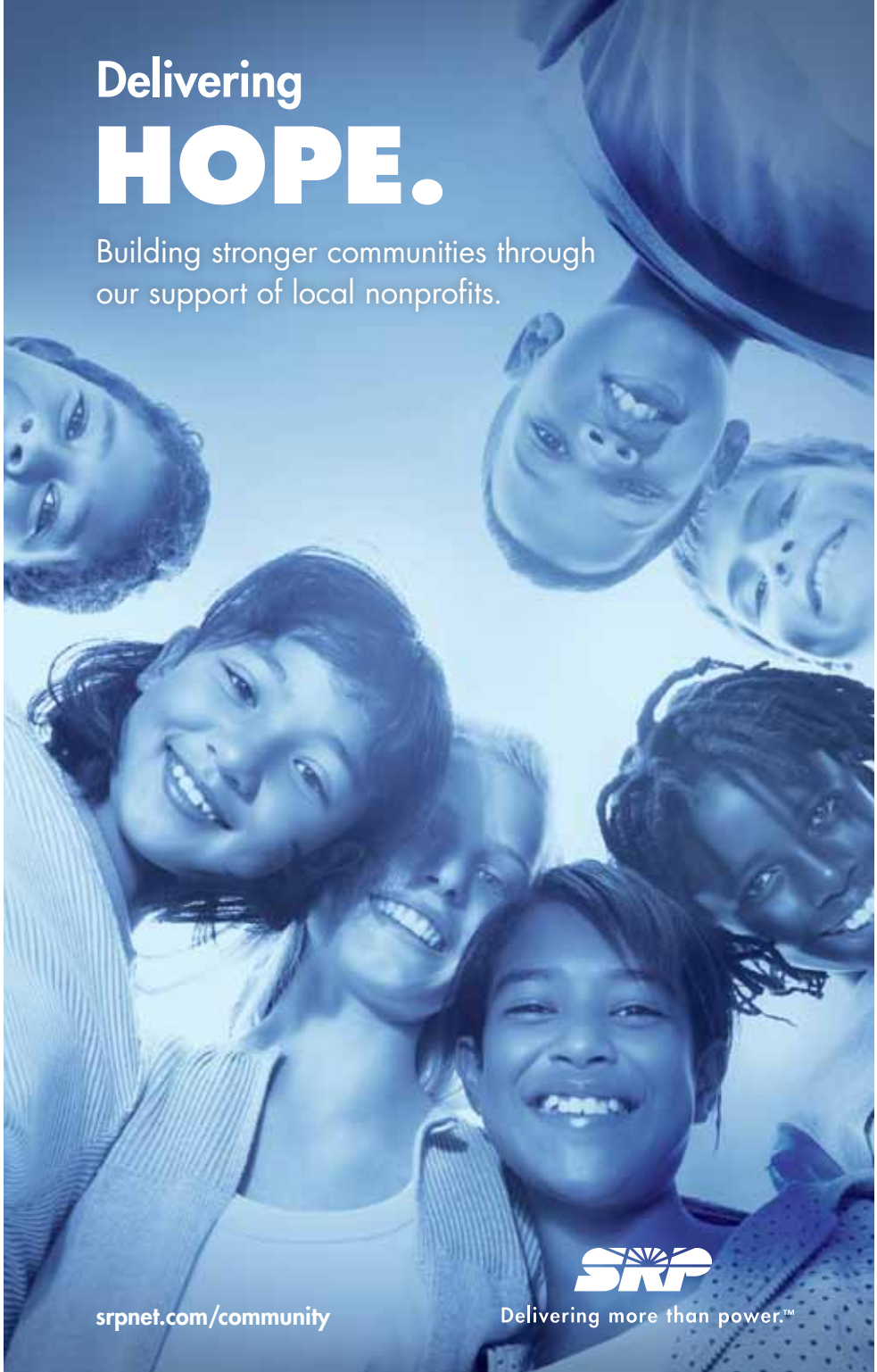
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Nonprofit brings yoga benefits to military

“Combat stretching” is the nickname Brian Thomas uses for the style of yoga he teaches twice a week for the Arizona Air National Guard’s 161st Air Refueling Wing at Sky Harbor.

Officially known as Baptiste Power Yoga, it is a practice that helps students develop the focus, training and insight needed to achieve consistent results in life. Physically as well as mentally challenging, it works well alongside the military’s routine physical training.

“I was immediately hooked by the intense physical challenge,” Thomas says, “along with so many other benefits, such as reducing stress.”

Despite that, Thomas says, yoga carries a stigma that sometimes discourages people from giving it a try.

“Yoga is for everyone; everyone can do it,” he says. “Sometimes I call it combat stretching just to get guys into my class and have them break down the bricks in the wall, really open themselves up and find themselves on the mat, have a good time and see the benefits of it.”

It was at a 2013 workshop on teaching Baptiste-style practice that Thomas learned about Joined Forces Yoga, a 501(c) nonprofit organization that brings free yoga to U.S. military personnel wherever they are. The group provides a qualified instructor, yoga mats and additional equipment; all students need to do is show up and participate.

Already serving with Arizona’s 161st, Thomas brought

Joined Forces’ mission to Arizona and his Phoenix-based guard unit. But he doesn’t want to stop there.

“JFY has not taught any classes at Luke Air Force Base ... yet,” says the Air Force veteran, but doing so would extend its mission of going to any military installation in order to reach service personnel where they are.

“JFY can offer free classes because our teachers donate their time,” Thomas said.

The organization also accepts donations via its website and raises money by conducting donation-based events, such as a power vinyasa workshop hosted in May by The Yoga Hangout in north Phoenix – where Thomas also teaches. That event drew 26 people and raised \$550.

“The Yoga Hangout supports JFY as part of our ‘Yoga Hangout Give Back Project,’” says Rosa Rendon, founder of the studio on West Pinnacle Peak Road at 39th Drive. “Since our start, we’ve viewed this as our way to lead, participate and promote worthy causes that are close to our hearts.”

Connie Simmons, a military wife and certified yoga instructor in Nashville, Tenn., started Joined Forces Yoga in 2013. Its mission is to SERVE: increase Strength, build Endurance, prevent injuries through Restoration, enhance Vitality and be for Everyone. Beyond Arizona, the group works with Army personnel at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Navy ROTC students in Nashville.



Photo courtesy The Yoga Hangout

Brian Thomas (center), Yoga Hangout founder Rosa Rendon (right) and Hangout instructor Stephanie Garcia (left) show off their Joined Forces Yoga spirit.

“JFY is committed to our military and building community with them through our yoga classes,” according to its website. “We hope to expose them to a positive yoga experience that will continue through their entire military career and personal lives.”

F-35s: Pros and Cons, From 8

As the Air Force races to declare its F-35 jets operational before the end of the year, observers are still warning about schedule delays, a faulty logistics system, and software glitches.

But at Edwards, the pi-

lots, maintainers and technicians of the F-35 integrated test force say they are happy with the plane – in fact, in many ways the joint strike fighter is a huge improvement over legacy systems.

‘The Burger King jet’

Lt. Col. Raja Chari said the biggest difference between the F-35 and flying legacy platforms is that the pilot, freed from basic “stick and rudder” tasks by the JSF’s automation, is able to focus on mission planning.

“Each plane is its own command and control platform,” said Chari, who began his career flying F-15s and is now director of the F-35 ITF and commander of the 461st flight test squadron. “You don’t have to do as much stick and rudder, just getting to and from, because there

are so many automated modes to use on the F-35 ... (It) is almost as easy as breathing.”

Maj. Raven LeClair, assistant director of operations for the 461st flight test squadron, told Defense News May 4 he likes the F-35’s touch screen display, which each pilot can cus-

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56th Medical Clinic undergoes renovations

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The 56th Medical Group clinic is currently undergoing renovations to modify the building layout and reduce the energy footprint. Construction on the 35-million-dollar project started early February and will be completed in November 2017.

“A lot of the old infrastructure, ‘heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical are being upgraded,” said Michael Perna, 56th Medical Group facility manager. The 100,000-square-foot renovation reconfigured and modernized many sections of the clinic and focused on improving the building layout and reducing patient stress. New furnishings will be included in the waiting

rooms, offices and exam rooms. The renovations also include new paint, carpet and flooring. “The infrastructure changes not only help decrease energy cost, but also provide a comfortable work environment for our staff,” Perna said. “This will provide an outstanding health care experience for our patients. “Day-to-day operations during construction have been seamless to our

patients. While the staff has noticed the bulk of the disruption, they have done a tremendous job maintaining a high standard of patient care.” The clinic serves more than 6,000 active duty personnel and 84,000 beneficiaries. More than 500 staff members provide care and administrative support to more than 1,300 surgeries and 130,000 ambulatory visits every year.



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The Committee has participated in numerous events supporting Veterans. The next scheduled event we will be backing is Stand Up For Veterans on September 24, 2016 at Glendale Community College from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Stand Up For Veterans is a collaborative, community-based effort that honors and supports our veterans by providing access to employment, education, and community resources to address the holistic needs of veterans and their families.

Please contact Chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Sgt. Jeff Turney, through our Chamber Liason, Harry Shapiro, at 623-937-4754 if you would like to learn more or have any suggestions on where we can be of assistance.

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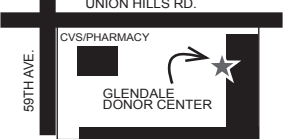
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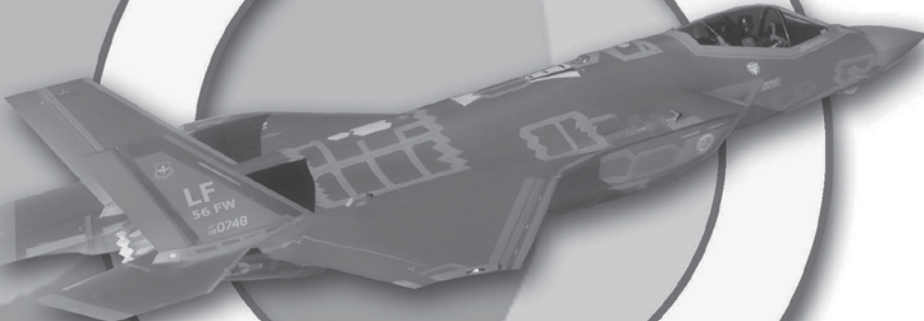


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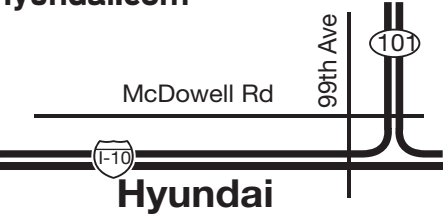
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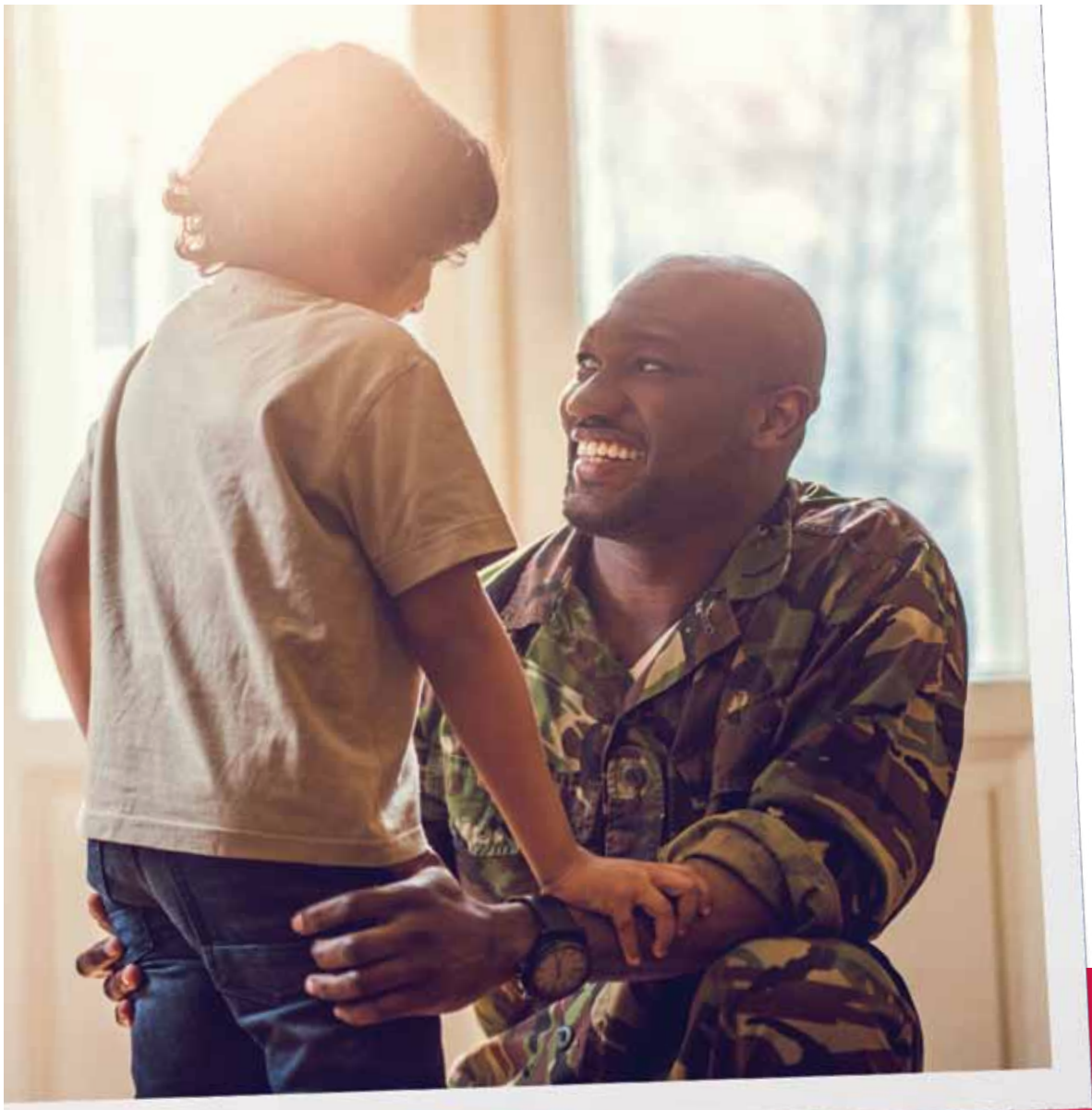


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