

Heroes honored for D-Day service

By Senior Airman Shane Sharp
21st SW Public Affairs

"Soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force: You are about to embark upon a great crusade toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving peoples everywhere march with you.

"You will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world...

"...The free men of the world are marching together to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle.

"We will accept nothing less than full victory.

"Good luck, and let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking." — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, June 6, 1944.

That was the order of the day given to the young warriors about to enter France and take part in an invasion that would change their lives and the world forever.

Eighty-three local veterans who carried out that D-Day order were awarded the Jubilee of Liberty Medal during a ceremony at the Peterson Air Force Base officers' club Saturday. Honoring their participation in the Normandy invasion were American and French leaders..

The medal was originally presented June 6, 1994, by members of the regional government of Normandy, France, to D-Day veterans who were able to attend the 50th anniversary of the invasion. Since few veterans made it back to the beaches, towns and hedgerows of Normandy for the anniversary, French government leaders agreed to allow medals to be distributed in the United States.

U.S. Rep. Joel Hefley, French Honorary Consul General Frieda Sanidas and Gen. Ed Eberhart, commander in chief, U.S. Space Command and NORAD, and Air Force Space Command commander, were on hand to present the medals and thank the veterans for their D-Day service.

"To all of you, I want to say thank

you," said Hefley. "Many of you have probably spent 50 years trying to forget the war. Here today are represented two nations that are not going to ever forget what you did.

"Those of you receiving medals today participated in the pivotal point of the 20th century." "Nothing is more important in the 20th century than the Second World War, and nothing is more important in the Second World War than the invasion on D-Day," added Hefley.

Sanidas, who was a young schoolgirl when her country was liberated, thanked the veterans for all they did to free France.

"In the name of the French Republic and my own, I wish to express our renewed gratitude to all the men and women and their families for their courage, their exploits and their unselfishness during their participation in the battle of Normandy," said Sanidas.

"For France it meant liberty. It meant to live once again in a free country. Free from years of oppressive occupation. And all of this thanks to you - the American liberators - who, together with the allied forces, made it possible to be free again. We offer you our heartfelt and everlasting thanks," she added.

Eberhart represented the U.S. military, who he said are willing to pay freedom's price today, in thanking the D-Day veterans for their service.

"As you look around this room at these distinguished gentlemen, these true American heroes, written on their faces are many stories. Horrors and bravery are emblazoned on their minds, hearts and souls," said Eberhart. "We can't pretend to imagine how it felt for you, but what we can do is honor you and thank you."

Many of the American heroes were 18-21 year-old young men who had never been in combat.

"I turned 19 on June 4 and on June 6 we landed," said Vick Fast, 5th Ranger Battalion at Omaha Beach. "I jumped off the landing craft and went completely



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alex R. Lloyd

Retired Army 1st Sgt. Willie Turner, 68th Transportation Battalion, receives his Jubilee of Liberty medal from U.S. Rep. Joel Hefley.

under water with 80 pounds on my back, a rifle, grenades, the works. I peeled everything off, helmet and all, and scrambled to shore. Within 15 minutes I had completely re-armed myself off of fallen soldiers."

"I'd never been in combat before," said Fast. "I'd never lost any buddies before. That day I lost some buddies and all of the sudden things were a lot more real."

Fast made it through the landing at Omaha Beach alive and unhurt. Some 2,400 others weren't so lucky.

Not all who fought on D-Day stormed the beaches. The Army's airborne divisions parachuted into Normandy during the dark hours of the morning to capture and hold important crossroads and bridges.

William Grovenburg was a 21-year-old member of Headquarters 1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne, when he jumped into the night sky and into his first combat experience.

"What amazed me the most that night was, after I landed, I looked up and could see thousands of tracers shooting at all the planes off in the distance. The sky was full of fire," remembered Grovenburg. "That was quite a display of firepower. I remember it quite distinctly."

"That first day several of my buddies were killed," said Grovenburg. "They say 'freedom is not free'. That day we paid for it with blood and with lives."



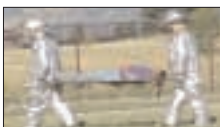
**21st Space Wing
ORI Prep-rallies**
Aug. 6-7, 9 a.m.
Aug. 9, 1 p.m.
All 21st SW personnel must attend one of the prep rallies at the base auditorium.

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Straight Talk Line
556-9154
Call the 21st Space Wing Straight Talk Line for current information on wing events and exercises.

Message from the 21st SW commander

Last Friday we concluded a two-week long Condor Crest exercise. This exercise, designed as a rehearsal for the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), allowed us to practice executing several of our wartime skills. The wing as a whole preformed magnificently and I commend you for your outstanding sense of urgency, dedication and hard work during this exercise.

Over the next few weeks we will tie up a few loose ends as we continue to hone our skills in preparation for the wing ORI set to begin 20 August. I am extremely confident that we are ready to showcase our people and our mission.

Thanks Team Peterson for understanding that exercising the wing is essential for our ORI readiness, and even more importantly, it prepares us to provide rapid and accurate responses to real world events and requirements. Thanks for your continued support.

Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler
21st Space Wing commander

Action line

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command. Action Lines can help make the Peterson Complex and the wing a better place to live and work.



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

Q. Is it policy for the 21st Space Wing to release a list of people who are on an imminent departure list? I received a telephone call from Keller Williams Realty asking me if I would be interested in their services. They knew that I was going to be PCSing to Florida. I thought that was very interesting because I had not even received orders yet, nor had I received notification of assignment. Thank you very much.

A. You asked a great question. Non-military entities may request departure and arrival listings of military personnel undergoing permanent change of station via the Freedom of Information Act. Military personnel flights can average up to 30 FOIA requests for this data annually. Most of the requests we deal with at Peterson Air Force Base are from realty companies. In this case, it appears that your gaining MPF produced a FOIA product for a local realtor at the same time your assignment processed at the gaining base. It is key that military members are properly notified by their unit commander of pending assignments. It appears your unit did not follow the proper procedures or time lines to notify you. That is why we place strong emphasis on our assignment notification process and will continue to work to ensure military members are properly notified of assignments. Again, thank you for your inquiry and please feel free to contact the MPF superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Jay Shelton, at 556-6299.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. C.W. Howard

Street smarts

Above: An employee of Embassy Lawn and Landscaping travels down Peterson Boulevard in a special purpose vehicle. These vehicles and the Security Forces All Terrain Vehicles (right) are authorized to operate on Peterson Air Force Base roads. Base members should be aware of these types of vehicles since they are smaller than normal cars and often make frequent stops along the road. Drivers should use extra care when passing these vehicles and watch for hand signals indicating their intent to make a turn.



Chiefs Corner: To cover or not to cover?

By Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler
21st SW command chief master sergeant

With summer in full swing and temperatures higher than comfortable, I have noticed more and more people allowing the requirements of AFI 36-2903 (Dress and Appearance Of Air Force Personnel) to slide.

The two main areas of concern are the wearing of unauthorized black T-shirts with the BDUs and the proper wearing of hats while in any uniform combination.

The requirements listed in AFI 36-2903 are to be followed by all military members - enlisted, officers, active duty, Guard and Reserve - anytime they are in military uniform.

I am not overly concerned with black T-shirts worn under the BDU blouse, but while engaged in outside work details and field exercises participants take off their BDU blouse (certainly authorized and encouraged) and the black T-shirt becomes the outer garment.

The range of logos sported is entertaining, but certainly not authorized. AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2, Line 11 only authorizes an emblem on the left front chest not to exceed five inches in diameter. Nothing is authorized on the back of the T-shirt.

Covers, including BDU hats, squadron ball caps and flight caps, are not being worn in

some outdoor areas when they should be. Some examples are - sitting outside at the smoking area behind an office building, sitting outside in the park eating lunch or sitting in front of the Base Exchange eating lunch at a picnic table. These locations have not been designated as no-hat areas, therefore, a cover should be worn anytime you're in uniform. The simple act of eating a meal is not justification to take off your hat. If in doubt about whether an area is designated as a no-hat area, consult the facility manager or Wing Instruction AFI 36-290321SW Attachment 2.

I am disappointed when I hear from both active-duty as well as the base's retiree population about unauthorized T-shirts and people in uniform not wearing a hat when required. Base members in uniform are observed by people outside of their unit, squadron or wing and it's important we set the right example. It's a question of integrity - doing the right thing even when we think no one is watching or that no one will notice.

I challenge supervisors and leaders to not only set the example, but to step-up and correct any individual not in compliance with regulations. "To cover or not to cover?" is really common sense spelled out in AFI 36-2903.

See you around the wing, hopefully following dress and appearance standards.



Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
Aug. 8 is Space night at the rodeo, in honor of Peterson and Schriever Air Force Base families.
Get your tickets at the Community Activities Center.
Call 556-7671

AFSPC to gain people under realignment plan

By Capt. Sean McKenna
AFSPC Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command stands to increase its military and civilian population by 354 people, based on President Bush's fiscal year 2002 force structure plan released July 27.

The restructuring initiatives are designed to make more efficient use of Air Force resources and save American taxpayers money over the long term.

Under the president's restructuring plan, AFSPC units experience a significant gain, with the biggest increase at Buckley AFB, Colo., which is authorized 344 new positions.

Buckley becomes host to the Air Force's newest wing—the 460th Air Base Wing-Oct. 1, and the additions allow the base to provide full host base responsibilities and operating support.

Many of the force structure increases are in support of the continued implementation of the Air Force's Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept.

This will help relieve concerns with deployment commitments by providing additional authorizations to units that will bear the brunt of the

Air Force's deployment tasks.

The Air Force as a whole will see an increase of 2,844 military and 310 civilian authorizations as a result of next year's force structure realignment.

Before making final decisions concerning the major movement of forces, the Air Force will conduct appropriate environmental analysis and ensure compliance with Clean Air Act provisions.

The planned AFSPC restructuring includes:

Buckley AFB, Colo. - the 821st Space Group, which becomes the 460th Air Base Wing Oct. 1, gains 207 military and 137 civilian authorizations.

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. - the 45th Contracting Squadron and other units increase one military authorization and decrease seven civilian slots.

Cape Cod AFS, Mass. - the 6th Space Warning Squadron loses one military authorization.

Cheyenne Mountain AFS, Colo. - the 1st Command and Control Squadron gains seven military and two civilian authorizations.

Clear AFS, Alaska - the 13th Space Warning Squadron loses two military authoriza-

tions through a transfer of crew support to Canadian air forces.

F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. - the 90th Space Wing decreases 51 military authorizations and increases four civilian slots. The decrease is chiefly due to the 4th Command and Control Squadron losing 71 military and one civilian position for eventual transfer of responsibilities to the Air National Guard.

Kennedy Space Center, Fla. - the command realigns one military slot from the LBJ Space Center to establish an AFSPC liaison.

Los Angeles AFB, Calif. - the Air Force Space and Missile System Center's 17th Test Squadron, which aligns under AFSPC Oct. 1, gains five military authorizations.

Onizuka AFS, Calif. - the 21st Space Operations Squadron loses nine civilian authorizations from the final 1995 Base Realignment and Closure reduction. Another minor realignment results in the loss of one military position.

Malmstrom AFB, Mont. - the 341st Space Wing loses 36 military positions but gains three civilian slots. Most of the cuts are in the 341st Medical Group because of Air Force medical service optimization.



Minot AFB, N.D. - the 91st Space Wing has no changes.

Patrick AFB, Fla. - the 45th Space Wing gains 18 military and 13 civilian authorizations.

Peterson AFB, Colo. - the 21st Space Wing loses three military authorizations but gains 17 civilian slots. Most of the changes are due to the deactivation of the 49-member 76th Space Operations Squadron and the activation of the 76th Space Control Squadron, which will have 44

military members.

Schriever AFB, Colo. - the 50th Space Wing loses one military slot and gains 13 civilian positions. The wing will gain 34 military authorizations to support the Global Positioning System command-and-control system and lose 37 military and five civilian slots through the transfer of the 55th Space Weather Squadron to Offutt AFB, Neb.

Vandenberg AFB, Calif. - the 30th Space Wing increases 38 military slots through various unit realignments.

Staff sergeant heads to Army warrant officer candidate school

Opportunity knocked, intelligence member answered

An Air Force Staff Sergeant has been selected to attend the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Staff Sgt. Anthony T. Triola, an intelligence analyst for the 21st Operations Support Squadron, began the warrant officer application process in March.

His application package went before a board on July 16, and he was one of five people selected out of 17 applicants. Triola will be training in the All Source Intelligence Technician Military Occupation Specialty. The MOS is the Army equivalent of the Air Force's Air Force Specialty Code.

Army Warrant Officers are selected from the enlisted corps, and are commissioned as officers due to their technical and leadership expertise.

Triola's experience with warrant officers dates back to his last assignment at the Defense Intelligence

Agency in Washington, D.C.

"These were some of the most dedicated individuals I have ever worked with or for. I knew back in 1998 that I wanted to become a warrant officer," he said.

However, it took an assignment to Peterson, and his new flight commander Capt. Alan Omo, to make that dream come true.

"This is a great opportunity for him," said Omo. "Unfortunately the Air Force doesn't have the warrant officer program anymore and he has to go to the Army to do it, but it's a great place for him to advance in his technical expertise."

The next few months will be very fast-paced for Triola. His class date could come as soon as November or December and will be followed by Warrant Officer Basic School and the Warrant Officer Military Intelligence Course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

"I look forward to going," said Triola. "This is really a dream come true."

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SOAR, LEAD nomination time

Programs offer commissioning opportunities

It's that time of year to start thinking about the Scholarships for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC program and Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program.

Although both programs seek out the best and the brightest airmen, they are two distinctly different commissioning programs.

SOAR is a commanders program that is designed to provide commanders with the opportunity to nominate outstanding airmen for a commission through Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The program is not designed for self-nomination by enlisted personnel. The applicant's package is due to the education office Sept. 29 for review before forwarding to Air Force Space Command.

LEAD is the program for airmen on active duty to receive appointments to the Air Force Academy. This program

does accept self nomination packages.

Applicants who are interested in this program are required to complete Air Force Form 1786 before they apply. This form must be signed by the unit commander and then forwarded to the U.S. Air Force Academy Admissions Office.

The admissions office will then send the applicant an admissions package.

Most applicants will need to take either the ACT or Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Air Force Officer Qualification Test.

To find out more about commissioning programs through AFROTC and for application packages visit www.afots.af.mil and link to commissioning opportunities for Air Force enlisted members. Or you can call and make an appointment to discuss commissioning opportunities.

For more details, call Lisa Simon or Mike Madsen at 834-4064.

(Courtesy of the Education Office)



Some gave all

The flag was flown at half-staff on July 27 in memory of the Americans who fought and died in the Korean conflict. The 27th was National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. The war began in 1950 when Korean troops, supported by Soviet-supplied tanks and artillery, advanced across the 38th parallel.



3rd Space Communications Squadron Provides direct link to the war fighters

The 3rd Space Communications Squadron is located on Kapaun Air Station in Kaiserslautern, Germany, about seven miles from Ramstein Air Base. The unit's mission is to provide critical and timely defense communication data to 21st Space Wing units, NORAD, USSTRATCOM and the NMCC in support of the U.S. and allied operations. Unit facilities include a satellite operations center consisting of primary and backup mission processing systems along with two related satellite antennas, a Defense Satellite Communications System ground terminal, a Military Strategic and Tactical Relay ground terminal, and \$45 million of supporting communications and civil engineering infrastructure.

The 3rd SCS receives support from the 86th Airlift Wing on Ramstein AB. The 86th AW serves as the squadron's host unit for all support functions

to include supply, civil engineering, security, military personnel flight and housing.

Active involvement in the community has made the 3rd an ambassador of the 21st SW. The unit supports the maintenance of the local American Children's Cemetery, "Kindergraves," where 451 dependent children were buried between 1952 and 1971. Unit members also dedicate numerous hours tutoring in the DoD school system, to include the inception of a Young Astronaut Program. From Boy Scouts of America and the local Airmen Against Drunk Driving program to intramural sports, Team 3 has made its mark in the Kaiserslautern military community.

Focused on professional development, the unit has instituted the Army "staff ride" tradition of revisiting battlefields. Squadron members are given research assignments and then provide briefings to the group to educate everyone on their topic. Personnel have visited battle sites and American military cemeteries in five different countries to gain a valuable understanding of their military profession. More importantly, the military members of today have actively honored those American military forces who fought and died liberating Europe.

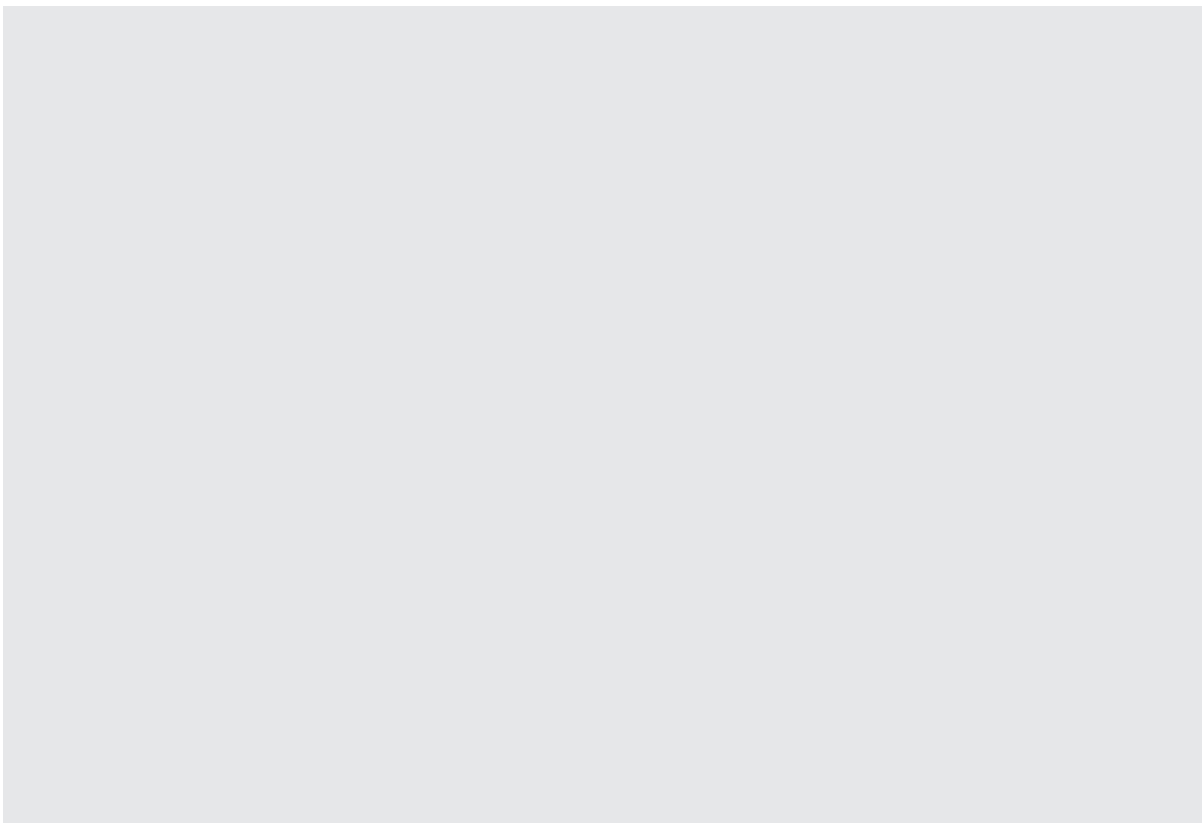
Unit operators and maintainers have made the site the best in the business through maintenance practices and teamwork. The squadron has averaged an incredi-

ble 99.99% mission availability rate for the past seven years. In 2000, the unit made system history by having only seven minutes of unscheduled outage. Currently, Team 3 personnel are spearheading a \$5.5 million hardware installation to upgrade all mission processing equipment.

Team 3 has been recognized for excellence at the NAF, major command and Air Force levels. In 2000, the 3rd captured the 14th Air Force Flight Commander of the Year, AFSPC Enlisted Space Operator of the Year, AFSPC Space Instructor/Evaluator of the Year, and the AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Operations Excellence Award. In 1999, they were awarded the AFSPC Communications-Electronics Maintenance Effectiveness Award. The unit is also the first ever to produce back-to-back winners (2000 and 2001) of the AFA Best Space Operations Crew Award. In July, Team 3 was rated "Outstanding" in all operational areas during the 14th AF Standardization Evaluation Team Inspection. (Courtesy of 3rd SCS)



Courtesy photo



For your information

News

SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER WORKSHOP: The Pikes Peak Top-3 will sponsor this year's Senior NCO workshop. All master sergeant selectees from the Peterson complex are invited to attend. The workshop will be at the enlisted club Thursday and Aug. 10. To attend, call Master Sgt. Greg Webb at 556-4610.



FIRE DEPARTMENT GARAGE SALE: The Peterson Air Force Base Fire Department will host a garage sale on Saturday Aug. 11 to support various charitable organizations. The sale will be held in the parking lot of the youth center at the corner of Selfridge and Peterson. Activities will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until early afternoon.

VOLUNTARY LEAVE TRANSFER PROGRAM: Civilian annual leave donations are needed for Marsha Crisman, Headquarters US Space Command. Leave donations are also needed for Wesley Flatt, 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Force Base, GA.

To donate annual leave or for additional information, call the civilian personnel flight, workforce effectiveness section at 556-9231 or e-mail Theresa.Dickson@Peterson.af.mil.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY AND INFORMATION FAIR: The retiree and information fair will be Aug. 25. This event is open to branches of the military and their spouses and family members.

Refreshments will be served at 8 a.m. followed by the official start of the fair at 9 a.m. Maj. Gen. Richard D. Murray, United States Air Force retiree, the president of the national association for uniformed services, will be the guest speaker.

Parking will be available at Arnold hall and the Air Force Academy field house.

Buses will run between these two locations every 15 minutes starting at 8 a.m. For further information call 556-7153.

Youth Center 556-7220

SPORTS DEPARTMENT: The youth sports department needs volunteers to coach indoor soccer, basketball and flag football.

KEYSTONE CLUB MEETINGS: Keystone club meetings on Tuesday nights 6 p.m.

TEEN TRIPS: The teen trips include bowling on Aug. 9 and laser quest on Aug. 18. For information about any of these activities, call the youth center.

KARATE: Karate will be at the youth center Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-7:30.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant Services	Saturdays 5 p.m.
Liturgical Worship 8:15 a.m.	Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship 11 a.m.	Reconciliation Saturdays 4 p.m.
Gospel Services 12:30 p.m.	
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	Religious Education Adult and pre K-12th grade
Catholic Services	Sundays 11:35 a.m.
Mass Weekdays	8:30 a.m.

Education Center 556-4064

AIR COMMAND and STAFF COLLEGE: The Air Command and Staff College seminar will start in this month.

Majors or major-selects from all services are eligible to enroll, as are GS-11s and above. Application forms are available at the education center. After Tuesday, the education office will enter the enrollments into the base level personnel management system, which flows to Air University. Course material will be mailed directly to students once enrollment has been processed. The material will consist of a multi-media CD-ROM and course books.

Seminars meet for about 10 1/2 months, three hours per week. The number of missed sessions per student is no longer a factor, and attendance will not be tracked or recorded. For more information, call Lisa Simon at 556-7392.

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY: Webster

University is now registering for graduate classes for the fall term that begins on Aug. 11. A new cycle of the MS computer science program begins this fall.

For information and advising appointments call 574-7562. Visit our website at www.webster.edu.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN COLORADO: Take advantage of our reduced tuition rates for civilian and military spouses. For each credit hour taken with USC-Colorado Springs, the spouse receives tuition at half cost. Stop by our office located in the education center, building 1141, suite 111, or call 574-331. Schedules for the Colorado Springs campus' fall classes are now available.

Classes begin Aug. 13. Register early to ensure class availability. New to Peterson Air Force Base are the scholarship classes in management and sociology. Stop by our office located in the education center or call 574-3312.

Family Advocacy 556-8943

ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES: Learn ways to successfully express anger and increase your ability to recognize and cope with feelings of anger. Classes will be Aug. 9, 2-4 p.m. Class will be held at the Peterson Air Force Base Education Center.

Family Support Center 556-6141

Classes are held in the family support center classroom, Building 350, Room 1016, unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all FSC classes. To register, call the FSC at 556-6141 or stop by the FSC classroom.

CSB/REDUX BRIEFING: This briefing for Peterson Air Force base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station personnel will be Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. It will focus on the new military thrift savings plan, career status bonus, REDUX, and retirement planning.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES: A bundles for babies class will be Aug. 14, 1-3 p.m.

If you are a pregnant USAF active duty member or pregnant spouse of a USAF active duty member, you are invited to attend the bundles for babies class sponsored by Air Force Aid Society.

Learn about budgeting for a baby and how to calm a baby. All eligible personnel will receive a special gift compliments of AFAS. Dads are encouraged to attend.

GOING OVERSEAS PROGRAM: There will be an overseas program review Wednesday, 8-9 a.m.

This program assists families in dealing with a new language, customs, courtesies and lifestyle when preparing for a move to a foreign country.

Information on travel, phones, currency and voltage requirements are some of the topics that will be discussed in the class. Call 556-6141 for more details.

CHOOSING THE "RIGHT" SCHOOL: The Peterson relocation assistance program can provide a booklet entitled, "Choosing Elementary and Secondary Schools."

Questions parents need to ask, a school checklist, informational resources and other valuable suggestions are included in this booklet. For a copy, stop by the family support center.

Community Activities Center 556-7671

PETERSON CARSHOW AND BLOCK PARTY: The community activities center will host a car show and block party Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be crafters selling their work, food, music, great looking cars and fun. There will be prizes given away throughout the event. You must be present to win.

The grand prize give-a-way will be a four person trip to Arlington, TX. The prize includes lodging and tickets to several attractions throughout Arlington.

The car show and block party will be at the community activities center between Tinker and Truax streets.

Officers' Club 556-4194

WIN \$1,000: Membership big money drawings are held Friday evenings at the officers club. Call the club for details.

MONGOLIAN BARBECUE: A Mongolian barbecue is slated for Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Enlisted Club 556-4194

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: Enlisted and officers' club members enjoy a free breakfast every Monday 6:30-9 a.m. at the O'Club.

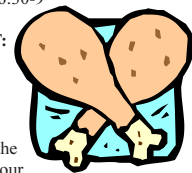
FAMILY BUFFET: A family buffet featuring chicken will be Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. Children 5 and younger eat for free.

WIN \$1,000: Join the club Friday evenings for our membership big money drawing. You must be present to win.

Call the club for details.

Finance 556-4770

ATTENTION TRAVELERS: When submitting travel vouchers for payment, you must include three copies of your orders, three copies of your voucher and receipts for airline tickets, billing, rental car and any purchase over \$75.



HQAFSPC major has ‘Cool Career for Girls’

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson
21 SW Public Affairs

A major from Headquarters U.S. Space Command appeared in the latest installment of the Cool Careers for Girls book series for her nontraditional career as a military lawyer.

Maj. Elizabeth Kelly, Chief of Space and International Law, is a specialist in space law, a fairly new area of international law.

With the Air Force’s goal of becoming a space and air force, her skills are increasingly in demand.

“We get questions about things like the limitations of weapons in space, limitations on creating or cleaning up space debris and requirements for satellites,” Kelly explained.

According to Kelly, the main topic of questions lately is weapons in space.

“Weapons in space is a very sensitive issue politically both here in the United States and internationally, and we get all types of questions on the subject regularly.”

Sometimes the questions don’t have a straightforward answer, she added, but they usually come up with an answer that fits within U.S. policy and satisfies international law.

One of the authors of Cool Careers for Girls In Law con-

tacted the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Fiscus, and described the type of book they were putting together. The Author told him they wanted to include a female JAG and asked if he had any Air Force candidates to present.

Fiscus did some research and then recommended Kelly. When he contacted her with the news, she said she would be happy to do the interview.

The authors contacted Kelly, they conducted an in-depth interview and took some pictures. When it was all over, Kelly’s story was the first story in the book featuring women in law.

So far there are 10 books, targeted for girls ages 9 and up, with two more coming soon. Some career subjects include animals, engineering, sports and air and space. The profiles include career checklists and salary information.

Many schools and other organizations are lauding the series for giving young girls role models.

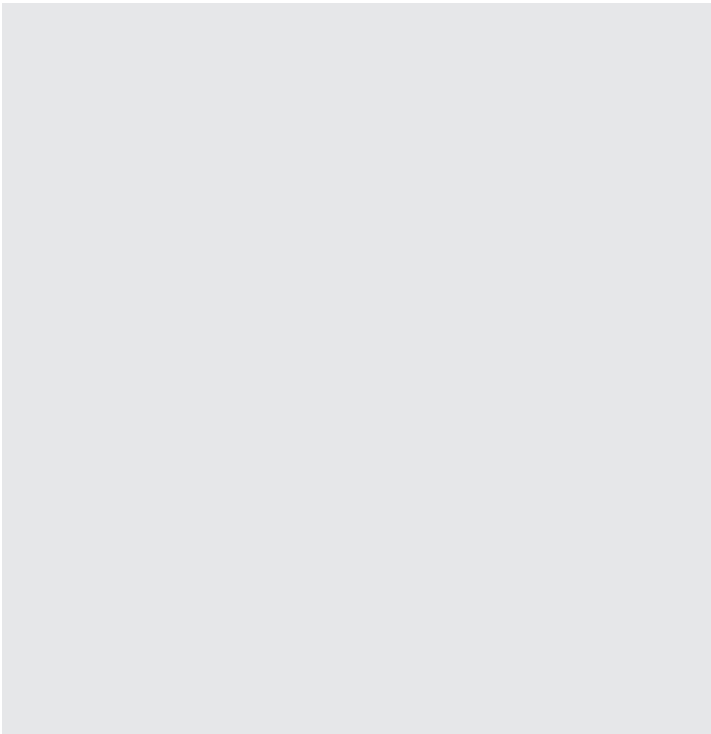
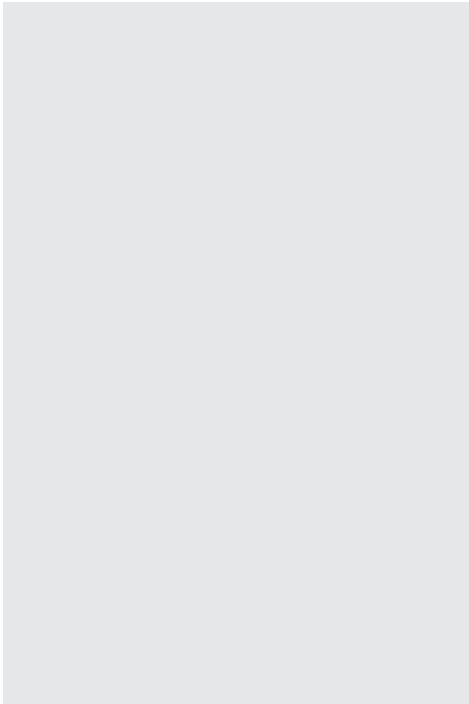
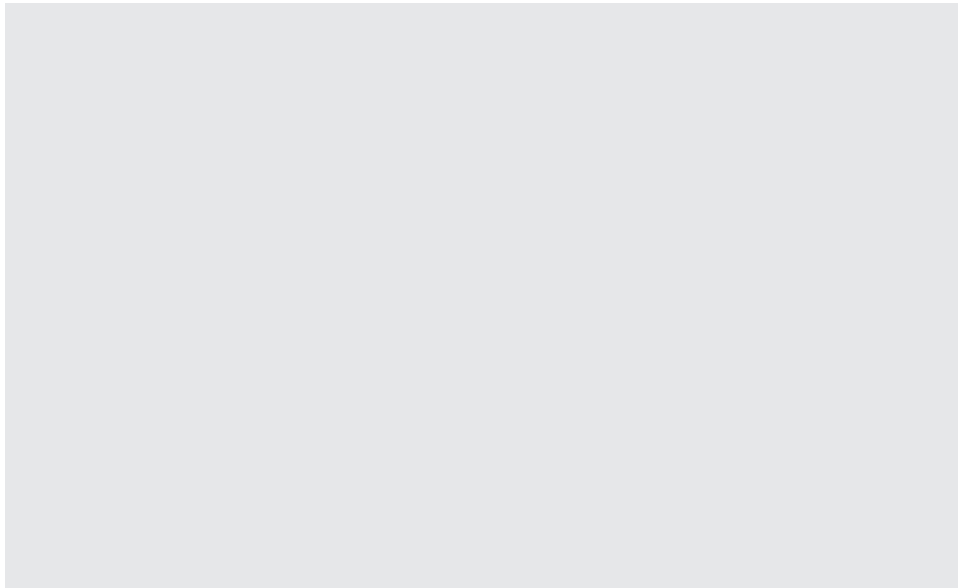
Julie Riskin wrote in a review about the series for MetroKids organization, “Parents and girls often complain that the only role models for girls are all about good looks, lots of money, and lifestyles that no average mother would wish on her child. This series fills in the blanks that the girls’ maga-

zines leave empty.”

When asked about being an official role model, Kelly said it is a mantle she wears willingly. She added that she is proud to be part of such a beneficial series.

For more information on Kelly, law or cool careers, visit the base library Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m.-5p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

(Some information is courtesy of coolcareersforgirls.com)



General sits tall in the saddle

Eberhart acts as Grand Marshal for Frontier Days

By Maj. Nicole Greenwood

90th SW Public Affairs

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo.--Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander, U.S. Space Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command commander in chief, traded rocket boosters and satellites for a saddle July 21.

The general was the grand marshal of the 105th annual Cheyenne Frontier Days, the world's largest outdoor rodeo.

Eberhart's duties enabled him to show off his horsemanship as he rode in the city's parade signaling the beginning of the 10-day rodeo.

"I just hope I don't fall off the horse," he joked to onlookers.

The general's agenda the day before at F.E. Warren was packed with an Air National Guard Total Force briefing, lunch with base airmen and noncommissioned officers at the dining facility and a talk with company grade officers.

Wyoming residents took part in more than just rodeo action last week. More than 10,000 local and base spectators watched the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform precise aerial maneuvers during their

one-hour show over Laramie County Community College.

The base held an open house July 20-22 as well. More than 6,000 came to F.E. Warren for Fort D. A. Russell Days, a historic re-enacting of the fort's frontier days.

Base citizens in costumes showed visitors what daily life was like on a frontier outpost in the West, circa 1880s.

Throughout the festival, people are privy to four parades, three pancake breakfasts, a concert nightly, a carnival midway, an air demonstration by the Air Force Thunderbirds, gun fighter demonstrations as well as the world's largest nine day outdoor rodeo.

Peterson tenant units to promote 38 senior airmen to staff sergeant

The following are senior airmen who have been chosen for staff sergeant:

10 Air Medical Dental Squadron

Berry, Sonja R.
Fouk, Thomas G.
Haney, Tina A.
Vaughn, Christy M.
Whitman, James O.

10 Dental Squadron

Brown, Michael L.

10 Medical Group

Erickson, Ashly L.
Teti, Maria R.

Anderson, David J.

Conteh, Ibrahim M.

10 Medical Operations Squadron

Chavis, Karen N.

Colon, Yaira L.

Crawford, Ricarda Q.

Gutierrez, Inocentete Jr.

Hoening, Wendy C.

Viera, Kristy M.

10 Medical Support Squadron

Howell, Kjersti

13 Air Support Operations Squadron

Lopez, James P.

Case, Thomas E.

Henson, Samuel

Meier, Michael J.

Stainbrook, Laurine

367 Recruiting Squadron

Ridner, Christian D.

Themis, M. Kimberly

Jaramillo, Barney A.

544 Inspector General

Himbach, Shannon E.

Band

Gonzalez, Joshua D.

Professional Military Education

Barros, Saulo

Detachment 11, AFMC

Barby, Benton C.

Fernandez, Annie K.

Wallace, Jason S.

Wallace, Kevin J.

Air Force Space Command

Cohen, Kiara E.

Hatfield, Sara M.

Orzal, Joelrobert B.

North American Aerospace Defense Command

Gilchist, Andrew C.

Space Combat Operations Squadron

Gee, Michael W. II

Pike's Peak or Bust Rodeo honors military community

By Master Sgt. Austin Carter

AFSPC Public Affairs

Even after all these years Hal Littrell still glances nervously at the door for anyone wearing a military uniform.

It's an old habit that his boss and mentor, Colorado Springs prominent banker Jasper Ackerman, drilled into him in the 1950s as Littrell was working his way up the ladder at a bank downtown.

"We opened up at 10 a.m. then, and my desk was set up to look directly out the glass doors," Littrell said. "If a soldier or airman walked up to the door before the business day had officially begun, Mr. Ackerman insisted that we open the doors for him. 'They don't have time to be standing there waiting for us,' he said. If you didn't see them and they would walk away, he would shout for me to go bring them back. And I did, many a time, too. I'd go chase them down on the street and insist on helping them.

Usually it was only to cash a bond or make change, but we'd open the doors for them. That's how strongly Mr. Ackerman felt about it. We all learned that if someone in uniform came to the bank, you'd better wait on him."

Littrell, a former Air Force radio maintainer and operator on rescue missions stationed at Misawa Air Base, Japan, during the Korean War, came back to an America that was proud of its veterans. His employer at the bank, Ackerman, was himself a veteran of World War I and II. He taught Littrell that the bank was more than money in a vault; it was an active catalyst to help bring about a better life for the people of the town, especially service members.

In the 1930s Ackerman helped organize and run the original rodeo. After the war, in 1946, he came back to his job at the bank, but many other American men were not so lucky.

"He thought of how these men were heroes a few months before and now they were just another civilian," said Littrell.

Ackerman dedicated the rodeo that year to men and women in the armed services and saw to it that the proceeds went to veterans in the area.

The Pikes Peak or Bust

Rodeo continues its 61st year and remains the only annual rodeo in the nation to pass its profits to military men and women.

The bank, under Ackerman, was heavily supportive of the rodeo. So much so that he expected his employees to pitch in. Littrell remembers Ackerman approaching him with a reverberating statement: "You're a Texas boy, aren't you?" He admitted he was and his journey with the event began. He started that first year as a ticket seller.

Now the chairman of the board of Air Academy National Bank, as well as the chairman and treasurer of the rodeo, Littrell has dedicated most of the last 47 years to making sure the event continued.

Such devotion to a cause did not go unnoticed. This year's rodeo, Aug. 8-12, is not only dedicated to the military, but to Hal Littrell.

Despite the honors, the 70-year-old's cause is still to focus on the military needs.

"We do it all for the military here," he said. "A great deal of it goes to the needs of the lower-ranking enlisted. Some are very young, just starting out with a family, and don't have anything of their own."

As the manager of the Ackerman trust fund established by his legendary former employer, Littrell uses monies from the trust to make sure no one in the local military suffers because of low attendance and increased costs.

"Knowing how he felt about the military here, I know he'd want me to subsidize the proceeds from the rodeo to keep the money at the same level," he said.

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, still in the top 5 percent of rodeos in the country based on prize money, is seen by the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame as the home rodeo of the organization.

"That's pretty good for a rodeo all run by volunteers," he said. "We've had some great response over the years—from the community, businesses and the military. They'll always been there for us."

The rodeo has always been a show of Western heritage to Littrell. But more than that, it has become his personal crusade to thank the military for its efforts.

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Senior Airman Amber Kupferer, left, puts make-up on Jamie Hall to add a hint of reality to the exercise.

Photos by Capt. Carlos Garcia



Members of the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron clear a downed C-130 after extinguishing the fire.

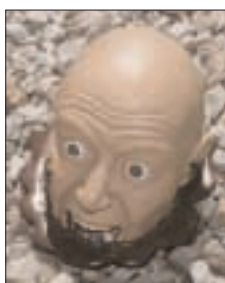


Photo by Budd Butcher

LEFT: A helicopter crash was one of the scenarios members had to deal with during the exercise.

ABOVE: A mock severed head shows one of the casualties of this exercise. RIGHT: Cindy Litteral, in blue, looks on as a firefighter searches for victims and the other extinguishes a fire.



Tech. Sgt. Larry Prichard, 21st Security Forces Squadron, places a protester, Airman 1st Class Adrian Navarro, 21st Mission Support Squadron, under arrest.



Academy cadets, Civil Air Patrol get a look at Air Force aircraft



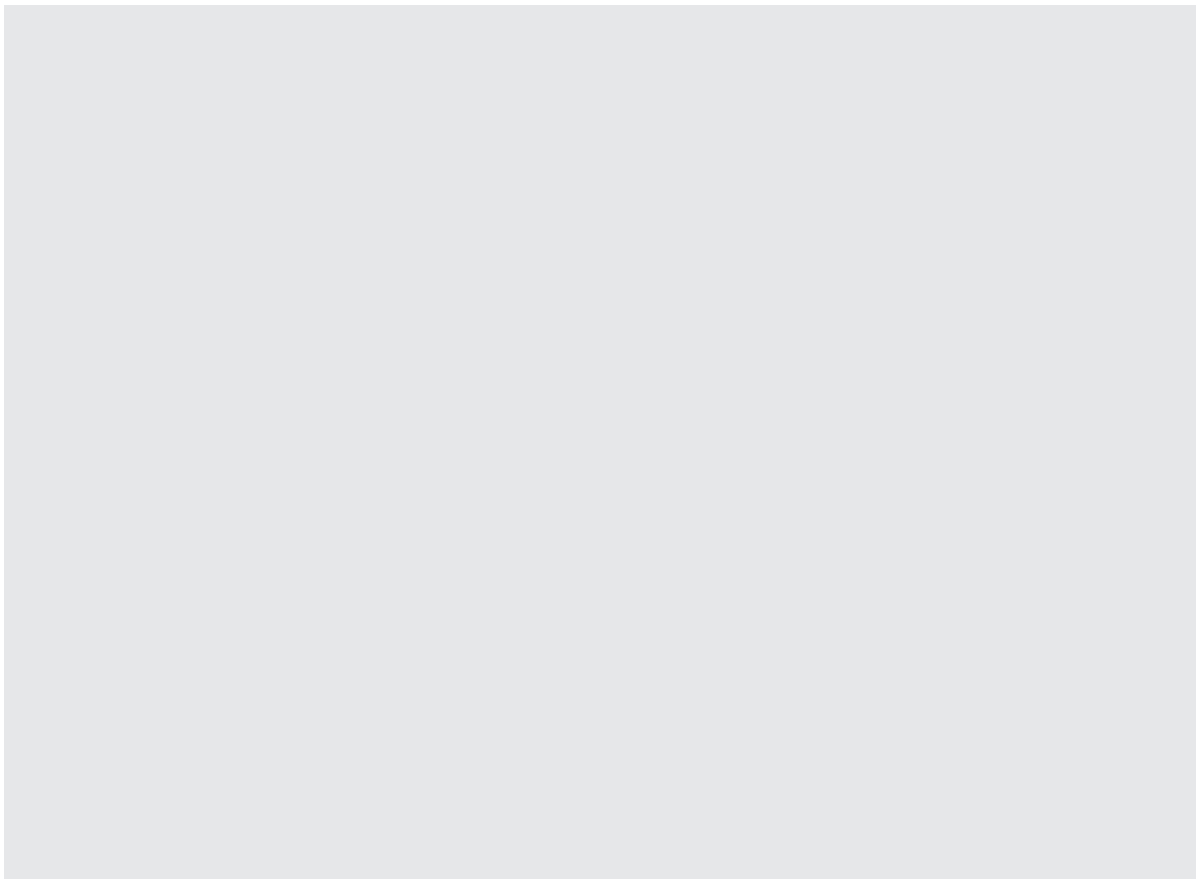
Air Force Academy basic cadets and Civil Air Patrol members got a chance for an up-close look at several Air Force aircraft and other equipment July 26-28 on the Peterson Air Force Base flightline. The aircraft display included fighter, cargo, refueling, and training aircraft as well as helicopters.

Left: Civil Air Patrol members tour an MH-53J Pave Low III helicopter. The MH-53J's mission is to perform low-level, long-range, undetected penetration into denied areas, day or night, in adverse weather, for infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces.
Below: An up-close look at the 30mm GAU-8/A Gatling gun of an A-10 Thunderbolt II. The cannon can fire 3,900 rounds a minute and can defeat an array of ground targets to include tanks.



Photos by Senior Airman Shane Sharp

Civil Air Patrol members admire two F-15E Strike Eagles on the flightline. The Strike Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter primarily designed as an air-to-ground attack aircraft, but also with air-to-air combat capabilities.



Star Performer

NAME: Bertram M. Green
UNIT: 21st Space Wing Plans and Programs

JOB TITLE: NCOIC, Document Control Center
HOMETOWN: Longview, Texas

TIME IN SERVICE: 8.5 years

ABOUT GREEN: Green provides outstanding service as the NCOIC of the 21st Space Wing Space Control Vault Document Control Center where he is responsible for maintaining an accurate count of more than 2000 classified top secret documents.

His exceptional professionalism, job knowledge and dedication to mission success resulted in his selection as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for 21st Space Wing, Plans and Programs.

Green is currently deployed to El Jaber, Kuwait, where he is responsible for Workgroup Management and Web Page design. Since his arrival to the 21st Space Wing in September 2000, he has made a resounding positive impact on the organization.

Green quickly made his mark by conducting two staff assistance visits at two 21 SW Geographically Separated Units.

His experience in DCC and attention to detail resulted in both units attaining the highest rating possible from HQ AFSPC.

Green also attended a database development class to implement a new security database system in HQ AFSPC.

This new system provides a higher standard of accountability for classified documents and magnetic

media. With customer service as his watchwords, he also took the lead in developing and implementing a first-of-its-kind DCC web page. His efforts immediately enabled more than 70 vault personnel to have access to the latest procedures and security updates on a daily basis.

He implemented a document inventory system using a mobile hand-held system for all vault personnel. This new system ensures documents are in their proper container as well as ensuring the database reflects the most current data.

This initiative has significantly improved document security procedures. He next institutionalized a periodic spot check of random safes.

This policy has ensured consistent and systematic attention to detail throughout all individual classified accounts, and has ensured that 100 percent of all local procedures are maintained.

In addition to his other numerous accomplishments, Sergeant Green spearheaded the Defense Messaging System and SIPRNET connectivity for Plans and Programs, the first wing staff agency to be DMS operational.

He conducted computer based and hands-on training for all personnel in Plans and Programs, worked hand-in-hand with 21 NET, and completed all necessary correspondence for individual access.

Off duty, Green is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems Management through Colorado Christian University, and has completed more than 70 semester hours during the past year.

Got a story idea? Give us a call and let us know at 556-7846 or e-mail us at shane.sharp@peterson.af.mil

Celebrate milestones for our new staff sergeants

Reasons behind this years high promotion rate

By Chief Master Sgt. Jim Finch

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

We recently announced the release of the staff sergeant selection list—a time for recognition, celebration and congratulations.

Promotion to staff sergeant is an important milestone in any Air Force career, since it marks the transition from airman to noncommissioned officer.

Surprisingly, I've heard a few comments expressing concern over the significant number of people accomplishing this milestone, and I've received several inquiries asking why the selection rate was so high.

Basically, we have had an increased number of vacancies at the staff sergeant level, coupled with a decreased pool

of eligible senior airmen competing to fill them. This translated to higher rates, as evidenced by this year's 64 percent and last year's 50 percent.

The increased vacancies can be attributed in part to the decreased retention of mid-level NCOs in recent years and our initiative to reshape the balance of NCOs to airmen in our Air Force.

In 1999, we received authorization to increase the percentage of the Air Force enlisted force allowed to serve in the top five grades from 48.5 percent to 56 percent. This initiative allowed us to start reducing the average time in service required to promote our mid-level NCOs.

Despite this explanation, some still speculate that the real reason we increased promotion rates was simply to improve retention.

While this wasn't the primary goal behind changing our enlisted force structure, we do hope earlier promotions will translate to improved

manning and retention. As most probably already know, we are still short mid-level NCOs in many career fields.

Regarding the few comments I've heard about promoting people too quickly, I only need to look at this year's selectees to see we are on track.

Of the 20,793 people named on this staff sergeant selection list, more than 90 percent received the top rating on their most recent enlisted performance report.

This tells me that at least three people in their rating chain believed they were ready for immediate promotion and were well-prepared to assume added responsibilities of the next rank.

I personally subscribe to the theory that improving an organization requires everyone to ensure their replacements have the tools, training, and support necessary for continued success. In that vein, I urge everyone currently serving in a supervisory position



to help our new staff sergeant selectees adjust to their upcoming role as NCOs.

At times, this can be as simple as explaining the logic behind specific decisions or reminding them of the vital part they play in executing our Air Force mission. Keep in mind, these will be the professionals responsible for ensuring most tasks are done correctly. Also, a little recognition for jobs well done can instill

great confidence in new supervisors.

Lastly, we must provide all selectees the opportunity to complete the Airman Leadership School before their line number comes due.

Remember, developing the next generation of enlisted leaders is an investment in our future. The effort we give today will ensure they are prepared to keep our Air Force the best in the world for years.

Air Force shooter aims for Olympics

By Senior Airman Lee Watts
20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. - He may be soft-spoken and easygoing, but Warren Kelly has a far more serious side. He spends hours each day honing his skills as a "master" marksman with hopes of earning a spot on the 2004 U.S. Olympic team.

At the 2001 USA National Shooting Championships recently in Atlanta, he placed sixth in the air pistol category and eighth in free pistol. However, he has been doing well in shooting competitions for years.

In 1995, he was the National Rifle Association's national champion. Plus, Kelly -- a technical sergeant with the 20th Component Repair Squadron here -- has captured South Carolina's state championship six times, including this year.

Both air pistol and free pistol shooting are Olympic events. Kelly said he believes he has a real chance at making the U.S. team for the games in Athens, Greece.

Right now, Kelly's chances look good. In one free pistol match, he out shot world record holder and 2000 Olympian Bill Demarest. Furthermore, the national team coach, Eric Buljung, who won the men's silver medal at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, has taken an interest in Kelly's shooting development.

To help work toward his Olympic goal, the jet engine craftsman plans to

apply for the Air Force's World Class Athlete Program this fall. If selected, the Air Force will send him to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado to train full time with Buljung to prepare for the 2004 Olympic team selection matches.

Of course, getting to such a high level of competition did not happen overnight. "I've been competing for 10 years, but have been shooting since I was a kid," Kelly said. "My dad is the one who got me started, and he still shoots competitively."

To maintain and continue to improve his skills, Kelly practices two hours daily. About a month out from a big match, he bumps it up another hour.

When comparing his air and free pistol skills to the M-16 rifle or M-9 pistol Kelly said, "It's like apples and oranges. The triggers have more recoil and the weapons weigh more. I've got a lot of respect for the guys who can bust a good score with those weapons."

And while Kelly is proficient in both Olympic events, he noted the shooting disciplines do have their differences.

In air pistol competition, shooters use .177 caliber pistols -- air or gas powered -- to fire lead pellets at targets 10 meters away, with the bull's-eye diameter being only .45 of an inch. Participants must take 60 shots in one hour and 45 minutes in the first round, while taking 75 seconds for each of 10 shots in the final round.



Photo by Senior Airman Lee Watts

Warren Kelly has his sights on making the 2004 U.S. Summer Olympic team. The technical sergeant from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., recently placed sixth in the USA National Shooting Championships' air pistol competition.

In free pistol competition, competitors shoot specially modified .22 caliber pistols from 50 meters away at bull's-eyes with a 2-inch diameter. Shooters must fire 60 shots in two hours

during the first round, while 75 seconds are allotted for each of 10 shots in the final round.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Shaq attack hits Ramstein

By Airman 1st Class
Robyn Dorocak
86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- Germany, a drill sergeant, basketball and music created a path for Shaquille O'Neal, Los Angeles Lakers' center, to accomplish the goals he created for himself at age 7.

During a visit here July 27, the NBA star credited being a military child for giving him the life lessons he needed to succeed.

"As a military child I first learned how to deal with different types of people and how to deal with order," O'Neal said.

Originally from Newark, N.J., O'Neal moved several times as a child because his father was an Army drill sergeant.

"Because I grew up with a drill sergeant in my life, I respect order and it really gave me the discipline to be a leader and not a follower," he said. "It also helped me stay out of trouble."

O'Neal began playing basketball around the age of 7. Playing basketball is what kept him entertained, he said. His experiences in youth sports programs on different military installations gave him an outlet to grow as a player and a person.

"The problem with kids these days

is they don't have enough fun stuff to do," he said. "When I was stationed with my family in Germany, youth basketball programs gave me something to strive to do my best at."

Midnight basketball programs and music are outlets O'Neal told children here they need to get involved in to develop their leadership skills.

"Every kid needs to learn to be the leader not the follower," O'Neal said. "Kids know the right thing to do. They just need to have someone to talk to."

It is important to have role models, but to always try to achieve more, O'Neal said.

The role models children choose in their lives help the process of becoming a leader.

"To me, a role model is someone who you can talk to, someone you can reach out and touch and someone you can ask, 'why?' For me, that was my parents," O'Neal said.

O'Neal's father often took his youth basketball team to the hospital and to visit less fortunate people, and that helped the team realize they were blessed, he said.

"One thing that is important for all kids to do is not to try to be like their favorite person," O'Neal said. "They should try to be better than their favorite person."

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Zokal

Col. David D. Dyche, 86th Airlift Wing vice commander, leads the way for NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, who visited Ramstein Air Base, Germany, July 27.

Sports

Shorts

Fitness center positions - The Peterson Air Force Base fitness center has contract positions open for a Tae Kwon Do instructor and a Tai Chi instructor. For more information, call the special programs staff at 556-1515.

Youth weight training - There will be a youth weight training class Monday, 8-10 a.m., for girls, 2-4 p.m., for boys, at the fitness center. The class will cover proper weight lifting techniques and nutrition. It is free and open to all 12-16 year-olds who hold a valid military ID card. Participants must register at the fitness center by today. Call 556-1515 for more information.

5K run - There is a 5K run scheduled for Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m., in front of the fitness center. Cost is \$1. Call 556-1515 for details.

Singles racquetball tournament - There will be a singles racquetball tournament Aug. 20-23 at the fitness center. Games will be played 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tournament cost is \$5 and the registration deadline is Aug. 13. Call 556-1515 for more information.

Volleyball tournament - There will be a volleyball tournament Aug. 29-31. Games will be played 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the fitness center. Cost is \$10 per team with an eight-person roster limit. Teams must register by Aug. 21. Call 556-1515 for more information and to register.

Fly tying classes - Fly tying classes are held the second Wednesday of each month from 6-8 p.m. in Building 675 (outdoor recreation). A volunteer instructor will teach class members how to tie three basic flies. The next classes are scheduled for Aug. 8 and Sept. 12. The cost of the class is \$10 and participants must register by 1 p.m. the Monday before each class. Call outdoor recreation at 556-4867 for more information.

Rafting - Rafting trips are scheduled by Scott Hackney for each Saturday and Sunday during the summer. The three trips offered are Parkdale for \$45, Brown's Canyon for \$50 and the Royal Gorge for \$55. Trip participants earn one ATWIND game piece. Call 556-4867 for details.



Photo by Brandi Denham

Three-on-three hoops

A member of the the 2nd SOPS team rises for a shot against a defender from the 21st SW during three-on-three tournament action July 26 at the fitness center. The 21st SW team won the tournament for the second year in-a-row.