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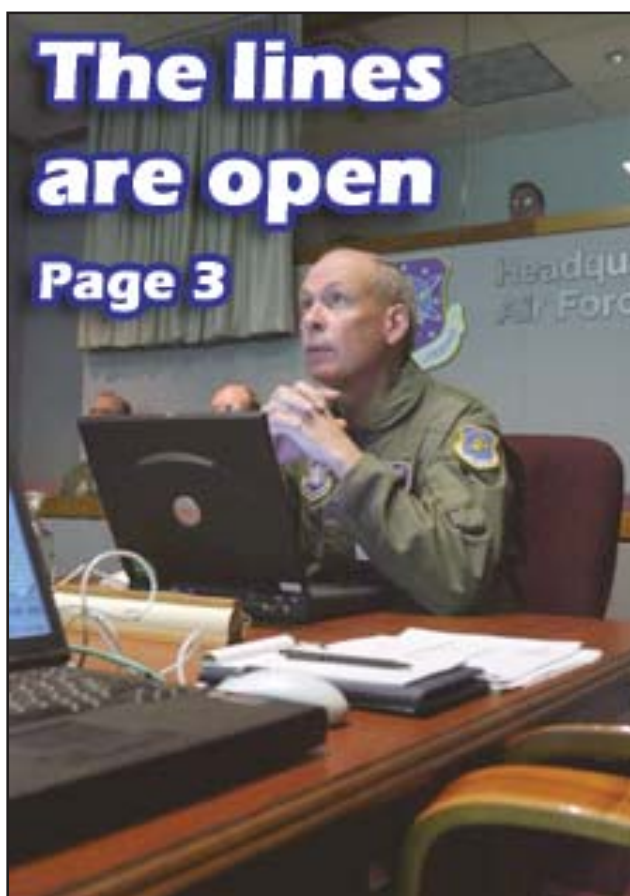
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The lines are open

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Crowning glory

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Peterson Air Force Base is scheduled for an electrical upgrade project Friday - Sunday, requiring power outages to significant portions of the base. The power outages will occur from 8-9 a.m. Saturday, and 4-5 p.m. Sunday. Make appropriate plans, given the outage schedule. If you have special medical needs that will be compromised by the power outages, call the 21st Civil Engineer Service Call Desk at 556-4030.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

Fly by

Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, the 21st Space Wing Commander, right, greets Air Vice Marshall Andrew White, as he visits the Wing Headquarters. The Air Vice Marshall is the air officer commanding No. 3 Group, Royal Air Force Strike Command.



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.

Surveying the landscape

Question: Why are they redoing all the landscaping around the base? Some of the areas were completed within the past year. Where are the funds coming from since we hear there are no funds for this or that?

Answer: Thank you for the opportunity to address this question. There are currently nine separate landscaping projects under construction on Peterson AFB. These projects were designed and implemented as part of a worldwide response to the terrorist acts of 9/11. This landscaping is not aesthetically driven, but rather driven by new Antiterrorism/Force Protection construction standards, specifically, AFMAN 32-1071 and Unified Facilities Criteria 4-010-01. These references require standoff distances between vehicles and certain high-priority base facilities. This landscaping, which in most cases included reconfiguration of parking areas that fell within the minimum standoff distance area, brings these facilities up to current standards. Funds for this work came from monies designated as Global War on Terrorism funds versus from other projects. If you have further questions or concerns, call the 21st CES AT/FP POC, 1st Lt. Scott Sinclair at 556-6190.

Delay doldrums

Question: Can we allow "authorized" delayed reporting to allow personnel to use ORM to determine the safest approach to travel during inclement weather? It is my understanding that the "mandatory" delay was to allow crews to clear off- and on-base roads and parking lots. Unfortunately, it has a much more serious consequence of forcing many of us who normally arrive to work between 4 and 6:30 a.m. to travel the busiest streets during rush hour when they are snow or ice covered. In the last few years, I have yet to see the parking lots surrounding my building cleared – and have never encountered a truck clearing base roads – between 4 and 6:30 a.m. Clearing and sanding of major off-base roads is already complete by 4 a.m.

Answer: Thanks for your inquiry. The 21st Space Wing Inclement Weather Plan has procedures in place to coordinate with local authorities and other bases in the area when determining weather conditions. Delays are made in coordination with those authorities, and are sometimes even requested by them due to off-base conditions. Delayed reporting authorizes non-mission essential personnel additional time to safely report to duty. We initiate delayed reporting when we believe off-base conditions are such that additional time is required for road crews to make conditions safer. Delayed reporting is also designed to give our on-base snow removal teams time to ensure Priority I streets and parking lots are clear, then proceed to Priority II streets and parking areas. Additionally, to help expedite the snow removal process our crews pre-treat streets prior to snowfall, which reduces the amount of accumulation. Increased traffic on base restricts the crew's ability to

effectively execute snow removal operations. Delayed reporting is based on a normal duty hours, (i.e., 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), and is mandatory for all non-essential personnel to comply. Lastly, the amount of accumulation and reduced or termination of snowfall dictates our snow removal. Your not seeing crews is unusual, for they've likely been diligently working all night long as you slept; perhaps by that time they were off clearing the flightline and other Priority I areas.

With Team Pete members who reside from Denver to Pueblo, and from Peyton to Woodland Park, our focus cannot be on where everyone chose to live and the distinctive weather patterns affecting those locales, but is instead on the local road conditions as determined from the police and sheriff departments, and on Peterson's conditions. We may delay due to conditions on streets in town and on the highway, or to clear base streets and parking lots following a heavy snowfall. The bottom line for you is if you believe you cannot safely travel, contact your supervisor and explain the conditions and reason for the delay.

The Peterson Inclement Weather Plan has procedures in place to coordinate with local authorities in the area when determining weather conditions. These procedures are implemented in the event of significant snowfall and/or freezing rain that may necessitate delayed reporting or closures, and are publicized in the Space Observer, the Commander's Access Channel, and via broadcast media in the local area. The goal of wing leadership is to make a decision regarding delayed reporting or closures no later than 4 a.m. so that members can be notified before departing for duty. Safety remains a priority for every installation, and hopefully for every individual.

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A Moment in Time



■ **Feb. 19, 1936** – Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell dies in New York City.

■ **Feb. 19, 1993** – The 64th Flying Training Wing launches the first student sortie in the new T-1A Jayhawk trainer aircraft.

■ **Feb. 20, 1948** – Strategic Air Command receives its first B-50 Superfortress bomber.

■ **Feb. 23, 1912** – The War Department first officially recognized the Military Aviator rating.

■ **Feb. 24, 1969** – An enemy mortar shell strikes an AC-47 gunship on which Airman 1st Class John L. Levitow serves. Though seriously wounded, he ejects a smoking flare and becomes the first enlisted airman to be awarded the Medal of Honor in Vietnam.

Local AFOSI detachment earns Space Command recognition

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

In some cases, keeping a low profile can be a very good thing for agents in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Recently, however, Peterson's Air Force OSI Detachment 803 was selected as the Best Region 8 Large AFOSI Detachment in Air Force Space Command for the third consecutive

year.

"Being recognized as the best in Space Command for the third straight year is an awesome achievement that has made the entire team very proud," said Special Agent Jim Mowry, Detachment 803 Commander. "Our team is filled with incredible talent, and we share a bond that is more like family than anything else."

In addition, Det. 803 won two of the highly

competitive individual awards –

capturing both Best Senior NCO Agent and Best Company Grade Officer Agent in Air Force Space Command.

"This kind of recognition only proves what I've known all along," said Agent Mowry. "We have some of the finest OSI professionals here at Peterson AFB, and it's great to see these special folks receive the recognition they deserve."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

A way with words

Essay writer Alyssa Richter, and her muse, husband Eric Richter, were the winners of the Peterson Base Exchange Special Valentine Contest. The Richters received a \$50 Army Air Force Exchange Service gift card and goodie basket for two, presented by Vickie Smith, an AAFES Manager (far left), and Kim Rule, the Merchandise and Sales Manager (far right). In her winning essay, Mrs. Richter writes of her husband, "He still goes out of his way to do the best he can at work, at home, and with the kids. To me, he deserves something for himself and to be pampered like he has done for me."

AFSPC pioneers first chatroom

By Jenna K. McMullin

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Though challenged by a few technical difficulties, the first chatroom hosted by AFSPC Commander Gen. Lance W. Lord Feb. 6 was a foreshadowing of a new communications venue between the commander and AFSPC personnel.

"I like it, and I think we should do it as often as we can," General Lord said. "Let's work on the technology and do it again."

From 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, AFSPC personnel worldwide were invited to join in a virtual meeting with General Lord to ask him questions on force development and space professional issues. The chatroom was operated via the Air Force Portal, using the Bantu Instant Messenger program. Users began logging in around 10:15 a.m., and by the time General Lord logged in at 11:15 a.m. to begin the discussions, approximately 150 users were logged in.

Once the amount of users approached 200 in both the room where General Lord was answering questions and the room where AFSPC personnel were posing questions, the server stopped responding, causing the program to freeze. Or, in non-technical terms, the chatroom began "booting" users. From approximately 11:30 a.m. on, it was impossible for General Lord and most AFSPC users to communicate, limiting viewing and responding capabilities.

AFSPC logistics and communications personnel are working with the Air Force Chief of Information Office, Air Force Portal officials from Headquarters Standard Systems Group and the Bantu team to determine the system problems.

"As soon as the technical glitches get worked out, this is going to be something great," said Master Sgt. Juan Rocha, an Information Technology Implementation Manager with AFSPC who assisted in the set-up and design of the chatroom.

Be well-informed to get maximum benefit from TriCare Prime

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the part of the physician or other provider. Under the Consumer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities issued by President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry in 1998, "You have the right to know all your treatment options, and to participate in decisions about your care."

You also have the right to have your health care information protected, as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 mandates. You have the right to speak in confidence with your health care provider, to review and receive a copy of your own medical records, and to request that your physician amend your record if it is not accurate, relevant, or complete.

Other patients' rights, listed by the Presidential Advisory Commission, and followed by both TRICARE and TriWest Healthcare Alliance, include:

Information Disclosure – the right to receive accurate, easily understood information about your health plan, health care professionals, and facilities

Choice of Providers and Plans – the right to a choice of health care providers that is sufficient to provide you with access to appropriate high-

quality health care.

Access to Emergency Services – the right to receive screening and stabilization emergency services, whenever and wherever needed, without prior authorization or financial penalty (in cases of severe pain, injury or sudden illness that convince you your health is in serious jeopardy).

Respect and Nondiscrimination – the right to considerate, respectful, and nondiscriminatory care from your doctors, health plan representatives, and other health care providers.

Complaints and Appeals – the right to a fair, fast and objective review of any complaint you have against your health plan, providers, hospitals, or other health care personnel (including complaints about waiting times, operating hours, conduct of health care personnel, and adequacy of health care facilities).

Use your appointment time with a PCM efficiently. To be a well-informed patient, organize any thoughts and questions in advance. Tell your PCM about any prescribed or over-the-counter medications you take – including vitamins and supplements. Don't leave without understanding your PCM's

answers, and knowing the reasons, instructions and dosages for – and possible side effects of – any prescribed medications.

If your regular PCM is unavailable, you may see an associate provider for certain services. An associate might also help you avoid a doctor's appointment or office visit for certain services, such as prescription refills. A medical technician, for example, can record your medical history, or take a throat culture. If you call for a telephone consultation, a nurse or nurse practitioner might be the person who calls you back.

By communicating with your PCM, and understanding your rights and responsibilities as a beneficiary and patient, you can get the most from your TRICARE Prime benefits.

For more information about TRICARE Prime, visit TriWest's Web site at www.triwest.com or the TRICARE Management Activity site at www.tricare.osd.mil. To learn more about patient rights and responsibilities, visit "FirstGov for Consumers," a Federal government Web site at www.consumer.gov/health.htm.

(Courtesy of TriWest Healthcare Alliance)



DINING FACILITY ADVISORY MEETING SCHEDULED

The Dining Facility Advisory Meeting is at 2 p.m. March 5 in the Aragon Dining Facility Atrium. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage new ideas, and allow customers a chance to provide their input and opinions. The goal of the Aragon and Granite Inn dining facilities is to provide the best dining experience for our customers. New ideas are welcome!

TEAM PETE JUNIOR ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

The Team Pete Junior Enlisted Association meets at 3 p.m. today in the Mission Support Facility Atrium. All Team Pete members E-1 through E-6 who live or work in the 21st Space Wing, to include HQ AFSPC, NORAD/USNORTHCOM, tenant units, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, or Schriever Air Force Base, are invited to participate. As the voice of Team Pete's junior enlisted ranks, the JEA supports all branches and nations of the military stationed at Peterson.

TEAM PETE EPD OFFERS 'SILVER BULLETS' SEMINAR

The Team Pete Enlisted Professional Development team offers the next "Silver Bullets" writing seminar from 8-10 a.m. Feb. 27 in Bldg. 350, Room 1016. This seminar focuses on developing bullet-writing skills for preparing Enlisted Performance Reports and Award nominations. Officers and enlisted are encouraged to attend this popular class. Class size is limited to the first 30 who register. Classes are 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, visit the Web site at www.peterson.af.mil/epd/.

GLENN MILLER 100TH BIRTHDAY BIG BAND DANCE

Bob Alexander and the Dwight Shaw Big Band will celebrate the life, times and music of "America's Band Leader," Glenn Miller, who led the Army Air Force Band, 6:30-10 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. Admission is free for active-duty military members in uniform; tickets are \$20 for all others. Call 576-2626 for tickets.

COMBINED SPOUSES' CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Pikes Peak Combined Spouses' Club Scholarships are now available. High School and Spouse/Department of Defense Civilian applications are available at the Education Office and Family Support Center, or they can be downloaded from www.geocities.com/pikespeakcsc. Completed applications must be received by March 15. Contact Liz Walker at 622-1695, or LizW1025@aol.com with any questions.

ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Asian-Pacific Heritage Committee will meet every Wednesday through May, from 11 a.m.-noon at the Military Equal Opportunity office. The committee is looking for volunteers and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Aaron Konia at 554-2475, Yong Sharp at 556-7691, or Dolly Daniels at 556-7039.

GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA 2004 SCHEDULED

Gospel Extravaganza 2004 will be 5 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Peterson AFB Auditorium. All Team Pete members are invited. A reception will follow immediately afterward. The Gospel Extravaganza Committee meets

at 3 p.m. Thursdays in the Base Chapel. Volunteers are needed to make this year's programs a success. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Jeffery Smith at 554-3591, or e-mail jeffery.smith@peterson.af.mil.

PETERSON BLACK HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Peterson Air Force Base Black Heritage Committee meets at 3 p.m. Tuesdays in the Family Support Center.

PERSONNEL BRIEF: USAF SELECTION BOARD SCHEDULE

Air Force officials have approved the following changes to the schedule for selection boards convening in Calendar Year 2004. The Senior NCO Supplemental Boards originally scheduled to convene Aug. 23 have been moved to Aug. 30, to allow for conduct of the Command Screening Board, which has been moved from Sept. 20 to Aug. 16.

PERSONNEL BRIEF: OFFICER PROMOTION PROCESS

A member of the AFPC Board Secretariat office will give a detailed briefing on the officer promotion process to all interested parties from 2-4 p.m. March 3 in the base auditorium. If you have any questions, please contact 1st Lt. Kelly Calle at 556-4819.

PERSONNEL BRIEF: LOST COMMON ACCESS CARD REPLACEMENT

Effective March 1, all active duty lost or stolen Common Access Cards will only be replaced with a letter from the member's Commander or First Sergeant. If you have questions, call 1st Lt. Kelly Calle at 556-4819.

Chapel Schedule



Protestant Worship Services:

Liturgical Service, 6:30 p.m. Sat.
Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School 9:35 a.m. Sun.
Contemporary/Inspirational Service,
11 a.m. Sun.

Catholic

Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m.
(except Monday)
Saturdays, 5 p.m.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.

**For more information -
Call the chapel at 556-4442 for
available chapel programs.

Officials limit re-enlistment window to three months

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

[Air Force Print News](#)

WASHINGTON – Air Force personnel officials are changing the re-enlistment eligibility window beginning March 5.

The new policy requires active duty airmen to re-enlist within three months of their term of service expiring, a change from the 12-month window currently in effect.

“In our effort to shape the force, we continue to seek areas that will give us greater management oversight,” said Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, the Air Force’s Chief of Retention and Bonus Programs at the Pentagon.

“We want our airmen to understand that we’re not discouraging re-enlistments,” Sergeant Cornelia said. “By reducing the eligibility window, Air Force officials will have a better picture of how many re-enlistments we can

expect within a given period.”

Narrowing the window will also assist officials with forecasting requirements for personnel programs such as selective re-enlistment bonuses, career job reservations, and retraining, Sergeant Cornelia said.

This policy shift is not something new, but a return to the policy in place before 2001. The eligibility window was expanded from three to 12 months during a low-retention period.

“Getting a better picture of retention indicators will greatly enhance our ability to optimize personnel programs,” Sergeant Cornelia said.

Airmen will still be authorized to re-enlist earlier than three months from their term of service expiring because of service-related requirements, such as a reassignment and promotion.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Chad Pryor in the Military Personnel Flight at 556-6266.

Leave program helps activated federal employees

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Federal employees who are called up by a Reserve or National Guard unit to support a contingency can use special leave to supplement lost wages. They can receive their civilian income instead of military pay for 22 days if their civil service job pays more than the military.

“Although not new to the federal government, 22 days of military leave is a new entitlement for Reservists and (Guardsmen) supporting contingency operations,” said Meg Keith, Human Resources

Program Manager at Air Force Reserve Command headquarters here. “It’s based on a much older program used to compensate employees who perform law enforcement and civil defense duties.”

The military leave program went into effect Nov. 24, 2003, with the signing of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act; however, guidance for running the program is still being worked out.

“Congress extended this benefit to activated employees who are supporting contingency operations so they don’t lose money,” Ms. Keith said. “We

have asked the Air Force to clarify how the ‘22 days of military leave’ program will be implemented. We will provide more details when we get them.”

Besides the 22 days, federal employees receive 15 days of military leave each year to train with their National Guard or Reserve unit.

Under the 15-day military leave entitlement, employees get to keep both their military and civilian pay.

(Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

PIKES PEAK TOP 3 COUNCIL

The Pikes Peak Top 3 meets at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 26 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.



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Dental specialists cut teeth on new innovations

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

The 10th Medical Group Area Dental Lab held its 43rd annual workshop at the Antlers Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs last week.

Three hundred fifty people attended the conference, which has grown substantially from the one-room, in-house workshop it was just a few years ago.

"Our conference is now comparable to those in the civilian sector," said Trish Murphy, the ADL Logistics Manager. "People throughout the Department of Defense come here from base dental labs."

The workshop included lectures, hands-on training courses, and vendor displays featuring technological innovations for DoD dentists, and technicians specializing in prosthetic dentistry.

Dental lab technicians were also given an opportunity to earn certification through exams proctored by a representative from the National Association of Dental Laboratories.

"We have an Air Force Instruction requiring us to provide continuing education opportunities for providers and technicians," said Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Kujak, the ADL Support Element Chief.

"Last week, we sponsored 15

people for licenses," she said.

Peterson's ADL provides tri-service support as the only military facility of its kind in the U.S. Here, specialists manufacture dental prosthetics, or replacement teeth, through a mail-in prescription system.

Each prosthetic must be unique, be it a crown, partial denture, or flexible night guard that prevents nocturnal teeth grinding.

Sergeant Kujak believes every tooth is a work of art due to its distinctive nature.

"Everyone who works in the shop is an artist," she said. "They take into account color and shape, paying close attention to very small details as they create something from scratch."

Many of these "artists" traveled thousands of miles to take advantage of the ADL workshop.

This saved the government about \$100,000 in fees that would have otherwise been paid to send specialists to costly conferences in the private sector, Sergeant Kujak said.

Besides being cost-effective, the ADL's annual conference has other substantial payoffs.

"The workshop gives our people a chance to enhance their skills, and introduces them to state-of-the-art technology and products," Sergeant Kujak said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

Tech. Sgt. Matt Rossi, Dental Lab Craftsman, 81st Dental Squadron from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., pours material into a mold.

IG member offers insight into exercises

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

Every so often, the base responds to explosions, bomb threats, plane crashes, and just about every other conceivable catastrophe during periodic readiness exercises.

Last week was one of those times, as Condor Crest wreaked havoc on Team Pete.

“Condor Crest gives commanders an opportunity to assess critical deficiencies in their missions and personnel,” said Maj. David Nuce, the 21st Space Wing Deputy Inspector General.

The exercise allows us to evaluate the wing’s readiness mission in all functional areas including operations, support, and self-aid and buddy care, he said.

Scenarios are devised to help the inspectors put each functional area to the test.

“The IG creates the overall theme of the exercise, be it a hazardous materials incident or an aircraft crash. Then the Exercise Controllers write and coordinate the script,” Major Nuce said.

Likewise, the IG establishes the wing’s objectives, while the ECs provide the squadron objectives.

The inputs — roughly 150 of them — are then compiled into a master script, Major Nuce said.

The Battle Staff, Unit Control Centers, and Disaster Control Group also play critical roles in exercises. These groups respond to the scenario inputs provided by the IG and ECs.

“The Battle Staff is the commander’s right arm in executing the wing’s support function and operations mission,” Major Nuce said.

UCCs are normally squadron contacts and information nodes, he said.

While the Battle Staff is the commander’s “right arm,” Major Nuce described the Disaster



Photo by Joe Fischer

Donned in Personal Protective Equipment, firefighters respond to a simulated aircraft accident. The C-130 crew, afflicted with Ricin poisoning, was unable to control the plane as it skidded off the runway.

Control Group as the eyes and ears for the commander.

This team is chaired by the Mission Support Group Commander, and responds to all major accidents, pulling together several agencies to resolve the emergency, he said.

As the IG team runs the exercise scenarios, they key in on the reaction of the units involved.

“Do they hustle? Can they demonstrate proficiency on procedures? Or do they try to avoid the

scenario?”

“In the past, we have witnessed several folks who tried to walk around a simulated accident scene to avoid playing in an exercise,” he said.

The major stressed the importance of taking the evaluations seriously.

“Treat each exercise not just as though you are being watched by your commander or an Operational Readiness Inspection evaluator, but as you would if it were real,” he said.





Legal Office assists sexual assault victims

By Kathy D. Nelson
21st Space Wing Legal Office

The military justice system is designed to hold military members who engage in criminal misconduct accountable for their actions, and to ensure an appropriate punishment is fashioned to preserve good order and discipline in the Armed Forces. However, if a Commander, investigative agent, or supervisor believes a military member, dependent, or Air Force employee has been a

victim or a witness to a crime, they have the obligation to refer the individual to the Legal Office.

Such action gets the investigation process started and assists the victim in obtaining the proper protective measures from the accused, while getting the victim the proper resources in either the military or civilian community.

The Victim Witness Assistance Protection Act is designed to protect and assist victims of, and witnesses to,

criminal offenses.

Our primary obligation is to the U.S. Air Force and to the fair and impartial administration of justice. The cooperation and truthful testimony from the victim or witnesses are essential to the proper determination of guilt or innocence of an accused in a criminal trial.

Since the recent headlines at the U.S. Air Force Academy on sexual assaults and how they were "overlooked," we have redoubled our efforts to ensure no accusation of sexual

assault goes uninvestigated. If these issues go unreported, we often cannot do anything about them until it is too late. When a sexual assault goes unreported, the victim is victimized again and asks, "If he did this to me, how many were before me, or will come after me? I want safety and the satisfaction that punishment is given for the wrongdoing that was committed against me."

If you are a victim of or witness to a crime, please call the legal office at 556-4871, or

the Victim Witness Assistance Liaison, at 556-4472. The Liaison is available around the clock, and can always be reached after hours by the on-call Judge Advocate General, Command Post, and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

The Victim Witness Assistance Liaison and one of the Judge Advocates are available to speak to organizations about the program, and how the legal community is handling these issues.

Leave and Earning Statement changes may reduce identity theft

ARLINGTON, Va. – Leave and earning statements for all service-members and Defense Department civilians, and paychecks for military retirees will soon have more identity theft protection.

Over the next several weeks, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will drop the first five digits of a person's Social Security number

from all pay statements and checks to guard against identity theft.

"The changes apply to everyone," said Patrick Shine, acting director of DFAS. The proposal "originated internally and will be phased in over the next couple of pay periods."

Reports of identity theft have substantially increased in recent years, according to the Federal Trade

Commission, which monitors the issue.

This change is to be for all hard copy leave and earning statements. This does not apply to electronic copies of statements found on myPay, the online system for access and control of customers personal pay information.

Five years ago, the number of

identity theft complaints to the FTC was roughly 23,400. By 2001, the rate had more than tripled to about 86,200. Based on figures released in January, the number of complaints of identity theft nearly topped 215,000 for 2003.

The Social Security Administration has also taken the same step of eliminating the first five Social

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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.*

CONFISCATED CARGO – Feb. 5

Security Forces responded to the West Gate, where an entry controller was detaining two men suspected of driving under the influence. When asked where they were going, the men, red-eyed and smelling of marijuana, were unable to respond correctly according to the work order in their possession. Also in the delirious druggies' possession was 5.2 grams of marijuana. The Colorado Springs Police Department responded, immediately issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana, and escorted the high-flying fellas off the installation.

MEDICAL RESPONSE #1 – Feb. 6

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and American Medical Response services responded to McDonald's, where a woman was suffering from seizures. The victim was released into her mother's care to be taken for further treatment.

PLOWED SNOW PLOW – Feb. 6

A man called Security Forces to report he was in a minor vehicle accident on the flight line. He was attempting to make contact with the snow plow crew working in the area, when the government owned truck he was driving slid into one of them. Contact complete. The truck sustained a bent hood and bumper, as well as a broken turn signal. The man was advised to leave the area immediately because a C-130 was attempting to taxi on the runway (one flightline foible was enough). Security Forces did not issue any

paperwork because inclement weather seemed to be the major contributor to the accident. Mother Nature could not be reached for comment.

MEDICAL RESPONSE #2 – Feb. 6

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and AMR responded to the Fitness Center, where a military member was complaining of lower abdominal pain. He was transported to Penrose Main for further treatment.

FROSTY FOIBLE – Feb. 6

Security Forces responded to the North Gate, where a driver had rear-ended another vehicle while waiting to enter the installation. The military motorist stated he sprayed washer fluid onto his windshield, which immediately frosted over, obstructing his vision. Driving blind, he plowed into the car directly in front of his. The accosted auto was left with couple of punctures in the rear bumper. Security Forces issued a citation for Careless Driving and Driving Without a License.

OPEN DOOR POLICY – Feb. 8

Security Forces patrollers discovered the front door to the Canadian Forces Building was left open. A search of the interior revealed all was in order. Someone must have been in a hurry to leave work that day!

EVASIVE MANUEVERS – Feb. 8

Security Forces received a report of a minor accident at the West Gate, where a bus had reportedly scraped a barrier and drove on. The hit-and-run hooligan driving the government bus said he didn't realize he'd hit anything until he reached the Transportation parking lot (some rather large scrapes and a gaping hole in the side of the bus tipped him off). Security Forces issued a citation for Careless Driving.

EAGLE EYES REPORT – Feb. 10

Security Forces received a report of suspicious activity in the Commissary parking lot. A contractor spied a mystery man wearing a dark suit with dark shirt and tie, using a 35 mm camera to take photographs of the Service Station and Post Office.

LOOTED LIGHTING – Feb. 10

Security Forces responded to Base

Housing, where a man reported nearly \$550 worth of property stolen. He stated he intended to inventory the missing materials, which were last seen Feb. 3. Altogether, four wall packs, eight strip lights, and 28 lamps were missing from the unsecured garage.

IFE – Feb. 10

Security Forces responded to the flight line, where an in-flight emergency was reported. A C-21 was apparently experiencing gear malfunction. The jet, carrying 430 gallons of fuel, landed safely.

SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY – Feb. 11

Security Forces responded to the Shoppette parking lot, where a vehicle had slid into another due to the icy pavement. While attempting to park, the driver collided with the car in front of him, causing minor dents to both vehicles.

ROAD RAGE – Feb. 11

A military member called Security Forces to report one of his troops was involved in an incident off base. The troop had just exited the installation via the West Gate, when an aggressive driver began to tailgate her vehicle. When she stopped at the next traffic light, she glanced in her rearview mirror and saw the maniacal motorist shaking his fist at her. He continued to tailgate her car for a ways before speeding off. The shaken steerer attempted to catch the license plate, but he drove off too quickly. Later, she saw that same vehicle on base when she came into work, and decided to file a report.

MINOR OFFENSE – Feb. 11

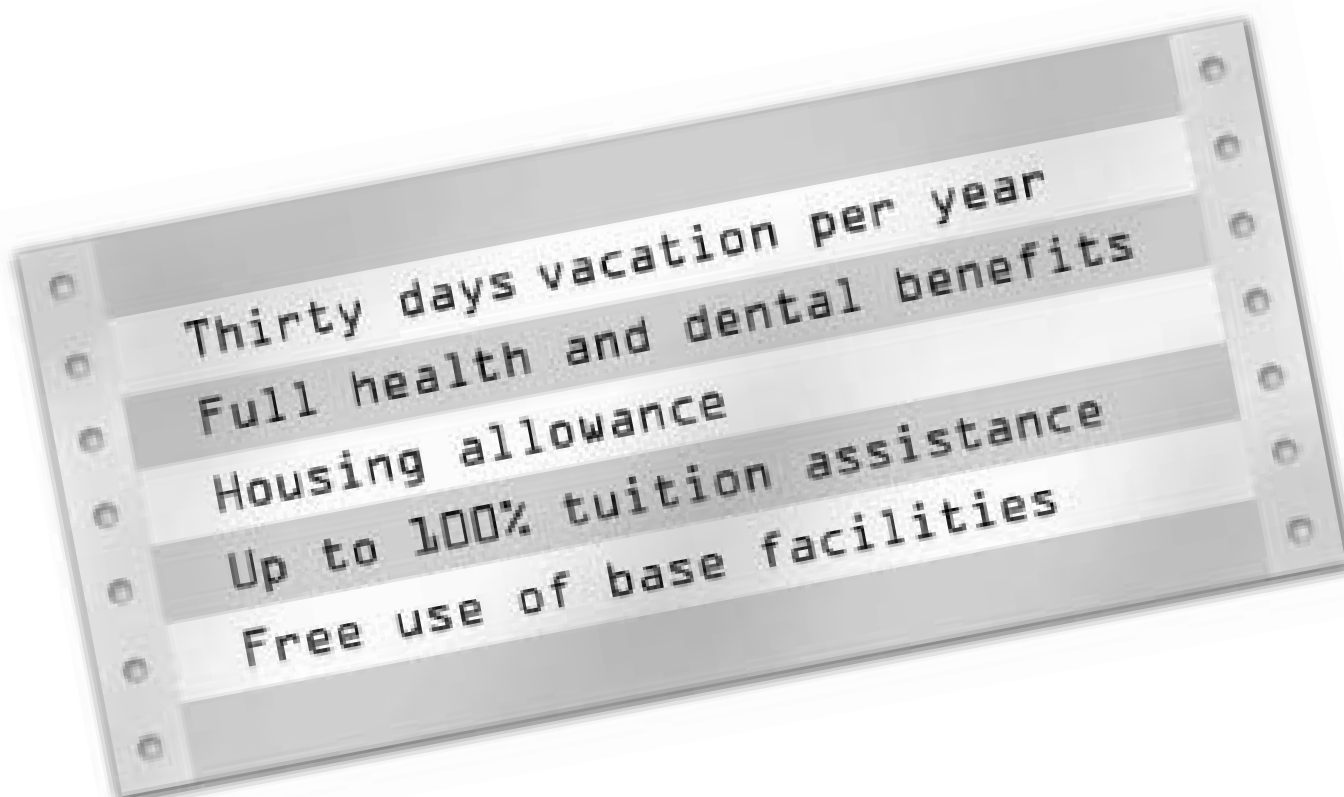
Security Forces responded to the Base Exchange, where an Army Air Force Exchange Service detective detained two youngsters for shoplifting. The preteen poachers stole an adult magazine from the store. They also acquired a shoplifting summons, issued by CSPD.

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 seven activations due to human error.

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

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2nd Lt. Jason D. Bennett
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Master Sgt. Garry E. Berry II
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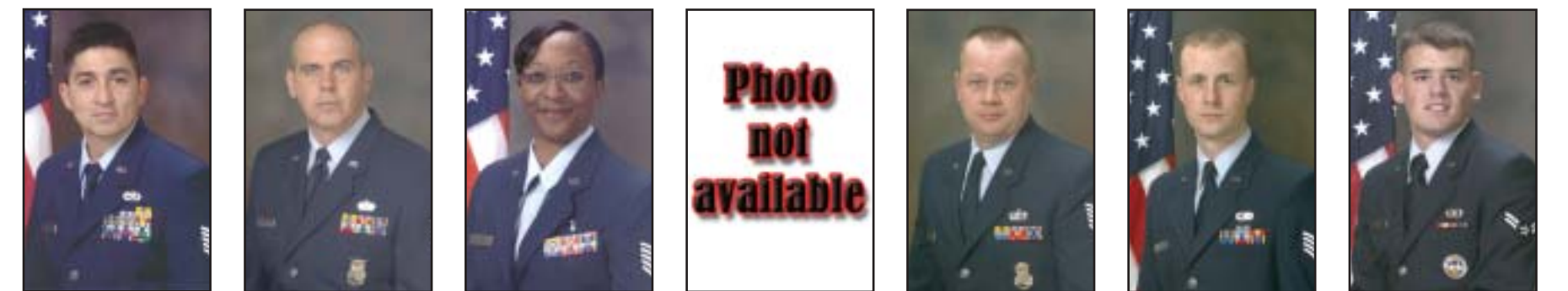
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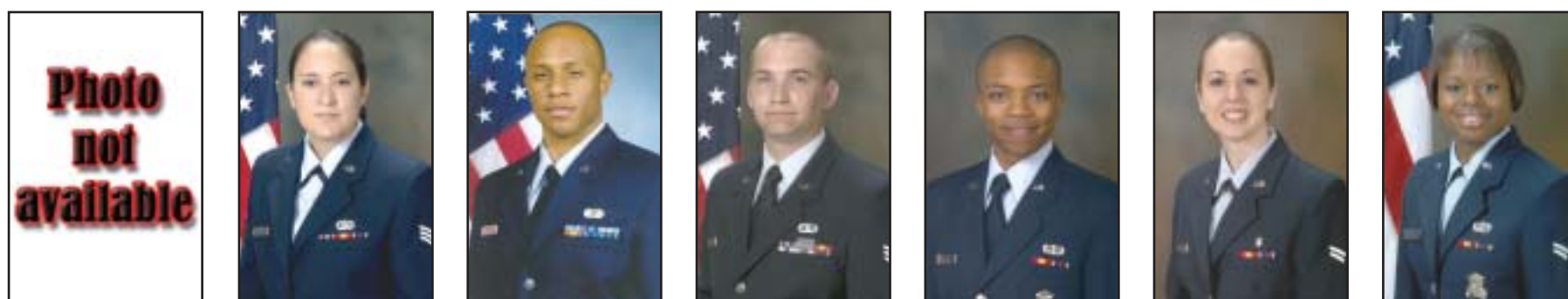
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Financial Services Flight Commander

Capt. Jeffrey D. Thomas
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Airfield Operations Flight Commander

Capt. Lance J. Willoughby
21st Maintenance Group
Executive Officer

1st Lt. Chip W. Hollinger
21st Mission Support Group
Executive Officer



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

This Week

Today

- Career Marketing, 8 a.m.-noon at the Mission Support Center, Room 1016.
- Play Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Youth Center.
- Job Orientation, 1-2 p.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Save \$5 per hour on any Cessna rental at the Aero Club.

Monday

- Group Bowling Instruction, 1- 4 p.m. at the Bowling Center. Class is limited to 10 persons. To register, call 556-4607.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the MSC, Room 1016.
- Resume Review, 9-11 a.m. in the MSC, Room 1016.
- Assertiveness Training, 2:30-4:00 p.m., in the Peterson AFB Library.
- 2-for-1 Evening dinner special in the Officers' Club.

Wednesday

- Advanced Interviewing Class, 9 a.m.-noon in the MSC, Room 1016.
- Pre-Separation Briefing, 3-4 p.m. in the MSC, Room 1016.
- Family Pasta Buffet, 5-7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club.
- Mongolian Barbecue, 6-8 p.m. in the Officers' Club.

Feb. 19

- Job Orientation, 1-2 p.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.
- Play Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Youth Center.
- Mongolian Barbecue, 5-7 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. Reservations are suggested. Call 556-4194.

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

Team Pete vacations with ITT

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

Those wishing to elude the icy Front Range winter can visit Information, Tickets and Tours to plan an escape to milder climates.

ITT sells tickets to local attrac-

tions, like shows at the Pikes Peak Center, as well as travel packages to destinations worldwide.

"People come into the office, and we can help them find vacation packages to suit their budget," said Yvonne Martinez, a travel consultant at ITT.

Trips to Mexico and Las Vegas,

Nev., are very popular right now, she said.

Team Pete members planning a trip don't have to travel very far to make arrangements.

"The office is right on base, so it's convenient," Ms. Martinez said.

But proximity isn't the only convenience ITT offers. The Leisure Travel office can help globetrotters reserve airline tickets, lodging, and rental cars, often at discounted rates.

"We'll always try to get the best price," Ms. Martinez said. "We seek out all kinds of discounts, including those for military."

Renee Kancir, also a travel consultant at ITT, said lower rates offered at Leisure Travel depend on what discounts are being offered on the market.

"We do our research, look up quotes, and give clients what's available," she said.

For many travelers, the services provided by ITT proved to be worthwhile.

"People often call to tell us how much they enjoyed their trips," Ms. Martinez said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

Team Pete members and their families have a wide variety of vacation options available through Information, Tickets and Tours' Leisure Travel Office. The office can help reserve airline tickets, lodging, and rental cars, often at substantial discounts.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today

Lunch:

- Liver with Onions
- Orange Spiced Pork Chop
- Tempura Fried Fish
- Broccoli
- Peas and Carrots
- Steamed Rice
- Rissole Potatoes

Dinner:

- Pepper Steak
- Mr. Z's Baked Chicken
- Ginger Pot Roast
- Mixed Vegetables
- Green Beans
- Steamed Rice
- Mashed Potatoes

Friday

Lunch:

- Beef Corn Pie
- Seafood Newburg
- Veal Paprika Steaks
- Mustard Greens
- Harvard Beets
- Potatoes
- Pea and Pepper Rice

Dinner:

- Yankee Pot Roast
- Simmered Corned Beef
- Pineapple Chicken
- Fried Cabbage
- Carrots
- Mashed Potatoes
- Black-Eyed Peas

Saturday

Brunch:

- Creole Shrimp
- Savory Baked Chicken
- Swedish Meatballs
- Asparagus
- Creamed Corn
- Squash
- Baked Potatoes
- Noodles Jefferson

Sunday

Brunch:

- Cantonese Spareribs
- Mustard Chicken
- Oven-Fried Fish
- Broccoli Combo
- County-Style Tomatoes
- Peas
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Boiled Egg Noodles
- Sweet Potatoes

Monday

Lunch:

- Baked Stuffed Fish
- Pot Roast
- Roast Loin of Pork
- Cauliflower Combo
- Green Beans w/ Mushrooms
- Oven-Browned Potatoes
- Steamed Rice

Dinner:

- Chili Mac
- Southern Fried Chicken
- Beef Cannelloni
- French-Style Peas
- Glazed Carrots
- Mashed Potatoes
- Squash

Tuesday

Lunch:

- Salmon Cakes
- Teriyaki Chicken
- Veal Parmesan
- Fried Cabbage
- Succotash
- Parsley Buttered Potatoes
- Filipino Rice

Dinner:

- Country Captain Chicken
- Turkey A-La-King
- Meatloaf
- Mustard Greens
- Okra and Tomato Gumbo
- Steamed Rice
- Mashed Potatoes

Wednesday

Lunch:

- Cantonese Spareribs
- Szechwan Chicken
- Beef Stir Fry
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Vegetable Stir Fry
- Parsley-Buttered Potatoes
- Pork-Fried Rice

Dinner:

- Barbecued Spareribs
- Lemon Herbed Chicken
- Stuffed Pork Chops
- Cauliflower Combo
- Mexican Corn
- Steamed Rice
- Scalloped Potatoes



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'The experience is what you make it'

By Senior Airman Michelle Zeller
21st Contracting Squadron

I first looked into joining the United States Air Force as a junior in high school. I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do.

I spent my senior year contemplating whether to join the Air Force or go to a traditional college. Most of my friends were planning futures at nearby state universities, while I felt I needed to do something different and more challenging.

The cost of higher education is expensive. When I looked at the financial commitment associated with the costs of attending college, I knew that financing my education was not going to be easy. I didn't have the luxury of my parents' financial support. If I wanted to go to college, I was going to have to finance it myself. I concluded that joining the Air Force was my best choice.

The Air Force provided me with the money I needed to pay for college. By joining the Air Force, I knew that I would be making the most out of my college experience and my life. The chance to earn a college degree while working in the Air Force was a win-win situation.

I'll separate from the Air Force in May, and start school full-time at Columbia University.

Though I wasn't able to complete my bachelor's degree, I'll leave with an Associate of Science in Contract Management degree. An associate's degree is a start. Joining the Air Force was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The Air Force provided me with a foundation for success.

Through the Contracting career field, I have been provided with the opportunity to succeed with my time-management skills, physical fitness goals, and interpersonal skills. All of these skills will help me succeed in the future.

Being in the Air Force is not always easy, but the choice is ours. The attitude we have toward our jobs, our families, and our lives ultimately determines how we handle challenges and changes, and will either help you succeed or hold you back. The choice is yours. The military duties and responsibilities, the civilian opportunities, and the education benefits are what convinced me to join the Contracting career field.

In spite of long deployments, missing birthdays and holidays, and working hard to manage a full-time workload and academic schedule, it has all been worth it. The experience is what you make it. For me, the Air Force and Contracting experience have been priceless.



Vosler NCO Academy graduates 132

On Feb. 13, 132 students graduated from Peterson's Forrest L. Vosler NCO Academy, as Class 04-2. Our congratulations go to all the graduates.

Tech. Sgt. Adrian C. Pruitt, 6th Space Operations Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., won the John L. Levitow Award. Tech. Sgt. Ronnie T. Beharry, 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., received the Academic Achievement Award. Tech. Sgt. Gretchen M. Richburg-Crane, AFROTC Northwest Region, Pullman, Wash., earned the Commandant's Award. Beharry and Richburg-Crane were also named Distinguished Graduates, along with Tech. Sgts. James V. Escher, 34th Training Group, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.; Corey J. Dlask, 10th Communications Squadron, USAFA; Peter B. Hartmann, 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; John E. DeHoff, 388th Maintenance Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah; Willie C. Ford, 62nd Supply Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.; Dwain D. Hedgepeth, 22nd Medical Support Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kansas; Kevin L. Jones, 90th Maintenance Operations Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB; Michele K. King, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB; Glenn P. McAlister Jr., Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.; and Tech. Sgt. Gerald J. Nunes Jr., 90th Security Forces Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB.

Other Class 04-2 graduates were

Tech. Sgt. Mark E. Abrams, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
Tech. Sgt. David L. Ackerman, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
Tech. Sgt. Gary D. Aittama, Coeur D' Alene, Idaho
Tech. Sgt. Mark K. Apsey, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
Tech. Sgt. James L. Armstrong, Hill AFB
Tech. Sgt. Michael A. Armstrong, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew J. Auger, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

Tech. Sgt. Robert T. Badillo, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Tech. Sgt. Troy J. Ballard, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

Tech. Sgt. Darrin W. Bailey, McConnell AFB

Tech. Sgt. Deborah G. Banks, McConnell AFB

Tech. Sgt. Franklin J. Barta, Hill AFB

Tech. Sgt. Roger A. Berube, Portland, Ore.

Tech. Sgt. Jerry B. Boaze Jr., USAFA

Tech. Sgt. Emile P. Bradley, Peterson AFB

Tech. Sgt. Robert W. Briney, McConnell AFB

Tech. Sgt. William E. Brooks, Malmstrom AFB

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Tech. Sgt. William S. Carroll, Malmstrom AFB

Tech. Sgt. Vaughn A. Cavender, Hill AFB

Tech. Sgt. Andrew B. Collins, Fairchild AFB

Tech. Sgt. Glen A. Comeaux, McChord AFB

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Tech. Sgt. Marc A. Correra, Malmstrom AFB

Tech. Sgt. Kelly M. Cunningham, Peterson AFB

Tech. Sgt. James J. Delbridge, Peterson AFB

Tech. Sgt. Chad E. Doss, F.E. Warren AFB

Tech. Sgt. Kevin R. Elmore, McChord AFB

Tech. Sgt. Glenn A. Evans, Peterson AFB

Tech. Sgt. Kerry A. Ferguson, McConnell AFB

Tech. Sgt. Christopher A. Ferreira, F.E. Warren AFB

Tech. Sgt. Ian M. Forrester, Peterson AFB

Tech. Sgt. Steven D. Fryer, McConnell AFB

Tech. Sgt. Dean M. Gagnon, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Tech. Sgt. Robert W. Gannon, Malmstrom AFB

Tech. Sgt. Damian D. Gardner, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

Tech. Sgt. Michael L. Grant, USAFA

Tech. Sgt. Jason C. Gray, Hill AFB

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Tech. Sgt. Darian E. Guy, Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

Tech. Sgt. Gerald D. Haight Jr., Malmstrom AFB

Tech. Sgt. Norman L. Harvey, Hill AFB

Tech. Sgt. James A. Heinrich, F.E. Warren AFB

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Tech. Sgt. Todd A. Homkes, Hill AFB

Tech. Sgt. Alan W. Hotz, Malmstrom AFB

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Tech. Sgt. Deanne L. Hyland, Malmstrom AFB

Tech. Sgt. David K. James, Malmstrom AFB

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Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Jankowski, Hill AFB

Tech. Sgt. Joel A. Jones, Hill AFB

Tech. Sgt. John P. Karagiannes, Peterson AFB

Tech. Sgt. Patrick L. Kincaid, Peterson AFB

Tech. Sgt. William A. Kober, Schriever AFB

Tech. Sgt. William J. Kowalski, Fairchild AFB

Tech. Sgt. Matthew L. Larson, Fairchild AFB

Tech. Sgt. Jessica L. Lind, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

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Peterson ALS graduates 32

On Feb. 10, 32 students graduated from Peterson's Airman Leadership School, as Class 04-C. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Bob Vasquez, Center for Character Development, was the guest speaker for the graduation ceremony in the Enlisted Club. Our congratulations go to all the graduates.

Senior Airman Christy Hinojosa, 21st Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, won the John L. Levitow Award. Senior Airman Chad Carpenter, 1st Space Operations Squadron, was awarded the Academic Achievement Award. Staff Sgt. Rachel Chiartano, 76th Space Control Squadron, earned the Leadership Award. Senior Airmen Dawn Bogardus, 21st Space Communications Squadron, and Joshua Sutfin, 3rd SOPS, were named Distinguished Graduates.

Other Class 04-C graduates were
 Staff Sgt. Timothy Babcock, 721st Security Forces Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Kyle E. Scheese, 21st SCS
 Senior Airman Bethany J. Anderson, 3rd SOPS
 Senior Airman Sarah J. Burns, 50th Mission Support Squadron
 Senior Airman Aaron C. Dunville, 50th Space Communications Squadron
 Senior Airman Jeremiah DuPriest, 50th SFS
 Senior Airman Bret E. Ehrenfried, 50th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Jeffery P. Guynn, 50th Operations Group
 Senior Airman Brent I. Haney, 13th Air Support Operations Squadron
 Senior Airman Ryan N. Hilliard, 721st Communications Squadron
 Senior Airman Selvin O. Hudson, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron
 Senior Airman Kevin P. Igo, 21st SFS
 Senior Airman Heather J. Kling, 21st Space Wing
 Senior Airman Chris L. Loflin, 2nd SOPS
 Senior Airman Dennis Mathys, 50th SFS
 Senior Airman Jocelyn N. Mathys, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office
 Senior Airman Andrew P. Metzger, 21st SCS
 Senior Airman Carrie A. Muir, 4th SOPS
 Senior Airman John J. Nerwinski, 1st Space Control Squadron
 Senior Airman Adam H. Perkins, 21st CES
 Senior Airman Jessica Ptacek, 721st SFS
 Senior Airman Samuel Rodriguez, 50th SCS
 Senior Airman Sanita D. Simons, Air Force Space Command
 Senior Airman Theodore J. Strycharz, 21st CES
 Senior Airman Ruthanne Terrel, 21st Mission Support Squadron
 Senior Airman Russell D. Unger, 3rd SOPS
 Senior Airman Monique C. Wright, 21st SW 

9 complete FTAC

Congratulations to the following Feb. 13 graduates from the First Term Airman's Center Class 2004-07:

Airman Basic


Angelia F. Bragg, 21st Medical Support Squadron

Airmen

Morgan A. Burnham, 21st MDSS
 Danyell G. Rackley, 21st Medical Operations Squadron
 Tiffany M. Romano, 21st MDSS

Jeffrey S. Tipton, 721st Security Forces Squadron

Airmen 1st Class

Nathan D. Barden, 21st Security Forces Squadron
 Kathryn L. Bernardi, 721st SFS
 Bryan M. Duke, 21st Space Communications Squadron
 Brent C. Merry, 21st MDSS 





HAWC kicks off walking/running clinic

By Cindy White
Health and Wellness Center

Are you Fit to Fight? The Peterson Health and Wellness Center offers a new program that will get Team Pete up and running!

The Health and Wellness Center offers a run/walk clinic throughout the spring to get folks prepared for the new 1.5 mile run. The program kicks off 3:30- 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, and will be offered every Tuesday through April.

The first workshop will be taught in the HAWC classroom by the HAWC Fitness Program Manager and Capt. Gordon Birdsall, Air Force Space Command Logistics and Communications Directorate.

Captain Birdsall said he has a real passion for running, and is excited about educating and motivating walkers and runners of all levels. He has more than 23 years of experience running, racing, and coaching.

Coach Birdsall has worked with high school cross-country and track teams and taught at several running camps in the last eight years. An avid runner, he qualified for the Olympic trials in 1988.

You don't have to be the next Frank Shorter or Jim Fixx to join the group. The running clinic is "geared for folks that want to get back into shape with a running/walking program," Coach Birdsall said.

The first session cov-

ers injury prevention, buying shoes, progression, and will introduce the HAWC's Run Across America incentive program.

This program is designed to help anyone start an exercise routine, get results, and stay motivated.

The group meets each week, and Coach Birdsall will develop a specific workout program tailored to the participant's level of fitness. Progress will be reviewed and then the group will go for a self-paced walk/run together as a team. Participants record their progress in miles and goals.

The final event, a Fun Run, helps kick off National Fitness Month May 3.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips

Team Pete runners can 'get a leg up' on the Fit to Fight program as the Health and Wellness Center offers a running and walking clinic to help people prepare for the new 1.5 mile run. The program kicks off 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, and is offered every Tuesday through April, when a Fun Run helps kick off National Fitness Month.