

Looking for health care?

Civilian personnel can attend a health fair at the Main Fitness Center here Nov. 30 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to learn more about their health insurance options.

News Briefs

Clinic, FSC closed Friday for family day

The Schriever clinic and the Family Support Center will be closed Friday for an Air Force Space Command family day.

Other agencies may also be affected with closures or shorter hours.

Dish advisory council to meet Tuesday

The Satellite Dish Dining Facility will hold an advisory council meeting Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the dining facility.

All dining facility customers are welcome to attend and discuss current issues pertaining to the Dish.

This is your chance to get your voice heard about dining facility issues.

Volunteers needed for children's festival

Volunteers are needed for the children's holiday festival scheduled for Dec. 3.

Help is needed for set up Dec. 2 from 8 to 11:30 a.m.; game booths Dec. 3 from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. and clean up from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to sign up, call 567-4741.

Holiday party scheduled for Dec. 16

Tickets are now on sale for the 50th Space Wing's Homefront Holiday Party, scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Peterson Air Force Base Enlisted Club.

Group representatives are: Staff Sgt. Lance Tressler, 50th Space Wing, at 567-3705; Monique James, 50th Operations Group, at 567-2400; 1st Lt. Martin Poon, 50th Network Operations Group, at 567-6518; and Staff Sgt. Derek McKay, 50th Mission Support Group, at 567-4718.

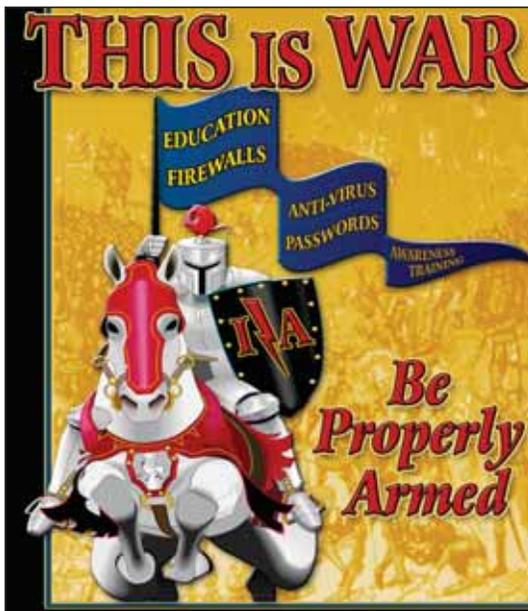
For more information or to purchase tickets, contact your group representative.



photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ridder

Turkey Trottin'

Although they looked nothing like trotting turkeys, Mike Wasson, 3rd Space Operations Squadron, and Traci Yamada, 2nd SOPS, trotted their way into first place with the winning times for the men's and the women's run, respectively. Local Colorado Springs downtown businesses made a generous donation that allowed the Schriever Fitness Center staff to purchase prizes and awards for the event. The next event at the Fitness Center will be an indoor soccer tournament Dec. 21. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 567-6628.



And the winner is...

This poster, designed by Jane Maximov, senior graphic designer for MCOM, for the Schriever Information Assurance office was selected as the winner in the first contest held by the Air Force Space Command IA Division. AFSPC IA plans on making the contest an annual event. For more information on the contest and the Schrieverites responsible for the win, see Page 7.

'Spread the Word' briefs to be held Dec. 1

Lt. Col. Pablo Meléndez
 50th Mission Support Squadron commander

Schriever's "Spread the Word" briefing will be held Dec. 1 at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Building 300 Auditorium. The briefer will be Brig. Gen. Robert Worley, director of Plans and Programs, Air Force Space Command.

These briefings are mandatory for all officers in the 2002 and 2003 commissioned year groups and highly encouraged for those in the 2004 and 2005 commissioned year groups. Personnel need to attend one of the two sessions.

In addition to these sessions, an executive meeting for group and squadron commanders will be held Dec. 1 at 10:15 a.m. in the DeKok Building Wing Conference Room. This meeting will be video teleconferenced with the 21st and 23rd Space Operations Squadrons.

As part of "right-sizing" and "right-shaping year groups" the Air Force has instituted this board to look at officers at their three year point for continued service. This is Schriever's and the Air Force's first board and is applicable to officers in the 2002 and 2003 commissioned year groups only.

Unlike past force shaping boards, this one only targets specific Air Force Specialty Codes. Only officers in AFSCs that exceed sustainment needs will be considered by the board.

The "targeted reductions" specified are a living and breathing document because as more people separate voluntarily and Air Force needs change, the reduction for that particular AFSC and year group may decline.

Because officers in the 2002 and 2003 commissioned year groups have until March 1 to volunteer for separation, it

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK Friday High 55 Low 29



Saturday High 52 Low 31



Sunday High 45 Low 29



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Air Force, AFSPC leaders send Thanksgiving message

The following is a Thanksgiving message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley:

Thanksgiving is a special day for Americans to gather with family and friends and appreciate all our nation has to offer.

Whether fighting the global war on terror, providing disaster relief around the globe, or defending our country here at home, Airmen cannot always be with our families at this special time. However, the American people are

Gen. Lance Lord
Commander, Air Force
Space Command

Thanksgiving is a time to appreciate family, friends and be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy.

Today, thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are deployed around the world fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

These comrades in arms have dedicated their lives to preserving the freedoms we hold dear, and to help open the doors of democracy. They

follow in the footsteps of generations before them who were committed to preserving our freedom and defending peace around the world.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity to reflect on these freedoms and the many blessings we enjoy because of the selfless dedication and commitment of our service men and women. Each of us should take time to pause and remember those carrying our wartime mission banner and who will not be home with family, friends and loved ones.

Air Force Space Command has 749 members deployed in support of

truly thankful you are on the frontlines, defending our rights and freedoms.

Because of the skill, hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of our Airmen — active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians all—America is safe. For that service and dedication, we are thankful. We are thankful for each of you who serve, at home and abroad. We are thankful for the support your families give you - allowing you to make the U.S. Air Force the best in the world.

We're incredibly proud of you and your families. Happy Thanksgiving!

vital military operations around the world. However, we must also give thanks for those serving at home. From the security forces members patrolling the vast missile fields in the northern plains to the space operations crews controlling our nation's satellites, you are the reason for the success in what space brings to the fight. Thanks to each of you for making Air Force Space Command the world's best space and missile force.

Beccy and I thank you for your hard work and wish you and your families all the best for a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Counting sheep while driving is baa-aad!

Tech. Sgt. Don Finley
50th Space Wing Safety

According to the National Safety Council, driving drowsy can be just as dangerous as drugs or alcohol.

A survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 60 percent of drivers admitted to falling asleep while driving on an interstate-type highway with posted speeds of 55 mph or higher.

People that are most at risk are third shift workers, people that drive a substantial number of miles each day, those with unrecognized sleep disorders and those with prescribed medication with sedatives.

I once investigated a mishap where a young Airman tried to drive 21 hours straight after working a full day and exercising at the gym.

The Airman began her trip late in the evening. She stopped a few times along the way for snacks and sodas, and she even stopped in a parking lot of a hotel to rest. She continued her drive throughout the night with the radio playing and the heater turned up. Soon it was the next morning. As the sun began rising, the Airman began to dose off.

She couldn't remember much of the accident or exactly when she fell asleep, but at one point her car veered off the road and struck a guardrail.

The highway patrol estimated her speed to be approximately 60 mph upon impact. Luckily, the space she was in didn't collapse and her life was spared. During the investigation, the Airman admitted to only having three hours of sleep the night before, but said she felt fine after putting in a full eight hours at work and working out at the gym.

Proper planning and adequate rest may have helped prevent this incident and should be factored into everyone's operational risk management when going on a long trip.

How to avoid an accident from driving while drowsy

So, what are some things you can do to prevent drowsy driving? The National Safety Council suggests doing the following:

- Maintain a regular sleep schedule
- Learn to recognize the symptoms of fatigue:
 - Eyes closing
 - Persistent yawning
 - Wandering or disconnected thoughts
 - Inability to remember driving the last few miles
- Get off the road if you have any symptoms of fatigue. Don't park on the side of the road! Go to a well-lit area or get a hotel
- When planning a trip:
 - Share driving responsibilities with a companion
- Begin the trip early in the day
 - Stop every 100 miles or two hours to get out of the car and walk around
 - Avoid driving between midnight and 6 a.m.

(Information provided by 50th Space Wing Safety office.)

STREET TALK

What food are you looking forward to eating on Thanksgiving?



Benjamin
"Apple pie because I love apples."



Maylene
"I like to eat potatoes and apples and bread."



Sierra
"I love to eat apples, not the cooked ones in the pie. I love to eat the crust of the apple pie."



Roxana
"I can't wait to eat the macaroni because I love cheese!"



Nicholas
"I love the apples because they taste so good."

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Commander's Hotline

E-MAIL: COMMGRAMHL@SCHRIEVER.AF.MIL

Schriever's Commander's Hotline is brought to the base by Col. John Hyten, 50th Space Wing commander. It provides a communication tool for people to obtain information and assistance in making Schriever a better place to work. Colonel Hyten asks that, before you e-mail the Commander's Hotline, please try to resolve your problem through the responsible agencies listed here.

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| Child Development Center..... | 567-4742 |
| Clinic..... | 567-4455 |
| Civilian Personnel..... | 567-5799 |
| Contracting..... | 567-3800 |
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| Fitness Center..... | 567-6628 |
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| Law Enforcement Desk..... | 567-5642 |
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| Public Affairs..... | 567-5040 |
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will be after that date that the Air Force will know how many will have to be involuntarily separated.

For all officers meeting the board, an Air Force Information Management Tool 3538, "Retention Recommendation Form," will be completed. A modified version of this form will be used for the board and is scheduled to be out by the end of the month.

In order to prepare for this board, officers and commanders must ensure that all pending or outstanding officer performance reports and decorations, if applicable, are completed and updated in the system. Officers may only have two or three OPRs before meeting the board, so it is critical that all information is up to date.

The projected time line is:

Dec. 5: Officer pre-selection briefs; raters and senior rates are identified

Feb. 1: Earliest date senior rater can sign retention recommendation form

Feb. 15: Retention recommendation form handed out to members

March 1: Cut-off date for accepting voluntary Force Shaping Program separation applications

April 3: Board convenes

June 1: Selectees notified

Sep. 29: No-later-than separation date

Continue checking the AFPC website for the latest information at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. Choose "Military Retirement & Separation: Eligibility," then click on "Force Shaping" and "Force Shaping Board."

For more information, contact Capt. Ann Igl, 50th Mission Support Squadron, at 567-5345.

AF sets physical training uniform wear date

The Air Force Uniform Board established an Oct. 1, 2006 mandatory wear date of the physical training uniform, for unit fitness activities.

The board also released additional guidance for Airmen wearing the uniform for personal workouts.

Airmen may wear the PTU during personal workouts given the following conditions:

- T-shirts may be worn out or tucked in
 - Jackets may be zipped, unzipped and worn with civilian clothes
 - Black or navy blue leggings or stretch shorts may be worn under the uniform shorts
 - White socks of any length and small conservative trademarks are authorized
 - Any athletic shoes may be worn
 - Safety items such as reflective belts, camelbacks and fanny packs are authorized
 - Hats or knit caps are authorized provided they meet military image requirements
 - Headphones are still authorized, except for on streets and other areas deemed dangerous
 - Bandanas and other similar head scarves are not authorized unless Airmen have a medical waiver
 - Saluting is not required
- All Airmen must comply with tattoo and jewelry standards as



The Air Force Uniform Board established Oct. 1, 2006 as the mandatory wear date for the new physical training uniform for unit fitness activities. The board released additional guidance for Airmen.

stated in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel."

Female Airmen exercising in the PTU may wear their hair free of pins or other accessories normally required to meet uniform standards.

Also, there is no mandated maternity uniform while partici-

pating in formations or unit activities.

The Air Force created the PTU to support unit cohesion and present a professional, standardized image.

Commanders will determine what uniform items—which consist of a jacket, pants, shorts and t-shirt—Airmen will wear during unit fitness events.

The uniform board is working on optional items including a long-sleeve shirt, sweatshirt and another style of running shorts.

For more information, Airmen should contact their commander's support staff, military personnel flight or personnel office at deployed locations.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)



photo by Duncan Wood

We're in the money!

General Lance Lord, commander, Air Force Space Command, presents a \$100,000 check for New Boston Air Force Station, N.H. to Col. John Hyten, 50th Space Wing commander, during the AFSPC 2005 Fall Commanders Conference at Peterson Air Force Base Nov. 16. Also pictured are Chief Master Sgt. Russell Kuck, 50th SW command chief master sergeant, and Chief Master Sgt. Ron Kriete, command chief for AFSPC. The 50th Space Wing also received a \$310,000 check for quality of life improvements.

Why I Serve:

Ecuador native dreamed of being ‘one of them’

Capt. Erick Fonseca
22nd Space Operations Squadron

Like many other kids growing up, I had dreams of becoming someone in this life, but I never imagined that dream would take me through a journey filled with adventures.

Ecuador, where I was born, is still considered a “third world country.” Life was difficult, and just making ends meet proved to be a challenge; my parents worked very hard to provide for my then 2-year-old brother and me. But perhaps driven by ambition and hopes of a better life, my mother decided to immigrate to America.

She was motivated by dreams and a particular event that took place when I was just a kid. It was the late 70s, and a couple of my cousins and I were startled by the sounds of the big blades of a C-130 Hercules. To our surprise, the Americans had come to give out free toys and food for the “poor.” I still don’t remember if they were there on a relief mission; for all I know, maybe just to visit—heck, I didn’t care. All I remember was that my cousins and I were very happy with our new toys.

We were very excited indeed, but for me that day also changed my life forever. While other children dreamed of one day becoming a doctor, a policeman or a firefighter, this experience inspired me to join the air force and to become “one of them.”

As a 6-year-old child, I never imagined it would be the U.S. Air Force: I attended part of grammar school at an institution sponsored by the Ecuadorian air force and thought my future was set.

This school, to my parents’ misfortune, was very expensive, and they struggled just making the monthly tuition payments. Though they never complained, I now understand the reason for their sacrifice.

My mother had to leave two children and a husband behind to venture off to a foreign country with no professional skills and without a single word of English in her vocabulary.

Although the odds were against her, she made it.

Two years after she arrived to the States, we all left Ecuador to join her in search of the “American dream.” Eighteen years later, I’m here, serving proudly among the



photo by Staff Sgt. Phyllis Duff

Capt. Erick Fonseca, 22nd Space Operations Squadron, who dreamed of joining the Air Force as a boy in Ecuador in the late 1970s, and made his dream a reality, thanks to the sacrifice of his parents and his own hard work.

men and women of the U.S. Air Force.

“Why I Serve” has a different meaning for me and many other Airmen who also immigrated to this great nation of ours.

Although we are part of the same family and serve side by side, our motivation and perspective of what it means to

serve as an Airman in the U.S. Air Force is special.

Our pride is rooted on our backgrounds and values: the inner boy working hard to make that dream a reality inspires it. Yet those dreams would never become true if not for the thousands of veterans who had laid the work so immigrants like me can have a brighter and better future.

Library offers study materials

**Airman 1st Class
Jason Ridder**
50th Space Wing
Public Affairs

Lunch time can be a great opportunity to study for promotion, college equivalency tests such as CLEP and DANTES or just expand your knowledge of military history and tactics.

The problem in the past for Schrieverites has been driving back and forth to the Peterson Air

Force Base library takes a lunch period, and leaves no time for actual studying.

Enter Master Sgt. Richard Longacre and the Schriever reference library.

Sergeant Longacre is the 50th Space Wing Career Assistance Advisor, and he oversees the library adjacent to the Columbia Professional Development Center on the third floor of the DeKok Building.

"Anyone on base can check out

study materials, to include books and videos, from the library," said Sergeant Longacre. "Also, the computers in the development center can be used to study as long as there is no class being given in the room."

The library offers comfortable chairs and a couch for reading, as well as a television to watch the videos the library houses.

For more information on the library, contact Sergeant Longacre at 567-5927.



photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ridder

Master Sgt. Richard Longacre, 50th Space Wing career advisor, explains what the Schriever reference library has to offer. The library contains books, videos and helpful study materials available to all Schrieverites.

CSAF releases reading list

Gen. Michael Moseley
Air Force Chief of Staff

pioneers. Through the next four years, the reading list will change, journeying from our past to our future horizons. The books will be available through our schools at Air University and our Air Force libraries. Some of these books are among my own personal favorites, and I hope you will enjoy them as much as I have.

As we tackle all the challenges facing us today, I have no doubt we will succeed. We have done it before, and we will do it again. Our history proves our success is not founded on our technology, but on our Airmen.

You are what makes this Air Force the most powerful Air Force in the world; our Nation is proud of who you are and what you have done, and I am proud to serve along side of you. Keep up the great work.

To my fellow Airmen,

Our Air Force has an incredible heritage ... a heritage built on courage, valor, brilliance and perseverance. The new Chief of Staff of the Air Force reading list captures this rich history. Frankly, the stories will not only fill you with pride, but they are also intense and compelling. Many of the great Airmen of the past, including Billy Mitchell and Hap Arnold, made time to read and study military history. They used the knowledge to understand their world as it was and to see the possibilities of what it could become.

This first portion of the new CSAF reading list captures the stories and visions of our founding fathers and Air Force

Our Military History:

A History of the American People – Paul Johnson

1776 – David McCullough

General George Washington: A Military Life – Edward G. Lengel

Victory at Yorktown: The Campaign that Won the Revolution – Richard M. Ketchum

Our Air Force Heritage

Billy Mitchell: Crusader for Air Power – Alfred F. Hurley

A Question of Loyalty: Gen Billy Mitchell and the Court-Martial that Grippped the Nation – Douglas Waller

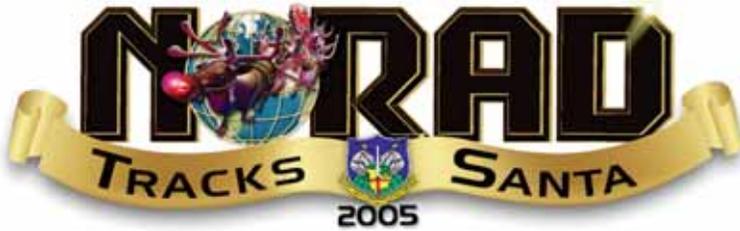
Winged Defense: The Development and Possibilities of Modern Air Power Economic and Military – William Mitchell

Air Power: The Men, Machines, and Ideas that Revolutionized War, From Kitty Hawk to Gulf War II – Stephen Budiansky

The Influence of Air Power upon History – Walter J. Boyne

Air Force Roles and Missions: a History – Warren A. Trest

Locating Air Force Base Sites: History's Legacy – Edited by Frederick J. Shaw



NORAD needs you to track Santa Claus

You are invited to be part of the North American Aerospace Defense Command Tracks Santa program.

NORAD Public Affairs needs volunteers to answer telephone calls and e-mails from children all around the world requesting the latest update on Santa's whereabouts on Christmas Eve.

Volunteers will work a two-hour shift at the NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center in Building 313 at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. Available shifts will begin at 2 a.m. Dec. 24 and continue until 2 a.m. on Dec. 25. All military and Department of Defense personnel and their families are invited to participate. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to answer phones or e-mails. Families bringing children with them under the age of 13 are asked to sign up for shifts before 8 p.m. Santa will be getting close to Colorado Springs at that time; therefore, children should get home to get ready for bed.

There is a special need for people who speak languages other than English. Please indicate if you or your family members speak French, Spanish, Italian, German or Japanese and are willing to take calls in these languages.

To sign up to be a part of this magical experience fill

out the form located at: <https://www.noradnorth.com.mil>. Click on the PA link listed under command staff, then select 2005 NORAD SANTA TRACKER to find the form.

You can also find the history of how it all began and how NORAD Tracks Santa.

Fill out one form for each individual volunteer and ensure that each volunteer's name is spelled correctly and, as applicable, the correct military organization or office symbol is provided. It is imperative for each volunteer to provide us with good contact information in order to notify you of the final schedule and details.

R.S.V.P. by Dec. 1. Positions are limited and will fill on a first come, first served basis.

The Santa Tracking Operations Center is family friendly with refreshments, snacks and videos for the children. Clifford the Big Red Dog will be joining us again this year at the operations center to track Santa.

For more information on the NORAD Tracks Santa program, contact Master Sgt. John Tomassi at 554-3525 or 1st Lt. Jody Vazquez, NORAD U.S. Northern Command Public Affairs, at 554-4072.

Warren honors space, missiles founding father

2nd Lt. Josh Edwards
90th Space Wing Public Affairs

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. — Fort Steele Way here recently had its name changed to Schriever Road to honor the late Gen. Bernard Schriever.

General Schriever, regarded by many as the father of America's space and missile force, played a major role in the development of the Minuteman missile system housed at F.E. Warren.



Gen. Bernard Schriever

Under General Schriever's leadership, the Air Force developed programs such as the Thor, Atlas, Titan and Minuteman missiles, and all aerospace systems that have been launched into orbit, including those supporting NASA in its Mercury man-in-space program.

"We are honored to name a prominent road at Warren after a man who did so much for the Air Force," said Col. Mike Carey, 90th Space Wing commander and former 50th SW vice commander at Schriever AFB. "General Schriever helped make our ICBM force the power it is today."

Schriever's IA office wins first place in AFSPC competition

Capt. Jean Duggan
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

The Information Assurance office here has taken home the gold.

The Air Force Space Command Information Assurance Division held their first IA poster competition. All wing information assurance offices were invited to participate in this event.

Poster submissions came from the 50th Space Wing, 45th SW at Patrick AFB and the 21st SW at Peterson Air Force Base. Schriever's IA team won first place for their poster.

"The contest theme was 'computers can't protect them-

selves,'" said Mark Williamson, MCOM contractor with the 50th Space Communications Squadron. "What better way to portray a defender of the weak than a knight in shining armor, mounted on a charging steed, and armed with some basic Information Assurance principles?"

"I presented the idea to Jane and using her wonderful creative talents, she put the idea onto the poster, which resulted in the winner," he added.

"Mark knew what he wanted when he put the request in," said Jane Maximov, Senior Graphic Designer for MCOM at Schriever. "I tried to make his idea as strong and attractive as possible."

The IA team received five organizational Information

Systems Security Association Professional Memberships and three study guides each for Security+ and Certified Information Systems Security Professional certifications.

The ISSA professional memberships and study guides will help the IA office personnel here get their Security+ and CISSP certifications. These certifications prepare the new IA workforce to meet the requirements outlined in the upcoming Department of Defense 8570.IM, "Information Assurance Training, Certification, and Workforce Management."

In addition, the individual artist of the winning poster received \$100 from the ISSA, Colorado Springs Chapter; however, Ms. Maximov did not accept the prize.

Sharing, volunteering, eating Thanksgiving celebration takes many forms here



photo by Staff Sgt. Phyllis Duff

Two-year-old Payton shares Thanksgiving mashed potatoes with her daddy, Staff Sgt. Greg Gifford, 50th Comptroller Squadron. More than 60 parents attended Schriever Child Development Center's Thanksgiving luncheon Thursday which featured a buffet of turkey and all the fixings.

Staff Sgt. Phyllis Duff 50th Space Wing Public Affairs

In nearly four centuries, Thanksgiving has evolved from Plymouth Rock Pilgrim's celebrating their first harvest with local Native Americans, to today's Thanksgiving feasting, football frenzied, day after Thanksgiving shopping, holiday kick-off time. However, the true tradition of sharing, celebrating friendships and helping one another remains woven into the American heart. This past week, Schriever members participated in many events on and off base that demonstrate that selfless spirit.

The week's festivities began with a family gathering at the Schriever Child Development Center followed by the annual dorm feast and Caring through Sharing, Top 3's back-to-back efforts on Friday and Saturday, ending with the Satellite Dish Dining Facility's belly stuffing feast Tuesday.

Along with these main events, many of the squadrons and groups on base got together for their own potlucks and gatherings.

More than 60 parents came to the CDC to enjoy a Thanksgiving luncheon with the children on Thursday. A buffet of turkey and all the fixings awaited the parents as they walked into the foyer. "The dinner was a huge success this year," said Melinda Frazier, who teaches the 3- and 4-year-old class. In her classroom, nearly every parent was able to come to the dinner. The day before the dinner, the preschoolers made individual apple pies to be enjoyed with their guests. "They were all so proud of the accomplishment," she said.

Staff Sgt. Greg Gifford, 50th Comptroller Squadron, took time out to visit his daughter Payton in the toddler

classroom. "It was a good time," he said. "It's a nice thing to do—to give the children an opportunity to have their parents at the CDC with them to celebrate the holiday."

In another event, more than 200 dorm residents were treated to a Thanksgiving feast Friday afternoon at the Cyber Café in the Discovery Hall dormitory. Top 3 Council members from Schriever, Peterson Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station dished up 10 turkeys, five hams and plenty of donated fixings. Hot meals were delivered to mission-essential personnel such as security forces, fire department and satellite operators who were unable to leave their work areas.

This past weekend the Top 3 Council continued its efforts of sharing and giving. After a month-long canned food drive, plus more than \$4,000 in monetary and Commissary donations, the Shirts compiled all of the collections at the Peterson Chapel and successfully distributed food baskets for 175 military families from all branches of service.

Excess donations were added to the Caring through Sharing pantry. The canned food drives are run quarterly throughout the year in order to sustain the pantry stock. According to the President of the Top 3 Council, Chief Master Sgt. Don Garrish, the holiday season is their busiest time of year. But, he states, "this, I believe, is why we become first sergeants—to give back to the community and help people."

In one final celebration of thanks and giving before the upcoming holiday, hundreds of lunchtime warriors feasted at the Satellite Dish Dining Facility's Thanksgiving celebration Tuesday. Guests enjoyed a smorgasbord of turkey, ham, steamship round, an array of vegetables, desserts and even shrimp and French onion soup.

Beginning next week, Giving Trees will be placed in both the North Entry Control Facility and the DeKok Building.

Tags will be attached to the branches designating children of various ages and gender with a list of their wants and needs for the holidays.

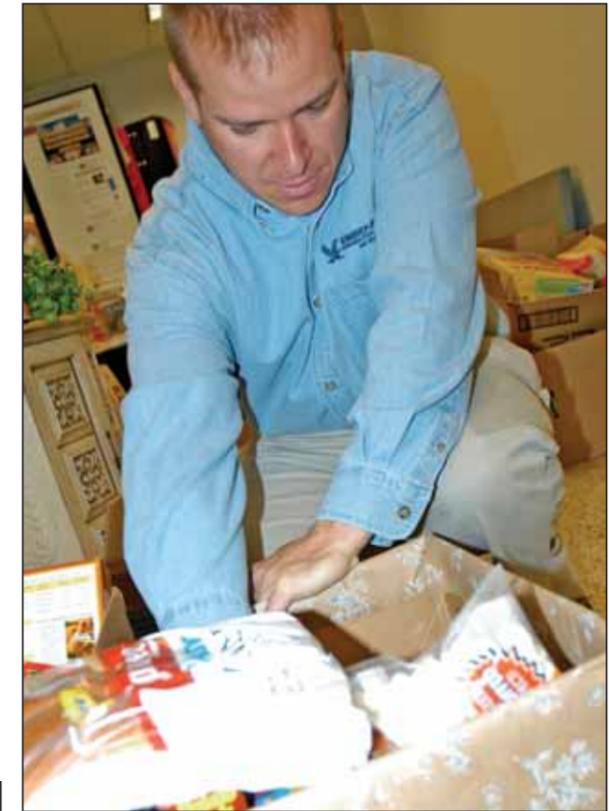


photo by Staff Sgt. Phyllis Duff

Top: Master Sgt. Chester Spires, 50th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, packs up a Thanksgiving food basket at the Peterson Air Force Base Chapel Saturday. The Top 3 Council's program distributed 175 of these baskets to Schriever, Peterson AFB and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station military affiliated families in need.



photo by Senior Airman Nancy Hubbard

Left: The 50th Civil Engineer Squadron raised nearly \$950 for the Marion House, a soup kitchen in Colorado Springs, by holding "Pie in the Eye" festivities Friday. The squadron raised the money by having 50th CES personnel bid on other squadron personnel who deserved a face full of pie. The victims paid to throw "revenge" pies at whomever they wished. Pictured are Staff Sgt. Ron Cruz giving Tech. Sgt. Sean Santiago a taste of his pie.



photo by Staff Sgt. Don Branum

Leo Jackson, a food service employee with the Satellite Dish Dining Facility here, cuts roast beef before the dining hall opens for its Thanksgiving meal Tuesday which hundreds of Airmen attended.



photo by Staff Sgt. Don Branum

Members of Schriever's Diamond Council serve food to Airmen during a dormitory Thanksgiving feast at the Eclipse Café on Peterson Air Force Base Friday. About 200 Airmen came to the meal.



photo by Staff Sgt. Don Branum

Airmen gather outside the Eclipse Café and eat lunch Friday. Supervisors filled in for dormitory residents so they could come enjoy the feast. Volunteers delivered boxes full of home-cooked food to Airmen who could not leave their assignments at Schriever and Peterson Air Force Base to attend the lunch.

Thanksgiving—time for remembrance, reflection

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Thanksgiving is one of America's most celebrated holidays. Stuffed turkey, pies, hams, breads, a variety of vegetables and sweets, a gathering of family and friends—who could ask for more?

The holiday not only seems to start the entire winter holiday season, but provides an opportunity to reflect on the blessings we, as Americans, enjoy. Freedoms guaranteed by a constitution, a government by the people and opportunity for economic, educational and personal growth are chief among these.

Our founding fathers guaranteed for us the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. These ideals are no less important to America today than they were 230 years ago. They are also no less important than were the blessings of surviving a particularly harsh winter in 1620 and the fortune of a good fall harvest the following year were to the Pilgrims celebrating the first Thanksgiving Day in 1621.

Having fled religious persecution in England to a more tolerant Holland, the Mayflower pilgrims in 1620 contracted with a London company for transport to the Virginia Colony and the establishment of a new settlement in "the northern parts" of that region.

A shortage of critical supplies, however, forced a landing near Plymouth, Mass., in September 1620. As supplies ran out and the winter wore on, 46 of the original 102 Mayflower passengers and crew died.

In the spring of 1621, Wampanoag Indians taught the pilgrims farming skills and were instrumental to the success of the crops that year.

Following the fall harvest, the settlers held a traditional English harvest feast lasting three days. Wild game, fowl (referred to by the English as

"turkey") and crops from the harvest made up the feast. As flour was a rare commodity, this feast likely did not include breads, cakes or pumpkin pie. At the invitation of the settlers, about 90 Wampanoag attended.

The new colonists did not hold another "day of thanksgiving" for several years, although each colony probably held traditional harvest feasts in October.

During the Revolutionary War, the 13 colonies held their celebrations on the same date for the first time in 1777. Twelve years later, President George Washington declared the first National Day of Thanksgiving.

American states continued to celebrate the holiday at various times throughout the 1800s. Then, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln, seeking ways to unite the country, consulted with poet Sara Hale, who had been lobbying for a national Thanksgiving holiday.

In 1863, President Lincoln made a proclamation declaring the last Thursday in November a day of Thanksgiving. He was also the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's another story.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the date to the third Thursday in November in 1939, 1940 and 1941 before Congress acted to firmly establish the date on the fourth Thursday of the month.

As we approach the 2005 Thanksgiving holiday, let each of us look back over the past year and reflect on those things for which we are thankful. Happy Thanksgiving, Team 5-0.

Schrieverites from the DeKok Building enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast Friday. The tradition of Thanksgiving dates back to the Pilgrims in 1621. In 1789, President George Washington declared the first National Day of Thanksgiving and President Abraham Lincoln carried on the tradition in hopes of unifying the country during the Civil War.



photo by Staff Sgt. Don Bramum

Schriever FSC offers classes

All classes at the Schriever Family Support Center are held in the FSC building unless otherwise noted. Call the FSC at 567-3920 for additional information and to register.

10 Steps to Federal Employment – Nov. 30, 8 to 10 a.m.

Improve your chances of landing a steady, well-paying and challenging federal position by preparing the right resume format, applying correctly and targeting the correct job title and grade.

Learn the ins and outs of navigating the federal job system.

Military ski team seeks participants

The Front Range Military Ski Team is looking for skiers who have racing experience or are strong recreational skiers, snowboarders or telemarkers to compete in the 2005-2006 ski season. The Front Range Military Ski Team

is a member of a weekend race group called TeamSki Inc., which is a ski racing program for adult recreational skiers who live in Front Range cities.

To race on the Front Range Military Ski Team, racers must be active-duty, Reserve or National Guard service-members, Department of Defense civilians, dependents of either group or retired members of either group. Contractors may race on the team as long as they work directly for either group.

For more information, contact Maj. Steve Staats, Air Force Space Battlelab, at 721-9348.

Military Officers' Career Night

Students and parents are invited to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Military Officers' Career Night Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Arnold Hall. RSVP by Friday with number attending.

Call 487-9359 for more information.



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Towin' the line!

Ro Chase (left), Faith Enterprise Inc., and Chad White, Space Mark International, pull cable on base to consolidate the location of the Schriever PA system switches. This project will relocate the switches on base into one centralized location.



- Friday**
- Saturday**
- Sunday**
- Monday**
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday**
- Thursday**

- Mexican Baked Chicken, Stuffed Green Peppers, Swiss Steak with Brown Gravy
- Crispy Baked Chicken, Cajun Meat Loaf
- Chicken Breast Parmesan, Swedish Meat Balls
- Baked Chicken, Italian Sausage, Country Style Steak
- Onion Lemon Baked Fish, Pork Schnitzel, Yakisoba
- Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Beef Porcupines, Chicken Enchiladas
- Orange Spiced Pork Chops, Liver and Onions, Baked Fish

* Menu subject to change without notice based on availability.

Other Eats & Treats:

- High Plains Café
- Outdoor Recreation Office
- AAFES Shopette

- Coyote Cafe
- Falcon's Nest



photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ridder

Runners wanted!

The running track adjacent to the Main Fitness Center is now open. Rubberized surface will not be applied until the spring, but personnel may still use the track as is. The track will be closed during icy or snow covered conditions. Runners must check the daily safety status with the fitness center staff prior to running.