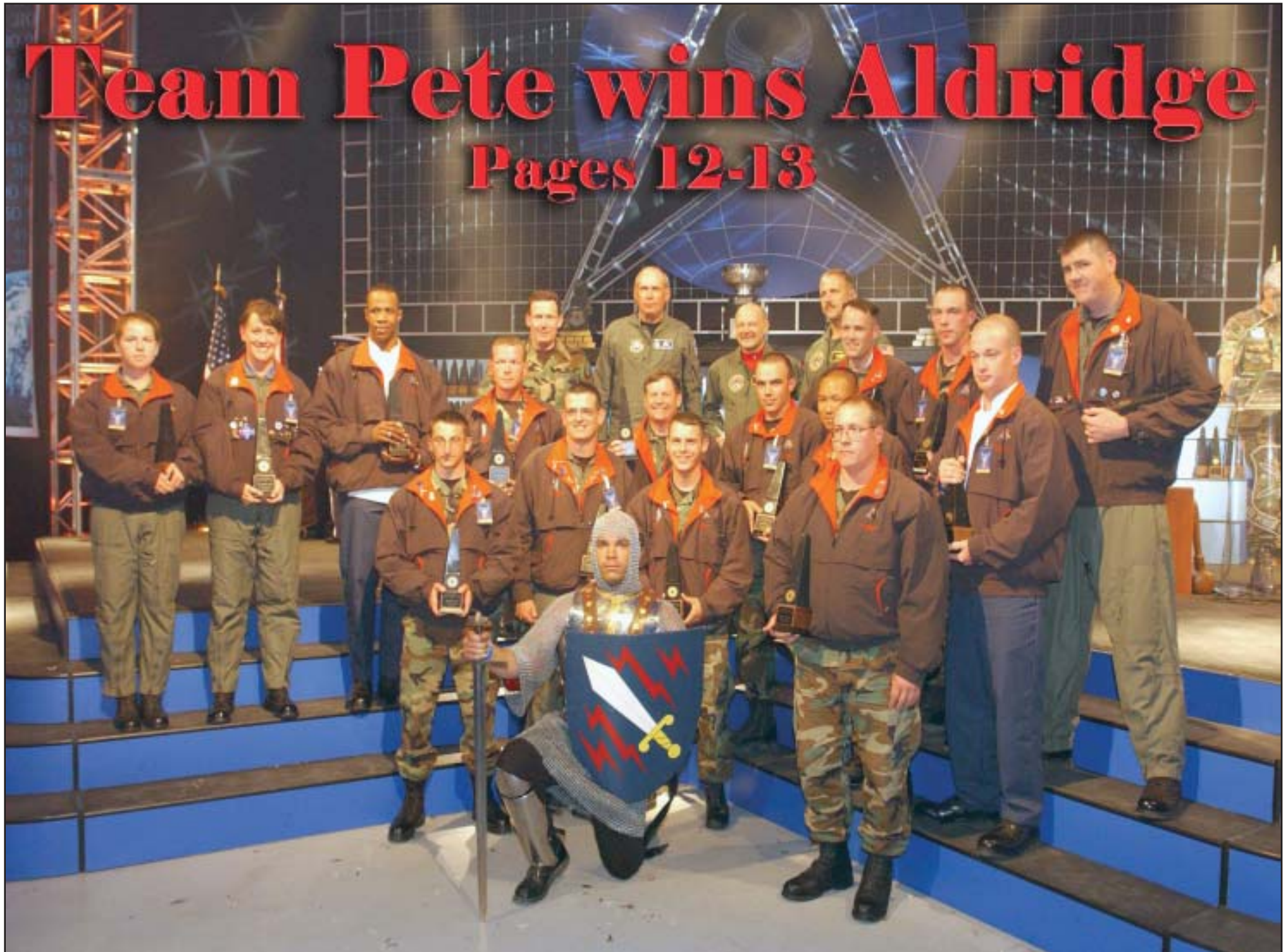


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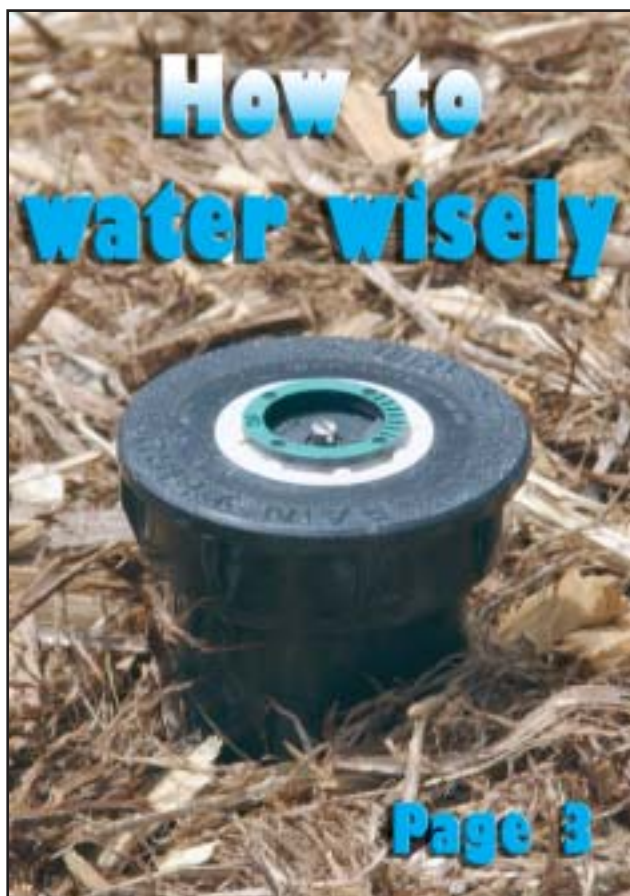
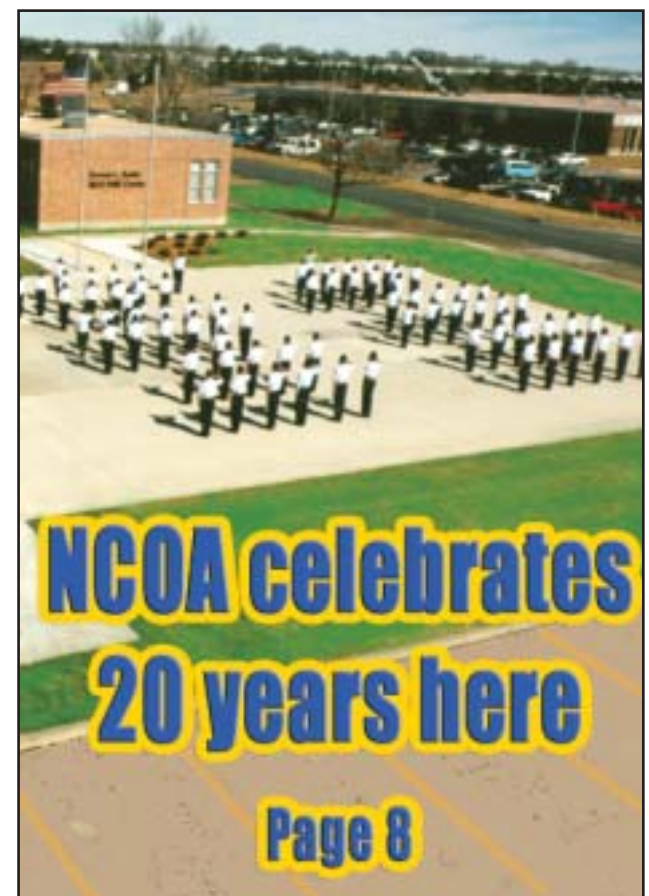


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Secretary, chief send Armed Forces Day message

Editor's note The following is an Armed Forces Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

Since 1949, America has paid tribute to its men and women in uniform by celebrating Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May. Grateful Americans in every state will hold parades and fly Old Glory to honor those who have worn the uniform

either as a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine.

It is indeed an important time to be a member of our nation's Armed Forces and especially to be an Airman. America needs your service today as much, if not more, than any other time in our country's history. America's security is a global issue as we continue the fight in the war on terrorism. Our country needs your steadfast devotion to protecting the freedoms we

enjoy.

Today, we serve a grateful nation. From shore to shore, Americans are proud of your professional competence, combat capabilities and unwavering courage to defend our country. They have seen, firsthand, your efforts in the mountains of Afghanistan and the skies over Iraq and your steadfastness in protecting our homeland. They have reveled with us in your triumphs and cried with us when we lose broth-

ers and sisters in battle.

You represent the pride and patriotism of the United States. You are the standard for sacrifice, devotion and bravery. We are proud to serve with you. On this Armed Forces Day, let's remember those who came before us and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May God bless all of you and our great nation.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Photo by Budd Butcher

Giving providers a hand

Karen Kirshenbaum, the Family Child Care coordinator, speaks at the FCC Provider Appreciation Dinner May 7. The awards banquet recognized some of Team Pete's outstanding child care providers.



Action Line

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.

Smoking area conundrum

Question: Why did the Clinic elect to completely eliminate the only

smoking area when all the major buildings are supposed to have a designated smoking area? I understand the base going to limited smoking areas, but I feel this is very unfair to those who work in the Clinic and would like to see that decision reversed. Thank you.

Answer: The 21st MDG com-

mander determined that smoking near a medical facility is detrimental to the mission of the organization. Therefore smoking was banned from the 21st MDG campus in conjunction with the rigorous enforcement of the smoking standards on base. If you have further questions, call Lt. Col. Mark White at 556-5588.



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A Moment in Time



■ **May 15, 1918** The government's first permanent airmail route is inaugurated by Army pilots.

■ **May 16, 1955** U.S. Air Force markings are approved for use on aircraft wings.

■ **May 17, 1919** The War Department orders the use of national star insignia on all planes.

■ **May 17, 1983** Space Command broke ground for the Consolidated Space Operations Center at Falcon Air Force Station, Colo.

■ **May 19, 1919** Master Sgt. Ralph W. Bottriell makes the first backpack-style free-fall parachute jump.



Wing bestows quarterly awards

Congratulations to the first quarter award recipients.

21st Space Wing recipients:

Airman John H. Colosimo, 21st Maintenance Group, Airman of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Jason R. Fitzpatrick, 21st Operations Group, NCO of the Quarter

Master Sgt. Larry K. Dozier, 21st MXG, Senior NCO of the Quarter

1st Lt. Richard B. Shoaf, 21st MXG, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Martha G. Menjivar, 21st Comptroller Squadron, Civilian category one

Christel Hensley, 21st OG, Civilian category two

Michael J. Puleo, 21st Medical Group, Civilian category three

Team Pete recipients:

Airman 1st Class Regina R. Whatley, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, Airman of the Quarter
Tech. Sgt. Alfred J. Rhodes III, Detachment 4, Air Force Operations and Test Center, NCO of the Quarter

Master Sgt. Larry K. Dozier, 21st MXG, SNCO of the Quarter

Capt. Tyler S. Green, Det. 4, AFOTEC, CGO of the Quarter

Martha G. Menjivar, 21st CPTS, Civilian category one

Christel Hensley, 21st OG, Civilian category two

Tom A. Lipski, Det. 11, Space and Missile Systems Center

Senior NCOs graduate highest enlisted PME

Congratulations to the Senior NCO Academy class 04-C graduates. The class graduated from the academy, located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., on April 28. The students focused on advanced man-

agement and leadership.

Team Pete graduates are:

Master Sgt. William Smith, 721st Systems Center, Distinguished Graduate

Senior Master Sgts. John Harvey, 21st Security Forces Squadron, and Tyler Foster, 21st Space Wing, and Master Sgt. Dudley Baker, Air Force Space Command

CCAF recognizes graduates in May ceremony

A graduation ceremony will be conducted 2 p.m. May 21 in the Enlisted Club in honor of the October 2003 and April 2004 Community College of the Air Force graduates. Graduates and their guests are invited to attend.

Peterson Air Force Base students earned 199 Community College of the Air Force degrees were earned by Peterson Complex students, with 19 graduates earning two degrees, and one earning three degrees.

Each graduate will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree from the Community College of the Air Force. To earn this degree, graduates must complete a rig-

orous program of study that includes technical education; leadership, management, and military studies; program electives; and general education. The degree programs are designed to provide graduates with knowledge, skills and theoretical background for enhanced performance as technicians and NCOs.

These graduates exemplify outstanding dedication to fulfillment of the Air Force mission and have met the challenges of today's world events with professionalism and pride. By achieving their educational goals, thereby enhancing professional and personal educational development, they contribute to the Air Force mission

of maintaining a dynamic, high-quality force.

Graduates planning to attend the ceremony should call the Education Office at 556-4064.

The honored graduates for October 2003 and April 2004 are:

Staff Sgt. Benedict G. Abac, 21st Area Dental Operations Squadron

Master Sgt. Joseph D. Amos, 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jason R. Banda, 2nd Space Warning Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Edward E. Barge, Retired

Master Sgt. Larry D. Barger, Air Force Space Command

Master Sgt. Timothy E. Bigger, 21st Space Wing

Tech. Sgt. Tannya M. Blue, 21st Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jamie R. Booker, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center

Tech. Sgt. Tom E. Borosky, AFSPC

Master Sgt. Michael G. Bracchi, Space Warfare Center

Master Sgt. Sean K. Brady, AFSPC

Tech. Sgt. Gerald V. Butler, AFSPC

Master Sgt. Kent H. Campbell, 21st Space Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Lemuel L. Campbell, Retired

Master Sgt. Michael W.

Cancel, AFSPC

Staff Sgt. Stephen E. Cannon, 21st Operations Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Johna Y. Copeland, Space and Missile Systems Center, Det. 11

Staff Sgt. Victor Cordero Jr., 721st Security Forces Sqd.

Tech. Sgt. Charles J. Coughlin, Retired

Senior Master Sgt. Michael E. Crowley, 21st SW

Staff Sgt. Jamie R. Dana, 21st SW

Master Sgt. Tad A. Davis, AFSPC

Master Sgt. Craig Dockum, 21st Services Squadron

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'IDEAs' reward Team Pete members

By Amanda Braden

21st Space Wing Manpower

Four Team Pete members earned cash awards from the Innovative Development Through Employee Awareness Program in the first and second quarters of this fiscal year.

The Air Force IDEA Program is a web-based application that offers incentives to encourage military and Department of Defense civilians to submit their ideas to increase efficiency and effectiveness, save resources, improve processes, equipment or products

in the Air Force, DoD and Federal Government. Awards for approved ideas range from a certificate to a \$10,000 cash award.

Richard Cox, 21st Space Wing, received \$200 for his idea to place more direction signs on the indoor running track.

Mary Hight, Air Force Space Command plans and programs, received \$200 for her idea to provide people a place to post information so it is accessible to the base population.

Staff Sgt. Fred Itule, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, saved the Air Force \$64,000 and received

\$8,777 for his idea to place tablet personal computers in emergency response vehicles for firefighters to use while responding to emergencies.

Master Sgt. Edward Vigil, 137th Space Warning Squadron at Greeley Air National Guard Station, Colo., saved the Air Force \$50,433.57 and received \$1,513 for his idea to have technicians remove and replace Electronic Antenna Control Device indicator lights instead of sending the device to the depot for light replacement. For more information or to submit an idea, visit <https://halfway.peterson.af.mil/21sw/mo/idea.htm>.

CE offers water conservation tips

Current watering restrictions allow people who have odd numbered addresses to water their lawns on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Residents with even numbered addresses may water on Wednesdays and Sundays. Lawns may be watered from midnight -- 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. -- midnight. Here are some water conservation tips:

- Water lawns only when needed.
- Water when temperatures and wind speed is at its lowest. This reduces evaporation losses.
- Position sprinklers so that water lands on the lawn and shrubs, not on the

paved areas.

- Minimize grass areas in your yard, because less grass means less water demand.
- Mulch planting areas to retain moisture in the soil. Mulching also helps control weeds that compete with plants for water.
- Add compost to the soil when planting to improve its composition and it helps retain moisture.
- Raise the lawn mower blade to three inches. A lawn that's cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil

moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.

- Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. The application of fertilizers increases the need for water. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-soluble forms of nitrogen.
- Group plants together based on similar water needs.

(Courtesy of 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental flight)





MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DAY SET

The 21st Space Wing hosts a Motorcycle Safety Day from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 21 at the base picnic grounds. Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf, Air Force Space Command vice commander, will lead a group of motorcycle riders from the Air Force Space Command Headquarters building on a designated route to the base picnic grounds.

There will be free motorcycle safety inspections for anyone with a motorcycle or anyone wishing to learn how to perform the inspections. Several motorcycle vendors from around the community will be there to show off their motorcycles and safety equipment.

The Air Force Academy Band Blue Steel ensemble will provide entertainment. The booster club from the 21st Civil Engineering Squadron will be selling food and drinks, come on out and enjoy the band and grab a bite to eat.

Everyone with valid access to Peterson Air Force Base is invited to attend and learn from certified motorcycle instructors with many years of teaching and riding experience. For more information or if you would like to ride with General Leaf, call Tech. Sgts. Don Finley or Terrell Grant at 556-4956.

CITY CELEBRATES ARMED FORCES DAY

The Interquest Rotary Club and the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce will host an Armed Forces Day ceremony Saturday at Memorial Park. This free event features flyovers, games, prizes and more. For more information, visit <http://www.join-r-forces-day.org>.

BUILDING RENOVATION SET

Renovation on the front entrance of the Mission Support building began Monday and are scheduled to last until Aug. 3. A temporary sidewalk built around the construction area allows access to the front entrance to the building. For more information, call Ernie Branch at 556-1422.

MED GROUP ANNOUNCES CLOSURE

The 21st Medical Group Clinic closes at 12:30 p.m. June 3 for training. The refill pharmacy at the

commissary will be open.

FITNESS CENTER COLLECTS FOOD DONATIONS

The Fitness Center is collecting donations of nonperishable food items through May 28 for the Silver Key Senior Services. Silver Key Senior Services is an organization that helps support less fortunate senior citizens. Donations are needed throughout the year. The food pantry is currently running low on easy-to-prepare nonperishable food items.

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FITNESS CENTER CONSTRUCTION SET

The Fitness and Sports Center is building a second level over the dumbbell room for storage and to reinforce the floor of the Health and Wellness Center unit above the free weight room. Construction is estimated to be completed July 19. During that time, the dumbbell room will be moved to share half of the Spinning Room.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Service members, their families and veterans can now search for scholarships online. To search for scholarships, visit <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/newsearch>.

CLINIC ROOF CONSTRUCTION

The work on the 21st Medical Group roof has been postponed for two weeks. The new project completion date is May 28.

FIT-TO-FIGHT RUN SCHEDULED

Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander Air Force Space Command, will lead all uniformed members of AFSPC Headquarters in a Spring Fit-to-Fight 1.5 mile run. The event will be held 10 a.m. May 13 starting at the base parade grounds. For more infor-

mation, call Senior Master Sgt. J.J. Christian, HQ AFSPC Fitness Program Manager at 554-4490.

SUMMER BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The R. P. Lee Youth Center is taking summer baseball registration for children ages 3-15. For more information, call the Youth Center at 556-5242.

SCRAMBLE GOLF

A foursome golf outing is scheduled June 11 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Carson Golf Course. The price of \$65 includes green fees, cart and lunch. For more information or to sign up, call the Colorado Springs Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., at 719-963-8969.

AFCEA LUNCHEON SET

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association is holding a luncheon May 20 at the Enlisted Club. Jake Henry, NORAD/NORTHCOM programs and resources director, will speak about NORAD/NORTHCOM capabilities and requirements. The luncheon will recognize the 2004 Science Fair winners from local schools. The cost is \$12. For more information or to make a reservation, call Judy Arnold at 277-4028 or Judee Albert at 277-4007.

PARKING LOT CLOSURE SCHEDULED

The lodging office parking lot is closed until midnight May 23. For more information, call Ernie Branch at 556-1422.

FTAC ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED

The next First Term Airmen Center Advisory Council Meeting will be 3:45 p.m. May 27 in the Missions Support Center, Room 1052.

Commanders, first sergeants, superintendents, supervisors, and other interested members of Team Pete are invited. For further information, call Master Sgt. Kristin Clark at 556-9158.

ENLISTED INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Air Force ROTC program has instructor openings for technical and master sergeants.

For more information, call 1-800-522-0033, Ext. 2352.



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.

21st Space Wing celebrates 15th anniversary

The 21st Space Wing activated May 15, 1992. This event is significant in the history of space because the 21st SW has become the largest military space wing in the world, according to the 21st SW History office.

The new space wing received the lineage and honors of the 21st Tactical Fighter Wing (1979-1992), the 21st Composite Wing (1966-1979), the 21st Tactical Fighter Wing (1958-1960), the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing (1953-1958), the 21st Fighter Group (1944-1946) and the 21st Bombardment Group (1942-1943). Air Staff decided to grant the new space wing the lineage and honors of

these distinguished flying units in order to preserve essential Air Force heritage. For example, during a four-month aerial campaign over Japan in 1945, the 21st scored more than 60 confirmed aerial victories and had two aces, Maj. Harry Crimm and Capt. Willis Matthews, according to the 21st SW History Office.

The personnel and equipment of the 21st Space Wing resulted from a merger between two other units, the 1st Space Wing and the 3d Space Support Wing. The 1st Space Wing, which oper-



ated and managed ground and space-based sensors, had activated on Jan. 1, 1983. The 3d Space Support Wing, which acted as host base for Peterson and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Bases, now Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, had activated Oct. 15, 1986. Both inactivating wings received Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, according to the 21st SW History Office.

Gen. Donald J. Kutyna, Air Force Space Command commander, and presiding official, spoke at the ceremony,

Our new organization reflects the way the Air Force will look in the 90s self-contained wings which include their own organic support groups and focus on the operational employment of air and space power, according to the 21st SW History Office.

General Kutyna further commented that a larger wing and a larger history had been achieved with the merger, and The 21st will carry that heritage forward into, very appropriately, the 21st Century, according to the 21st SW History Office.

(Information courtesy of the 21st Space Wing History Office)

Personnel Corner

Occupational, educational grants available

In August 2003, the base formed a partnership with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center to provide funding for military spouses and civilian employees to expand their employment skills. This \$2.7 million grant offers occupational, computer-based, on-the-job and educational training certification through local educational institutions. People may qualify if they are a military spouse who was working at the sponsor's last duty station and is currently unemployed due to relocation, or is a civil service employee currently in a reduction in force status. For more information, call the Peterson Family Support Center at 556-6141.

NCO retraining enters Phase II The Fiscal 2004 NCO Retraining Program Phase II has entered involuntary phase implementation I. Due to the low voluntary retraining rate, phase II involuntary

retraining must be implemented to maintain a balance of Air Force enlisted specialties. The involuntary phase will be implemented only for those AFSCS that did not meet retraining out-targets under phase I. For more information, call the base retraining manager at 556-7400.

Command screening board to meet The CY04 Command Screening Board meets Aug. 16 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, to select candidates to compete for wing and group commander positions for the next assignment cycle. Eligible officers will receive a notification letter, career brief, CSB guideline sheet, and an acknowledgement and intent memo by June 18.

Officers must go to their MPF and acknowledge their selection by July 7 and must provide a letter of intent by July 27.

Enlisted aides needed The Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is looking for enthusiastic, mature and professional applicants with the right attitude and strong culinary skills to fill the fol-

lowing enlisted aide openings: Kadena Air Base, Japan, Aviano AB, Italy and Randolph AFB, Texas.

The report no later than date is June 30. Applications will be accepted until May 17 from career Airmen, senior airman through master sergeant. Applications should include a copy of the last five enlisted performance reports, a resume, two 8-inch by 10-inch photographs in service dress and a letter of recommendation from your commander and command chief.

Packages should be prepared in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2123, Management of Enlisted Aides, and mailed to Senior Master Sgt. Gary Murdock, AFSLMO Crystal Plaza 6, Suite 500, 2221 S. Clark St., Arlington, Va. 22202.

MSS receives Air Force awards The 21st Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel flight received the Middle to Large Central CPF of the year award and the Education Center received the Nathan Altschuler for Excellence in Education Programs award.

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Staff Sgt. Christa L. Duknoski, 21st Maintenance Operations Flight	Squadron Tech. Sgt. William J. Hughes, AFSPC	Luvisi, 21st Mission Support Squadron	Christopher M. Perricone, 13th ASOS	Spadaro, 721st MSG
Staff Sgt. Alvin R. Dye, 21st Medical Support Squadron	Staff Sgt. Timothy W. Hulmes, 21st SCS	Staff Sgt. James B. Mallard Jr., 21st MDOS	Master Sgt. Page E. Pinkney, CMOC	Master Sgt. Dean A. Walker, 21st MOF
Staff Sgt. Cari D. Ellis, 21st Aeromedical Dental Squadron	Staff Sgt. Maria Theresa P. Ibanez, 21st Medical Support Squadron	Tech. Sgt. Aljavan Martin Jr., 21st Civil Engineer Squadron	Staff Sgt. Brandy D. Powers, SWC	Master Sgt. Teresa M. Ward, U.S. NORTHCOM
Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson, separated	Tech. Sgt. Gregory N. Jensen, 21st Contracting Squadron	Master Sgt. James H. McLain III, North American Aerospace Defense	Senior Airman Tanisha A. Pryor, 21st LRS	Staff Sgt. Catherine C. Warman, 21st MSS
Staff Sgt. Brandy M. Fler-Williams, 21st SCS	Staff Sgt. Melissa B. Johnson, SWC	Staff Sgt. Aimee A. McLaren, 21st ADOS	Staff Sgt. Paul G. Rayman Jr., 21st OSS	Master Sgt. William Warr, 2nd SWS
Master Sgt. Bobby M. Hamilton, U.S. Northern Command	Tech. Sgt. Richard C. Johnson, AFSPC	Staff Sgt. Molly R. Miller, 21st SW	Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey A. Reasoner, SWC	Tech. Sgt. Shane E. Warye, PNCOA
Master Sgt. Larry A. Harrison, U.S. NORTHCOM	Master Sgt. Phillip N. Jordan, Peterson NCO Academy	Master Sgt. Todd L. Miller, SMC, Det. 11	Senior Airman Kathryn D. Romer, NORAD	Staff Sgt. Janna S. Wesley, AFSPC
Senior Airman Joni S. Haston, 21st Medical Group	Tech. Sgt. Timothy B. Kasper, U.S. NORTHCOM	Tech. Sgt. William F. Miller, SWC	Tech. Sgt. Margaret A. Ryan, 21st Operations Group	Staff Sgt. Sheryl L. Wilcox, SMC, Det. 11
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Staff Sgt. Amy L. Hilbun, 13th Air Support Operations Squadron	Master Sgt. John K. Lenon, U.S. NORTHCOM	Master Sgt. Shawn L. Ooley, AFSPC	Master Sgt. Douglas J. Sanderson, AFSPC	Staff Sgt. Diana M. Wilson, 21st OSS
Master Sgt. Kirk D. Holland, 821st ABG	Master Sgt. Todd L. Lokey, 21st SFS	Senior Airman Jeffery B. Patrick, 13th ASOS Oper	Master Sgt. Rey C. Santacruz, SMC, Det. 11	Master Sgt. Richard A. Wiltberger, 21st OG
Staff Sgt. Clinton Hubbell, 721st Communications	Tech. Sgt. Daniel Lucero, PNCOA	Tech. Sgt. Douglas L. Peacock, 21st SCS	Staff Sgt. Jeffrey G. Sharpmack, 21st SFS	Master Sgt. Robert D. Woods, AFSPC
	Master Sgt. Ronald L.	Airman 1st Class	Staff Sgt. Jerome K. Shell, 21st MOF	Staff Sgt. Barbara Zagar, 21st ADOS
			Staff Sgt. Vanessa G. Soto, U.S. NORTHCOM	Senior Airman Michelle R. Zeller, 21st CONS

(Courtesy of Education Office)

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Peterson NCOA celebrates 20th anniversary

In December 1983, recognizing the need to have its own institution where NCOs could develop and refine their skills, Maj. Gen. Ralph E. Spraker, 1st Space Wing commander, requested a professional military education center here. At its inception, the goal of the Air Force Space Command NCO PME Center was to make good NCOs better! The intent of the Center was to provide all three phases of enlisted PME: NCO Orientation, NCO Leadership School and NCO Academy.

Established in May 1984, the Air Force Space Command Leadership School was the first approved step in General Spraker's vision. The next step occurred when Chief Master Sgt. Lincoln D. Jeffus became the first commandant with two classrooms, a staff of five, and a student body of 31. The first graduation held another milestone when Navy Petty Officer Timothy M. Foran became the first Naval graduate.

As times changed, the Air Force changed, and the PME center experienced similar growth.

Leadership changed hands and the second commandant, Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Ball, was appointed. He continued the quest to enhance and educate the enlisted corps.

In June 1991, Chief Master Sgt. Deborah S. Canjar took the helm at the PME center. She was the first female enlisted commandant in the Air Force. In addition to the many NCO Leadership School and

Academy challenges she undertook, she increased the curriculum by standing up the new NCO Preparatory Course for senior airman.

More classrooms and staff were needed to meet the rising demand for NCO PME. Originally housed in the Education Center here, it quickly became apparent a larger facility was needed. The PME Center moved to its current location, Bldg. 1142 Oct. 8, 1991.

The PME Center was dedicated in memory of Medal of Honor recipient, Tech. Sgt. Forrest L. Vosler Sept. 9, 1992. Sergeant Vosler was an NCO who set an example of courage and dedication, for all NCOs. Although Sergeant Vosler passed in February 1992, his wife, Virginia Vosler, cut the ribbon opening the doors to the new Forrest L. Vosler PME Center.

In November 1993, NCO Academies realigned under the new College for Enlisted Professional Education. This event brought about a new era for the enlisted PME realignment and the Forrest L. Vosler PME Center. The Airman Leadership School became part of the 21st Space Wing, Mission Support Squadron and was relocated back to the Education Center. This realignment enabled the NCO Academy to increase its student capacity to 90 students.

In June 1996, Chief Canjar passed the baton of leadership to Chief Master Sgt. Rodney E. Ellison, the current Command Chief for Air Combat Command. Chief Master Sgt. Anthony M. Mira assumed the duties of commandant in July 1998. Under his tenure,

the school expanded from six to nine flights.

In January 2001, Chief Master Sgt. Alexander M. Reyna took over as commandant. At this time the school was relocated to temporary facilities in a warehouse as the school was expanded. The ribbon was cut on the newly expanded building in January 2002. This increased the student load from 90 to 135 per class.

April of 2003 welcomed the seventh and current commandant of the Forrest L. Vosler NCO Academy, Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa D. Allen.

Since the school's doors originally opened in 1985, more than 10,000 NCOs have graduated from the Forrest L. Vosler PME Academy. In 20 years, it has marked many firsts: First Air Force ALS graduation, first female commandant of an NCO Academy and through 2003 the only NCO Academy to have been commanded solely by enlisted commandants. Through numerous changes in its short history, the Forrest L. Vosler NCO PME Center continues its tradition of excellence. We make good NCOs better.

At 10:15 a.m. May 20, the Forrest L. Vosler NCO Academy celebrates 20 years of excellence here. The staff and students of class 04-4, invite Team Pete to come out and celebrate this wonderful occasion. The final graduation ceremony for class 04-4 takes place at the flagpole directly in front of the Forrest L. Vosler NCO Academy, across the street from the base Fitness Center.

(Courtesy of the Peterson NCOA)



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By Susan Golden
Community Resource Consultant

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long enough to pursue your goals.

If that's the case, you may be interested in the Military Spouse Grant.

It offers funding for training and education to make you more employment ready.

The Peterson Family Support Center has partnered with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center to offer resources to expand your job skills and enable you to pursue the career path of

your choice. To be eligible, you must be the spouse of an active-duty military member, have lost your job at your previous base of assignment due to a permanent change of station within the last five years or are currently unemployed or underemployed and have not held a full-time position paying the same or higher salary than your previous job.

Some of the programs offered through the Military Spouse Grant are:

comprehensive assessment that identifies your strengths and areas of opportunity, education and training certificates through local education institutions, computer-based training and on-the-job training and many employment related workshops.

A weekly Job/Employment Orientation is held at 1 p.m. Thursdays in the Mission Support Center.

For more information, call 556-6141.

**It's coming —
are you ready?**

Seventeen days and counting...

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 blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement con-*

cerns. However, rest assured, our professional security forces treat each incident seriously.

EAGLE EYES – April 28

Security forces received an Eagle Eyes report from the law enforcement desk at the Visitors Center. The caller reported a woman stated that she needed to speak with a general because government planes and satellites were affecting her communications.

VEHICLE VANDALIZATION – April 28

Security forces responded to the thrift shop where a person reported that someone caused damage to her vehicle. The sneaky snake smashed one of the car windows and fled the scene.

DEFIANT DRIVER – May 1

A security forces member called the SFCC to have a driver's license checked. A background check revealed that the dufus driver had a suspended license.

The Colorado Springs Police Department responded and issued a summons for driving with a suspended license.

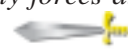
SHOPLIFTING – May 3

Security forces responded to the Base Exchange, where two shoplifting suspects were being detained for using a five-finger discount on five compact discs and makeup totaling \$61.39. CSPD responded and issued a summons for shoplifting to both of the boneheads.

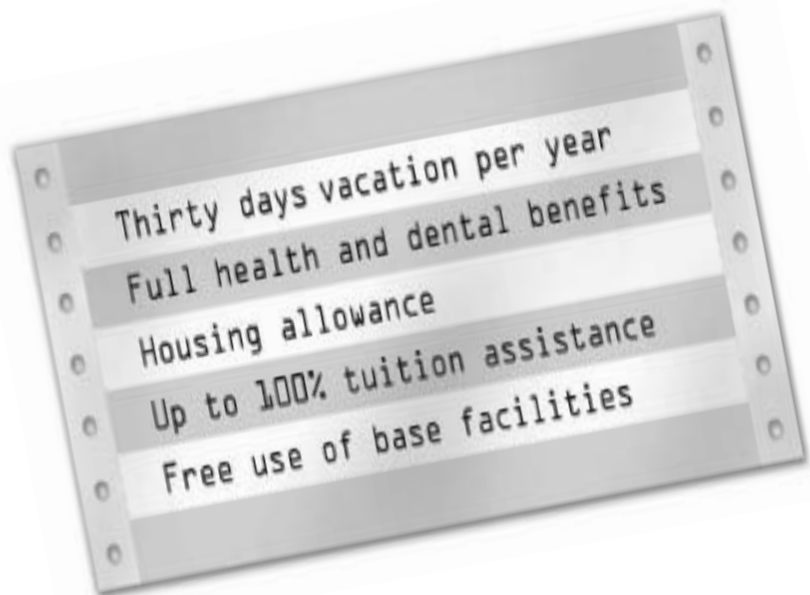
ALARMING TRENDS CONTINUE:

In addition to these entries, there continue to be too many false alarm activations on base. Among those noted this week were three activations due to human error.

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



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Team 21 takes Aldridge

By Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Last week, Iron Mike and Team 21 emerged victorious from this year's Guardian Challenge 2004 competition held at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., bringing home the Aldridge Trophy for Best Space Operations Wing.

During the awards banquet, Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, director of Air and Space Operations at Headquarters Air Force Space Command, said, "Tonight, we honor you the finest space and missile professionals in the world."

The 20th Space Control Squadron earned top honors as the Best Space Operations Crew. Winning crewmembers are: Capt. Jennifer Berger, Staff Sgt. Robert Widrick and Airman 1st Class Jennifer McCord. This team, along with Capt. Michael Bruno and Tech. Sgt. Kenneth DeFeo, from the 137th Space Warning Squadron at Greeley Air National Guard Station, Colo., brought the title of Best Space Operations Team home for the 21st Space Wing.

To win the Aldridge, Team 21 put up a solid showing in all categories entered. Other Team 21 Guardian Challenge 2004 members and their accomplishments are:

Staff Sgt. David Kisner and Senior Airman Jon McCullar from the 21st Space Communications Squadron are the No. 2 Space Communications Team in AFSPC.

Staff Sgt. Jason Shaw and Airman 1st Class Frederick Guild from the 21st Services Squadron are the No. 2 Chef's Team in AFSPC and ranked No. 1 in the Immersion Heater Category.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Tussey from the 137th SWS at Greeley ANG, Greeley Colo., brought home the AFSPC Sharpshooter Award. The award recognizes the individual competitor with the highest marksmanship rating. The Marksmanship event measures the competitor's

ability to identify and engage a variety of enemy targets at varying distances in a hostile environment.

Guardian Challenge assesses Air Force Space Command's mission readiness as teams from throughout the command challenge each other to determine which unit is the best of the best in their respective fields. The competition provides the testing ground for the combat capabilities key to America's space and missile professionals while investing in esprit de corps.

Complete score listings and additional information on the competition can be found at: <http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/guardian-challenge>.



Photo by Larry Hulst

ABOVE: Team 21 members celebrate after their success at Guardian Challenge. Fellow Team Pete members turned out to greet the competitors on the flight line after their Aldridge Trophy win.

RIGHT: Staff Sgt. Matthew Tussey, from the 137th Security Forces Flight, Greeley Colo., aggress opposing forces during the Security Forces Competition for Guardian Challenge May 4. Guardian Challenge, the world's premier space and missile competition, is a four-day event hosted annually at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., to test the wartime readiness of Air Force Space Command's finest professionals in the spacelift, ICBM operations, communications, maintenance, helicopter operations, security forces, and chef food preparation disciplines.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Edmund K. Gibbons III



Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Warren

ABOVE: Senior Airman Jon McCullar generates a digital test signal to send over a line to analyze the quality of the circuit as part of the Guardian Challenge Communications competition.

BELOW: Flight Sergeant Ken Callaghan and Corporal Andy Leckey, Royal Air Force Fylingdales, compete at their home station as part of the Guardian Challenge Operations Team.



Photo courtesy of 21st Operations Support Squadron



Photo by Airman 1st Class Edmund K. Gibbons III

Airman 1st Class Frederick Guild and Staff Sgt. Jason Shaw from 21st Services Squadron, run with an assembled M2 burner during the timed Chefs M2 Burner Event at Guardian Challenge May 3.



at your SERVICE

This Week

Today

- Raft Guide training begins at Outdoor Recreation for those at least 18 years old.
- Going Overseas Briefing, 8-9 a.m. at the Mission Support Center, Room 1016.
- Smooth Move Briefing, 9-11:30 a.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

Friday:

- Social Hour, 5-7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club

Saturday:

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

Tuesday:

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the MSC, Room 1016.
- Car Buying, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

Wednesday:

- Preseparation Briefing 8-9 a.m. in the MSC, Room 1016. This is a mandatory briefing for those retiring or separating from the military.

May 20:

- Play Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Youth Center.
- Career Marketing, 8 a.m.-noon at the MSC, Room 1016.

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

It's a wrap

By Margie Arnold
21st Services Squadron

After a good workout at the Fitness Center or lap swims at the Aquatics Center, you may want a good lunch that fits a healthy lifestyle.

That good lunch is closer than you think. Low-carb wraps are now available at the Bowling Center and at the Enlisted Club.

The Bowling Center offers low-carb wheat wraps: chicken Caesar, tuna wrap and the Southwestern beef wrap. Each one is 11 grams of net carbs. Wraps include celery and carrot sticks. You can also get a chef salad and choice of low-calorie dressing. The wraps and chef salad are available right inside the door at the counter. That



Photo by Margie Arnold

Folks at the Fitness Center sample a new Fit to Go lunch which includes low-carb wraps from the Bowling Center.



makes it a quick and healthy lunch stop after your workout.

Enlisted Club Manager Garry Shaffer said they have also jumped on

The wraps have only 6 grams of carbs, and you can have it with fries or a side salad. For folks on a low-carb diet, these wraps are great.

For Fit-to-Fight warriors, this food is fit to eat so you stay trim and hard to beat.

Don't worry. If you love high-carb, high-calorie foods, they have that too.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today

- Lunch:**
Herbed Baked Chicken
Stuffed Cabbage Rolls
Southern Fried Catfish
Black-eyed Peas with Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Sweet Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Peas

- Dinner:**
Roast Loin of Pork
Jaegersnitzel with Mushroom Sauce
Glazed Cornish Hen
Potato Halves
Orange Rice
Carrots
Simmered Pinto Beans
Corn Combo

Friday

- Lunch:**
Mexican Baked Chicken
Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce
Stuffed Green Pepper
Baked Macaroni and Cheese
Steamed Rice
Corn on the Cob
Spanish Style Beans
Peas and Carrots

- Dinner:**
Lasagna
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Sweet Italian Sausage
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Polonaise
Cauliflower
Italian Style Baked Beans

Saturday

- Brunch:**
Crispy Baked Chicken
Cajun Meat Loaf
Ribeye Steak
Baked Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
French Style Peas
Glazed Carrots

Sunday

- Brunch:**
Tuna and Noodles
Sauerbraten
Chicken Breast Parmesan
Au Gratin Potato
Steamed Rice
Cauliflower Combo
Peas
Fried Cabbage

Monday

- Lunch:**
Chili Mac
Beef Cannelloni
Southern Fried Chicken
Cottage Fried Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Squash
Glazed Carrots
Peas

- Dinner:**
Pot Roast
Baked Stuff Fish
Roast Loin Of Pork
Oven Brown Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Cauliflower Combo
Succotash
Green Beans with Mushroom

Tuesday

- Lunch:**
Country Captain
Chicken
Meat Loaf
Turkey a-La-King
Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Harvard Beets
Mustard Greens
Okra and Tomato
Gumbo

- Dinner:**
Teriyaki Chicken
Veal Parmesan
Salmon Cakes
Filipino Rice
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Fried Cabbage
Succotash
Mixed Vegetable

Wednesday

- Lunch:**
Beef Sukiyaki
Szechwan
Chicken
Sweet and Sour
Pork
Steamed Rice
Pork Fried Rice
Fried Cabbage
Glazed Carrots
Vegetable Stir Fry

- Dinner:**
Barbecue Ham
Steak
Turkey and Noodles
Beef Ball
Stroganoff
Egg Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Calico Corn
Spinach
Lima Beans



Long-awaited World War II Memorial opens

By Thom Robinson
11th Wing Public Affairs

WASHINGTON Almost 50 years after the Greatest Generation saved the world, a grateful nation paid its respects to the 16 million Americans who served freedoms cause with the opening of the World War II Memorial here April 29.

While the official dedication ceremony for the landmark will not occur until May 29, National Park Service officials decided on a soft opening for a number of reasons. The primary reason being the number of surviving World War II veterans is dwindling, and about 1,100 of them pass away every day, officials said.

From idea to completion, the World War II Memorial has taken almost 20 years to be realized. In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the bill authorizing the memorial to be built. In 1995, the memorial site was dedicated and construction began in September 2001.

Early on, project critics were concerned about the size and placement of the proposed memorial distracting from other landmarks in the area, but those fears seem to have been unwarranted, officials said. Many who have previewed the new memorial have praised its design, placement and appropriateness, officials said.

The monument design includes sweeping views both east and west of



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. James G. Roche (right), visits with members of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society at the newly opened World War II Memorial May 3. The society, formed in 1964 by former B-17 pilot Ralph Patton (center in hat), comprises both U.S. Airmen who successfully evaded capture after bailing out of their aircraft over Europe in World War II and a number of the European civilians who helped them.

the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. It features granite pillars, a large paved plaza, arcs of stone, low waterfalls, bronze

wreaths and 4,000 gold stars each star representing 100 military deaths.

Some people who have visited the memorial said it inspires reflection,

gratitude, pride and patriotism. It is everything a memorial to the heroism displayed by the Greatest Generation should be.



Intramural Volleyball standings

Final standings				Recreation league	
Competitive league	W	L			
1. HQAFSPC/XO	6	2	1. DET 4 AFOTEC	10	2
2. Team Colorado	5	3	2. 21 OG/OSS	6	4
3. 21 SCS/SCMTR	5	3	3. AFSPC/CSS	7	5
4. 21 CES/CEOW	4	4	4. AFSPC/IG	5	6
5. HQ AFSPC/XP	0	8	5. ARSTART	5	6
			6. Team Colorado	5	7
			7. 21 CONS/LGCA	4	7
			8. 21 SCS/SCBBC	2	7



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Lino Alvarez, a fitness trainer, lifts weights at the Fitness Center.

Sports Shorts

WALL CLIMBING

Climbing Wall Safety Classes are 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Fitness Center. For more information, call 556-1515.

OPEN CLIMBING

Open climbing for certified climbers is 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 556-1515.

TAE KWON DO

Tae kwon do classes are 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for children ages 7 to 12, and 7-8 p.m. for people ages 13 and older. Cost is \$40 per month for the first family member, and \$30 per month for additional family members. For more information, call 556-1515.

BACK-TO-BASICS CIRCUIT COURSE

The Back-to-Basics Circuit Course is 11 a.m. Mondays, 5:10 p.m. Tuesdays, 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesdays, and 11 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Fridays. The course features 15 exercises and self-paced cardiovascular training.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL

Intramural volleyball games are Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. and from 5-9 p.m. For more information, call 556-1515.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

The Air Force Sergeants Association will host a Golf Tournament 8 a.m. May 21 at the golf course. For more information, visit <http://www.afsa1181.org>.

SOCCER FIELD CONSTRUCTION SET

The soccer field will be closed until June 16 for seeding. Softball field No. 4 can be used for soccer.

YOUTH SPORTS SHORTS:

For more information on Youth Sports events, call 556-5242.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Youth Baseball registration ends Friday. Practice takes place 5-8 p.m. the week of May 24.

AMERICA'S KID RUNS

Americas Kid Runs is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Fitness Center track.

PITCH, HIT, RUN

Pitch, Hit, Run is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday on the youth baseball fields.

NIGHT HOOPS

Night Hoops takes place from 8-10 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month in the R.P. Lee Youth Center gym.



Riders: *Stay alive, join the club*

By Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

It's 80 degrees outside a perfect day for a ride into the mountains. You make a few phone calls to a few of your riding buddies and set up a rendezvous at a local drive-in restaurant.

As you roll up on your leather-clad biker buds, you notice they're strapping their helmets down on their motorcycles. This is the first time you've seen them do this so you ask, "What's up?"

Colorado's a no-helmet law state, right? one friend says.

Well, yeah, but, you respond. And before you can straighten your fellow military motorcycle riders out, they're on their bikes and in traffic on their way up the Rockies to take on the twisties.

As you race to keep up, you wonder how you're going to approach your friends about how their risky behavior violates Air Force and Department of Defense rules those same rules each of us swore to uphold when we entered the Air Force.

Confrontation is never fun, but that doesn't make it any less necessary.

Reality rears its ugly head as one of your buddies, two bikes ahead of you, hits some pea-sized gravel as he enters a tight turn. His front tire washes out. The only thing between your friend's brain and the roadway is his

skull. The roadway wins.

Micro-seconds tick by like hours as you instinctively roll off of the throttle and apply both brakes. The rider in front of you isn't as fortunate. He's too close to your crashing cohort. In the blink of an eye, he's launched airborne when his bike collides with the first rider's sliding motorcycle.

A cloud of dust envelopes the second rider when he hits the ground hard. You're stopped now, right next to the first guy no ambulance required, he's dead.

Your second friend is alive. You can tell by his screaming.

Thirty minutes later, you watch as the ambulance rolls off. You finish your account of the crash by signing the state trooper's report.

It seems like a 1,000 questions are running through your mind. But, the one that crops up the most is "How could this have been prevented?"

Motorcycle crashes, or mishaps in Air Force lingo, happen.

There are those riders out there who say, "There are two kinds of riders. Those who've been in a crash and those who are going to be in a crash." That's not far from the truth.

However, there are measures we, DoD riders, can take to mitigate the effects of a crash or even reduce the likelihood of one occurring.

One such measure Gen. John P.

Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, is particularly keen on is a motorcyclist mentoring program.

In his Feb. 27 Chief's Sight Picture entitled "Motorcycle Safety: Each Rider A Mentor," General Jumper describes the program as one that will provide motorcycle operators the opportunity to work together to maximize their skills, reduce their chances for mishaps and have fun in the process.

The motorcycle mentorship program falls right in line with another Air Force initiative designed to reduce Air Force two-wheeled vehicle mishaps.

In his Sight Picture, General Jumper outlined, in broad strokes, an Air Force-wide network of motorcycle clubs to foster relationships between riders who have been riding in an area for years and those new to the area or new to riding.

Team Pete heeded General Jumper's call by forming The Pikes Peak Freedom Riders, a private organization of base riders.

We are motivated to reach out to the younger or less experienced riders, said Master Sgt. Craig Dockum, club president and first sergeant for the 21st Services Squadron.

The club is open to anyone assigned to Peterson Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

And while meetings include safety

briefings, discussions and training, riding together is where the rubber meets the road for true mentoring.

During the rides, everyone will wear the protective equipment and clothing required by Air Force Instruction 91-207 which includes: a Department of Transportation-approved helmet, goggles or face shield, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, full-fingered gloves, pants, sturdy shoes or boots, and reflective materials at night.

but riding with them and providing camaraderie will do the most good, Sergeant Dockum said. We promote safety through the rides.

The next club meeting is at 2:30 p.m. May 20 in the Enlisted Club lounge. Among the topics of discussion are: membership, first ride details and Motorcycle Safety Day on May 21. Meetings are slated to be held twice per month.

For more information about the club or how to be a motorcycle mentor, contact Sergeant Dockum at 556-7955 or e-mail him at craig.dockum@peterson.af.mil.

Remember, if you're a motorcycle rider who's in the military, wear a helmet and all of the other protective equipment whether you're on or off base. And join the club, because, as Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, likes to say, "Safety is an attitude get one!"

