

# ALTUS AFB COMMUNITY UPDATE



October is National Disabled Employment Awareness Month. This year's theme is "My Disability is One Part of Who I am." This is a time to applaud the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

This year also marks the 25th anniversary since the American Disabilities Act was passed by Congress and signed by President George H.W. Bush, July 26, 1990. Prior to the enactment of the ADA, individuals with disabilities were often denied the opportunity to fully participate in society due to intolerance, misunderstanding, ignorance or unfair stereotypes. This law is aimed at eliminating discrimination towards people with disabilities in the workplace, public areas and by government entities. It afforded individuals with disabilities to fulfill the goals of opportunity, independent living, integration and economic self-sufficiency.

There are more than 55 million individuals in the United States who have disabilities. Discrimination by public accommodations against people with disabilities remains far too prevalent. Inaccessible facilities, discriminatory policies and prejudicial attitudes can prevent a person with a disability from taking a bus, shopping for groceries or clothing, getting medical care, exercising, seeing a movie or exhibit, having dinner at a restaurant or getting a hotel room. Individuals with disabilities have long faced great barriers to full participation in civic life. Since the enforcement of the historic law, we have seen changes in more than seven million places of public accommodation nationwide including hotels, restaurants, retail stores, theaters, health care facilities and parks and places of recreation as well as in all operations of state and local governments. Read more at <http://1.usa.gov/1Nkh4cb>

## Base Happenings

**Oct. 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** – There will be a deployed family dinner and pumpkin carving contest at the Freedom Community Center. To register call 580-481-6761

**Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m.** – Join the Altus AFB Library for a super hero evening of fun! Dress up as a hero, if you like and create your own super hero gear. For more information call at 580-481-6302.

**Oct. 24, 7 p.m.** – The U.S. Air Force Tops In Blue will be performing a free concert open to the public at the Altus City Auditorium. For more information call 580-481-6600.

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