



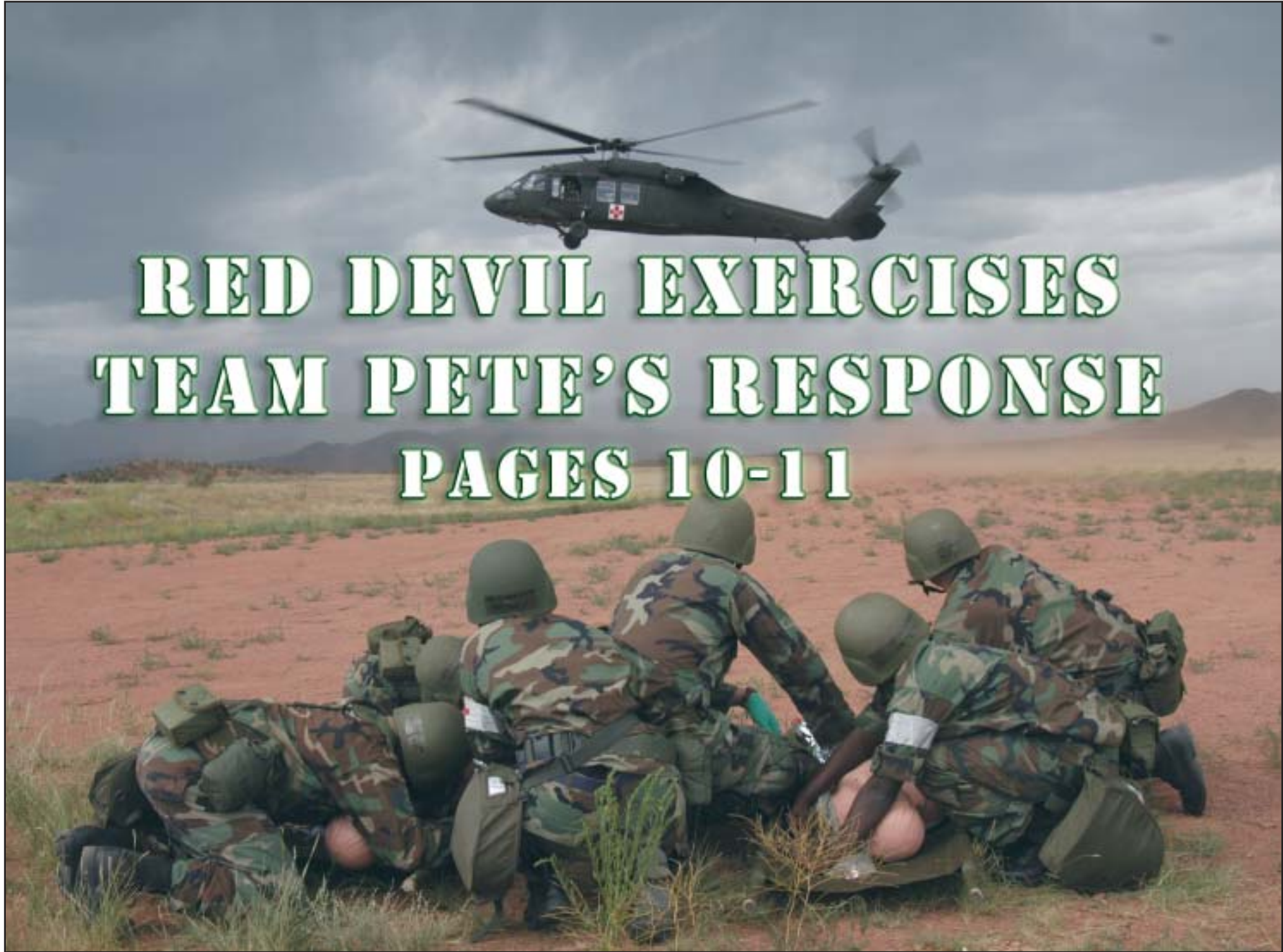
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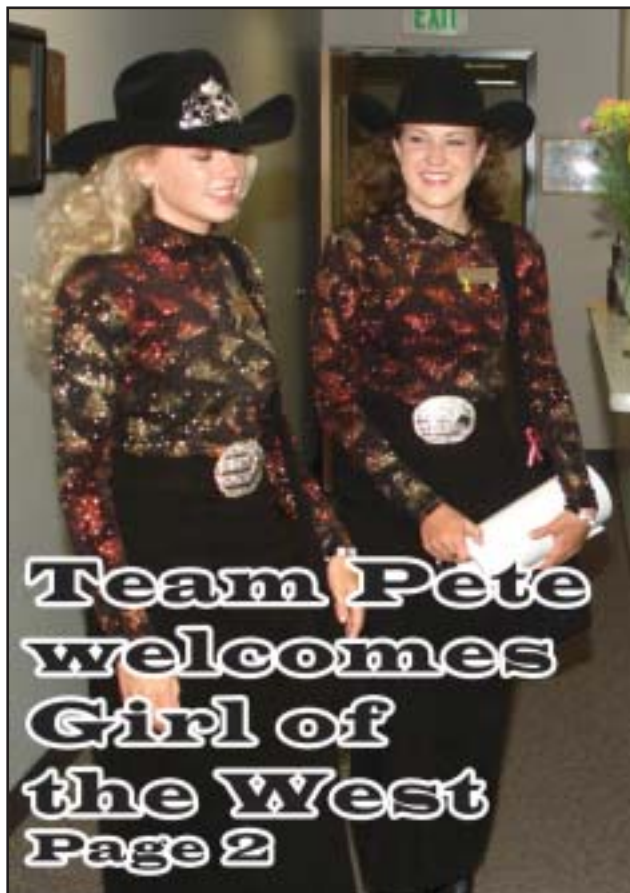
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# Command chief bids Team Pete farewell

By Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke

21st Space Wing command chief

21st Space Wing, Team Peterson,

I want to say what a privilege it has been to serve with you over these past two years as the Command Chief for this great wing and installation. You have made it a true joy and taught me more than I can ever repay.

Being "out in the wing" was something that was frequent with our wing's 48 units, 20 locations, in six countries, but what a thrill to meet and work with all of you. I can never tell you the joy that I have received from seeing what you all do each and every day and your enthusiasm for what you do protecting our great nation and the freedom the world enjoys.

As Pam and I move to Korea and the challenges being the 7th Air Force Command Chief will bring, we

can only say thank you and ask that God bless you all for all you have done. You've given me, us life lessons that we can take along and to do the best we can. You will be a part of all we do in the future.

Thanks for being proud, talented professionals and friends. We'll always look upon the 21st Space Wing, Team Peterson, Air Force Space Command and Colorado Springs, as friends, cherishing our memories and looking forward to hearing about future successes.



## Girl of the West wrangles rodeo support during three-day visit

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Whitaker

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

"Hold on to your hats, because the West is about to get really wild!"

That's what the Girl of the West and her aide were here to tell members of Team Pete July 14-16.

Amanda Wessel, the Girl of the West, and her aide, Amy Jo Fields made contact with hundreds of people on Peterson Air Force Base and at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station during a three-day visit and tour here. Their primary goal was to promote the 64th annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, which donates thousands of dollars each year to fund programs and services benefiting local military people and their families.

"We're ambassadors for the rodeo," Ms. Wessel said. "We don't compete in the rodeo, but we do get to ride."

The Girl of the West represents the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo and promotes the Pikes Peak region and the rodeo by making appearances in the region and out of town. Her aide and an escort always accompany her.

Each year, young women from the Pikes Peak region compete for the title of Girl of the West. The competition includes speech, interview, horsemanship, personality, and appearance. Their duties include giving promotional speeches at service clubs and promotional events, giving interviews and doing commercials on

both television and radio, and making appearances at military installations, parades and rodeos throughout the Front Range and the Pikes Peak region.

"For me, being Girl of the West is a family tradition," Ms. Fields said. "My sister was Girl of the West a few years ago, and next year, I'll be Girl of the West."

Being Girl of the West is a two-year commitment, said Corliss Palmer, the girls' escort. The first year, the young woman acts as aide to the Girl of the West, and the second year she takes the title of Girl of the West.

The girls make more than 100 appearances throughout the summer to promote the rodeo and are eligible to receive \$1,500 in educational scholarships. Their stop at Peterson was just one of the many opportunities the ladies have to promote the rodeo and meet people in the Pikes Peak area.

"I'm very excited to promote the rodeo this year and I'm honored to show my support for the community and the military," Ms. Wessel said.

The competition to select the 2005 Girl of the West Aide will be held Aug. 13 at the Colorado Springs World Arena and the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame World Champions Pavilion in Colorado Springs. For more information on the 2005 Girl of the West competition, call Ms. Palmer at (719) 495-2782.



## Colorado native assumes command of 302nd

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton

302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Aircraft hangar No. 1 in Building 210 has been getting a lot of attention lately. The large structure and site of many 302nd Airlift Wing special events was filled to capacity July 11 as wing members, distinguished visitors and special guests witnessed the change of command ceremony between Brig. Gen. Richard R. Moss and Brig. Gen. William P. Kane.

"The good news is I get to keep both of them," said Maj. Gen. James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander.

"They're both outstanding commanders, and General Moss will simply move from fighting fires to fighting hurricanes," General Kane, who officiated the event, said.

Recently promoted, General Moss assumes command of the 403rd Airlift Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

General Kane accepts command of a unit which has been activated to fight numerous wildland and forest fires across the Western United States.

The wing was also involved with Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle under General Moss's watch and conducted Joint Forge operations in Europe while serving in other contingencies overseas.

"I could not have asked for anything more than what you gave me as your commander," General Moss said. "From supporting missions to fight Al-Qaeda, to fighting forest fires across the country, anything I asked you did

without hesitation. You are the best. It is extremely hard for Cathy [General Moss's wife] and I to leave here, but it is time to move on to another challenge."

General Kane, a command pilot with more than 6,500 flying hours, is no stranger to challenges either. He has served as assistant to the commander of 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.; commanded the 908th Airlift Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; served as the 301st Rescue Squadron commander at Patrick AFB, Fla., and was provisional commander of the 4411th Rescue Squadron, King Abdul Aziz Airfield, Dhahran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Biology at State University of Binghamton, in Binghamton, N.Y., and received a master of arts in cell and molecular biology from the State University of New York at Buffalo in Buffalo, N.Y.

As a native of Colorado, General Kane, who had nearly 40 family members and relatives present at the change of command, will head the Air Force Reserve's only flying unit in the state.

"I come to you today with my own cheering section," General Kane said as he pointed out where his family was sitting.

"You have the reputation as the best in the command," he said. "There will be more challenges to come and together we'll meet and exceed those challenges. I'm proud to be your new commander."



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## A Moment in Time



■ **July 26, 1947** – President Harry S. Truman approves the National Security Act of 1947. He also issues Executive Order 9877, which by presidential directive outlined the duties of the three services. Each was responsible for the area in which it operated – ground, sea and air, although the Navy retained an air arm and the Marine Corps.

■ **July 27, 1976** – An SR-71 flies at a speed of 2,092.29 mph over a 1,000-kilometer course over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. This flight sets three closed-circuit records: world absolute speed; world jet speed with 1,000-kilogram payload; and world jet speed without payload.



# Controller earns medal in desert

By Senior Airman  
Shawn Clements  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

It's 110 degrees with a hot breeze and sand as far as the eye can see as a military convoy travels through the desert in Northern Iraq. Suddenly, an explosion occurs causing one of the vehicles to flip over and another to lose part of the hood.

In recounting this story, Staff Sgt. Jay Watson, 13th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Carson, Colo., was the driver of the truck that lost its hood. The explosion broke the hood latches to break and blew them through the windshield. They cut his face and obscured his vision, but Sergeant Watson was able to continue driving north to a safe area.

He then stopped, secured the front of his vehicle and jumped into the lead vehicle to go back and help his brothers in arms. Upon reaching the overturned vehicle he set up a point defense north of the vehicle while others treated the injured troops. After the injuries were treated and the vehicles were fixed, Sergeant Watson led the convoy to its destination.

Sergeant Watson received the Purple Heart for his injuries during a recent ceremony at Fort Carson.

The sergeant said training was a vital part of his reaction.

"Everyone assigned to the 13th ASOS takes training very seriously, and our squadron commander



Courtesy photo

**The Purple Heart is awarded to military members who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in combat.**

continuously insists on preparing everyone for the unknown," said Master Sgt. Jeffery Ferguson, 13th ASOS, superintendent.

Sergeant Watson attended the Air Mobility Warfare Center course and has received continuous reactionary training throughout his career.

"I was able to react this way by allowing myself not to focus on what could have happened but to focus on the present," Sergeant Watson said.

Other squadron members have commended his actions.

"Sergeant Watson's calm reaction after sustaining personal injury from a detonating-improvised explosive device certainly proves his level of professionalism and dedication," Sergeant Ferguson said. "Sergeant Watson is a top-notch NCO and personifies the Air Force Core value of service before self."

Sergeant Watson received the Purple Heart for his actions in Iraq.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and was the first American award made available to the common soldier. George Washington initially created it as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782.

It's given to armed forces members who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

If given posthumously, it's presented to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in combat.

"I believe Sergeant Watson's example of heroism is an accurate reflection of the outstanding young men and women currently serving in the armed forces," Sergeant Ferguson said. "We at the 13th ASOS are lucky to have such a focused and loyal NCO."

## First civilian graduates from Pete NCO Academy

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

Last week marked a milestone for the Peterson NCO Academy as the school presented a diploma to its first student without stripes to graduate.

Nona Daugherty, from the Family Support Center, was the first civilian in Air Force Space Command to graduate from the Academy. She attend-

ed as part of a test program geared toward incorporating civilians into professional military training. "I believe Ms. Daugherty was a good candidate based on her desire to understand Air Force culture and provide the best possible customer service," said Randy Brennan, the 21st Mission Support Squadron employee development manager. "She shows a desire to obtain the tools and the knowledge to

help her develop the effective leadership skills needed in the Air Force."

Margret Waldie, the chief of Affirmative Employment at Air Force Space Command, described the program as a great opportunity for civilians.

"We are hopeful that after we have successful graduates, civilians across the Air Force will be able to attend the NCO academies," she said. "Civilians in grades GS-6

through GS-9 don't have many opportunities to receive formalized professional military training."

The program seeks to provide effective management tools military and civilians in a force structure in which a flight chief is as likely to be Department of Defense civilian as a master sergeant.

"There is a greater emphasis now on development at the tactical leadership

level," Ms. Waldie said. "Increasing opportunities for PME will provide that missing link."

Air Force Material Command is also participating in the pilot program that may soon become the norm.

"Working side by side, we need to develop our leaders jointly to understand each other's culture and ensure we really make this 'one mission; one force,'" she said.

## Academy hospital renovations won't affect patient care

By Eddie Kovsky  
Academy Spirit staff

The first stage of construction on the 10th Medical Group's hospital begins mid-August, though preparations are already under way. Some patients may find themselves being treated in a temporary facility instead of the hospital's first floor as construction progresses.

The \$21.5 million project adds 30,000 square feet to the existing facility and renovates almost 60,000 square feet. When completed in September 2006, the hospital "will be a top-of-the-class Department of Defense Medical Treatment Facility," said Maj. Paul Conner, chief of Clinical Engineering for the 10th Medical Group.

Most of the first floor facilities will be moved to the temporary modular facility located in the lower west parking lot in November, where they will stay until renovations are finished. Construction work around the facility will affect traffic patterns, including the loss of the lower west parking lot.

The 10th MDG staff has worked hard to ensure adequate patient and visitor parking throughout the 2.5 years the project is expected to take, the major said.

Vehicle access to the emergency room will be limited during the project.

It is important that anyone using the hospital not park their vehicle in front of the ER, as this can block access for emergency vehicles or other patients.

The renovated facility will have a large waiting room, new surgical rooms, a new laser eye surgery center and a Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine expected to be the best in the state and the Department of Defense.

"Health care is a lightning-paced industry. Our facility and layout must be in a position to take advantage of advances in medicine," the major said. "Our patients deserve world-class health care and the best equipment we can provide."

The temporary facility offers significantly less administrative space than the first floor does. The amount of patient-care space remains the same, but waiting, admittance and office space will be reduced

up to 50 percent.

Patient safety is important during the construction.

Major Connor said patients and visitors to the hospital need to pay careful attention to signs, as the paths between departments will change as construction crews move from one phase to the next.

"We will maintain a complete separation between construction areas and our patients and visitors," said Major Conner. "We just want our patients and visitors to be aware of the construction areas and not wander through areas that are clearly marked as 'no entry.'"

The 10th MDG staff asks that visitors be patient during the construction project. The waiting areas will be significantly smaller, and appointment times may be irregular.

The staff is working long hours in order to maintain patient care, so appointments may come early in the morning or late at night.

The hospital staff will work all hours to maintain the access standards the Front Range military community has come to expect, the major said.



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## NEBA HOLDS 'RIDE THROUGH ROCKIES'

The National Educated Bikers Association hosts its Fifth annual Patriots Ride Through the Rockies Saturday. All motorcycle riders are welcome to join the day-long poker run motorcycle ride. The \$20 fee covers breakfast and lunch. Proceeds from the ride benefit the families of servicemembers who have died in Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom. For more information about NEBA or the Patriot's Fund, visit [www.nebamotorcycleassoc.com](http://www.nebamotorcycleassoc.com). To pre-register for the ride, call Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster at 556-6491 or Master Sgt. Craig Dockum at 556-7955. Tickets are also available at all King Soopers grocery stores. On the day of the ride, registrations begin at 8 a.m. at the Rum Bay nightclub in downtown Colorado Springs.

## UNITS MUST COMPLETE HOMOSEXUAL POLICY TRAINING

All commanders, first sergeants, judge advocates and law enforcement members must receive annual training on the Department of Defense's Homosexual Policy. All supervisors must receive training 60 days after becoming a supervisor. Unit Training Managers are responsible for ensuring all required members assigned to their units have completed the Training. Homosexual Policy Training is an Air Force Space Command Inspector General special interest item and will be inspected during the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

For training, call the Legal Office at 556-4871 or visit <https://halfway.peterson.af.mil/.21sw/JA/brief.html>. Those who attended the Wing Leadership Conference in March, should have UTMs update their status to reflect conference training.

## FINANCE OFFICE, 21st CPTS ANNOUNCE CLOSURE

The Finance Office and the 21st Comptroller Squadron is scheduled to close at noon July 29 due to an official function.

## 721st CS HOSTS TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The 721st Communications Squadron is holding a technology exposition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Officers' Club. Displays will include Information Assurance and security technology, mobile computing and hardware, software and services. For more information, call Kathryn Stephenson at 301-596-8899.

## HAWC CREATES COOKBOOK

The Health and Wellness Center is creating the "Team Pete ... Let's Eat" cookbook. To submit recipes, visit [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com). Login, type full name under "Contributor Name," type Peterson HAWC under "Group Name" and use b0ac3 as the password. For more information, call 556-6544.

## TEAM PETE, SCHRIEVER WELCOME NEW SENIOR NCOs

There will be a senior NCO Orientation and Induction ceremony for all master sergeant selects Wednesday through July 30. All selects from Team Pete and Schriever Air Force Base are invited to attend the events, which include an icebreaker, orientation seminar and formal induction ceremony. The icebreaker will be held at the Enlisted Club beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The orientation seminar is at the NCO Academy Wednesday through July 30. The induction ceremony is at the Officers' Club July 30. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey, 20th Air Force command chief. Team Pete members can make reservations by calling Master Sgt. Bea Macliz at 556-6794 or Master Sgt. Steve Kjonas at 556-6574. Schriever members should call Senior Master Sgt. Randy LaCombe at 567-2540 or Master Sgt. Kenny Dean at 567-6371.

## 21st MDG UNDERGOES EVALUATION

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations conducts an accreditation survey

of the 21st Medical Group Aug. 17 and 18 to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established standards. The survey results determine the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization. Anyone with pertinent information may request a public information interview with the commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Interview requests must be made in writing and sent to the commission at least five working days before the survey begins. Requests should be sent to the Division of Accreditation Operations Office of Quality Monitoring Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, faxed to 630-792-5636 or e-mailed to [complaint@jcaho.org](mailto:complaint@jcaho.org).

## SUPPORT STAFF 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, North American Aerospace Defense, 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 respective organizations. It is imperative that members departing for temporary duty 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.

## RECRUITERS NEED ENLISTED VOLUNTEERS

The Grand Junction Recruiting office needs six minority enlisted Air Force members to attend a convention Aug. 4. The volunteers will speak to possible recruits about military life as a minority.

This is a one-day temporary duty assignment paid for by the 367th Recruiting Squadron. For more information, or to volunteer, call Tech. Sgt. Corey Hulse at 970-640-9023 or e-mail [corey.hulse@rs.af.mil](mailto:corey.hulse@rs.af.mil).

# Chapel Schedule



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11 a.m. Sun.

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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.

# Space wing command chief packs up for PACAF

By Airman Mandy Weightman  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

"I have always been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I slowly discovered that my interruptions were my work," said author Henri Nouwen.

Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, 21st Space Wing command chief, used this quote to illustrate his two years in the wing.

Chief Clarke is changing permanent duty stations this month. He will serve as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for 7th Air Force, headquartered at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Seventh Air Force is one of four Numbered Air Forces in Pacific Air Forces.

He said he sees going to 7th Air Force as another opportunity.

"I hope I'm able to meet the needs of the Seventh and take care of those who continue to make this the best Air Force in the world," Chief Clarke said.

He described his time here as a memorable privilege. Chief Clarke served as the voice of the troops while providing



the wing commander and senior leadership with inputs based on what he heard and observed throughout the wing.

"It's been phenomenal to be able to contribute to decisions being made at higher levels and I hope I've been a good steward with that responsibility," Chief Clarke said.

Leading by example is another responsibility the chief has stepped up to do. "Chief Clarke is a great role model

for our enlisted troops to follow," said Staff Sgt. Monique Wright, the executive assistant to the 21st Space Wing command chief.

Having been part of the world's largest geographically separated wing in the Air Force, Chief Clarke said he is still waiting for a slow day in the 21st.

"People all over the world are part of the 21st," he said. "When I was out visiting the geographically separated units, I wasn't 'out of the office,' I was 'out in the wing.'"

Chief Clarke takes with him friendships, memories and lessons learned.

"I've learned what it takes to make a team," he said.

## Air Force uniform heads to French Army history display

By Master Sgt. Tim Helton  
Kosovo Force Press Office

PRISTINA, Kosovo – When a French Army sergeant asked the 721st Mission Support Group commander, for his uniform, the colonel said he didn't know what to think. When working at a NATO base with 30 different nations, the real meaning is not always immediately apparent.

Sergeant Willy Brunet, a signal noncommissioned officer in the French National Intelligence Center, was asking Col. David Adams, the Kosovo Force headquarters senior national representative, to exchange uniforms so the Air Force uniform could be placed on display. The uniform would accompany a variety of international military uniforms from signal personnel on display at his regiment.

"Once Willy started talking about their military signal uniform display, he had my attention," Colonel

Adams said. "I thought this was a wonderful way to show heritage and pride in professional skills between nations."

The colonel also learned there was an older version of the U.S. Air Force uniform on display, but the battle dress uniform had eluded the regiment's collection.

"Their American display is the old, green fatigue uniform. They didn't have a current uniform set," Colonel Adams said. "So when Willy learned I was a communications officer, he thought it would be very significant for his unit to have a uniform set of a U.S. Air Force communications officer."

Making the exchange was another challenge. There was no script or official document to explain protocol, but it was important enough for the senior French representative to oversee.

"This was significant because it shows the strong comradeship the military develops regardless of the

country they're from, the rank, branch or hierarchical position they hold," said French Army Brig. Gen. Jean-Claude Allard, KFOR assistant chief of staff for operations.

"Each nation brings skilled and experienced communications and signal personnel to the operations. I believe the sharing of military skills, heritage and tradition are as significant in multinational environments."

As for the recently acquired French Army uniform, the colonel said he didn't accept it for himself, but for the Air Force though he has a couple of ideas for it.

"I'm considering presenting it to an electronics training squadron at Keesler Air Force Base so Airmen can see the uniform of a fellow signals soldier. Since many U.S. military operations will be multinational, our awareness and respect for the uniforms and skills of our partners in arms is appropriate."



## North Dakota site maintains early warning radar

The 10th Space Warning Squadron at Cavalier Air Force Station, N.D., provides tactical warning and attack assessment of sea-launched and ICBMs launched against the continental United States and southern Canada. The forerunner of the present day 10th SWS began passing tactical warning and attack assessment data to Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo., in January 1977.

The unit was originally the acquisition radar portion of the United States only operational anti-ballistic missile system, known as Safeguard. Due to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (the Strategic Arms Limitations Treaty II), components of the safeguard complex, with the exception of the Perimeter

Acquisition Radar Characterization System or PARCS radar at Cavalier AFS, were deactivated in February 1976.

Since the late 1950s, the U.S. military had sought to create an anti-ballistic missile attack, which seemingly loomed on the horizon. Although many systems were designed, only Safeguard ABM reached operational status. The Army closed their only operational Safeguard ABM site near Grand



Forks Air Force Base, N.D., in February 1976 after Congress objected to its high cost and questionable effectiveness. The following year, the Air Force acquired the unused advanced phased array radar at the site near Concrete, N.D., for use in SLBM and ICBM warning.

This new radar, the PARCS provided SLBM warning over the Hudson Bay and additional coverage of the central Ballistic Missile Early Warning System area as well as extremely accurate space

surveillance data.

The 10th SWS maintains and operates the PARCS. The squadron tracks the skies using the system – a single-faced phased array radar. Missile warning data and assessment information is sent to the North American Aerospace Defense Command missile warning center at Cheyenne Mountain AFS, Colo. Additionally, the 10th SWS provides surveillance, tracking and space object identification support for the space surveillance network.

The PARCS radar is easily the most prominent building at the unit. It is a concrete structure that stands 121 feet high, making it the second tallest structure in North Dakota.



Courtesy photo

### Space shuttle blasts off

The Space Shuttle Enterprise never flew in space or exceeded the speed of sound, but it set the stage for sister ships that would. Launched from atop a Boeing 747 at altitudes ranging from 20-25,000 feet, it made an extraordinarily successful series of five unpowered approach and landing tests in 1977, which validated the techniques that would be employed for mankind's first gliding descents from outer space.



# Information Assurance helps ensure mission success

By Senior Airman  
Shawn Clements  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Information Assurance Office provides guidance on Information Assurance programs, processes and future network security procedures to the 21st Space Wing, it's geographically separated units and tenant units.

Information Assurance actions protect and defend information systems by ensuring the availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality and nonrepudiation.

This includes providing for restoration of information systems by incorporating protection, detection and reaction capabilities.

They also ensure the 21st Space Wing information assurance awareness program monitors are properly trained so they can inform unit members of any changes that occur with the program.

"Sometimes if people don't comply

with IAAP training, we have to lock their accounts until the training is completed," said Glenn York, 21st Space Communications Squadron chief of IA. "It's training that must be completed annually to stay proficient."

The IA office also works closely with the Network Control Center on computer security measures.

"The COMPUSEC part of our job is used to ensure each unit complies with IAAP, Information Assurance Assessment Assistant Program, Emission Security, and the Certification and Accreditation process," said Staff Sgt. Brandy Fleer-Williams, 21st SCS.

The job they do is not often seen or recognized, but is vital to enforcing the Air Force's information security standards.

"Most of the things we do in this job are behind the scenes and thankless, but I want to stress to everyone that information assurance awareness is vital to mission success," Mr. York said.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

**Airman 1st Class Joseph Mayeux, 21st Space Communications Squadron, briefs First Term Airman Center class 04-16 about the Information Assurance Awareness program.**

## Avoid government liability with hold-harmless agreement

By Jenna McMullin  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Signing on the dotted line may be an easy way to prevent unnecessary government expenses.

The dotted line on a hold-harmless agreement protects the government from purchasing equipment or services it may not otherwise be interested in and ensures responsibility is not in the government's hands.

"If you don't have an agreement, you can make

the government liable," said Chet Heart, a procurement analyst with the 21st Contracting Squadron.

The agreement protects government parties and contractors in the event something happens involving contracted products on base, said Lon Weltzer, the chief of the 21st CONS Plans and Programs Flight.

An example is the loan or demonstration of equipment by a vendor on base to try to secure government contracts. When a vendor demonstrates its product on base, the government must be protected from any liability associated with the loan or demon-

stration. All parties involved should sign a hold-harmless agreement, and vendors should insure themselves at no cost to the government.

If an organization sponsors an on-base demonstration or loan with a vendor and neglects to invoke a hold-harmless agreement, the sponsoring organization opens itself up to liability for any damage or injury, Mr. Heart said.

Organizations interested in sponsoring an on-base vendor event or for more information, call 556-4838.



# Rules restrict political activity for DOD people

WASHINGTON – With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials remind servicemembers and Defense Department civilians they are subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

Gone are the days when the military posted troops at the polls after the Civil War, an act that Steve Epstein, director of the Department of Defense's general counsels standards of conduct office, said intimidated many southerners into not voting.

Today, Mr. Epstein said two sets of rules help protect the integrity of the political process: A DOD directive for active-duty servicemembers and the Hatch Act for federal civilians. These rules keep the military out of partisan politics and ensure the workplace remains politically neutral, he said.

That is not to imply they cannot participate in politics. Mr. Epstein said DOD encourages both groups to register to vote and vote as they choose, and to urge others to vote. Both groups can sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues – but only if they do not do so as representatives of the armed forces. Also, all federal employees can make contributions to political organizations or candidates.

Beyond that, the list of restrictions differs widely, depending on whether the employee is an active-duty servicemember, a rank-and-file civil service employee, a political appointee or a member of the career senior executive service, Mr. Epstein said. Of all DOD employees, uniformed ser-

vicemembers have the most restrictions regarding political activity, he explained. A 1993 revision to the Hatch Act freed most civil service employees to engage in political activities outside the workplace that were once forbidden, although many restrictions still apply.

For example, servicemembers as well as government civilians can attend political meetings or rallies. Servicemembers can attend only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups, or participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

On the other hand, civilian employees governed by the Hatch Act may be active in and speak before political gatherings or serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups. They

also are permitted to manage campaigns, distribute literature, write political articles or serve as a spokesperson for a party or candidate.

Servicemembers generally are not permitted to campaign for a political office. Civilian employees are, as long as it is a nonpartisan election.

While the restrictions concerning political activity may vary, Mr. Epstein said the basic rules hold true for all DOD workers. They cannot use their position to influence or interfere with an election. And they can never engage in political activity on the job, in a government vehicle or while wearing an official uniform.

More information on participation in political activities is available on the DOD Web site. *(Courtesy of Air Force News)*

## Personnel Corner

### Mission Support

#### Squadron announces closure:

The 21st Mission Support Squadron will be open at 8 a.m. and closes at 11 a.m. Friday due to an official function.

#### Military Personnel Flight posts operating hours:

The Military Personnel Flight accepts appointments from 8 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are accepted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9:45 to 4 p.m.

Wednesdays. Customer Service accepts walk-ins each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

#### Military Personnel

##### Flight issues CAC guidance:

When receiving a Common Access Card military personnel may be photographed in uniform or civilian clothes. However, active duty and members of the selected Reserve and participating Individual Ready Reservists must comply with service grooming

standards. Members must also be within service dress standards when in uniform.

#### Free childcare during PCS limited:

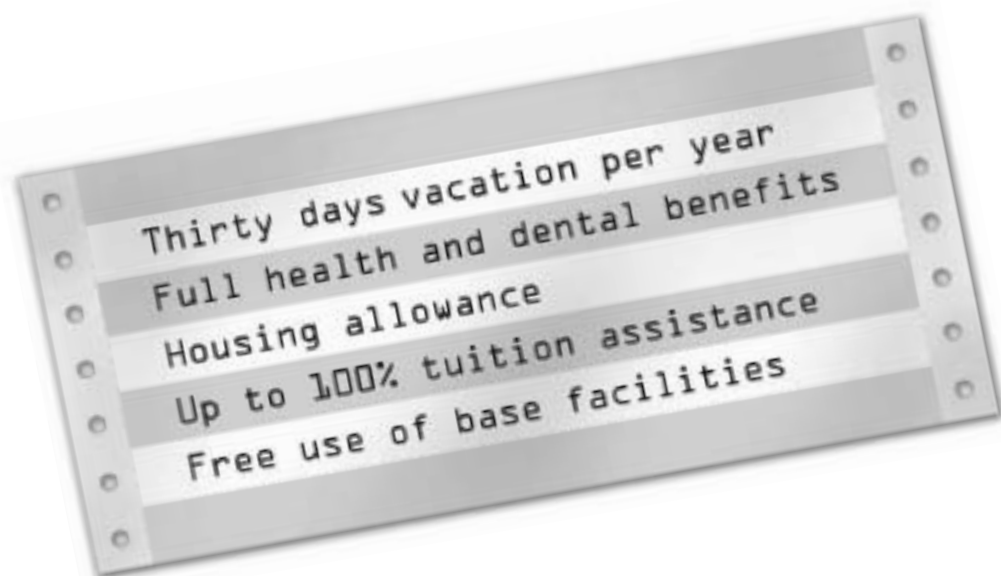
As of July 12, the opportunity to receive 20 hours of free child care within the 60-day Permanent Change of Station window is limited to E-5's and below until further notice. The change is due to a severe shortage of Family Home Daycare providers. Vouchers received prior to this time will be honored if space is available.

## 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](mailto:space.observer@peterson.af.mil).



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# Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around Peterson are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on base. These entries are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter:

*\*\* Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

#### **OUT OF OFFICE – July 7**

Security forces responded to a report of stolen property at the Radiology Clinic. It seems a pocket-sized personal computer was nabbed while left unattended on a desk in the facility. The personal organizer apparently decided to wander off for an unscheduled engagement.

#### **PARKING PROBLEM – July 9**

Security forces responded to a minor vehicle accident in the parking lot outside Dormitory 1158. A military motorist backed his vehicle into another car while pulling out of a parking space. Responders noted some paint transfer and minor denting to the vehicles involved. The driver's backing blunder earned him a citation for improper backing techniques.

#### **MEDICAL RESPONSE – July 9**

Security forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to an emergency call from Base Housing. The victim was complaining of abdominal pain and was transported to Evans Army Hospital for further treatment.

#### **RECKLESS ROADSTER – July 9**

Security forces patrollers initiated a traffic stop on Stewart Avenue for reckless driving. The speedy suspect proved he wasn't too swift when he was asked to provide proof of insurance and a driver's license. Patrollers issued citations for reckless driving, excessive speed, failure to provide proof of insurance and failure to provide proof of a driver's license.

#### **DANGEROUS DRIVING – July 10**

Security forces initiated a traffic stop in the parking lot of Dormitory 1166. Patrollers snagged a speedy steerer as he pulled into the parking lot. Responders issued citations for reckless driving, excessive speed, failure to provide proof of insurance and failure to provide proof of driver's license.

#### **FAMILIAR TERRITORY – July 10**

Security forces initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Stewart Avenue and Paine Street. A ditzy driver was pulled over when he didn't stop at a flashing red traffic signal. A background check revealed a warrant for failure to appear in court for a traffic infraction.

The Colorado Springs Police Department responded to the scene and issued a summons for driving under restraint. Security forces issued citations for failure to obey a flashing signal and failure to provide proof of insurance.

#### **ALARMING TRENDS CONTINUE:**

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

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

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# AIRMEN TEST DEPLOYMENT SKILLS



**ABOVE:** A moulaged Airman simulates a serious eye injury during the exercise. The moulage helps first responders react realistically to simulated emergency situations.

**RIGHT:** An Airman, with a moulage gash in his forehead, simulates a fall from the bleachers he was sitting on, hitting his head and rendering him unconscious during an explosion scenario at Camp Red Devil July 12-16.



A moulage team from the 21st Medical Group made some of the scenarios a little more realistic by adding wounds to some of the Airmen.

**By Senior Airman Mike Meares**  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Explosions rock the camp as fighter jets thunder past; victims scream for help as smoke fills the air around them while living quarters catch fire and chaos breaks out at the simulated Kuam Ni Air Base, Korea.

These were some of the scenarios during Operation Red Devil Exercise at Fort Carson's Red Devil training facility July 12-16, where members of the 21st Space Wing and 50th SW teamed up for a joint deployment exercise to test their ability to survive and operate in a field environment.

"One of the key aspects to this exercise was that participants had to adapt to unfamiliar environment," said Master Sgt. James Franze, 21st Space Wing NCO in charge of exercise plans. "Another key factor was the realism of the scenarios. These scenarios were examples of some possible real-world deployment situations."

While at the Fort Carson site, Airmen faced realistic scenarios like those they could face while deployed worldwide – everything from convoy defense, injuries and illnesses, to aerial and chemical attacks.

"This is a good experience for those who have never deployed," said Tech. Sgt. Gerald Gromko, a member of the nuclear,

biological and chemical cell exercise team. "It gives these Airmen a good foundation when it comes time for them to deploy." Sergeant Gromko has deployed five times to different theaters of operations in Southwest Asia.

Exercise participants set up camp July 12 after processing through a deployment line and spent the next four days and nights in the field. During the morning and evenings they ate hot meals from a field kitchen prepared by the 21st Services Squadron and had Meals-Ready-to-Eat for lunch.

The exercise culminated in a barrage of scenarios July 15 including a camp attack with "enemies" infiltrating the encampment, explosions, smoke grenades and aerial attacks. A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from Fort Carson allowed medical Airmen to train on medical evacuation procedures.

All of the scenarios didn't necessarily happen on the base – as the 4th Space Operations Squadron found out.

The 4th SOPS, responsible for Milstar operations, took a semi-truck and flat bed trailer, simulating their Ground Mobile 3 mobile satellite operation center, out for the exercise. They were ambushed on the way to the encampment and on the way back. They had to secure the area and protect their assets. Little did they know there were "bad guys"

waiting in the bushes for them.

"We have to be prepared for the unexpected," said Capt. Ken Lancaster, 4th SOPS mobile chief. "The GM-3 team supplies our own security. We are operators, maintainers, transporters and protectors of our assets. We have to be proficient in all aspects of our mission."

The entire exercise was designed to help prepare people for upcoming deployments. Every member of the exercise is assigned to an upcoming Aerospace Expeditionary Force. Schriever AFB currently has more than 21 Airmen deployed and 24 Airmen projected to deploy to support various operations around the world.

"Joint (wing) exercises are great tools because they get everyone's objectives met," said Victor Duckarmenn, 21st SW exercise director. "We talk to each other and compare our procedures. If you have a good plan and good people, you have a good exercise. It becomes excellent when teamwork occurs."

Teamwork can be trained and taught, but it is a beautiful thing when it actually occurs, Mr. Duckarmenn said.

"The exercise was as good as it was because of all the planning that the exercise controllers put into it," Sergeant Franze said.

More than eight months of planning went into the exercise.



An ambusher lies in wait for his moment to attack an unsuspecting member of the joint wing deployment exercise at Fort Carson's Camp Red Devil.



The moulage team from the 21st Medical Group spent hours creating realistic-looking casualties to lend realism to the accident scenes at Camp Red Devil. Moulagers dedicated about half an hour to each subject, using foam rubber, putty and makeup to create the gory effects.



An Airman guarding a tent asks for identity from Master Sgt. Christy Figueroa, who plays a delirious Airman injured in an explosion on the camp as part of an exercise scenario during a joint wing deployment exercise at Fort Carson's Camp Red Devil. The 21st Comptroller Squadron senior NCO participated in the exercise up until the day before she retired from active duty.

Photos by Senior Airman Mike Meares



# at your SERVICE

## 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.
- Five K/10K run, ATWIND event through Fitness Center.

### 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

## Aquatics center – a splashin' good way to stay cool

This summer is proving to be a hot one, and what better way is there to stay cool and get some exercise than swimming?

The Aquatics Center here offers a variety of opportunities to get your feet wet, no matter what your needs are. The pool can even be rented for pool parties. Parents and tots swim -- for parents and their children ages 2 years old and younger Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Swimming lessons are available for both children and adults. There are five levels for children. For adults, morning lessons are available and take two weeks to complete. There are also evening classes which run four weeks.

Family swim nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Aerobic classes are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. They are also available Fridays at 10 and 11 a.m.

Open swim is a great way to get started with swimming, it's available Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., open swim is from noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For the more serious swimmers, lap swim for adults is Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Lap swimming is from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

*(Information courtesy of the Aquatics Center)*



Photos by Airman Mandy Weightman  
**Felise Laflamme and her son, John Gabriel, play during the Mommy and Me Swim Class to build his confidence in the water.**



**Staff Sgt. Pamela Barbee, of the 544th IOG and 18th IS participates in an open swim at the Aquatics Center here.**



**Amy Babcock catches her son, Ryder, as he slides into the pool at the Aquatics Center during the Mommy and Me Swim Class.**

## ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

### Today

#### Lunch:

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

#### Dinner:

- Herbed Baked Chicken
- Stuffed Cabbage
- Southern Fried Catfish
- Black-eyed peas with rice
- Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Sweet Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Peas

### Friday

#### Lunch:

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

#### Dinner:

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

### Monday

#### Lunch:

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

#### Dinner:

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

### Saturday

#### Brunch:

- Crispy Black Chicken
- Cajun Meat Loaf
- Rib-eye Steak
- Baked Potatoes
- Mashed Potatoes
- Broccoli
- Peas
- Glazed Carrots

### Tuesday

#### Lunch:

- Paprika Beef
- Barbeque Beef
- Cubes
- Chicken Fajitas
- O'Brien Potatoes
- Steamed Rice
- Cauliflower
- Corn on the Cob
- Lima Beans

#### Dinner:

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

### Sunday

#### Brunch:

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

### Wednesday

#### Lunch:

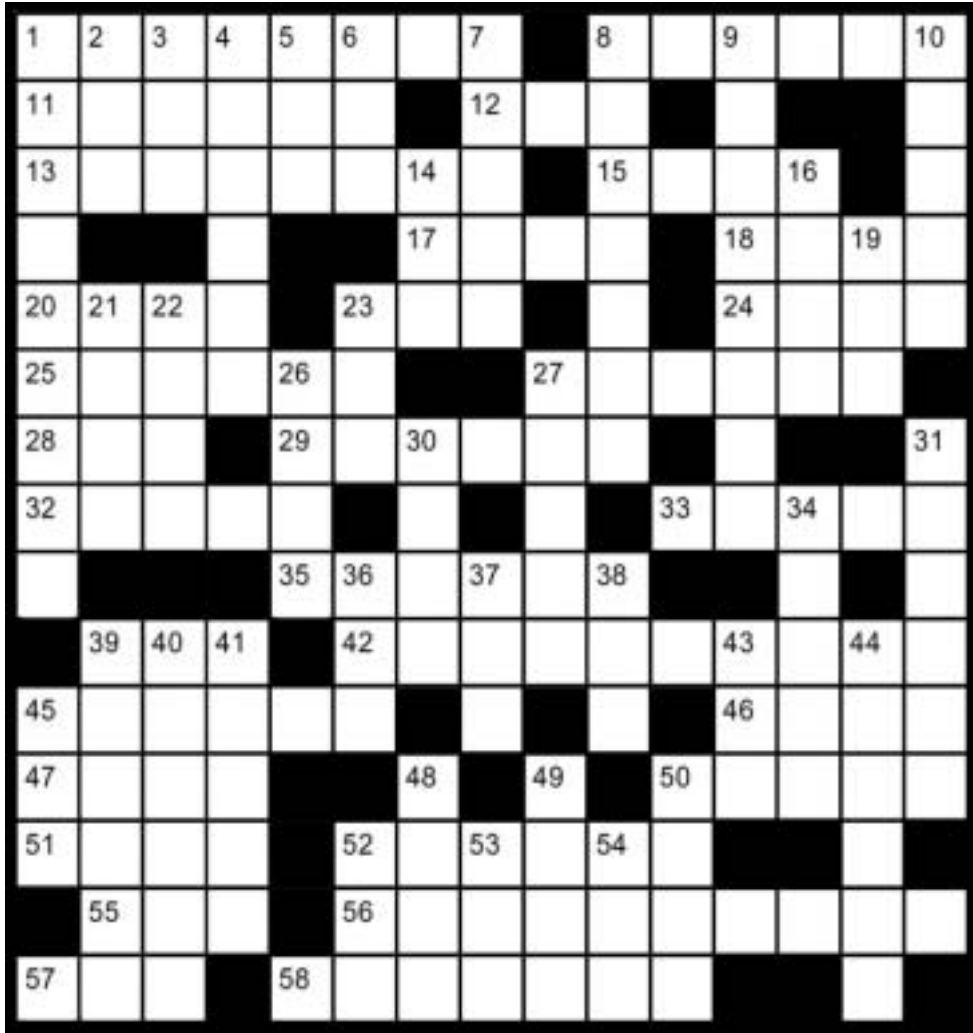
- Pita Pizzas
- Country Style Steak
- Fried Chicken
- Oven Brown Potatoes
- Mashed Potatoes
- Fried Cauliflower
- Bean Combo
- Cabbage

#### Dinner:

- Caribbean Jerk Chicken
- Beef Porcupines
- Chicken
- Enchiladas
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Steamed Rice
- Mexican Corn
- Peas and Onions
- Savory Baked Beans

## Among the stars ... 5 stars

Answers located on Page 16



**ACROSS**

- 1. General of the Army
- 8. Detour
- 11. Articulated with the tip of the tongue

- 12. USAF enlisted report
- 13. North American silkworm moth
- 15. Televises
- 17. African country

- 18. Part of the leg
- 20. Lasso
- 23. Actress Susan
- 24. Supported
- 25. Meditation
- 27. Affable
- 28. Star Wars character Solo
- 29. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 32. Fanatic
- 33. USAF base home to Air Armament Center
- 35. Most senior
- 39. Professional b-ball league
- 42. General of the Army
- 45. Disaster
- 46. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 47. Hotel chain
- 50. Editorial
- 51. Great Pyramid home
- 52. General of the Air Force
- 55. Beige
- 56. First among all Officers of the United States Armed Forces
- 57. Israeli machinegun
- 58. Country of southeast Europe on the Adriatic Sea

**DOWN**

- 1. General of the Army
- 2. Emulate
- 3. Wrestler Flair
- 4. Movie need
- 5. Vietnamese currency
- 6. Swiss mount
- 7. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 8. General of the Army
- 9. General of The Armies of the

- United States
- 14. Frozen water
- 16. Mets home
- 19. Sick
- 21. Spoken
- 22. Wheeze
- 23. Federal org. concerned with drugs
- 26. Thailand river formed by Nan and Ping rivers; \_\_\_ Phraya
- 27. Canadian birds?
- 30. California town
- 31. Enthusiasm
- 34. Heavyweight champion Lennox
- 36. Zodiac sign
- 37. Air Force Security Forces quick reaction team
- 38. Explosive
- 39. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 40. A desperate attack by Japanese troops in World War II
- 41. Person from the Orient
- 43. Approves
- 44. Captivate
- 45. Haze
- 48. Grouch
- 49. An apostle
- 50. American Pulitzer Prize writer Ferber
- 52. Pointed tool for making holes
- 53. Federal organization concerned with security
- 54. 52 in old Rome

*(Courtesy of Alaskan Command Public Affairs)*



# Why did you join the Air Force?



Airman Mandy Weightman

**By Airman  
Mandy Weightman**  
*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

We have all heard the question at least once before, "Why did you join the Air Force?" I hear it at least once a week, as I'm sure most new Airmen do. And that is a great thing because it gives us a chance to tell our story. A big life change such as joining the military is not something most people do without good reason.

"I joined the Air Force for three reasons: to pursue and further my education, financial stability and most of all, to serve my country," said Airman 1st Class Tenea Oliver, dental laboratory technician for the 21st Aeromedical Dental Squadron. "I'm following in the footsteps of

family members who dedicated their lives to the Air Force. They motivated me to do something not only productive but honorable with my life."

"I joined the Air Force for education benefits and so I could marry my high-school sweetheart and have a good life," said Airman 1st Class Luis Alcantar, 21st Security Forces Squadron patroller.

My reason for joining the Air Force is different than most Airmen.

My father has been in the Air Force for almost 26 years, and I have seen more benefits than most dependents do. My mother was sick for most of my life with kidney disease, which is a very expensive illness to treat. If it weren't for the benefits the Air Force provides to its people, my mother may not have got-

ten the treatment she needed.

She received a kidney transplant Sept. 27, 2003, three weeks before I left for basic training. She was healthier than she'd been in 20 years because of the treatment she received from the military. This gave me more motivation to serve my country and try to give back some of what the Air Force has given my family.

In the Air Force, there is such a variety of people, all with different backgrounds, yet we all share at least one thing – the fact that we are part of the world's greatest Air Force.

From an Airman's perspective, no matter the reason for joining, we are all here voluntarily and to serve one mission – the Air Force mission.



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# Airmen should put 'best foot forward'

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey – My friend was taking a walk on the beach recently when a sunbather called out to her. Thinking she knew him, she stopped for a moment.

The man proceeded to tell her she was “too fat to wear a bathing suit” and that she resembled a “side of beef.”

When she told me about her weekend, I was sickened and angered by the unnecessary cruelty of these remarks.

I asked her if it was a kid who had taunted her. She said, “No, it was an Airman from Incirlik.” I’ve recently heard other, equally disturbing, stories. Airmen who urinated off balconies, started drunken brawls or deliberately disrespected our host country laws.

I am confused by these kinds of behavior. While many Airmen are young and fresh out of high school, they are not children who are unable to discern right from wrong. Many are responsible for billions of dollars

worth of equipment; others protect assets that can tilt the balance of power during a war. These are incredible responsibilities for 18 or 20 year old who still vividly recalls their high school’s prom night.

We need to show the same maturity and responsibility off duty as we do when in uniform. It is tempting to “let loose” when we are far from supervisors and commanders, but a night of seemingly innocent fun could land someone in jail. In fact, according to the Area Defense Counsel here, a charge like indecent exposure can carry some weighty penalties, such as a bad conduct discharge and a six-month confinement.

We have heard countless times that, as Airmen in another country, we are informal U.S. ambassadors. I think we need to take this calling to heart.

What do our host nation friends and neighbors think of Americans when they see someone exposed on a hotel balcony urinating on their ground or starting a fight at a nightclub? What does my civilian friend think of Airmen when she can’t even walk down a beach without being subjected to cruelty?

Whether in or out of uniform, people look to us and form judgments about the military and Americans

through the example each one of us presents. There are, of course, countless Airmen who are exemplary models to the community. They volunteer in orphanages and chapels, and take time out of busy schedules and weekends to help others. These Airmen are an example to our host nation friends and to the Air Force.

Hopefully, a few “bad apples” won’t detract from their selfless accomplishments and sway people to think their behavior is reflective of all military people. I know every service member is under an inordinate amount of stress. It is important to blow off steam. But, as we do so, let’s not embarrass ourselves and each other.

Think twice before you indulge in that final cocktail that puts you over the edge of reason. If you are the one watching someone else about to make a fatal error, help him or her put on the brakes or find someone, such as a senior NCO, who can.

When we take off the uniform at the end of each duty day, let’s not also remove what it represents – a symbol of pride and freedom. Whether people recognize we are in the military or not, let’s put our best foot forward and show them what we are all about.



## Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

**August 11-15**

Tickets to the 2004 Pikes Peak or Bust rodeo are available through TicketsWest at (866) 464-2626 or [www.ticketwest.com](http://www.ticketwest.com) and at the World Arena box office,

King Soopers, the Citadel Mall information booth, the Fort Carson ITR office, and Independent Records. For more information on the rodeo, visit [www.coloradospringsrodeo.com](http://www.coloradospringsrodeo.com).

### Rodeo Events

Kiddie Dress-up Revue: 8 a.m. Aug. 11

PPoB Rodeo Parade: 10 a.m. Aug 11

Special Rodeo: 1:30 p.m. Aug 11

Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: 10 a.m. Aug 14

### Showtimes for the PPoB Rodeo are:

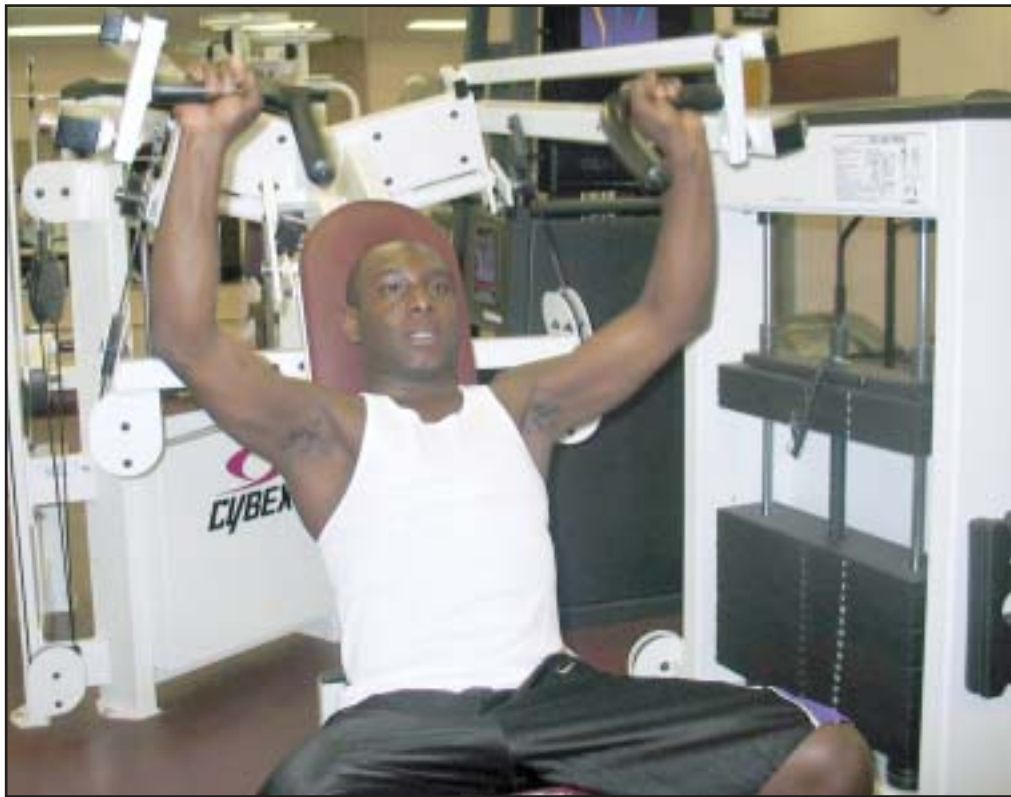
Each evening at 7 p.m. Aug. 11-14

Championship Final matinee at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15



## Getting fit

BELOW: Terrance Kennedy builds his chest muscles by using the incline-bench press machine.



Photos by Senior Airman Shawn Clements



ABOVE: George Lee uses the leg extension machine at the Fitness Center. Air Force members are encouraged to workout at least three times a week. The wing Fit-to-fight session begins at 7 a.m. July 29 at the base pavilion. It will consist of a 1-mile run and calisthenics.

## Team Pete swings away

### Competitive softball standings

#### American Division

Team	W	L
1. 21 CES	6	1
2. 21 OSS	7	2
3. CMOC	2	4
4. 21 MDG	2	4
5. 721 MSG	0	8

#### National Division

Team	W	L
1. 21 SCS	8	1
2. Team Colorado	4	3
3. 100th MDB	4	4
4. HQ AFSPC/CE	3	6
5. 721 SFS	2	5

### Recreation softball standings

#### Division #1

Team	W	L
1. AFOTEC DET4	7	0
2. 21 SCS	5	1
3. 21 SFS	6	3
4. 21 SVS	4	3
5. 1 SPCS	4	4
6. Team Colorado	3	5
7. N-NC J8	3	5
8. USAF BAND	2	5
9. Canadian Forces	1	8

Team	W	L
1. 21 CPTS/DS	7	1
2. AFSPC/CSS	6	1
3. 76 SPCS	3	3
4. ARSTART	3	4
5. NORTHCOM J6	2	5
6. NORAD	1	5
7. 544 IOG/SF	1	5



Answers to puzzle on Page 13