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Force Shaping Phase II implemented

The chief of staff of the Air Force has authorized numerous force shaping policies in order to reach the authorized end strength of 359,700 personnel by the end of fiscal year 2005. Phase II of the Force Shaping program implements many early release programs for personnel by year group, grade or skill level.

Military Personnel Flights began accepting applications for Phase II of Force Shaping Wednesday.

Approval or disapproval notifications from Air Force Personnel Center normally take four to six weeks. Applicants may request a date of separation not earlier than July 15; however, deployed applicants may request a DOS no earlier than 30 days after return.

Colonels and chief master sergeants will be considered under Force Shaping on a case-by-case basis.

Following is a summary of the ongoing Force Shaping policies:

■ Lieutenant colonels and

colonels may retire with two years time in grade.

■ Palace Chase program allows active duty to transfer to the Reserves or Guard.

■ Limited Active Duty Service Commitment waivers allow all Air Force Specialty Codes, officers and enlisted, to retire or separate prior to completing specified service commitment. Approval is based on the needs of the Air Force.

■ DOS Rollback program for enlisted members coded ineligible to re-enlist.

■ Involuntary enlisted retraining into critical AFSCs is ongoing.

■ Career Job Reservation program limits re-enlistments into the career force by constraining first-term Airmen in specified AFSCs.

■ Officer continuation for captains twice deferred to major will be more restrictive.

■ Air Force Reserve Office

Training Corps commissionees will be given the opportunity to be commissioned into the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.

New Force Shaping policies just released by the Air Force:

■ For the duration of the Force Shaping program, authority to approve or disapprove miscellaneous separations resides at the AFPC, regardless of the member's AFSC.

■ Opportunity for cadets disenrolled from AFROTC or the U.S. Air Force Academy to voluntarily enlist in the U.S. Army.

■ Officer and enlisted technical school eliminates may only be reclassified into specific career fields.

■ All officer recall programs are closed with a few AFSC case-by-case exceptions.

■ High Year of Tenure extension requests will only be considered for hardship reasons.

■ Interservice transfers will not

be conducted except for transfers to combat rescue, special tactics and core major weapons systems only.

■ Officers or enlisted personnel who decline as assignment or in-residence Professional Military Training will be separated no later than 120 days from the date of declination or based on the needs of the Air Force.

■ The Air Force and Army are initiating a program to transfer qualified Air Force officers and enlisted to the Army.

■ Personnel who wish to continue to serve in the total force, but not in uniform, are encouraged to apply to join the civil service team.

This is a quick overview of the Force Shaping policies. Each policy has specific requirements members must meet. For details on each of the programs above, call the MPF Relocations office at 556-7525 or 556-9211.

(Information courtesy of the Military Personnel Flight)



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 is 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.

Feeling the heat

Question: Why can't they turn off the heat in the Barber Shop next to the Base Exchange? Yesterday it was 91 degrees in the BX complex.

Answer: Thanks for giving me the opportunity to resolve your concern, and explain how the heating and cooling system operates in that building. The heating boiler automatically turns off when outside air temperature exceeds 55 degrees. However, the fan units continue to maintain air flow and air changes. This can sometimes feel like the heat is still on due to warm room air being recirculated. The air conditioning unit for your building is designed as a seasonal system that operates during the summer months only. Our normal target start-up date is May 15. This year we experienced higher than normal temperatures in

early May, so we began our changeover process a few days earlier. When you called the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Customer Service section May 6, the shop was already servicing the cooling system for start up. By May 7, the system was operating. In the future, address any concerns to 21st CES Customer Service at 556-4030, and they will direct your questions or concerns to the correct supervisor for an expedient reply. Thank you.

Pothole problem

Question: What is the policy for laying sod in base housing? Our backyard is full of potholes and I can't go out and play soccer with my daughter. It is a hazard, especially for young kids playing in the yard. Not everyone can afford to pay \$600 and wait for housing to refund the cost of laying sod.

Answer: The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Office explained that prior to laying sod, they must approve a work request, and trained professionals will accomplish the work. The process of replacing sod consists of removing the dead sod, leveling, and compacting the soil prior to new sod installation. The base self-help store will provide you with grass seed and top soil for immediate repairs to pot holes. However, if your requirement is too large for self-help, call the Housing Office at 556-7761, and Dan Uresti

will schedule an appointment to evaluate your yard. Thank you for your comments to enhance the appearance and safety of our housing area.

Flight suit wear

Question: Why are so many people wearing flight suits? There was a time when the only people who wore flight suits were crewmembers who flew airplanes and now I see people who have no obvious connection with flying wearing flight suits. Thank you.

Answer: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to explain the wear of flight suits. Air Force Instruction 36-2903, *Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, directs major command commanders to establish policy for the wear of flight dress uniforms. Air Force Space Command Personnel Policy Guidance Message 02-06, dated Sept. 6, 2002, directs that the flight dress uniform should be worn by all Air Force Space Command aircrews and space operators, both officer and enlisted. Here, we have approximately 600 space operators as well as tenant units, such as the 302nd Air Reserve Wing and the 84th Airlift Flight which have assigned aircrews. For all uniform questions and guidance, call Military Personnel Flight Customer Service at 556-1716, option 1, or Capt. Debbie Horne at 556-7135.



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A Moment in Time



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

■ **June 2, 1949** Gen. Henry H. Arnold is given the permanent rank of General of the Air Force.

■ **Jun 2, 1970** U.S. Air Force Southern Command begins massive disaster relief operations for victims of a devastating earthquake in Peru that killed 70,000 and left 800,000 homeless. Crews airlift 1.5 million pounds of cargo and 2,827 passengers.

■ **June 3, 1959** The U.S. Air Force Academy graduates the first class of 207 graduates. Two hundred and five receive commissions as regular officers in U.S. Air Force.





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 may want to call the Space Observer staff to verify the articles status prior to anticipated publication.

NCO PROMOTION CEREMONY

The monthly Team Pete NCO Promotion Recognition Ceremony begins at 3 p.m. Friday in the Enlisted Club.

CGOC HOLDS CRUD TOURNEY

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

WELCOME HOME PARADE SET FOR TROOPS

The City of Colorado Springs hosts a Welcome Home Parade downtown at 10 a.m. Saturday 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 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday in the Family Support Center. This is a three-day workshop. For more information, call Susan Golden at 556-6141.

USAFA HOLDS MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY, INFO FAIR

The U.S. Air Force Academy will host its annual Military 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 333-8745.

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.

21st MDG SEEKS CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

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.

BUILDING RENOVATION CONTINUES

The renovation at the front entrance of the Mission Support Center should 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.

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 should be completed July 19. During that time, the dumbbell room will be collocated with the Spinning Room.

SITE LISTS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.

1962 marks milestones in space and missiles

■ Feb. 20, U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr. becomes the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the Earth. He flew for nearly five hours in the Mercury capsule, Friendship 7.

■ April 18, at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., Strategic Air Command declares the Air Force's first Titan I unit, the 724th Strategic Missile Squadron, operational. Its nine missiles were the first to be placed in hardened underground silos.

■ June 29, an Air Force team fires a Minuteman missile from an underground silo at Cape Canaveral, Fla., to a target area 2,300 miles downrange. This was the first Minuteman launched by a military crew.

■ July 8, in Operation Dominic, a Thor rocket launches from Johnston Island carrying a megaton-plus hydrogen device to an altitude above 200 miles. This was the highest altitude for a U.S. thermonuclear blast.

■ July 19, a Nike-Zeus antimissile missile, fires from Kwajalein Island in the Pacific Ocean, making the first known interception of an ICBM. It brought down the nose cone of an Atlas missile launched from Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

■ Oct. 14-15, the Cuban missile crisis begins when Maj. Richard S. Heyser and Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr. conduct U-2 reconnaissance flights over Cuba. This proved Soviet missile sites were under construction there.

■ Oct. 27, Strategic Air Command places the first 10 Minuteman I ICBMs on alert. They were emplaced in hardened silos and assigned to the 10th Strategic Missile Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, these missiles were President John F. Kennedy's Ace in the Hole. The 10th Missile Squadron's motto is still The First Ace in the Hole.

(Information courtesy of the Air Force History and Museums Program)



Courtesy photos

ABOVE: Cuba – An aerial view showing the medium range ballistic missile field launch site No. 2 at Sagua la Grande Oct. 17, 1962.

RIGHT: Cuba- an aerial view of the San Cristobal medium range ballistic missile launch site No. 2 Nov. 1, 1962.





Miller Moths make annual flyby

The annual migration of Miller Moths has begun. The migration normally lasts from four to eight weeks.

Here are a few facts and tips for dealing with these sometimes vexing visitors:

■ Seal any obvious openings, particularly around windows and doors. Also, reduce lighting at night in and around the home. This includes turning off all unnecessary lights or substituting non-attractive yellow lights.

■ An easy trap to make is to suspend a light bulb over a partially filled bucket of soapy water. Moths attracted to the light will often fall into the water and be killed. Once in the home, the best way to remove the moths is to swat or vacuum

them or to attract them to traps.

■ Although the moth can be considerable nuisance at times, moths in the home do not feed or lay eggs.

■ Insecticides have little or no effect in controlling millers. Furthermore, new moths that migrate into the area nightly will rapidly replace any moths killed.

■ Clean up any dead moths as soon as possible. When large numbers die in your home, there may be a small odor problem if you do not vacuum them up before the fat in their bodies turns rancid. Moths rest in dark areas during the day and come out in full force at night.

(Information courtesy of 21st Civil Engineer Squadron)



Courtesy photo

During warm months, the Miller Moths migrate to higher elevations seeking flowering plants to feed on.

Chapel sponsors family getaway opportunity

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Summer provides the perfect environment to explore Colorado's outdoor adventures. It's also a popular time to reconnect with family members. The 21st Space Wing Chaplains Office will do even more this summer to ensure military members do just that by sponsoring the Peterson Air Force Base Family Weekend at Estes Park June 25-27.

We [the chapel staff] are very excited to be able to offer a weekend for families to reunite, rejuvenate

their family life and enjoy the beauty of the Rockies, said Chaplain (Maj.) Bruce R. Glover. The weekend is our gift to families who sacrifice so much to support their loved ones. Our hope is that many will be able to attend and that families will be encouraged and made stronger through this time.

This retreat of sorts, although it's not a religious event, will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colo. Outside of a one and a half hour presentation from the chapel and other base agencies, families will have the whole weekend to spend as they wish. There is something for everyone at the YMCA, where

the activities range from roller skating and mini golf to museums and shopping. Free childcare is also available during portions of the weekend.

Due to the chapel's sponsorship of the event, the cost for the weekend is low. For E-4 and below, the cost is \$25 per couple or \$35 per family, and for E-5 and above the cost is \$35 a couple and \$45 for a family. The cost includes lodging and meals. There are some other nominal fees depending on the events attendees choose to enjoy. Transportation is not provided.

For more information or to sign up, call Chaplain Glover at 556-4442.



Team Pete set for environmental assessment

The annual environmental assessment takes place June 21-25 here.

The assessment is part of the Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program, which is governed by Air Force Instruction 32-7045.

The purpose of the program is to improve environmental management, meet national, state and Air Force compliance standards and to

build financial programs for funding environmental requirements.

Air Force installations must be assessed each year. In a recurring three-year cycle, base members conduct the assessment every first and second year, while major command inspectors conduct the assessment every third year. Since this is the last year in Peterson's cycle, Air Force Space Command will conduct

the assessment.

Command and contractor support personnel comprise the assessment team. During the assessment week, assessment team members may contact your organization to schedule a site visit. The purpose of this visit may be to physically inspect your shop or organization or to check records. Make every effort to keep workspaces neat and ensure cleaning products are

properly stored.

To prepare for the assessment, environmental managers attended a seminar in May. These unit-level are unit level representatives for the major environmental players on base act as the eyes and ears of the environmental flight. More than likely, only units with EMS will be affected by the assessment.

Some of the topics covered during the seminar

included what to expect from an assessment, the role of an EM before, during and after an assessment and typical findings during an assessment.

For more information on the ECAMP inspection, call 1st Lt. Travis Mabry at 556-1459, or visit <https://halfway.peterson.af.mil/21ces/cev/>. (Courtesy of the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight)

Attention spouses:

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Pikes Peak
Combined Spouses
Club?

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[www.geocities.com/
pikespeakcsc](http://www.geocities.com/pikespeakcsc)

Personnel corner

Update SGLI upon amendments

Active duty military must review Servicemembers Group Life Insurance upon family changes such as marriage, divorce and births. SGLI is just one of many tools used to ensure your family is taken care of if something were to happen to you. Loved ones have enough worries if a military member dies—make sure life insurance isn't one of them.

Appointments require uniform wear

Military personnel must be in uniform for military appointments. Briefings are intended to be professional. Be respectful by showing up in uniform.

Passport services temporarily limited

Military Personnel Flight passport services will be limited from Monday to June 28 due to a turnover in passport agents. Those requiring a passport signature witness must make an appointment by calling 556-4644.

Appointments are available 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. All other services associated with passport processing will be available throughout the duty day. During the week of June 21, the new MPF passport agent will be TDY to the State Department for official certification. During her absence, basic

forms will be available at the MPF Customer Service counter but advisory services will not. Normal passport services resume June 28. If you have any questions, call Jan Kienast at 556-4644.

Cell phones not allowed

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Table 2.6, unless mandatory (issued) to perform your official duties, it is prohibited to carry a cell phone while in uniform.

If issued, the cell phone must be carried on your left waistband, in your purse or carried in your left hand. Walking while talking on a cell phone is not only prohibited, it's unprofessional.



Retirement ceremony celebrates 30 years of service

By Chief Master Sgt.
Jeffrey L. Strout
Career Field Manager Consultant
to the Air Force Surgeon General
for Public Health

Ahhh, the day has come retirement! Some of us relish the thought of making it 20 years so we can retire. However, there's another breed out there those who make it to 30 years, through hard fought, sweat breaking, dedication to our country! Stop and think about how long 30 years is.

According to the Air Force Personnel Center, more than 60 percent of the Air Force and more than 40 percent of the people on Peterson Air Force Base weren't even born 30 years ago. For those who are just starting out in the Air Force, 30 years seems like a lifetime away. For those of us getting to the end of this chapter of our military career, 30 years seems to go by too fast.

During a military retirement ceremony, you'll probably hear stories of great accomplishments throughout numerous years. You'll hear about a multitude of bases around the world all culminating in a tremendous career. If you haven't attended a retirement ceremony, go to one, one where the retiree has dedicated 30 years of service; you're in for an experience.

Team Pete has one such dedicated member retiring June 4 Col. Don Coates, Chief of Medical Operations Air Force Space Command Headquarters.

What makes this one officer so special? The thousands of lives he has touched during his 30 years. He has mentored officers, enlisted and civilian members and helped them achieve great

things throughout those rewarding years.

In August 1988, Colonel Coates was assigned to Air Force Space Command becoming the first environmental health officer assigned to a major command headquarters.

In this role, he provided guidance that served as the cornerstone of the careers of numerous people.

Lt. Col. Tim Woodruff, a public health officer at Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt AFB, Fla., remembers when Colonel Coates helped him get started in his career.

Colonel Woodruff recalled a quote that applies to many of us, To never underestimate the importance of what we do and to always remember the reason we are here. This important point can be translated to other support professions as well. Colonel Coates' legacy will carry on through Colonel Woodruff and the many others who benefited from the wisdom of a great leader.

As the Chairman of Department of Public Health and later as the vice commander of the U.S. Air Force



Coates

the discussion.

As the public health assignments officer, Colonel Coates worked the puzzle pieces of matching the personal assignment preferences, career goals and the essential needs of the Air Force.

Colonel Tom Stedman, Air Education and Training Command public health officer, said, People are our most important asset. Those words are not a cliché that (Coates) gives lip service to. Instead, he has touched the lives of countless officers, NCOs and Airmen with his compassion and action

living proof that he really believes the meaning those words convey. He has always been and will be fondly remembered as, a leader who put people first.

As a senior public health corporate board member, Colonel Coates

School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB, Texas, he molded instructors and students into highly effective Public Health professionals. Maj. James Poel, a former instructor, stressed that Colonel Coates has a keen ability to listen. The colonel's intensity and interest during conversations often leave people with a higher energy level than when they began

influenced the direction and guidance for the career field and the ways the Air Force Medical Service has executed preventive medicine throughout our communities.

Col. William Courtney, associate corps chief, Biomedical Sciences Corps consultant to the U.S. Air Force surgeon general for public health at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., stated, When Colonel Coates speaks, everybody listens!

In April 2001, Colonel Coates was reassigned to Peterson and AFSPC as the chief of the Medical Operations Division in the Command Surgeons Office.

So how did this great leader get to where he is today? Colonel Coates will tell you that it was because of his family. His real pride and joy is his family, his wife Patty and their five children, Kimberly, Jodi, John, Ryan and Jamie. Through their achievements academically or occupationally the colonel finds his measures of success in life.

Colonel Coates is a dynamic and visionary leader, mentor and family man whose actions and friendship will be dearly missed by his public health and aerospace medicine communities, we want to thank Colonel Coates for his devout dedication and valuable contributions to the Air Force. We wish him and his family many years of happiness and success!

The next time you get an opportunity to attend a retirement ceremony take advantage of it and take the time to give thanks to those who have given so much to the Air Force and our great country!



Hope wins out at Holocaust service

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
302nd Airlift Wing

Life has a strange way of bringing people together. Their life stories are very different. At 14, he was torn from his family in Poland for no other reason than his nationality. Incredibly, he endured the horrors of numerous concentration camps all with the hope that was never realized that of seeing his family again. Two years after being liberated from a concentration camp in Austria by American Forces, he came to the United States.

When she was 14, she remembers, Kristallnacht, the night when the Nazi regime sacked Jewish places of business. It was the beginning of what Adolf Hitler would call the final solution. For many years after the war, she carried a deep sadness in her heart for what some of her

fellow German countrymen had done in the Holocaust.

Their paths crossed one spring day at the Peterson Base Chapel. David Bram, a Holocaust survivor, graciously answered questions for the audience as they came together to remember. Questions swirled around in an atmosphere of grudging curiosity tinged with the repulsion of how human beings could be so inconceivably cruel to one another. What was a typical day like? What kept you going in the face of such brutality? How has it affected the way you raised your children?

What happened next changed the entire service. The 14-year-old German girl who had grown into a mature woman shared her story. Although she was not personally responsible for what happened during the Holocaust, she felt a deep need to share her remorse to, in

some way, apologize for what had happened. Mr. Bram's kindness matched her sorrow.

As the questions came to an end, Louis Steinberg, the Jewish lay leader at the chapel, gave Mr. Bram a big bear hug. As we all clapped, it seemed in some way that we were all hugging him. Mr. Steinberg disclosed his own personal pain of losing an aunt in a Nazi concentration camp. Then quite unexpectedly to us, the Jewish lay leader walked down off the podium, over to the dear lady who had so candidly expressed her grief, he embraced her. It felt like a moment frozen in time, a memorial to something great. In that embrace was a forgiveness that washed sadness away, a reconciliation that brought a sense of all that is right and good in life.

White tissues appeared in the pews ahead of me. I have to admit that I was

glad that we bowed our heads for the benediction so that I could dry my eyes with the back of my hand. As I walked out to the car, I smelled the faint fragrance of the trees beginning to bud. The warmth from the sun felt good. My mind thumbed through the pages of the Old Testament and settled on the prophet Micah who said, He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

The prophet Micah would be proud of what happened that day. I looked back at the brown brick of the Base Chapel and I had the distinct feeling that God was looking down and smiling. We came together to remember something that was terrible. But hope won out, the amazing power of forgiveness triumphed over hate.

Do you have an interesting or important job?

Everyone on Peterson Air Force Base has a unique 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.

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.*

WHO'S THIS? – May 21

A military member reported a nuisance phone call to security forces. The person stated that the foolish phoner was speaking with a British accent and that she received the calls at her work place. Security forces contacted the phone company to have the call traced.

IT WAS SLIPPERY OUT – May 21

Security forces responded to the intersection of Stewart Ave. and Vincent St., where a vehicle accident was reported. The median masher stated that he was turning left and lost control of his vehicle because of the wetness on the road. Security forces issued a citation for careless driving.

TROUBLED THIEF – May 23

Security forces responded to the Base Exchange, where a person reported a shoplifter. The looting lady went on a little shopping spree using the five-finger discount. The sneaky suspect attempted to walk out with two 14-carat gold rings. The Colorado Springs Police Department responded and issued the person a summons for shoplifting.

NOISY NEIGHBOR – May 23

Security forces responded to Dormitory

1270, where a person reported a noise disturbance. Security forces told the noisy nincompoop to keep his music at a reasonable level.

GASOLINE DRIVE-OFF – May 24

Security forces responded to the Shoppette, where a member reported a gasoline drive-off. Security forces escorted the mistaken motorist back to the Shoppette to pay for her gas. She stated that she forgot to pay.

HIT AND RUN – May 24

Security forces responded to the parking lot of Bldg. 1470, where a person reported a hit and run. The person stated that when he was leaving work a co-worker pointed out the damage to him. The other vehicle hasn't been identified yet.

EVER THINK ABOUT THE PATCH? – May 24

A person from the Base Exchange called security forces to report that a person had fled the BX with a little something extra in his pocket. Security forces then issued a be-on-the-look-out report for the cigarette thief. A Youth Center patron noticed the shifty shoplifter and called security forces. The CSPD also responded and issued the filcher a summons for shoplifting. The blockhead received letters suspending base exchange privileges and temporary suspension of identification card privileges.

GATE RUNNER – May 25

A security forces member reported a gate runner. Security forces found the distracted driver, escorted him to the North Gate and briefed him on proper entry procedures.

HERE HE IS – May 25

A security forces member at the Visitor's Center reported that he had a person there who had warrants out for failure to appear. The CSPD responded and took the person into custody.

CAR CAPER – May 25

Security forces responded to the parking lot of Bldg. 590, where a person reported that his car had been damaged. The vehicle vandal broke his window and ripped off the window handle. The slouch fled the scene before securi-

ty forces arrived.

WHERE'S THE MONEY – May 25

A military member reported that \$580 was missing from his office. The person stated that he contacted everyone in his office and nobody knew where it was.

VERBAL ALTERCATION – May 26

Security forces responded to the Child Development Center, where a person reported that a verbal altercation had taken place. One of the people involved stated that she was getting her son out of the passenger side of her car when the other person involved parked next to her. She then said that the other person had parked so close to her that she could barely move and that she had said some vulgar words under her breath. The other person confronted her inside the CDC. The first member stated that she did not want to talk but the confrontation ensued. No charges were pressed.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT – May 26

Security forces responded to the intersection of Stewart Avenue and Peterson Boulevard, where a vehicle accident was reported. The first person stated that she was traveling south and went to turn left and hit a car traveling north. She was issued a citation for Improper Turning.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT #2 – May 26

Security forces responded to the intersection of Stewart Avenue and Paine Street, where a vehicle accident was reported. A car backed into another vehicle after the person failed to look behind him. Security forces confiscated the backing buffoon's government drivers' license and issued him a citation for Improper Backing.

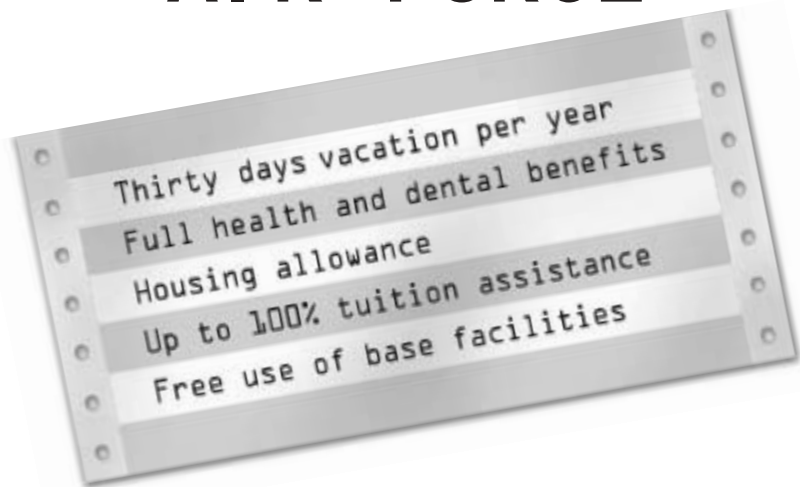
ALARMING TRENDS CONTINUE:

In addition to these entries, there continue to be too many false alarm activations on base. Among those noted this week were four 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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Sports and Field Day kicks off at Eagle Park

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

Team Pete sprinted, dove, leapt and swung into action during the base's annual Sports and Field Day June 9.

Members from 32 units celebrated fitness by participating in events like volleyball, softball, tennis and soccer.

Competitors wishing to beat the heat opted to partake in activities like lap swimming at the Aquatics Center or

bowling in the air-conditioned Bowling Center.

It was a well-planned and well-executed, morale building event, said Staff Sgt. Bill Wagner, a 21st Space Wing manpower analyst and Sports Day

event manager.

Mary Gregor, a recreation assistant at Outdoor Recreation who helped plan the events, also said she thought the day was successful.

It went really smooth, she said. We had a great turnout for Sports and Field Day. It was a lot of fun.

The day's events extended beyond sports and athletic competition.

Volunteers served a free barbecue picnic lunch at Eagle Park, where guests could also visit promotional tents and collect Around the World in Ninety Days game pieces.

An award ceremony was also included in the festivities. The Fitness Center recognized Ring of Fame inductee, Staff Sgt. Jacob Hey, 21st Security Forces Squadron. The award acknowledges athletic achievement above and beyond.

Athletic achievement, healthy competition and love of sport were themes embodied by Team Pete members at Sports and Field Day. 🏆



Photos by Camilla Smith

The 21st Space Communications Squadron team digs in their heels during a tug of war challenge against the 21st Medical Group. The 21st MDG pulled their way to victory.



Riders take to the streets during the 10K bike race. David Anderson, from the 10th Dental Squadron, placed first in the competition.



Large competition category teams from the 21st Medical Group and the 302nd Airlift Wing shoot hoops.



ABOVE: Hundreds participated in morning 5K run and 5K walk events. Gordon Birdsall, from Air Force Space Command Headquarters, and Antonio Eppolito, from the 21st Medical Dental Operations Squadron, were winners in the run.



Swimming enthusiasts dive into competition at the Aquatics Center June 9. Events included the 50 Meter, 100 Meter and 200 Meter Freestyle Swim.



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This Week

Today

■ Job Orientation, 1-2 p.m. at the Mission Support Center, Room 1016.

Friday

■ Career Status Bonus/REDUX Briefing, 9-10 a.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

■ Thrift Savings Plan Briefing, 10-11 a.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

■ 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.

■ Bundles for Babies, 1-3 p.m. at the MSC, Room 1016.

Wednesday

■ Preseparation Briefing, 3-4 p.m. at the MSC.

June 10

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

■ Going Overseas Briefing, 8-9 a.m. 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

Child care providers receive 'thanks' for service

By Teresa Wheeler
Parent Advisory Board chairman

May was Provider Appreciation Month, recognizing those individuals and early childhood education teachers who care for children at the many facilities and homes on base. This includes the two Child Development Centers, the Youth Center and individual homes certified for family child care.

The Parent Advisory Board decided to thank the ECE teachers and staff members by holding two events during the month of May. The first event was a dinner at the Peterson Officers Club May 7, to recognize and honor those providing home care. At this event, Sonya Justice was selected as the Provider of the Year for Peterson Air Force Base for exemplifying the high qualities necessary to be an exceptional family child care provider.

For the second event, volunteer parents prepared lunch May 25 for the ECE teachers and staff at the Youth Center and CDC facilities. In addition to lunch, each person received a gift for their dedicated service.

In addition to child care providers at each location, the

Peterson program relies on staff members to ensure the facilities and child development programs run smoothly. Team Pete is fortunate to have programs for children ranging from 6 weeks to 12 years old. CDCs provide up to 50 hours of care per week for children between the ages of 6 weeks to 5 years old.

The Youth Center has programs available before and after school for children from ages 5 to 12 and a part-day enrichment preschool program for children 3-5 years old. The Family

Child Care Program provides care for up to six children per home, between 6 weeks and 12 years old.

The lunch and drawing were small gestures to say thank you to those who play an important role in the lives of Team Pete's children. Parents volunteered their time to print flyers, stuff boxes, prepare baked goods for the lunch, and make more than 140 lunches.

The Parent Advisory Board is grateful for the care the ECE teachers provide and for the involvement of the parents.



Photo by Camilla Smith

Team Pete's child care providers were honored during a dinner at the Officers' Club last month. Center-based and home providers receive self-paced training that addresses how to set up safe, healthy learning environments and plan activities to meet children's needs. Those interested in becoming providers can call the Family Child Care office at 556-4322.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today

Lunch:

Orange-Spiced Chops
Liver with Onions
Tempura Fried Fish
Rissolle Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Broccoli
Peas and Carrots
Wax Beans

Dinner:

Mr. Z's Baked Chicken
Pepper Steak
Pasta Primavera
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Fried Okra
Green Beans

Friday

Lunch:

Baked Fish
Beef and Corn Pie
Roast Turkey
Franconia Potatoes
Pea and Pepper Rice
Corn on the Cob
Stewed Tomatoes
Mustard Greens

Dinner:

Simmered Corn Beef
Pineapple Chicken
Yankee Pot Roast
Crispy Potato Wedges
Simmered Potatoes
Fried Cabbage
Carrots
Black-eyed Peas

Saturday

Brunch:

Baked Fish
Hungarian Goulash
Barbecue Chicken
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Vegetable Stir Fry
Boston Baked Bean
Cream Corn

Sunday

Brunch:

Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli
Turkey Nuggets
Strip Loin Steak
Mushrooms and Onions
Baked Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Corn on the Cob
Green Beans

Monday

Lunch:

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

Dinner:

Chili Mac
Beef Cannelloni
Southern Fried Chicken
Cottage Fried Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Squash
Glazed Carrots
Peas

Tuesday

Lunch:

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

Dinner:

Country Captain Chicken
Meat Loaf
Turkey a la King
Rice Steamed
Mashed Potatoes
Harvard Beets
Mustard Greens
Okra Tomato Gumbo

Wednesday

Lunch:

Lasagna
Chicken Parmesan
Hot Italian Sausage
Green Peppers and Onions
Jefferson Noodles
Potatoes Au Gratin
Stewed Tomatoes
Broccoli

Dinner:

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



FTAC eases transition for new Airmen

By Airman Mandy L. Weightman
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

As we all know, starting a new job can be quite nerve wracking. Add being new to the military and moving to a new place on top of starting a new job and you have a first-term Airman arriving to his or her first duty assignment.

Whether they are single, newly wed or already have children, this new military life can be stressful. Without the First Term Airmen Center, being in this type of situation may be overwhelming for some.

The mission or purpose of FTAC is to transition first duty station Airmen from the controlled environment of basic and technical training into one of self-discipline, while providing nearly one-stop in-processing and an overall orientation to the Air Force, Peterson and Colorado Springs, said Master Sgt. Kristin Clark, FTAC NCO in charge for the 21st Mission Support Squadron.

I like to think of it as the right start, giving the future of our Air Force a solid foundation. My goal for FTAC is to get our newest Airmen set up for success to give them a toolbox, per se. The choice to utilize these tools is up to them! Sergeant Clark said.

This is exactly what FTAC does for Airmen who are new to the Air Force.

At FTAC, new Airmen meet people who have been in the service much longer than we have. We receive person-

alized advice on topics ranging from life situations to how to advance in our careers.

With a total of 51 briefings and 19 tours of local facilities, in only two short weeks, FTAC introduces first-term Airmen to their first duty assignments with a wealth of information, Sergeant Clark said.

Through FTAC, new Airmen also get the opportunity to meet other Airmen whom they otherwise might not meet. The friendships that come out of FTAC give us a network of people outside of our workplaces.

Before FTAC began in 1999, new Airmen didn't have the same welcome to the Air Force.

I arrived to my first base in Turkey on a Friday. Someone pointed to where the dorms, the Base Exchange and the Dining Hall were and then told me that my office was at the bottom of a hill. Sergeant Clark said. The conversation ended with See you Monday morning at 8 a.m. I wish I would have been able to go through a program like FTAC.

One of the best parts about this program is that it constantly changes to meet the needs of the incoming Airmen and their gaining squadrons. Sergeant Clark urges Airmen to speak up about anything that could be used to help ease the transition from the training environment into the field.

FTAC shows new Airmen that the Air Force cares about them and their



Photo by Master Sgt. Kristin Clark

Senior Airman Douglas Hattabaugh and Airman 1st Class Robert Orabuena Jr., both of the 721st Security Forces Squadron, compete in a shopping contest held at the Commissary. The contest is part of the FTAC activities helping the new Airmen to become familiar with benefits available to them.

success, she said.

That support is evident to the new Airmen in this program. Whether it's an entire office staff attending FTAC events to support and welcome us or the 51 people who shared their time to inform us of services on base Team

Pete shows their support to help us succeed as new Airmen in the Air Force.

From an Airman's perspective, FTAC is an amazing program. It really does help us transition into this new and different way of life. It is the right start to our military careers.



Photos by Joe Fischer

Units from the 21st Space Wing got together in the Base Pavillion for a mass workout which included a 1-mile run and calisthenics.

Vice commander leads the way

Col. Diann Latham, the 21st Space Wing vice commander, leads members of Team 21 in their sit-ups during the wing's first mass Fit-to-Fight session May 27.

Sports Shorts

WALL CLIMBING

Climbing Wall Safety Classes are at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and at 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.

BACK-TO-BASICS CIRCUIT COURSE

The Back-to-Basics Circuit Course is at 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.

SOCCER FIELD CONSTRUCTION SET

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

TAE KWON DO

Tae kwon do classes are from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for children ages 7-12, and from 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

■ The 21st Space Wing Sports and Field Day takes place Wednesday.

■ The Fitness Center will hold a half marathon Saturday.

■ A three-day kickball tournament begins Tuesday.

For more information, call the Fitness Center at 556-4462.

