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If you love to read but can't make it to the library, the Air Force will bring the library to you.

Over Drive, one of several Air Force library online resources, features nearly 10,000 electronic books, audio books, videos and music available for checkout to eligible customers, said Melinda Mosley, USAF Library Program administrative librarian.

AF CSA travel card to GTC

The terms and conditions for the Air Force's travel charge card are changing, but Airmen can hang on to their blue cards.

From Aug. 7 through the end of September, the Air Force Banking Office will e-mail some 300,000 Airmen, informing them that their controlled spend account card will convert back to a government travel card, which will operate like a standard charge card.

New instruction puts spotlight on standards, culture

When referencing fundamental standards, Airmen now have a single source: Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards.

As one of the capstone acts of his 39-year career, Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, put his signature on the brand new instruction, which communicates in one document the required standards of conduct, performance and discipline expected of every uniformed Airman.



An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter from the 305th Rescue Squadron lands at the Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emmanuel in Portland, Ore. The helicopter off-loaded pararescuemen from the 304th Rescue Squadron as they delivered toy's via "Operation Toy Drop". (U.S. Air Force Photo/ Master Sgt. Luke Johnson)

Rescue Squadron gives good cheer to children's hospital

943rd Rescue Group headlines

Portraits in Courage - Pararescueman braves frigid Alaska to save crash victims

The Air Force has released the latest *Portraits in Courage*, which highlights the courage of Airmen. One of them is Master Sgt. Christopher Uriarte, an Air Force reservist with the 306th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Rescue Group SF Airmen experiences helicopter training

A 943rd Rescue Group Detachment 1 Security Forces Airman took part in training exercise that helped prepare him and other service members to safely maneuver around helicopters in a deployed environment.

Civil Air Patrol cadets get a taste of the PJ career field

The 306th Rescue Squadron hosted more than 20 Civil Air Patrol cadets as they experienced a small portion of the demanding training required to become a part of the Air Force Guardian Angel career field during the Advanced Pararescue Orientation Course, June 13-23.

Rescue Group Airmen return from Afghanistan deployment

More than 70 Reserve Airmen from the 943rd Rescue Group returned home June 9 through the 19th after a four month deployment at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan providing medical evacuation capabilities in Afghanistan's Regional Command Southwest.



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Around the 943rd Rescue Group



Pararescuemen from the 304th Rescue Squadron based out of Portland Air National Guard Base, Ore. take defensive positions after being inserted by an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter from the 305th Rescue Squadron during a training evolution at Troutdale, Ore. (U.S. Air Force Photo/ Master Sgt. Luke Johnson)

Davis-Monthan AFB News

Morale gets a boost with PLAYpass

Deployments can be hard on a service member, their friends and their family. PLAYpass is a membership card that Airmen and their families can use to receive discounts at select base organizations. The card is intended for use by families of deployed Airmen, and the Airmen themselves once they return.

Davis Monthan AFB video news

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943rd Newcomers

Welcome to the premier rescue group within the Air Force

Staff Sgt. Bobby McGee, Det. 1 943rd RQG
Senior Airman Kevin Arreola, 943rd MXS
Major Christopher Escajeda, 305th RQS
Major Matthew Miller, 305th RQS
Staff Sgt. Michelle Parades, 943rd MXS
Senior Airman Gabriela Pizarro, Det 1 943rd RQG
Airman Basic Deborah Barajas, 920 FSS/SFS



UTA Dates

13-14 Oct. 2012	6-7 Apr. 2013
3-4 Nov. 2012	4-5 May 2013
1-2 Dec. 2012	1-2 June 2013
12-13 Jan. 2013	13-14 July 2013
9-10 Feb. 2013	3-4 Aug. 2013
2-3 Mar. 2013	7-8 Sept. 2013

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D-M AFB Social Media Guidance

943rd RQG Safety: Work, Live & Play Safely!

Take a couple seconds for safety...

An estimated 25% of vehicular crashes are due in part to cell phone use, and at any moment more than 10% of the drivers on the road are simultaneously using their phones while driving.

The risk is cognitive – meaning it comes from the brain filtering out information while attempting to multi-task, and hands free is no safer. The driver is not aware that the brain is selectively filtering... and it results in the driver's response capability being reduced to that of someone with a .08 BAC.

You don't have to like it, but it's fact.

Source: USAF Safety Center Research & Epidemiology