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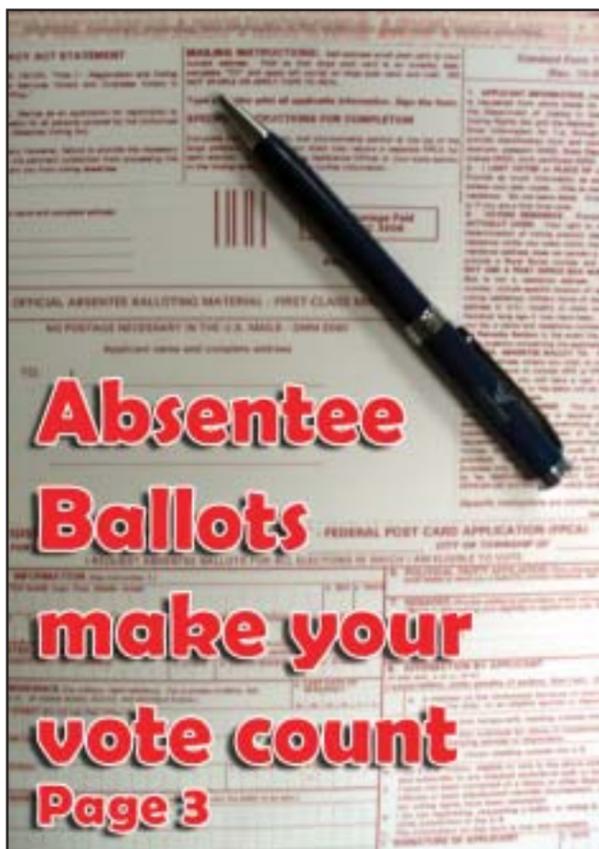
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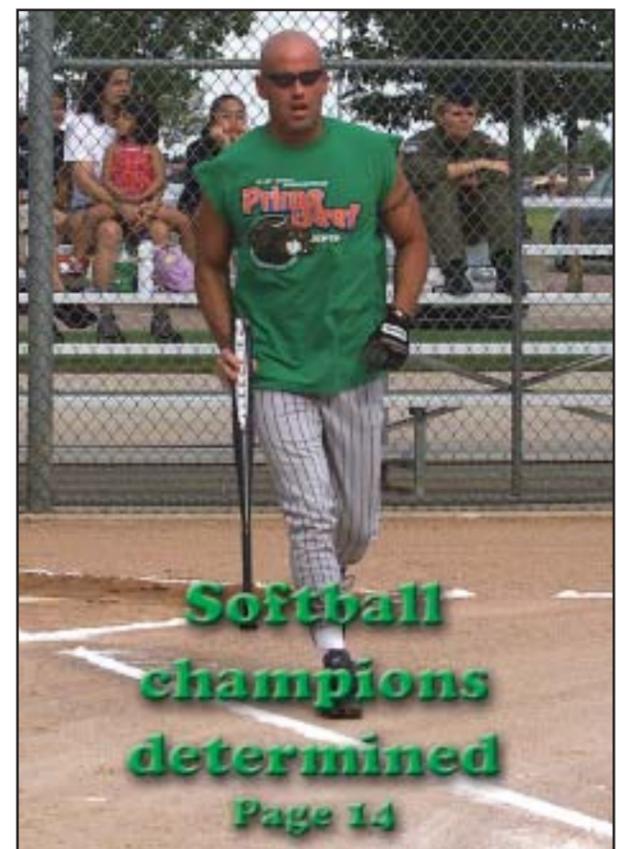


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# Act maintains healthcare privacy

By Lt. Col. Mark S. White  
21st Medical Support Squadron, Commander

Hopefully, by now, you have heard of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Former President Bill Clinton signed the act into law in August 1996. It provides protection for healthcare consumers including provisions for health insurance portability; fraud and abuse control; and administrative simplification requirements. The portability provision received most of the attention in 1996. However, for beneficiaries of the Military Health System, the privacy rule has an even bigger impact. It became effective on April 14, 2003, and is designed to protect patient

health data while permitting the flow of information necessary to provide high-quality care.

Healthcare providers of all kinds (doctors, dentists, pharmacies, etc.) need to keep thorough patient records. However, because much of the information contained in patient records is personal, the HIPAA Privacy Rule helps ensure the protection and privacy of that information. Among others, it applies to health plans and healthcare providers, like the 21st Medical Group, who transmit information electronically for such purposes as claims, eligibility verification and referral/authorization requests. Providers and health plans must follow specific privacy regulations. Among

other things, the HIPAA Privacy Rule gives patients the right to: access, review and obtain a copy of their protected health information (any data that could identify the patient, together with health information about that patient); request an accounting of the disclosures of their PHI; change inaccurate or incomplete PHI; request communication about their PHI take place by alternative means or in an alternative location; and restrict the use and disclosure of their PHI.

The HIPAA also requires providers and health plans to make patients aware of their enhanced privacy rights under this new law. So, you should receive a written "Notice of

Privacy Practices" from each civilian provider you see and the MHS. This notice explains how the provider will safeguard patient information and details patient rights.

The MHS mailed approximately 5 million "MHS Notice of Privacy Practices" to active duty and retired military sponsors and their families between December 2002 and March 2003. If you have not received a notice, stop by the 21st Medical Group Family Practice, Pediatrics or Aerospace Medicine clinics. The notice is also available at [www.tricare.osd.mil/hipaa](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/hipaa) by selecting "HIPAA & TRICARE" from the left menu and choosing "Privacy."

# Prep, base agencies hold keys to deployment success

By Col. Greg Augst  
66th Air Base Wing vice commander

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. – As you read this, some of your fellow Airmen are 6,000 miles from home defending our country on the front lines.

Do you think they were prepared to go when they left? Would you be?

Many people have deployed or are preparing to deploy and serve the Air Force around the globe as part of air and space expeditionary forces. No matter where we are stationed, or what we do, deployments are a necessary way of life for Airmen.

We all know it's possible to deploy to remote locations on short notice, but are you ready if you get called today? As Airmen, we are required to be prepared to go, anytime, anywhere.

Deployments are a part of our lives. Now they are more important than ever. We are defending freedom around the globe. We are called to support our fellow Airmen when our turn comes to replace them overseas.

Preparation is the key to having a successful deployment. I always found that if I was prepared from the onset, deployments were much easier. I could help my commanders and subordinates achieve mission success when everyone was focused 100 percent on the job at hand.

Ensure you and your family are ready for deployments. There is a lot of necessary training you must complete before deploying to ensure you are effectively prepared for operations away from

home station.

Annual physicals help ensure you are in the best possible condition before you deploy. Living and working in environments with poor sanitation, temperature variations and remote medical care requires Airmen to be physically prepared to handle adverse situations.

Combat arms training on an M-9 pistol or an M-16 rifle is essential when Airmen deploy to locations where they will need to know how to safely operate a weapon. Just because you aren't in the security forces, doesn't mean you won't be responsible for a weapon in a deployed location.

Mobility bags are a must for Airmen who deploy because austere locations do not come with a base exchange or a department store to replenish supplies. The lists of required equipment were compiled by many people who deploy regularly and know what items would be needed.

Think through what your deployment will mean for your family and how it will affect your finances while you are away. Get to know the family support center staff – they are the experts in personal and family readiness. They always have good things to make your deployment easier; from calling cards to car care for a spouse, the center is your source for personal support.

The center's staff also can help you plan for the financial aspects of deployments. The bills will not stop just because you're deployed, so make sure you have a plan and the means of covering expenses, checkbooks and credit cards.

The experienced staff has spent time putting together great packets of information and advice on how to prepare yourself and your family when you deploy.

Things like yard maintenance, pet care and bills need to be resolved before you deploy – you can't be worrying about what is going on thousands of miles away, when you've got an important job to do. Use the resources provided at home station to assist you; they will make life much easier when you're away.

The legal office staff also will ensure you are fully prepared for personal contingencies when you deploy. Be proactive; use their resources to draft wills and powers of attorney before a deployment.

Finally, life insurance and personal data forms are more important than ever while deployed. Take care of your loved ones and update these forms regularly. Significant life changes occur frequently. We must update these important archives of information to ensure correct data is reflected.

If you're not around to ensure your wishes are respected, you must communicate these through Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and the record of emergency data.

Now is the time for each of us to assess our readiness. Waiting until you are tapped for a deployment is too late, prepare now.

We are the world's most lethal Air Force and we are the best because of our first-rate training and readiness. Keep our Air Force strong and do your part to ensure a successful deployment.

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## A Moment in Time



- **Aug. 22, 1923** – The Barling Bomber made its initial flight.
- **Aug. 23, 1954** – The YC-130 Hercules made its maiden flight from Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank, Calif.
- **Aug. 23, 1990** – The 89th Military Airlift Wing receives the first of two Boeing VC-25A presidential transport aircraft at Andrews AFB, Md. The VC-25A is a modified 747-200B commercial transport that replaces the VC-137C.
- **Aug. 25, 1966** – The first class of German air force student pilots enters training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. The school will provide 212 pilots per year with training similar to that received by U.S. Air Force pilots.



# California, Colorado – a little bit closer

By Airman Mandy Weightman

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing hosted a Civic Leader Tour here Aug. 18 and 19. Thirty-five community leaders from the Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., area attended, along with seven escorts from the base.

“Commanders host civic leader tours to increase U.S. citizens’ awareness and understanding of the Air Force’s role in national security by inviting groups of community leaders to witness the Air Force mission in action at Air Force installations,” said Capt. Amy Sufak, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs chief.

During the two-day visit, the guests were given a tour of the U.S. Air Force Academy, which involved visits with cadets during a lunch in Mitchell dining hall; toured Schriever AFB, where they spoke with members of the 2nd and 3rd Special Operations Squadrons; and received mission briefings from Air Force Space Command, the 21st SW and 50th SW. They witnessed the many operations run by the 50th SW, and learned how the missions there work firsthand.

The tour also allowed the visitors to meet the community leaders from Colorado Springs and Denver. The local community leaders attended a dinner with the visitors Wednesday night at the Peterson Officers Club to welcome them to the area.

“I was extremely impressed with the technical capabilities of the young people in the Air Force,” said Colin Stephens, one of the visiting civic leaders who owns and operates a private engineering school in Santa Barbara, Calif. “It is so good for our country that we have an organization to train and equip people with the type of technology space operations need.”

However, space command wasn’t the only command they were able to experience. After their flights aboard an Air Mobility KC-10 exposed them to the Air Force’s global reach. At Nellis AFB, Nev., they learned about about Air Combat Command. “These tours are tremendous things,” said Gar Anneler, chairman of the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce in Colorado Springs. “I have been involved with and close to the military for a long time. On tours I’ve taken, I’ve learned and seen things I’d never known or seen before.”



Photo by Rob Bussard

Civic leaders from the Vandenberg AFB area arrive at Peterson early Aug. 12 to kick off their tour of local Air Force installations.

## Armed Forces Voters Week to boost awareness

By Airman Mandy Weightman

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

To aid military members in registering to vote, Armed Forces Voters Week will take place Sept. 3 through Sept. 11.

The week was designated by the Secretary of Defense as the last safe chance for registration. According to the Armed Forces Voters Week website, the available ways to register are through submission of a Federal Post Card Application, Standard Form 76, a request for registration or an absentee ballot.

“We will have voting assistance counselors in places such as the Commissary, Base Exchange, the clinic and other high-traffic areas on Peterson during

voters week,” said Maj. Jeffrey Pruitt, the Installation Voting Assistance Officer for Peterson Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. “We plan to have two or three voting assistance counselors working in shifts during the peak hours at each area. They will be there to provide guidance, answer any questions people might have and help them fill out applications for registration.”

Registering to vote is very simple, Major Pruitt said. A Federal Post Card Application is filled out with information required by the person’s state of residence. Once a person has the information, it takes less than 10 minutes to fill the card out, he said. Then they mail the card to the county clerk or registrar and soon after should receive an absentee ballot.

“Voting assistance has been more passive in the past,” he added. “Now we are becoming more active.”

The Air Force leads the Armed Forces voters. In the 2000 general election, 76 percent of registered Air Force voters participated, compared to 69 percent of military voters overall. According to an Armed Forces Voters Week website, the goal for the voting assistance counselors is to attain 100-percent contact and delivery of registration cards to all military members.

“Our primary audience is active-duty military, but we are here to help civilians and dependents, too. We encourage all eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote,” Major Pruitt said.

For more information, visit the “voters info” link at [petecentral.peterson.af.mil](http://petecentral.peterson.af.mil).

## New leadership course for chiefs in final development

By Jon Sladek

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Although the transition to chief master sergeant may not be seamless, a new course will aim at eliminating some of the obstacles newly promoted chiefs may encounter.

The Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, developed at the Air Force Senior NCO Academy at nearby Gunter Annex, becomes the fourth level of professional military education for enlisted Airmen. The course was an idea generated by Air Force

senior leaders more than a year ago.

“This course is not a repeat of any other level of PME,” said Chief Master Sgt. David Andrews, Air Force Senior NCO Academy commandant. “For the first time, we will focus on the strategic level of leadership for enlisted personnel.”

“This course accurately reflects that there is more growth and development to be done once a person makes chief master sergeant,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray.

Everything the chiefs learn, will deal with issues at

the wing-level and above. More than 46 active-duty, Guard and Reserve chiefs will arrive here for a workshop to assist in the final stages of development for the course.

The chiefs, representing every major command, will provide feedback as subject-matter experts.

The workshop is designed to mirror the actual eight-academic-day course, which will include having the chiefs sit in the same classes future students will attend.

“Rather than bring in a bunch of new chiefs (for the first class), we asked the Air Force to send us experienced

chiefs with vastly diverse work histories and career fields to attend the initial run, then assist in perfecting the course with critiques and constructive feedback,” Chief Andrews said.

The chief said one course objective is teaching attendees how to effectively communicate with their audiences and how to deal with the media.

“These are things chiefs used to have to learn through the school of hard knocks. Now, they will be better prepared,” Chief Andrews said.

“Our Airmen today deserve the absolutely best leadership (we) can give them,” Chief Murray said.

“This course will help develop those leaders.”

While countless people provided assistance and input for course development, none were more instrumental than those assigned to the College for Enlisted PME, Chief Andrews said.

The college worked feverishly from October 2003 to June 2004 to complete lesson plans and course objectives, he added.

The first class tentatively is scheduled for February 2005; attendees will come from the November chief’s promotion release. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



# Los Angeles detachment calls Pete 'home away from home'

By Airman Mandy Weightman

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Almost 2,500 people go to work each week in the building known as the "Taj Mahal."

Inside that massive building are the military members, civilians and contractors of Detachment 11. The Detachment is made up of 107 military members, 216 civilians and about 2000 contractors, some of which are geographically separated from the unit. They are a detachment from Los Angeles Air Force Station.

Although the detachment is broken down into many divisions, its overall mission is to sustain and improve space weapons systems in partnership with their customers and suppliers. This includes a wide range of jobs such as sustaining satellite ground terminals to working with the space-based infrared system.

"From a sustaining perspective, we are ensuring the space system operators and launch wings' systems are functioning so they can complete their missions," said 1st Lt. Scott Evens, deputy chief of the readiness support branch for Det. 11.

He describes Det. 11 as a one-stop shop for the reporting of maintenance and upkeep of space systems throughout the command. Members of Det. 11 seem to have a firm sense of mission accomplishment.

"Each area of the detachment has something different to maintain," said Capt. Bill Harris, the deputy division chief of narrow band and wide band programs for Military Satellite Command's sustainment office. "Each system is

so different. They are very complex."

The detachment works hand-in-hand with the Military Satellite Command to ensure completion of their missions.

"MILSATCOM is a very important part of our team. It is fundamental," Captain Harris said.

Although the people of Det. 11 have very different jobs, the camaraderie between sections and with Det. 5, also at Peterson AFB, makes up what they like to call "Team Colorado," explained Captain Harris.

"We feel like a unit in Team Pete. We have a strong tie with our host base and are excited to be a part of such a great team," Captain Harris said. The feel of the detachment is also one of family, he added.

"Whether it is a time of joy or tragedy, the detachment pulls together to celebrate or comfort," said Diane Munk, a logistics management specialist. She handles contract management for the Det. 11 Global Positioning System section.

The detachment leadership enforces career broadening and encourages extra training for their people, Mrs. Munk said.

"They make it fun."

Being part of the team that won the U.S. Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award for a Large Depot in 2003 can be attributed in part to the attitude and dynamics of our work environment said Shiona Ward, Chief of acquisition and sustainment support branch for Det. 11.

"The Det. has such a wonderful work environment, I love to come to work here everyday," Mrs. Munk said.

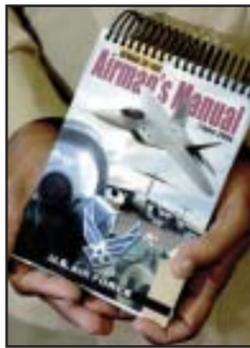


Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

## New Airman's Manual hits the streets

More than 675,000 copies of the new Air Force Manual 10-100, Airman's Manual have been distributed. Every Airman will receive a copy. The new version is weatherproof, tear-resistant and fits in the battle dress uniform's cargo pockets.



## Association recognizes superior performers

The following Team Pete members received awards at the Colorado Air Force Association State Convention held Friday in Denver:

NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Meyers, 21st Civil Engineering Squadron Reserve Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Dawn Wilson, 7th Space Operations Squadron

Reserve NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Louise Rasmussen, 302nd Mission Support Flight

Reserve Senior NCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Jonathan Demboski, 7th SOPS

Civilian of the Year (Category I)

Janet McCollum, Air Force Space Command Headquarters

Civilian of the Year (Category II)

Frank Montone, 21st CES

The following Team Pete members were also recognized during the ceremony:

Captain Grant Hargrove, 721st Security Forces Squadron, Senior Airman Dawn Bogardus, 21st Space Communications Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Michael Zirkle, AFSPC HQ, 2nd Lt. Joan Yarrell, 302nd Mission Support Flight, Senior Airman Glenn Guba, 302nd SFS, Master Sgt. Eric Denke, 302nd SFS, and Roberta McCoy, AFSPC HQ.



## MEDICAL GROUP MAKES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Peterson Clinic will be closed from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Sept. 23 and Oct. 28.

Members of the Health Consumers Advisory Council remind everyone of the 21st Space Wing policy that children, 8 years old or less, may not be left unsupervised on base at any time. This also applies to visits to the 21st Medical Group. The Medical Group has no capabilities to supervise children. Parents must plan appropriately, or reschedule visits, when they are unable to supervise their children.

## ASSOCIATION LOOKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Noncommissioned Officer Association needs volunteers to help sell seatbacks and programs during the U.S. Air Force Academy football season. To view the football schedule, visit [www.airforcesports.com](http://www.airforcesports.com). For more information, call Master Sgt. Bill Gardner at 554-2745 or e-mail [william.gardner@peterson.af.mil](mailto:william.gardner@peterson.af.mil).

## SECURITY FORCES, CSPD CRACKDOWN

During peak traffic hours in the morning, there are vehicles coming off of Platte Avenue onto the Peterson Boulevard ramp to enter the North Gate. Some vehicle operators are making an illegal right-hand turn at the intersection of Space Village Road and Peterson Boulevard. This is a Class A traffic law infraction. At this intersection people are only allowed to go straight or left as the sign signifies. The 21st Security Forces Squadron has teamed up with Colorado Springs Police Department to cite violators. People will be cited for failure to obey traffic control devices. The fine is \$60.



## FITNESS CENTER COLLECTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Peterson Fitness and Sports Center will be collecting school supply donations for the 2004-2005 school year until Tuesday. There are lists of supplies needed at the front desk of the center. For more information, call 556-1515.

## WING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO PLAN NCO WORKSHOP

Volunteers are needed to organize the 21st Space Wing Noncommissioned Officer Workshop planned for Sept. 16 through 17. For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Leticia Johnson at 556-1341 or e-mail [leticia.johnson@peterson.af.mil](mailto:leticia.johnson@peterson.af.mil).

## PIKES PEAK ROAD RUNNERS OFFER MILITARY DISCOUNT

The Pikes Peak Road Runners offer a \$10 discount for any entries for the Discovery Trail Marathon or Half-Marathon for all active-duty military and their dependents in the Pikes Peak region. Entries must be received before Friday. For more information, visit [www.pprun.org](http://www.pprun.org).

## CIVIL ENGINEERS ANNOUNCE POWER OUTAGES

Electrical power outages in select military family housing units are scheduled through Sept. 2. Affected residents will receive direct written notification. For more information, call Roger Williams at 491-4183.

## CHANGE IN AIR WAR COLLEGE

There has been a change in format this year for Air War College. There is no formal seminar as in the past. If those who have signed up for AWC seminar would like to meet to form study groups, the Education Center will have Room 102 available at 3 p.m. Mondays. The study material will be sent directly to the students' home address.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OFFERS CLASSES

The following classes are held in the Family Support Center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Bldg. 350, Room 1016, unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all classes. To register, please call the Family Support Center at 556-6141 or stop by the FSC.

■ **CAREER MARKETING** – From 8 a.m. to noon today, a workshop on conducting an effective job search, writing a competitive resume and interviewing effectively for a job. Offered once a month.

■ **ESTATE PLANNING** – From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today, learn how to estimate estate value and plan for future business, personal and health-care needs. This seminar provides an estate planning sampler, as well as information on disability planning, powers of attorney, living will, long-term care and death taxes. The presenter is attorney Skip Morgan. Offered every other month.

■ **SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR** – From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday. This seminar includes data on developing business, marketing and financial plans for starting a small business. There will be a \$15 fee per person for materials. Conducted and offered every three months by the Service Core of Retired Executives.

■ **READINESS BRIEFING** – From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday. This is a mandatory briefing for those who are being deployed or going on a remote tour. This briefing educates members on the three phases involved with separation and the programs available for families left behind. Spouses are welcome. This briefing is offered once a week.

■ **PRE-SEPARATION BRIEFING** – From 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, this is mandatory for those retiring or separating from the military. People must have this briefing no later than 90 days before separation or retirement. This briefing, offered every other week, covers veterans' benefits and the services of the Transition Assistance Program.





# Good defense sometimes best offense

**By Tech. Sgt. Tracy Reagan-Ogas**  
Peterson Area Defense Counsel Office

The Area Defense Counsel program was started in 1974 to establish complete independence for Air Force defense counsel.

Before the program was established, military lawyers assigned to represent members came from the base legal office. As you might expect this created at least the appearance of a conflict between the lawyer's loyalty to his or her client and loyalty to the boss. With the start of the ADC program, all of that has changed.

Today, the ADC is assigned to the Air Force Judiciary, Washington D.C., and is rated by senior defense attorneys within that chain of command. Due to the separation and independence from "command influence," the ADC can give undivided loyalty to the clients.

The ADC provides free, confidential legal defense services to military

members accused of a crime, under investigation or facing adverse administrative actions. The ADCs represent officer and enlisted members in a variety of actions including courts-martials, administrative discharges, demotions, accident investigations, flying evaluation boards, letters of reprimand, reports of survey and promotion proprietary actions. The separate chain of command ensures ADCs are not pressured by any commander to do anything against the client's best interest.

Everything you say to your ADC is confidential. Only the chaplain and the ADC possess this privilege. This confidentiality applies to the defense paralegals as well. Under the Air Force rules of professional conduct, an ADC's primary obligation and loyalty is to the client. Some people hesitate to speak candidly with the ADC or DP because they feel things they say will be used against them by the government or they are too embarrassed. This is understandable,

but keep in mind everything you say to the ADC and DP is held in strict confidence and cannot be divulged to any authority without your permission. While your ADC and DP wear a military uniform, be assured they work for you.

Part of the ADC role includes advancing the Air Force mission by promoting justice and strengthening confidence in discipline by vigorously providing the best possible legal defense services for military members. The counsels help ensure the integrity of the military justice system is maintained.

If the Office of Special Investigations, security forces, your commander, first sergeant or supervisor informs you that you are suspected of an offense, he or she should read you your rights under Article 31, Uniform Code of Military Justice. Article 31 gives you the right to speak to a lawyer and the right to not say anything against yourself. These are two of your basic rights and no one can fault you for exercising

them. It is your decision whether or not to consult with an attorney before making any verbal or written statement. This right to a lawyer also applies to your decision to grant consent to a search of any of your property. Speaking to the ADC before you make these decisions is the best way to safeguard your legal rights. The ADC will inform you of your various choices and also advise you on which choice will most likely bring a favorable resolution in your case. We always recommend you consult with a lawyer before making any statements or consenting to a search.

Captain Andrew Kalavanos is the ADC here. He, and his staff, also provide defense services for Schriever Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

The ADC office is located in the Mission Support Building on the second floor in Room 2041. Appointments are available daily. For more information, call 556-7611.



## Policy sets up warfighter roles

President Ronald Reagan's administration published comprehensive space policy statements in 1982 and 1988.

The first, pronounced on July 4, 1982 and embodied in National Security Decision Directive 42, reaffirmed the basic tenets of previous U.S. space policy and placed a considerable emphasis on the STS as the primary space launch system for both national security and civil government missions.

In addition, it introduced the basic goal of promoting and expanding the investment and involvement of the private sector in space and space-related activities as a third element of U.S. space operations, complementing the national security and civil sectors.

The single statement of the national policy from this period that could most influence military space activities and that clearly reflects transition to a potential space war-fighting framework is NSDD-85, dated March 25, 1983.

In this document, President Reagan stated as a long-term objective, elimination of the threat of nuclear armed ballistic missiles through the creation of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization and represented a significant step in the evolution of U.S. space policy.

Since 1958, the United States had, for a variety of reasons,

refrained from crossing an imaginary line from space systems designed to operate as force enhancers to establishing a war-fighting capability in space.

The antisatellite initiative of the Carter administration was a narrow response to a specific Soviet threat. The SDI program on the other hand, represented a significant expansion in the DOD's assigned role in the space arena.

The Reagan administration's second comprehensive national space policy in early 1988 incorporated the results of a number of developments that had occurred since 1982. Notably the U.S. commitment in 1984 to build a space station and the space shuttle Challenger accident in 1986.

For the first time, the national space program treated commercial space as an equal of the traditional national security and civil space sectors, and addressed it in some detail.

Importantly, the new policy retreated dramatically from dependence on the STS and injected new life into expendable launch vehicle programs. In the national security sector, this program was the first to address space control and force application at length, further developing the transition to war-fighting capabilities in space.

(Information courtesy of *Space Handbook, Volume One*)

## Personnel Corner

### MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT ANNOUNCES CLOSURE

The 21st Space Wing Military Personnel Flight will be closed Sept. 3 and 6 due to a Family Day and the Labor Day holiday.

### COMMON ACCESS CARD SYSTEMS WILL BE DOWN FOR SYSTEM UPGRADE

The DEERS/RAPIDS System used to make Common Access Cards and dependent ID cards will be down from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 due to system upgrades. Schriever AFB, the U.S. Air Force Academy and Fort Carson's military personnel offices will be open for service if a CAC or ID card is needed during this time. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Kelly Calle at 556-4819.

### IN-STATE TUITION WAIVERS

Active duty military and their family members may be able to pay in-state tuition to the colleges and universities in the area they are stationed in. In-state tuition rates are less expensive than out-of-state tuition rates. For more information, visit the "State Tuition Policies for Active Duty Military and Family Members" link at [http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes\\_Web/library/docs/distribution/2418.pdf](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_Web/library/docs/distribution/2418.pdf).

Military members and their dependents must prove their entitlement each time they register at Colorado public col-

leges and universities. by providing the school with an approved in-state tuition waiver. These waivers must be initiated by the eligible member or dependent at the Education Center. A recent change in the law allows dependents of active duty members who get permanently stationed somewhere else to continue to use the in-state waiver as long as there is not a break in school attendance of more than 12 months. Applying for the in-state waiver is not affected by the active duty member being deployed or TDY at the time. The dependent can pick up the waiver request at the education office.

### NEWCOMERS NEED TO TURN IN RECORDS

All inbound members should turn in their Field Record Group (includes member's personnel, medical, and dental records) to Commander's Support Staff personnel upon checking in to their unit. After check in, CSS personnel will schedule the inbound member for an in-processing appointment with the Military Personnel Flight at either 8 a.m. Monday or 10 a.m. Wednesday.

During the summer months, inbound members can also be scheduled for the Friday MPF in-processing session at 8 a.m. Finance in-processing is held separately. Finance appointments can be scheduled via e-mail: [21CPTS.FMFC@Peterson.AFMIL](mailto:21CPTS.FMFC@Peterson.AFMIL); telephone, DSN 834-4770; commercial, 719-556-4770; or by visiting the Finance Office in Building 350, Room 2009 weekdays, except Wednesdays, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The office is open Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

# 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.*

### VEHICLE VANISHES – Aug. 20

When a lucrative-looking member can't fess up the loot, his Lexus gets loaded onto a tow truck and he loses his lavish ride. Not so lucky.

### DAMAGED VEHICLE – Aug. 20

Distinguished marks make sudden, unexplained appearance while owner is out of town. The parked vehicle was mysteriously assaulted.

The owner couldn't remember the presence of the ghostly damage prior to his report to the 21st Security Forces Squadron personnel.

### CIVIL ARREST – Aug. 20

A Colorado State Trooper called the 21st Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk to report his apprehension of an individual who was taken to a local jail for processing on a charge of Driving Under the Influence.

### VERBAL ALTERCATION – Aug. 20

A verbal altercation involving alcohol and profanity ends with the arrival of Security Forces personnel and the member's first sergeant.

### WHO'S GOT GAS? – Aug. 21

When base residents couldn't find the source of a gassy odor, fire department personnel were called in to trace the origin to the stove burner. The house was ventilated and the response was terminated.

### SHOPLIFTING – Aug. 21

When a looter tried to save \$5 to dress her naked toe by shoplifting a toe ring from the base exchange, she instead walks away with a sum-

mons from the Colorado Springs Police Department. The summons is likely to cost more than the coveted ring.

### UNDERAGE IMBIBERS – Aug. 21

Four partiers committed the biggest party foul of them all: underage drinking. Security Forces' members charged the military members with UCMJ Articles 134 and 92 prior to releasing them to local police for further processing.

### INFLIGHT EMERGENCY – Aug. 22

An F-14 Tomcat wasn't feeling too frisky as its Number Two engine overheated. When teams reported to the scene, the feaux feline fighter had landed on its feet, allowing the flyer to keep its nine lives.

### EAGLE EYES – Aug. 22

A service hole apparently blew its top as Security Forces members discovered a gaping cavity near the west gate. Fire Department personnel responded and promptly "put a lid on it."

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

## End of "101 Critical Days of Summer" approaches

By Staff Sgt. Denise Johnson  
21st SW Public Affairs

Midnight on Labor Day officially marks the end of "101 Critical Days of Summer."

The past three critical-day seasons, 2001 through 2003, have not shown significant trends in accident rates during the summer months.

"Specifically, mishaps continue to occur at the same historic levels with very little changes in numbers," said Capt. Darron Haughn, 21st Space Wing Safety Officer. "However, the contributing factors for these mishaps continue to be speed, darkness, alcohol and/or fatigue – all too common factors that can be controlled by the individual if the principles of Operational Risk Management are applied."

To date there are 67 Air Force fatalities, according to the 101 Critical Days Fatality Summary below.

With nine days left in the critical days of summer, Maj. Daniel

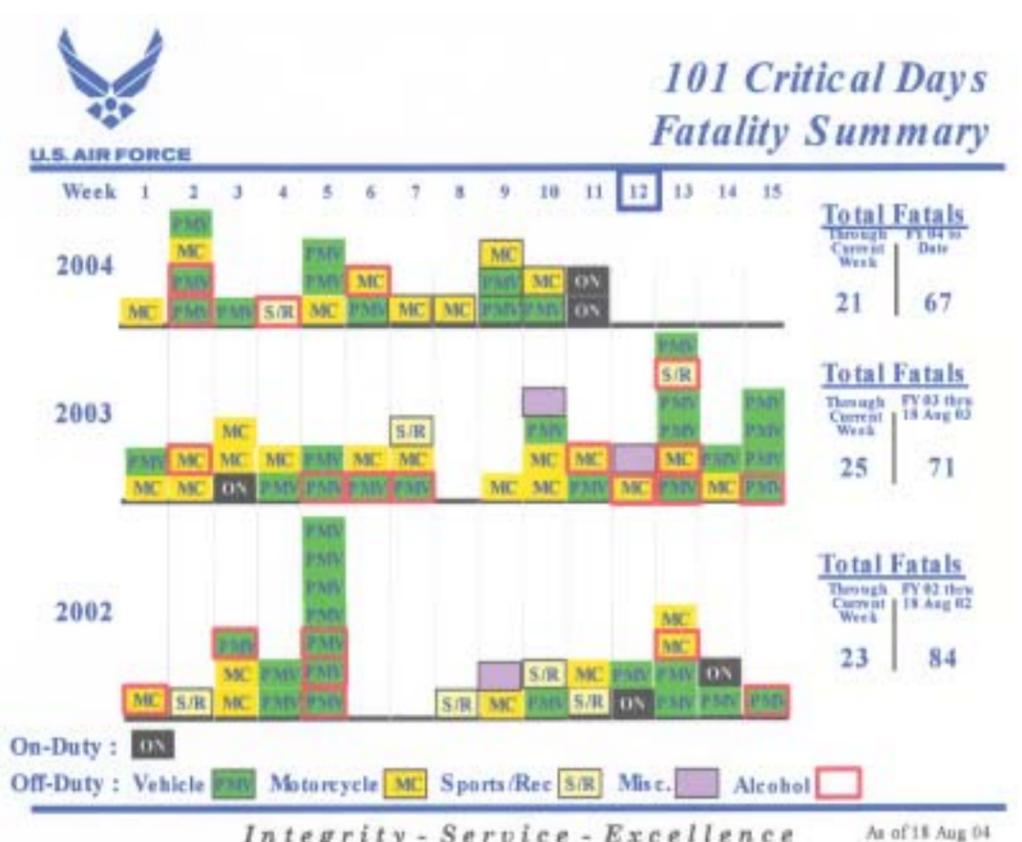
Dant, 21st Space Wing Chief of Safety, continues to stress the importance of risk management. "With Labor Day weekend and post-inspection euphoria upon us, we want to avoid, at all costs, adding to the fatality statistics below ... ORM is key."

Alcohol and vehicles are the most prevalent factors in the fatality summary.

"We are constantly trying to increase awareness and educate members on the need to use ORM during off-duty activities as well as on duty," said Tech. Sgt. Terrell Grant, 21st Space Wing Safety Technician. "It's a proven risk mitigation tool that simply must be used."

Air Force safety officials will begin tallying the 2004 results Sept. 7. Once the statistics are totaled and recorded, the 21st Space Wing personnel will make an official report.

The "2004 101 Critical Days Fatality Summary" will be posted in an upcoming issue of the *Space Observer*.



Courtesy of the 21st Space Wing Safety Office  
This graph depicts a fatality summary based on a comparison between the Air Force, as a whole, and Peterson Air Force Base. The graph covers 2002, 2003, and 2004, to date.

**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).



Photo courtesy of the 21st Space Wing Safety Office

### Sergeant Hazard strikes again – don't do this!

Sergeant Hazard is committing two safety and two general infractions in this photo. What are they? The first five people to call the Safety Office at 556-6781, with the correct answers will receive a prize in identifying the infractions.



Photo by Robb Lingley

Firefighters from the 21st Space Wing Civil Engineer Squadron clean up foam after the completion of repairing the gas leak Aug. 19 near the West Gate of Peterson. The foam was used to suppress flammable vapors while Colorado Springs Utilities employees work on a live gas line.

## Quick response, teamwork solves problem

By Senior Airman  
Shawn Clements  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Various teams from on and off base responded to a natural gas leak at approximately 10:30 a.m. Aug. 19 near the base's West Gate.

The teams included Colorado Springs fire crews and utilities members along with numerous Team Pete members.

A quick response time and teamwork proved to be vital factors in the successful outcome of the situation.

The teams located the source and repaired the leak by 4 p.m. There were no injuries or damage to facilities or equipment and there was no threat to the immediate public.

Six buildings were evacuated as a

precautionary measure, including the Civil Engineer Complex and a transportation building.

"As I went from the various operational levels, from strategic down to tactical, the synchronization was as good as I've seen," said Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, 21st Space Wing commander.

The West Gate was closed for approximately five hours until the teams from Peterson and Colorado Springs were able to contain the leak.

"We're pleased that a potential danger was handled so quickly and professionally," said Col. Jay G. Santee, 21st SW vice commander. "Our Team Pete family is safe. That's due in large part to the teamwork between the men and women here and our extended family outside the gates."



Photo by Robb Lingley

Two firefighters from the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron assist in the clean up of the Aqueous Film Forming Foam. Their 3-inch supply line issues a 100 psi stream of water at 70 gallons per minute when used for cleanup.



Photo by 1st Lt. Paradon Silpasornprasit

Staff Sgt. Jerry Wilson ensures a connector works properly before it's installation.



Photo by 1st Lt. Paradon Silpasornprasit

Staff Sgt. Kevin Fears and Staff Sgt. James Santos, both of the 21st Space Wing Civil Engineer Squadron utility shop, position a generator near the damaged pipe site. Initially, the gas leak led base officials to evacuate six buildings and close the West Gate for several hours.

# Exercise tests deployment skills

By Airman Amanda Weightman  
21st SW Public Affairs

An Expeditionary Readiness Inspection will be taking place here today through Sept. 2.

All military personnel who are eligible to deploy are candidates for this exercise, with the exception of those who may be deploying within 30 days or those who have returned less than 30 days prior to this exercise.

Those who participate in the exercise

will be performing a practice deployment to an undisclosed location. Members should expect extended duty hours and possible recalls. The exercise will be held in the Pete East area and in Building 123, on the flight line.

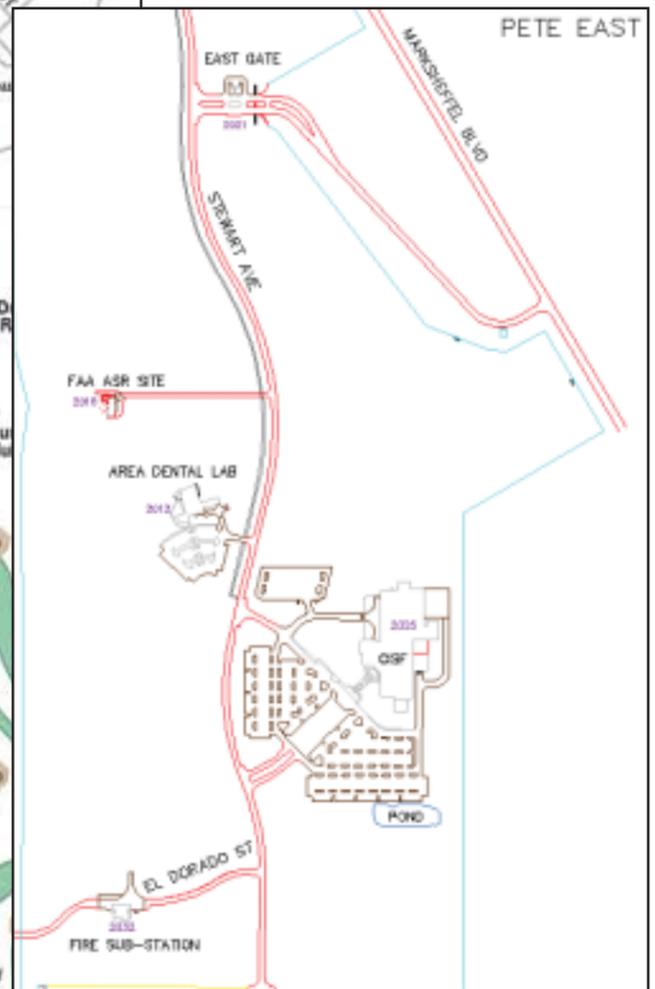
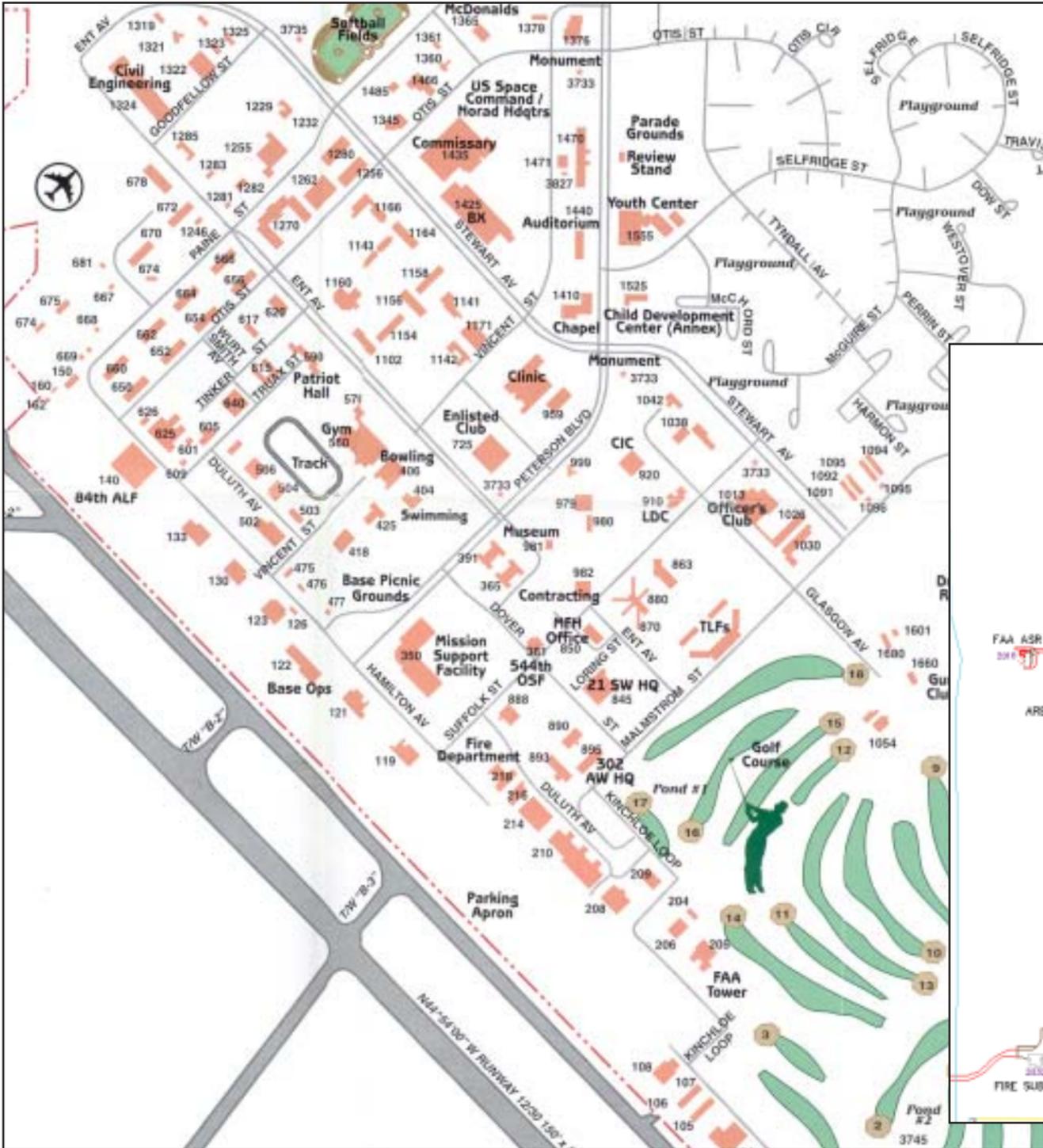
All members eligible to deploy during this time should make arrangements for childcare and household responsibilities in the event they are selected to simulate a no-notice deployment. Team Pete and their families should be aware waiting times in customer service areas of the base will be effected.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

**ABOVE:** Col. Gary Shugart, 21st Space Wing inspector general, briefs Capt. Chago Meza, 21st SW plans and programs, and Vic Duckarmenn, 21st SW exercise director, about the expeditionary readiness inspection locations. The IG and wing plans office work together to help bring the exercise together.

**LEFT and BELOW:** Maps of the exercise area. The exercise will take place in the Pete East area and in Bldg. 123 on the flight line. The inspection is scheduled to begin today and will last until Sept. 2.



Members of the 21st Space Wing unload a bus during a deployment exercise. Members participated in previous deployment exercises to help prepare them for the expeditionary readiness inspection.

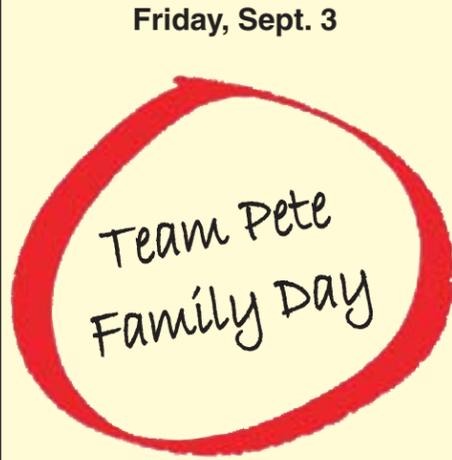
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## Team Pete's noteworthy events

To submit information for the base calendar, email [space.observer@peterson.af.mil](mailto:space.observer@peterson.af.mil)

**Tuesday, Aug. 31**  
 ■ Deadline to register for Silver Spruce Golf Course tournament. The tournament will be held over the Labor Day weekend. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 556-7414.



**Monday, Sept. 6**  
 ■ Labor Day – Holiday

**Monday, Sept. 13**  
 ■ Football Frenzy at the Enlisted Club will kick off the football season. The Enlisted Club will be open for Monday Night Football throughout the season. This will also be the start of the club's membership drive.

**Tuesday, Sept. 14**  
 ■ POW/MIA Day – The 21st Space Wing will host a POW/MIA ceremony at 4 p.m. at the flag poles in front of building 845.



**Saturday, Sept. 18**  
 ■ Air Force Birthday



**Saturday Sept. 25**  
 ■ Base-wide historic aviation day with various activities, static displays of vintage aircraft and vendors selling food and souvenirs.  
 ■ "Sunset in the Park" – celebrate the 50th anniversary of the space and missiles at Airpark Museum.

## 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.\*

**Friday**  
 ■ Social Hour, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club.  
 ■ Last day for flag football registration at the Youth Center.

**Saturday**  
 ■ Thunder Alley, 8:30 p.m. at the Bowling Center.\*

**Sunday**  
 ■ Use the Automotive Skills Center.\*

**Monday**  
 ■ Water aerobics class, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.\*

**Tuesday**  
 ■ Family Swim Night, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.\*  
 ■ The Fitness Center is holding a "2004 Stay Fit Triathlon" For more information, call Special Programs at 556-1515.

**Wednesday**  
 ■ Eat the weekly ethnic meal at the Aragon Dining Facility.\*  
 ■ Take an aerobics class at 12:05 or 5:10 p.m.\*  
 \* denotes ATWIND event

**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

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## Officer's Club – a happenin' spot

The Peterson Officers' Club has a lot of events going on during the end of August and into September. The biggest of these events is their membership drive, which begins Sept. 1 and concludes Nov. 30. A kick-off party for anyone interested in joining either club will be held at the Enlisted Club Sept. 13. There will be sign-up tables at the party. Anyone who becomes a member during the drive will receive free membership until January and numerous coupons to use at the club.

There will also be prizes given away at the party. Prizes include Denver Broncos tickets and a chance to win both Super Bowl and Pro-Bowl tickets.

*"I eat lunch there all of the time, the lunches are quick, affordable and healthy."*

– Maj. Daniel Dant  
 Chief of safety for the 21st Space Wing

In addition to the party, the Officers' Club will host a luncheon for the membership drive Sept. 22.

Other than the membership drive, the club offers a variety of events almost

any day of the week.

Tuesdays – Two-for-one steak dinners from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays – "All you care to eat" lunch buffets from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Fridays – A live performance by a disc jockey in the bar area.

There are daily lunch and dinner specials, too.

"I eat lunch there all of the time," said Maj. Daniel Dant, the chief of safety for the 21st Space Wing. "The lunches are quick, affordable and healthy."

For more information, call the Officers' Club at 556-4181.

(Information courtesy of 21st Services Squadron)

## ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><b>Lunch:</b>                      Orange-Spiced Chops                      Liver with Onions                      Tempura Fried Fish                      Rissolle Potatoes                      Steamed Rice                      Broccoli                      Peas and Carrots                      Wax Beans</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b>                      Mr. Z's Baked Chicken                      Pepper Steak                      Pasta Primavera                      Mashed Potatoes                      Steamed Rice                      Mixed Vegetables                      Fried Okra                      Green Beans</p>	<p><b>Lunch:</b>                      Baked Fish                      Beef and Corn Pie                      Roast Turkey                      Franconia Potatoes                      Pea and Pepper Rice                      Corn on the Cob                      Stewed Tomatoes                      Mustard Greens</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b>                      Simmered Corn Beef                      Pineapple Chicken                      Yankee Pot Roast                      Crispy Potato Wedges                      Simmered Potatoes                      Fried Cabbage                      Carrots                      Black-eye Peas</p>	<p><b>Brunch:</b>                      Savory Baked Chicken                      Swedish Meatballs                      Creole Shrimp                      Baked Potatoes                      Steamed Rice                      Cream Corn                      Asparagus                      Steamed Squash</p>	<p><b>Brunch:</b>                      Grilled Mustard Chicken Breast                      Oven Fried Fish                      Cantonese Spare-ribs                      Baked Macaroni and Cheese                      Egg Noodles                      Sweet Potatoes                      Broccoli Combination                      Peas</p>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
<p><b>Lunch:</b>                      Pot Roast                      Baked Stuff Fish                      Roast Loin of Pork                      Oven Brownd Potatoes                      Steamed Rice                      Cauliflower                      Combination                      Succotash                      Green beans with Mushrooms</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b>                      Chili Mac                      Beef Cannelloni                      Southern fried Chicken                      Cottage Fried Potatoes                      Mashed Potatoes                      Steamed Squash                      Glazed Carrots                      Peas</p>	<p><b>Lunch:</b>                      Veal Parmesan                      Teriyaki Chicken                      Salmon Cakes                      Filipino Rice                      Parsley Buttered Potatoes                      Fried Cabbage                      Succotash                      Mixed Vegetables</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b>                      Country Captain Chicken                      Meat Loaf                      Turkey a La King                      Steamed Rice                      Mashed Potatoes                      Harvard Beets                      Mustard Greens                      Okra with Tomato Gumbo</p>	<p><b>Lunch:</b>                      Barbecue Ham Steak                      Turkey and Noodles                      Beef Ball Stroganoff                      Egg Noodles                      Mashed Potatoes                      Calico Corn                      Spinach                      Lima Beans</p> <p><b>Dinner:</b>                      Lemon-Herb Chicken                      Barbecue Spare-ribs                      Stuffed Pork Chops                      Scalloped Potatoes                      Steamed Rice                      Cauliflower                      Combination                      Mexican Corn                      Tempura Vegetables</p>	



# Sports Shorts

## FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Fitness Center is hosting a flag football tournament Sept. 7 through 9.

Contact the Fitness Center Special Programs division at 556-4462 for more information or to sign up.

## WALL CLIMBING

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

## OPEN CLIMBING

Open climbing for certified climbers is 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 11 a.m. Mondays, 5:10 p.m. Tuesdays, 6 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.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE GAMES OFFERS DISCOUNTS

The Colorado Springs Sports Corporation is offering a 50 percent discount on entry fees to military dependents under age 18 and seniors 55 and older for the 2004 Rocky Mountain State Games now through Tuesday. There will also be a registration discount for any military dependents or seniors who wish to compete in the games.

For more information, call Brian Schell at 634-7333, ext. 1007 or visit [www.TheSportsCorp.org](http://www.TheSportsCorp.org).



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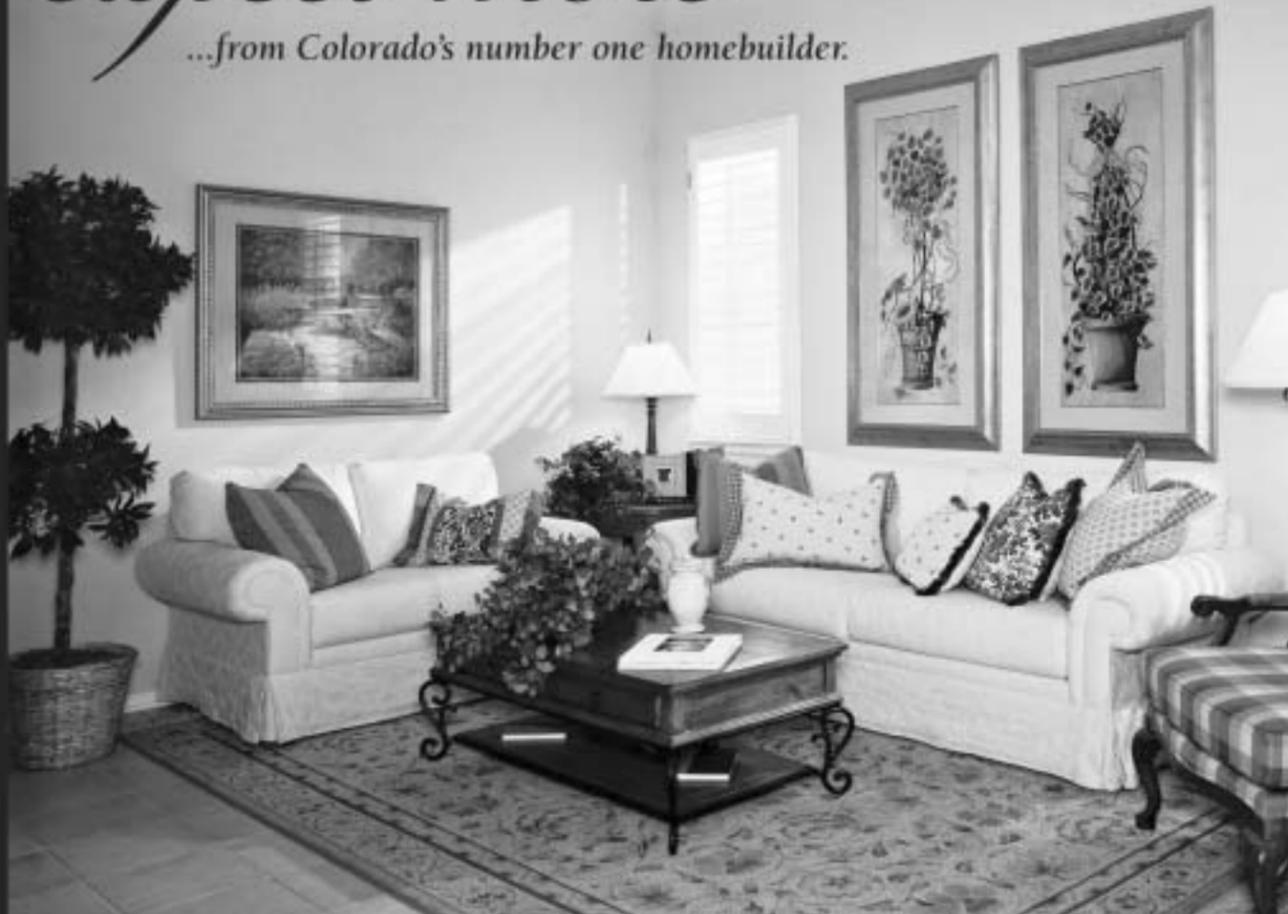
## Games decide division champs

Derrick Gomes from the 21st Comptroller Squadron demonstrates his skills at bat after the Recreational Division Championship game Tuesday at the Softball Complex here. CPTS defeated Air Force Space Command's Communication Squadron 16-4. The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron robbed the 21st Space Communications Squadron of the Competitive Division Championship with a score of 19-4.

## DOD-wide softball happenings

Peterson Air Force Base will host a number of women's softball events throughout the month of September. Starting the list of events is an Air Force-wide women's softball training camp and tryout for the Air Force Women's Softball Team, Aug. 25-Sept. 12. Those selected for the team will represent the Air Force in the Armed Forces Tournament Sept. 15-17 at the Patriot Park Softball Complex on Peterson. After the Armed Services tournament, a final All-Star Armed Forces Team will be chosen to represent all four services in the National Competition, Sept. 23-26, in San Antonio, Texas. For more information, call Sharon Duell at 556-8069.

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# Career assistance advisor makes difference

**By Senior Airman Shawn Clements**  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Some Air Force members are happy with their careers and others aren't as satisfied. For those who aren't, there is someone who can help.

He's Senior Master Sgt. Dan Voss, 21st Space Wing career assistance advisor.

"My job is to provide people information to help them make the right career choice,"

Sergeant Voss said. "I also try to help them develop a plan to meet their career goals. I think the most rewarding thing you can do is invest in other peoples lives."

However, Sergeant Voss's job isn't easy.

"To do this job you have to want to help people. You have to be understanding, compassionate and you must be a good people person," he said. "I've always been attached to the type of job where you are

able to help people." His past duties have included tours as a first sergeant.

Even though his job is a difficult one, he's helped a lot of Airmen here during his tenure.

"I needed some direction in how to make my career better," said Senior Airman Shelley Lafko, 21st Services Squadron fitness staff member. "My leadership helped guide me to Sergeant Voss."

Airman Lafko seemed to

have come to a fork in the road.

"I went into his office with a one-way attitude about the way my career was going, but after talking with Sergeant Voss I had a whole new outlook on life," Airman Lafko said. "He showed me many different options that I could do to help better my career. He helped me believe that I could make something out of myself."

Airman Lafko said she believes Sergeant Voss is definitely the best person for this

job, considering his dedication.

Though this job can be time-consuming, Sergeant Voss enjoys his work.

"One of the things that I like about this job is that my day isn't driven by another person's schedule. I'm able to make my own schedule," Sergeant Voss said. "This way, if a person wants to sit down and talk with me at length about a problem, I'm able to do so."

"I have the best job in the Air Force," he said.

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**Peak Performer**



**Name:** Staff Sgt. Lucinda J. Emerson  
**Organization:** 21<sup>st</sup> Medical Support Squadron  
**Duty Title:** Pharmacy Journeyman  
**Time in service:** Six years  
**Hometown:** Tehachapi, Calif.  
**Off-duty interests, hobbies:** Hiking, camping, softball  
**Why did you join the Air Force?** Education benefits, training opportunities; benefits and stability for the family.  
**What inspires you to do what you do?** Learned from father's Air Force experience in taking any job and doing your best. Any job worth doing is worth doing well.  
**Favorite part of job:** Providing patient satisfaction and providing for the well being of the community.  
**What goals have you set?** Passing Pharmacy Technician Certification Course; completing last class for degree in Healthcare Administration; raising my children to be responsible citizens.

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