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**Peterson firefighters, Team Pete
celebrate Fire Prevention Week
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**Team Pete's
Operational Readiness
Inspection under way.
Expect delays
at gates and
base services,
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Prior inspector takes command

Colonel Cynthia Snyder, 21st Mission Support Group Commander, hands the 21st Security Forces Squadron guide on to Maj. Paul D. Cairney at his Assumption of Command ceremony Sept. 27. Senior Master Sgt. Neal Thatcher, 21st SFS first sergeant, looks on. Major Cairney moved to the 21st SFS following his assignment with the Air Force Space Command Inspector General.

Team Pete announces O-5 promotion list

- Team Pete and the 21st Space Wing congratulated the following individuals on the announcement of their promotion to lieutenant colonel Sept. 30:
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Action Lines

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is a direct link to the 21st Space Wing commander. It should be used when other avenues have failed. Concerns should be addressed at the lowest possible level in the chain of command and elevated as necessary.

Though not required, Action-Line users should leave point-of-contact information when submitting an Action Line. This will allow those who are addressing the concern to clarify the information and respond, if necessary. Not all responses are printed, however, if information allows, a response will be rendered in another format.

If satisfactory results have not been attained by addressing the chain of command, call the Action Line at 556-7777 or fax 556-7848.

Golf course changes hours

Question: Why has the golf course changed to winter hours? I am shocked to find it is already winter here – at least to the golf course. The earliest you can tee off is 8 a.m. I asked the golf course

personnel why. Their response was, “Well it’s on the schedule – winter hours.” You lose at least 60 minutes of making money by going to an 8 a.m. start. We work long shifts. When we have time for rest and relaxation, we’d like to make the most of it. Can we move winter hours to the winter?”

Answer: Thank you for sharing your frustration and giving us a chance to clarify this issue. Currently, the Silver Spruce Golf Course is operating under “Fall Hours” of operation. That is from 8 a.m. until dark. It’s important to note that daybreak occurs around 6:45 a.m. The change in hours allows our maintenance team roughly one hour to groom the fairways and greens ahead of the first tee-off times. For safety purposes, our staff only works during the day. The lead-time keeps maintenance ahead of golfers so the game-pace isn’t slowed. We maintain the course at optimal level, which enhances golfers’ leisure time. As of Oct. 31, the course will be under “winter hours” from 8:30 a.m. until dark. If you have further questions, call Vicki Peterson at 556-7412.

Driver requests dead-end signs

Question: Can “dead-end” signs be placed on the corners of Hamilton and Vincent; and Hamilton and Truax streets? Apparently, over the last 20 years, there has been some construction that blocked off streets that lead away from base operations and the passenger terminal. A sign at the corner of Hamilton and the other respective streets would prevent people like me from taking a wrong turn. Locals may be familiar with the roads, but I think the signs may help us strangers.

Answer: Thank you for your observation and suggestion. Although those streets may not go all the way through to Stewart Avenue, they are not necessarily “dead end” streets. In keeping with the spirit of your suggestion and in an effort to make the accessibility more understood, we will install signs that state “NOT A THROUGH ROAD” to help inform base newcomers and people who pass through infrequently. We apologize for the inconvenience. For more information, call Lt. Gilbert 556-4172.



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A Moment in Time



- **October 4, 1957** – The Soviet Union launches Sputnik, the world's first artificial space satellite.
- **October 5, 1922** – Lieutenants J.A. Macready and O.G. Kelly set a world flight-endurance record of 35:18. Because of this, the first air-to-air refueling experiments began.
- **October 7, 1966** – The U.S. Air Force selects University of Colorado to conduct independent investigations into unidentified flying object reports.
- **October 8, 1993** – Operation Provide Promise, the airlift of humanitarian relief supplies to Bosnia, surpasses in duration (but not in tonnage or missions) the Berlin Airlift, becoming the longest sustained relief operation in U.S. Air Force history.

Space badge to unite space professionals

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command made history this week with the unveiling of a new space badge in front of a standing room only crowd at the Strategic Space 2004 Convention in Omaha, Neb.

The new space badge, part of Air Force Space Command's senior leadership's continuing vision and push to unite the command's missions and specialties, will reign in place of the current Space and Missile functional badge, worn by both space and missile operations professionals, said Air Force Space Command Commander, Gen. Lance W. Lord.

"The new badge will be awarded only when our people have mastered the skills necessary to help lead and shape our space and missile missions," he said.

The badge qualification process according to the General will be "rigorous." "Our space badge will be earned, not awarded." Our people must demonstrate performance in addition to completing a required training program.

The new badge also replaces the missile operations occupational badge, more commonly known as "the pocket rocket," currently worn by those in the missile operations career fields.

The 2001 U.S. Space Commission Report, assessing U.S. National Security Space Management and Organization, flagged DoD's need to further train and develop its space professionals. The report set the stage for an increased emphasis on training our nation's next generation of space professionals. Air Force Space Command also identified the need to capture the individual talents of its space community – across operations, engineering, scientific research and acquisitions specialties in officer, enlisted and civilian ranks.

There may however, be apprehension by some new badge wearers, particularly those in the missile operations career field, who will have to retire their distinctive "pocket rocket," the missile operations occupational badge. The badge, which has existed in some form since the 1950s, has tremendous historical significance and, for some, is just as important to the missile culture as performing the job itself.

"I am proud of our tradition," said Capt. Aaron Greaver, 21st Operations Support Squadron, whose missile background includes being a missile combat crew commander at the 321st Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. "If wear of the missile badge were discontinued, it would be unfortunate."

These concerns have not fallen short of the longest serving ICBM officer on active duty – General Lord, who began his Air Force career 35 years ago at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. as a Minuteman II Combat Crewmember.

"Missiles are in my DNA," said General Lord. "I grew up in the missile business."

After serving four years of Minuteman II ICBM alert duty, General Lord's missile experience continued when he served as a MAJCOM evaluation member for two years, missile operations staff officer for three years, commander of the 10th Strategic Missile Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., vice commander of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo., and commander of two ICBM wings in North Dakota and Wyoming, respectively.

"There was a tremendous amount of thought given to all aspects of creating this space badge," said General



Lord, "including the very rich and proud heritage of the missile badge which remains for all time."

One of the General's top priorities is to build a robust group of space professionals with a strong sense of 'space culture' and, with a number of career development initiatives already underway, General Lord said the command is on its way to fulfilling this goal.

For General Lord, however, a variety of different specialty badges worn by members of the Air Force space community served as a reminder that we are not yet identifiable as one team.

"The timing is right to create a new, lasting symbol that unites all members of both the space and missile career fields. This will prove to be a symbol all can be proud to wear," said General Lord.

The all-inclusive badge follows the historic redesign of the Air Force symbol and implements a new, enduring symbol that communicates the unique role of space in military operations, said General Lord.

"As the Air Force symbol changed to reflect a more modern, agile and technologically advanced force, so does the new space badge," said Staff Sgt. Jerome Wesley, 21st Operations Support Squadron, who's been a space operator throughout his nine years in the service.

Some think the new badge design has a more operational feel to it.

After seeing the new badge design, Captain Greaver said, "The new space badge is definitely distinctive and non-traditional. I think the new badge will stand out from the current functional and operational badges and present a more operational flavor."

The new badge maintains the heart of the current functional space and missile badge but has wing like protrusions on both sides, similar to "aviation wings."

"I think there are similarities due to the wings displaying outward, however, there are enough differences in both not to get them confused with one another," said Sergeant Wesley.

"Now more than ever, our Nation's security relies on space dominance. In that spirit, it is indeed time for our Space Professionals to become as recognizable as our other warfighting components," said General Lord.

The new badge is more inclusive and reflective of the entire spectrum of space professionals as it will be awarded to personnel in the following space billets:

Space operations career fields, 13SX (officers) and 1C6XX (enlisted)

- Scientific/research, 61XX
- Developmental engineering, 62XX
- Acquisition, 63XX

"As we continue to move our Space Professionals forward in providing the best possible support to our Air Force mission, we must look for ways to unite the many outstanding men and women within the community of space professionals," said General Lord. "Just as pilots wear the same badge, whether they fly fighters, bombers, tankers or transports, all very distinct and different missions, our space professionals should wear the same badge to reflect the unity of their mission and

capabilities."

Rigorous qualifications for earning the new badge are expected to correlate, as a minimum, to the development of the new space professional education courses: Space 100, Space 200 and Space 300.

"The foundation for space professional development is a continuum of educational courses spread throughout one's career," said Col. James C. Hutto, Jr, AFSPC Chief of Force Development and Readiness. "These courses are designed to bring space professionals together several times during their careers in order to stay current on evolving missions, technologies and capabilities and to prepare the individual for the next level of responsibility."

Now that the badge has been approved, it will be another six to nine months before the badge is actually on the shelf. The badge still needs to be processed through the Air Force uniform board, Institute of Heraldry and be mass-produced by the manufacturers.

No date has been set for mandatory wear. More details are expected within the next 30 days.

Various sources inspire design

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

As Air Force Space Command senior leaders unveiled the new space and missile functional badge they are also applauding the efforts of the designer.

Staff Sgt. Colin "Mark" Loring, NCOIC of AFSPC Multimedia, found his inspiration for the new badge in other Air Force functional badges, shields and even the wings from the Harley Davidson logo.

"I initially created multiple wings and symbols," said Sergeant Loring. "I created some traditional [designs] and some that were more cutting edge or futuristic."

The original request for the badge designs came in April with the final design ready and approved by senior leaders by the fall.

"The majority of my time was spent making adjustments to the original designs," said Sergeant Loring.

The project was a fun challenge for the graphics illustrator who said this is part of his job.

The new space badge will replace the current space and missile functional badge and the missile operations occupational badge, currently worn by space professionals and is hoped to be an enduring symbol that communicates the role of space in military operations.

With all of the attention surrounding the unveiling, Sergeant Loring is getting lots of time in the spotlight.

"I don't like attention so this should be interesting," said the humble sergeant.

The new badge will take six-nine months before it is made in sufficient quantities to be on AAFES Clothing Sales stores shelves.

The new Air Force Uniform

... Know the facts, visit <http://www.af.mil/uniform/#>

Your link to frequently asked questions, letters and photos.





TEAM PETE CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE

The Peterson Hispanic Heritage Committee is sponsoring a Hispanic Heritage Luncheon to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, at the Enlisted Club. Hispanic Heritage Month, September, promotes fellowship and camaraderie among varied cultures and ethnicities. For more information or to help with the events, call Airman 1st Class Valerie Castillo at 556-1612.

BUS SCHEDULED TO TRANSPORT CFC PARTICIPANTS

There will be bus transportation available for those interested in participating in the 2004 Combined Federal Campaign Kick-off Event at the Air Force Academy today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The bus will pick passengers up on Peterson Air Force Base between 7:45 and 8 a.m. at the Base Auditorium; between 8:05 and 8:15 a.m. at Building 350, between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. at Building 845; and between 8:35 and 8:45 a.m. at Building One. For the return trip, the bus will depart from the U.S. Air Force Academy at approximately 1:30 p.m. and stop at each building in reverse order. For more information, call 556-4448.

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY CONDUCTS PME HIRE BRIEFING

The Peterson Noncommissioned Officer Academy will conduct a professional military education hire briefing at 11:45 a.m. Oct. 13 in the NCO Academy Auditorium. Those interested in any level of enlisted PME duty are encouraged to attend. The briefing contains information on what it is like to be a PME instructor, basic requirements and application procedures. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tonya Draper at 556-8439.

COLORADO SPRINGS UNIVERISTY-PUEBLO CONTINUES REGISTRATION

Registration for classes for the second fall term

with Colorado State University-Pueblo is ongoing. Classes begin Oct. 18 for all five campuses. Tuition discounts are available to military spouses. Register for classes at the education center between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., call 574-3312, or visit their website at www.colostate-pueblo.edu.

EDUCATION CENTER OFFERS COMMISSIONING BRIEFINGS

Enlisted members interested in learning about commissioning opportunities should attend one of the monthly commissioning briefings offered at the Education Center. Interested members can find out more about Officer Training School and Reserve Officer Training Corps programs such as the Airmen Education and Commissioning Program; Airmen Scholarship and Commissioning Program; and the Professional Officers Course-Early Release Program. Information on eligibility requirements, opportunities and application procedures will be discussed.

Upcoming briefing dates are Oct. 27, Nov. 23 and Dec. 29. Call 556-4064 to register for a briefing.

TROY UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION BEGINS

Registration for Troy University's second term has begun. For more information on TSU programs, visit the education center from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays or call 265-TROY.

ASSOCIATION SEEKS 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.airforce.sports.com. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bill Gardner at 554-2745 or e-mail william.gardner@peterson.af.mil.

HONOR GUARD SEEKS APPLICANTS

The Peterson Honor Guard has an opening and is looking for new members. Applicants 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.

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.

ENLISTED CORPS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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. 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.

Voter registration deadlines by states:

Friday -	Indiana, New York, North Carolina and Oklahoma	Oct. 18 -	California, Kansas and South Dakota
Tuesday -	Maryland and Oregon	Oct. 19 -	Maine and Connecticut
Wednesday -	Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, Utah and West Virginia	Oct. 20 -	Wisconsin
Oct. 14 -	Delaware	Oct. 23 -	Alabama, Iowa and New Hampshire
Oct. 15 -	Nebraska	Oct. 25 -	Vermont

Note: North Dakota does not require registration, but residents need to request an absentee ballot soon. If your state is not listed, registration has already passed.

Log Entry II: Chevy begins flight school

Editor's note: This is the second 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 writer

My first step toward attaining my dream began at 6 p.m. Aug. 24. It started on the ground, or very close to it, on the second floor of Hanger 133.

I was there to attend my first class

of Peterson Aero Club's private pilot ground school. As I walked through the hanger, Chinook winds ripped around me creating what seemed to be a lonely sound. The sound made me think about America's first flight school. In my mind, I pictured Orville and Wilbur Wright, hunkered down in a flimsy, wind-blown hanger on the sands of Kitty Hawk, N.C. on a cold evening in December 1903. I saw them huddled against a pot-bellied stove, drinking steaming coffee to ward off the cold. The two quietly discussed and defined the basics of man's first powered flights beside an oil lamp. What they were learning I would learn, probably more. I felt a kinship with them.

With our instructor's call, "Turn to chapter one in your textbook," I snapped out of my daydream.

Sure enough, this ground school would discuss the basics of flight and much, much more. The study materials – provided with registration – were well organized, beautifully illustrated and thorough.

Don Derby, Certified Flight Instructor, appeared knowledgeable, patient and efficient. He needed to be, because in nine weeks and 18 three-hour night classes, we would cover a lot of topics, including: aviation history, aviation opportunities, aviation physiology, aircraft systems, aerodynamic principles, pilot training, flight and ground operations, airports, meteorology, Federal Air Regulations, naviga-

tion, flight safety, cross-country flying and human factors.

I hoped I was up to it.

Each class begins with a short, self-graded quiz on the material covered in the previous class. Every three weeks we're tested on the material covered during that time. Our "final," in week nine, is officially called the "FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test." Passing it is one requirement for obtaining a certified private pilot's license.

Class size is generally limited to about eight students. Old guys like me, or teens as young as 16, may enroll. Most of my classmates are early-career, self-starting, active duty or guard/reserve members. They represent three service branches and many occupational specialties.

Our camaraderie is high. We're helping each other through the course. The amount – not the difficulty – of the material makes ground school tough, but it's fascinating, extremely valuable and most certainly life-saving.

Eddie Rickenbacker, Billy Mitchell, Claire Chennault, Jimmy Doolittle, the Tuskegee Airmen, Curtis LeMay, John Glenn, thousands of military cadets and millions of civilian student pilots have graduated from an aviation ground school. It's a great feeling to know that as a ground-school student, I'm in very good company. With hard work and a little luck, I might become a pilot too, some day.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jamie Quick

Don Derby, Peterson Aero Club certified flight instructor, points at a slide graphic computer – also known as a flight computer – during a private pilot ground school night class Sept. 28. The computer, enlarged for classroom instruction, simulates actual aircraft monitoring equipment. It is used to calculate aircraft performance such as speed, time, distance, wind correction problems, etc. Mister Derby has been an instructor here since July 1998.



Safety offers winter-weather tips

By Sandra Mock
21st Space Wing Safety Office

Morning frost on the windows, the sound of the furnace kicking on, children bundled up waiting for the school bus and the smell of baking because its cool enough to turn the oven on. These are the signs of winter arriving in Colorado and a warning for all to prepare.

The Colorado Springs area has started the fall season. Winter is just around the corner. The 21st Space Wing Safety office warns drivers in the local area to be prepared for driving in possibly harsh weather conditions.

According to Luis Harris, 21st SW Safety Office, there are some simple questions people can ask themselves to get their vehicle geared up for snow and ice.

Tires – do they have sufficient tread and are they properly inflated? Is the spare tire in good condition?

Lights – are all the lights working (headlights, turn signals, brake lights)?

Windshield - are the wipers working properly and are the blades good enough to handle snow/slush? Does the windshield washer work and is the reservoir full? Is the defroster working correctly?

Battery – is it charged or does it need to be replaced?

Antifreeze – will it provide the protection needed?

Engine – is it time to get a tune-up?


Each of these questions should be answered with a “yes.” If people answered “no” to any of these questions, they should take the appropriate actions to fix any necessary repairs. Preventative maintenance will help keep vehicles running at their prime during good and bad weather.

Survival kits are a must-have when driving anywhere in Colorado. While people

usually think of survival kits only being necessary for winter driving, they should also stay in the car during summer months if traveling in the mountains. Staff Sgt. Janet Doyle, 21st SW Safety Office, recommends the following items be kept in a kit:

- Jumper cables
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Small axe
- Tool kit – including knife and shovel
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Matches/Lighter
- Empty coffee cans and candles
- Sand or kitty litter
- High energy foods
- Flares and/or reflective triangles
- Tire chains
- Mirror for signaling
- Extra clothing

Before departure, always ensure the exhaust pipe is free of snow before running the engine. If someone gets stranded, they should remember to not panic, she said. When stranded, stay in the vehicle. Run the engine sparingly once an hour to save fuel. Use the coffee can and candle for heat.

She also offered some dos and don'ts of winter driving. Safe driving is especially important during winter weather conditions of snow, ice and sleet. Drive slower than normal in slippery conditions and increase the distance normally kept between other vehicles. Be prepared for unsafe maneuvers by other drivers – drive defensively. Keep headlights on, both to help visibility into and out of the vehicle. Just because a vehicle is four-wheel drive doesn't mean it won't slide. Clean off all vehicle windows before driving and don't let ice or snow accumulate on windshields, windows, mirrors, or lights. Don't mix alcohol and driving and always wear a seatbelt. 

Snow Call line brings safety


By Airman
Mandy Weightman
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Winter in the mountains can mean sudden weather changes. Those weather changes can bring safety hazards. The base has several processes in place to reduce risk during inclement weather.

One of the most widespread procedures used here is the Peterson Snow Information Line, also called Snow Call. This system is in place to reduce the number of those who are exposed to safety hazards. Snow Call is a recorded phone message with updated information on reporting procedures during unsafe conditions due to weather changes.


The phone number is advertised in the *Space Observer* and can be posted in work places. Supervisors should ensure everyone in their work center is aware of the Snow Call number and procedures.

The Snow Call system informs Team Pete members when it's safe to be on the roads. The less people on the road during bad weather, the safer it is for road crews to perform duties.

“More than likely, if there is a change in reporting due to weather, that weather is accompanied by diminished road conditions,” said Maj. Daniel A. Dant, 21st Space Wing Safety Office chief of safety. “Situations like these tend to force an overload of vehicles at the gates. That's one reason why it's important everyone understands what to do when the base has delayed reporting, early release or a base closure.” 

When reporting is delayed or the base is closed, employees on Peterson fall under one of two categories: non-essential and essential personnel. Essential personnel are the minimum number of people required to keep critical activities functioning until additional employees arrive. Non-essential personnel are employees whose presence can be delayed for short periods of time without serious impact to their missions.

A base closure means only essential personnel must report for duty, or remain on duty if the weather is serious enough to prevent replacements from safely reporting. Delayed reporting authorizes non-essential personnel additional time to safely report to work. The time will vary depending on the weather conditions. Early release means that non-essential personnel may depart their duty locations at a specified time before the end of the duty day. This is usually done in conjunction with zip codes and is designed to reduce traffic during inclement weather.

The recall system is the most common way to notify members of Team Pete on inclement weather conditions, but there are other means of receiving the information. Local radio and television stations are notified of changes made to reporting times during inclement weather. Snow Call recordings are available and updated on days when inclement weather conditions exist. A Public Affairs representative updates the recording no later than 5:30 a.m. The Snow Information line number is 556-SNOW or 556-7669. 

Federal employees under disciplinary action for sending political emails

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel has filed two similar complaints for disciplinary action against Federal employees for sending politically partisan electronic mail messages while on duty, in violation of the Hatch Act. The OSC filed the complaints with the Merit Systems Protection Board Aug. 12.

One complaint against U.S. Environmental Protection Agency employee, alleges she sent an e-mail message to about 15 of her EPA coworkers while she was on duty and in a federal office building. The message contained a widely-circulated picture purportedly to be an actress and a presidential candidate speaking at an anti-war rally. Under the picture were numerous negative statements about the candidate and the statement, "Please keep this going. We do not need this man as our president."

A similar complaint alleges that a U.S. Air Force civilian employee sent an e-mail message titled with a candidate's name, to more than 70 recipients while he was on duty. The message contained a document mimicking a resume and is filled with allegations of incompetence and malfeasance specifically directed at an election defeat. It also contains the phrases, "Please

consider me when voting in 2004" and "Please send this to every voter you know."

Special Counsel Scott Bloch said, "The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone. It has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so perhaps, than four years ago. I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafleting. This is a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace."

The Hatch Act prohibits federal executive branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties by an individual employed or holding office in the U.S. government, while wearing a uniform or official insignia identifying the office or position of the employee, or using any vehicle owned or leased by the government. Political activity has been defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

The OSC provides advisory opinions on the

Hatch Act and also enforces the provisions of the Act by filing petitions for disciplinary action. Employees who are charged with violations are entitled to a hearing before the MSPB. Under the Act, the presumptive penalty for a violation is removal from federal employment. However, upon a unanimous vote of its members, the MSPB can mitigate the penalty to no less than a 30-day suspension without pay. Employees have the right to appeal the MSPB's decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

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Everyone on Peterson Air Force Base has a unique mission. The *Space Observer* staff would like to feature a variety of Team Pete workcenters in the "A Day in the Life" series. The series offers an opportunity for people to share their unique contributions to Team Pete. To nominate a workplace, call 556-4351 or e-mail the *Space Observer* at space.observer@peterson.af.mil.



'Every one matters' in Combined Federal Campaign

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

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign begins today, heralded by a rally at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Key leaders from around the Pikes Peak region are expected to kick off the campaign, touting the theme, "Every one matters."

The theme extends to many victims including those of the recent hurricanes; the Russian school children, parents and teachers who were terrorized at their school Sept. 8; Sudanese refugees; and many more. This campaign serves as a reminder there are faces and families behind the headlines. These people are important.

In the Pikes Peak region, this theme becomes even more personal in light of deployments. The local campaign poster features a relief of Pikes Peak and the names of 45 Fort Carson soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"This year's theme highlights our fallen soldiers from Fort Carson, who lost their lives during the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Capt. Angela Richardson, the base CFC representative. "We want to let everyone know we will never forget them and the price of freedom is not free."

Every year, the CFC allows federal employees to donate a portion of their pay to one of thousands of charitable organizations. Contributors can choose a charity from a catalogue featuring organizations participating in the campaign.

"Donating through the CFC to the charity of your choice is an effective way for federal employees to improve the quality of life for people

locally, nationally and internationally," Capt. Richardson said. "It's a cost-effective, one-stop shop for charities that allows military personnel and federal employees to give through automatic payroll deductions."

Those who give are giving through CFC – not to it, she said.

"A lot of people think they're donating to this big entity, but it's a designation campaign," said 1st Lt. Michael Anderson, a CFC volunteer. "Each person controls where their money goes."

Where the money goes is a personal decision. The campaign serves as a conduit, with donations going to local, national and international organizations.

"I can say I've personally experienced its benefits," Capt. Richardson said. "There are very few of us who have not benefited from organizations that receive proceeds through the CFC program."

Terri Lujan, a volunteer with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, is another volunteer who has been personally affected by an organization participating in the CFC. A self-proclaimed former military "brat," Ms. Lujan said she never imagined she would personally benefit from the campaign. But when her son was diagnosed with cancer, she said she received some much-needed assistance. Her son made a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Through MAW, the Lujan family received a cherished and memorable experience.

"When a child is diagnosed with an illness, you become wrapped up in that world," Ms. Lujan said.

"Make-A-Wish steps in so you can all take a break."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is just one organization on a long list of charities making a difference. Donating \$1 a week could buy and protect one acre of tropical rainforest, provide 50 hours of activities for seniors at nursing homes, provide 68 meals to low-income individuals, or equip a classroom of 30 students with school supplies like books, pencils, chalk and erasers.

The CFC is about making a choice – a choice to help.

"It's important to give to a charity that touches you," Ms. Lujan said. "The CFC invites us to give from the heart."

"The theme of this year's campaign brings the focus home," Lieutenant Anderson said. "We can be givers as well as receivers in our community."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sue Mrowiec

ABOVE: Cathy Todd, volunteer station chairman for the base Red Cross office, fills care packages with donated items for deployed Airmen. The American Red Cross is a participant in the Combined Federal Campaign.

LEFT: Marc Goodman, a kennel attendant at the Pikes Peak Region Humane Society, pals around with Gimlet during an afternoon walk on the grounds. The Humane Society is one of thousands of organizations that benefits through the Combined Federal Campaign. Gimlet is currently available for adoption.



Peterson Health and Wellness Center offers Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation

By Nancy Leonard

Peterson Health and Wellness Center

October is dedicated as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" with emphasis on increasing awareness of the importance of early detection. The Peterson Health and Wellness Center team is holding a presentation on Breast Cancer 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday. Attendees can ask questions about breast cancer, early detection signs and how proper nutrition can help reduce risks.

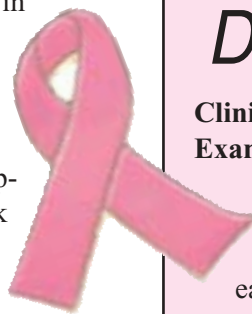
The event will be held at the Health and Wellness Center classroom on the second floor of the Sports and Fitness Center, 225 W. Ent Street. Participants may bring a bag lunch. Guest speakers are Allyson O'Neal, registered nurse, and Robynn Kuhns, R.D. For reservations call Nancy Leonard at the HAWC at 556-6544 or 665-4292.

Fight against breast cancer, the most

common form of cancer found in women today. It is not possible to say exactly what causes a breast cancer, but research has shown that some factors may increase a woman's risk or chance of developing it. These factors are called risk factors. Having one or more risk factors does not mean that a woman will definitely develop breast cancer, but it might increase her chances. Further, some women with one or more risk factors might never develop breast cancer.

Some known risk factors for developing breast cancer include:

- getting older
- having a family history of breast cancer
- having previously been diagnosed with breast cancer



Detection, prevention tips

Clinical and Self-Breast Examinations

Regular clinical and self-breast examinations offer benefit for early detection.

Remember Healthy Eating Basics

To decrease your risk of cancer, you should keep your weight within a healthy range by controlling your calories and limiting fatty foods.

Mammography

Screening using mammography is the best early detection method available. The

known benefits of mammograms in the early detection of cancer far outweigh the very small potential risks of them causing cancer.

Physical Activity is an important component of decreasing the risk of cancer

Make exercise a part of your daily routine with activities such as walking, dancing, swimming, cycling, jogging, climbing stairs, or walking uphill. The best exercise is something you enjoy doing and will continue doing lifelong.

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Winning the ORI battle

By Chief Master Sgt.
R. Wayne Barron

21st Space Wing,
Interim Command Chief Master Sergeant

Remember the movie "Michael" starring John Travolta? Michael was an archangel sent to earth to show his mighty powers to a group of reporters during their car trip from Iowa to Chicago. Every time Michael got ready to fight an injustice – or a bull in the pasture – he screamed, "Battle!"

For several months, our wing' has focused on the Operational Readiness Inspection preparation. Well, from now until Oct. 22, command inspectors are here to see this team in action.

Team 21 professionals are correcting oversights, reviewing checklists and revising procedures – in other words, getting ready to do "battle" during the ORI.

Yes, sports fans, it's time to scream, "Battle!"

The ORI inspection team evaluates our ability to accomplish our fight-in-place mission. An ORI challenges us to "show our stuff." It shows we are we ready to meet the challenge.

To help you show you're the best, here are some tips to help win the ORI "Battle:"

First and foremost, you only get one chance to make a first impression. This first impression sets the tone for the inspection. Our base and its facilities should be immaculate. Team 21's military personal appearance should EXCEED Air Force dress and appearance standards with crisply-ironed battle dress uniforms and flight suits, fresh haircuts and shined boots. Our valued Air Force civilian professionals should dress "smart casual" – if you dress smart casual now, thanks. Cubicles, duty sections and offices should be clean and clutter-free. Storage areas should be neat and tidy. "Battle!"

Second, display a good, positive attitude. Show enthusiasm and pride in your

duties. Show you truly care about your job supporting our wing's valued mission. Always accentuate the positive even when it appears you may receive a discrepancy or finding. If possible, try to perform an "on-the-spot" correction. Displaying initiative and motivation will always win "points" with any inspector. "Battle!"

Third, be ready to brief the inspector on your duty responsibilities. Prepare a desk brief or have a duty section briefing prepared for the inspector. For a duty section briefing, have a young airman give this briefing. It's great exposure for them and shows we have highly competent and trustworthy young professionals ready to meet the challenge.

Practice your brief several times. In fact, brief your commanders and supervisors to ensure you get feedback on how to strengthen your duty brief. Inform inspectors on your "best practices" processes and procedures positively affecting your duty performance. Prepare short handouts of duties, responsibilities, best practices and best procedures. "Battle!"

Finally, relax. I know this one is easier said than done. However, it's vitally important to show "calmness." In other words, like the old TV deodorant commercial slogan suggested, "Don't let 'em see you sweat."

Continue to perform your "stress relievers" such as gym time, running, walking, reading, etc. If you're stressed out, you're not thinking clearly, which can lead to errors and mistakes. Stay calm and professional. "Battle!"

Hopefully, these few tidbits will help you prepare for the ORI "Battle." Inspections are great opportunities for any wing to show their major command they are the best.

Team 21, let's show the ORI inspectors that the 21st Space Wing truly is a wing deserving to be identified for its "Strength and Preparedness." "BATTLE!!!"

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.*

PROBATION VIOLATOR RECEIVES ONE-WAY TRIP – Sept. 14

Security Forces contacted the Colorado Springs Police Department when a person attempting to receive a contractor badge showed up with a "failure to comply with probation" in the National Crime Information Center. CSPD took custody of the almost-contractor.

NOSY PHOTOGRAPHER REPORTED – Sept. 14

Security Forces responded to an Eagle Eyes report of a man outside the North Gate. The person reporting said the man took three to five pictures, then quickly got in his car and left. An Eagle Eyes report was completed.

WHAT'S THAT SMELL? – Sept. 14

The Fire Department and Security Forces responded to a report of the smell of gas. The Fire Department determined the reason for the smell was a gas leak that was previously reported and terminated the fire response.

CAN AFFORD CAMERA, NOT FILM – Sept. 14

Security Forces responded to the Base Exchange when they received a report of a price-switcher. The individual attempting the swap to lessen the price of film was issued a temporary suspension of Identification Card and a temporary suspension of Base Exchange privileges.

WINDSHIELD WIPER IMPOSTERS – Sept. 15

Security Forces responded to reported damage of personal property. The claimant's car was tampered with in the parking lot during the workday. The tampering resulted in the swap of original, working windshield wipers for one old, busted one.

MEDICAL RESPONSE – Sept. 16

Security Forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to an emergency call for a person who fell and hit their head. The individual declined treatment.

MEDICAL RESPONSE 2 – Sept. 16

Security Forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to a person complaining of chest pain and dizziness. The individual was transported to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

MEDICAL RESPONSE 3 – Sept. 16

Security Forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to a report of someone with a high temperature and seizures. AMR transported the person to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

MEDICAL RESPONSE 4 – Sept. 16

Security Forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to a report of someone complaining of a popping sound in her knee. AMR personnel transported the person to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

MY BOSS SAID I COULD – Sept. 16

A driver approaching the West Gate was identified as being suspended from driving privileges and was apprehended by Security Forces. The defiant driver claimed their supervisor gave them permission to drive on the installation, even though it was illegal for them to do so.

MEDICAL RESPONSE 5 – Sept. 17

Security Forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to a military member complaining of a twisted ankle at the North Gate. AMR transported the person to Evans Hospital for further treatment.

MEDICAL RESPONSE 6 – Sept. 17

Security Forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to a person complaining of high blood pressure. The person was then released.

MEDICAL RESPONSE 7 – Sept. 17

Security Forces, the Fire Department and American Medical Response services responded to the dormitories where a person complained of difficulty breathing. AMR transported the person to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

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

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Annual Fire Prevention Week rolls into Peterson

Officials warn Team Pete members of winter dangers: Plug into space heater safety

By Master Sgt. Steve Kjnaas
Peterson AFB Fire Department

It happens every winter. The weather turns cold and people plug in the space heater to warm up. There's always someone who inadvertently starts a fire by putting the heater too close to the furniture or draperies. Then there are the people who end up having fires because the heater is left on all night or the appliance tips over. I've seen lives destroyed and homes burned to the ground.

The nonprofit safety advocate National Fire Protection Association reports that heating devices are the leading cause of fires in the home during December, January and February. In 1999, there were 48,000 heating equipment-related home fires in the United States, 301 deaths and 1,383 injuries. Property damage exceeded \$606 million. All kinds of space heating equipment is involved in fires in the home: portable electric heaters, wood stoves, fireplaces, portable kerosene heaters and room gas heaters.

Here at Peterson AFB there was only one heating-related fire last year. But this fire didn't have to happen. Most fires with space heaters are preventable if key safety measures are followed. To avoid problems, keep portable heaters at least three feet away

from anything that can burn, including furnishings, bedding and clothing. Turn the heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Wood stoves and fireplaces also need special care. If you're buying a new unit, make sure a qualified technician does the installation. If the appliance has already been installed, have it checked to make sure the installation was done properly.

Most fires in wood stoves, fireplaces, and chimneys occur because of a lack of regular cleaning, leading to the buildup of creosote, the residue of unburned fuel.

Heating devices should be inspected and cleaned on a regular basis according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use only seasoned hardwood and don't burn trash in a fireplace because the fire could burn out of control. Keep sparks and embers inside the fireplace with fire screens made of heat-tempered glass or sturdy metal.

Heating equipment that burns fuel is a potential source of carbon monoxide which is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that is created when fuel burns incompletely. Install CO alarms in your home to provide you with an early warning if CO is accumulating.

So when the temperature drops, go ahead and use your heating appliances. We want you to be warm and cozy. But we also want to make sure you're safe.



Captain John Himberger, 21st Medical Operations Squadron, watches as his son Jacob, 7, climbs down the ladder in the safety house display. Captain Himberger is the element chief for Family Practice Element 1.



Alexander Poplick (front), the son of Capt. Ken Poplick of U.S. Strategic Command, is getting a first hand tour of the inside of a Fire Truck by Bob Tessier, Fire Prevention Section Manager for the Colorado Springs Fire Department. Mister Tessier owns the Fire Truck and uses it for displays.

Photos by Budd Butcher



Sergeant Albert Terrazas, transportation specialist for the 5025th at Ft. Carson, shows his son Jesse, 3, a fire truck at the fire prevention display Saturday at the Base Exchange.



Airman Cheresse Erdovegi, Peterson Fire Department, hands fire safety information pamphlets to a retiree, J.R. Arulo, and his son, Nikolas, 7. Airman Erdovegi, Peterson Fire Department, manned a booth Saturday at the event. She handed out promotional items and pamphlets to help educate Team Pete members on fire prevention during the Fire Prevention Kick off at the Base Exchange.



Airman 1st Class Jesse Simons (left) and Airman 1st Class Vanessa Espinoza, both of the Peterson Fire Department, show the crowd how they would tear a door off a vehicle after an accident.



<p>Team Pete's noteworthy events</p> <p>To submit information for the base calendar, email space.observer@peterson.af.mil</p>	<p>Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined Federal Campaign Kick-off Event at the U.S. Air Force Academy from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 	<p>Friday, Oct. 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Hispanic Heritage Luncheon at the Enlisted Club from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be live entertainment and guest speaker. 	<p>Saturday, Oct. 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Force Academy vs. New Mexico
<p>Monday, Oct. 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columbus Day – Holiday 	<p>Thursday, Oct. 14 and Friday Oct. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shakespeare Under the Stars featuring "Macbeth" at the Officers Club, curtains up at 5:30 p.m. 	<p>Friday, Oct. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a Mass and free breakfast at the base chapel from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone from Team Pete interested in this event is invited. 	<p>Team Pete's noteworthy events</p>

THIS WEEK

Today

- Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Youth Center.
- Family Night Swim - 556-4608 On Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Ages 6 and older, \$1; free to those 5 and younger.

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Use the Automotive Skills Center.
- Beginning Rock Climbing - 556-4867 Every weekend Outdoor Recreation takes day climbing trips to local sites, such as Garden of the Gods.

Monday

- Monday Night Football - 556-4194 The Enlisted Club hosts this event and offers free food, drink specials, great prizes and a good night of football on a big screen TV. Doors open at 4 p.m. Open to everyone. Come out and enjoy yourself.

Tuesday

- Family Swim Night, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.
- Taco Bar - 556-4181 At the Officers' Club, 4-6 p.m., with hard and soft shell tacos. \$2 members, \$4 non-members.

Wednesday

- Take an aerobics class at 12:05 or 5:10 p.m. at the Fitness Center.
- Back to Basics Circuit Course - 11 a.m. 556-4462.

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Shakespeare production comes to Peterson

By Margie Arnold
21st Space Wing Services Squadron

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Department of Defense have joined together to bring Shakespeare's "Macbeth" to the members of Team Pete Oct. 15. The Alabama Shakespeare Festival will perform the play "Under the Stars" at the Officers' Club. The event is free and open to all eligible users of Peterson Air Force Base.

The performance will take place on the grassy area between the Officers Club and guest lodging facilities beginning at 5:30 p.m. Those attending the play are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival ranks among the 10 largest Shakespeare Festivals in the world based on paid attendance. It's also the largest regional theater in the Southeast and has the only fulltime resident profes-

sional acting company in the region.

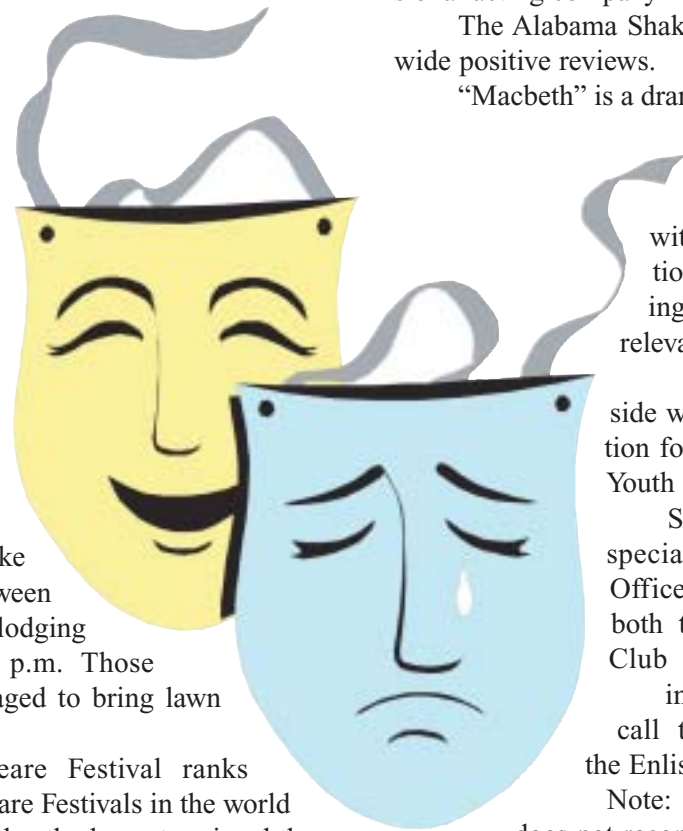
The Alabama Shakespeare Festival has received nationwide positive reviews.

"Macbeth" is a drama of ambition, desire and guilt. It's a heart-pounding journey through the natural and supernatural as a Scottish military hero is tempted with ultimate power. The pointed questions Shakespeare asked in 1606 regarding ambition, desire and power are still relevant today.

The performance will take place outside weather permitting; the alternate location for the production will be the R.P. Lee Youth Center gymnasium, Building 1550.

Shakespeare Under the Stars is a special event hosted by the Peterson Officers Club. A club membership drive for both the Officers Club and the Enlisted Club continues through Nov. 30. For information about club membership, call the Officers Club at 556-4181 or the Enlisted Club at 556-4194.

Note: The Alabama Shakespeare Festival does not recommend the play for anyone age 14 or younger due to violent content.



ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Orange-Spiced Chops Liver with Onions Tempura Fried Fish Rissole Potatoes Steamed Rice Peas and Carrots Wax Beans</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Mr. Z's Baked Chicken Pepper Steak Past Primavera Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Mixed Vegetables Fried Okra Green Beans</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Baked Fish Beef and Corn Pie Roast Turkey Franconia Potatoes Pea and Pepper Rice Corn on the Cob Stewed Tomatoes</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Simmered Corn Beef Pineapple Chicken Yankee Pot Roast Crispy Potato Wedges Simmered Potatoes Fried Cabbage</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Savory Baked Chicken Swedish Meatballs Creole Shrimp Baked Potatoes Steamed Rice Cream Corn Asparagus</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Baked Fish Hungarian Goulash Barbecue Chicken Parsley Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Vegetable Stir Fry Cream Corn</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Grilled Mustard Chicken Breast Oven Fried Fish Cantonese Spareribs Baked Macaroni and Cheese Egg Noodles Sweet Potatoes</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli Turkey Nuggets Loin Strip Steak Mushroom and Onion Sauce Baked Potatoes Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob</p>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
<p>Columbus Day</p> <p>Supper:</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meatballs Veal Parmesan Pasta with Clam Sauce Pasta Primavera Italian Style Pasta Spanish Rice</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Teriyaki Chicken Veal Parmesan Salmon Cakes Filipino Rice Parsley Buttered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Succotash Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Country Captain Chicken Meat Loaf Turkey a La King Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Harvard Beets Okra and Tomato Gumbo</p>	<p>Lunch:</p> <p>Lasagna Chicken Parmesan Hot Italian Sausage Green Peppers and Onions Jefferson Noodles Potatoes Au Gratin Stewed Tomatoes Broccoli</p> <p>Dinner:</p> <p>Lasagna Chicken Parmesan Sweet Italian Sausage Potatoes Au Gratin Jefferson Noodles Cauliflower Stewed Tomatoes Broccoli</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: Supper 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; All carry out times 7 – 9 p.m.

Aerial fire fighters complete deployment



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Spike Riley

Master Sgt. Dave Gilson, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, works the controls of the Modular Airborne Firefighting System, over the wild land fires of Arizona, Colorado and Utah this summer. Sergeant Gilson was sent to Williams Gateway Air Tanker Base in Mesa, Arizona as part of the 302nd Air Wing team that deployed to augment the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

After three months of fighting wild-land fires in the Western United States, the 302nd Airlift Wing's aerial firefighters have returned home.

The Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System firefighters were activated May 24 and originally sent to Williams Gateway Air Tanker Base in Mesa, Ariz. The team was sent there to augment the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service fighting wild-land fires in Arizona, Colorado and Utah.

"There were significant fire starts in Arizona this year according to the Secretary of the Interior, Gail Norton, who was one of many dignitaries visiting our site," said Senior Master Sgt. Tim Sandon, 731st Airlift Squadron, "but she also indicated more acreage was saved this year as opposed to last."

The MAFFS unit later received orders to transfer operations to a forward base located at Hill AFB, Utah. They proceeded to fight other fires in southern Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Nevada. They later deployed to Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Ore., and Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash.

"We were actually considered initial attack this year," said Master Sgt. Tom Farley, 731st AS flight engineer. "Two crews did close to 100 drops in a week. Fifty-some drops per two aircraft is the most I've ever seen since I joined MAFFS in 1996."

One cause of the increase in military assistance was due to two commercial air tanker accidents in 2002. Another reason is that some older commercial air tankers are being discontinued until completion of further testing.

"Initial attack was something new

to our fire fighting mission," said Lt. Col. Luke Coker, 302nd AW, chief of plans and programs. Colonel Coker has served as mission commander for a majority of the unit's fire fighting deployments.

"This is the first year we've been used tactically, and something the USDA Forest Service decided to try this fire-fighting season. Once a fire exceeded 500 acres we were supposed to pull off and reset for initial attack," he said.

Recent statistics prior to the MAFFS deactivation indicated an increase in the unit's activity as opposed to other fire fighting seasons. The wing's MAFFS units were credited with 329 sorties, 326 drops, 349 hours flown, 869,029 gallons and 7,891,931 pounds of retardant expelled during the wild-fire missions.

"This is the busiest we've been since we acquired the MAFFS mission in 1993," said Colonel Coker. "Our maintenance and support personnel exceeded the call and really stood up to the challenge."

"Once again, we have stood up to the plate as a unit," echoed Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bebow, 302nd AW maintenance superintendent. "We provided every possible requirement needed to fly daily, repair discrepancies and bring the aircraft and personnel back home. The aircraft performed to the level of quality maintenance we put into them."

Colonel Coker added, "Another possibility for an increase in the 302nd AW's fire fighting activity this year was the 146th AW located at Point Magu, Channel Islands, Calif., converting over to the C-130J model aircraft and performing other duties overseas."

Another round of Joint Forge rotations wrapping up

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing will complete five more rounds of Operation Joint Forge rotations in early October. Stationed out of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, members of the wing's 731st Airlift Squadron and 302nd Maintenance Group will complete the 2 1/2-month deployment Oct. 8.

"We were basically assuming missions of the 37th Airlift Squadron deployed to other locations," said Capt. Mike Savage, 731st aircraft pilot. The 37th AS is part of the 86th Airlift Wing and host unit for Joint Forge operations.

The missions included conducting airlift operations delivering equipment, supplies and humanitarian goods to Bosnia, Hungary, Albania, Turkey, Macedonia, Africa and Italy throughout the European theater.

"Typically, we were rotating 15-member crews in every two weeks. Some volunteered to stay the entire time," said Captain Savage. Other airlift squadron members included members from avionics, and the fuel and engine shops."

"My involvement in Joint Forge this time was from a different perspective," said Chief Master Sgt. Eric Deylius, 731st AS chief flight engineer. "I went as the maintenance chief to fill a short fall. I faced sever-

al challenges, the biggest was the logistics of operating the mission out of Spangdahlem Air Base while the Ramstein runway underwent repair."

"The rainbow operation in place now is a remarkable effort for mission accomplishment," said Chief Deylius. "It amazed me, with all the units represented, the overall attitude was to focus on mission completion. We weren't individuals. We were Delta Squadron, the proof and pride of the Air Force Reserve Command and the Total Force concept."

Aside from the normal mission, two aircraft from the wing had the opportunity to provide humanitarian relief into Beslan, Russia in support of the recent terrorist attack on a school there.

For info about base closures and delayed reporting, tune in to one of these stations.

Radio Stations

KOA-AM (850), Denver
(KHOW, KTLK, KBPI, KISS,
KTCL, FOX, KBCO)
KTLF-FM (90.5)
KRCC-FM (91.5)
KVOR (740 AM)
KKFM-FM (98.1)

KKMG-FM (98.9),
KBCZ, KVOR (NEWS RADIO),
KSPZ-FM (92.9)
KYZX-FM (103.9)
KILO-FM (94.3)
KKLI-FM (106.3)
KCCY-FM (96.9)

KMOM (96.1)
KVUU-FM (99.9)
KKCS-FM (101.9)
AM (1460)
KRDO-FM (95.1)
KSKX-AM (1240)

TV Stations

KKTV-CH 11

KOAA-CH 5/30

KRDO-CH 13

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Navy boots AF out of trophy bid

By Tech. Sgt. James A. Rush
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Air Force Academy's chances to regain the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy got booted by the "worst kicker in college football" Sept. 30 when a Navy field goal handed the Falcons a 24-21 loss.

During the game, ESPN commentators referred to Midshipman place-kicker Geoff Blumenfeld's 0-4 track record on three-pointers this year, but Blumenfeld had the last word, however, when he booted a 30-yard shot with four seconds left to give Navy the win.

Air Force gave Blumenfeld lots of time to think about the play, twice calling timeout just as he lined up to kick. But the tactic failed, and the senior split the uprights, leaped over an Air Force defender and pumped his fist as he ran toward the sideline.

Both teams are known for their rushing attacks which rank among the nation's best each year. Despite this, the game came down to key passing plays by the Falcons' Shaun Carney and Navy's Aaron Polanco.

Carney, after being replaced by backup Adam Fitch in the third quarter, came back to engineer a game-tying drive on three passes.

The freshman signal caller split two defenders to find J.P. Waller on a 38-yard pass and followed with a 10-yarder to Alec Messerall. Now at the Navy 19, Carney hit Darnell Stephens for a touchdown on the next play. The quarterback tied the game at 14 running in for the two-point conversion with 7 minutes, 50 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Although Air Force's defense strug-

gled in the first half, it had solved the problem of stopping Navy's rushing attack. The Falcons allowed only 22 yards and no first downs through about 25 minutes of the second half.

Facing third down deep in Falcon territory, Navy turned to Polanco's arm for the help. The senior stepped back to pass, rolled to his right to escape the Air Force rush and threw a 66-yard strike to

Marco Nelson. Soon after, fullback Kyle Eckel breached the end zone on a 3-yard touchdown run giving Navy a 21-14 lead at the 4:15 point.

Air Force's response was swift. Led again by Carney's passing, the Falcons tied the game on his 12-yard pass to Waller, followed by a point-after kick with 2:21 left. Waller (102) and Messerall (103) each finished the game with more than 100 yards receiving.

Polanco gave the Midshipmen a 14-6 lead after two quarters. The quarterback attacked with both arm and legs notching a 13-yard touchdown pass and an 18-yard scoring run.

Air Force kicker Mike Greenway was good for two short field goals early in the game. Both opportunities came after Navy stopped Falcon drives deep into the red zone.

The victory eliminates Air Force from CINC Trophy competition. Even with an Air Force win over Army, coupled with a Navy loss to West Point, Navy would keep the trophy.

Navy (5-0) looks to win the trophy outright by beating Army on Dec. 4.

Air Force (2-3) is mired in its worst start since 1994 when it began 0-3.



Photo by Charley Starr

Falcon running back Anthony Butler eluded tacklers in the first quarter of Air Force's home game against service rival Navy on Sept. 30. Navy won the game 24-21 eliminating Air Force from competition for this year's Commander-in-Chief Trophy.



Air Force, Navy face off prior to game

By Lt. Col. Michael T. Farrell

Electronic Systems Center Combatant Commanders' Systems

The battle between the Air Force and Navy extended beyond the gridiron here Sept. 29 at Detachment 5.

The day before the big AF vs Navy game, spirits soared when approximately 250 members of the Air Force Electronic Systems Center Detachment 5, Space & Missile Center Logistics Support Squadron joined U.S. Northern Command Navy personnel to participate in a pre-game pep rally televised by ESPN.

Various team sports and games were held, such as a push-up contest and a tug-of-war where Air Force personnel matched muscle against a contingent of Navy personnel.

Once again, the Air Force proved that air superiority extends from the ground up on the high plains of Colorado.

During the course of the day's festivities, besides the tug-of-war competition, the participants competed in several events including a Dizzy Bat Hot Dog Relay; Kick, Punt and Pass contest; Pie-in-the-Face event; and silent auction of items contributed by local Colorado Springs businesses. A final goal of the AF/Navy Pep Rally was to raise funds for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Air Force fans hung a "Sink Navy" sign over the detachment's entrance for the event. The Navy, however, sunk the Air Force during the game with a final score of 24-21, kicking a field goal in the final seconds.

Pep rally supporters rally support for Combined Federal Campaign

By Walt Johnson

Sports Writer

Even before the Air Force and Naval Academy football teams met Thursday night at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium to compete for the commander-in-chief's trophy, teams from the Air Force and Navy were competing for another outstanding cause here.

Air Force and Navy people from the Combined Integrated Facility on the base's east side joined up to celebrate together in competitive sports and fundraising before the game for a great cause — the Combined Federal Campaign, according to John Ownby, event organizer.

The CFC kicks off today and it just happened to fall close enough to the date for the Air Force-Navy game that a fundraising idea turned into a fundraising reality according to Ownby.

"In years past the game always fell right in the middle of CFC season, so this has become an additional fundraiser event for the campaign. We're right at the beginning of the season this year, so it's a good way to kick it off," Ownby said.

Ownby said the coordination for the event took some time because of the community involvement that went into planning the event. He added there was also a need to make sure the day would be something members of the Air Force and Navy communities would look forward to. It would be the beginning of the events that lead to the annual football game.

"The idea for a fundraiser like this got started in June when we were looking for someone to coordinate an event in support of the Air Force-Navy game. Two years ago there was a big pep rally before the Air Force-Notre Dame game, when both teams came in undefeated." Ownby said, "That was an ad hoc event where we were able to put a lot of things together in a short time. We wanted this to be a little more organized because our two goals were for people to have fun and raise money for the Combined Federal campaign. I think we succeeded in both of those goals."

"The week was pretty hectic and I was worried we wouldn't be able to get everything done. We had to coordinate a silent auction consisting of things donated by local businesses and individual donations. From the very beginning everyone told me to do the best you can, it will all come together the day of the event and it looks like it has done just that. One of the things we knew was the competitive nature of the two services would come out this week and that is why we had competitive events like the tug-o-war and the hot dog relay. I thought if we had that type of competition it would get people to come out and get them excited about the game," Ownby said.

The event was so successful Ownby believes "this is something we want to make a regular event here. I don't know if I will be the one coordinating it, but we want to make it an annual event," Ownby said with a smile.



Courtesy Photo

Air Force members (front) take on Navy at the Tug-o-war during the Air Force vs Navy Pep Rally Sept. 29. Members of the Air Force Electronic Systems Center Detachment 5, Space & Missile Center Logistics Support Squadron joined U.S. Northern Command prior to the battle for the Commander in Chief's Trophy, Sept. 30.

Intramural Flag Football standings

Games played thru Sept. 30	721st SFS	1	1	USNORTHCOM	0	1		
L1st SPCS	4	0	AFOTEC DET4	1	1	21st CONS	0	1
21st MDG	3	0	721st MSG	1	1	21st CPTS/DS	0	1
Team Colorado	1	0	21st SCS	1	1	ARSTART	0	2
21st CES	1	0	CMOC	1	2	AFSPC CSS	1	2
21st SFS	2	1	AFSPC CSS	1	2			

Peterson bowling league competition for all levels

By Walt Johnson

Sports Writer

One of the most popular intramural sports on base has nothing to do with making a basket, scoring a run or getting a touchdown. Instead it involves making a split, balancing out your teammates and just having a whole lot of old fashioned fun.

The base intramural bowling program is so popular; it has the distinction of having the highest participation level of any sport not only on base but in the city of Colorado Springs according to Stephanie Laney, secretary of the Peterson Air Force Base intramural bowling league.

Laney said the league here is so popular that the base has to have three nights set aside to handle the number of teams that participate in the most recognized bowling program in Colorado Springs. "This has always been a great program.

When I took over these duties last November I was told there's always a great turnout for bowling here. In

fact, we have three more teams this year than we did last year," Laney said.

Peterson hosts three base leagues. The leagues bowl Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. Our Wednesday league has 16 teams while the Thursday and Friday leagues have 14 teams. Though there are three separate leagues, it is one program. "We have the largest bowling league in Colorado Springs which is sanctioned through the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress and the Colorado Springs Bowling Association," Laney said.

Laney said the credit for the league's popularity rests with the local Air Force community. They take part in a sport that is a test of skill that almost anyone can try to match.

"The patronage of the people here is the best thing about our program. The good thing is we accommodate the people from Schriever Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, as well as Team Pete, for our bowling leagues. I also have three teams from the

Air Force Academy band who participate in our league," Laney said.

"I believe people bowl because it is a fun sport. People understand you don't have to be exceptionally good to participate in bowling. Everyone may not feel like they could play basketball or football because you have to have a certain skill level, but everyone can bowl at a competitive level," Laney added. "Even if you aren't the greatest bowler in the world you can compete in our league because it is a handicap league. Also bowling is a team sport and even if you don't personally bowl well your teammates might have a great night and it balance it out."

The base bowling program is not just about fun and games, it does impact who wins the coveted commander's trophy, given to unit's for intramural sports supremacy each year.

The top eight teams in each league compete for the base championship at the end of the season. Teams get points toward the commander's trophy since this is part of the fitness center's intramural program.