



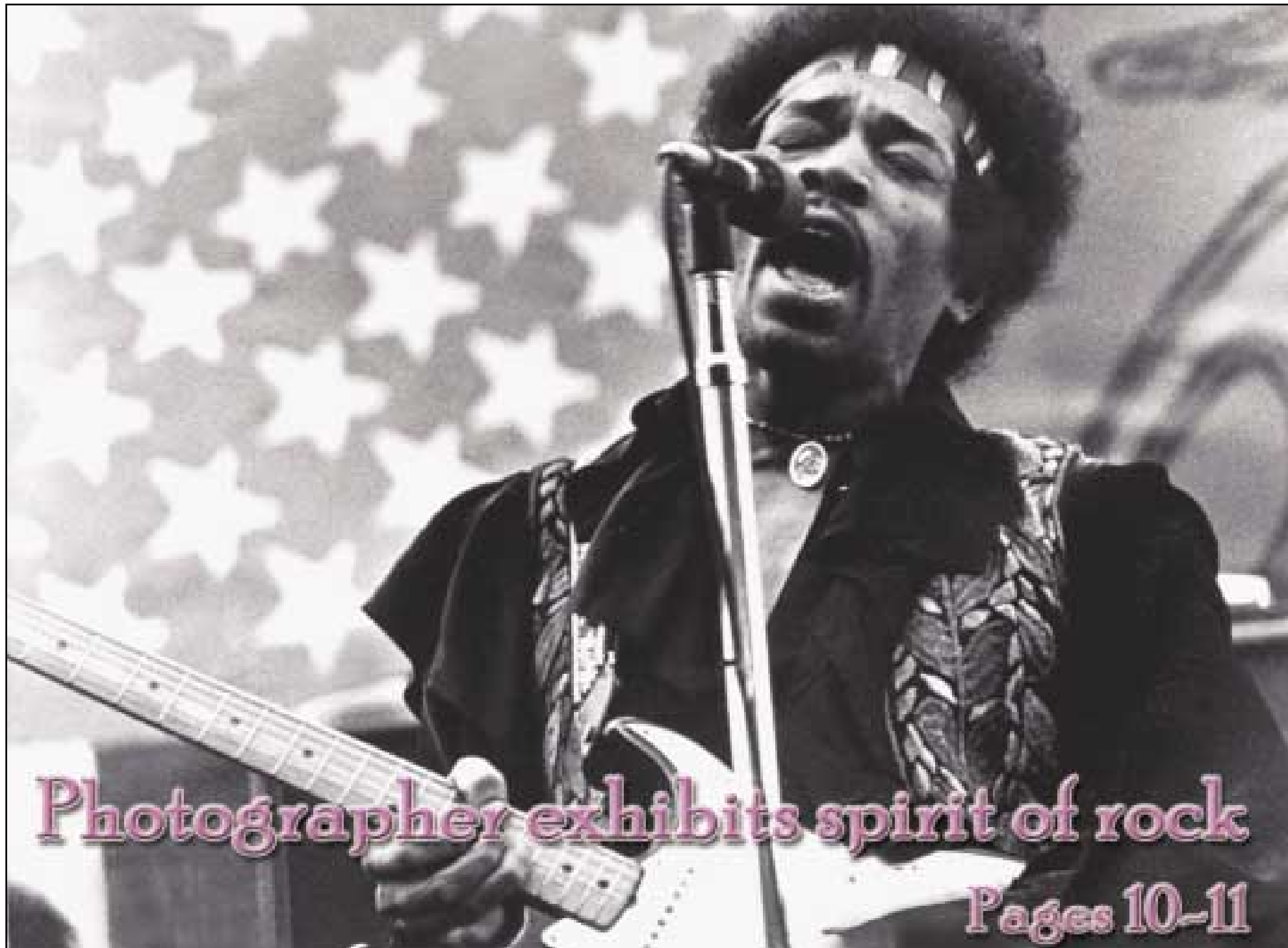
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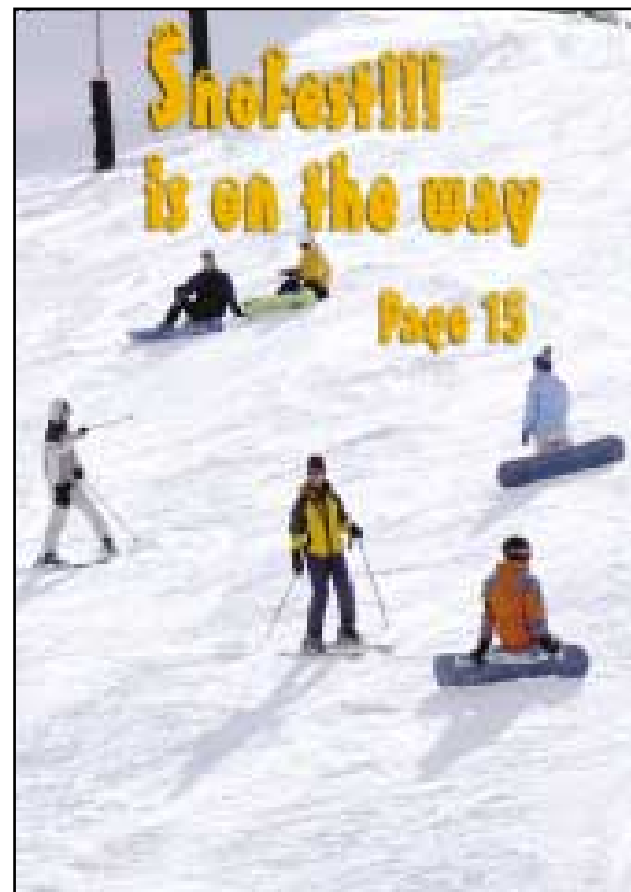


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Photo by 1st Lt. Michael Andrews

Inspirational performance

The Contemporary/Inspirational Service Choir sings "Lift Every Voice and Sing" during a Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service Friday at the Base Chapel. Sister Johnnie Marie Dotson also gave an a capella performance. Guest speaker, the Reverend Jim Dotson encouraged celebrating the accomplishments and legacy of the past, because sacrifices for the victories of freedom must be preserved. In closing, Reverend Dotson asked, "If it's not worth dying for, is it really worth living for?"

Action Lines

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct link to the 21st Space Wing Commander. We suggest you first try to resolve problems at the lowest level possible – with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.

Though it's not required, we ask that you leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn't printed. If you can't get satisfactory results, call 556-7777. Or you can fax your question to 556-7848.

Gate gripe

Question: Can something be done about getting the East Gate to work properly? I work at the Area Dental Laboratory, and I am supposed to be at work at 5 a.m. I was made late for work because the gate would not open. The outgoing gate worked, and instead of letting us go through that gate, the officer made everybody wait until another officer came to help him open the inbound gate.

Answer: We are aware there have been some minor mechanical problems due to the cold weather at the inbound lane at the East Gate. Our Security Forces will continue to ensure our entry controllers are in

place early enough "just in case" to handle any gate malfunction prior to the opening time. While it may seem reasonable to use the outbound gate to gain entry, this is a safety and procedural issue – we would never allow this except in unusual circumstances, especially in icy and cold weather. As you've hopefully noticed, this problem was reported to Civil Engineering, and the gate opening/electrical circuit problem has been repaired. If you have further questions, please call Master Sgt. Scott McCalla at 556-8235.

Integrity first

Question: Is it the policy of the clinic that active duty members can sign their dependents in so they can get active duty priority? My wife and daughter went to the clinic to get a flu shot, and an active duty service member signed his family in for flu shots as active duty and then promptly left the building, not returning, and the family was able to be seen in active duty priority status.

Answer: The 21st Medical Group policy is that if active duty members in uniform accompany their dependents (and stay with them) in Immunizations, Laboratory, and Pharmacy, they can sign in as "active

duty in uniform" and receive priority service. It is not the policy that an active duty member can sign in his or her family as "active duty in uniform," then depart. It was inappropriate of the active duty member to leave the clinic after signing in his family just to let them get priority service. Supervisors in Immunizations, Laboratory, and Pharmacy briefed the respective staffs on this issue and reminded them of the policy. In certain circumstances, because of manning and the workload, our clinic staff will have to rely on the integrity of the individual to remain with their family members during the time the family is in the clinic. For example, the Pharmacy is so busy on a regular basis that they rely on the integrity of our active duty members to follow the policy on a full time basis. The other clinics sometimes experience similar demand for services and would have a diminished capacity to ensure active duty members stay with their family after signing them in. No matter how busy our staff is, they will take action to enforce the policy if they are aware that someone is trying to "game" the system. If you have further questions, call Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Williams, at 556-1118 for Immunizations; 1st Lt. Carolann Miller, at 556-1042 for Laboratory; and Maj. Marsha Vanpelt, at 556-1098 for Pharmacy.



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A Moment in Time



■ **Jan. 23, 1918** – The Allied Expeditionary Force makes the first American military balloon ascension.

■ **Jan. 25, 1949** – The U.S. Air Force adopts a slate-blue uniform.

■ **Jan. 26, 1946** – Col. William Council, flying a P-80, sets a new cross-country record of 4 hours, 13 minutes and 23 seconds.

■ **Jan. 27, 1939** – The XP-38 makes its first flight.

■ **Jan. 27, 1957** – The last operational P-51 fighter is retired to the Air Force museum.

■ **Jan. 27, 1991** – Coalition aircraft attain air supremacy in the Gulf War after 10 days of aerial combat.

■ **Jan. 28, 1984** – The first U.S. Air Force Reserve F-16 Falcon is accepted at Hill AFB, Utah.

MSS recognized with command-level awards

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Continuing a commitment to excellence, Peterson's 21st Mission Support Squadron won four group awards, the Wing's Military Equal Opportunity Office earned a first-place Award, and three Team Pete members earned Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year recognition at the 2003 Air Force Space Command Mission Support Awards.

The Category I group awards include the Nathan Altschuler Award for Excellence in Educational Programs, the Family Support Center Award, and the Outstanding Mission Support Squadron Award. All three of these awards were won in 2002 as well.

"We've met a tremendous amount of challenges in this past year – from the issuance of the new Common Access Card, to deploying more than 400 personnel in support of Operations ENDURING/IRAQI FREEDOM, to the unique undertaking of filling positions locally to stand up U.S. Northern Command," said Maj. Phlecia Bursey, 21st MSS Commander.

The 21st MSS also took top honors as the Outstanding Middle to Large Central Civilian Personnel Flight award.

The Civilian Personnel Flight was selected by the Colorado Business Leaders as one of only five organizations statewide for the prestigious Outstanding Leader Award for 2003. Through the efforts of the staff, employment of disabled individuals increased by 200 percent; total disabled employment increased to 15.3 percent of the workforce – substantially above the Air Force goal of 11 percent. Outreach programs produced measurable increases for minorities and women, again exceeding all Air Force goals.

In Category II, the 21st Space Wing Military Equal Opportunity

Office was recognized with the USAF Military Equal Opportunity Office Award.

The Nathan Altschuler Award for Excellence in Educational Programs provides Air Force-wide recognition to education service centers that demonstrate the highest level of achievement in providing and managing voluntary educational programs during the fiscal year.

The Air Force created the outstanding base education services program of the year award in 1972. In 1983, the award was renamed the Nathan Altschuler Award in memory of the former Tactical Air Command director, who made significant contributions to Air Force education over a 32-year career.

The Education Services and Human Resources Flight supports more than 6,000 active duty members from three space wings, 70 tenant units and geographically separated units, including Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., and Thule Air Base, Greenland.

Briefings through the Transition Assistance Program, Right Start, and the First Term Airman's Center support more than 300 people, and presentations at Noncommissioned Officer and Senior NCO Induction ceremonies make the Education Center a visible presence on base.

By taking advantage of Education Center programs, 243 Team Pete members earned associate degrees through the Community College of the Air Force at Maxwell AFB, Ala., earning the center an Outstanding Achievement recognition award from CCAF. The center submitted more than 600 news items via e-mail to commanders, first sergeants, the base bulletin, and Space Observer.

"The whole point was to get the information out to the customer, and they did it in a superb manner," Major Bursey said.

The center also had new Liquid Crystal Diode projector systems installed in nine classrooms, enhancing the teaching capability of all college instructors, and other trainers using the facility.

Support for families of deployed servicemembers earned Outstanding Family Support Center of the Year Award recognition. Team Pete's Family Support Center has won AFSPC's Outstanding Family Support Center, Category I, for the second straight year. Among the noteworthy achievements which led to this achievement are participation in a community group who drafted a proposal to the Department of Labor, and was awarded \$2.7 million in grants to fund employment training for displaced military spouses and DoD civilians affected by a Reduction in Force, and writing a grant proposal for award of \$8,000 to facilitate a Virtual Assistant training pilot program to teach spouses how to launch Internet-based portable careers from home, and offer business support services to any location.

An unmatched Family Readiness Program, providing Family Fun Nights, video teleconferences, phone cards and other support services, were instrumental in helping Team Pete families cope with increased deployment taskings. The Center's volunteer programs, including Family Service's loan closet, 'Tidings' newsletter and career marketing classes, assist more than 4,000 family members.

Flawlessly managing these programs, and bringing them all together earned the 2003 Outstanding Mission Support Squadron Award for the 21st MSS.

In addition to the group awards, 21st MSS Master Sgt. David Barrett was named the AFSPC Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year, Base-Level Superintendent, 1st Lt. Christy

DeLuca, from the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron was named Outstanding Unit-Level Manager, and Senior Airman Regina Brown, of the 6th Space Warning Squadron at Cape Cod Air Force Station, Mass, was named outstanding Unit-Level Specialist.

"It's an honor to receive such a high level award," said Sergeant Barrett. "I accept the award on behalf of my fellow personnelists assigned to the Military Personnel Flight."

"We work as a team," he said.

"In my view," said Lieutenant DeLuca, "any person receiving individual recognition simply could not have done it otherwise.

"I have a deep, unfaltering respect and appreciation for my leadership and my team, not to mention the entire 21st Civil Engineer and 21st Security Forces Squadrons," Lieutenant DeLuca said.

"The men and women of the 21st MSS have proven themselves by supporting the mission of the base, the command, and our Air and Space Force," Major Bursey said. "This is especially important today in our fight against terrorism in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

"The words 'Leader, Innovator, Commitment, Dedication, Loyalty, and Sacrifice,' clearly characterize the award-winning members of our squadron," she added. "The words of one of the great military leaders of the 20th century, General George S. Patton, state it best, 'Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by people.'

"These awards recognize the hard work, and the good things that are happening in the squadron every day," Major Bursey said. "I'm honored to be part of this winning team."

"I proudly salute and thank them for their hard work!" Major Bursey said. "Just remember – No one comes close to the 21 MSS!"

21st CONS makes clean sweep of AFSPC awards

By Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing Contracting Squadron took home the lion's share of the honors in the Air Force Space Command 2003 annual contracting awards competition.

The 21st Contracting Squadron garnered one unit award and four individual awards.

"I have been associated with five separate contracting squadrons, and the 21st Contracting Squadron has, by far, the best contracting professionals in the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Reggie Selby, 21st CONS Commander.

"We proved this by being recognized as the Best Contracting Squadron in Space Command two out of the last three years, and Best in the Air Force in 2001," he said.

This year, the 21st CONS won for Best Contracting Unit.

Individual awards recognized: 2nd Lt. Daryll Braxton, 21st CONS Contracts Manager – Outstanding Contracting Officer; Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Archut, 21st CONS Superintendent – Outstanding Enlisted Member; Ms. Suzanne Snyder, Chief of the Specialized Operations and

Maintenance Flight – Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting Award, and Ms. Cynthia Weaver-Washington, 21st Contracting Lead Cost Analyst – Outstanding Pricing Award.

Though several individuals were honored, each acknowledged the efforts of the team.

"As members of the military family, I'd like to think we all strive to carry out our responsibilities in the best way possible. What separates us is the level of responsibility and authority given and how we exercise it to get the best outcome," Lieutenant Braxton said.

Among the lieutenant's contributions were recognition as the only contract specialist for a \$294 million, eighth-year Northern Command/U.S. Space Command Missions/Architecture Support contract, and his aggressive management of 52 task order awards and modifications totaling over \$10.8 million.

Sergeant Archut was honored for his leadership to 134 personnel for a \$350 million annual acquisition program in eight local offices, and his contributions as Superintendent for two squadrons. He also helped the 21st CONS earn an "Outstanding" rating during last year's Inspector General Evaluation.

Sergeant Archut also values the contributions of the "military family."

"People in my position don't win these awards solely on their own contributions, but rather on the contributions of those they work with," he said. "I'm proud to have the opportunity to work with such a talented, and dedicated group of professionals."

Ms. Weaver-Washington, echoed the sergeant's sentiment on the value of the group.

"I look at this award not as an individual award, but a team award," she said.

Ms. Weaver-Washington led an evaluation of more than \$1.6 billion on 42 contractor proposals for the 21st Space Wing, and negotiated a savings of \$9.75 million on contracts for the fiscal year.

Ms. Synder was another exceptional performer who provided support for 25 Geographically Separated Units, and managed the only O&M contracts for missile warning and space control, which are valued at more than \$800 million.

"Our folks who are being recognized for their individual performances are representative of our entire team," Colonel Selby said.

"It is my honor and privilege to serve alongside each of them," Colonel Selby said.



COLUMBIA PRESENTATION MARKS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander, will give a presentation on the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident Investigation at 3 and 6:30 p.m., Feb. 2 in the Base Auditorium. All Team Pete personnel and their families are invited to attend.

POWER OUTAGE SCHEDULED

With the addition of several new facilities at Peterson, base electrical usage has increased dramatically. The base is scheduled for an electrical upgrade project Feb. 13-15 and Feb. 20-22, requiring four distinct power outages to significant portions of the base. This effort is the third and final part of a Colorado Springs Utility project to upgrade our electrical system. It is critical to complete this upgrade during the winter to prevent potential capacity problems this summer when power usage is at its peak.

The first phase power outages will occur from 8-9 a.m. Feb. 14, and 4-5 p.m. Feb. 15. The second phase power outages will occur the same hours Feb. 21 and Feb. 22. Make appropriate plans, given the outage schedule. If you have special medical needs that will be compromised by the power outages, call the Civil Engineer Service Call Desk at 556-4030.

SPACE SYMPOSIUM

The Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association Rocky Mountain Chapter has its sixth annual Communications/Space Symposium Jan. 27-29 at the Broadmoor Hotel International Center. Admission to the exhibit hall is free for military ID card holders. There is a fee to attend the symposium. To register, visit www.rockymtn-afcea.org. For more information, call Maj. Steve Schlonski at 554-9632 or Maj. Kristina Roth at 554-7344.

COMMISSARY ASKS FOR PATIENCE

Frustration by low stock levels at all Front Range commissaries is at an all-time-high due to a major change in distributors. Manufacturers have given the Commissary a six-week window before all products are expected to be available on Commissary shelves. For more information, contact Randi Robinson by phone at 556-7765 or via e-mail at randi.robinson@deca.mil.

CLOTHING SALES ITEM BACKLOG

Due to increased demand for military clothing items to support ongoing operations, Military Clothing Sales Stores are experiencing a backlog of some clothing items. Medium temperate (winter weight) Battle Dress Uniform trousers, in medium/regular size, are currently out of stock. The Military Service Store Manager recommends customers immediately needing these items consider purchasing summer weight trousers instead.

HELP DESK RESETS CAC PINS

The capability to reset the Personal Identification Number on the Common Access Card is now available at the Peterson Communication Help Desk in Building 1038, Monday-Friday from 6 a.m.- 6 p.m. Only the CAC owners can reset their own cards. Customers whose cards cannot be reset due to card problems will be referred to the Military Personnel Flight. The system equipment in Building 1038 cannot issue or post certifications to CAC cards. That capability is only provided at the MPF.

"SILVER BULLETS" SEMINAR

The Team Pete Enlisted Professional Development team offers the next "Silver Bullets" writing seminar from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Mission Support Center, Room 1016. This seminar focuses on developing bullet-writing skills for preparing Enlisted Performance Reports and award nominations. Officers and enlisted are highly encouraged to attend this popular class. Class size is limited to the first 30 who register. The classes are scheduled to be held on the last Friday of each month through April. To register, e-mail Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster at tyler.foster@peterson.af.mil. For more information about Team Pete EPD, visit the Web site at <http://www.peterson.af.mil/epd/>.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Applications for official passports are processed through the Military Personnel Flight for official travel only. The minimum processing time is six to eight weeks. If a visa is required, an additional seven to 10 days processing time will be needed. Tourist passports are processed at the downtown Colorado Springs Post Office. The Military Personnel Flight has walk-in hours from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, but it is recommended to call for an appointment for passport requirements. For more information regarding passports, contact Master Sgt. Dave Barrett at 556-7500.

IN-RESIDENCE PME RESTRICTIONS

Air Force enlisted members with temporary medical conditions restricting active and full participation in physical performance requirements are ineligible to attend resident Enlisted Professional Military Professional schools. Resident EPME school activities include: physical fitness, drill and ceremonies, uniform inspection formations, and other student performance duties as specified in the course requirements.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

Peterson AFB personnel can drop off phone books for recycling. Drop-off containers are located in the parking lot next to McDonald's and the Recycling Yard south of Building 1324, until Jan. 31. For more information, call the Environmental Flight at 556-0963 or 556-8059.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Team Pete members can now drop off Christmas trees for recycling into mulch for base landscaping projects. The drop-off location is across the street from the base cable office, one block north of the corner of Mitchell and Stewart streets. Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights and garland from the trees before recycling. For more information, call the Environmental Flight at 556-9328 or 556-7305.

FAMILY CHILDCARE PROVIDERS MUST BE LICENSED

Military spouses who provide childcare, or who want to care for children other than their own for a total of 10 hours or more per week, must be licensed to do so in quarters on base. The Mission Support Group Commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide childcare, but refuse to become licensed. To learn more about Family Child Care call 556-4322.

AQUATICS CENTER RE-OPENS

The Aquatics Center pool is scheduled to re-open Monday, after ceiling repairs are made. For more information call the Aquatics Center at 556-4608.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The 2003 21st Space Wing Annual Awards Banquet is slated for Feb. 19. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gaylor, the fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, is the guest speaker. Unit First Sergeants or their designates have pro-rata sheets available for ticket purchase. Meal cost is \$22 for club members and \$25 for non-members for a chicken or beef entrée. A vegetarian meal is available upon request at a reduced price. For more information, call the chairman at 556-1339.

DISTANCE LEARNING TESTING

The Education Office acts as a proctor for examinations from colleges and universities for students enrolled in Distance Learning courses. People needing test proctoring may call the Education Office at 556-4034 to schedule a test. Testing is currently done at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays. CallCarolynn Farrell at 556-5034 or e-mail carolynn.farrell@peterson.af.mil for more information.

NEW YORK AIR GUARD OPENINGS

The 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, N.Y., has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A2X1, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 3C1X1, 3C3X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4D0X1, 4N0X1, 4P0X1, 4T0X1, and 6C0X1. For information, call Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson at DSN 344-2456, or 1-800-524-5070, or e-mail Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.af.mil.



AF committing 2,000 airmen to war

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

[Air Force Print News](#)

WASHINGTON – Airmen vulnerable to deploy as part of the Silver Air and Space Expeditionary Force but not originally asked to go, could end up going after all.

In a message sent to the major commands in late December, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said continuing efforts in the war on terrorism have created a need for additional support in some areas. The Air Force, he said, would be providing some of the support to fill that need.

“Ongoing warfighter requirements compel the Air Force to continue surge operations in some functional areas ... to ensure national military objectives are met,” General Jumper said. “The Secretary of Defense has tasked us to find innovative solutions to this national challenge. Major commands and wings are encouraged to dig deep into their resources and develop risk mitigation plans to make these forces available.”

One of the possible solutions involves the use of “joint-sourcing” to fill needed positions. That means all the services will work together to meet the requirements. The effort will touch many across the Air Force, said Col. Michael Scott, Chief of War Plans Organization.

“This of course affects the entire Air Force to a certain degree, but more so in the agile combat support arena,” Colonel Scott said. “By that I mean our engineers, firefighters, air traffic control, security forces, medical, communications and transportation folks.” Nearly 2,000 airmen in those support areas will be called upon to help the Air Force meet the joint-sourcing challenge, the colonel said.

Most of the 2,000 airmen will come out of already scheduled AEFs, and should already know they are in or approaching their deployment eligibility window, said Col. Buck Jones, deputy director for air and space expeditionary force matters.

“Once you get down to the indi-

vidual level, they may not know they are going to fill one of these requirements, but they do know they are part of the Silver AEF and are still susceptible. They may also come from AEF 7/8 or AEF 9/10,” Colonel Jones said. Many troops could expect to be deployed for about 90 days, but some, in stressed fields, could expect a 179-day rotation, Colonel Jones said.

Despite the continued surge in operations, Colonel Jones said most of the Air Force could expect a return to the AEF battle rhythm by March.

“We still will deploy AEF 7/8 very close to on schedule,” Colonel Jones said. “The vast majority of the Air Force is returning to the AEF battle rhythm starting with AEF 7/8 in March.”

The Air Force battle rhythm refers to the scheduled rotation of the 10 AEFs over the course of a 15-month cycle. The AEF schedule is projected out until 2010 and is designed to provide stability and predictability to airmen supporting Air Force commitments worldwide.

While there may be a predicted return to the AEF battle rhythm, Colonel Jones said things may never be the same as they were before operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

“Since the AEF was first established, world events have not stayed static,” Colonel Jones said. “I’m not sure anybody envisions us returning to an old steady-state Operation Northern Watch/Operation Southern Watch type of situation around the world. The requirements are going to be fluid and dynamic.”

Fortunately, the Air Force has a tool for handling unpredictable requirements – the AEF, Colonel Jones said.

“Over the next few months, the Air Force will deliver on its promise to help meet the joint-sourcing requirements for operations in Southwest Asia,” Colonel Jones said. “It is the AEF, doing what it is designed to do, that makes that possible. Once again, the AEF is demonstrating its inherent ability to flex and to adapt.”

PIKES PEAK TOP 3 COUNCIL

The Pikes Peak Top 3 meets at 3 p.m. today in the Enlisted Club Buffalo Grill. Membership is open to all Team Pete master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants. Pikes Peak Top 3 supports enlisted causes and professional development through a variety of activities.



Attention spouses:

Interested in the new Pikes Peak Combined Spouses Club?

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Guard, Reserve get full-time commissary benefit

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

All over America, Guard and Reserve personnel are burning their "little pink cards."

The signing of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act signaled unlimited shopping privilege for Reserve component members and their families.

It also signaled the end of issuing, tracking, and checking off those little pink Commissary Privilege Cards. Previously, Reserve component personnel and their families were allowed 24 commissary shopping days per calendar year; and they had to have their privilege cards initialed at the commissary each day they shopped.

"Thanks to Congress and the Department of Defense for bringing full-time commissary shopping to the total force," said Patrick Nixon, Deputy Director of the Defense Commissary Agency.

Nixon noted that special thanks should go to those in DoD whose quick actions gave Guard and Reserve members unlimited commissary shopping in time to enjoy holiday savings.

"It's a long overdue and significant benefit enhancement for Guard and Reserve personnel and their families as well as 'gray area' retirees," said Joe Barnes, National Executive Secretary for the Fleet Reserve Association. Mr. Barnes is also a member of the Defense Commissary Agency Patron Council. "Gray area" retirees – those Guard or Reserve members who retire before the

age of 60 – were also previously limited to 24 shopping days per year.

"We think it's a great deal," said Col. James Scott, director of individual and family support policy for the reserve component, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. "It also relieves the personnel center staffs and unit commands from a very expensive administrative burden in controlling and issuing the Commissary Privilege Card." Approximately 1.2 million Guard and Reserve personnel and their authorized family members can now save an average of 32 percent over commercial grocery prices – every day if they wish. A family of four can save more than \$2,700 per year with regular commissary shopping.

Members of the Retired Reserve are also included in the extended benefit, adding about another 200,000 shoppers. These "gray area retirees" were not formerly entitled to unlimited commissary shopping until they reached age 60.

"Although we've recently seen many Guard and Reserve members with unlimited privileges due to activation," said DeCA Consumer Advocate Bonita Moffett, "the extra traffic does not really impact the ability of commissaries to handle increased customer shopping. The average customer generally only shops twice a month, and since they are spread out all over the country the impact is very low at any one commissary." DeCA operates 275 commissaries worldwide.

In the local area, this new benefit extends to approximately 1,800 Reserve members and their families.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

A large banner adorns the Peterson Air Force Base Commissary, welcoming Guard and Reserve members to take advantage of new full-time benefits recently extended to the members and their families. Previously, Guard and Reserve members were only allowed 24 commissary shopping days per calendar year.

"We've found that, so far, the most effective way to get the word out (to shoppers) is by telling them when they present their pink card that they no longer need it," said Randi Robinson, Peterson Store Administrator. "A lot of them still aren't aware of that."

"The major benefit for Guard and Reserve members now is the convenience of being able to make a quick stop at the commissary to buy a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk, or diapers and baby food, without worrying about running out of shopping trips for the year," added Ms. Moffett.

"This is certainly welcome news for Marine reserves," said Sgt. Maj. Robin Dixon, Senior Enlisted Advisor of Marines Forces Reserve, and also a DeCA Patron Council member. "It's been a major concern of ours. We think our reserve Marines should be able to

use the commissary whenever they want!" They finally got their wish.

The extended benefit may not apply worldwide. While Reserve and Guard personnel not on active duty can enjoy unlimited shopping in the United States, Guam, or Puerto Rico, many overseas installations are impacted by host nation agreements that limit on-base shopping by non-active-duty personnel.

When visiting or living outside the United States or its territories, Guard and Reserve personnel should always check with appropriate installation authorities about local commissary shopping privileges.

"We're very excited to be able to use this opportunity to meet the needs of a significant number of customers," Ms. Robinson said. "It's a big opportunity for us."

Air Force logo now authorized on blue jacket

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force Uniform Board members have introduced a new addition to the lightweight blue jacket.

"The Air Force chief of staff approved adding the Air Force logo to the existing lightweight blue jacket," said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

All told, 300 jackets will be distrib-

uted Air Force-wide for wear testing, Sergeant Dean said. Board members are targeting Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., as a distribution point.

"Because the TDY members come from so many bases throughout the Air Force, giving them out at Maxwell allows us to reach a large audience in a short amount of time," Sergeant Dean said.

Airmen receiving the jackets will wear test them and give feedback to the uniform board about fraying or other problems, Sergeant Dean said.

Anyone not issued an embroidered jacket can have the logo applied on their jacket by a local embroidery shop using certain guidelines, Sergeant Dean said.

The symbol is to fit within a two-inch square. There is a one-fourth inch space between the symbol's lowest point and the "U.S. AIR FORCE" type.

The symbol is to be embroidered on the upper left chest.

Rank on the jacket continues to be worn on either the collar or the sleeve, Sergeant Dean said.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Pete Progress



Photo by Capt. Colby Hoefar

Heavy construction equipment will haul soil from the large berm on the south side of the Hartinger Building to a dump site beyond the eastern parking lot on Paine Street. The contractor will work from 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. daily, from today-Feb. 16. Use caution when driving through this area. This construction is a portion of ongoing work associated with the addition to Building 2. Signs indicating trucks will enter the roadway will be posted, and construction traffic will yield to oncoming traffic on Paine Street. Call John Moreau, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, at 556-4184, with any questions.

Potholes and pavement work

During the next few weeks, the contractor will close parts of individual lanes of the roads listed in order to seal cracks in the pavement and fill potholes. Drivers are asked to use caution when traveling in the designated areas.

Pete East	through Tuesday
Clinic alley	Wednesday
Mitchell Street	Wednesday
Glasgow Avenue	Jan. 29
Ent Avenue	Jan. 30-Feb. 2
Paine Street	Feb. 3-4
Patrick Street	Feb. 5
Hamilton Avenue	Feb. 5-6
Tinker Street	Feb. 9
Truax Street	Feb. 9
Otis Street	Feb. 10-11
Vincent Street	Feb. 11
Duluth Avenue	Feb. 12

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Airmen rights in dealing with landlords, creditors, insurers

Beginning this year, if you are deployed for more than 90 days, you have the right to terminate your residential lease without penalty. If you are deployed for more than 180 days, you can terminate an automobile lease. If you are sued while on active duty, you may be able to delay any court proceeding taken against you for at least 90 days. These rights are but a few of the new legal protections for servicemen and women against landlords, creditors and insurers that President George W. Bush signed into law last month.

Congress passed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act last December to add to the protections granted by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. The SSCRA was enacted in 1940 to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations to enable servicemembers to devote their full attention to duty. The SCRA will give new benefits to servicemembers, including the ability to terminate residential and automobile leases if deployed, the right to delay eviction proceedings for up to three months, the right to be granted a stay of proceedings in administrative proceedings, and protection against the lapse of life insurance policies.

Reservists and members of the National Guard are also protected under the SSCRA and SCRA while on federal active duty orders.

Landlord – Tenant

The SCRA grants a right for any active duty member who has permanent change of station orders or who is being deployed for more than 90 days to terminate a housing lease if he or she gives 30 days written notice. Under the old law, a service member would be obligated to pay rent for housing he or she is unable to occupy during deployment because of the government-required move unless their lease contained a military clause. The new law does not provide any rights to terminate a lease upon separation, retirement, or a move into base housing.

Members must still seek to obtain a military clause to cover those events.

A service member who enters a lease for \$2,400 or less a month cannot be evicted without a court order. Upon application by a landlord for an eviction order, the court shall, if a request is made by or on behalf of a servicemember whose ability to pay the agreed rent is materially affected by military service, stay the proceedings for 90 days unless, in the opinion of the court, justice and equity require a longer or shorter period of time.

Automobile Leases

Any active duty servicemember who has received PCS orders or who is being deployed for not less than 180 days may terminate an automobile lease under the new law. The member must provide written notice of termination to the lessee and return the vehicle within 15 days of the written notice.

Maximum Rate of Interest

Under the SSCRA, prior to entering active duty service, if a member incurred a loan or obligation with an interest rate in excess of 6 percent, the member would, upon application to the lender, not be obligated to pay interest in excess of 6 percent per year. This relief only applied if the member's ability to pay had been materially affected by military service.

The new act will strengthen this provision, providing clear guidance that the 6 percent interest rate cap results in a reduction of monthly payments and that any interest in excess of the cap is forgiven. The provision regarding "material effect" still applies.

Stay of Proceedings

Under the old law, courts had the discretion to delay a civil court proceeding when the requirements of military service prevented the member from either asserting or protecting a legal right. The SCRA provides for an automatic, non-discretionary 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application of the

service member. To obtain an automatic stay, a servicemember must demonstrate his or her military service materially affects their ability to appear in court and provide the court a date when he or she will be available. The servicemember must also submit a letter from his or her commander stating that duty prevents the member from appearing and that military leave is not authorized. Additional stays are permitted if the above requirements are met; however, additional stays are at the court's discretion.

The SCRA also extends the ability to gain a delay for civil administrative proceedings, such as license and zoning matters.

Other Protections

The SCRA also provides improved protection of servicemembers against default judgments, increases the coverage level for protection against the lapse of life insurance policies from \$10,000 to \$250,000, and provides clear guidance that a tax jurisdiction may not use the military compensation of a non-resident servicemember to increase the tax liability imposed on other income earned by the non-resident servicemember or spouse subject to tax by the jurisdiction.

"The purpose of the SSCRA is to strengthen the defense of the United States by suspending enforcement of some civil liabilities so service members can devote their entire attention to defense," said Maj. William Youngblood, of the Air Force legal assistance division at the Pentagon in an interview with the Air Force Times. "It's beneficial for every service member to be aware of the law's general provision so they'll know when they are involved in a situation and may be protected," he said.

If you have any questions about this new Act or the SSCRA, call the Peterson Legal Office at 556-4871.

(Information courtesy of 21st Space Wing Legal Office)



Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around Peterson are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on base. These entries are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter:

*** Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

BOLT BONK – Jan. 8

Security Forces responded to 21st Space Wing Headquarters, where a woman reported damage to her windshield. It seems a bolt caused a crack in the silver 1998 Nissan Sentra's windshield while parked unawares in the lot.

TWENTY QUESTIONS – Jan. 8

A Security Forces member reported a suspicious situation at the West Gate. An inquisitive individual pulled up to the gate guard, and began firing off questions about Northern Command. He asked about entry procedures, the quickest route to NORTHCOM, and specific people to make contact with. He claimed he needed the information for an upcoming meeting. The vigilant defender refused to answer any of the curious chap's questions until he could produce a military identification card. The snooper claimed he left his ID card in his hotel room and drove off.

MEDICAL RESPONSE # 1 – Jan. 9

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and American Medical Response Services responded to Billeting, where a woman was complaining of chest pains. She was transported to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

OFF THE RECORD – Jan. 9

A driver involved in a minor car accident contacted Security Forces to report a fender-bender per his supervisor's advice. The parties involved exchanged insurance information, but failed to

call Security Forces to the scene at the time of the car crunch. He reported minor scrapes and a slightly bent bumper. Was the whacked wheeler trying to avoid starring in the Blotter?

DUKING IT OUT AT THE DORM – Jan. 9

Security Forces was called to intervene in an altercation at Patriot Hall. The Fire Department was also notified for a medical response. It seems a brawling bully suffered bloodied hands after pummeling a wall outside one of the rooms. He was upset with one of his fellow dorm dwellers for allegedly slinging slurs at his girlfriend. The hooligan left a battered telephone and several broken picture frames in his wake while attempting to take up fisticuffs with the name-dropper. Alcohol is suspected as a silent accomplice in the case. The boozed boxer went down swinging on residents as he was taken into custody.

MEDICAL RESPONSE # 2 – Jan. 10

Security Forces, the Fire Department and AMR responded to a call from a woman requesting assistance for a relative who lives in Base Housing. The woman notified Security Forces after receiving a strange phone call from her sister who seemed to be requesting help before the phone disconnected. All was in order when Security Forces arrived on scene.

CHECK YOUR SIX – Jan. 10

Security Forces responded to the 302nd Reserve Compound parking lot where a military motorist mistakenly backed her car into another vehicle. The rear bumper of the bonker's car withstood minor scuffs, while the unwitting victim's vehicle suffered dents to the front driver's side door and panel. A citation was issued for improper backing.

VANISHED VAN OWNER – Jan. 10

Security Forces responded to a report of an unsecured Peterson Broadband van parked on Westover Street. The dutiful discoverers noticed the vehicle's driver's side door and glove box were left open. Security Forces ran a check on the seemingly abandoned auto, and contacted the owner. The owner verified that none of the vehicle's contents were missing, and said the van would be removed from the base because it was unable to be secured.

CRASHED GATE CRASHER – Jan. 11

Security Forces detained a drunken dunce at the North Gate. The plowed pilot navigated his vehicle around the traffic cones and the Gate

Closed sign. Colorado Springs Police were notified, and ordered the man to park his car in a lot just off base and call a taxi.

MEDICAL RESPONSE # 3 – Jan. 12

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and AMR responded to the Fitness Center where a person had passed out on the indoor track. The victim was taken to the Air Force Academy emergency room for further treatment.

SAND CREEK CREEP – Jan. 13

Security forces responded to a report of a suspicious scene at the West Gate. An unidentified man was spotted walking across the bridge. Immediately an unknown vehicle made a u-turn and exited the installation. The mystery man ran down into the Sand Creek. Security Forces conducted a search of the creek area, but the bridge bum had skedaddled.

WALL WOLLOP – Jan. 13

Security Forces responded to a call from a Base Housing resident, who reported damage to her government-owned quarters. The military member revealed that her wall was kicked while sparring with her separated spouse, leaving a 4-by-4-inch hole.

WHEEL WELL WHACKING – Jan. 13

Security Forces responded to Contracting, where a military member reported damage to his vehicle. He discovered a dent in the passenger side wheel well of his red 2004 Mazda 6S. The damage was suspected to have occurred on base or at Fort Carson, which narrowed the crime scene down to approximately 150,000 acres.

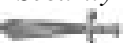
MYSTERY MARRING – Jan. 13

A military member reported damage to his vehicle to Security Forces. Damage to the silver 2000 Dodge Neon included a scrape above the driver's side door handle that the member noticed while at the Clinic. After driving to the Dining Facility, he also discovered a significant scratch on the lower half of the hood.

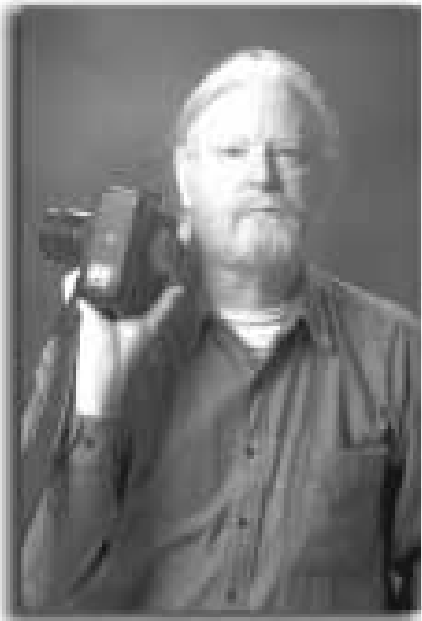
ALARMING TRENDS CONTINUE:

In addition to these entries, there continue to be too many illegitimate alarm activations on base. Among those noted by Security Forces this week were three activations due to human error, and one attributed to a default in a fire alarm system.

*** If you have any information on a crime or any of these blotter entries, please report it to Security Forces at 556-4000.*



Local photographer's art show rocks



Photos by Larry Hulst

This photograph of the band Led Zeppelin was taken during a concert Mr. Hulst attended at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, Calif., in 1973.

By Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Boulder Historical Museum is displaying the works of one of Team Pete's own.

Larry Hulst, a photographer at Visual Information here has art featured in the "Thirty Years of Rock and Roll" exhibit until March 6.

Mr. Hulst attended more than 2,800 concerts, amassing an impressive portfolio of photographs documenting the performances of many rock and roll legends. Seventy-five of these images are on display in Boulder.

"Most everything is from the first 20 years," Mr. Hulst said.

The rock and roll enthusiast has photographed notables like Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, and Pink Floyd.

Along with his images, Mr. Hulst has also collected memories.

"I've gone to two to three shows in a night," he said. "Once I went straight from Willie Nelson to see the Dead Kennedys."

He recalled other dedicated music fans he encountered along the way.

"I remember being in line at a concert, when a 12-person fight broke out. A guy, whose nose was broken, refused to get out of line for treatment because he said he drove too far to see Led Zeppelin."

In spite of his impressive concert attendance record, a few

artists remained out of the view of Mr. Hulst's lens.

"I wish I could have seen Nirvana," he said. "Or spent one evening at a Bob Marley performance, rather than at 200 Grateful Dead shows."

Though Mr. Hulst now works as a military photographer, he continues to capture musicians at their best.

One of the last artists he photographed was David Bowie, and he said he plans on attending a Hot Tuna concert over the weekend.

"The best bands touring right now are AC/DC and the Who," he said.

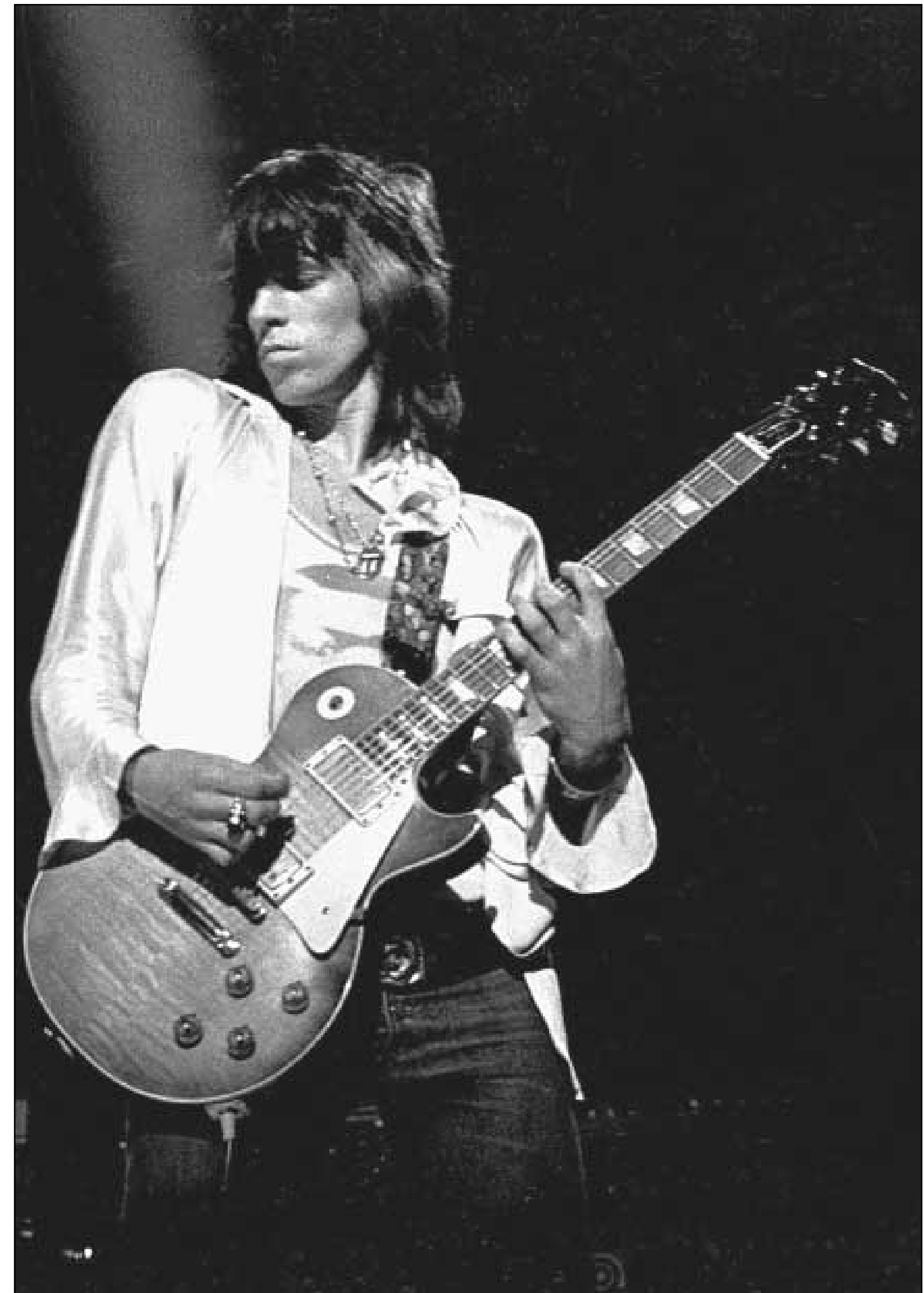
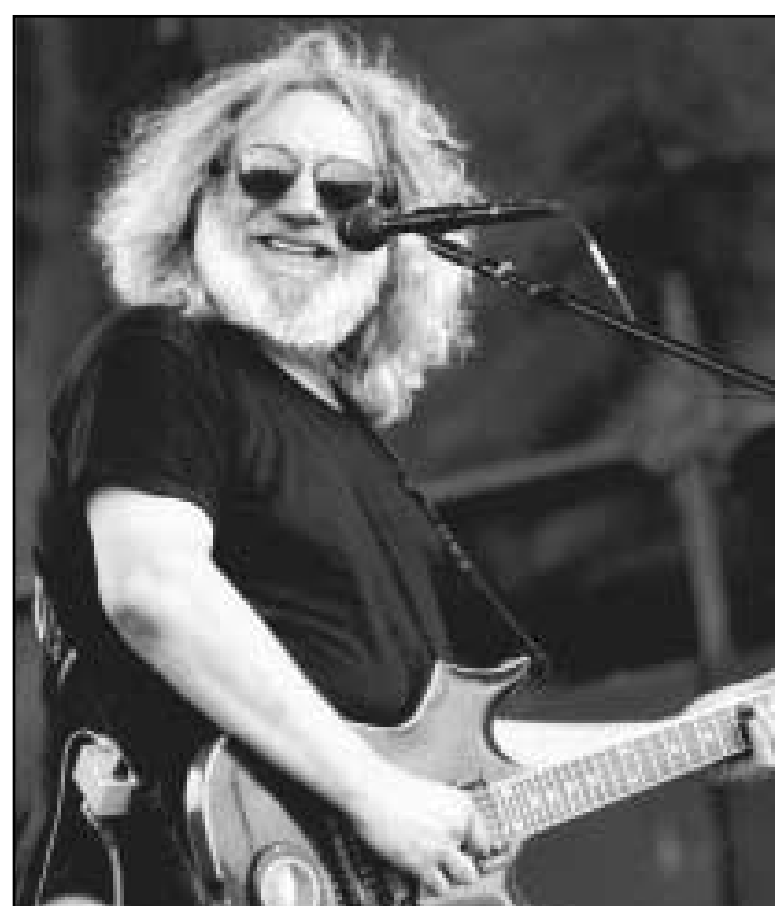
What started as a hobby and an "easy way to make a little money," is now part of a display that has traveled around the country.

At the suggestion of a friend, Mr. Hulst took a position in Sacramento, Calif., where he spent 10 years working as a military photographer. He then worked at the Air Force Academy for nine years before coming to Peterson.

"I photograph generals by day, and rock and roll by night," he said.

In addition to displaying his work, Mr. Hulst will share his experiences photographing musicians in a forum at the Chautauqua Community House on Feb. 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information on Larry Live! or the Thirty Years of Rock and Roll Exhibit, call the Boulder Historical Museum at 303-449-3464.



Mr. Hulst snapped this picture of Keith Richards during the Exile on Main Street Tour.

Left: This photo was taken in Las Vegas, Nev., in 1995, just three weeks before Jerry Garcia died.



A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

This Week

Today

- Job Orientation, 1-2 p.m. at the Mission Support Center, Room 1016.
- Basic Investing, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.
- Career Marketing, 8 a.m.-noon at the MSC, Room 1016.

Saturday

- Thunder Alley, 8:30 p.m. at the Bowling Center.

Sunday

- Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Officers' Club.

Monday

- Complimentary fruit cobbler after lunch at Officers' Club.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

Wednesday

- Pre-separation Briefing, 8-9 a.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

Thursday

- Play Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Youth Center.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 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 556-6141
- Red Cross 556-9201
- Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
- Golf Course 556-7810

This Week

It's a trap shoot

By Staff Sgt. Josh Clendenen
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Colorado weather is a curious thing. Two weeks ago, it was -4 degrees and last week we hit the high 50s. As soon as it started warming up, I saw the golf course get busy and I heard the almost constant pop of the guns at the skeet range.

It seems that when the sun is shining and it's even remotely warm, there are people yelling, "Pull!" and popping off shots at the clay targets. And to tell you the truth, I can't blame them. If it's a half-decent day, you might as well shoot some skeet. After all, it's the next best thing to actually walking through a cut wheat or cornfield looking for pheasant, grouse, chucker, or quail.

For those who really have no idea about skeet shooting, here's a brief overview of the sport. It was developed in the 1920s by a group of hunters who wanted to improve their shots. Over the years, it has developed into a highly competitive sport, rather than a replacement for hunting or a way to sharpen the skills of a shooter.

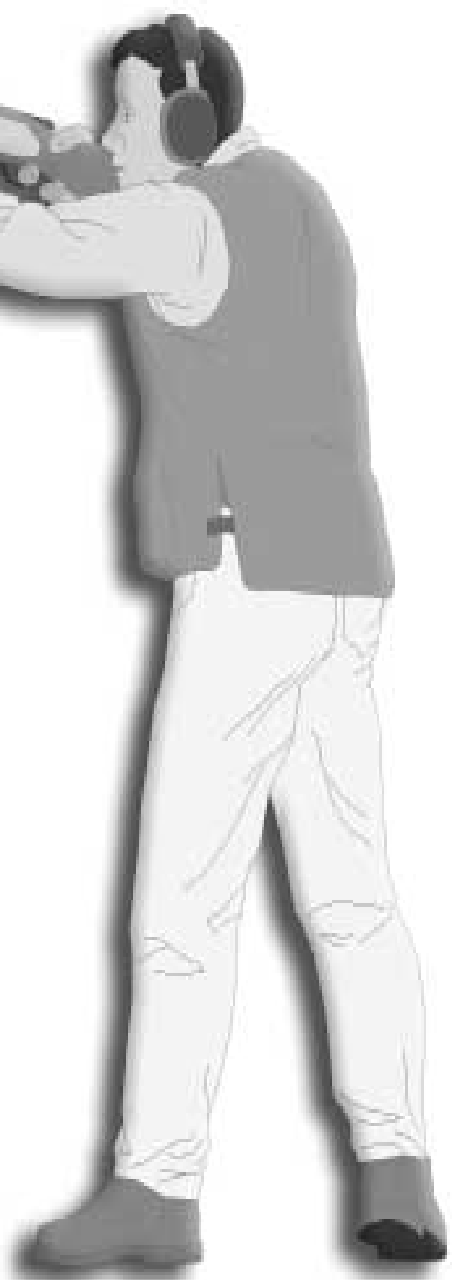
The targets, or clay pigeons, are usually a little more than four inches in diameter and about an inch thick. They are shaped like a shallow flowerpot, or,

for those who were around in the 80s, like the hats the guys in Devo wore. The targets are loaded into a machine and when the shooter is ready, he or she yells, "Pull!" and the clay is launched down range. The shooter takes aim and blasts the clay into pieces.

I've seen some great skeet shooters in my life. But the best one I've ever seen was my grandfather. He would call "Pull" and shoot the clay. Sounds like every other shooter doesn't it? Well, the thing about my grandfather is he would shoot the clay and then shoot the large pieces of it — just because he could. I've tried to do that and I'm here to tell you it isn't the easiest thing in the world.

Just think, you're shooting at a target 4 inches in diameter heading away from you, and then you're shooting at a 1- to 2-inch piece of that same target still heading away. I think it's hard enough to hit the clay, let alone shoot the pieces — but I digress.

The Peterson Skeet Range is open Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. If skeet shooting is something you're interested in, or would like to get interested in, call 596-7688 on one of the days it is open. Fair warning, however; as



Peterson expands, the Skeet Range will be closed (as early as the coming year) to make way for more housing and realignment of the golf course; until then aim steady and straight!

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch: Liver with Onions Orange Spiced Pork Chop Tempura Fried Fish Broccoli Peas and Carrots Steamed Rice Rissolle Potatoes</p> <p>Dinner: Pepper Steak Mr. Z's Baked Chicken Ginger Pot Roast Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p>Lunch: Beef Corn Pie Seafood Newburg Veal Paprika Steaks Mustard Greens Harvard Beets Potatoes Pea and Pepper Rice</p> <p>Dinner: Yankee Pot Roast Simmered Corned Beef Pineapple Chicken Fried Cabbage Carrots Mashed Potatoes Black-Eyed Peas</p>	<p>Brunch: Creole Shrimp Savory Baked Chicken Swedish Meatballs Asparagus Creamed Corn Squash Baked Potatoes Noodles Jefferson</p>	<p>Brunch: Cantonese Spareribs Mustard Chicken Oven-Fried Fish Broccoli Combo Country-Style Tomatoes Peas Macaroni and Cheese Boiled Egg Noodles Sweet Potatoes</p>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
<p>Lunch: Baked Stuffed Fish Pot Roast Roast Loin of Pork Cauliflower Combo Green Beans with Mushrooms Oven-Browned Potatoes Steamed Rice</p> <p>Dinner: Chili Mac Southern Fried Chicken Beef Cannelloni French-Style Peas Glazed Carrots Mashed Potatoes Squash</p>	<p>Lunch: Salmon Cakes Teriyaki Chicken Veal Parmesan Fried Cabbage Succotash Parsley Buttered Potatoes Filipino Rice</p> <p>Dinner: Country Captain Chicken Turkey A La King Meatloaf Mustard Greens Okra and Tomato Gumbo Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p>Lunch: Sauerbraten Grilled Bratwurst Jaegerschnitzel (Veal) Cauliflower Harvard Beets Spinach Salad Potatoes Au Gratin Sauerkraut</p> <p>Dinner: Barbecued Spareribs Lemon Herbed Chicken Stuffed Pork Chops Cauliflower Combo Mexican Corn Steamed Rice Scalloped Potatoes</p>	

Three little words have big impact

By Maj. Todd Vician

376th Expeditionary Services Squadron commander

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyz Republic – They say big things sometimes come in small packages. Look at the number three. It is a small number, but it can have a big impact. A triple play ends an inning. A triple crown is the stuff legends are made of. The trinity is monumental to Christians around the world. Three Air Force core values set the foundation for all decisions we make as we do our mission at home or while deployed.

Three words said to me on a vacation to the Badlands of South Dakota two summers ago had a profound impact on me. As we pulled up to the Crazy Horse Monument, I remembered that one of my noncommissioned officers had once told me military were admitted to the park free. I stopped at the ticket booth and asked if this was still true. As the attendant said, “Yes,” I tried to get my wallet out of my pocket to show my ID card. Then he said the three words that I still remember today, “I believe you.”

He waved me through, and as I drove to the parking lot, I asked myself, why did he believe me?

Why didn't he ask for proof? After all, he didn't know me and had no reason to believe me.

Or did he? He obviously knew many people like me – people in the military. He may not have known we have core values, but he knew we who wear the uniform for the most part stand for what's right. We protect freedom and put integrity first. I was the beneficiary of his past experiences, probably positive ones, with the military.

I drove away encouraged that I was associated with the profession of arms. Sometimes, however, I wonder how long we will keep this good reputation. Occasional news stories about dishonest service-members tarnish our image, but the fact that they are in the news means they are still out of the ordinary.

So far, so good. But what about daily missteps or misdeeds? Do you do what is right even when no one is watching, or do you believe that “what goes TDY stays TDY?”

Many in the public we serve are fascinated by our talent and awed by our successes. But with that appreciation also comes attention. As I tell my sons, every action has a consequence. If nothing else, when you get home and look into a real mirror, will you be happy with what you see? Can you look at

that face and say you have no regrets from your time in the service?

If the answer is “yes,” I say thank you and I will continue to try to live up to your mark. If the answer is already “no,” don't despair. Forgiveness is a wonderful thing for which I'm grateful. Start watching out for others and thinking of the consequences before you act or you let your wingman do something.

Commitment to doing what is right on the job and in your personal life will ensure we get home safely and with our heads held high.

We are part of the greatest Air Force ever assembled, and that is because of our collective strengths. Airmen have made the right choices and the tough calls for decades to allow us to succeed while taking this fight to cowardly terrorists. Now it is our turn, and I am convinced we are succeeding every day as I watch airmen come together to accomplish the mission. Whether the task is large or small, we usually do it well.

Stand tall, walk proud, and do what is right. You will have no regrets and good stories to tell of hard work, great achievements, fun times, and new friends.





24 complete FTAC

Congratulations to the following Jan. 16 graduates from the First Term Airman's Center Class 2004-05:

Airmen Basic

Maurice T. Aaron, 21st Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Benjamin D. Baird, 21st Security Forces Squadron

Monte J. Gehrtz, 21st SFS

Katy N. Minton, 21st ADOS

Robert W. Moore, 21st SFS

Alexis A.E. Oehlman, 21st ADOS



Airmen

Christopher G. Casey, Area Dental Laboratory

Patricia M. Craft, 21st Medical Operations Squadron

Natalie M. Day, 21st MDOS

Cherese N. Erdovegi, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron

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Clifford A. Hayes, 21st SFS

Melissa S. Kerrick, 21st SFS

Saphira L. Lucero, 721st SFS

James L. Mason, U.S. Northern Command

Christopher D. Maxfield, 21st SFS

Jonathan C. Park, Space and Missile Center, Detachment 11

Taylor W. Peterson, 721st SFS

Stephen C. Setzer, 21st CES

Abraham T. Walker, 721st SFS

Nicholas M. Woodhurst, 721st SFS



Peak Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Aaron T. Byrd
Unit: 21st Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title: Noncommissioned Officer in charge of the Security Forces Training Branch

Time in service: 10 years

Hometown: Erwin, Tenn.

Off-duty interests, hobbies: Basketball, softball, camping and hiking

Why did you join the Air Force? To serve my country and see the world. To seek a greater education and better myself through discipline and hard work.

What inspires you to do what you do? Being on the cutting edge of new security forces processes and instructional requirements. Making a difference in the lives of the new airmen in today's Air Force, while setting high standards for them to emulate.

Favorite part of your job: Actual "hands-on" practical training like Air Base Defense, weapons training and self defense courses. Instilling the sense of importance in all security forces tasks and responsibilities, throughout my squadron.

What goals have you set? Aid my unit in receiving an "Outstanding" during the Operational Readiness Inspection, promote myself to technical sergeant, and finish my criminal justice Associates Degree.



Byrd

For info about base closures and delayed reporting, tune in to one of these stations.

Radio Stations

KOA-AM (850), Denver
(KHOW, KTLK, KBPI, KISS, KTCL, FOX, KBCO)
KTLF-FM (90.5)
KRCC-FM (91.5)
KVOR (740 AM)
KKFM-FM (98.1) KKMG-FM (98.9),
KBCZ, KVOR (NEWS RADIO),

KSPZ-FM (92.9)
KYZX-FM (103.9)
KILO-FM (94.3)
KKLI-FM (106.3)
KCCY-FM (96.9)
KMOM (96.1)
KVUU-FM (99.9)
KKCS-FM (101.9)
AM (1460)

KRDO-FM (95.1)
KSKX-AM (1240)

TV Stations

KKTV-CH 11
KOAA-CH 5/30
KRDO-CH 13

(This list is subject to change.)

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SnoFest!!! is an annual event featuring recreational winter activities and entertainment. SnoFest!!! is the last weekend in January at Keystone Resort. Lift tickets for military and Department of Defense Identification card holders are \$31 for anyone 13 years of age or older. Children's tickets are \$19. Lift tickets at the same discounted price will also be available at Keystone during SnoFest!!! at the Mountain House Silverthorne Room and the River Run Day Lodge Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., and Sunday morning from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. For more information, call the Information, Tickets and Tours Office at 556-1760.



Photo by Joe Fischer

SnoFest!!! Events

The following is a schedule of events for the upcoming SnoFest!!! 2004 weekend.

Jan. 30

- 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Hospitality Tent open, Mountain House Base Area
- 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Tickets at Mountain House, River Run Day Lodge
- 8-9 a.m. – Race check-in at Mountain House Silverthorne Room
- 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Tours to Glenwood Springs/Silverthorne
- 10 a.m.-noon – NASTAR Races
- noon-1 p.m. – Broken Tip Race on NASTAR
- 3 p.m. – Race awards ceremony at Hospitality Tent
- 5:30-7 p.m. – Yankee Doodle Party at Conference Center
- 8 p.m. – Tops in Blue performance

Jan. 31

- 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Hospitality Tent open, Mountain House Base Area
- 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Tickets at Mountain House, River Run Day Lodge
- 8-9:30 a.m. – Race check-in at Mountain House Silverthorne Room.
- 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Tours to Granby/Blackhawk
- 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – NASTAR Races
- 1-3 p.m. – Derby Registration at Mountain House Silverthorne Room
- 3 p.m. – Race Awards Ceremony at Hospitality Tent
- 4 p.m. – Cardboard Derby on Discovery Slope
- 5:30-7 p.m. – Tropical Luau Party at Conference Center
- 8 p.m. – Tops in Blue performance

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- 8-11 a.m. – Lift ticket sales at Mountain House Silverthorne Room

