

ALTUS AFB COMMUNITY UPDATE



ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. – Construction on Altus AFB for three new underground storm shelters completed Nov. 9, 2015. The shelters are to be used by 97th Security Forces Squadron members and people at the gates during an emergency weather situation.

Airmen from the 97th Civil Engineer Squadron worked closely with the 97th Security Forces squadron, as well as the contractors with the company Survive-a-Storm to ensure a smooth construction process and that user needs were met.

The new shelters are 8-by-10 feet in size, and are equipped to shelter 14 people per Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations.

Previously, security forces members posted at the gates had to seek shelter in the guard shacks they work in during a storm.

“If you’ve been out to the gates, you know they don’t really have anywhere to go in case of an emergency, such as a tornado,” said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Brooke Byerley, the lead draftsman for the project. “If a tornado did happen to come through, everyone at the gates would be in danger. Now with this project, everyone will be able to filter to nearby safe places in the event of an emergency.”

These new arrangements make it so that security forces members and individuals waiting to enter base, can seek appropriate, FEMA approved shelter in the event of a storm.

Read more at <http://1.usa.gov/1WPtQr1>
call 580-481-6302

Base Happenings

Nov. 19, 6 - 7 p.m. - There will be a “Make-To-Learn” quilling class. Learn the art of quilling - the coiling and shaping of narrow paper strips to create holiday gift tags. For more information call 580-481-6302.

Nov. 21, 12 - 4 p.m. - The library is hosting International Games Day. The Base Library will have its game room open with classic board games and gaming consoles. You are welcomed to bring your own games. For more information

Nov. 23 - It’s that time of year again to create cards to be displayed at the Loop, located across from the Base Commissary. For more information call 580-481-6600.

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