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AFSPC/CV urges Airmen to take safety seriously

By Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf

Air Force Space Command vice commander

Air Force Space Command is losing Airmen at a greater rate this year than last year. So far this year, we've lost 40 Airmen in mishaps. 40 Airmen who won't return home. 40 Airmen too many. Traffic mishaps continue to take the largest toll on our people. We still see poor risk decisions that result in easily preventable accidents.

The contributing factors in these mishaps are not new. We see them repeatedly: excessive speed, fatigue, darkness, loss of control, distraction and alcohol. These factors may appear singularly or in combination. Either

way, the results are often the same. In many cases, the operator lost control of the vehicle for various reasons.

In two mishaps, the operator failed to stop at a red light, perhaps as a result of fatigue, distraction or a combination of both. The one common thread is this: there was always someone—the operator, a friend, co-worker or a supervisor—who could have prevented the accident had they taken preventive action.

We are showing some reductions in various mishap categories, but the fact remains we need to do better. World-class organizations, such as ours, keep digging for better ways to obtain the goal of zero. We need fresh, new approaches that attack mishap prevention if we have any chance of driving mishap frequency

down. Most new strategies involve truly embracing Operational Risk Management and driving it into the heart of our culture at every level, including personal motor vehicle operations. While risk will never be eliminated, it can be reduced and managed to ensure mission success, and the accident rate will respond accordingly.

Friday we start the 101 Critical Days of Summer. We need to impress upon our people to take the time to think before they undertake activities with increased risk. Taking a few critical moments for a sanity check could make the difference between life and death. As commanders, we owe it to our Airmen, their families, our team members and our nation to do all we can to help keep them safe this summer.

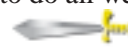


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21st Space Wing earns top place in space

Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, AFSPC command chief, present the Robert T. Herres Trophy for 2003 to Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, 21st Space Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, 21st SW command chief, May 25. The Air Force Space Command award is given to the best overall space wing with a space mission.



Secretary, chief send Memorial Day message

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

This Memorial Day beckons us once again to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of members of America's armed forces.

While stories abound on the origins of the Memorial

Day observance, one aspect remains abundantly clear since it was first proclaimed officially in May 1868, Americans continue to enthusiastically honor the enormous sacrifices of all the service men and women who have paid the ultimate price for freedom, as well as thanking those who serve today.

As the war on terror continues, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with

our Airmen and their families. This year, we are more thankful than ever for your noble service, around the world and at home stations. America is forever indebted to you and your families for your commitment to the high calling of defending our nation.

We encourage you to join us Monday at 3 p.m. local time to observe the National Moment of

Remembrance as America honors those who have served so honorably and bravely as uniformed members of the armed forces. A White House resolution in 2000 designated the National Moment of Remembrance as an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the true meaning of Memorial Day by observing one minute of silence, driving with their headlights on or participating in another

appropriate activity honoring our fallen veterans.

We thank you for what you do every day for America and America's Air Force. You and your families are among our nation's greatest treasures and we are honored to serve with you.

May God bless you and your service, and may God continue to bless America.

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A Moment in Time



■ **May 27, 1913** General Order No. 39 provides that Army officers qualified as Military Aviators receive a Military Aviator's Certificate and badge - 24 are qualified.

■ **May 28, 1959** Monkeys Able and Baker are recovered alive from the Atlantic Ocean near Antigua Island after a flight to an altitude of 300 miles in the nose cone of a Jupiter missile launched from Cape Canaveral.

■ **May 28, 1980** For the first time, 97 women are among those receiving commissions as second lieutenants in graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

■ **May 31, 1941** - Maj. Gen. George H. Brett is appointed Chief of the Air Corps.



Use your head, wear a helmet

The first rule of bicycle riding is to protect your head by wearing a helmet. Why?

Bicycle helmets are the best protection against mishaps or accidents that cause death or injury. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, in 1996, 761 bicyclists were killed and approximately 59,000 were injured in traffic related crashes. Head injuries are the most serious type of injury and the most common cause of death for bicyclists. Although most deaths occur as a result of bicycle and motor vehicle crashes, many do not. Crashes can happen anywhere in parks, on bicycle paths, and in driveways.

Bicycle helmets are like seatbelts for two reasons: Parents make sure their children use them, but forget about themselves; and using bicycle helmets save medical costs the same way seatbelts or

child restraint seats do. Every \$10 bike helmet saves \$30 in direct health costs and \$365 in societal costs. If every bicyclist wore a helmet every time they rode, lifetime medical cost savings to everyone would total between \$100 to \$200 million.

In an effort to ensure their people are safe, the Air Force included a requirement for bicyclists to wear helmets in the AFI 91-207, *U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program*. This includes military members, civilian employees, contractors, retirees and dependents. In other words, anyone riding a bicycle on base must wear a helmet. People who do not wear helmets will be cited by security forces.

Bicycle-related head injuries can affect people for the rest of their lives. Don't be a statistic, wear a helmet!

(Courtesy of 21st SW Safety Office)



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Bicycle riders must wear the proper safety equipment and obey the traffic rules on base.

How to cook outside without being cooked

It's that time of year when the scent of a neighbor's charcoal-broiled steaks carried on a summer breeze whets our appetites and inspires us to drag out the barbecue grill.

In 1991, nearly 16,000 injuries occurred from the improper use of barbecue grills and outdoor stoves spraying starter fluid onto warm coals, wearing loose clothing that gets too close to the fire, hot coals falling out of grill and wet charcoal. So before we start lighting that charcoal, let's go over a few safety pointers to prevent our family and friends from becoming statistics:

- Clean the grill thoroughly to remove any grease left from last year.

- Place the grill on a level, non-combustible surface at least 10 feet from any building or overhangs. Stay away from windows there's nothing like

having a gust of wind blow hot embers into a window and inviting the fire department to your cookout.

- Keep containers of flammable liquids several feet from the grill and never use gasoline for starter fluid.

- Have a bucket of water or a garden hose handy.

- When lighting charcoal, soak it with starter fluid, wait a few minutes, and then light it. Don't use electric charcoal starters while standing on wet ground or grass it could result in a hair-raising experience. Once the charcoal is lit, don't attempt to add more fluid the flame could follow the stream of fluid back to the source, creating a bomb in your hands.

- Keep a watchful eye on children while cooking outdoors.

- Use charcoal grills outdoors or in well venti-

lated areas. Dangerous amounts of carbon monoxide are emitted from burning charcoal.

- When you are finished cooking, cool the coals by putting water on them until the fire is extinguished. Don't place your body in the path of the steam generated by this and don't empty the ashes from the grill for at least 24 hours.

So how does wet charcoal create a fire hazard? As the charcoal dries out, it heats up and can actually start on fire again. Which is why new charcoal should be stored in a dry, waterproof area and used charcoal should not be placed in a trash receptacle for 24 hours.

Outdoor cooking is fun and one of the pleasures of summertime, so let's keep the whole summer safe by following the rules.

(Courtesy of 21st Safety Office)

NORAD celebrates 46th anniversary

The Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center celebrates the North American Aerospace Defense's 46th anniversary outside the North Portal at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station May 12.



Photo by Maj. David H. Patterson Jr.

Peak Performer



Kandle

Name: Staff Sgt. Justin R. Kandle
Organization: 21st Maintenance Group, Detachment 1

Duty Title: NCO in charge of Maintenance Support

Time in Service: Nine years

Home Town: Newport, Ore.

Off-duty interests, hobbies: I can spend hours listening to live music of absolutely any kind. I love touring around Europe with my wife, Tina and my three kids. I enjoy digital photography, fooling around on my computer, reading and watching loud movies

with extreme surround sound.

Why did you join the Air Force? I would love to say that it was a tremendous sense of patriotism, but initially it was simply to take a break from college while earning money with the Montgomery GI bill.

What inspires you to do what you do?

With world events as they are, I am proud to be able to serve my country. I am privileged to be able to do my job from the relative safety of beautiful Germany instead of from Iraq or Afghanistan, so I feel that to do my best is the least I can do.

Favorite part of your job?

I like that I am in a position of ensuring things are being done "the right way." There is a definite sense of accomplishment in knowing that you are contributing to a quality way of thinking in your work place.

What goals have you set?

My short-term goal is to successfully graduate from the Physician's Assistant Program that I've been accepted to attend this August. My ultimate goal is to successfully raise my awesome kids into awesome adults.



SPACE OBSERVER OFFERS GUIDANCE ON ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

The Space Observer staff appreciates the articles submitted by the base community. To help ensure timely publication, send articles to *space.observer@peterson.af.mil*. If an article is time-sensitive, the sender should call the Space Observer staff to verify the article's status prior to anticipated publication.

LEGAL SETTLES ESTATE CLAIMS

Anyone who has claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Kevin Daniels, 50th Security Forces Squadron, may call 1st Lt. Scott Sims at 567-6172.

MED GROUP ANNOUNCES CLOSURE

The 21st Medical Group Clinic closes at 12:30 p.m. Thursday for training. The refill pharmacy at the Commissary will be open.

CGOC HOLDS CRUD TOURNEY

The Rocky Mountain Company Grade Officers Council will hold a crud tournament at 3 p.m. June 5 at the Officers Club. The tournament is limited to the first 10 teams registered. Food will be available and prizes will be awarded. Cost per team of five players is \$25 and is payable on the day of the event. To register, e-mail 1st Lt. Aanan Patel at *aanan.patel@shriever.af.mil*.

USAFA HOLDS MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY, INFO FAIR

The U.S. Air Force Academy will host its annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day and Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 12 in the Arnold Hall Ballroom. Retirees and their spouses will have the opportunity to visit with local, state and national organizations with an interest in retiree affairs. Limited blood testing, identification card and DEERS services and medication refills will be available.

Medication refill requests must be made before June 12. This year's keynote speaker is retired Maj. Gen. Richard D. Murray, president of the National Association for Uniformed Services. Light morning refreshments and a free barbecue lunch will be served.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Lisa Smittle at 719-333-8745.

WELCOME HOME PARADE FOR TROOPS SET

The City of Colorado Springs will hold a Welcome Home Parade at 10 a.m. June 5 downtown for troops previously deployed from local military installations. Servicemembers from Fort Carson, Team Pete, Schriever Air Force Base and the U.S. Air Force Academy will march in the parade.

FSC OFFERS FREE TRAINING FOR SPOUSES

Training for military spouses on using the Internet to begin careers as virtual assistants takes place 8 a.m.-4 p.m. June 7-9 in the Family Support Center. This is a three-day workshop. For more information, call Susan Golden at 556-6141.

FSC HOLDS ADOPTION INFORMATION FAIR

The Family Support Center will host an Adoption Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 24 in the Mission Support Center Atrium. To register for the session, call the FSC at 556-6141.

TOP 3 SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Pikes Peak Top 3 needs volunteers, of any rank and over the age of 18, to take tickets, serve as ushers and check hand-carried bags during the U.S. Air Force Academy graduation ceremony Wednesday at Falcon Stadium. President George W. Bush will speak at the event and most of the volunteers will have the

opportunity to hear his speech. There is a dress code for volunteers. The Top 3 will issue volunteers stadium dollars for food. Graduation starts at 11 a.m. and show time for volunteers is 4-5 hours before the ceremony. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bea Macliz at 556-6794.

WING HQ BUILDING SCHEDULES CLOSURE

The 21st Space Wing Headquarters building will be closed from 3-5 p.m. May 28 for a scheduled electrical outage. Any business in the building should be conducted prior to 3 p.m. For more information, call Ernie Branch, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, at 556-1422.

21st MDG CONDUCTS CUSTOMER SURVEYS

The 21st Medical Group needs patients to use an Opinionmeter device to record their views regarding medical care, interactions with medical staff and specific issues regarding the 21st MDG. The Opinionmeters are located next to the main doors across from the pharmacy and in the laboratory waiting area. The medical group will use survey responses to improve target areas and recognize outstanding service. For more information, call Capt. David Schatz at 556-1109.

MOAA HOSTS BREAKFAST MEETING

The Pikes Peak chapter of the Military Officers Association of America hosts a breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. June 3 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7290 Commerce Center Drive, in Colorado Springs. Retired Army Col. George B. Calhoun will speak on his volunteer experience with the Humanitarian Assistance Organization in Mazar-I-Sharif, Afghanistan, from February 2003 to February 2004. For reservations, call Irene Merrill at 633-8878 by June 1.

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.

1961 marks significant year in space and missiles

■ Jan. 31 the Mercury space capsule life-support system is first tested on a space mission carrying a chimpanzee named Ham.

■ Feb. 1 the ballistic missile early warning system site at Thule Air Base, Greenland becomes operational. Soon after, sites at Clear, Alaska, and Fylingdales in the United Kingdom become operational. The sites were operated by the North American Air Defense Command and provided the United States with warning of an impending Soviet missile attack in time to respond.

■ Feb. 1 the Minuteman ICBM launches for the first time at Cape Canaveral, Fla., in a test. Under full guidance, it traveled 4,600 miles to its target area.

■ Feb. 3 as part of a project called Looking Glass, Strategic Air Command begins flying EC-135s to provide a 24-hour-a-day airborne command post for the president and secretary of defense in case enemy attack destroyed land-based command and control sites that controlled strategic bombers and ICBMs.

■ April 12 Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics becomes the first person to be launched into space and the first to orbit around Earth.

■ May 5 U.S. Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr., becomes the first U.S. astronaut in space by making a suborbital flight in Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

■ July 1 North

American Air Defense Command begins systematically detecting, tracking and cataloging man-made objects in space.

■ July 21 Capt. Virgil I. Grissom becomes the second U.S. astronaut and the first Air Force member in space. He reached a speed of 5,310 mph at an altitude of 118 miles in a 303-mile suborbital spaceflight.

■ Aug. 8 the Air Force launches an Atlas F missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla., for the first time. The Atlas F was designed for long-term storage of liquid fuels. For shortened countdown, it was the only Atlas model destined for emplacement in hardened, underground silos.

(Information courtesy of Air Force History and Museums Program)



Personnel corner

MSS announces changes to processing humanitarian reassignment requests

The humanitarian reassignment or deferment process has changed. This change is being done on a test basis to see the effects it will have on humanitarian application processing. Also, the advent of the Virtual Military Personnel Flight has reduced requirements placed on applicants. Processes

involved in this test have been coordinated through the Air Force Personnel Center medical and legal staffs. Current requirements to the Exceptional Family Member Program are still in effect.

AF announces ROTC colonel openings

The Air Force Senior Leadership Management office announces 16 projected vacancies for Air Force ROTC detachment commanders and professors of aerospace studies positions. Eligible colonels or colonel selects with a date of rank as of September, must be Air Force line officers, have

three years retainability as of Aug. 1, have a master's degree and be available for reassignment summer of 2005. Intelligence, weather, aircraft, munitions and missile maintenance, security forces, public affairs, finance and Office of Special Investigation officers are ineligible to apply due to projected career field shortages. A memo to AFSLMO requesting consideration for these positions is due June 15.

For more details, visit <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmocm>.



On the road again – safely

So, you're finally ready to leave on the vacation you've been planning for months. Your bags are packed. Rover is safely at the dog sitter. Your house has been checked and re-checked to ensure everything is turned off and nothing, and no one, has been left behind.

Are you forgetting anything? How about your car? Sure you may have a full tank of gas, but is your car in shape to make the long haul you've planned? While you're planning the other arrangements for your vacation, take some time out to ready your car for the trip as well.

Start off with a tune-up. This will give you increased passing power and

better fuel economy. Check brake shoes and pads for excessive wear. Inspect your belts and hoses for hardening or fraying. Your family will not be amused if your first scenic stop is the infamous Middle of Nowhere.

Check your tires. Check the pressure, the treadwear and don't forget about the spare. Tires with less than one-sixteenth of an inch tread are considered bald and should be replaced. Fill your washer fluid reservoir and replace worn wiper blades. The time to think about this isn't when you're cruising down the highway behind a truck when it is starting to drizzle.

So now that your car is ready to

make the long haul the question is are you? Have you gotten enough sleep or have you just pulled an all-nighter getting ready to leave early in the morning? Have you rationalized that an eight-hour drive isn't that bad, even though you just came off a full shift of work? Driving with too little sleep is very dangerous. The chance of falling asleep at the wheel may not be as remote as you think.

A 1989 report to the Senate Committee stated that 20 percent of drivers have fallen asleep at the wheel. The problem with driving while fatigued is the individual's inability to judge the onset of sleep. Researchers

observations indicate that even someone who realizes they are tired may lose consciousness suddenly.

So ensure you are well rested before you set out on the road and don't attempt the marathon drive to get where you are going. Drive a few hours then stop and take a break. Take the time to get some coffee and stretch, maybe even run around your car a few times. The goal is to safely arrive at your vacation spot and make it back home safely. You're taking a step in the right direction if you've prepared your vehicle and yourself for the trip ahead.

(Courtesy of 21st Space Wing Safety Office)



Flight, halt!

NCO Academy members of Class 044 perform drill maneuvers during reveille May 20 on the Academy drill pad. The class celebrated the Peterson NCOA 20th anniversary.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Attention spouses:

Interested in the new Pikes Peak Combined Spouses Club? Check us out at www.geocities.com/pikespeakcsc

Thule airfield vital to Arctic emergency response

By 1st Lt. Jeremy Eggers

821st Air Base Group Public Affairs

THULE AIR BASE, Greenland
Thules airfield is vital to ensuring timely emergency response for the high Arctic, a fact proven once again, May 14, when Canadian Forces Station Alert, about 375 miles north of Thule, requested medical evacuation assistance for an injured German scientist there.

Early that day, the scientist caught his glove in an ice auger, which caused a major cut to his hand and dislocated his middle finger. CFS Alert, having only limited medical facilities, called Thules hospital for assistance. Next came the call to open the airfield for the medevac mission.

Capt. Jeff Thomas, airfield operations flight commander, received the request at 11 p.m. May 14, and immediately began preparing the airfield for the patient's arrival.

We have the longest runway north of the Arctic Circle and the resources necessary for emergency response, Captain Thomas said.

Time was critical. We only had a couple hours notice to prepare everything for arrival.

On-call tower controllers, Tech. Sgts. Ron Brewer and Bob Lockard, opened the tower at 11:30 p.m. May 15. They were assisted by Mitch Roosevelt and Mette Eriksen working airfield operations and Rich Cox working weather.

At 1:26 a.m. May 15, less than two and half hours after the initial call, an Air Greenland Dash 6 (twin otter) from CFS Alert landed at Thule with the patient, who was taken directly to the hospital and stabilized.

This is why we do the job to ensure support to people in their times of need, Captain Thomas said. When people's lives and health are involved and they are depending on Thule's support, it gives you a good feeling when the medevac happens and is successful.

Tower controllers Tech. Sgts. Jae Ewing and Roy Wanner, Mr. Roosevelt and Ms. Eriksen working airfield operations and Jack Stephens working weather, opened the airfield again at 2 p.m. May 15 for the flight's departure. The Dash 6




Courtesy photo

Given Thule's isolated location and short port season, the airfield is key to getting personnel and supplies in and out of the base quickly.

left Thule at 3:10 p.m. en route to Qaanaaq, 75 miles north of Thule, where the patient took a connecting flight to Nuuk, Greenland's capital, and then flew to Germany for follow-up tests and recovery time.

Thules airfield has opened routine-

ly on weekends for extra cargo missions, but not as often for emergencies.

Humanitarian missions are what the Air Force is known for, Sergeant Brewer said. Emergencies are not routine situations air traffic controllers take pride in going the extra mile. 



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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 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.*

BARRIER BANGUP – May 12

Security forces responded to the North Gate, where an accident had been reported. The barrier

basher was issued a citation for careless driving.

IMPAIRED JUDGMENT – May 12

Security forces responded to the West Gate, where a security forces member reported a driver possibly driving under the influence. The responding members issued three field sobriety maneuvers and released the driver.

GATE RUNNER – May 14

Security forces initiated a traffic stop after an entry controller reported a gate runner. Security forces briefed the mistaken motorist on the proper entry procedures.

OOPS – May 15

Security forces responded to the Shoppette, where a shopper reported a gasoline drive off. Security forces found the vehicle and escorted it back to the Shoppette to pay for the fuel. The flaky fuel filcher said he forgot to pay for the gas when he was buying other items in the Shoppette.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT – May 15

A car attempting to make a lane change hit another vehicle in that lane. The person in the lane-changing car said she didn't see the other vehicle because it was in her blind spot. Security forces issued the lapsing lane-changer a citation

for careless driving.

HOW MUCH WAS THAT? – May 16

Security forces initiated a traffic stop after a Shoppette member reported a gasoline drive off. Security forces escorted the person back to the Shoppette to pay for the gas. The gasoline goof-up occurred after the member had prepaid an amount and forgot to pay the difference.

HELPFUL SENTRY – May 17

Security forces and American Medical Response responded to the West Gate where a civilian driver requested assistance for a cut on his hand. The driver reported that an unknown individual came up to his driver's side window at an off-base location and stabbed him in the hand. AMR transported the injured man to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

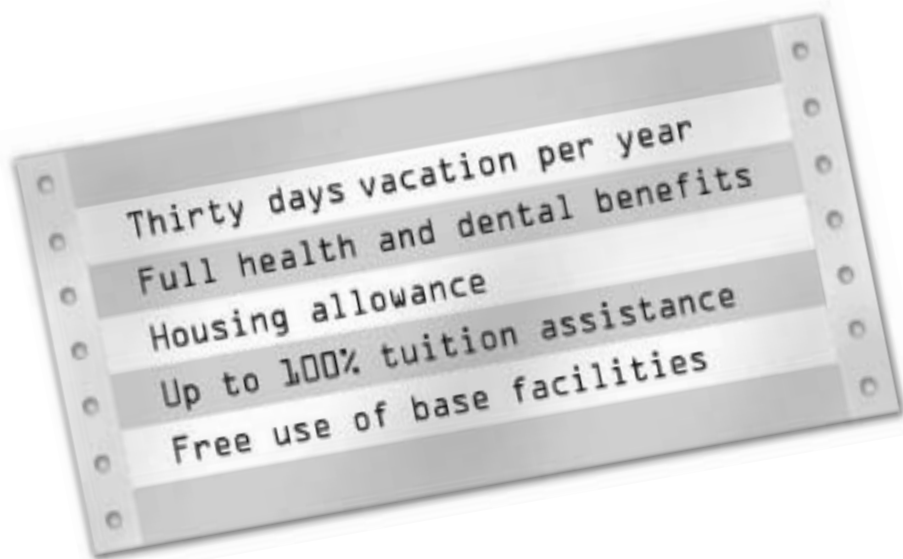
ALARMING TRENDS CONTINUE:

In addition to these entries, there continue to be too many false alarm activations on base. Among those noted this week were eight 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.*



WELCOME TO THE AIR FORCE

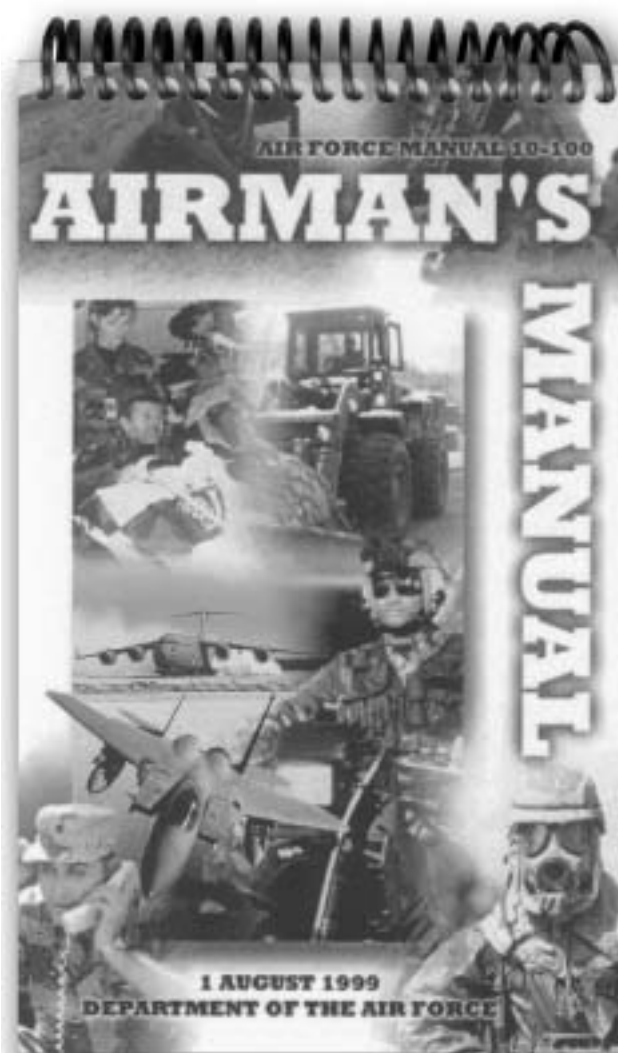


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106 riders roll out for Motorcycle Safety Day



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

Thunder rolled through Peterson Air Force Base as 106 riders turned out for the ride to kickoff Motorcycle Safety Day here May 21.

A leather-clad Lt. Gen. Dan Leaf, Air Force Space Command vice commander, led the column of riders from the Building 1 rally point through the base to Pete East. From there, the bikers rolled to the base picnic grounds where a contingent of local vendors assembled to show their wares.

As General Leaf stepped off his Harley, Blue Steel, the rock 'n' roll ensemble from The U.S. Air Force Academy Band, welcomed him with a scorching rendition of Steppenwolf's "Born to Be Wild."

Col. Diann Latham, 21st Space Wing vice commander, welcomed the nearly 150 people gathered and provided some background on the event.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration set aside the month of May as Motorcycle Safety Month, she said.

"Our emphasis is always on safety, but we have found that from mid-April throughout the 101 Critical Days of

Summer there's always an increase in mishaps - not only in motorcycle mishaps - but all mishaps throughout the Air Force," she said. Over the last five years, the number of Air Force motorcycle riders involved in Class A mishaps - crashes causing death or permanent disability - has increased.

General Leaf recognized that one of the reasons people ride motorcycles is because there's risk in it.

"Frankly, that's part of what we like about it - that we meet that challenge and surpass it," he said.

He likened the risk of motorcycle riding to operating in a combat environment. There's nothing he'd rather do more than fly a combat sortie, he said. "But when I (fly), I don't leave the ejection seat safed just to up the risk. I don't turn off the electronic countermeasures pod just to make it more exciting.

"We've got to do everything we can to mitigate the risk," General Leaf said. "It's still going to be there, but we need to treat every ride like a combat sortie."

Automobile drivers are the biggest threat to any rider, he said.

Sometimes they don't see motorcycles. It may be because the rider blends into the traffic mix or because the driver wasn't attentive - either way the rider is placed in peril.

Protective equipment is a must, he said. "Dress for success," he said. Aside from being required by Air Force Instruction 91-207, the required clothing and equipment can protect riders from the elements during a ride and gives motorcyclists a protective layer in the event of a crash.

The general also challenged riders who have more than 10,000 miles under their belt to mentor inexperienced riders. "Help them live as long as you have," he said.

Team Pete's motorcycle club, The Pikes Peak Freedom Riders, is a great forum for experienced and inexperienced

riders to interact during rides and meetings. The club wrapped up Motorcycle Safety Day with a ride to Castle Rock and back. For more information on joining the group, call Master Sgt. Craig Dockum at 276-7955.



LEFT: Lt. Gen. Dan Leaf, Air Force Space Command vice commander and motorcycle enthusiast, shares his philosophies on risk management with about 150 people at the base picnic grounds.



ABOVE: Blue Steel, the rock 'n' roll ensemble from The U.S. Air Force Academy Band, smoked the audience with Steppenwolf's "Born to Be Wild."



Photos by Duncan Wood
ABOVE: Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs, demonstrates how to inspect tires for excessive or improper wear. Properly inflated tires with good tire tread depth is essential to effectively manage traction. Improperly inflated tires will develop cups which affect handling.
RIGHT: Motorcycle Safety Day participants enjoy picnic fare offered by the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Booster Club.



LEFT: One hundred six riders took to the streets of Peterson to kick off Motorcycle Safety Day. This is the second year Team Pete has held the event to highlight the importance of motorcycle safety awareness.



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This Week

Today

- Transition Planning, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Mission Support Center.
- Job Orientation, 1-2 p.m. at the MSC.

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. at the MSC
- Readiness Briefing, 11 a.m.-noon at the MSC

Wednesday

- Preseparation Briefing, 8-9 a.m. at the MSC.

June 3

- Play Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Youth Center.
- Job Orientation, 1-2 p.m., at the MSC.

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

Staying out of trouble in the great outdoors

Are you tired of dealing with indoor plumbing, air conditioning and having to sleep in a comfortable bed? If so, camping is probably your arena.

Every year thousands of Americans head into the great outdoors to get back to nature. Before you hop in the ol' family truck and head for the hills, you need to do some planning.

When selecting a place to camp, try to find somewhere close, so you have enough time to set up your camping equipment before the sun goes down.

After choosing your destination, it's a good idea to watch the weather forecast for that area. It may inform you that rain ponchos, galoshes or a parka should be part of your wardrobe.

Here are a few items that should be standard in every camper's kit.

- 1) First-aid kit
- 2) Flashlight with extra batteries
- 3) A utility knife
- 4) Insect repellent with DEET
- 5) Snake bite kit
- 6) Lighter
- 7) Sunscreen
- 8) First-aid cream

Along with these few items, your inventory should include anything you may need to make your outing safe and enjoyable.

No matter how well you've planned your getaway, unforeseen problems can always arise. Your tent may catch fire, possibly from an improperly placed campfire or camping stove. Also, remember that using a heater or gas lantern inside of a tent is not only dangerous due to the obvious fire hazard, but Carbon Monoxide can be deadly due to its undetectable

nature. The safe alternative is a warmer sleeping bag and a battery powered fluorescent lantern.

Other hazards you may encounter are the full-time residents of your chosen campsite insects and wildlife. The best way to keep uninvited guests out of your campsite is to keep it clean. Bears and other furry creatures will take unsecured food and garbage as an open invitation to join your party.

Snakes can be another problem, but normally if you avoid snakes, they will try to avoid you. Nevertheless, you may unwittingly corner or even step on one that is poisonous. To minimize

this possibility try not to step or place your hands on a surface you can't see. You should also wear hiking boots and long pants when hiking and stick to established paths and trails.

Remember to keep safety in mind and as the old Boy Scout adage goes, Be prepared.

For those ready for outdoor adventure, Outdoor Recreation rents camping equipment like tents, lanterns, chairs, tables, sleeping bags and stoves. For more information, call 556-4867.

(Courtesy of the 21st SW Safety Office)



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:

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Sweet Italian Sausage
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Polonaise
Cauliflower
Italian Style Baked Beans

Monday

Lunch:

Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce
Baked Chicken
Sweet Italian Sausage
Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Polonaise
Carrots
Peppers and Onions

Dinner:

Roast Turkey
Baked Ham
Fish and Fries
Mashed Potatoes
Corn Bread
Dressing
Succotash
Tempura
Vegetables
Herbed Green Beans

Saturday

Brunch:

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

Tuesday

Lunch:

Onion-Lemon Fish
Pork Schnitzel
Yakisoba
Baked Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Simmered Pinto Beans
Spinach
Stewed Tomatoes

Dinner:

Paprika Beef
Barbecue Beef
Cubes
Chicken Fajitas
O'brien Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Cauliflower
Corn on the Cob
Lima Beans

Sunday

Brunch:

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

Wednesday

Lunch:

Mexican Chicken
Mexican Pork Chops
Chicken Enchiladas
Mexican Rice
Refried Beans and Cheese
Mexican Corn
Spanish Style Beans
Peas with Onions

Dinner:

Pita Pizzas
Country Style Steak
Fried Chicken
Oven Brown Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Cauliflower
Bean Combo
Cabbage

ORM: *It's everyone's business*

By Maj. Scott MacKenzie

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The Air Force's safety performance is something we can be proud of. It's paying huge dividends in preserving the Air Force's warfighting capability. But we must not lose sight of the fact that any preventable accident resulting in loss of life or equipment is unacceptable.

We can't go on letting vehicles roll over because drivers are making poor decisions. We can't keep losing our Airmen to off-duty mishaps. We can't be doing any of the things that cause our Airmen to be injured or killed. Everyone is an important team member.

We must make safety part of everyone's business.

By putting risk management into the Air Force's processes—decision making, training, force protection, maintenance, off-duty activities, etc.—we can stop losing Airmen and destroying equipment. It can be done, and we're going to do it. We must institutionalize risk management and make it an intuitive part of everything we do.

To do this we must make it an easy-to-use tool. The Air Force Operational Risk Management program is a formal, six-step process:

- Identify the hazards

- Assess the risk
- Analyze risk control measures
- Make control decisions
- Implement risk controls
- Supervise and review

This program is perfect for the strategic ORM analysis, which lends itself to a complicated and critical analysis of how we do business. The results of a lack of risk management can often lead to death or the loss of critical assets. While strategic ORM has its place, the majority of risk management falls under the basic and operational categories. This is especially true for on-duty operations, off-duty activities and for our families—our most precious resource.

Trying to remember the ORM process, let alone applying all the steps to our daily activities, is impractical. In order to make risk management easier to remember and use, the Air Force Safety Center has developed a draft to *Air Force Pamphlet 90-902*, which will now supplement the six-step process with an easy three-step process.

However, this draft may not be released for some time. Instead of waiting for this draft to be released, 20th Air Force, for example, is initiating this three-step process into ORM training and use. This abbreviated risk management process will be more user-friendly, making it the right tool for those daily activities where risk management is accomplished on-the-run.

ACT now!

This ORM process is perfect for those situations that you face on a daily basis on- and off-duty. If your wing is using an ORM tool that's working great for you—keep using it. ACT is designed to simplify the six-step process into three easy-to-remember steps, making it easier for us to use. Remember, safety is everyone's business.

The abbreviated ORM tool combines the six-steps into three easy steps using the acronym ACT:

Step 1 – Assess the situation

a. Be aware of your surroundings, duties, and tasks on and off duty.

b. Analyze what could go wrong. What are the chances of something happening?

Step 2 – Consider options to limit risk

a. What can you do about it?

b. Is it worth the risk to do it?

c. Does the risk require you to elevate the decision making process?

Step 3 – Take proper action

a. Implement the best options to mitigate risk.

If others are involved, make sure they fully understand the potential risk and proper actions they must take.

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Chief of safety shares lessons learned

By Lt. Col. Fred Gaudlip

21st Space Wing Safety Office

As I end my tour serving as the chief of safety for the 21st Space Wing, I'd like to share a few of the lessons I've learned.

First, supervisors at all levels make the biggest difference. For young supervisors who imagined they could transform their troops into a highly motivated and productive organization through inspiration alone, I hope it worked out that way. However, many of you found it's not always that simple.

Leadership in the trenches involves enforcing standards, standards that vary in popularity. The underlying logic of the standards required for a safe and efficient work environment are not always readily apparent. I assure you they are normally the product of lessons learned at the cost of another military member's blood. Failure to enforce standards will result, once again, in the loss of blood, personal anguish and degradation of your organization's mission.

Next, enforcing safety standards, and military standards in general, takes courage. This is an important lesson because standards are key to ensuring an effective fighting force. Adherence to standards cannot be optional if we are to remain the mightiest mil-

itary on earth. As many of you are aware, the courage required to tenaciously enforce standards is a form of courage that's practiced without fanfare.

Enforcing standards requires a quiet courage whose only reward comes from knowing that you've done the right thing. In fact, enforcing standards often comes with mockery and disdain from less professional peers and subordinates.

As Americans, we are brought up to value and fiercely protect our right to be an individual. As civilians, we may choose to wear a motorcycle helmet or choose to wear eye-protection while operating power tools. While this trait is essential in our civilian population, it is often directly at odds with the needs of an effectively functioning military organization.

As military members, we must learn to put our personal freedoms aside for the good of our unit and the efficient protection of our nation. This lesson is one of the most difficult for our new military members, and in many cases, some of our new troops will never be able to reconcile this fact and thus must be returned to society at large.

Ideally, good leaders will convince their followers of the need to practice self-discipline and adhere to standards. Self-discipline is the only form of discipline that endures in the U.S. military. We volunteer for service and eventually must volunteer to curb our

desires for self-expression and personal enjoyment in order to guarantee the highest possible efficiency within our military. Front line supervisors must be willing and able to guide our newest members through the process that brings them to full awareness of this fact.

Finally, each of your efforts really do matter. When I was commissioned and dinosaurs roamed Pete East smoke filled every work area and very few people bothered to fasten their seatbelts. Less than 20 years later, we all benefit from a smoke free work area and seatbelt use is about 98 percent among active duty military members.

If you would have told me back then that we were going to achieve these two changes, I would have laughed until my cheeks hurt. As a young officer, these changes seemed too monumental to believe possible. Yet, because others had vision, courage, and put forth the constant effort required, these changes became reality, a reality in which thousands of people will not die of lung cancer or vehicle mishaps.

It has been a great tour. I've enjoyed talking and learning from many of you in every corner of this magnificent base. I wish you all the best.

Lead with courage your Air Force needs courage in the trenches. You can and do make a difference.



Do you have an interesting or important job?

Everyone on Peterson Air Force Base has a noteworthy mission. We would like to feature your office or shop in the "A Day in the Life" series, so people can learn more about how you contribute to Team Pete. To nominate your workplace, call the editor at 556-4351 or e-mail the Space Observer at space.observer@peterson.af.mil.

21st encourages safe splashing

I have been looking at my life over the last few years, and I'm upset. I hate it when I'm taken for granted! I have been polluted, wasted, and even packaged and sold for profit. I am exploited in many ways, but without me, let's face it life would cease to exist. Who would of thought? I water your plants, wash your clothes and even bathe your kids.

I help sustain human life, but I take lives as well. It's not because I'm a criminal or bad it's just that most people underestimate my true power. So, I've decided to be proactive, and hopefully put an end to the injuries and loss of lives due to unawareness and carelessness while swimming. I can't do it alone. I need your help. Here's some advice for those of you who like to swim. Take it seriously! It may save your life. I'm water, so pay attention!

Are you a good swimmer? No matter how well you think you swim, always swim with a buddy. Never swim alone! Use the buddy system and watch

the weaker swimmers. Know your swimming limits and stay within them. Don't dive headfirst into unfamiliar waters. Always dive feet first if you're unsure of depth. Don't chew gum or eat while swimming either. You could easily choke.

Alcohol and swimming don't mix! Not only does alcohol impair your judgment and coordination, but it also affects your swimming and diving skills and reduces your body's ability to stay warm. These are just some general swimming tips, but now we are going to dive into some specific areas of concern.

Each year more than 300 children under the age of 5 are lost to drowning due to home pools and spas. For every drowning, there are 11 near drowning incidents and many resulted in disabling brain damage. Here are some preventive measures to use that could save lives. Make sure pools are secure and completely surrounded by fencing with a self-locking gate. Keep items, which

can be used for climbing, away from the fence. Watch your kids. Don't leave young children unattended around any body of water.

Make sure a responsible adult is present at all times. Mount flotation devices, designed for lifesaving, near the pool. Last but not least, never let children play around the pool area that's just asking for trouble.

There are some misconceptions about swimming in the ocean or a river, versus swimming in a pool environment. If you don't know how to swim, stay out of these bodies of water. This isn't the place to learn to swim or to attempt to swim if you aren't proficient.

Check the swimming conditions before you enter. Look for areas where water's churning and discolored. Avoid them! These are signs of heavy undertow and riptides.

An undertow is when parts of water return to the ocean underneath the incoming waves. It can be pretty strong

near the shore, and can easily pull an unsuspecting person into deeper waters.

A rip tide channels parts of the water into a river that runs away from the shore and perpendicular to it. It usually moves faster than the average person can swim, but it's often not wide. If you get caught in either one of these types of currents, don't panic! Don't waste energy fighting them either. Try swimming to the side of them and head back to shore. Realize that you are sharing this space with sea life. Try to avoid dangerous creatures like jellyfish, rockfish and the coral reef, which can cause serious injury. They get pretty angry when you bother them!

I hope you understand how I work just a little bit better than before. There's no written test on this information, but the true test will be this summer! I'm calling it a day. Hopefully, I'll see you in the sink first thing in the morning.

(Courtesy of 21st SW Safety Office)

