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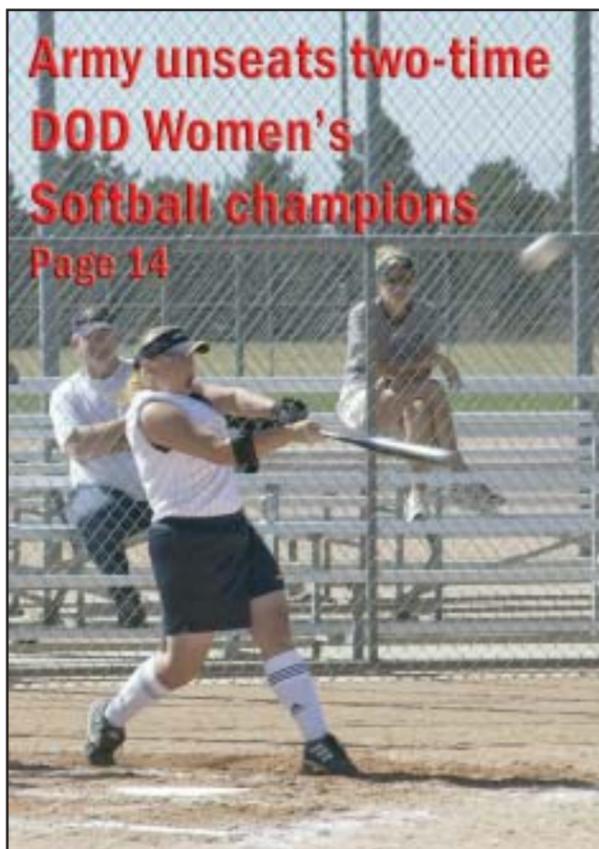


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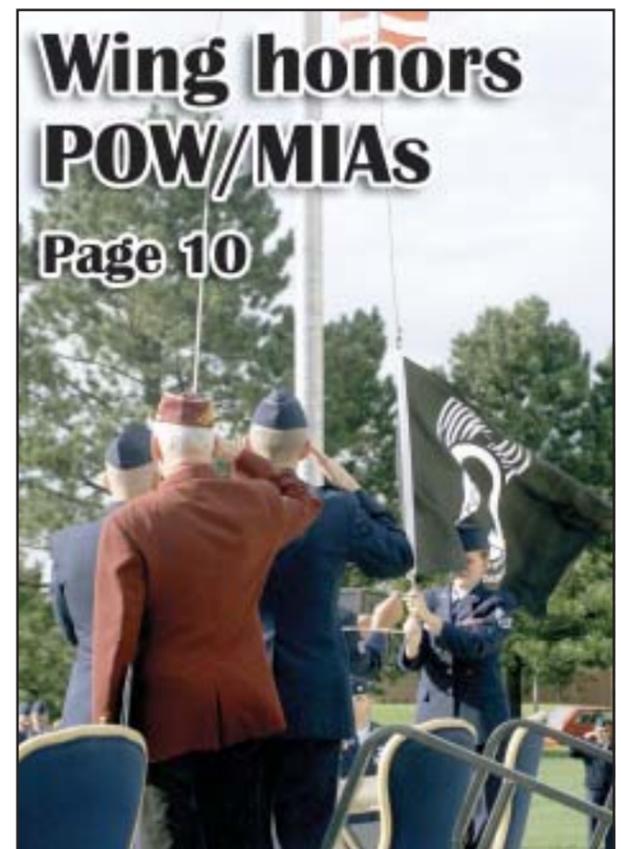


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Space professional development – a look ahead

By Gen. Lance W. Lord
Air Force Space Command commander

Earlier this summer, Under Secretary of the Air Force Peter Teets and I outlined for Congress our strategy to develop the professional Space Cadre the nation needs to acquire and operate future Space systems. We in Air Force Space Command have an aggressive career field tracking plan, matched with an educational plan, to move Spacepower forward. Here's an overview of our first steps, so you can understand how the plan will affect you.

First, we've identified every individual who qualifies as a "Space Professional," and then created a method to record and track your unique experience that differentiates you from all other Air Force specialties. Congress initially focused solely on the officer corps, but we quickly expanded the definition to include a Total Force ensemble of enlisted members and government civilians, as well as Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members.

Believe it or not, resolving who is and who is not included has been one of our toughest challenges in moving forward. At this point, we define "Space Professionals" as all specialties that research, design, develop, acquire, operate, sustain or enhance our Space systems. This includes a broad range of career fields such as communications, intelligence, maintenance, logistics, weather and a host of others. A subset of this overall group is referred to as the "Space Cadre" and it consists of the scientists, engineers, program managers and operators who are principally responsible for taking our military Space systems from "concept to employment." This smaller group is the focus of our initial efforts, and so far we have identified nearly 10,000

members. As we continue to evolve, individuals from other career fields may well migrate into the Cadre.

Along with identifying who is in the Space Cadre, we developed a process to track people's unique Space expertise, based on nine distinct categories of "Space Experience Codes" or SPECs. The nine SPECs are: Satellite Systems, Nuclear Systems (for example ICBMs); Spacelift; Missile Warning; Space Control; Intelligence /Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Kinetic Effects, (for example Ballistic Missile Defense); Space Warfare Command and Control, (for example AOCs), and a general category for all other Space experience. To date, we have evaluated more than 7,000 active duty officer and enlisted records and documented each individual's history of Space Experience Codes along with their current level of certification.

The next step involved development of a Space education continuum, specifically targeted to members of the Space Cadre and offered at recurring points throughout their careers. Similar to PME, these courses are designed to prepare people for progressively higher levels of responsibility. By periodically bringing members of the Cadre together, the Space education continuum will also serve to help nurture a stronger sense of "Space culture," which was a particular area of concern for the 2001 Space Commission. So far, the catalogue of courses includes Space 100, Space 200, Space 300 and Advanced Space Training for our various operational Space systems.

To tie all of these education and training initiatives together, we are moving forward on the standup of a "National Security Space Institute." Our goal is that the institute will transform our existing Space Operations School into a DoD-wide center of excellence for Space academic training. In addition, we will

partner with a consortium of civilian institutions of higher learning to leverage their existing academic expertise in the areas necessary to develop our Space Professional Community.

We already have Space Professionals integrated and bringing Space capability to the Combatant Commanders and Combat Air Forces. Approximately 135 individuals have graduated from the Space Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis AFB, Nev. They are integrated throughout the Air Force providing Space expertise in and out of theater. We have roughly 500 additional people that have experience with Space integration work in theater and we have sent more than 1,600 personnel from AFSPC to the theater for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

That's where we've been and where we are going. We've taken the initiative to step forward smartly, but nothing happens overnight. We've still got a great deal of work ahead of us and it will take everyone's help. Space systems and capabilities are integral to our success in fighting today's battles and the linchpin to all planning and execution for success in tomorrow's battles. Your contribution to the fight, and that of every member of the Space Professional Development community, is vital to our success.

Many of you have already seen the Space Professional Development presentation given by our Headquarters Space Professional team. For those of you who haven't, they'll be coming to your base soon. Please take advantage of this opportunity to ask the tough questions and get on board the Space Professional Development train.

For details on SPECs and school courses, see: https://halfway.peterson.af.mil/spacepro/Documents/STW%20Website_files/frame.htm.



Ten ways to dazzle IG during inspection

By Brig. Gen. Mark R. Zamzow
Air Mobility Command Inspector General

What you might consider your worst nightmare is coming to fruition: The Inspector General is coming to your unit to conduct a periodic readiness or compliance inspection.

Apprehension, worry, fear, anxiety and tension float through the wing like a thick fog as questions arise in everyone's minds: What will the IG team expect of me? What will they focus on?

Are those black-hat inspectors going to intentionally intimidate me? Is there time to prepare? What happens if we bust? What do we need to do to succeed? Help!

Wait a second. Rewind the tape and let's take another look at this. Is the IG's visit really a nightmare or is it a blessing in disguise?

Everyone in today's Air Force needs to realize a routine inspection of any type is in fact, a good thing. It's an opportunity, a chance to:

- conduct a detailed scrub of regulatory compliance and mission capabilities.
 - identify and fix discrepancies, problems and weaknesses.
 - improve morale and teamwork by rallying your folks behind a common near-term objective.
 - demonstrate your unit's ability to support war fighters.
 - validate just how good your unit really is.
- In the months prior to the inspection, units should educate

their folks on the rationale and positive reasons behind it. They should motivate them to dig deep into their processes and procedures, train extensively to ensure everyone is up to standards and fix all the things that are weak or broken.

As part of this process, it is critical that a thorough self-inspection (beyond routinely scheduled self-inspections) be conducted. This will sometimes illuminate more flaws in the armor than you ever imagined.

Here's another good prepara-

ration technique for leadership: Use the IG as an excuse to buckle down and get folks re-energized about ensuring compliance and improving readiness. The "aura" of the IG coming to town can be used to your advantage.

You should never forget all the answers about how things should be done are already out there in the form of laws, Air Force Instructions, policy letters, operating instructions, technical orders, self-inspection checklists

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A Moment in Time



- **Sept. 21, 1964** – The XB-70 experimental aircraft made its first flight.
- **Sept. 21, 1964** – At Palmdale, Calif., the B-70A Valkyrie flies for the first time.
- **Sept. 21, 1982** – A B-52 Stratofortress of the 416th Bombardment Wing, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., conducts the first air-launched cruise missile operational test.
- **Sept. 22, 1995** – After 53 years of operation, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., closes.



Anti-terrorism – no joking matter

By Airman Mandy Weightman

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Finally, it's Friday at 4:30 p.m. People rush out of the building to start their weekends. Most of them don't notice the unattended or suspicious-looking gym bag sitting next to the sidewalk. Those who do notice either pretend not to notice or quickly forget they saw it. Other things they fail to

realize are: the bag was placed there by the Anti-Terrorism Office as an exercise and everyone walking past it is being photographed by an anti-terrorism officer.

Imagine if this wasn't an exercise. Imagine the bag was full of explosive materials and was placed by a terrorist to hurt people leaving their work. And everyone just walked by. The terrorist would succeed, and we cannot

let that happen.

"We do exercises so that people aren't complacent and make sure to take proper measures during real world situation," said Tech. Sgt. Lee Cochran, 21st Space Wing anti-terrorism officer. "Our overall objective is to get the level of awareness out to the general base populous. We need everyone on base to keep their eyes and ears open."

One venue to learn about what things to be aware of is through the Eagle Eyes Program, which is done through the Office of Special Investigation.

The AT members work closely with OSI investigators. Together, the two are called the Peterson Combined Anti-terrorism Team.

"Eagle Eyes is great because even though our law enforcement does a great job, they can't be everywhere. We need Eagle Eyes reports," Sergeant Cochran said. "An important thing for people to know is that the Eagle Eyes Program isn't just on base, it's downtown too. We want as many

people as possible to be aware of their surroundings."

People need to remain vigilant. Things to be aware of include packages, e-mails, people "hanging around" places such as base gates and anything a terrorist could utilize, Sergeant Cochran added.

If there is something suspicious, report it to security forces so the proper actions can be taken. If it isn't reported, in a best-case scenario, the person who walks by the suspicious item, gets their picture taken and the Wing Commander sees it. Worst-case scenario – the suspicious item is a bomb, it goes off and people are killed or injured.

"When we conduct exercises, everyone is vulnerable during our exercises – every building, every organization," said Vincent Dougan, 21st SW AT officer. "When a terrorist strikes, there's no telling where or when they'll strike."

To report suspicious activities or items, call the security forces desk at 556-4000.

The following individuals have been recognized for taking the proper actions during Anti-Terrorism exercises:

◆ Senior Airman David Corbin, 21st Space Communications Squadron

◆ Staff Sgt. Darren Carnegie, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron

◆ Technical Sgt. Daniel Lent, 21st Security Forces Squadron

◆ Tina Knopp, Shoppette Manager

Chevallard's Flight Log, first entry:

Club gives retiree chance to live 4-year-old's dream

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles written by retired Lt. Col. P.C. "Chevy" Chevallard, former commander/conductor of The U.S. Air Force Academy Band here. The colonel is a student pilot in pursuit of his private pilot's license through the Peterson Air Force Base Aero Club.

By P.C. "Chevy" Chevallard

Space Observer stringer

Like many would-be pilots, I've dreamed of learning to fly since I was a child. It was 1954 and I was 4 years old. The new refrigerator my parents had purchased had arrived at our door in a large cardboard box. My dad, a former World War II Army Air Corps pilot/navigator, knew little boys and big cardboard boxes were made for each other.

Overnight, he crafted the box into a cardboard airplane, complete with wings, a tail, a prop and a

cockpit. He dug into his old footlocker to find his AAC headphones and an olive-drab flight cap. A pail became my pilot's seat; a rope, the seat belt; a plunger, the stick; a flour sieve, the microphone; wind-up clocks, electric switches; and a radio dial, the control panel. I supplied the vroom of the engine, and my imagination charted my flight paths and the dogfights I fought.

Until now, that's all that learning to fly has been – the dream of an old 4 year old. What's different? Well, I'm a little older. And now that I'm retired, I have some time on my hands to pursue some of my dreams.

Enter the base Aero Club. Here, private pilots gather and dreams of flying come true. Active duty, reserve/guard and retired military, Department of Defense civilian employees and their families, DOD and NASA contractors, Civil Air Patrol members and others can join for a nominal fee.

I'm determined to earn my wings. Peterson's Aero Club is more than equipped to help me do so. Those spiffy orange, black and white aircraft parked next to Hanger 133 on Peterson Air Force Base's flight line aren't the Front Range's frontline fighters. They're T-41C's, the backbone of the Peterson's Aero Club training fleet.

Also known as the "Rocky Mountain U.S. Air Force Flight Training Center," it offers a Federal Aviation Administration Part 141-certified flight and ground school. The center's curriculum includes ratings for private pilot, instrument, commercial pilot, flight instructor, multi-engine, airline transport pilot, rotor-to-fixed wing transition and mountain flying.

As I enter my retiree years reliving my youth, the Aero Club is still going strong as its members celebrate the club's 50th Anniversary Saturday. For more information on the anniversary, see a list of events on Page 12.

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and more. Consequently, inspections really are open-book tests right up to when the inspector arrives on the installation.

Additionally, don't forget that up to the time the team arrives, they act as a white-hat organization. In case you've forgotten, the IG is comprised of top-tier functional experts who want to help you prepare for and pass your inspection with flying colors.

The IG team also wants people to know their expectations about the inspections, so there shouldn't be any surprises. Therefore, folks should still always feel free to call the IG office, find the functional inspector who has the expertise on the subject you'd like to discuss and ask those questions.

The IG wants you to succeed because it helps our Air Force sustain the highest readiness levels possible – that's the business we're all in. It also makes our job easier when units are on top of their game.

Now, with that inspection preparation "time warp" complete, it is finally time for the real thing: the chance to show those IG toads just how outstanding you really are.

All those preparations were certainly successful and all you need to do now is establish the right mindset.

Here's what I call "The 10 Best Ways for Inspection Participants to Dazzle the IG:"

Competence – Know your job inside and out and perform those duties to the best of your ability despite the inspection scenario or the inspector's glare.

Responsiveness – Show that "sense of urgency" during every waking moment; lean forward in those starting blocks and then realistically propel yourself into every activity.

Attitude – Display a positive attitude, realize enthusiasm is contagious and problems always arise in the "fog of war" and can be overcome.

Readiness – Ensure your personal

bags are packed; mobility requirements are current; the paperwork/ processes in your work section are in perfect order; and you have trained effectively so you can perform your duties infallibly in peace and war.

Aggressiveness – React authoritatively with Ability to Survive and Operate skills in attack scenarios and with Self-Aid and Buddy Care in medical emergencies. Effectively continue mission-essential activities in all Force Protection levels. Treat inspections and exercises as the real thing.

Appearance – Look people in the eye, pop that sharp salute and exceed those dress and appearance standards.

Safety – Approach duties with a safety-oriented mindset, know when not to press forward on actions because they're unsafe and apply operational risk management techniques to accomplish the mission.

Leadership – Lead by words and actions, formally and informally by motivating, communicating and setting

a positive example.

Followership – Follow taskings and orders quickly and effectively, employ teambuilding skills and always keep the objective in sight.

Pride – Visibly exude pride in yourself, your unit, your mission and your base: Looking good, feeling good, being a winner.

If you scan through those 10 items again, you'll notice those attributes should not only shine through for the IG's visit, but are integral to the fabric of our Air Force culture as well. Clearly, they apply far beyond inspections as the foundation of "normal ops" every day of the year.

So, when your unit is under the IG's inspection microscope, channel apprehension and fear toward productivity, positive thinking and action.

And when the inspection starts, grab that inspector by the collar and say, "Follow me – I want to show off exactly why my unit and our people are outstanding."



Barriers provide protection, impromptu driving test

While they may seem like an overgrown obstacle from a driver education course, the barriers strategically placed at all Peterson Air Force Base gates are keystones in force protection measures. The barriers, placed at specific distances, are a two-prong tactic providing both force protection and safety from base intruders with the potential to use explosives or other weapons.

The barriers, made of a concrete that's tougher than most vehicle exteriors, can be difficult for some drivers to negotiate large vehicles through, especially if the driver isn't paying close attention. The North and East Gate barriers will not allow a vehicle longer than 40 feet to pass through. This includes Recreational Vehicles

and towed trailers.

In recent months, several of these oversized vehicles have attempted to navigate these barriers unsuccessfully. The result: deadlocked traffic, a call to civil engineers to move the barriers and rescue the vehicle and plenty of embarrassment. In one case, a government vehicle sustained significant damage. All large, special purpose, or towed vehicles – to include recreational vehicles – must use the West Gate to enter and exit the base.

The barriers are in place for the base's protection and safety. Drivers should take it slow, pay attention and use the West Gate if at the helm of a monster truck.

(Courtesy of the 21st Space Wing Safety Office)



Caring through Sharing committee holds kick-off luncheon

By Master Sgt. Craig Dockum
21st Space Wing Services Squadron

The local Caring through Sharing committee is holding a luncheon 11:30 a.m. today at the Base Chapel. The lunch is being held to kick off their busiest season. The committee is a three-base program incorporating first sergeants from Peterson and Schriever Air Force bases, as well as Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. The first

sergeants solicit help in collecting and giving donations to active-duty members and their families when other means of help are unavailable. The committee nominates individuals who are in need of assistance during the Thanksgiving and winter holiday season. The first sergeants collected food and gifts for 165 needy families last year. For more information, or to donate, call Master Sgt. Craig Dockum at 556-7955.



Airman 1st Class Peterson

Name: Airman 1st Class Taylor William Peterson

Unit: 721st Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title: Entry Controller/Response Force Member

Time in service: One year, one month

Hometown: Blair, Okla.

Off-duty interests, hobbies: I enjoy hip-hop music, playing basketball and water sports.

Why did you join the Air Force? I wanted to experience life outside of my hometown and I wanted to travel.

What inspires you to do what you do? I want to be the best at whatever I'm doing. Training and working with others provides me the opportunity for personal growth.

What's your favorite part of your job? The personal interaction with the military and civilian community; providing customer service and helping people.

What goals have you set? To get promoted to senior airman below-the-zone and complete a degree in criminal justice.



Space Wing to hold Commander's Call

The 21st Space Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, is hosting a Commander's Call 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Base Auditorium.

Attendance is mandatory for selected 21st Space Wing representatives. The uniform of the day is Battle Dress Uniform.



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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will accept applications from enlisted corps in the Colorado military community to assist with college education costs. Enlisted members do not have to be a member of AFCEA to apply. Applicants must be enlisted military members in the Rocky Mountain Chapter area, which includes Buckley AFB, Peterson AFB, U.S. Air Force Academy, Fort Carson and Schriever AFB. They must also have education expenses greater than the total of tuition assistance, G.I. Bill benefits and all other grants or scholarships received for their classes taken. There are degree specifications and other requirements. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mark A. Everson at 554-8570.

MEDICAL GROUP MAKES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Peterson Clinic will close from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today 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.

UNIVERSITY OFFERS PROGRAM ON HOMELAND SECURITY

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, has developed a set of graduate courses leading to a Certificate in Homeland Security. The courses were developed in consultation with officials as U.S. Northern Command. After completion of the four courses, students will receive a Graduate Certificate from UCCS. For more information, e-mail Warren Lotzbire at wlotzbir@uccs.edu.

HONOR GUARD SEEKS APPLICANTS

The Peterson Honor Guard has an opening and is looking for a new member. The applicant must be a technical or master sergeant. To apply, members must submit a resume or biography, a copy of their past five enlisted performance reports and an 8-inch by 10-inch official photograph. For more information, call 556-8029.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

The Rocky Mountain Field Institute is hosting the 12th Annual Volunteer Weekend at Shelf Road in celebration of National Public Lands Day, and as part of the Access Fund's Adopt-A-Crag program. For more information or to register, call 719-471-7736.

PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS ACCELERATED COURSES

The Pikes Peak Community College Military Programs Weekend classes have taken on a new format. The classes are now required to meet for the full 45 contact hours in the classroom. They will meet Fridays and Saturdays, for four consecutive weekends with the exception of weekends containing holidays. For more information, call Ron Shields in the Base Education Center at 574-1169.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OFFERS CLASSES

The following classes are held in the Family Support Center classroom here at 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. This workshop is offered once a month.

■ **ESTATE PLANNING** – From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 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. This seminar is offered every other month.

■ **READINESS BRIEFING** – From 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. 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 a mandatory briefing for people who are retiring or separating from the military. Anyone retiring or separating 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. Times for this briefing are subject to change. Call for verification.

ASSOCIATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Noncommissioned Officer Association needs volunteers to sell seatbacks and programs during the U.S. Air Force Academy football season. To view the football schedule, visit www.airforcesports.com. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bill Gardner at 554-2745 or e-mail william.gardner@peterson.af.mil. Check future Space Observers for tailgate party information and coverage.

AIR WAR COLLEGE CHANGES FORMAT

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 has made Room 102 available at 3 p.m. Mondays. The study material will be sent directly to the students' home address.



Personnel Corner

OFFICIALS HOLD NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM MEETING

Michael L. Dominguez, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, will hold a Town Hall Meeting about the National Security Personnel System at 1 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Peterson Air Force Base auditorium. This meeting is open to all interested parties serviced by the Peterson Civilian Personnel Flight and any other Department of Defense personnel stationed at Peterson Air Force Base. The NSPS is a new civilian personnel system signed into law as part of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. The DOD and the Office of Personnel Management are developing details of the program, which will include pay banding, pay-for-performance and expedited hiring. The NSPS is also expected to change the DOD labor-relations program and establish new appeal and grievance processes.

COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY PAY STOPS

Commander Responsibility Pay will be stopped Sept. 30 for everyone who receives it. Once it is stopped it will be reinstated Oct. 1 for those who meet the criteria. This will comply with the statutory requirement of "unusual responsibility and critical nature" of a

commander's job for which CRP is intended. As of Oct. 1, CRP will be for commanders who are likely to deploy in harm's way; have responsibilities that are unique or critical in nature (e.g., missiles, UAVs, space); or are deployed for at least one year.

SUPERINTENDENT POSITION OPENS AT FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Peterson Family Support Center staff are currently looking for a master through chief master sergeant with excellent administrative and computer skills required for a one-deep position in the FSC. Must have extensive budget management expertise, background in human relations and the ability to communicate with peers and senior leadership.

All applicants must submit copies of their last three Enlisted Performance Reports, a military resume and a letter of recommendation from their squadron commander by Oct. 15. For more information, call Kathy Latzke, FSC director at 556-7816.

CENTER ACCEPTING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS

People can turn in applications for the Physician Assistant Training Program for classes beginning in January, April and August 2006. Applications must be turned in between Oct. 1, 2004 and Jan.

28, 2005. Applicant must be on active duty in grade E-3 through E-8 with a minimum of two years and maximum of 14 years active military service as of Aug. 30, 2005. For more information, call Ray Whitehurst, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, at (210) 565-2775 or DSN 665-2775.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OFFERS COMPUTER BASED TRAINING

Computer Based Training is offered through the Family Support Center from funding provided by Air Force Aid and the Combined Federal Campaign. There are over 224 software and graphic on-line, tutorial programs to choose from. Certificates are provided upon course completion. For more information, call the FSC at 556-6141.

OFFICIALS OPEN SEASON ON FGLI

The Office of Personnel Management announced the first Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance open season in five years to be held through Sept. 30. To celebrate the 50th anniversary, federal employees will be able to enroll, increase or change current coverage without having a physical or answering questions about their health.

The newly elected coverage will be effective Sept. 4, 2005. Information materials, including an interactive worksheet to estimate life insurance needs and a calculator to price various combinations of coverage, will be on the OPM's special Open Season website at http://www.fegli_2004.opm.gov/. For

more information, call Bonnie Kemp at 556-7073 or email Bonnie.Kemp@Peterson.af.mil.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OFFERS VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

The Peterson Air Force Base Family Support Center is soliciting volunteers from Team Pete to help families of deployed members and the surrounding communities for numerous volunteer projects. For more information on these, and the below listed events, call Nona Daugherty at 556-7832/6141 or email nona.daugherty@peterson.af.mil

Greccio Housing: This is an indoor and outdoor project that will benefit families in our community. Fifty volunteers are needed Oct. 23 for indoor/outdoor painting, general yard work, rake and bag leaves, trim shrubs and trees, clean gutters, grounds clean-up and landscaping. The location is 1808 West Colorado Ave. in Colorado Springs. Volunteers need to bring their own lunch. Sign up by Sept. 30.

Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center: This is an outdoor maintenance project Oct. 23 for 25 volunteers. This project will help people with disabilities in the local community. The project involves landscaping, painting, general cleaning and putting up fences at 13620 Halleluiah Trail in Elbert.

The minimum age to volunteer for this project is 18. Volunteers should be able to lift up to 25 pounds. Volunteers should bring work gloves, wear work boots and work clothing. Lunch will be provided. Sign up by Sept. 30.

Blotter

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

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

MEDICAL RESPONSE NO. 1 – SEPT. 7

A worker at the Military Personnel Flight reported someone in her office appeared to be under medical duress. Security forces responded and found the person was trembling and slightly disoriented. Fire department and American Medical Response teams arrived at the scene to evaluate the patient who refused treatment and transport.

GATE RUNNER – SEPT. 8

The North Gate entry controller reported a driver of a silver Volvo ran the gate. Base cops quickly located the vehicle near Building 3. When the driver was found, he explained that he thought he'd been directed to the next security forces member at the entry control point. Security forces reminded the inadvertent gate-crasher of proper installation entry procedures.

PAINT BALLS PLASTER PICKUP – SEPT. 8

The owner of a pickup reported his vehicle was the unwilling victim of a paint-ball attack in base housing. Security forces responded and confirmed the pickup had indeed taken nonfatal hits to its front passenger door, window and hood. The truck was given a timeout for the hits, while the incident was recorded as a mischievous act perpetrated upon private property.

LOOK OUT FOR LOST

LICENSE PLATES – SEPT. 8

A Colorado Springs Police Department patrol pulled the driver of a Nissan Sentra over for failure to display a license plate on the rear of the vehicle. The surprised driver stated the plate had been there earlier. The CSPD officer advised the driver to replace the missing plate with the front plate and report the theft to security forces.

BARRIER 1, MISGUIDED AUTO 0 – SEPT. 8

As she entered the east gate, a driver cut the corner too close as her car passed through the barriers. The addled auto operator reported she was focused

on the augmentee identification checkers. The injured auto endured a large scrape and a gash on the rear driver side door. The barrier was undamaged and resumed its duty as normal.

MEDICAL RESPONSE NO. 2 – SEPT. 8

Security forces members responded to a request for medical assistance at Building 350 where a person was having heart attack-like symptoms. Shortly thereafter, the fire department and American Medical Response were contacted and responded to the scene. The patient's condition was assessed and he was transported to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

BUICK BONKS BARRIER – SEPT. 8

The driver of a Buick was leaving the base through the North Gate when his car veered into the barrier. As it turned out, the bashed up Buick's right front tire was, well, flat. To add insult to the Buick's scraping injury, the driver was cited for careless driving. The unflinching barrier carried on with its duties.

DOGS RESPOND TO HIGH SCHOOL HOAX – SEPT. 10

Colorado Springs Police Department requested base support when a bomb threat was received at a local high school. Security forces dispatched all canine units to the scene where they swept the area. No explosives were found.

UNDER 21, UNDER THE INFLUENCE – SEPT. 10

Security forces patrol stopped a person on suspicion of underage drinking and administered a breathalyzer test. The illegal imbiber blew a 0.195 and received a "Go To Jail, Do Not Pass Go" ride to the security forces holding area. In a subsequent test, the intoxicated individual blew another chart topper – a 0.179. After being read his Article 31 rights for suspicion of underage drinking, the illegal imbiber declined legal counsel and was later released into the custody of his supervisor.

WILD STORY ALERTS

EAGLE EYES – SEPT. 10

An active-duty member engaged in conversation with an elderly man at the Base Exchange. The dialogue took a strange direction when the senior citizen claimed the government was poisoning his medications. He also reported he had a history of mental illness. Concerned, the active-duty member reported the incident to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and filed an Eagle Eyes report.

COP DETECTS SWEET

SMELL OF ... - SEPT. 10

Base security forces are acutely aware of the fact when local watering holes lock up their taps and put away their liquor. Not long after, it's an unfortunate reality some folks will try to drive through the gate with the smell of alcohol permeating the interior of their vehicle. One such driver rolled up at the west gate and the smell of alcohol crawled out of the car to the alert

sentry's nostrils. He detained the driver and passenger. A field sobriety check proved the driver's innocence and pointed a finger at his pickled passenger. The driver was released on his own recognizance.

SHOPPER REPORTS

SCRATCHED SATURN – SEPT. 10

The Saturn Ion was minding its own business as the owner wrapped up her grocery shopping at the commissary. When the vehicle's owner returned to her car, she discovered three scratches on the center of the rear bumper. A fresh coat of paint accompanied these newfound nicks, too. Security forces responded to the scene, confirmed the damage and took photos to accompany the report.

EAGLE EYED COPS DETER

OVER-EAGER PATROLLER – SEPT. 11

When an employee of a local security company attempted to enter the base, security forces stopped him cold. Soon, the unauthorized agent was face-to-face with an OSI agent. A short trip to the SFS building and a few questions showed that the off-beat Barney Fife was bewildered about base policies and posed no threat. An Eagle Eyes report was filed and the stymied security patrolman was released.

DENT DANCERS DODGE

DISCOVERY – SEPT. 11

A good neighbor heard an unusual noise outside. When he looked out the window, he saw two unidentified males running away from his neighbor's vehicle. He then notified the owner and reported the situation to security forces. The vehicle sustained damage to the hood with a nice shoe imprint left by the culprit. Security forces responded and searched the area for the malevolent miscreants and canvassed the neighborhood. The dastardly denters departed undiscovered – for now.

MEDICAL RESPONSE NO. 3 – SEPT. 11

An active-duty member complaining of dehydration requested assistance from security forces. Fire department and AMR arrived on scene. The patient was transported to Evans Army Medical Center for further treatment.

COP DENIES DRUNK'S DRIVE – SEPT. 11

A not-so-smart driver rolled up to the West Gate after a night on the town. The astute entry controller detected the smell of alcohol on the driver's breath when she presented her ID card to him. Not so fast, there missy. The cop directed the driver to pull over and exit the vehicle whereupon he initiated a field sobriety check. The tipsy driver failed. She wasn't any more successful at the breathalyzer – she blew a 0.117 – than she was at gaining entry to the base. Later, she was read her Article 31 rights for driving under the influence. The drunken driver was released from detention into the custody of her first sergeant.

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

Sergeant Hazard strikes again – don't do this!

Sergeant Hazard is committing five safety violations 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 for their skill in identifying the infractions.

Regardless of the project being undertaken, or the location, the 21st Space Wing Safety office staff urges all Team Pete members to practice Operational Risk Management by:

- identifying the hazards,
- assessing the risk,
- analyzing control measures,
- making control decisions,
- implementing,
- supervising and reviewing.



Photo by Luis Harris

Denver Broncos show appreciation for military



By Airman 1st Class Chris Smith
460th Space Wing Public Affairs

Thousands of fans were on their feet, cheering louder than many would think possible for the spectacle being seen on the field. And the football game hadn't even begun.

A military appreciation night was held Sunday evening at Mile High Stadium at Invesco Field to honor servicemembers from all branches of America's armed forces.

As anxious fans awaited the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs National

Football League game, several military members from Buckley Air Force Base, Peterson Air Force Base and Fort Carson stood at parade rest on the sideline of the football field. A drumbeat began and the servicemembers marched to center field.

"Tonight's game is dedicated to our U.S. armed forces," the announcer began to say as the rest of his words were drowned out as the crowd gave America's service members a standing ovation. The service members stood in formation on the field as "God Bless America" was sung.

The crowd let loose another standing ovation when the Star Spangled Banner was sung and the thundering roar from a formation of four F-16 Fighting Falcons from the Colorado Air National Guard out of Buckley AFB boomed overhead, marking the finale of the pre-game events.

Recognizing troops in the armed forces is important to the Broncos, according to Lynn Rosen, manager of special events and gameday entertainment for the team.

"The Denver Broncos organization is proud to honor the men and women of our U.S. military forces who sacrifice so much for this great country," said Ms. Rosen. "Their sacrifices to protect the freedoms we hold dear do not go unnoticed and are truly appreciated. The Denver Broncos would like to thank the men and women who have served and continue to serve, in Operation Iraqi Freedom and to all of our armed forces who serve throughout the world."

Following the pre-game tribute, the servicemembers were invited to stay and watch the Broncos beat the Chiefs by a score of 34-24.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

ABOVE: Military members salute during the pre-game ceremony Sunday evening. Local Colorado military members formed in respective lines according to their home station. The active-duty and Reserve service members stood in formation as the National Football League's Broncos held a military appreciation night.

RIGHT: Balloons are dropped on the military attendees and the fans at the Mile High Stadium at Invesco Field prior to the Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs' kick-off.

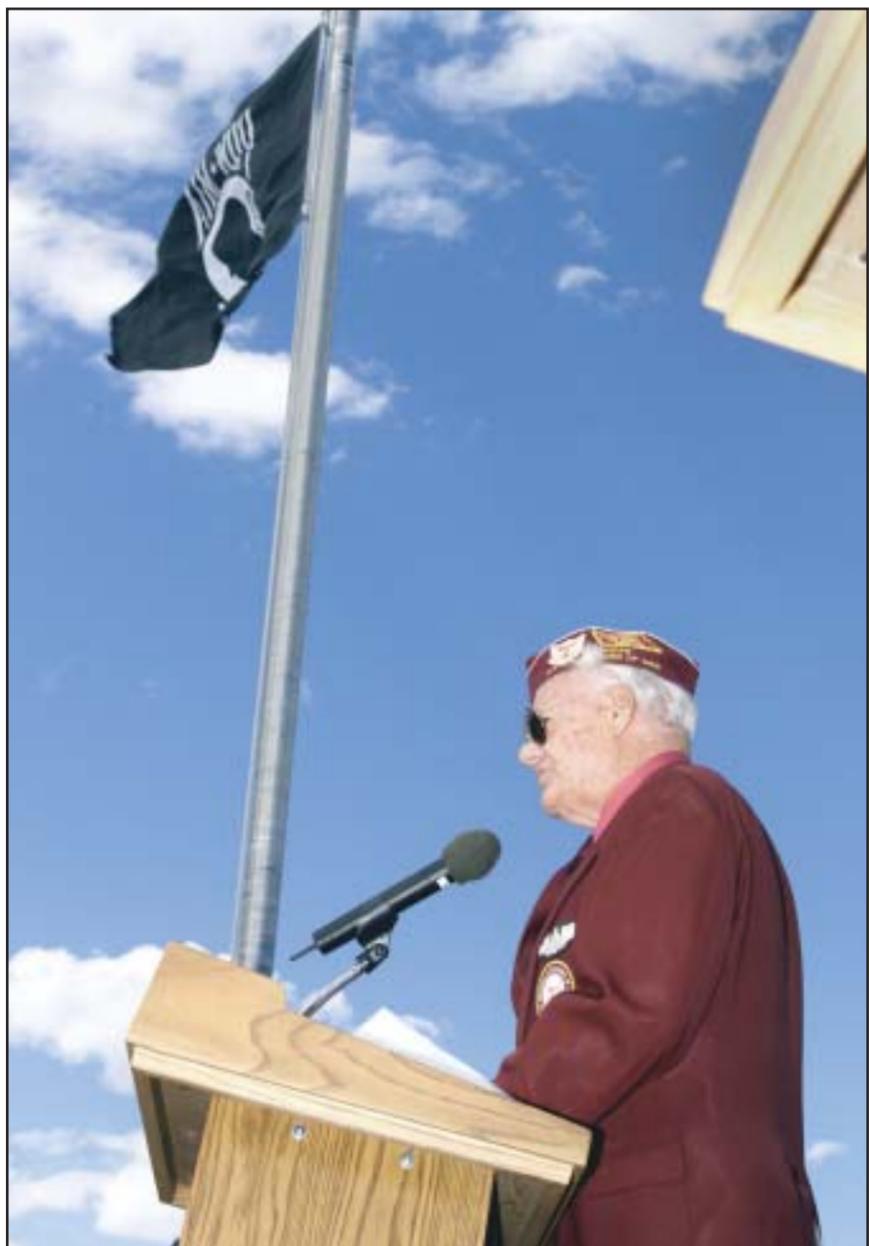
Team Pete salutes POW/MIAs

BELOW: Left to right, the crowd watches closely as Staff Sgt. Michelle Turbyfill, 21st Comptroller Squadron, and Tech. Sgts. Daniel Lucero and John Haneline, Peterson NCO Academy, prepare to fold the U.S. Flag during the retreat ceremony at the Team Pete POW/MIA Observance Ceremony.

RIGHT: Guest speaker at the Wing POW/MIA Day ceremony, M.G. "Gil" Turley, speaks of his personal experiences from being a prisoner of war. The ex-POW was one of many civilians, retirees and military members who were present for the ceremony Sept. 14.



Photos by Dennis Plummer



Peterson Air, Space Museum to host Sunset in the Park II

The 21st Space Wing and the Peterson Air and Space Museum Foundation will once again sponsor Sunset in the Park Saturday in the award-winning Historic District Airpark behind Bldg. 981, 150 East Ent Ave.

This 2.5-hour program will include free food and bottled water. Active duty and retired military, civilian DOD employees and family members are welcome.

Attendees' arrival time should allow for parking and a tour of the facilities. Food and drink will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by The U.S. Air Force Academy Band, which will provide musical entertainment until 7 p.m.

There is a lot of history within this 8.3-acre Historic District. For instance, the Broadmoor offered free aircraft parking within

their hanger for their fly-in guests, whereas the City Hangar charged \$2 per night. Will Rogers and Wiley Post were known to use the Broadmoor facility on occasion. Jimmy Donahue, once the airport manager, set records at this facility. Discover which ones by visiting the site. Everyone is invited to come and see new dioramas and other displays depicting the early days of aviation within the museum building. Witness the progress on aircraft that are in advanced stages of restoration. Also, as part of the program, guests can go on board the last known fully equipped EC-121T "Connie." Museum and Air Force videos will be played.

For comfort, attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. For more information, call 556-4915 or 556-8314.

(Courtesy of the Peterson Air and Space Museum)

Cook up winning recipe for fire safety

By Master Sgt. Steve Kjonaas

Peterson AFB Fire Department

The kitchen is a center of activity in most homes. It's the place where we make our meals, pay our bills, finish our homework or chat over a cup of coffee. But it can also be the most dangerous place in the home.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking fires are the number one cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Nearly all cooking fires occur in the kitchen. In 1999, cooking equipment was involved in 96,200 reported home structure fires, 331 deaths and 4,183 injuries nationwide. Property damage totaled \$511 million dollars. Here at Peterson AFB, cooking fires are uncommon. However, throughout the DOD they have over \$1 million in structural damage and several injuries.

Most people prepare a meal as a matter of routine and don't concern themselves with what could go wrong. It's not that they don't care; they just don't think about it. But cooking fires start small and simple with items that don't seem that dangerous. Most fires involving cooking equipment start when food, grease, wall coverings, paper plates, cabinets, curtains or other common household items ignite.

If a fire does occur, the damage may not be confined to a couple of pots and pans or the stovetop. I've been on the scene when a fire has spread not only beyond the stove but well beyond the kitchen. Lives are turned upside down when this much damage occurs, even if there are no serious injuries or deaths. It's painful to see families suffer such losses.

The part I don't understand is that the majority of cooking fires don't have to happen. Cooking safety begins with the cook. Here are some safety tips to follow:

- Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended and keep a close eye on food cooking inside of the oven. The leading cause of home cooking fires is cooking food left unattended. It only takes seconds for a fire to start and spread.

- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of rags, towels, low-hanging drapes or curtains and other items that can burn.

- Dress appropriately for cooking. Wear rolled-up or tight-fitting sleeves instead of loose clothing that can catch fire.

- Enforce a child-free safety zone of at least 3-feet around the stove. Pets should not be allowed underfoot and should be kept off cooking surfaces.

- Always keep a potholder, oven mitt and lid handy. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, put on an

oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire and never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, as it can spray or shoot burning grease around the kitchen, actually spreading the fire.

- Don't cook if you're drowsy or under the influence of alcohol or medication that makes you drowsy.

I'm also concerned about cooking fires outside of the kitchen. Turkey fryers, used to cook deep-fried turkey, have become more popular in recent years, especially for holiday gatherings. The cooking method involves lowering the turkey into three gallons or more of oil, heated by propane or electricity.

Turkey fryers can easily tip over, spilling hot, scalding oil on anyone or anything nearby, leading to fires, burns and other injuries. Some units don't have an automatic thermostat control, so the oil may heat until it catches fire. Turkey fryers pose so many dangers that the NFPA urges consumers not to use them.

If a fire occurs at your home, we at the Peterson AFB Fire Department will be there of course. But I'm sure you'd prefer us not to have to come at all. Cooking fires are preventable. That's why it's so important to use care when using any cooking appliance.



Photo by Capt. Tim Bos

Space Controllers serve breakfast to those in need

Eighteen members of the 76th Space Control Squadron and their family members prepared and served nutritious meals to more than 215 local homeless and/or fixed/low-income single men and women, families with children, elderly and teens at the Marian House Soup Kitchen in Colorado Springs Sept. 5.

The team served a meal consisting of 80 dozen eggs, six 50-pound bags of potatoes, 50 pounds of bacon, four 20-pound containers of bread pudding, 50 pounds of fruit salad, juice and coffee.

The Marian House Soup Kitchen serves approximately 600 meals a day to 450 clients, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Each day approximately 25 people volunteer to serve meals at the kitchen. For more information, visit the Marian House web site at www.catholiccharitiescospg.org/mhsk/aboutus.htm.

Clockwise from left: Technical Sgt. Tim Mahan, Staff Sgt. Whitney Huggins, Staff Sgt. Steve Schobinger, Capt. Andy Kohn and Tech. Sgt. David Verberg help prepare part of a meal that served more than 215 people in need in the Colorado Springs area.



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Peterson Aero Club celebrates 50th year

By Marge Arnold
21st Services Squadron



Courtesy photo

Peterson Aero Club's first aircraft, a Cessna 140. Roger Reaves, one of the first members of the Aero Club at Pete Field, donated this 1951 photograph and his original ADC Aero Club membership card to the Peterson Aero Club.

An aero club is all about flying safely, so you can get up and fly again the next day and the next.

An aero club gives people wings with which to soar, dive, spin, glide and flip for joy. Untethered to the earth, man and machine become one.

When World War II was over, passions about planes and flying remained high. Along with the increased attention to flying, came tragedies.

General Curtis LeMay lost several of his friends, veterans who had survived the war, to accidents involving civilian aircraft. One day in 1948 he found some of his officers rebuilding a small aircraft in a hangar at Offutt AFB, Neb. He realized there needed to be a new avenue for pilots, a safe avenue. So LeMay started the first aero club in 1951. In that same year, three more sprang up, one of which was the Aero Club at Pete Field.

Roger Sharp, former Director of Operations and Safety for the Air Force's aero clubs, said, "Peterson's Flight Training Center is one of the very best aero clubs in the Air Force and one of the best flight training schools in the world." Sharp, now regional manager for Cessna, visited between 600 and 700 different flight schools in his tour as Director of Operations and Safety for Aero Clubs. He said the Rocky Mountain U.S. Air Force Flight Training Center, also known as the Peterson Aero Club, is "one of the larger aero clubs and historically has one of the best safety records, 10 times better than any civilian flight school."

In December 2000, pilots Capt. Stacie Schorzman, Capt. Frank Schorzman and Capt. Jennifer Wrynn, all graduates of the U.S. Air Force

Academy's class of 1992, needed to become certified flight instructors for the UV-18 (the equivalent of a DeHavilland-6) and multi-engine instructors. Captain Wrynn was assigned to search both military and civilian flight training schools across the country to find the best first-time instructor training to fit their UV-18 needs. She found one. "The Rocky Mountain U.S.A.F. Flight Training Center was the only school with a really good reputation and a CFI program," Wrynn said.

Flying safety was the top priority of aero clubs. It still is. According to Saundra Stienmier, manager of the Rocky Mountain Flight Training Center, "Flying is safe and easy, thanks to our highly trained, competent instructors. It's supervised and completely regulated by the Federal Aviation Authority."

The manager soloed for the first time when in the second grade after

tacking "wings" to her wooden wagon, padding it with pillows and "flying" down a ski jump in Boulder, Colo. The wheels broke off, but that didn't discourage Stienmier, who said despite gender resistance and a health problem, she went on to solo in a real airplane in 1972. "Everything looks so much better from the air," she said. "When you're piloting a plane, you are completely in control of your life. It's a powerful feeling, like nothing else in the world."

The veteran pilot said she likes to share her passion so she created youth summer aviation camps. Last year's beginners came back this year for in-depth flight training. She also briefs newcomers at a general information briefing, to encourage participation and interest in flight training and aero club membership.

Miss Stienmier said she is really looking forward to sharing the club and the history at the Peterson Aero Club's 50th anniversary celebration Saturday.

Peterson's Aero Club celebrates 50 years

Saturday,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Hangar 133 on
the Flight Line

- ➔ 10 a.m. - Opening Ceremony on the flight line with a fly-by featuring Richard Janitell.
- ➔ Presentation of colors by the Scottish American Military Society accompanied by the Pikes Peak Pipe and Drum Band.
- ➔ March Air Force Base T-34 Flying Team demonstration featuring the Missing Man Formation in honor of our lost and fallen troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- ➔ Static display on the flight line featuring vintage aircraft, C-130 and more.
- ➔ Other 50th Anniversary events include:
 - Vintage Car Show
 - A 35-Mile Bike Ride starts at 10 a.m. Register at Fitness Center.
 - 5/10K Family Fun Run/Walk begins 11 a.m. Register at the Peterson Sports and Fitness Center.
 - Nine-Hole Golf Tournament begins at 1 p.m. Register at Silver Spruce Golf Course, 556-7414.
 - Enjoy food and beverages.

THIS WEEK

Friday

■ Social Hour at the Enlisted Club - 556-4194 Friday evenings from 5-7 p.m. Includes a club-card cash-prize drawing, music by a DJ, food and drink specials.

Saturday

■ Bike Ride - 556-1515 The Fitness Center is hosting a 35-mile bike ride beginning at 10 a.m.

Sunday

■ Beginning Rock Climbing - 556-4867 Every weekend Outdoor Recreation takes day climbing trips to local sites, such as Garden of the Gods. Minimum age is 12.

Monday

■ Monday Night Football - 556-4194 The Enlisted Club offers free food, drink specials, prizes and a night of football on a big-screen TV. Doors open at 4 p.m. Open to everyone.

Tuesday

■ Auto Skills - 556-4481 Save \$2 on tire rotations in September, Tuesday through Thursday, by appointment only.

Wednesday

■ Bowling Center - 556-4607 Ladies bowl three games for the price of two today.

Sept. 30

Aero Club - 556-4310 Save \$5/hr on all aircraft today.



ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch: Mr. Z's Baked Chicken Pepper Steak Pasta Primavera Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Mixed Vegetables Fried Okra Green Beans</p> <p>Dinner: Orange-spiced Chops Liver with Onions Tempura Fried Fish Rissole Potatoes Steamed Rice Broccoli Peas and Carrots Wax Beans</p>	<p>Lunch: Simmered Corn Beef Pineapple Chicken Yankee Pot Roast Crispy Potato Wedges Simmered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Carrots Black Eye Peas</p> <p>Dinner: Baked Fish Beef and Corn Pie Roast Turkey Potatoes Pea and Pepper Rice Corn on the Cob Stewed Tomatoes Mustard Greens</p>	<p>Brunch: Baked Fish Hungarian Goulash Barbecue Chicken Parsley Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Vegetable Stir Fry Boston Baked Beans Cream Corn</p>	<p>Brunch: Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli Turkey Nuggets Loin Strip Steak Mushroom and Onion Sauce Baked Potatoes Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob Green Beans</p>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
<p>Lunch: Chili Mac Beef Cannelloni Southern fried Chicken Cottage Fried Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Steamed Squash Glazed Carrots</p> <p>Dinner: Pot Roast Baked Stuff Fish Roast Loin of Pork Oven Browned Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Combination Succotash</p>	<p>Lunch: Country Captain Chicken Meat Loaf Turkey a La King Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Mustard Greens Okra with Tomato Gumbo</p> <p>Dinner: Veal Parmesan Teriyaki Chicken Salmon Cakes Filipino Rice Parsley Buttered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Succotash Mixed Vegetables</p>	<p>Lunch: Egg Drop Soup Beef Sukiyaki Szechwan Chicken Sweet and Sour Pork Pork Fried Rice Fried Cabbage Glazed Carrots Vegetable Stir Fry</p> <p>Dinner: Barbecue Ham Steak Turkey and Noodles Beef Ball Stroganoff Boiled Egg Noodles Mashed Potatoes Calico Corn Spinach Lima Beans</p>	

The Aragon Dining Facility announces new hours of operation, effective Oct. 1 Weekdays/Weekends: Breakfast 5:30 - 8 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Dinner 4 - 6 p.m.; Holidays/Down days: Brunch 6 - 10 a.m.; Supper 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; All carry out times 7 - 9 p.m.



Army takes interservice softball championship

Two-time trophy winner, Air Force, takes second

By **Walt Johnson**
Space Observer Sports Writer

Army brought out its heavy lumber to defeat Air Force 35-23 to win the women's interservice softball championship Friday at the base softball complex.

Army's victory ended the two-year victory run for the Air Force and capped off a tournament that was filled with suspense and intrigue throughout. From the beginning of the tournament it didn't seem like this would not be the annual Army-Air Force affair with the Navy and Marines hanging around

just for kicks.

The tournament began with both the Air Force (vs. the Marines) and Army (vs. Navy) winning in impressive fashion. It looked like the same old song after the first two games, but the third game actually shaped up the rest of the tournament.

The accepted wisdom was whomever won two of the three games between the Army and Air Force would win the title, but that logic considered the Army and Air Force would not lose to the Marines or Navy teams.

Air Force met a Navy team that lost to Army in its first game and no one thought the results of this game would be any thing less than an Air Force victory. No one that is but the Navy which fought Air Force for six innings and found themselves trailing by only three runs going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Navy pushed across four runs in the bottom of the seventh to stun the Air Force and change the dynamic of the tournament.

Army would go on to defeat the Marines in its next game and then prepared to meet the Air Force with the chance to put a strangle hold on the tournament championship. Air Force

was determined to make up for its loss to Navy and put itself back in contention for the championship. The Air Force defeated the Army 22-9 to even up the series again with both teams sporting 2-1 records.

The next day saw both the Air Force and Army winning its early games against the Marines and Navy and this time Air Force came into the game with the chance to take a commanding lead in the tournament with a victory over Army.

Army was determined to get itself back into the title chase and jumped all over Air Force, winning the game 22-4. The victory gave the Army a 5-1 record and Air Force a 4-2 record heading into the last day of the tournament Friday.

Again, it looked like the Army had a huge advantage and would win the tournament by posting wins over the Navy and the Marines. Navy would once again prove to be the spoiler of any plan that would not have Army and Air Force settling the issue on the field. Navy beat Army 13-9 to give the Army its second loss of the tournament. Army went on to defeat the Marines and Air Force won its two games with Navy and the Marines to set up the winner-take-all title game with the Army.

Both teams were determined to win the gold medal. In the end it was Army that won the title.



Photo by Robb Lingley

Championship winning Army team member "high-fives" her coach as she rounds third base after hitting a homerun in the first inning of the Friday afternoon game against the Marines.