

On Approach

47TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



PARENT & CHILD BASKETBALL FRIDAYS

Every Fri | 1700 | Losano Fitness Center | 830-298-5251

All skill levels welcome for quality family moments, active fun, and laughter. This free event is our token of appreciation for military families. Don't miss the opportunity to create lasting memories with your loved ones!

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK (CDC) | CREATIVE NIGHT (YC)

6 Apr | 1600-2000 | Child Development Center | 830-298-5419

Need time for errands or a date night? "Give Parents a Break" offers four hours of care for \$32. Get a free voucher with a referral from select sources. Open to all base personnel. Minimum of 8 vouchers needed to operate.

YOUTH SKATING NIGHT

13 Apr | 1600-2000 | Youth Center | 830-298-4363

Calling ages 9-18! Join us at YC & The Spot Skating Rink for Rolling for Youth Night—an evening of joy, food, and roller skating to the beats. Members \$35, non-members \$45.

SPRING SALE

15 Apr | 0800 | Desert Oaks Golf Course | 830-298-5455

Enjoy a fantastic 10% off select clothing, featuring a wide range of stylish apparel from high-quality brands. This one-day-only sale is open to the local community—everyone is invited to explore and take advantage of this exclusive discount.

MONTH OF MILITARY OUTDOOR GAMES NIGHT

18 Apr | 1500-1800 | Library | 830-298-5119

Join us to celebrate and honor the resilience of military children. This event offers an evening of fun for families and children to play games and create lasting memories! Let's express gratitude to the young heroes within our military community.

ROUND UP WESTERN NIGHT

19 Apr | 1800-2200 | Cactus Lanes Bowling | 830-298-5419

Saddle up for a night of Wild West excitement! Dance to the tunes of our DJ, learn some classic line dancing, and strike a pose at our Western-themed photo backdrop. A mechanical bull will be rounding out the fun outside!

ROVER SAFARI ADVENTURE

20 Apr | 0800-2000 | Outdoor Recreation | 830-488-3295

An exciting 75-minute guided trek through the Wildlife Ranch Safari Adventure! Encounter numerous animals, learn fun facts, management insights, and delve into the rich heritage of the ranch. This tour provides participants with a unique educational experience while enjoying close encounters with fascinating wildlife. Cost: \$30/person.

SOUTHWINDS ADVENTURE RACE

27 Apr | 0800-1300 | Southwinds Marina | 830-775-7800

Join us in supporting our Southwinds Adventure Race participants! Enjoy delicious fare from food trucks and listen to the beats of a live DJ for added entertainment. Your cheers make all the difference!

**In honor of Month of the Military Child, the 47th Force Support Squadron invites you to "Purple Up!"
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APRIL
EVENTS

Commander's Note

Thank you for picking up our On Approach quarterly magazine! This is my last issue at the helm of this amazing squadron and I am so proud of what we have been able to accomplish in that last two years. We have seen improvements in many of our facilities including the Club XL refresh (thanks to our CE partners), the addition of the Indoor Playground, and the revitalization and modernization of our Desert Oaks Golf Course. Some other improvements might have been transparent to our customers, such as upgrading all Point of Sales systems and investing in training for our personnel, but have made a huge impact on our ability to provide quality programs and service to so many of you.

We hope you will join us this quarter at some of our many events listed within these pages. April is Month of the Military Child and we are so excited to celebrate all of our military children in various activities, from the library outdoor game night to events at CDC/Youth Center throughout the month. In May join us for our first-ever Murder Mystery Dinner Party at the newly renovated Club XL. Drop your kids off at the CDC or Youth Center and have a fun date night solving the mystery.

Also in May, we are so excited to open our Friendship Pool season Memorial Day weekend for you to beat this Del Rio heat. Finally, in June celebrate Dads with specials at Cactus Lanes Bowling Center or with an adventure at the Southwinds Marina (fingers crossed we get some rain to get our lake water levels up).

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have taken the time to visit our facilities and participate in our programs. We thank you for your continued patronage and feedback on how we can make things better. Together, we will continue to elevate the quality of life and make Laughlin a great place to live and work. Have a great quarter Team XL!

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Meet the Team: Military Family Readiness Center

The Military and Family Readiness Center, or M&FRC, is the focal point to assist all service members and their families, to include Department of Defense civilians, in easing their adaptation to the military lifestyle and enrichment of their personal and work life. The Military and Family Readiness Center (M&FRC) is a network for programs that promote military family well-being by offering programs and services that enhance family readiness, build resiliency, and improve quality of life.

Laughlin AFB M&FRC is no exception when it comes to standing up to the Team XL moniker. Small but mighty, you would be hard-pressed to find another team with the concentration of experience, education, and skills as your local M&FRC.

As a small team of 6 permanent employees and two contract positions, their commitment to helping Airmen and their families is second to none. They boast amongst the staff 3 Licensed Professional Counselors, a Certified Financial Planner, and many years of experience within both public and private sector employment, hiring, interviewing, financial education and planning, crisis response, and perhaps most importantly, the life experiences to provide empathetic support.

So what does the Military and Family Readiness Center do exactly? The M&FRC, located in the Losano Fitness Center, is your one-stop shop for support services. Looking for more information on what services M&FRC has to offer? Please visit <https://www.laughlinfss.com/blog/on-approach-meet-the-military-and-family-readiness-team> to learn more.



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MAY EVENTS

MEXICAN LOTERIA

03 May | 1400-1500 | M&FRC | 830-298-5620

Join us for an afternoon of Loteria fun at the Military & Family Readiness Center! Come and enjoy some light-hearted entertainment and camaraderie with fellow members of the base community.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

04 May | 1100-2000 | Cactus Lanes Bowling | 830-298-5526

Savor Mexican delights, capture moments with festive setups, and enjoy discounted bowling at Cactus Lanes Bowling Center. Join for fun, entertainment, and a fantastic atmosphere. Bowling games: \$2.00 each, shoe rentals: \$2.00.

ROBIN HOOD ROUNDUP

11 May | 1000-1200 | Outdoor Recreation | 830-488-3295

This is an exciting event where participants will get a chance to practice their aim and bow skills while challenging their friends and family to see who will come out on top with the best aim. Cost: \$15

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

12 May | 1000-1400 | Club XL | 830-298-5134

Give mom the break she deserves and enjoy a memorable dining experience together! Reservations are available until Friday, 10 May. Call Club XL for family pricing.

HEALTH EXPO

17 May | 1000-1300 | Losano Fitness | 830-298-5251

Join us to expand your knowledge of local health resources and foster connections with wellness vendors. Don't miss this enriching experience where you can freely explore, inquire, and engage with dedicated providers committed to your well-being and vitality.

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK (CDC) | CREATIVE NIGHT (YC)

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MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

18 May | 1630 | Club XL | 830-298-5790

Step back in time to the 1920s at Club XL for an immersive murder mystery event. Choose to be a sleuth or play a character for the night, no rehearsals needed, just dress up and enjoy solving the mystery over dinner. Minimum 15 character signups required. Dinner available for purchase.

SUMMER KICKOFF POOL PARTY

25 May | 1000-1400 | Outdoor Recreation | 830-488-3295

Join us at Friendship Pool on base for a day filled with sunshine, good times, and a friendly atmosphere! Enjoy free snow cones, and popcorn while supplies last, music, and much more. Cost: daily pool entrance.

AMERICAS ARMED FORCES KID COLOR RUN

30 May | 0800-0900 | Youth Center | 830-298-4363

Little ones aged 5-6 conquer a 1/2-mile, 7-8-year-olds complete a one-mile, 9-12-year-olds take on a two-mile, and those 13 and up shine in a 5k. Families bond, stay active, and celebrate together. Free t-shirts and snacks (while supplies last).

LAUGHLIN ROCKS

31 May | 0730 | Club XL | 830-298-5134

Get ready for an electrifying evening at Club XL with "Laughlin Rocks" featuring three rock bands, with the main headliner SURGE! Enjoy a night of live music and a costume contest with a "Rock" theme. It's the perfect way to kick off the summer! Parental Advisory: explicit content.

FIESTA *of Flight*

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

As the curtains close on the exhilarating performances of the 2024 Fiesta of Flight, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to every one of you who played a pivotal role in making the Fiesta of Flight a resounding success. These sponsors' unwavering support and generous contributions have been instrumental in bringing this event into reality.

We have had the immense pleasure of collaborating with a lineup of extraordinary businesses, each bringing unique expertise, passion, and dedication to the Fiesta of Flight. Their commitment to excellence and shared enthusiasm for aviation not only elevated the air show experience but also created lasting memories for all!



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ADULT PROM

8 Jun | 1800-2030 | Club XL | 830-298-5134

Experience the thrill of the dance floor at Laughlin's own enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, and seize the chance to be crowned King or Queen of the night. It's an evening designed for fun, laughter, and memories.

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SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

11 Jun | 1300-1600 | Library | 830-775-5119

This is an opportunity to get patrons of all ages excited about the Summer Reading Program and discover the fantastic weekly programs we have planned. Don't miss out on the chance to dive into a world of books and fun activities!

SPLASH MOB

14 Jun | 1300 | M&FRC | 830-298-5620

Get ready to cool down and have a blast at the Splash Mob event! Join us in front of Losano Fitness Center for an afternoon of water-filled fun. Bring your water guns, water balloons, and enthusiasm as we come together to splash, play, and beat the heat.

FATHERS DAY BOWLING

15 Jun | Cactus Lanes Bowling | 830-298-5526

Make sure not to miss out on the fun! Come and join us for discounted bowling at \$2.00, and shoe rentals are also available for \$2.00, as we celebrate Father's Day.

FATHER DAUGHTER PRINCESS BALL

15 Jun | 1730-1930 | Club XL | 830-298-5134

Join us for a magical evening at the Father Daughter Princess Ball! This enchanting family event will feature great entertainment, a lively DJ, and delicious, affordable food. Each child will receive a Tiara Crown to make them feel like royalty!

FLOAT THE SAN MARCOS

22 Jun | 0800-2000 | Outdoor Recreation | 830-298-4363

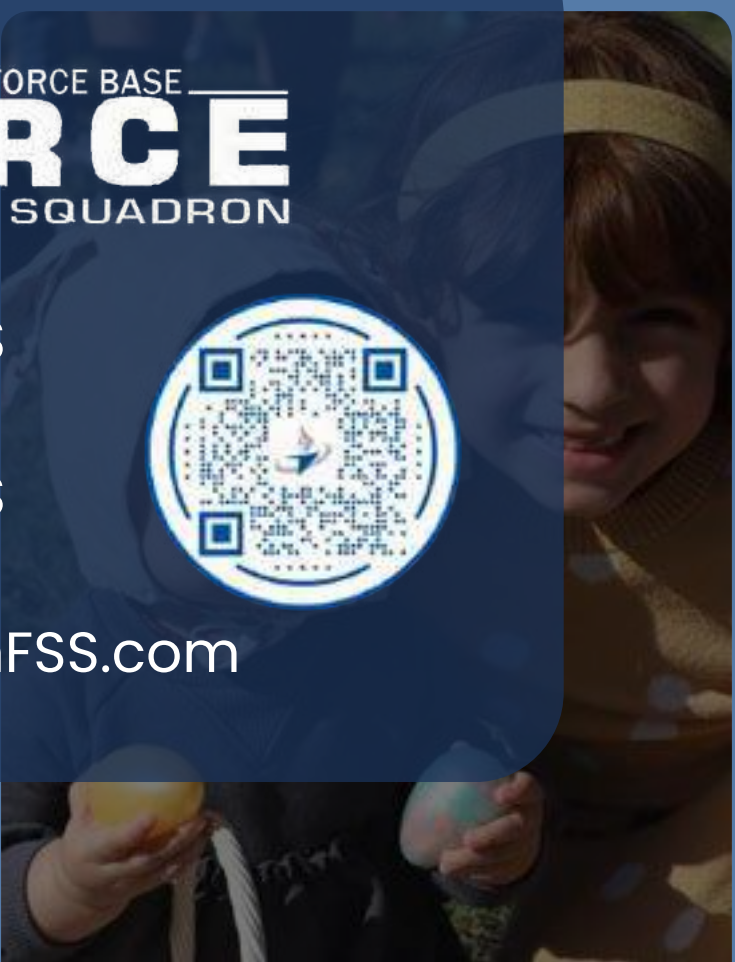
Take a break from the summer heat and enjoy a leisurely float down the San Marcos River. Each participant will receive a tube for the hour-long float. Afterward, you can choose to take the shuttle back to the starting point for another round or unwind at the falls. Don't miss out on this opportunity to cool off and unwind with friends! 18+ Event.

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

29 Jun | 0800-1200 | Desert Oaks Golf Course | 830-298-5455

Experience an exhilarating day at Desert Oaks Golf Course for our 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament. Form your team, enjoy friendly competition, and vie for prizes. Non-Members: \$65.00, Members: \$25.00. Don't miss this golfing extravaganza!






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