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**Team Pete
congratulates
new selects**



**OSI
sweeps
awards**



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Team Pete sets sights on ECAMP

By Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber
21st Space Wing commander

Our annual environmental assessment is underway! Inspectors are making a clean sweep of our facilities this week as part of the Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program.

Through this program, we strive to improve

our environmental management, ensure we meet national, state and Air Force compliance standards, and build financial programs for funding environmental requirements.

Excellence in all we do is a familiar adage to all Airmen. This week we are given the opportunity to demonstrate our dedication to maintaining safe, efficient work environments.

As inspectors from Air Force Space Command

make their rounds in our workcenters, we must remember to view this as an occasion when we can gain a candid perspective on what we're doing right and on areas in which we need to improve.

Success mandates a total team effort from everyone on the installation – from the host entities to the tenant units, civilian and military. The standard is set and Team Pete will meet the challenge.



Customs and courtesies apply off base



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Staff Sgt. Vance Joyner, 21st Space Wing Manpower Office, executes a proper salute. A salute is an exchange of greetings, with the junior member saluting first.

By Maj. Darin Gibbs
21st Logistics Readiness Squadron

Being professional, minding the customs and courtesies and dress and appearance standards the Air Force lives by, apply on and off base.

I'm so proud of the troops when they use the appropriate customs and courtesies and look sharp, especially off base.

The challenge I've noticed is as soon as we go out the front gate and enter the community, troops tend to forget and disregard the customs and courtesies that have been instilled in us since basic training.

For example, I've noticed many military members in my off-base neighborhood running around outside in their uniforms without their hats on. Whether it be picking up mail from the mailbox or coming out your front door to warm up the car, your hat is required to be on when you're outside per Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

We need to look our sharpest especially when in the community. The general public sees us and forms an opinion of the military by how we look and act. Yes, the public probably has no clue that our "cover" needs to be worn while outside.

I saw an acquaintance of mine off base who is a senior master sergeant, and when he approached, he gave me a sharp salute, and I returned it. I complimented him for exercising the military tradition of saluting off base.

More times than not I have passed other troops in the parking lot of the local supermarket or retail store off base and they have pretended either not to see the officer rank or just plain walked by without saluting. This resulted in me taking some time to engage the individual. Their remark was they didn't know whether to salute or not. So I gave them a little history lesson.

The exact origin of the military salute has been lost over time, but one theory is that during the days of chivalry, knights in armor raised their visors to friends for identification purposes. The junior person was required to make the first gesture.

Additionally, in many armies throughout history, the right hand, or "weapon hand" was raised as a greeting of friendship. Remember the old western movies we used to watch?

Remember how the cowboys used to tip or touch the brim of their cowboy hat when a young lady would cross their path? That was another form of the salute, which was basically a greeting. This is very similar to what we do today.

So, whether you're on or off base, remember the proper customs and courtesies and dress and appearance standards. Don't let all that you've learned go by the wayside when you exit the front gate and enter your neighborhood or downtown. Attention to detail is huge, even in the simplest of actions like putting on your hat while outside.



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A Moment in Time



- **June 26, 1948** – The Berlin airlift, Operation Vittles, begins as a response to a ground blockade imposed by the Soviet Union on Berlin.
- **June 29, 1949** – The U.S. Air Force becomes the first service to announce an end to racial segregation in its ranks.
- **June 28, 1976** – The U.S. Air Force Academy becomes the first of the big three service academies to admit women cadets when it admits Joan Olsen.
- **June 27, 1995** – Lockheed Martin begins assembling the first production model of the F-22 - a stealthy, advanced tactical fighter that will eventually replace the F-15 Eagle.



Technical sergeant and master sergeant selects announced

Congratulations to the Team Pete members who have been selected for the ranks of technical sergeant and master sergeant.



Technical sergeant selects are:

Lee R. Abraham
Patrick J. Acre
Keith L. Akers
Sandy C. Babcock
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Dustin C. Beard
Marvin E. Beck Jr.
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Joshua N. Bennett
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Hortencia Crutcher
Marcus L. Davis
Matthew R. Digati
Chastity M. Dodd
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Joseph D. Druke
Edward D. Dunn
Ashly L. Erickson
Ronald J. Everts Jr.
Rafael Figueroa
David E. Frederick
Mark C. Gremling
Catherine L. Grover

Timothy A. Hampton
Cole C. Harn
Lashawna D. Harn
Edwin J. Harris
Eric D. Haynes
Randolph D. Hodson
Michael A. Holland
Sarah J. Hopkins
Jeremy J. Howe
Judith S. Hoy
Jennifer M. Hubal
Ronald D. Hughes
Maria There Ibanez
Denise Johnson
Joseph A. Johnson
Leticia G. Johnson
Lathena R. Jones
Tracey L. King
David A. Kisner
Kirk W. Kolodziej
David A. Krebs
Mario Kuhn
Erik D. Lewis
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Steven A. Lopez
Colin M. Loring
James M. Martinez
Danny N. Masincupp
Jay J. McLaren
Odessa D. Mills
Ronald D. Mills
Charles M. Mohr
Kevin M. Moser
Mark J. Murphy
Michael A. Najjar
Jennifer Newcomer

Timothy K. Pachasa
Christian P. Pardue
Steven F. Parriet
Jennifer Pecqueur
Charles T. Phillips
Chad Pryor
Jared E. Psinas
Juan M. Ramirez
Michael M. Renner
Richard T. Robbins
William B. Robinson
Sherry L. Schuh
Scott A. Self
Denny W. Shaffer
Michael L. Smith
James A. Stanley II
Christopher Stauch
Jason M. Stayner
Daniel Stellabotte
Roxane R. Stoll
Robert E. Story Jr.
Michael J. Suarez
Michael D. Taylor
Christopher Terrio
Lance W. Thibault
Glen A. Thompson
Ross T. Tomlin
Jacob W. Triplett
Jonathon A. Uhde
Michael J. Vastola
Wyman W. Vinson II
Michael C. Walker
Jerome Wesley
Scott S. Westfall
Jeremy A. White
James L. J. Williams
Markus G. Williams

Master sergeant selects are:

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Francisco Alcantara
Alridge L. Allsman
Robert M. Arserio
Jay T. Bardell
Douglas W. Barton
Tom E. Borosky Jr.
John D. Bowman
Ronald D. Brewer
Rodney A. Bryant
Melinda J. Buhl
Terrence Callaghan
Ryan M. Carlson
Michael E. Carr
Kraig W. Chapman
Vincent Childress
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Dorian C. Coleman
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AETC terminates tobacco use in technical training

By 1st Lt. Elaine M. Larson

Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Tobacco use and possession are no longer allowed for nonprior-service technical training students at any time while on base or in uniform.

The change is included in Air Education and Training Command Instruction 36-2216, "Administration of Military Standards and Discipline Training," published June 16.

The policy states that Airmen will only be allowed to use tobacco if they are off base and out of uniform. Before the policy change, students could use tobacco products on base after duty hours, provided they were out of uniform and had reached at least Phase III of the enlisted phase program.

Smoking costs the Air Force more than \$1 billion each year in health care and lost productivity, according to a report published in 2000 by the Air Force Medical Operations Agency's office for prevention and health services assessment.

"Smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States," the report states.

Even though Airmen must quit using tobacco before entering basic military training, studies have found 82 percent of those who quit returned to tobacco use after graduation. Most return within the first month of technical training, said Lt. Col. Alan Peterson, psychology flight commander from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Another 7 percent of Airmen entering technical training who have "never had a puff in their lives" pick up the habit within their first year on active duty, said Col. Russell Eggert, AETC health promotion branch chief.

"More people are leaving technical training as tobacco users than those who enter (basic training)," he said. "It's very difficult once people are addicted to nicotine to get them to quit. We want to prevent them from ever starting."

Colonel Eggert said he hopes the change will translate into fewer future smokers.

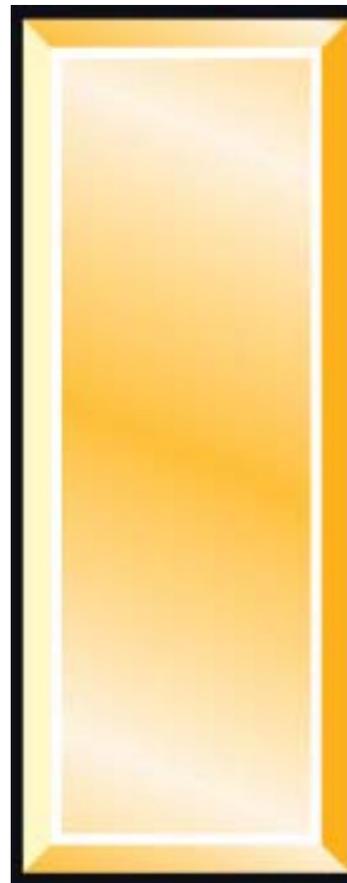
Officials announce OTS selections

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Air Force officials announced June 18 that 17 enlisted Airmen have been chosen to attend Officer Training School and trade their stripes for gold bars.

Air Force Recruiting Service officials conducted OTS Selection Board 0405, which met May 11 to 14. The board considered 392 applications, selecting 235 for a 60-percent selection rate.

As part of the selection process, board members review both objective and subjective factors. Objectively, the board considers each applicant's academic discipline, grade point average and Air Force Officer Qualifying Test scores. Subjectively, they evaluate work experience, accomplishments, adaptability, character, leadership ability, potential for future growth and other recommendations. For active-duty enlisted Airmen, performance reports and commander's recommendations are also evaluated.

Five Air Force colonels review every application. The selection process is similar to an Air Force officer promotion board.



No single factor leads to an individual's selection or nonselection, officials said.

People selected can expect class-assignment information about eight weeks after their physical is certified. OTS boards meet about every six weeks at the AFRS headquarters here.

The school is only one of the avenues the service uses to commission new officers. The Air Force also sends more than 1,000 people to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., and awards more than \$60 million in ROTC scholarships each year. Service officials said they continue to need qualified officers, including doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and engineers.

A full list of people selected for OTS is available at www.rs.af.mil/index.asp?pid=brd3.

For more information concerning OTS and the application process, active-duty Airmen can contact their local education services office; civilians can contact the nearest Air Force recruiter. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



SELECTEES CELEBRATE PROMOTION TODAY AT ENLISTED CLUB

The staff and technical sergeants who were selected for promotion this week are hosting a combined promotion release party today at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club ballroom. Free drinks and hors d'oeuvres are provided. Team Pete members are invited to come out and congratulate these new selects.

BASE LEGAL OFFICE CLOSURE

The Peterson Base Legal Office closes at 11 a.m. Tuesday for an official function.

NEWEST UNITS ACTIVATE

Air Force Space Command's newest units, the 25th Space Control Tactics Squadron and the 595th Operations Support Squadron will activate at 9 a.m. Friday at the Air and Space Museum here. Lt. Col. Donald H. Ridolfi will assume command of the 25th SCTS and Lt. Col. Thomas J. Chiavacci will assume command of the 595th OSS. The new units will be assigned to the 595th Space Group, Space Warfare Center, Schriever Air Force Base. Col. Michael J. Carey, Commander 595th SG, will be officiating. All are invited to attend the ceremony. Attire is uniform of the day and daily attire for civilians.

TOP THREE COUNCIL MEETS

The Pikes Peak Top 3 meets at 11:30 a.m. July 1 in the Enlisted Club. Membership is open to master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants who are assigned here. Retirees who are sponsored by an active duty top three member are also welcome to join as associate members. Pikes Peak Top 3 actively supports enlisted causes and professional development through a variety of activities. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Leyda Pendergrass at 556-9022.

MONTHLY TEAM PETE

NCO INDUCTION CEREMONY SET

The monthly Team Pete NCO Induction and Recognition Ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. July 1 at the Enlisted Club.

21st MSS/CSS

REQUIRES TDY CHECK IN

The 21st Mission Support Squadron Commander's Support Staff is the servicing orderly

room for the 21st MSS, 21st Mission Support Group, 21st Space Wing staff, North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Northern Command, 614th Space Communications Squadron, Detachment 7 Civil Air Patrol and the Defense Courier Service. They are responsible for updating all duty status changes for these organizations. Any member departing for Temporary Duty must check in with the unit orderly room prior to departure. For more information, call 1st Lt. Cameron Jackson, 21st MSS section commander, at 556-4682.

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 is scheduled to last until Aug. 3. A temporary sidewalk built around the construction area allows access to the front entrance to the building. For more information, call Ernie Branch at 556-1422.

FITNESS CENTER CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

A second level is being built at the Fitness and Sports Center 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.

SCOUT GROUPS MEET ON BASE

Boy Scout Troop 199 meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Enlisted Club. The group welcomes boys ages 11-17. For more information, call Scoutmaster Alex Welton at 574-8970.

Cub Scout Pack 99 meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays

in the Base Chapel. The group is for boys ages 7-10. For more information, call Cubmaster Wendy Jendrick at 637-0397.

Girl Scout Troop 422 meets at 6 p.m. Mondays at the Base Chapel. The group is for girls ages 11-17. For more information, call Laura Pitcher at 392-1102.

SPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS 50 YEARS OF SPACE, MISSILES

The Lance P. Sijan chapter of the Air Force Association sponsors the first Space Warfare Symposium, "Commanding the Future," Monday through Wednesday at the Keystone Resort and Conference Center, Keystone, Colo. The symposium showcases Air Force Space Command's continuing transformation from space support to space combat and highlights 50 years of Air Force space and missiles. For more information, visit www.spacewarfare.org.

SITE LISTS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Volunteer Clearinghouse is a national information center for people interested in volunteering their time at Corps lakes and projects around the country. The Corps of Engineers is the steward of almost 12 million acres of land and water at 460 lakes across the country. Volunteers play an important role in protecting the natural resources and maintaining recreation areas. For more information, call 1-800-VOL-TEER or 1-800-865-8337 or visit www.lrn.usace.army.mil/volunteer.

SKY SOX TICKETS AVAILABLE

Sky Sox management has unused tickets from the June 16 Air Force Appreciation Night game. These tickets are available at the Community Activities Center or Information Tickets and Tours and will be honored at tonight's game.

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.



1966: Air Force rockets into space

■ March 16 – Astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott blast into space atop a Titan II missile on the Gemini 8 mission. The two astronauts later performed the first docking maneuver in space, linking their capsule with an Agena target vehicle that was launched by an Atlas booster. At the conclusion of the mission, 20 minutes after splashdown in the Pacific Ocean 500 miles east of Okinawa, Air Force pararescuemen attach flotation gear to the Gemini 8 space capsule. This is the first time the Air Force rescue forces have participated in the recovery of a Gemini capsule.

■ June 2 – Surveyor I is the first U.S. spacecraft to make a soft landing on the Moon.

■ June 16 – A Titan IIIC boosts seven experimental communications satellites and one gravity-gradient satellite into orbit 18,000 nautical miles above the equator. The satellites demonstrate the feasibility of a global military-communications satellite system.

■ Sept. 20 – Lt. Col. Donald M. Sorlie is the first Air Force pilot to fly the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration lifting body from the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Air-launched from a B-52 at an altitude of 45,000 feet, the craft reaches nearly 400 mph during the 3.5-minute flight. This tests the concept that a space capsule could fly back from outer space rather than falling by parachute into the sea for ship recovery. *(Information courtesy of the Air Force History and Museums Program)*

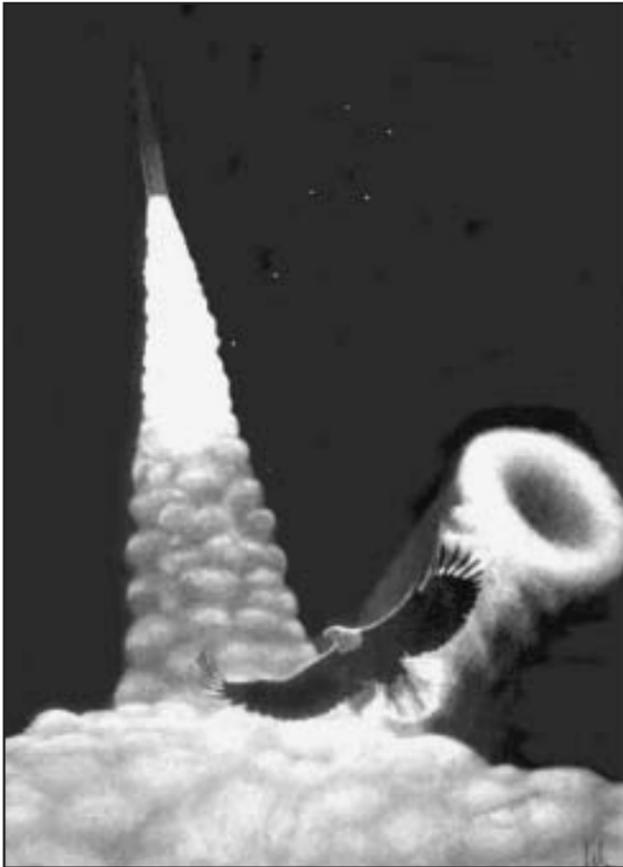


Illustration courtesy of Air Force Link

SCF plays key role in space heritage

In 1966, Brig. Gen. William G. King Jr. assumed the position of commander of the Air Force Satellite Control Facility. He became responsible for the management, engineering and operation of the world-wide satellite network. In his role as commander, General King believed that he was a good operational instructor who helped his people carry out their mission effectively.

General King observed that in 1966 and 1967, the SCF was extremely busy. Satellites, at that time, typically stayed in space for only a few days. The constant need for replacements led the Air Force to launch 37 satellites in one year alone. The SCF had to position this



General King

large number of satellites in proper orbit and establish for each an ephemeris, a tabular statement of their orbital positions at regular intervals.

Furthermore, it had to bring them back to earth before they lost power or communications.

General King noted that compared with the relatively frenetic activity of 1966 and 1967, the pace of satellite control is now more relaxed. He explained this was as a result of there being far fewer launches because satellites stay in orbit and continue functioning for years.

(Information courtesy of Air Force Space Command Website)



Attention spouses:

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Peterson OSI detachment wins awards

By Airman Mandy Weightman
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Office of Special Investigations Detachment 803 won a number of Air Force-wide awards for 2003, the Best 2003 Large OSI Detachment, Senior NCO Special Agent of the year and Company Grade Officer Special Agent of the year. They also received the Counterintelligence Support to Force Protection award, which is a Department of Defense-level award.

Det. 803 has held the title of Best Large OSI Detachment for U.S. Space Command since 2001.

"This is like winning the superbowl for us," said Special Agent Jim Mowry, AFOSI Det. 803 commander.

Det. 803's mission is to conduct felony criminal investigations and counterintelligence investigations for the Air Force here, at Cheyenne Mountain, and in the southern Colorado area, and to support the U.S. Northern Command, AFSPC and North American Aerospace Defense Command. The unit's overall effectiveness in accomplishing this mission was the key factor in earning these awards.

"What was surprising to us was that we have a small unit compared to some units we were up against, which have more than four or five times the amount of agents we have," Agent Mowry said.

Due to the recent War on Terror, there have been numerous deployments



Photo by Carri Mowry

The award-winning OSI team demonstrates the various uniforms they wear on a day-to-day basis to complete their mission. The team in this photo consists of Tech. Sgt. David Stine, Staff Sgt. Jason Azzarella, Special Agents Bob Smolich, Jim Mowry, Michael Willoughby, Darryl Murphy, Stacey Berg, Rod Pacheco, Jeff Anderson and Laura Hummitzsch.

from this detachment, which caused their manning to be reduced. The War on Terror is also the reason for 300 enlisted slots becoming available in the OSI career field Air Force-wide.

OSI is the second most requested career field in the Air Force, second only to pilots. In the past, competition has been fierce, but it opened up more when the new slots became available.

Enlisted Air Force members may

apply for special-agent duty once they have served in another career field. Master, technical and staff sergeants with fewer than 12 years of military service and senior airmen with fewer than six years of service are eligible. Senior Airmen-selects are also eligible. Grade restrictions may be waived in special or unusual circumstances.

Active duty Air Force officers may retrain into OSI from most career

fields. They must have no more than six years federal commissioned service, no more than 12 years of total federal military service and must be released by their Air Force Personnel Center assignment team.

OSI also accepts applications for civilian special agent positions from experienced law-enforcement personnel and inexperienced college graduates looking for entry-level positions.

Those interested may call Special Agent Darryl Murphy at 556-4348.

"Special agents are truly 'unsung heroes,'" Agent Mowry said.

"They wear many costumes, and do many things that, for security reasons, no one will ever know they did," he said.

"We are the eyes and ears of deployed commanders. We go 'outside the wire' to determine the types of threats against the commander's forces and resources. We pass that information to the appropriate agencies, i.e., special forces, or work with local agencies to neutralize the threat," said Special Agent Mike Willoughby, Det. 803 operations superintendent.

OSI Det. 803 has done just that and has been recognized for it. With the many awards they've won, although still "unsung heroes," they have gotten a taste of the acknowledgment they deserve.

"I am extremely proud of the significant impacts this team has made in the Colorado Springs area to protect Air Force people and their resources," Agent Mowry said.



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Safety offers temperature tips

Most people don't start off a day of summer fun with the intention of getting sunburned. But at some time or another, most people have ended up looking like a "lobster" before the day's end. Usually this happens either through carelessness or poor planning.

It's a little known fact that here in Colorado Springs, people are exposed to 24 percent more ultra-violet rays than at sea-level. You're exposed to an additional four percent for every 1,000 feet you go up in altitude. Since Colorado Springs is well over 6,000 feet closer to the sun than the beach, a sunburn can occur more quickly and with more intensity.

Using a good-quality sunscreen that's waterproof and SPF 15 or higher will go a long way toward prevention. Re-applying sunscreen at least every two hours is also recommended.

Sun tanning lotions are not recommended because they don't block ultra violet rays as sunscreens do. You should also try to spend as much time in shaded areas as you do in the sun, as this will limit the amount of time

your skin is exposed to direct sunlight.

Another danger when in the outdoors is hypothermia. Hypothermia is the number one killer of outdoor enthusiasts in North America. Hypothermia can strike at any time of the year, but is most common when people are caught off guard by rapid weather changes. Does this sound familiar here in Colorado?

Hypothermia is best described as a loss of heat in the body's inner core. If your body loses heat faster than it can replace it, the body's core temperature drops. If the core temperature drops to about 20 degrees Fahrenheit, you'll die. Following these simple guidelines can help you detect, treat and prevent hypothermia.

Progressive symptoms of hypothermia:

- Uncontrollable shivering as the body attempts to produce heat

- Slurred and thick speech, incoherent and vague statements

- Memory lapses

- Frequent stumbling when walking or engaged in physical activity

- Exposed skin may

turn blue

- Apparent exhaustion or inability to get up after rest

- Decreased heart and breathing rate, connected with weak or irregular pulse

- Unconsciousness

Treatment for hypothermia:

- Get the hypothermia victim out of the weather and into shelter

- Remove all wet clothing and replace with dry clothing. Especially protect the head and neck area from further heat loss.

- If the victim shows only mild symptoms, get them near a fire or other heat source or put them into a warm sleeping bag. You may also want to use warm moist towels or clothing materials, a hot-water bottle, towel wrapped around warm rocks, or heated blankets to warm the patient.

- If the victim is unconscious or semiconscious, use your body heat to warm the victim.

- Seek prompt, professional medical attention for victims with symptoms of advanced hypothermia (Courtesy of 21st Space Wing Safety Office)



Photo by Jenna McMullin

Commander takes to the sky

Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, 21st Space Wing commander, discusses the capabilities of the MH-53 with a member of its crew during a recent visit to Hurlburt Field, Fla., home to Air Force Special Operations Command. General Webber toured Hurlburt recently during the Air Force Space Command Civic Leader Tour. The Air Force conducts civic leader tours to broaden key community leaders' awareness and understanding of the Air Force's role in national security. Nearly 20 Colorado civic leaders participated in the tour, hosted by General Lance W. Lord, commander of AFSPC.



Officials take second look at 'code-C' limitations

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Following a review of the new force-shaping policy, Air Force officials rescinded the enlisted date-of-separation rollback for Airmen with the assignment limitation code "C."

"The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force decided we should take a harder look at code-C limitations and the medical conditions that drive (the codes), to see if we can come up with a long-term solution,

rather than short-term, force-reduction tool," said Col. Michael Hayden, chief of the Air Force military policy division at the Pentagon.

Initially, the force-shaping program's Phase II assigned a date of separation of no later than June 30, 2005, for enlisted Airmen who possessed this limitation and had more than 20 years of service as of that date.

Feedback from around the Air Force regarding the policy was part of what made leaders reconsider, Colonel Hayden said.

"We want to look at the deployment and assignment of Airmen worldwide and structure the policy to apply to both officers and enlisted, while still taking into consideration the needs of the Air Force as well as the needs of the Airmen," he said.

Because the service is becoming more of an expeditionary force, the idea behind the policy is still a factor, Colonel Hayden said.

"We need to look at how we can shape our force to meet the (air and space expeditionary force) construct," he said.

Personnel Corner

Manpower merges with personnel

A ceremony for the Air Force Personnel and Manpower merger begins at 8 a.m. July 1 in the atrium of the Mission Support facility. This DP/MO merger is Air Force directed and will take place at all levels.

At the wing level, manpower will become a flight under the Mission Support Squadron. There will be no mission impact to customers. The manpower office will remain in the 21st Space Wing Headquarters on the second floor. The 21st MSS/MOF will continue to provide service to their customers through this seamless transition.

Change made to E-8 test cycle

Beginning in December, master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will test on the Air Force supervisory examination Dec. 6 - 17. The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January.

Armed Forces Inaugural Committee needs volunteers

The Air Force seeks 32 individuals to support the 55th Presidential Inauguration period from Jan. 15-24. The temporary duty assignment is unit-funded in Washington, D.C., and must be approved by individual unit commanders. The unit will pay all TDY expenses. Various Air Force Specialty Codes are required for this rewarding and high-visibility opportunity.

Interested applicants must submit their applications to the Air Force Personnel Center by July 12. For more information and applications, call your commander support staff.

DoD officials authorize Global War on Terrorism Medal

Eligibility requirements have been released, but criteria and procedures to award the GWOT service medal are still being finalized and will be announced at a later date. If a

member believes they are eligible for the medal, but the system isn't updated, they should fax documentation to the Air Force Contact Center so they may determine eligibility and make the update in the system. Individuals may contact their commander support staff or the Air Force Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or 1-800-616-3775.

Evaluation policy changes:

Effective with the next promotion board, promotion recommendation comments are optional for above-the-zone active duty officers, O-6 and below, who are deferred two or more times. Also, a proposal to delete the requirement for mandatory directed by headquarters reports for officers deferred two or more times was approved. For more information, call the Military Personnel Flight evaluations section at 556-6266.

Updates made to scholarship search

Service members, veter-

ans and family members can now search for educational scholarships that fit their particular needs at <http://www.military.com>. The improved scholarship search system contains more than 1,000 scholarships worth millions of dollars and includes details on individual scholarship eligibility, monetary amount and deadlines. Visit <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/newsearch>.

Air Force One Source available:

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Visit <http://www.airforceonesource.com> (user ID: airforce password: ready) or call 1-800-707-5784, within the United States; 1-800-7075-7844 outside the United States; or 1-800-346-9188 if TTY/TTD.





595th Operations Support Squadron Activates

July 1, the Space Warfare Center and the 595th Space Group will activate the 595th Operations Support Squadron. The squadron's mission is to maximize the 595th's readiness by providing training, standardization, intelligence and operations support to the group's subordinate units.

This squadron activation is the next step in preparing the SWC and the group to meet future challenges and implement the vision of Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Darnell, SWC Commander and Col. Michael Carey, 595th SG Commander.

The 595th OSS certainly has a challenge to support the 595th. The breadth and scope of the group's mission includes conducting space system and ICBM operational test and evalua-

tion; leading advanced space operations training and tactics development and providing a challenging, realistic space aggressor force to train Air Force, joint and allied combat forces. "This is an exciting organization. In fact, just about everything that Air Force Space Command does operationally passes through the 595th in one form or another. We are proud to join the other squadrons in the group as we work together to forge space dominance," said Lt Col Tom Chiavacci, the new 595th OSS Commander.

The 595th has been a cutting-edge organization with a proud legacy of unparalleled leadership and technical achievement in space and missile operations; research and development and test and evaluation dating back to the early

1960s.

The unit originated in November 1961 as the 6595th Aerospace Test Wing at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. For more than 32 years, the 6595th led the development and testing of all major space and missile systems including Thor, Atlas, Titan, Minuteman and Peacekeeper.

They developed these systems to launch our nation's first-generation satellites and prove the warfighting capabilities of our ICBM force prior to operational deployment by Strategic Air Command. In 1988, the unit was redesignated the 6595th Test and Evaluation Group and in 1993 deactivated.

In April 2000, the Air Force redesignated the 6595th TEG as the 595th Test and Evaluation Group under the

SWC to lead operational test and evaluation of the command's space and missile systems.

In June 2002, the 595th TEG assumed the additional space aggressor and advanced space operations training missions.

On August 1, AFSPC re-designated the 595th TEG as the 595th SG in recognition of this expanded mission, where it became the single AFSPC unit designated to integrate all elements of space and ICBM operations for the warfighter.

The 595th OSS will join this historic lineage during the activation ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday at the Air and Space Museum here.

(Courtesy of 595th Operations Squadron)

Civil Engineer troops recognized at Air Force level

By Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Coleman
21st Civil Engineer Squadron

The 21st Space Wing has more award winners in its midst. Two members of the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron recently won Air Force-level awards.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald J. Meyers earned Military Fire Officer of the Year and Airman 1st Class Cody D. Marion won Military Firefighter of the Year.

The annual Air Force Fire Protection awards are extremely competitive. Two individuals in the same fire department winning both military category awards for the entire Air Force is an extremely rare accomplishment that attests to the high professional

grade of both individuals.

Sergeant Meyers and Airman Marion are the best I've worked with in my career. I have seen them in action and know first hand that they are most worthy of their awards. They each epitomize the Air Force Fire Protection slogan of "Desire to Serve, Ability to Perform, Courage to Act".

Sergeant Meyers, who is also the 2003 14th Air Force NCO of the Year, rose to the top of his peer group of approximately 1,500 military fire officers in the Air Force. He made the seemingly impossible tasks of bringing our Department of Defense Emergency Response to Terrorism pilot base program look easy.

Airman Marion, who is the 21 CES Airman of the Year and a 21st Space Wing senior airman Below the Zone, represents the best of over 2,000 peers in the Military Firefighter category. He has a level of expertise, "can-do" attitude and maturity about him that sets him apart from the rest. That's very significant because we have many exceptional young firefighters who are also leaning forward on a regular basis.

In addition to their many individual accomplishments, both of their award packages are full of team accomplishments, which attest to their total commitment at every level of squadron, flight and duty section activities.

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.*

BACKYARD BANGUP – June 14

A Base Housing resident called security forces to report damage to his property. The caller stated he noticed his backyard fence had been mysteriously pushed inward and there was damage to his patio bench.

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE – June 16

Security Forces responded to the Visitor's Center, where a man insisted the paperwork he was carrying be filed with senior leadership. The paper pusher presented documentation he claimed pertained to local and government

satellites that were affecting his mental capabilities and work habits. Investigators determined the subject to be non-hostile and collected the paperwork for further review.

HESITANT HEIST – June 16

Security forces responded to the Base Exchange, where a suspected shoplifter was being detained. The youngster was videotaped by store security cameras while swiping lipgloss. However, a change of heart compelled the suspect to return the merchandise before leaving the store. Though the Colorado Springs Police Department responded to the incident, the officer declined to issue a citation. The little lipgloss looter was released to her mother on her own recognizance.

BACKING BLUNDER – June 16

Security Forces responded to a minor vehicle accident in the Outdoor Recreation parking lot. The operator of a government-owned van had admittedly backed into a parked car. The car-cruncher caused minor dents and scratches to the unoccupied, unassuming vehicle. Security forces issued a citation for Improper Backing Techniques.

VISCIOUS VANDALISM – June 16

Security forces responded to a vandalism report in the Aquatics Center parking lot. The caller reported discovering his 1992 green Toyota had a nine-foot scratch wrapping around it, a dent and a cracked windshield.

VISCIOUS VANDALISM #2 – June 17

Security forces responded to a vandalism

report in the Shoppette parking lot. The caller reported witnessing an unknown man breaking a bottle on the front fender of a co-worker's vehicle. The vandal then took off in a truck. Security forces tracked the truck to a dormitory parking lot, where they confronted the perpetrator. Responders initiated a sobriety test when they detected the scent of alcohol on the shady suspect. CSPD responded to the scene to take jurisdiction of the matter.

BACKING BLUNDER #2 – June 17

Security forces responded to a vehicle accident in a parking lot near base housing. It seems a driver mistakenly backed into a parked car. Damage to the two vehicles included dents and gashes to the bumpers. The reckless roadster's car sustained a cracked license plate, while the victim's vehicle received a broken fog light.

CSPD, the Fire Department and American Medical Response personnel were called to the scene when the driver mentioned he had taken several medications prior to getting behind the wheel. AMR transported the delirious driver to Memorial Hospital for evaluation.

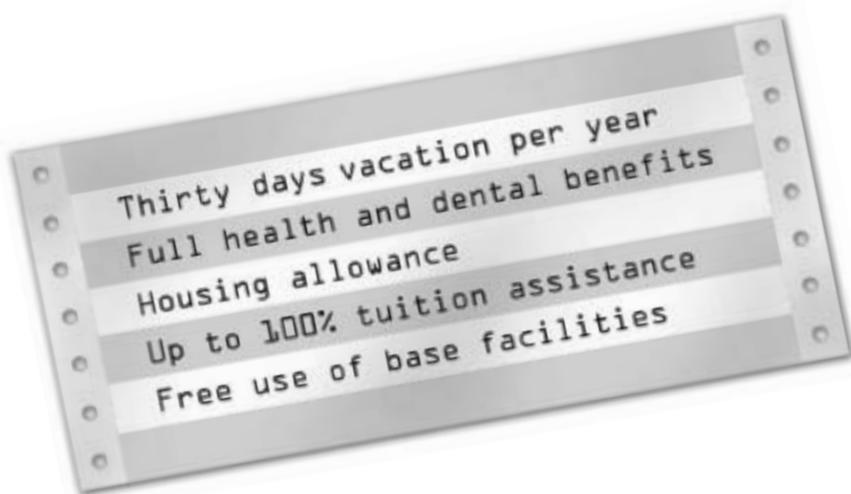
ALARMING TRENDS CONTINUE:

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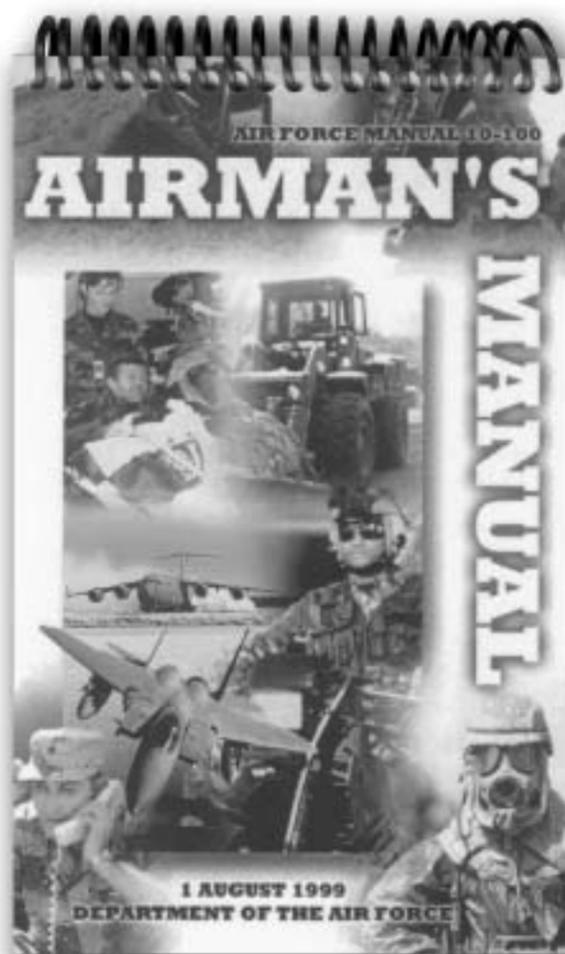


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WOC opens its doors

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

Few people, it seems, really know what goes on behind the steel door of the Wing Operations Center.

The 21st Space Wing WOC is manned at all times, carrying the concept of "situational awareness" to a global level. They keep the wing's units informed on day-to-day events affecting the mission, be it a local weather warning, Force Protection Condition change, bomb threat, satellite malfunction or plane crash.

"We're the eyes and ears of the 21st, from the Graphically Separated Unites to everything that happens on base," said Master Sgt. Lori Farrell, the 21st Space Wing Command Post superintendent. "The Command Post is the first to get information to the commanders so they can respond appropriately."

The 21 SW WOC is unique because it combines two career fields. Command post members work alongside space operators to keep the information flowing between wing units and higher headquarters.

That continuity can be vital to meeting mission requirements. It can also be key to keeping people out of harm's way, said Airman 1st Class

Jennifer Weakley, a Command Post duty controller.

"If people are left out of the loop they won't respond to updates in security levels," she said. "On September 11, we were notified immediately about the events taking place and were able to get the base up to the security levels it needed to be."

Another major event that required the WOC's vigilant response was the crash of the space shuttle Columbia.

The WOC kept communication flowing between 21st Space Wing leadership and the GSUs involved in tracking the event, Airman Weakley said.

She said she believes maintaining a watchful eye on the sky is key to keeping the country safe.

There are many assets in space and in many locations around the world combined together under one mission, she said. The role of space operations is huge.

As events are reported, in space or land-based, it's up to the WOC to get the message out. Sergeant Farrell described the WOC as the command and control for the 21st.

"We're always vigilant. We have a lot of great people working shifts on nights, weekends and holidays," she said. "If the war starts, it comes through us."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

ABOVE: Tech. Sgt. Lou Terrell, the NCO in charge of the 21st Wing Operation's Center Command Post, fills out a weather warning input from Base Operations. The WOC is responsible for getting the word out via the installation's Giant Voice system.

LEFT: Airman 1st Class Jennifer Weakley, a 21st Space Wing Command Post duty controller, and Tech. Sgt. Lou Terrell, the Command Post's NCO in charge, respond to phone queries inside the sound-proof office within the Wing Operations Center. Glass doors separate command post personnel and space operators inside the WOC.



ABOVE: The Wing Operations Center recently relocated to an updated facility.
RIGHT: During a Battle Staff activation, representatives from units around the base are on hand to advise senior leadership on appropriate response measures that should be taken in an emergency situation.



Capt. Wayne Hutchison, a space operator at the 21st Space Wing Operations Center, reviews daily tasking orders. It's the WOC's mission to keep units within the 21st Space Wing informed daily of any events that may affect the mission through timely reports.



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This Week

Today

- Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Youth Center.
- Family Swim Night, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center. ATWIND event.

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Use the Automotive Skills Center and get an ATWIND game piece.

Monday

- Water aerobics class, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center. ATWIND event.

Tuesday

- Family Swim Night, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center. ATWIND event.

Wednesday

- Eat the weekly ethnic meal at the Aragon Dining Facility and earn an ATWIND game piece.
- Take an aerobics class at 12:05 or 5:10 p.m. and earn an ATWIND game piece.

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

Schriever CDC marks program milestones

By Liz Bell
50th Services Squadron

Since opening its doors in 2002, the Schriever Child Development Center has made several noticeable accomplishments.

Most recently, the Air Force Agency inspected the center. This was the first scored annual Department of Defense inspection in the history of the center. The results of the inspection were above the Air Force average – an outstanding accomplishment for a new center!

Most new Air Force CDCs replace old facilities and established programs. However, the Schriever center had the unusual challenge of beginning a program from scratch.

The center's next goal is accreditation by the National Academy for the Education of Young Children.

Throughout the United States, there are more than 8,000 NAEYC-accredited programs serving 700,000 children and their families. NAEYC-accredited programs have demonstrated a commitment to providing a high quality program for young children and their families.

While the NAEYC accreditation process examines the total program, the greatest emphasis is placed on the quality of interactions among staff and children and the developmental appropriateness of the curriculum.

The Schriever Child Development Center will submit their accreditation package within the next two weeks to the Academy. Upon receipt of this package, the Academy

will send out a validator to the program to verify its quality. The Schriever CDC expects a visit from the Academy validator within the next six to nine months.

"The accreditation process emphasizes the quality of staff to child interactions and the care environment," said Marion Wales, CDC director.

The CDC offers full-time care to children ages 6 weeks to 5 years from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eligible patrons include active duty military members and DoD civilians assigned to any local base and contractors assigned to Schriever Air Force Base. For more information, call the Schriever Air Force Base CDC at 567-4742.

New Hours
0600-1800

Schriever AFB

Child Development Program

Eligible patrons include parents who are active duty military assigned to all area military bases, DoD civilian personnel paid with either APF or NAF, and DoD Contractors working full-time on the installation

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ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch:</p> <p>Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffed Cabbage Rolls Southern Fried Catfish Black-eyed Peas with Rice Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch:</p> <p>Mexican Baked Chicken Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Stuffed Green Pepper Baked Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Rice Corn on the Cob Spanish Style Beans Peas & Carrots</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner:</p> <p>Lasagna Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Sweet Italian Sausage Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Polonaise Cauliflower Italian Style Baked Beans</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brunch:</p> <p>Crispy Baked Chicken Cajun Meat Loaf Ribeye Steak Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peas Glazed Carrots</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner:</p> <p>Roast Pork Loin Glazed Cornish Hen Potato Halves Orange Rice Carrots Simmered Pinto Beans Corn Combo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch:</p> <p>Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Baked Chicken Sweet Italian Sausage Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Polonaise Carrots Peppers & Onions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner:</p> <p>Roast Turkey Baked Ham Fish & Fries Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Dressing Succotash Tempura Vegetables Herbed Green Beans</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch:</p> <p>Onion-Lemon Fish Pork Schnitzel Yakisoba Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Simmered Pinto Beans Spinach</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner:</p> <p>Paprika Beef Barbecue Beef Cubes Chicken Fajitas O'Brien Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Corn on the Cob Lima Beans</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brunch:</p> <p>Tuna and Noodles Sauerbraten Chicken Breast Parmesan Au Gratin Potato Steamed Rice Cauliflower Combo Peas Fried Cabbage</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner:</p> <p>Mexican Chicken Mexican Pork Chops Chicken Enchiladas Mexican Rice Refried Beans & Cheese Mexican Corn Spanish Style Beans Peas with Onions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner:</p> <p>Pita Pizzas Country Style Steak Fried Chicken Oven Brown Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Fried Cauliflower Bean Combo Cabbage</p>

Airman learns core values, life lessons early on

By Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand
52nd Operations Support Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany – When we think about the classrooms in life, I’m sure the bathroom is not at the top of the list, but the bathroom just happens to be where I learned my first core value.

I was taught “Excellence In All We Do” by my father. My father isn’t a retired chief. He didn’t serve in the Air Force; he wasn’t even in the military. But through his daily actions, and his shaving mug, I learned an important life lesson. See, my father’s shaving mug had a motto inscribed on it, “What Is

Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well.”

As a young boy, I would frequently eyeball that shaving mug in hopes of one day putting the lather on my face and sliding the razor across my soon-to-be whiskers. As a boy, I paid little attention to the motto. Now, as a man, I look back and realize that even though I didn’t think about the motto, I internalized it as a core value.

I’ve been guided by that simple, yet powerful motto every day of my life. I strive to do my best with every task entrusted to me and take pride in the successful completion of the job.

As Air Force members, we should all feel pride in our jobs. From fuels to finance, from the post

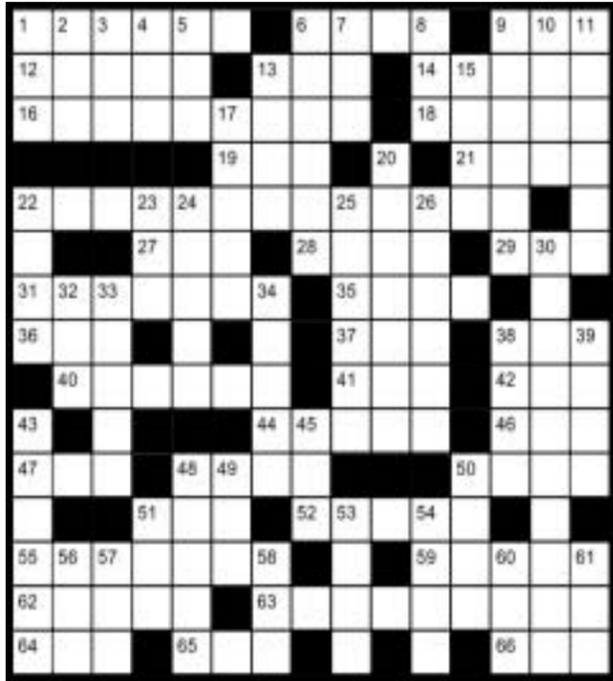
office to the pharmacy, we all have important tasks that are critical to Air Force mission accomplishment.

We should treat each and every task as mission essential, because the Air Force core value “Excellence In All We Do” doesn’t afford us an option of when to give 100 percent. It demands that we give our very best, everyday, in everything we do.

While not everyone has a shaving mug to remind them that “What Is Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well,” what we do have is the core value internalized and displayed by the “blue suit” we wear. Our actions and attitudes must represent “Excellence In All We Do” and shine as a beacon of light to the entire world.



American Independence



ACROSS

- 1. American Revolution hero, 5th president
- 6. Assist, as in criminals
- 9. Pie ___ mode
- 12. Actress Dunn of My Favorite Wife
- 13. Arid
- 14. Tall-growing, annual vegetables
- 16. Faintheartedness
- 18. Treaty of ___ ended American Revolution
- 19. Dine
- 21. Point Break actress Petty
- 22. Group organized against British rule
- 27. Summer drink
- 28. Navy ship attacked in Yemen: USS ___
- 29. Possess
- 31. Site of “shot heard ‘round the world”
- 35. Rescue
- 36. “Path of virtuous conduct” to Confucians
- 37. Italian three
- 38. Handles special security needs (acronym)
- 40. Cause
- 41. Possessive form of we
- 42. Unit of resistance
- 44. Common ___; essay by Thomas Paine
- 46. 52 in old Rome
- 47. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 48. Away from the wind, nautically speaking

DOWN

- 50. Bluster
- 51. Football scores
- 52. Relaxed
- 55. Goes back over
- 59. Italian food mainstay
- 62. Shine
- 63. Lead writer of the Declaration
- 64. Santa helper
- 65. Body of water
- 66. Tolkien character
- 1. What Eisenhower warned against (abbrev.)
- 2. Rio de ___, region in SW Sahara
- 3. Unused
- 4. Basic cell material, briefly
- 5. Army equivalent of officer performance report
- 6. Region of the North Pole
- 7. Farewell
- 8. Uppermost
- 9. Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-___
- 10. Den
- 11. Wlth funds, to apportion
- 13. Knob
- 15. German cold?
- 17. Delay
- 20. European country near Russia, Poland
- 22. Cult

- 23. Vesicle
- 24. Scents
- 25. Site of Bunker Hill battlefield
- 26. Midnight rider who warned of British invasion
- 30. Revolutionary general in charge of all forces
- 32. Paddle
- 33. Christmas songs
- 34. Thick
- 38. Cola
- 39. Forget
- 43. King ___ III during American Revolution
- 45. Snakelike fish
- 48. His agitations spurred 51 DOWN
- 49. Hallucinogenic drug
- 50. Type of admiral
- 51. British import dumped into sea
- 53. Galoots
- 54. Raced
- 56. Former measure of about 45 inches
- 57. Ump
- 58. Air Force legal advisor, briefly
- 60. Compass direction
- 61. Picnic crasher

(Courtesy of Alaskan Command Public Affairs)



One Airman offers her perspective

By Airman Mandy Weightman

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the first in an ongoing series of commentaries in which Airman Mandy Weightman shares her insights from the junior enlisted perspective.

The beginning of 2004 proved to be very trying. I was in technical school at Fort Meade, Md., and was planning a large wedding for June at the same time. As most people know, a wedding is something many of us women have dreamed about since we were little girls. This added immense pressure to the existing pressure I felt from attending technical school.

When I was informed of my assignment to Peterson Air Force Base and that I was to report here in April, I was stunned! I'd listed every East Coast base possible on my dream sheet, but I got Peterson. All I

could think was, "How am I going to be in Maryland for my wedding?" After finding out that two of my classmates received assignments to East Coast bases, I hoped they would trade, but no such luck – I was moving to Colorado.

Toward the end of the day, I called the phone number listed for my gaining office, and that is when I spoke to Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster for the first time.

After explaining my situation to him, he assured me that he would make sure I was home for my wedding and that everything would work out. He told me not to worry, to leave it to him to take care of and to concentrate on my schoolwork.

And I did just that.

The day after that conversation, the two Airmen from my class both offered to trade assignments with me, but due to Sergeant Foster's kindness, I declined.

This was the first time I was excited about Colorado.

I soon discovered that while Sergeant Foster was going out of his way to help me, he was also preparing to leave for the Senior NCO Academy!

When I showed up to my new office for the first time, everything was as Sergeant Foster said it would be. The staff knew about the planned leave for my wedding, and they were even excited for my "big day."

Sometimes, from an Airman's perspective, it can be intimidating to ask for help – especially when we are brand new not only to an office, but to the Air Force. The feelings of wanting to be an "outstanding troop" and at the same time, wanting to partake in large personal events – such as a wedding – can be conflicting.

Through my experience, I learned that this Air Force really is a great one, with great people who really do want to set us new Airmen up for success. 

CSAF addresses longer deployments, more forces

Editor's note: The following is a commentary from Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

It is important to remember several fundamental principles regarding our Air Expeditionary Force concept of operations. First, we are not changing the basic composition of each AEF; each will continue to provide about five Air Expeditionary Wings and six Air Expeditionary Groups of capability during each vulnerability period. Our low density/high demand units will continue to follow Department of Defense-approved deployment guidelines. Finally, Air Force global mobility forces will continue to follow our AEF Presence Policy, with mobility aviation units postured in multiple AEFs to support the U.S. Transportation Command mission and other combatant commander needs.

The 20-month cycle will continue to provide commanders and Airmen the ability to plan ahead, allowing a sense of predictability while providing greater continuity to the in-theater commander.

Still, I recognize longer deployments will present challenges to our Reserve Component, possibly affecting the number of ARC volunteers and requiring selected use of presidential mobilization authority. We will manage these matters very carefully, ensuring equity and fairness across the Total Force.

In addition to extending tour

lengths, it is my intent to expand our pool of deployable Airmen from our current level of about 272,000. I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured in the Air Force Worldwide Unit Tasking Code System and our AEF libraries. The MAJCOMs will posture the maximum number of manpower authorizations into standard UTCs, and if required, we will develop new ones to provide additional expeditionary capabilities. Residual authorizations will be postured into associated UTCs and will be coded to support AEF requirements across the range of military operations. Let me be perfectly clear – in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airmen will know their place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the Combatant Commander, whether deployed, in CONUS via reach-back, or employed at home station. If you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are a part of the AEF.

We are at war today, and will



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Tech. Sgt. Michael Kiley is welcomed home by his wife, Tracey, and daughter, Kristen. Sergeant Kiley and more than 100 Airmen from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron returned to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, from Iraq June 17. They supported Operation Iraqi Freedom since March. Air Expeditionary Force tour lengths and the pool of deployable Airmen are now expected to expand.

remain engaged around the globe against a brutal and resilient enemy. Every Airman – active, guard, reserve and civilian – must be focused on our national commitment to the Global War on Terrorism. Our job is to deploy and deal with terrorists wherever they are in the

world, so we never again have to deal with them on our own soil. You will be the difference between our success and failure in this vital cause. Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism, and service to our nation. 

Have you been the victim of a “yo-yo” sale?

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You’ve just spotted that new sport-utility vehicle or shiny red convertible you’ve been dreaming about. You tell the dealer you’re ready to buy, and they tell you your credit is approved. You haggle with the finance manager about interest rates and payments. Finally, you give them a handshake and a down payment. You sign all the paperwork, take the keys, drive it home and park it in your garage.

After a few weeks of driving your new car, the bad news comes. It’s the dealer; they want their car back today! And they want \$50 a day and 50 cents a mile for every moment you’ve spent in the vehicle.

Sound like a nightmare scenario? It happens regularly. Some reputable and well-known new and used car dealerships use what’s known among consumer groups as the “yo-yo sale” to hook buyers into cars they can’t afford. Young buyers, the poor and consumers

with a poor credit history are the usual targets of these transactions.

In a yo-yo sale, the consumer signs a sales contract, is given the keys, a temporary registration, temporary license plates. The individual thinks he or she has just purchased a car. The consumer is only waiting for the permanent Department of Motor Vehicles documents and anticipates making the payments pursuant to the schedule given to them by the dealer.

However, car sales with dealer-provided financing aren’t that simple and the deal isn’t always completed on the showroom floor. Most dealers do not finance vehicles themselves but arrange financing with outside lenders; therefore even if a dealer turns over the keys and tells a buyer he is “qualified,” it may take days or even weeks before the bank finally approves his loan.

If a financing arrangement cannot be arranged with the bank, the dealer can call the buyer at a later date to tell them that a new credit contract on different terms must be signed, or the car

must be returned immediately! The consumer ends up with a different car, the same car on different terms or no car at all.

While it sounds illegal, some consumers in Colorado allow dealers to engage in these sales by signing a “Disclosures Required as Part of a Motor Vehicle Sales Contract” form, prior to completing any sales contract. This form is commonplace and used by a number of new and used car dealerships in the area. Once a consumer signs the disclosure, they legally give car dealers the right to repossess a vehicle if financing has not been finalized.

Most disclosures will contain the following language to ensure the car dealer is protected if a customer buys a car and later finds out his loan is not approved:

The buyer and the dealer have agreed that the vehicle will be delivered to the buyer prior to the purchase price being paid in full.

If financing cannot be arranged at the terms stated in the contract, and the

contract is canceled, the buyer agrees to pay the dealer \$50 dollars per day and 50 cents per mile for the use of the vehicle from the date of delivery until the date the vehicle is returned to the dealer. If the contract is canceled, it may require the buyer to immediately return the vehicle to the dealer and to pay the cost of repair for any damage occurring to the vehicle while it is in the buyers possession along with the agreed upon daily and mileage charges.

The best way to avoid having your new car taken away is to read the fine print carefully before buying a vehicle, don’t sign anything you haven’t read or don’t understand. Buyers with bad credit or no credit history should ask the dealer who will be providing financing and when their contract will be finalized.

The buyer can also arrange financing prior to purchasing a vehicle with a credit union or other financial institution. If you have any questions about buying a car, call the Legal Office at 556-9254.



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.



ATWIND equals summer fun, great prizes

Around The World In Ninety Days is a summer program designed to promote on-base activities and services. It runs from June 1 through Aug. 30.

Participate in an ATWIND-sanctioned event and get game pieces that equate to miles traveled around the world. Go to the ATWIND Web site at www.atwind.com, and register your personal information online, enter the number on each of your game pieces and track your travel around the world, from base to base. Participating in ATWIND qualifies you for prizes. The more you participate, the more you win.

Prizes include \$250 up to \$5,000, \$2,000 Thomasville furniture or a choice of a vehicle.

If you don't have a computer to enter your ATWIND game pieces, you can use the library's designated ATWIND computer or enter game pieces on the ATWIND hotline, at 1-888-597-9960.



Some ATWIND fitness activities include:

- Aquatics Center, 556-4608**
Water aerobics class, 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
Open swim from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday
Family swim nights, 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Bowling Center, 556-4607**
Bowl Tuesdays
Purchase a meal on Thursdays from the Strike Zone Cafe

Each member of the organization or group bowls on Fridays

- Thunder Alley bowling on Fridays and Saturdays
- Fitness Center, 556-4462**
Aerobics class, 12:05 p.m. Wednesday
Aerobics class, 5:10 p.m. Wednesday
Spinning, 11:15 a.m. Fridays
Spinning, 12:15 p.m. Fridays
June 18 - 5K/10K run
June 25 - Horseshoe tournament

- Golf Course, 556-7414**
Rent a golf cart for 18 holes Sundays or Mondays
Purchase a meal of \$5 or more at the 19th Hole Grill weekdays
- Outdoor Recreation, 556-4867**
Rent any camping items
Book a private raft trip
Youth Sports, 556-5242
Daily baseball practice
Play scheduled games
(Information courtesy of the 21st Services Squadron)

Sports Shorts

WALL CLIMBING CLASSES

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

OPEN WALL CLIMBING

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

TAE KWON DO

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

For more information, call 556-1515.

BACK-TO-BASICS CIRCUIT COURSE

The Back-to-Basics Circuit Course is 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.

WEDNESDAY AEROBICS

The Health and Wellness Center offers Aerobics classes at noon and 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fitness Center.

FRIDAY SPINNING CLASSES

The HAWC offers Spinning classes at 11 a.m. and noon Fridays at the Fitness Center.

Answers to the puzzle on Page 15

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