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This is Everyone's business

By Capt. Brenda Campbell
21st SW Public Affairs

"Our people can be our best sensors; the sentinels of our efforts to keep the Peterson Complex safe," said Col. Don Alston, 21st Space Wing vice commander.

To help educate all members of the Peterson Complex, the 21st Space Wing has designated Tuesday as Antiterrorism, Force Protection, Disaster Preparedness Awareness Day.

The objectives of this awareness day are to ensure everyone in the Peterson Complex understands the current security posture and the meaning of increased vigilance; know antiterrorism, force protection and disaster preparedness measures; and identify how all personnel can help ensure a smooth move from one security posture to another.

During the day Tuesday, members of the 21st Space Wing will attend educational briefings at the base auditorium and units will conduct in-house training. All personnel working on Peterson are welcome to attend the briefings. The 21 SW is looking at ways to disseminate the briefings to all organizations on Peterson.

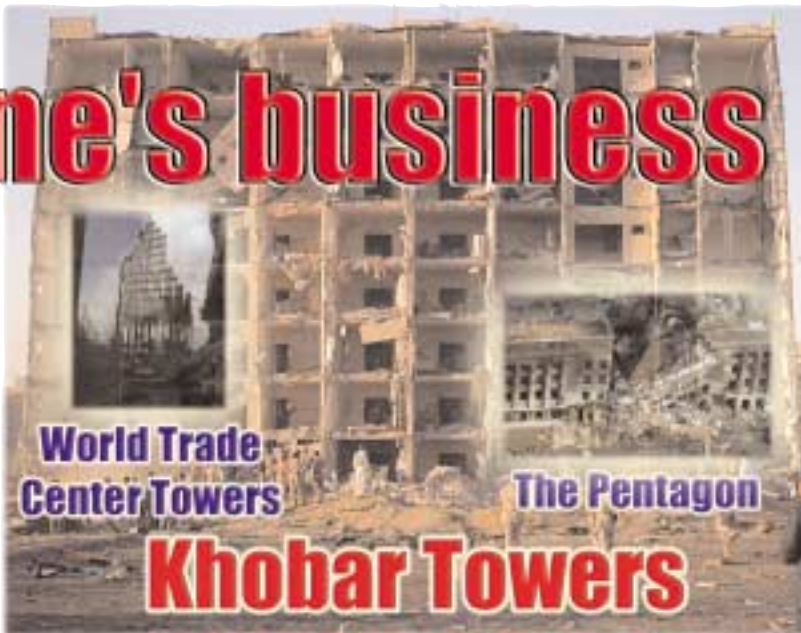
"We want to get past the point where people require validation of the wing's security actions," Alston said. "We learned a lot of good lessons over the last three weeks, especially on Sept. 11 when we had to transition to a high security posture very quickly.

"We want to capitalize on those lessons and educate everyone on our force protection requirements. We want the base to understand what automatic actions we plan to take in the future and how they can help us when we have to respond to local or national threats."

The awareness day agenda includes briefings on

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the current base security posture, traffic patterns, requirements for vehicle searches and the planned actions to transition to a higher security posture.

Briefers will also touch on personal safety, driving safety, anti-terrorism measures and disaster preparedness information such as the meaning of the different base siren sounds and what actions need to be taken.

"We really want to energize our people about all aspects of our security response plans," said Alston. "We also would like all our members-which include active-duty, Guard, reserve, civilian, contractors, retirees and family members-to know and practice good personal antiterrorism measures."

"There are many things we can do to help protect ourselves, whether on the installation, around Colorado Springs, or traveling around the country," he said.

Tuesday evening, there will be a town hall meeting for all family members living on Peterson Air Force Base, 7 p.m., in the base auditorium.

Retirees living around Colorado Springs will also have a chance to attend the briefings. Similar information will be provided during the regular retiree meeting on Thursday, 2:30 p.m., in building 350.

"Our family members and our retirees are also a very important part of our planning process," he said. "They should understand what increased vigilance

means and how they can be our eyes and ears out in the community.

"The way we operate on and around Peterson changed Sept. 11th. We want to educate everyone who comes to Peterson Complex installations so they can help us in our security and antiterrorism efforts."

AT/FP/DP Reminder

"It is everyone's responsibility to help protect themselves and the nation. Vigilance is the key. Pay attention to the world around you, pay attention when things appear to be out of place, and report unusual situations, activities, items, or behaviors to the security forces and the OSI. Force Protection begins with you."

To report suspicious activities, call the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 556-4357.

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Gate Closure

The West Gate will be closed Monday. The East Gate will be open 24-hours on Monday. The West Gate will reopen Tuesday at 5 a.m.

A general farewell

After 38 years of service, Gen. Shelton says goodbye

By Gen. Henry Shelton
Chairman of the joint chiefs of staff

As my tenure as chairman comes to a close, I want to express my deep appreciation to all soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, coastguardsmen and civilians who ensure the freedom of our great nation.

Our military is the premiere fighting force in the world. You have made it so.

Through your joint approach to operations, exercises and initiatives, you have taken the best each service has to offer and melded those talents into an

unparalleled team--a team that stands ready to answer the president's call in the campaign against terrorism.

Gen. Dick Myers will soon assume the duties of the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and will be an outstanding leader.

He will count on you as our nation confronts the challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you for your unselfish devotion to duty and your outstanding work--you have been an inspiration. For 38 years now I have traveled a remarkably rewarding road, enjoying every twist and turn. It is time for me to blaze a new trail in retirement.

Carolyn joins me in bidding farewell to you and your families.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served alongside such brave and dedicated men and women.



Photo courtesy of 21st SW Safety office

Traffic safety

Because of terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, Peterson Air Force Base has been at a heightened state of alert, affecting traffic into and out of the base. Morning traffic at the main gate is often backed up onto Highway 24. The 21st Space Wing safety office reminds everyone that the east gate is open from 5 to 9 a.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m. The west gate is open 24 hours. However, the west gate will be closed Monday for a bridge survey. The gate will reopen at 5 a.m. Tuesday. The main gate will be open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and the east gate will be open 24 hours on Monday. Regular hours will resume Tuesday morning.

News in Brief

Red Cross thanks

■ The Red Cross would like to thank all the people who donated food for the service members of the Peterson Complex during this time of extended work hours and heightened security.

To volunteer at the Red Cross, call 556-7590.

Crime Stoppers

■ Because of recent terrorist incidents in the United States, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 803 at Peterson Air Force Base is asking the military community to report any and all suspicious activity immediately.

If you see a suspicious activity and

you wish to reach an AFOSI agent immediately, please call the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 556-4357.

Uniform changes

■ Because of the heightened security posture following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, the chief of staff of the Air Force has directed that wear of the uniform while traveling commercially is prohibited.

Hispanic heritage

■ The Peterson Air Force Base Hispanic Heritage Committee will have a bi-lingual Catholic mass Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Chapel.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jose Hernandez at 474-4470.

New e-mail

■ The *Space Observer* has a new e-mail address. It is space.observer@peterson.af.mil.

Send story submissions, ideas, news briefs and any other information you would like to have considered for publication to the new address.

Make a Difference

■ The "Make a Difference Day 2001" will be Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

More than 500 volunteers are needed for projects around the local area. Projects include painting, clean-up, sorting food, housework, reading to children and setting up for a Halloween party. Locations include the Youth

Outreach Center, the Ronald McDonald House, the Silver Key Nursing Home, the food bank and the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

For more information or to volunteer for a specific activity, call the Family Support Center at 556-6141 or 556-9268.

Town Hall meeting

■ A Town Hall meeting for all military families living both on base and off base will be held at the base auditorium Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The meeting will focus on force protection, anti-terrorism, disaster preparedness, local threats and safety issues as a part of the wing-wide awareness campaign.

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Action Lines can make Peterson a better place to live and work.



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

All agencies join effort against terror

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—It's a war, but there is no declaration of war. The enemy is not a nation, but a shadowy group of terrorists.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon, U.S. officials declared terrorism is "a clear and present danger" to the United States.

President Bush signed an executive order on Sept. 14 declaring a "national emergency by reason of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, New York, New York, and the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on the United States."

Before Sept. 11, few people could conceive of a terrorist turning modern jetliners into guided missiles. Now the war against these terror networks will be unlike any in America's past — in this war, the military will play a part, but just a part, in finding and stamping out the terror networks.

DoD has responded in a massive way. The president authorized the department to call to active duty up to 50,000 reserve component service members. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld signed deployment orders for active and reserve personnel. DoD began positioning units where they will do the most good should the president call on them.

The Justice Department will play a large role in tracking terror cells in the United States and thwarting internal threats. Attorney General John Ashcroft said

all federal law enforcement agencies are working with local and state officials to track any terrorists operating in the United States. Based on that and other intelligence, Ashcroft said there is a "potential for additional terrorist incidents."

The State Department is working with friends and allies worldwide to isolate the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. State Department officials are also working to build coalitions to attack global terror networks. State already has had some successes. The United Arab Emirates withdrew its recognition of the Taliban on Sept. 22, and Saudi Arabia followed suit Sept. 24.

U.S. officials have also been working with Pakistan, the one country that still has relations with Afghanistan, to pressure Taliban leaders to turn over Osama bin Laden and shut down his Al Qaeda network in the country.

The Transportation Department is working to thwart further hijackings and is using the Coast Guard to ensure port facilities are safe. Transportation plans to use National Guardsmen to help augment security at U.S. airports.

The Treasury Department is working to choke off the money that is the lifeblood of terror networks. Bush, on Sept. 24, announced his executive order striking "the financial foundation of the global terror network" by freezing the assets of 27 terrorist organizations, leaders, corporate fronts and several nonprofit organizations. Other countries are joining this attack.

This interagency cooperation must continue to



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Under the flag, the armed forces of the United States stand together, ready to fight for their country.

grow, DoD officials said. Legislation is before Congress to allow law enforcement and national security agencies to exchange intelligence, for example.

Officials said closer cooperation is needed to defeat the terror networks. "Some of the elements of terrorism are best defeated by some of our law enforcement agencies, the Central Intelligence Agency, economic tools can come into play," said Gen. Henry Shelton, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "You have to put it all together. As a military individual, I am very happy with what I see at the interagency approach to the campaign against terrorism. And that'll make it considerably more effective than just trying to use one tool that's in the kit bag."

Spontaneous Pentagon memorial to victims grows daily

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va.,--As her father held her in his arms, Samantha Murphy, 4, asked him about the big board full of American flags and handwritten notes they were looking at. "This is a place where people can say goodbye," he said.

They were visiting a place where hundreds of people have said goodbye to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The place is called "the memorial." It's a place where a few people first laid a bunch of flowers and mementos on a green hillside near the Pentagon crash site. Then, in the days that followed, others came along and added more flowers, handwritten notes, teddy bears, flags, posters, candles, soft drinks and a host of other items.

Army Maj. Ken Murphy and his wife, Kris, were visiting the memorial with their young daughters, Samantha, and Danielle, 2.

"We were telling Samantha that sometimes people make bad choices and a lot of people from other countries made bad choices and did this," said Maj. Ken Murphy, who works at the Pentagon in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

Murphy said the memorial would "help guys like me who have been so busy since this happened. We went into what we've been trained to do. It has been almost two weeks now, and this is the first time I've really looked outside the building.

"So it (the memorial) helps to put things into perspective," Murphy said. "It will keep what happened in people's

minds for a long time and they will not forget about the lives that were lost."

Most of the people visiting the memorial seemed to be civilians, Murphy said. "I don't think the press has brought out the fact that the majority of the people killed inside were civilians--people who were just doing their jobs," he said.

When nine-year-old Sarah Hay of Haddonfield, N.J., found out her family was coming to Washington, she told her mother she wanted to see the Pentagon crash site.

Her mother, Franjee Hay, said, "We were coming for her grandfather's 75th birthday and she said, Mom, we're going to Washington; can we see the Pentagon?"

"I said do you really want to see it," Franjee Hay said. "She said, 'Yeah, I think I really, really need to see it.' I said yes because I think it's something they'll never forget. They have to see it so they'll never forget it."

Sarah said she wanted to see the crash site "because I wanted to tell my class about what happened, and how bad this was, and that we should pray for people who died."

Her brother, George, 12, said he wanted to see the Pentagon, too. "It seemed so horrible," the sixth-grader said. "Seeing it on TV doesn't really tell you what's going on. You have to see it for yourself to really realize what the horror is. Now that I've seen it, I realize how bad this was. It was just horrible. It just seemed like a movie from the TV."

George said he'd definitely talk to his class at Haddonfield Middle School about the Pentagon crash site and the memorial. Sarah is a fourth grader at



Photo by Rudi Williams

"Never give up. Never give in. Never forget. Never again." Seen at a memorial created near the Pentagon to honor those killed in the terrorist attack there Sept. 11.

Central Elementary School in Haddonfield.

Their mother said seeing the Pentagon brings closure for them. "It's important that they realize that it's not just a picture on television -- this really happened," she said. "They were ready to come see this. But I don't think I would take them to the New York site because that would be a little bit too overwhelming--it's too big. But I appreciate that she wanted to see the Pentagon. She'll remember this forever."

New commander takes reigns of 21st Logistics Group

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout
21st SW Public Affairs

Col. Alvin B. Strait, inspector general for the 21st Space Wing, took command of the 21st Logistics Group from Col. Douglas P. Cook in a ceremony Sept. 28.

Cook retired after 25 years of service.

"We lose a great leader today," said Kehler. "We lose someone who has grown up at all levels of the Air Force from squadron level all the way to the Pentagon. We lose 25 years of experience."

Though the Air Force and the logistics group lose a lot of experience, Cook's successor is ready to handle the load.

Strait has served in several squadron positions, which will enable him to fulfill the duties of logistics commander.

His experience includes various maintenance officer positions and commander of several logistics squadrons. Before returning to the wing level, he was chief for both the Precision Engagement Branch and Force Integration Branch of the Force Applications Division, Directorate of Requirements for Headquarters Air Force Space Command.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education at Brigham Young University, followed by a master's degree of arts from the

"My leadership philosophy is do your job, work hard, and we'll play hard."

Col. Alvin B. Strait
21st Logistics Group Commander

University of Arkansas. Strait graduated from Air Force Squadron Officer's School, Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and Air War College.

Over the past 25 years, Strait has earned the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with two leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

In accepting the guidon of command, Strait said, "I'm not Col. Doug Cook, it's obvious he's a lot better looking and a lot smarter than I am, but we have one thing in common. We are dedicated to the fight and to the men and women of the logistics group."

"My leadership philosophy is do your job, work hard, and we'll play hard," Strait added.



18 SPSS feels the effects of Sept. 11

By Maj. Samuel McNeil
Detachment 3, Maui, Hawaii

The events of Sept. 11 changed America in many ways.

In our system of government, the military is a reflection of society; so it stands to reason that the military also changed. Evidence of that change is even felt on a small island in the Pacific, at a contractor-operated site, Detachment 3, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron, Maui, Hawaii.

There are many obvious signs of those changes. We've tightened security and raised our ever-present vigilance.

Entering and leaving buildings requires more time than it did before. Through cooperation with the adjacent national park, we've closed some roads. Although there are some obvious changes, they probably aren't the most important.

We are used to taking the fight to the bad guys on their soil, before they get to us. Our oft-quoted statistic that no US soldier had been killed by an air-breathing enemy airframe since the Korean conflict crumbled with the Pentagon walls.

One of the distinguishing traits of great combat leaders at all levels is the ability to rapidly grasp new operational environments, threats, and tactics.

Now is the time for all of

us, from Maui to the arctic, to ensure we have made the mental changes to adapt to the new operating environment.

At Det. 3 we were well prepared. We had just aced a 14th Air Force Standardization and Evaluation Team inspection. We did our part to help the squadron earn high praise during the Operational Readiness Inspection by having our personnel and contractors primed and focused.

This effort paid off when we had to move from simulated war to real hostilities. Our team made the transition flawlessly. Now our challenge is to not slip back into the old ways of doing things as our lives get back to normal.

Some changes were changes of degree, not changes of direction. Keeping our mission on line, while always important, is now even more paramount.

Our practice of operational and communications security rose to new levels of importance in our minds, and we need to keep it there. Force Protection, while always challenging even on Maui, is now critical. The sacrifice of personal conveniences is understood.

The most fundamental change is to think in new ways. The battlefield has changed, and so must we.

Det. 3 stands ready to use

the sensors in new ways if asked, and to provide ideas on how to use them that others may not have thought of. We're keeping personal and spiritual lives balanced so we can stay focused on the mission without distraction or worry.

Make no mistake, at Maui and across 21st Space Wing, we must not accept the idea that we're just supporting the war fighters; we are the war fighters.

Whether that means defending our sites or providing data so someone else can deliver justice to those who attacked the United States, we all share the mission of protecting America.

We must be mentally agile enough to rapidly adjust our thinking as new situations develop.

It sounds simple, but its application will prove very difficult. We must stay mentally nimble enough to never lose our ability to find and exploit enemy weaknesses.

No one in the world has a chance against us if we stay flexible and adapt to changes.

The way to prepare for changes is to know our systems inside and out. We must know our history because there are



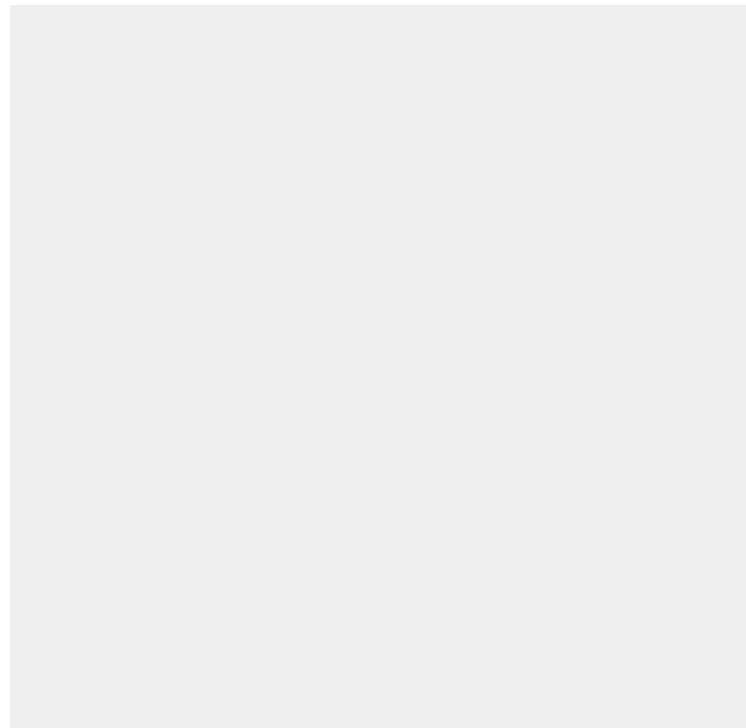
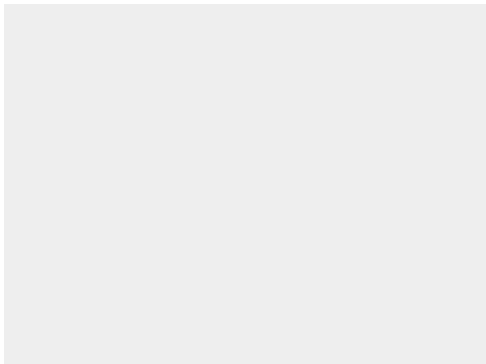
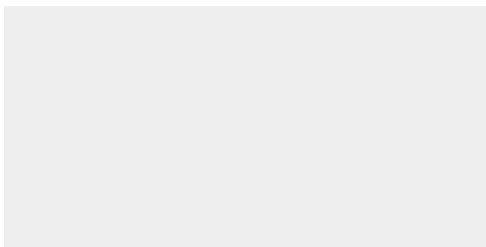
lessons to be learned from it. We must know what we stand for and stand on—that's what makes us Americans.

Finally, we must know our doctrine so we have a common starting point. Knowing these things, along with our training, enables us to adjust to any environment.

Aerospace power is still best used as an offensive

weapon and we're still the best in the world at wielding that power.

We took a bad blow on Sept. 11, but wars aren't ever won or lost by a single battle.



Marrow donor program needs volunteers

By Tech. Sgt. Kristin Clark
21st SW Manpower Office

The C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Center needs volunteers to join the National Marrow Donor Registry. A donor could save the life of a critically ill patient.



The next registration drive will be Oct. 23 at the Peterson Air Force Base Chapel, Room 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eligible donors include active duty military members and their dependents, civil service employees, and National Guard members or reservists. Donors must be in good health and between the ages of 18 and 60. Registration is free and only takes about 15 minutes.

At the donor registration drive volunteers can learn more about the program, fill out consent forms and provide a small one-tube blood sample. Donors, in the registry until age 60, will be contacted if

they ever become a preliminary match for a patient. After further testing and more education on the process, they will have the choice to give the gift of life.

Marrow donations from DoD personnel are performed at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and there is no cost at any time to the government or the donor.

The surgery is done under local or general anesthesia and takes less than two hours with a typical one-night hospital stay.

Bone marrow is extracted from the back of the pelvic bone with a needle and syringe technique. The small amount



Courtesy photo

A recruitment specialist from the Department of Defense marrow donor center processes blood samples and consent forms of potential marrow donors.

of marrow removed replenishes itself within weeks, so, generally, the only effect the donor feels is a little soreness at the extraction site.

Each year more than 30,000 adults and children are diagnosed with leukemia and other fatal blood diseases, and more than 70 percent must search for a matching donor outside of their immediate families.

To date, the National Marrow Donor Program has enabled more than 10,000 unrelated transplants using donors from the more than four million registered.

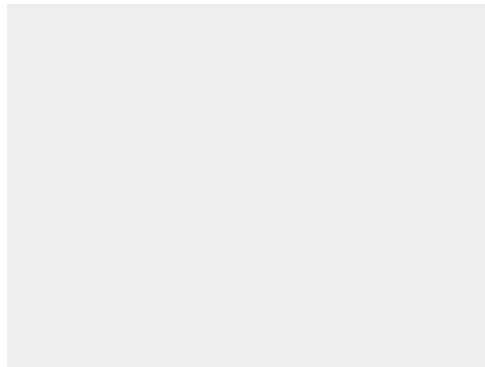
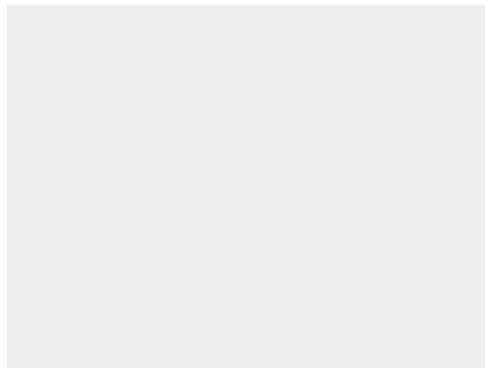
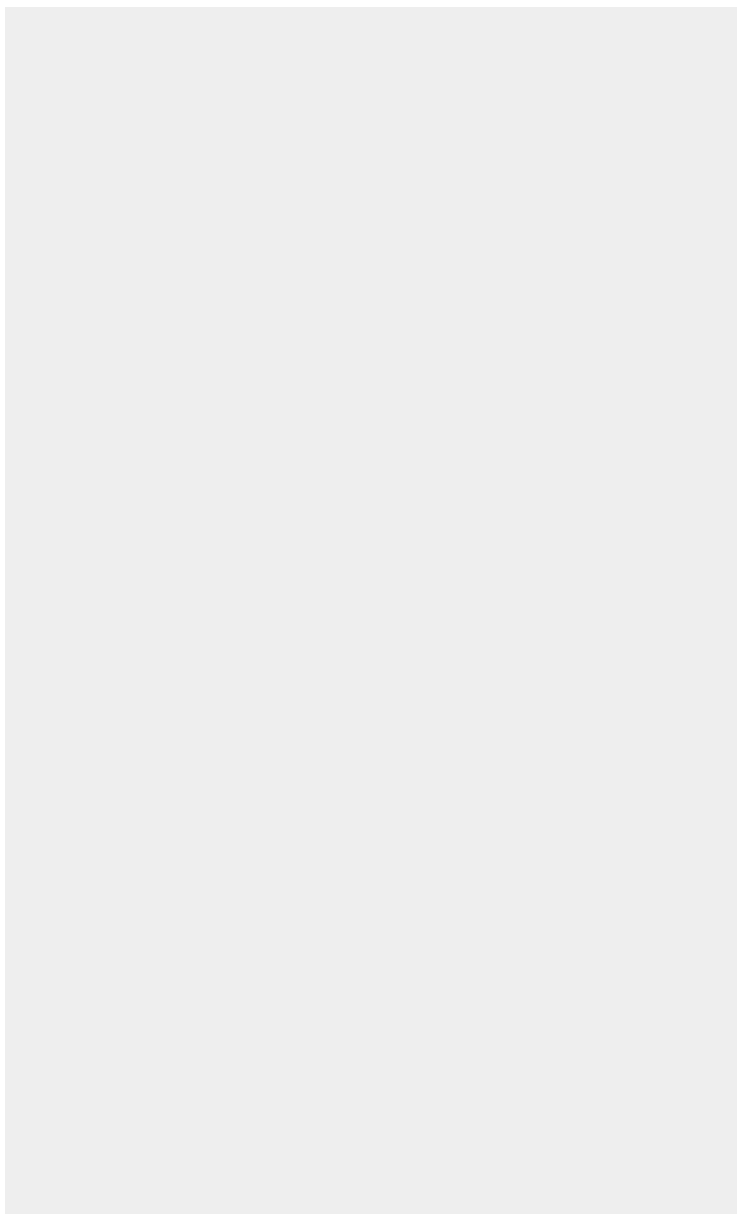
DoD figures show 791 transplants and more than 240,000 registered donors.

The odds of patients finding a lifesaving match improve as more potential donors are added to the registry.

In addition to its humanitarian mission, the DoD donor program has a military contingency mission to provide immediate donor searches in the event of a mass casualty incident involving chemical agents or nuclear exposure that damages bone marrow.

For more information or to schedule an educational 10-minute briefing for your unit or group, call 556-8474.

You can also learn more by calling the DoD Marrow Donor Center at 1-800-MARROW3, or by visiting www.dodmarrow.org.



Today

- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Family Advocacy Center.
- Yoga, 12:05 p.m., at the Fitness Center.
- 5K fun run, 11:30 a.m., at the Fitness Center.

Saturday

- Youth soccer pictures, 1 p.m., at the Youth Center.

Monday

- Family Advocacy Center closed.
- Officer's Club closed.
- Enlisted Club closed.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:45 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
- CSB/REDUX briefing, 1-4 p.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Keystone Club meeting, 6 p.m., at the Youth Center.
- Karate, 5-7:30 p.m., at the Youth Center.
- Pasta buffet, 5-7 p.m., at the Enlisted Club.

Wednesday

- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Family Advocacy Center.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott McNabb

Air Force soccer

Juan Garcia, from Lackland AFB, Texas, takes the ball down field during the Air Force Soccer Team's practice. The Air Force team is competing in the Armed Forces Soccer Championship games that are being played at the Naval Station in Everett, Wash., through Oct. 6. The tournament is a double round robin, with each team playing one game each day of the six-day event. If the Air Force wins the championship this year, it will be their third consecutive crown and a first in the tournament's history.

- Story time, 10 a.m., at the Library.
- Smooth Move Summary, 9-9:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Going Overseas briefing, 8-9 a.m., at the Family Support Center.

Thursday

- Karate, 5-7:30 p.m., at the Youth Center.
- Homework help, 5-7 p.m., at the Youth Center.
- Job orientation, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Play Group, 10:30 a.m.- 12:00p.m., at the Chapel.

Oct. 12

- Yoga, 12:05 p.m., at the Fitness Center.
- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Family Advocacy Center.
- Ski Expo, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Enlisted Club.
- 5K run, 11:30 a.m., at the technical support facility at Cheyenne Mountain. There is a \$1 fee.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy Center 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support Center 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442

Community Notes

Community News

TRAGEDY SUPPORT GROUP:

The Family Support Center is offering a support group for people who want to discuss the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

Coffee and cookies will be provided and participants may bring a lunch. Groups will meet Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center, Building 350, Room 1016.

For more information, call 556-6141.

MOVEMENT OF PETERSON

CLASSES: All classes from the four on-base colleges and universities have been moved off base to the Centennial Campus for the remainder of this term.

For more information, call Pikes Peak Community College at 574-1169.

RECYCLING CENTER

RELOCATION: The Refuse and Recycling Center has relocated temporarily to the parking lot behind Building 678.

For details, call 556-1458.

AUTO SKILLS CENTER: The Auto Skills Center now offers emissions testing and VIN verification Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

COMMON ACCESS CARDS:

Common Access Cards were implemented Thursday, so DEERS at Peterson Air Force Base will be down today for software upgrade.

Common Access Cards are only available to active duty members. Each card will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.

ULTIMATE MEMBERSHIP

"DRIVE":The 2001 Officer and Enlisted Club Ultimate Membership "Drive" continues through Nov. 18.

All club members who sign up during this time are eligible for automobiles that will be given away to club members.

For information about club membership, call the clubs.

CUSTOMER SERVICE IS ON-

LINE: Answers to commonly asked questions concerning Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance are available on-line at PeteCentral.

GIRL SCOUTS: The Girl Scouts are looking for girls between five and 17 years old to join the Girl Scouts.

For more information, call 597-8603, ext. 32.

SAFE HALLOWEEN: The Southeast Family Center YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region will have a "Safe Halloween at the YMCA," Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m., at Sierra High School.

There is a \$.50 entrance fee. For more information, call 393-9620, ext. 130.

Youth Center

BASKETBALL: Youth basketball sign-ups will begin Nov. 1.

COACHES NEEDED: Coaches are needed for youth baseball, soccer and basketball. Call the Youth Center for details.

SOCCER PICTURES: The youth soccer picture day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 5-6 p.m., for 7-9-year-olds, and Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-noon, for 3-6-year-olds.

Vote

ON BASE VOTING: Chap. (Maj.) Norman Ellis, base voting officer, reminds everyone to vote.

Call the voting hotline number at 556-8683 or log on to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Website at www.fvap.ncr.gov.

CFC drive

CFC: The Combined Federal Campaign will run through Nov. 6.

The campaign helps a number of different charities and human assistance agencies.

The money is distributed to charitable agencies that donors designate to receive their contributions.

AAPI meeting

AAPI EMPLOYMENT MEETING: The next meeting of the Asian American/Pacific Islander Employment Program will be Tuesday, 3 p.m., in the atrium, Building 350.

For more information, call Yong Sharp at 567-4501.

Right start

RIGHT START BRIEFING: The 21st Mission Support Squadron will have a Right Start briefing Oct. 16 and Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Enlisted Club.

The event combines the Newcomer's Briefing and the Information Fair.

For more information, call 556-7525.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant Services

Liturgical Worship

8:15 a.m.

Traditional Sunday

Worship

11 a.m.

Gospel Services

12:30 p.m.

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Catholic Services

Mass

Weekdays

11:35 a.m.

Saturdays

5 p.m.

Sundays

9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

4 p.m.

Religious Education

Adult and

pre K-12th grade

Sundays

8:30 a.m.



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Band of the Rockies tours with America's 'Grandpa Gus'

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The U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies is half finished with a 12-day tour through the American southwest. As tours go, it's relatively short and might be considered unremarkable for a unit that puts on more than 600 performances a year. A few things, however, keep it from being "just another tour."

The first, say band members, is that there is no such thing as "just another tour." Every tour and every performance is special because the audience makes it so. Second is, it is the first tour conducted solely by the band's deputy commander, Capt. Matthew S. Henry. "It's an important part of his training," said Lt. Col. Carl Chevillard, band commander. "He's ready."

Finally, this tour adds a guest performer and a new dimension to an already popular performing troupe. Wilford Brimley of "Cocoon" and "Our House" fame has volunteered his time and talent to help make these performances an unforgettable experience for performers and audiences alike.

Often portrayed as an endearing, if gruff, curmudgeon, the actor appeared true to character during Sept. 28 rehearsals with the band at its Peterson Air Force Base headquarters. Following a monosyllabic greeting and curt nod acknowledging the band's applause and welcome, it was straight to business for Brimley.

Clearing his throat, asking for nothing more than water, he began to read an original narrative written by band member Master Sgt. John Bailey, saxophone. Employing a voice that is as much a well-tuned instrument as those played by the band members, Brimley told the story of heroes who lived and died to secure

America's freedom. Momentarily overcome by the power of the stories he told, his voice broke.

"This stuff makes me bawl," he cracked. "How am I supposed to get through this?" A fleeting grin, he remarked on the beautifully-written work, and then for him it was back to work.

Using the powerful voice America has come to associate with Gus Witherspoon, shoot-from-the-hip grandfather on the television show "Our House," Brimley continued with what he referred to as a "call to arms."

Bailey's narrative, written prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, ended with a celebratory reminder of the peace Americans enjoy. Brimley reminded band members that these are not peaceful times and requested a modification of the closing phrase. The performance now includes Brimley's call to arms, a call the Korean War veteran and former Marine knows well.

Although America may know him from "Cocoon" or "The Firm," and may refer to him (depending on the age of the speaker) as "the oatmeal guy" or the "diabetes guy", his every behavior says "once a Marine, always a Marine."

The narrative rehearsal ended with the Marine Corps theme, "The Halls of Montezuma." Even before he finished speaking, Brimley rose to his feet in a sharp salute to the Corps and the nation it serves.

By this time next week, the Band of the Rockies will be home, preparing for its next performance. To these seasoned professionals, however, this will not be "just another tour." It will be the one The USAF Band of the Rockies shared with America's favorite grandpa.



Sgt. D.K. Grant

Photos, from top left, clockwise: U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies assistant conductor Capt. Matthew Henry leads the band in a rousing patriotic tune. Members of the woodwinds pay close attention to Henry's lead. Guest narrator Wilford Brimley, television and film star, waits for his cue while musicians Master Sgt Cheryl White and Tech. Sgt. Sandra Tiemens play the music accompanying the story of the World War II Navajo Code Talkers. The musicians are playing Indian flute. Tech. Sgt. Julie Fowler uses her wide vocal range to convey a variety of emotions during her rehearsal solo. Master Sgt. John Gohl, below, exhibits the trombone skill that earned him the position as musical director for the band ensemble "Stellar Brass." Master Sgt. John Bailey, bottom left, not only plays a mean sax, he wrote the narrative that Brimley read throughout the band's recent 12-day tour. Master Sgt. Joseph Spaniola, arranger, and Chief Master Sergeant Randy Doersch, horn, listen intently while Brimley finishes his solo rendition of "Danny Boy." Henry and woodwinds musician Master Sgt. William Murray look over the musical score in preparation for the next number while Brimley finishes his solo.

U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies

*Touching the soul of the world
through the magic of music*

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Ever hear music so powerful you could actually feel it pulse through your veins? Remember the last time you heard music that changed how you felt about the world? Sept. 28, 2001, Peterson Air Force Base: The U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies—and it was only rehearsal.

The Band of the Rockies is one of two premier Air Force bands (the other is in Washington D.C.), the mission of which is to build public trust and support for the Air Force through the emotional impact of music. The band's 75 members, in nine possible groupings, accomplish its mission by presenting more than 600 performances per year.

Whether it's "Wild Blue Country" at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., or "Blue Steel" jamming in Germany, on any given night, you'll find a Rockies ensemble out there telling the Air Force story, reminding kids to stay in school, or teaching music to high school students as part of the Education Outreach Program.

Complementing the matchless musical skill of its instrumental musicians are vocalists whose talent and range will water your eyes. Their repertoire includes generations of patriotic songs, rock, country, popular ballads, reverential hymns and jazz ala Pearl Bailey.

It is perhaps no coincidence that one band member, Master Sgt. William E. Murray Jr., is Bailey's nephew. Murray, who plays woodwinds, is typical of the caliber of musicians who perform in The Band of the Rockies (if they can be called typical). With a bachelor in music and a master in music composition, his performance resume reads like a who's who of jazz. He's performed with his aunt, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis, Lou Rawls, and more. He is the music director for the nationally known "Falconaires Jazz Band"

Beyond their extensive performance experience and formal education (masters degrees are

common), most Band of Rockies performers play more than one instrument.

For example, Master Sgt. Cheryl White and Tech. Sgt. Sandra Tiemens, play easily identified instruments, like the flute and piccolo, as well as less commonly known instruments like the Indian flute. Tiemens, enlisted since 1997, performed for the Air Force Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base until November, when she was accepted for the Band of the Rockies. White has a few more years under her belt, coming to the Band of the Rockies in 1993. Like Tiemens, however, she came into the band as a technical sergeant.

All musicians in The USAF Band of the Rockies are promoted to Technical Sergeant on their first duty day with the unit, band arranger Tech. Sgt. Joseph Spaniola said. The performers are enlisted, and the Commander and Deputy Commander, who are also the unit's two conductors, are commissioned. Spaniola, who holds a doctorate in composition, has been an Air Force member less than three years. While he may be learning the ropes as a noncommissioned officer, he's a subject matter expert in his field, and works closely with conductors like Deputy Commander/Associate Conductor Capt. Matthew Henry. A member of the Air Force since 1997, Henry's resume rings of classical training, but his energy on stage is more Jimi Hendricks than Johann Sebastian Bach. As a part of his band officer training, Henry has been assigned as primary conductor for this tour. "He's ready!" said the band's Commander, Lt.Col. Carl Chevallard.

When it's coupled with lyrics from vocalists like Tech. Sgts. Julie Fowler, John Teamer and Nancy Poffenbarger, and Master Sgt. Randall Ward, the result is the upwelling emotion which choked up guest narrator Wilford Brimley, now touring with the band throughout the American southwest.

No slouch in the vocal department, Brimley returned the heart-stopping favor, holding the band rapt with his rendition of "Danny Boy."

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Sports

Shorts

Youth flag football- The youth flag football season has been cancelled.

5K fun run- There will be a 5K fun run today. Cost is \$1. Deadline for registration and start time is 11:30 a.m., today. Meet in front of the fitness center.

CMAFS 5K fun run- There will be a 5K fun run Oct. 12. Cost is \$1 per person. Start time is 11:30 a.m., Meet in front of the Technical Support Facility at Cheyenne Mountain.

Call 556-1515 for more information.

Singles racquetball tournament- There is a singles racquetball tournament scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday. Cost is \$5 per per-

son. Deadline for registration is Tuesday. Game times are between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Call 556-1515 for more information.

Singles racquetball tournament- There will be a singles racquetball tournament Oct. 22-25. Cost is \$5 per person. Deadline for registration is Oct. 15. Games will be played between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call 556-1515 for details.

Doubles tennis tournament- There will be a doubles tennis tournament Oct. 22-25. Cost is \$10 per team. Deadline for registration is Oct. 15. Game times are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Coaches meeting- A flag football coaches meeting will

be held Monday at noon in gym 2.

Call 556-4475 for more information.

Challenge patches- Earn 14er Challenge patches, one for each of the 56 Colorado peaks over 14,000 feet, on the climbing wall at the fitness center.

Call 556-1515 for details.

Personal trainers- Personal trainers are available to assist Peterson Complex members.

For more information, call 556-4462.

Youth council members needed- The Youth Center needs volunteers to form the Peterson Air Force Base Youth Sports Council.

For details, call the Youth Center at 556-7220.

