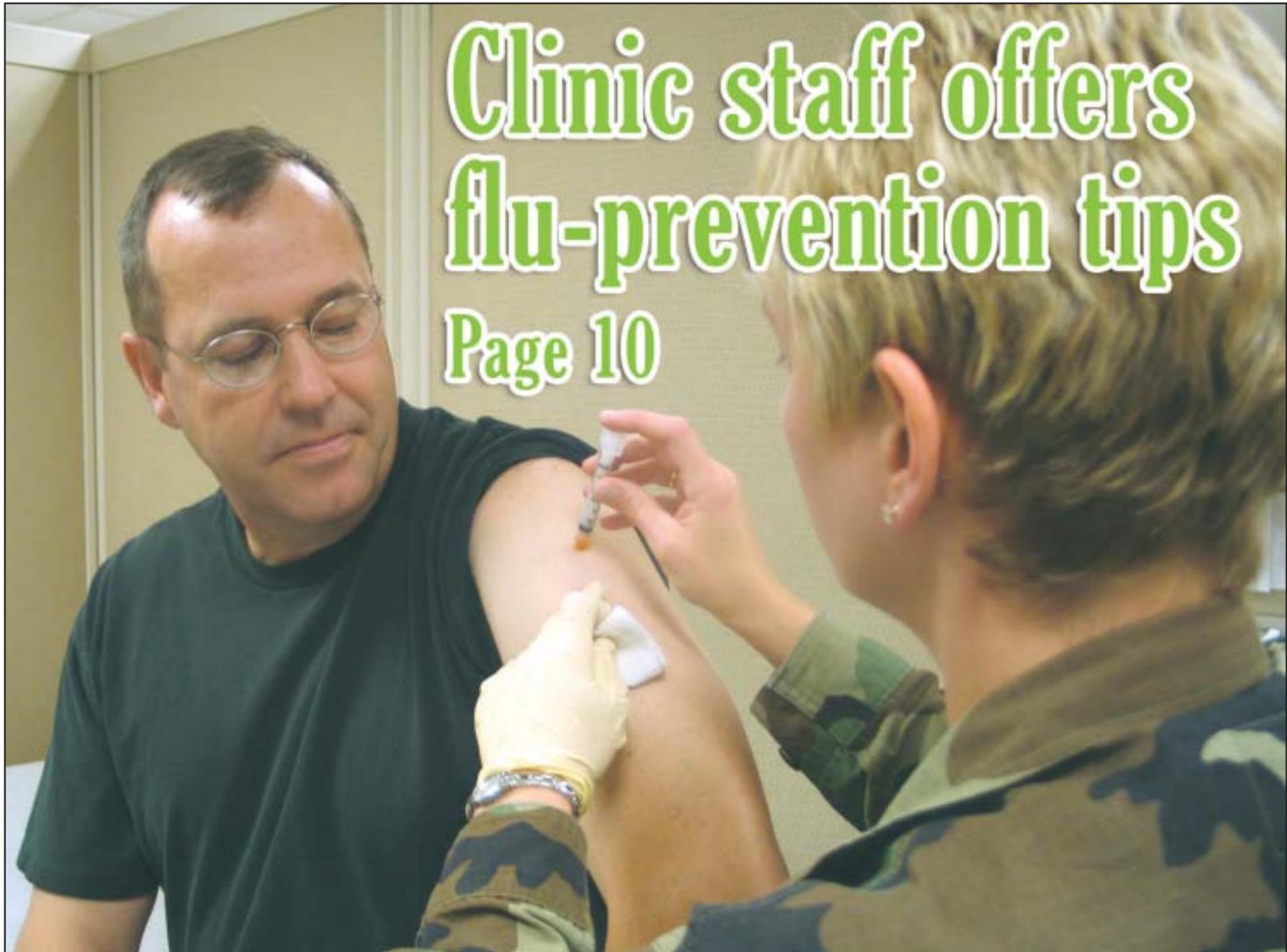


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Stressed Airmen – who’s your wingman?

By Gen. John P. Jumper
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Stress is nothing new to military life and there are many factors that contribute to this.

But lately, stress has been taking its toll on our Airmen.

Our suicide rate is skyrocketing while accidental deaths are more than 36 percent above what they were four years ago. We lost 57 people to suicide in the past year – a dramatic, and tragic increase from last year. We lost another 99 Airmen to accidents. Combined, that’s an order of magnitude greater than our combat losses in both Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. We’re causing ourselves more harm than the enemy.

We must do a better job of looking after one another – be better wingmen.

Our jobs are inherently stressful. This is a fact of our profession. We have more than 30,000 Airmen deployed across the globe, with more than 7,000 of them in a combat environment. Many Airmen are now on their sixth deployment in 10 years. Those at home face increased work hours, inconsistent manning and a con-

tinuous workload. More stress comes from uncertainty.

In addition, increased AEF deployment periods, force restructuring, Non-Commissioned Officer retraining and OSD’s BRAC assessments and potential base closures may suggest an ambiguous or unstable future to some Airmen. This can often lead to other stress factors, like family or relationship problems, financial or legal problems, and substance abuse.

We are taking steps to mitigate some of these factors, but stress will always be a concern. Stress is a problem we can manage. The Air Force leadership is confronting this problem. We cannot relieve the tempo of deployment. When our nation calls, we must respond. However, we can and will work to provide our Airmen with the support they need to carry their load.

We are reinvigorating our suicide prevention program that had dramatically dropped the number of suicides over the past seven years. The program worked, but it needs a shot in the arm. Along with suicide prevention, we’re continuing to focus on safety and risk management, with zero mishaps as our goal.

November begins the busy holiday season. This is a time of celebration, but also a time when stress rises. Our major commands will be placing special emphasis on stress-related issues during the month of November. We will re-emphasize the support services available, review the signs of stress and remind all Airmen what it means to look out for each other – to be good wingmen.

However, this problem cannot be solved through programs and training sessions alone. It’s going to take an effort from the whole force, from our commanders and supervisors to every Airman in the force. It will take your total commitment.

Commanders – you bear the responsibility for the total welfare of our greatest asset – Airmen. You are responsible for their physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being. Use your base resources. You should know when your Airmen need help and where to send them to get it.

Supervisors – you are our first line of defense. Like commanders, you are responsible for the well-being of the people you supervise. It is you who look every Airman in the eye every day.

It is you who can spot the first signs of trouble, and you who are in the best position to listen and engage.

Airmen – be good wingmen. Take care of yourself and those around you. Step in when your wingman needs help. Signs of stress and suicide should not be dismissed. Neither should senseless risks to life and limb because of improper safety and irresponsible behavior.

In today’s expeditionary Air Force, commanders and supervisors are often deployed. We rely on those who remain behind as acting commanders and supervisors to be familiar with the stresses confronting their Airmen and to be familiar with all the tools necessary to deal with these stresses.

I need everyone’s help on this. Take care of your wingmen on the ground so we can continue to confront America’s enemies from air and space.

Stress is not going away; it is a reality we must accept and manage. We are the world’s greatest Air and Space Power because of you, America’s Airmen. The needless loss of one Airman is one loss too many.

Look out for each other – look out for your wingman.



Commander pilots motorcycle; safety rides shotgun

By General Lance W. Lord
Air Force Space Command commander

This year, I was privileged to participate as a guest speaker in the Salute to American Veterans Motorcycle Rally in Cripple Creek, an annual event honoring those who have sacrificed in service to our country. Several of us formed a group and rode from Colorado Springs to the rally in Cripple Creek. The 45-mile ride through mountainous terrain was exhilarating while spending the day in such a beautiful setting was truly inspiring. The interaction with such a variety of motor-

cycle riders provided a few great safety reminders I’d like to share.

It was surprising to see how many riders did not wear protective gear. As all Air Force motorcyclists know, we have regulations mandating the wear of prescribed safety gear – it’s not optional. It is amazing to me that someone would choose not to wear “armor,” optional or not. In a serious mishap, the proper protective equipment can literally make the difference between life and death.

Second, I was reminded of the value of knowing how to ride properly. For Air Force

personnel, this means attending the proper motorcycle-training course before you ride. Just like wearing proper safety gear, the training course is not optional. The rules are spelled out in AFI 91-207. If you’re a rider, be sure you know the rules and that you’ve attended the required training.

Third, and perhaps most important, we all must understand the risks we’re taking when we ride and plan for them. Any encounter between a motorcycle and an automobile, bridge abutment, guardrail, etc is never a fair fight – the motorcycle rider is always at a severe disadvan-

tage. It is important to “flight plan” our ride ahead of time, considering all the potential dangers we may face. Remember, every ride is a “combat sortie” and we must plan accordingly.

Finally, for riders at Peterson, Patrick and Los Angeles Air Force Bases, your base-level motorcycle clubs are an outstanding resource for fun, camaraderie and safety tips. The clubs are part of an Air Force-wide test program. They are laying the foundation for motorcycle clubs that will be formed at other bases across the Air Force in coming months. Their organized rides

and programs to match novices with more experienced riders are designed to make the sport safer and more enjoyable for all. I encourage you to become a member.

Our day at Cripple Creek was perfect. We got to ride in beautiful country, enjoy the camaraderie of thousands of fellow riders and pay tribute to those who have served America. It was a great day, in large part because there were no accidents. As responsible motorcycle riders we must go the extra mile to be sure all of our motorcycle outings end with that same great feeling of satisfaction.



A Moment in Time



- Nov. 1, 1995 – Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, hosts the presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia for peace talks designed to end the war in the former Yugoslavia.
- Nov. 4, 1960 – The U.S. Air Force revealed the use of a converted C-97 as an airborne command post.
- Nov. 6, 1930 – Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker is awarded the Medal of Honor for his action in World War I.



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Commander praises teamwork at Thule

By 1st Lt Jennifer Tribble

821 Air Base Group Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command leadership praised the professionalism and teamwork of Airmen at Thule Air Base, Greenland, during a visit to the "top of the world" Oct. 23-25.

General Lance W. Lord, AFSPC commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Ronal Kriete, AFSPC Command Chief, traveled 700 miles north of the Arctic Circle to personally interact with the men and women performing and supporting Thule's operational missions of missile warning, space surveillance and satellite telemetry and tracking.

"I've seen nothing but professionals here," General Lord remarked.

The visit included a trip to the 12th Space Warning Squadron Ballistic Missile Early Warning System-Site I, where General Lord and Chief Kriete met with space operators in the Missile Warning Operations Center.

The 12th SWS is a unit of the 21st Space Wing, headquartered at Peterson AFB, under AFSPC.

General Lord and Chief Kriete also visited Detachment 3, 22nd Space Operations Squadron, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB. Detachment 3, also

known as "POGO", is the largest and northernmost unit of eight worldwide satellite tracking stations in the Air Force Satellite Control Network.

"The space mission is important," General Lord said. "What we do today in the Air Force can't be done without space."

During his visit, General Lord addressed Airmen at Thule during a Commander's Call. He shared information about the Air Force's new utility uniform, the new space badge, space professional development and the future of space operations.

"Throughout the Air Force, operations tempo is high and people are deployed around the world. The Airmen here at Thule know what that's like," he said. "You are very important to the mission and I appreciate everything each and every one of you are doing."

The General also noted that now is an exciting time to be a part of the Air Force and Air Force Space Command. He said he would welcome the opportunity to trade places with young troops entering the Air Force today. He promises that there is much to see in the days ahead and that improvements and advancements in space will be nothing short of exciting.

"My wife, Beccy, and I have been in [the Air Force] for 30-plus years and have enjoyed every minute of it," he said. "I've worked hard to be able to

hand over my career to today's young Airmen who are just starting their Air Force careers."

General Lord also offered advice for the men and women of Thule, especially during the winter storm season, where darkness prevails.

"It's important to take care of yourself mentally, physically and spiritually," he said. "Everyday you need to get up and do mental, physical and spiritual 'pushups'. Keep doing it, and that's the best insurance you've got."

General Lord also praised the teamwork displayed by the men and women of Team Thule.

"We've been all over and we're very pleased with the teamwork you've shown and how you're working to take care of each other," he said. "The support you provide is great for all of the people here; military, civilian and contractors alike. Thanks to all of you."

Master Sgt. Vinson Simmons, 821 ABG First Sergeant, remarked that the AFSPC leadership visit brought a morale boost to Airmen at Thule.

"A visit like this is important for the troops here at such a remote location." He said. "It lets them know that senior leadership is concerned with their well-being and wants to ensure that they have the tools they need to complete the mission." 

Drug-testing program targets those most likely to abuse

A recent change to the Air Force's drug-testing program aims to reduce the number of substance abusers by targeting Airmen most likely to use them.

The Air Force began its "Smart Testing" program Oct. 1, at three major commands. Under the program, individuals in the group shown to most likely use illicit drugs are being tested at a higher frequency than the rest of the population. That target group includes those in the ranks of airman basic through senior airman and first and second lieutenants, said Col. Wayne Talcott, community protection division chief of the Air Force Medical Support Agency at Brooks City-Base, Texas.

"What we are really trying to do with Smart Testing is target the portion of our population that has the highest prevalence of drug use," he said. "That is basically 18- to 25-year-olds."

Colonel Talcott said Department of Defense research shows the target group is four times more likely to have a positive urinalysis than the remainder of the force. He also said that while the group makes up only 40 percent of the Air Force's total end strength, they are responsible for 86 percent of positive

drug tests.

As part of Smart Testing, the Air Force will increase the number of random drug tests it performs on the target group to equal the number of people in the group, said Colonel Talcott.

"We have already started Smart Testing at three major commands," he said. "Slowly, through the rest of October and into November you'll see Smart Testing across the Air Force."

The Air Force previously used a test rate of 64 percent per year, Colonel Talcott said. This means that of 376,900 Airmen, about 241,220 drug tests would be performed during the course of the year. In October, the test rate for the target group increased, though it remained at 64 percent for the rest of the people.

Colonel Talcott said the system is fair because names are chosen at random by computer.

"We have a software program that has a listing of all of the active-duty [Airmen] who are subject to drug testing," Colonel Talcott said. "The software selects names randomly for the numbers of tests we intend to run."

He also said that after a name is



Photo by Becca Turner

Captain Carolann Miller, flight commander of laboratory services at the clinic here, hands a urine sample cup to an airman for a drug test Tuesday. The Air Force started its "Smart Testing" program Oct. 1, which targets Airmen between the ages of 18 and 25, statistically they are most likely to use drugs.

selected for drug testing, it is immediately put back into the system.

"That's often called 'selection with replacement,'" Colonel Talcott said. "That means that once you have been selected and tested, your name goes right back in the hopper for the next time they pull names."

Because names are put back into

the system and because they are drawn randomly, individuals cannot predict when they will be tested, or how many times they will be tested during the year, Colonel Talcott said.

For Airmen in the target group, what they can predict is that they are more likely to be tested now than they were in the past. 

Team Pete congratulates fellow Peterson members upon their graduation from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Airman Leadership School and the First Term Airmen Course.

NCO Academy

Peterson Air Force Base:
Distinguished Graduate Tech. Sgt. Ronald Freeman, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Technical Sergeants Stephen Adorisio, E'Lon Chapman, Brian DePasquale, Tracy Hornback and Shawn Petro, Air Force Space Command; Omar Columbus,

21st Operation Support Squadron; Chancey Cruger, Michael Rosseau, Edward Seeman, and Lauren Speakman, 21st CES; Alena Spangler, 21st Medical Support Squadron; Adam Steel, North American Aerospace Defense Command-U.S. Northern Command; and Jennifer Williams, 21st Medical Dental Operations Squadron.

Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station:

Technical Sergeants Eric Black, David Cameron, 721st Security Forces Squadron; Glen Hays, Robert McNabb, Craig Nelson, John Proniewicz and Daniel Sharp.

Airman Leadership School

Senior Airmen Jerome D. Dyer Jr., 21st Space Communications Squadron; Udell R. Burton, Detachment 11 Space and Missile

Systems; Jesse A. Elting and Brooks K. Jones, 21st Security Forces Squadron; and Anthony T. Byerly, 21st CES.

First Term Airmen Course

The course is a requirement for all Airmen upon arrival to their first duty station.

Airman Basic Jay T. Nelson, 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron and Dithma R. M. Valle, 21st ADOS.

Airman Andrew V. Ibarra, 21st CES.

Airmen 1st Class Dennis B. Bermel, 21st ADOS/ADL; Mark S. Boulterice, Daniel L. Ferguson Jr. Jason L. Walsh, Jeffrey D. Eaton and James D. Wilcox, 721st SFS; Kevin M. Czarneski, 21st LRS; Guilbaldo Farias and Xiao C. Ren, 21st ADOS; David A. McDonald, 21st SFS; and Nicholas Smith, 

**Peterson
members
salute
graduates**



First USNORTHCOM commander wraps up 36-year career

Ceremony likely to cause road closures

North American Aerospace Defense Command-U.S. Northern Command will host a Change of Command Ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday in Hangar 1 here.

Admiral Timothy Keating will assume duty as commander of NORAD and USNORTHCOM from Gen. Ralph "Ed" Eberhart, who is retiring after devoting 36 years of service to the nation

and the Air Force. Admiral Keating will be the first non-Air Force commander of NORAD and the second commander of USNORTHCOM.

Guests of honor are expected to include Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers.

Since parking is limited and Hamilton

Street will be closed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., guests interested in attending the event are encouraged to use buses that will begin running pre-ceremony from the Antlers Hilton and various base locations at 8:30 a.m. Return buses begin running at 11:15 a.m. from Hangar 1.

(Information courtesy of NORAD-USNORTHCOM)



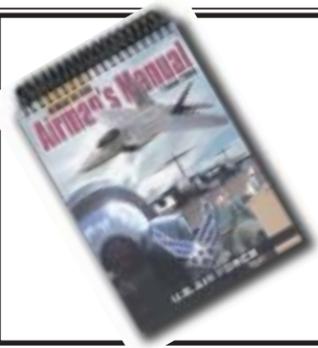
Change of Command bus schedule

Transporting to the ceremony

Point of departure	No. of busses	Departure time	Destination	Arrival time
Bld. 2	3	8 a.m.	Hangar 1	8:10 a.m.
Bldg. 1470	2	8 a.m.	Hangar 1	8:10 a.m.
Bldg. 2	5	8:30 a.m.	Hangar 1	8:40 a.m.
Bldg. 1470	2	8:30 a.m.	Hangar 1	8:40 a.m.
Officers Club	1 bus 2 coaches	8:30 a.m.	Hangar 1	8:40 a.m.
Antlers Hilton	1	8:45 a.m.	Hangar 1	9:30 a.m.

Transporting from the ceremony

Point of departure	No. of busses	Departure time	Destination	Arrival time
Hanar 1	8	11:30 a.m.	Bld. 2 & 1470	11:40 a.m.
Hanar 1	1	11:30 a.m.	Antler's	
Hanar 1	3 coaches	11:30 a.m.	Hilton	12:15 p.m.
Officers Club	4	11:45 a.m.	Officers Club	11:35 a.m.
Officers Club	2 coaches	noon	Bldg. 2 & 1470	11:50 a.m.
			Antler's	
			Hilton	12:45 p.m.



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Firefighter demonstrates top leadership qualities

Peterson NCO receives surprise award while in transit: 2004 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award

By Airman
Mandy Weightman
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

A Peterson firefighter has been recognized as a troop who demonstrates the highest qualities of leadership in the performance of his duties and the ways he conducts his life.

Master Sgt. Tony Phillips, assistant chief of operations and preventions for the Peterson Fire Department, is the recipient of the 2004 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award at the wing level, 14th Air Force level and Air Force Space Command level. Sergeant Phillips was notified of the award in his transition between attending the Senior NCO Academy and deployment.

"While he was on temporary duty to the Senior NCO Academy, we received a small, sealed box for him," said Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Coleman, Base Fire Chief. "When he returned, he opened the box to find a plaque for winning the 21st Space Wing 2004 Lance P. Sijan award, plus a letter from General Lord, dated Aug. 26, congratulating him as the Air Force Space Command winner."

Along with Sergeant Phillips' professional accomplishments resulting in winning this award, he also headed the Fire Prevention Week, which included a parade, demonstrations, displays and fire-safety visits to train both children and adults. Sergeant Phillips also participated in speaking frequently at the Base

Chapel during Sunday services, speaking at the Chapel's teen retreats, judging science fair projects for local school districts and raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through "Filling the Boot" for the past 15 years.

"Master Sergeant Phillips never misses an opportunity to enhance mission capability, train, educate and constantly renew and deeply immerse himself and his people in support of our on and off-base communities," Chief Coleman said. "He is a role model for our Airmen, NCOs and Senior NCOs in today's Air Force."

These are all traits required of a Lance P. Sijan Award.

"I appreciate my supervisor, Chief

Coleman, for believing in me enough to challenge me with tasks and opportunities that push me beyond what I believed I could handle," Sergeant Phillips said. "And my troops always get the job done, without Chief Coleman and my great troops, I couldn't have won this award."

He also said he realizes what Captain Lance Sijan endured while he was held a prisoner of war in Vietnam, and refers to this award as a "tremendous honor." He added that everyone, from generals all the way to Airmen basics, have the opportunities to be positive influences on others.

"Sergeant Phillips epitomizes the Air Force Fire Protection motto, 'desire to serve, ability to perform, courage to act,'" Chief Coleman said. 

Team Pete to harvest help, food for local residents

By Jenna McMullin
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Holidays for some, typically evoke thoughts of a bounty of food, gifts and family. The time can be one of pressure and stress to provide more with less.

But with programs such as the Harvest of Love, the burden is lifted by the generosity of food donations gathered throughout November. Local schools started to collect food for the Care and Share Food Bank Nov. 1, challenging one another to win the

title of "school that collected the most food." The event culminates Nov. 15-19, when volunteers from Team Pete pick up, move and pack the food. Care and Share, the sole food bank in Southern Colorado, feeds about 25,000 people weekly.

For the 11th year, Team Pete resources will be the driving force behind harvesting the donations collected for Care and Share.

Each November, students at more than 160 area schools collect non-perishable food for the Harvest of Love. Last year's Harvest of Love

reaped more than 981,000 pounds of food, according to Scottie Bibb, public relations and events manager for Care and Share.

This year, the goal is to break one million pounds of food in conjunction with setting a Guinness World Record for most food collected in one day. Peterson personnel, their families and friends can volunteer for three jobs:

■ **Pickup teams** use government trucks to pick food up at the area schools and deliver it to the Care and Share warehouse, located near I-25 and Garden of the Gods Road.

Government-licensed drivers are needed to drive the trucks.

■ **Yard workers** unload the food from the trucks into large totes and make sure each school's donations are recorded.

■ **Repack-room workers** take the food items out of the large totes, mark the bar codes as donations and put them into family-sized boxes.

The volunteer effort runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 through 19. Pickup teams leave from base transportation at 7:30 a.m. and are assigned to pick food up from four to six schools. Yard workers and

repack room workers can choose from the morning shift, 8 a.m. to noon, or the afternoon shift, noon to 4 p.m. Units are encouraged to volunteer as a group. Lunch, soda and snacks are provided for volunteers each day.

To ensure the total force is available to help break the one-million-pound-mark, Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, commander of the 21st Space Wing, has authorized civilians to take up to four hours excused absence to support this year's harvest.

To donate time, send an e-mail to trina.davis@peterson.af.mil 

FORT CARSON TEAM TO FIRE PRACTICE SHOTS ON PETERSON

A team from Fort Carson will fire a salute battery as part of a change of command ceremony Friday. The team will fire blanks for the ceremony. For more information, call Capt. Gurminder Singh at 554-9434.

PETERSON MEMBERS SALUTE NCO PROMOTEES

The monthly Team Pete Noncommissioned Officer Induction and Recognition Ceremony will be held 3 p.m. Friday at the Enlisted Club.

JUDGE ADVOCATE SEEKS INCOME TAX VOLUNTEERS

The 21st Space Wing Judge Advocate office is in search of people to volunteer to prepare 2004 tax returns for active-duty military, retirees and dependents. Volunteer days and times are flexible. Tax preparation experience requested but not required. All volunteers must pass the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant test. Untrained volunteers must be available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 through 10 for IRS-provided tax preparation training. For information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Kellie Soulvie at 556-4403 or email kellie.soulvie@peterson.af.mil.

SPACE SYSTEM CONFERENCE BEGINS COWTOWN

The 2004 Core Technologies for Space Systems Conference will be held Monday through Wednesday at the Sheraton Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo. The conference is a non-profit event featuring technical presentations and lectures intended to provide a forum for sharing the latest ideas in core space technologies. It is intended for aerospace scientists, engineers and technical managers from academia, industry, government and military programs. Military and government registration is \$200 for all three days or \$100 per day. Group discounts for 10 or more are available.

For more information or to register, visit at

<http://www.spacecoretech.org/> or contact Dale Kunz at dale.kunz@afscn.com or Mark Heinrich at mark.heinrich@cta.com.

FORT CARSON HOSTS VETERANS' DAY MARCH

Fort Carson members will host a 5/10/20K Volksmarch in honor of Veterans' Day between 8 a.m. and noon, Nov. 13 at the Fort Carson Special Events Center. Volksmarch means "sport of the people." The event was given this name because it's an organized, noncompetitive event for people of all ages. For more information, call John or Sheila McClellan at 559-7953. To register for this event, go to www.rmr.org.

PIKES PEAK MARINES CELEBRATE CORPS' BIRTHDAY

The Marines in the Pikes Peak Region and the Pikes Peak Detachment celebrate their 229th Marine Corps Birthday with their annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball Saturday at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The guest of honor will be Marine Corps retired General Richard I. Neal. For more infor-

mation or to make reservations, call Maj. Louis Limon at 556-0354 or e-mail Salvador.limon@northcom.mil.

SECURITY FORCES ENFORCE VEHICLE REGISTRATION

There are a number of people who have vehicles which are not registered or have expired registrations on Peterson Air Force Base. Gate guards have been enforcing the vehicle registration regulation by sending vehicle operators to the Visitor's Center in order to properly register their vehicles. Vehicles with temporary plates are required to get a temporary pass until the plates expire. To register, the owner of the vehicle must provide proof of vehicle registration, insurance, Colorado emissions and a valid military or civilian employee identification.

Security Forces Pass and Registration personnel will hold vehicle registration from 8 to 10 a.m. Nov. 17 in Bldg. 1; from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in Bldg. 3; from 8 to 10 a.m. Nov. 18 in Bldg. 2025; and from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 in Bldg. 2. The Visitors Center will have extended hours on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Wednesday. For information, call the



2004 Colorado Springs
Veterans' Day Parade
9:30 a.m. Nov. 6
Tejon St. in Colorado Springs
For additional information, call 719-282-3862

Blotter

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

***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, our vigilant security forces team treat each incident seriously and according to the rules and regulations.*

CLUMSY OWNER LOSES SIGHT OF BELONGINGS – OCT. 5

A person telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk stating there was a suspicious-looking black briefcase, with no identifying markings, lying unattended in the orderly room of the Military Personnel Flight. Fire Department arrived at the scene. The Explosive Ordnance Detection Team arrived to assess the situation. The briefcase contained nothing unusual. It was just a lost and lonely briefcase. The inattentive owner unknowingly caused an enormous scene, in what seemed like such a harmless oversight. However, the owner learned a valuable lesson – keep track of your belongings. You never know what can happen.

THE POKEMON HEIST – OCT. 5

The AAFES store detective from the Base Exchange telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk stating he was detaining a minor for attempting to shoplift a package of Pokemon cards. Colorado Springs Police Department responded. The minor kleptomaniac felt he needed to fulfill his obsession with Pokemon by pilfering a package of Pokemon playing cards to strengthen his own powers. The power of the Pokemon was unable to overcome the undeniable supremacy of Peterson Security Forces. The Pokemon Warlord received a summons from the almighty CSPD officer for shoplifting. No Pokemon were harmed in the making of this incident.

BARRICADE WINS BATTLE – OCT. 5

The North Entry Controller notified the Law Enforcement Desk that a driver attempted to maneuver through the barricades in the outbound lane at the North Gate, but instead smashed into a tricky Jersey barrier. The motorist turned too tightly and caught her front passenger-side tire on the gigantic very visible, concrete barrier. The barrier decided to halt the vehicle dead in its tracks. Both the driver and barrier were left unscathed, however the vehicle was completely disabled due to the fact the wheel was no longer one with the axle. To all you motorists out there on Peterson, beware of the sinister Jersey barriers. They take no prisoners.

COMMISSARY VS FLOUR – OCT. 5

A person from the commissary telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk stating there was a suspicious

powder by the meat department. Bioenvironmental responded and identified the powder in question to be bleached flour. Apparently, someone was attempting to invent a bleached-flour-meat combination in the meat department. After the individual came to the conclusion that floured meat was not going to be a big hit they departed the area, leaving the mess to the authorities. The flour was noticed three hours prior, however it wasn't reported to Security Forces immediately. The commissary janitorial team responded with lightning speed to the incident and neutralized the flour.

A DRUNK DRIVING – OCT. 5

A Department of Defense police officer working for Fort Carson called the Law Enforcement Desk stating he had been following a vehicle on Powers Boulevard. The officer believed the driver was intoxicated. He further stated that the individual was on Airport Street approaching the West Gate. The possibly drunken operator approached the West Gate and the Entry Controllers stopped him to ascertain his status whereupon they smelled the odor of alcohol emanating from the individual. The person was taken to the ominous Security Forces Squadron to test his BRAC. The inebriated motorist failed his BRAC test, confirming he was Driving Under the Influence. The swerving drunken motorist was then read his rights and turned over to his ever-grateful First Sergeant.

BRAZEN BANDIT BREAKS PROPERTY – OCT. 7

A housing resident called 9-1-1 to report her house appeared to have been broken into by an unknown person. Security Forces responded to the possible burglary and made contact with the distressed resident. Apparently, the housing resident was at work for 12 hours and upon her return she noticed damage to her window screen that was cut, torn and pulled from the window. Furthermore, her interior blinds had been ripped down and they were hanging out of the open window. The patrolmen did a sweep of the residence to ensure everything was secure inside and then continued with the complainant to look for any further vandalism. They unfortunately found some more damage to her personal vehicle involving one of the taillights and damage to the license plate. Security Forces Investigations took over the case and are now in search of the vandal.

LEFT PEDAL BREAK ...

RIGHT PEDAL GAS? – OCT. 7

The West Gate Entry Controller radioed the Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk stating a motorist driving a moving van had given his identification to the controller and was asked to proceed to the search area. The "moving" motorist had other ideas, deciding he was too busy to wait for the controller to search the moving truck, he proceeded onto the installation without his military ID. The ever-vigilant patrols rendezvoused contact with the individual and his moving van in the parking lot of the BX. The confused mover stated he was new to the base and wasn't aware of Peterson's entry policy. The responding Security Forces patrolmen quickly refreshed the motorists'

memory, further reminding him that gate controllers do not hoard military ID cards for pleasure. They tend to give them back.

THE LAUNDRY SNATCHER – OCT. 7

A person telephoned the Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk and said someone had appropriated his clothing from the laundry facility from one of the dormitories. The complainant stated he checked on his clothing garments 12 hours after he started the load of laundry, when he noticed his clothes were missing in action, and someone else's clothes were manhandled. The laundry snatcher is still at large. If you have any further information concerning this matter, contact Security Forces Investigations.

SHIFTY PRICE-SHIFTERS – OCT. 9

A Security Forces member enlightened a sly-type price-shifter for swapping a price tag with some cool Cateye Wrap Sunglasses that were worth \$14.95. What's the problem? The poor guy must have been blinded by the light and thought he could put them on sale for himself, or he is just a bit on the unfocused side. Didn't really matter what his excuse was, because the result is always the same for these things. The wanna-be cheapskate was transported to the Security Forces Squadron and read his Article 31 rights. The price-switchers' First Sergeant was notified and was nice enough to respond and take custody of the criminal.

ENCORE! BRAZEN BANDIT BREAKS PROPERTY – OCT. 9

A slightly shaken housing resident reported to the Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk that an unknown individual was trying to gain access to her house through a window and they had already cracked the window. Armed Security Forces patrols responded with urgency and when they arrived on scene, the perceptive patrolmen saw a couple of white male individuals hiding behind the residence. The patrolmen initiated a challenge on the perpetrators who ran away. The patrolmen challenged the alleged perpetrators then reported they heard what sounded like a couple of gunshots. Later, it was identified that the gunshots were in fact only firecrackers.

Base K-9 units and extra patrols were recalled to search for the invasive invaders. The west gate checked every vehicle as they left the base. Peterson was on lock-down until these villains were found. On one of the vehicle checks at the west gate, an individual told the Entry Controller that she knew who the Security Forces were looking for and, better yet, where they lived. Patrols swarmed to the residence and picked up, what turned out to be, a couple of dependents who were identified as the suspects. Security Forces Investigations took over responsibility for the case. It looks as though the rash of vandalism that has been going on in housing has now come to an end. It's likely the individuals involved in the vandalism and pranks are going to be kicked off base along with their innocent sponsor and family members.

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



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Total as of Nov. 1 – \$152,389

21st Space Wing goal – \$236,000

65%

THANKS

Military can manage lack of flu vaccine

Key to avoiding flu: take preventative measures

Department of Defense officials are launching a vigorous public health campaign aimed at preventing the flu in those who will not qualify to get their shots this season.

"To borrow a phrase from Franklin Roosevelt from many years ago, and I think it applies: The greatest thing we have to fear 'is fear itself,'" said Dr. William Winkenwerder, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "This is a very manageable problem, a very manageable situation. Speaking for the military, I think we'll be able to manage this situation without any difficulty."

In fact, Dr. Winkenwerder said, "there's some chance we could have a low influenza season" because of the efforts to target the vaccine for higher-risk individuals, "and being very ... forward-leaning, and pushing out our messages for all others on how to prevent the spread of infection."

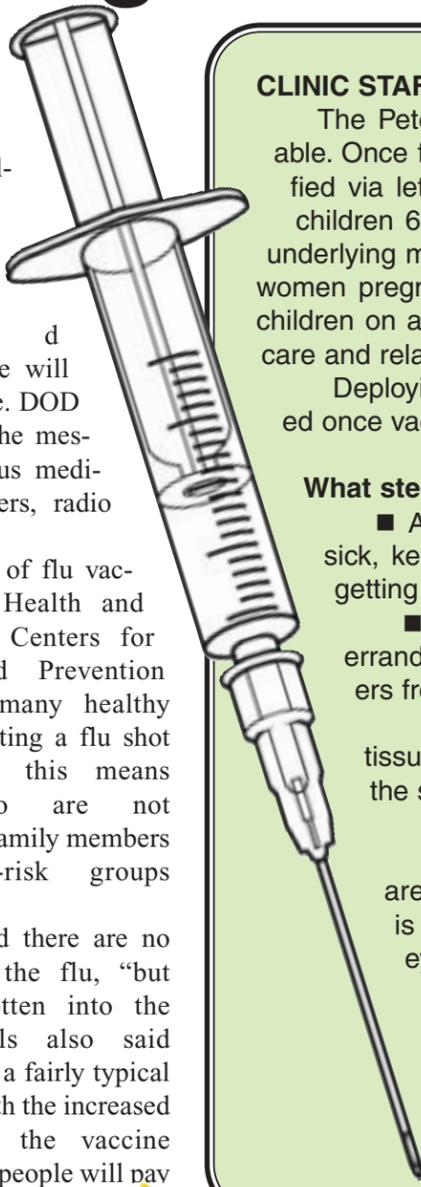
Dr. Winkenwerder said the messages are very simple but important. He mentioned the oft-repeated preventive practices of washing hands and covering mouths when coughing or sneezing. If people get sick, he said, they should "stay away from other people.

"In fact, if you really feel bad, don't come into work. Don't spread an illness."

Dr. Winkenwerder said the TRICARE Web site will have these tips and more. DOD officials will also get the message out through various mediums: posters, newspapers, radio and television.

With the shortage of flu vaccine, Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials are asking many healthy Americans to forgo getting a flu shot this year. In DOD, this means servicemembers who are not deploying, and healthy family members not in the high-risk groups will not get the shot.

CDC officials said there are no current outbreaks of the flu, "but we really haven't gotten into the season yet." Officials also said they believe this will be a fairly typical flu season. They said with the increased attention surrounding the vaccine shortage, they hope that people will pay



CLINIC STAFF PROVIDES FLU UPDATE

The Peterson AFB Clinic currently has no flu vaccine available. Once flu vaccine is available, high-risk patients will be notified via letter to report to the clinic. High-risk patients include children 6 to 23 months old, adults 65 and older, people with underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or heart disease, women pregnant during the flu season, nursing home residents, children on aspirin therapy, healthcare workers with direct patient care and relatives of infants younger than 6 months.

Deploying DOD personnel will also be notified and vaccinated once vaccine is available.

What steps can be taken to prevent the flu?

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When sick, keep some distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

- If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when sick. Those who are sick can help prevent others from catching the illness.

- People should cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those in the same area from getting sick.

- Wash hands often to help prevent germs.

- Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

The Public Health office here reminds TRICARE beneficiaries (with the exception of active-duty members) who fall into the high-risk group they may get their flu shots off base and be reimbursed for the cost of the shot. For more information, call the Peterson AFB Flu-Line at 556-3588.

Military pharmacies offer economic benefits

For military beneficiaries, the most economic method to fill prescriptions is at a military pharmacy.

The Department of Defense Pharmacoeconomic Center has established the Basic Core Formulary. This is a list of drugs that all Military Treatment Facilities must carry at a minimum.

Then each MTF can add additional drugs based upon the needs of their beneficiaries. This list of additional drugs varies from base to base and beneficiaries should check each base to see what additional drugs they carry.

The second most cost-effective option in having pre-

scriptions filled is to use the National Mail Order Pharmacy. This pharmacy will mail the prescriptions to the member's house, making it especially valuable to members with limited mobility or those located far from a military base. The NMOP will dispense up to a three-month supply for one co-pay.

Another option is to use a local retail network pharmacy. Most pharmacies take TRICARE insurance and are network pharmacies. Occasionally, a pharmacy will not accept TRICARE; this is a non-network pharmacy.

In the past, a member was only enrolled in network phar-

macies in the TRICARE region in which they live. Recently this was changed so that members can get their prescriptions filled nationwide. A network pharmacy will fill prescriptions up to a one-month supply for one co-pay. Multiple month supplies can be filled, but members have to pay one co-pay for each month's supply.

A final option is to use a non-network pharmacy. Here, members will pay 100 percent of the pharmacy charges and file a claim to Express Scripts, the organization that administers the TRICARE retail pharmacy plan.

Prices are simple. Active duty members don't pay at any

pharmacies except non-network pharmacies and no one pays at MTF's. For non-active duty beneficiaries, the co-pays are currently \$3 for generic prescriptions, \$9 for brand-name formulary prescriptions and \$22 for non-formulary prescriptions.

At MTFs, there's been a long-standing policy mandating the use of generic drugs. The retail contract mandates the use of generics when available.

Federal law mandates that TRICARE be considered a secondary insurance when another insurance plan is in effect. If a member has other insurance, he or she needs to inform the MTF when filling prescriptions. If

members have other insurance, they will not be able to get their prescriptions filled through the mail or using the retail network copay system. They can get their prescriptions filled in the retail pharmacy, but they must use their other insurance first. Then members can file a claim with Express Scripts for the balance.

For more information about the TRICARE Pharmacy program, visit the TRICARE pharmacy Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/ or call 877-DOD-MEDS, (877-363-6337). For local inquires, call Maj. Thomas Davis, Peterson Pharmacy flight commander, at 556-1108.

Vets bridge gap to past through parade participation

The Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade, hosted annually by the Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade, Inc., will begin at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 6 in downtown Colorado Springs. This year's theme is "Total Force: Active, Guard, Reserve."

More than 50 volunteers from Peterson Air Force Base are expected to participate in the parade. "Peterson Air Force Base is highly involved in this event. We have 20 dedicated and artistic members working on the Peterson Float; 10 sharp members carrying flags and marching in the Flight of Flags; 10 volunteers helping with the VIP stands and assisting veterans; 10 volunteers marching in a marching unit; and members from the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron will be setting up bleachers," said Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Kujak, 21st Space Wing Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

This year's special honorees will be veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War; as well as our newest combat veterans: troops recently serving in Iraq. The parade will also feature groups from all the area's mili-

tary bases as well as ten marching bands and numerous floats.

Nationally, over 2,000 World War II veterans pass away daily. As a result, the number of WWII veterans participating in the parade has declined steadily. "Not this year," said Diana Ceciliani, the Parade's Executive Director, "We've doubled our efforts to find our WWII vets and have encouraged them to participate.

"I'm estimating we'll have well over 100 WWII veterans in this year's parade including the Tuskegee Airmen, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, the Women's Army Corps Veteran's Association, a local WWII group called the Argonauts, and many WWII vets nonaffiliated with any veteran's group."

The parade route is on Tejon Street, beginning at St. Vrain and ending at Vermijo.

For more information, contact Diana Ceciliani, the parade's Executive Director, at 282-3862. (Courtesy of the Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade, Inc.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Denise Johnson

Personnel Corner

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS MUST COMMIT TO THREE YEARS SERVICE

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force announced several initiatives in January to improve the development and use of chiefs to best meet the challenges facing the Air Force. Beginning with promotion cycle 04E9, all chief-selects will incur a three-year active-duty service commitment from the effective date of promotion. Selectees are required to sign a statement of understanding acknowledging the requirement and must obtain sufficient retainability to serve the active-service duty commitment. Individuals who lack the necessary retainability must obtain it through reenlistment or extension. Individuals who cannot get sufficient retainability to meet the three-year active duty service commitment due to high year tenure must get the maximum service retainability and retire not earlier than their high-year tenure. This policy does not affect Force Shaping eligibility of a chief master sergeant to apply for a limited active-duty service commitment to reduce their obligated service commitment to only six months.

PIERCING PROHIBITED ON, OFF DUTY

Members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamenta-

tion to or through the ear, nose, tongue or any exposed body part, which includes visible through clothing while off-duty on a military installation. Piercing of earlobes by women is allowed, but should not be extreme or excessive. The type and style of earrings worn by women on a military installation should be conservative and kept within sensible limits.

CITIZENSHIP FEES WAIVED

All fees associated with obtaining citizenship are waived as of Oct. 1. In order to qualify, a member must meet the following requirements: qualifying one-year military service and five years United States residency. Unit commanders may approve up to 10 days of permissive temporary duty for the purpose of obtaining citizenship. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Leslie Jackson at 556-4680.

AIR FORCE EXPANDS JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER INSTRUCTOR DUTY

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is expanding and asking Airmen close to retiring from the Air Force, or who have retired within the past five years, to consider becoming a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructor. Applicants can come from all career fields and be officer or enlisted. For information on Air Force JROTC, call Air Force Officer

Accession and Training Schools/Junior Reserve Officer Training Instructors Office toll free at (866) 235-7682, extension 355275.

LETTER OF EVALUATION MANDATORY FOR DEPLOYED COMMANDERS

Effective with Air Expeditionary Force cycle 5, buckets 1 and 2, a Letter of Evaluation is mandatory for all deployed officers through the grade of colonel serving as commanders for 45 days or more in support of named operations. This change will be incorporated into a forthcoming revision of Air Force Instruction 36-2406.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MAY ENROLL IN FLEXIBLE SPENDING PROGRAM

This program offers two types of flexible spending accounts: a health care flexible spending account and a dependent care flexible spending account. Employees may enroll in either one or both types of accounts. The open season will be held Monday through Dec 13. These are the same dates as the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program open season. This will be the only time Federal employees may enroll in this program for 2005, outside of a qualified status change. Employees wishing to enroll in the Flexible Spending Account Program for 2005 must make a positive enrollment to continue in the program, even if they are currently enrolled. For information visit www.FSAFEDS.com, or contact a counselor at (877) 372-3337, or (800) 952-0450.

Internet coupons stretch customers' savings

Commissary shoppers are among the top coupon clippers in the world, but the "clipping" part may someday be history. The Defense Commissary Agency is helping customers increase their savings by making Internet coupon links available on the agency's web site.

"Although we sell groceries at cost, we are always seeking new resources to help our customers increase their savings," said Patrick Nixon, the agency's chief executive

officer. "As the trend toward Internet coupons grows, this section of our web site will continue to grow as well."

Along with top web sites for military grocery coupons, the new section has a link to a new site that offers a choice of English or Spanish. For customers who prefer a more traditional delivery system, another link offers commissary shoppers the opportunity to sign up for coupons by mail.

According to a 2003 marketing report, military commissaries are among the top five retailers redeeming grocery coupons. The most common coupons offered are free-standing inserts typically found inserted in newspapers or made available at the commissary. But the use of Internet coupons has grown substantially, with redemption rates rivaling the inserts.

Commissaries, as well as other grocery retailers, stopped accepting

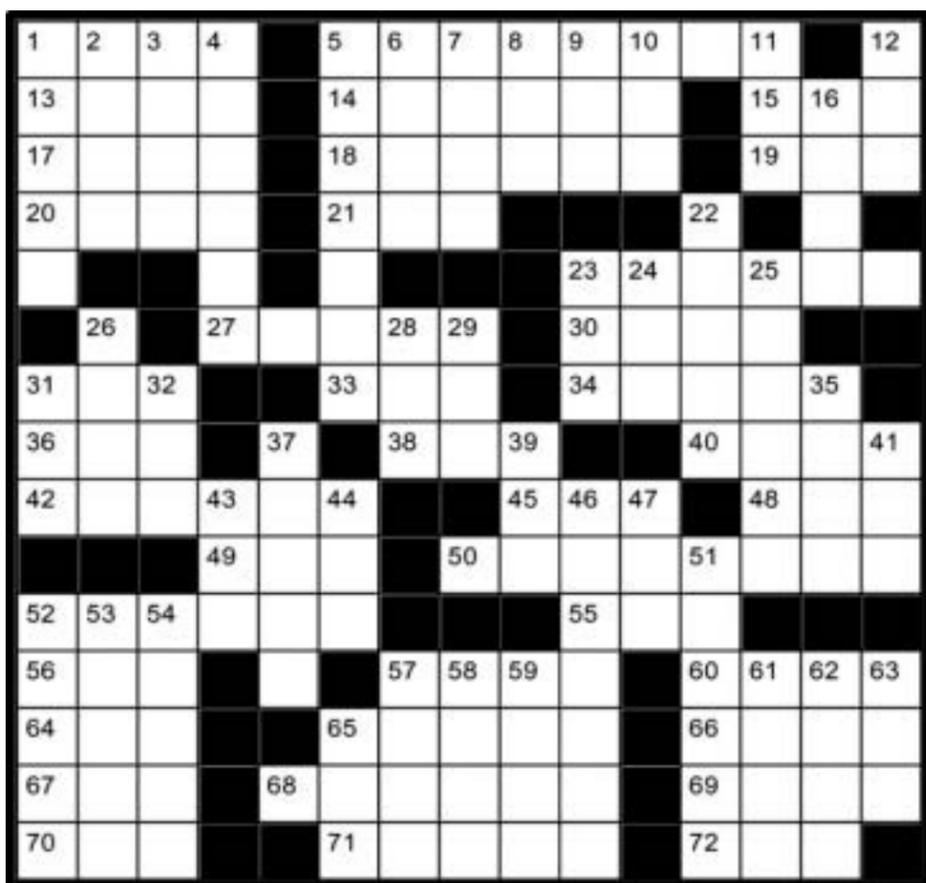
home-printed coupons in September 2003 because of instances of fraud, but despite the industry ban, consumer use of Internet coupons flourished in general.

All 273 commissaries worldwide now accept computer-generated Internet coupons if they have a bar code for scanning purposes, and the coupons do not offer free products.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Native American History Month

Answers located on Page 14



ACROSS

- Navajo Indians performed this talking during WWII
- Ben Nighthorse ____; Native American

senator

- Fibber
- Disney's ____ & Company
- Army commissioning source

- ____ mater
- Textile dealer
- Draft
- Barley and buckwheat
- A Stooze
- Native American tribe of Southwest
- Mars
- Site of a leaning tower?
- Commotion
- Morgue status, in brief?
- Kingdom
- Body of water
- Flightless bird
- in ____ of; instead of
- Chickasaw awarded Medal of Honor for action in Korean War
- Mai ____ drink
- Fox rival
- Anger
- Winnebago awarded Medal of Honor for action in Korea
- ____ corpus
- Fed. organization concerned with drug trade
- Pie ____ mode (2 words)
- Columbian river
- Part of a ship
- Desire
- Agenda
- Gumbo need?
- Before, in the old days
- ____ Childers; Native American awarded Medal of Honor—WWII
- Earl Grey and green
- Space shuttle, in brief
- Irish poet
- Jingles

DOWN

- First Native American to graduate from Naval Academy
- Greasy
- Lady

- Deleted
- Direct, as in troops
- A summer sign?
- Swampy land
- Plumbing pipe, in short
- Something in a bonnet?
- Mistake
- Group
- Cleopatra killer?
- Moolah
- A type of passage?
- Spring mon.
- Dessert
- Type of cat?
- Thought
- Part of a foot
- Penn movie, "I Am ____"
- Burn residue
- Rowing need?
- Restaurant list
- Beastly
- Native American tribe of Southwest
- German conjunction?
- Compete
- Vote in favor
- Abusers
- Beverage need?
- Native American tribe of Plains
- Pima Indian who raised flag over Mt. Surabachi
- Warn
- Ruins
- Cylinder
- What the princess had in her mattress?
- Lean, like on ship
- ____ a living; got by
- Epochs
- ____ Vegas
- Attempt

(Courtesy of Alaskan Command Public Affairs)



Team Pete's noteworthy events

To submit information for the base calendar, e-mail space.observer@peterson.af.mil

NOVEMBER IS AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Saturday, Nov. 6

- Air Force Academy vs. Army in West Point, N.Y. game time is at 1 p.m.
- Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade, see ad on Page 7

Wednesday, Nov. 10

- Marine Corps 229th Birthday Ball, for more information, see news brief on Page 7.

Thursday, Nov. 11

- Veterans Day Remembrance Day



Friday, Nov. 12

21st Space Wing Family Day

Monday, Nov. 15 through Friday, Nov. 19

- Team Pete members help with Harvest of Love. For more information, call Master Sgt. Trina Davis at 556-8528 or see story on Page 6.

Thursday, Nov. 18

- Great American Smokeout



THIS WEEK

Today

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Shop orientation is available daily at the Auto Skills Center.

Monday

- Water aerobics class, 6 p.m. at the Aquatics Center.
- Monday Night Football at the Enlisted Club. Free food, drink specials and prizes. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Tuesday

- Officer's Club offers two-for-one dinner specials from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday

- Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Framing classes at the Community Activities Center. 556-1733

- Aerobics class at 12:05 or 5:10 p.m.

- Back to Basics Circuit Course can assist with staying Fit to Fight at 11 a.m. For more information, call 556-4462.

Helpful Numbers

Family Advocacy 556-8943
Education Center 556-4064
Library 556-7462
Community Center 556-7671
Aquatics Center 556-4608
Fitness Center 556-4462
Officers' Club 556-4181
Enlisted Club 556-4194
Youth Center 556-7220
Family Support 556-6141
Red Cross 556-9201
Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
Golf Course 556-7810

at your SERVICE

Enlisted Club serves great events in November

By Margie Arnold
[21st Services Squadron](#)

November is jam-packed with a variety of events at the Peterson Air Force Base Enlisted Club. From hockey ticket giveaways to holiday shopping, the club is a diversion destination.

Monday Night Football at the Enlisted Club combines football with ice hockey in November. This month five pairs of tickets to the Nov. 20 Colorado College vs. Michigan Tech hockey game will be given away at each of the Nov. 8 and 15 Monday Night Football. The match up between the two hockey rivals will be at 7:05 p.m. Nov. 20 at the World Arena.

Monday Night Football at the club is a chance to watch the game on a big-screen TV, eat free food, enjoy

drink specials and have fun with friends. Prizes are also given away during the event. The club opens for Monday Night Football at 4 p.m.

Christmas shoppers looking for unusual gifts will find a great selection at the Kris Kringle Mart. A large variety of vendors have been invited to attend this annual holiday event, now expanded to two days and situated in an easy-to-find locale. Join the holiday bargain hunters at Kris Kringle Mart 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Nov. 19, and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Club.

As part of the holiday tradition, the Enlisted Club hosts its annual Breakfast with Santa 8 a.m. - noon Nov. 27. Santa arrives at 9 a.m. Children 12 and younger can enjoy face painting, cookie decorating, caricature drawing and a photo with Santa. Tickets are limited as this



event is a sell-out every year. Tickets go on sale Monday at the Enlisted Club. Adults are \$6.95, children are \$4.95, no tickets will be available at the door the day of the event.

November also concludes the club membership drive. Members of the club can give the gift of membership to a friend. Among the benefits Club members enjoy

\$2 off any lunch item of \$4 or more, \$3 off the price of evening buffets, just \$2 club dues for ranks E-1 thru E-4 and a membership drawing Friday nights in Kick's Lounge with at least \$25 awarded each week to a Peterson AFB Club Member.

For more information, call the Peterson Enlisted Club at 556-4194.

ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Lunch: Mr. Z 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 Rissolo 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</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>Lunch: Baked Fish Hungarian Goulash Barbecue Chicken Parsley Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Vegetable Stir Fry</p> <p>Dinner: Savory Baked Chicken Swedish Meatballs Creole Shrimp Baked Potatoes Steamed Rice Cream Corn Asparagus</p>	<p>Lunch: Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli Turkey Nuggets Loin Strip Steak Mushroom and Onion Sauce Baked Potatoes Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob</p> <p>Dinner: Oven Fried Fish Cantonese Spareribs Grilled Mustard Chicken Breast Baked Macaroni and Cheese Boiled Egg Noodles Peas</p>
	<p>Monday</p> <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 Brown Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Combination Succotash</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Lunch: Country Captain Chicken Meat Loaf Turkey a La King Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Harvard Beets Okra and Tomato Gumbo</p> <p>Dinner: Teriyaki Chicken Veal Parmesan Salmon Cakes Filipino Rice Parsley Buttered Potatoes Fried Cabbage Succotash Mixed Vegetables</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Lunch: Beef Sukiyaki Szechwan Chicken Sweet and Sour Pork Steamed Rice 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: Supper 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; All carry out times 7 - 9 p.m.



Engineers douse Army; remain undefeated

By **Walt Johnson**
Sports Writer

The undefeated and defending base champion Civil Engineers intramural football team narrowly escaped with its two-year unbeaten streak Oct. 26 when they defeated the 21st Satellite Communications Squadron in overtime to improve its league-leading record to 6-0.

The victory came on the heels of the team defeating Army Strategic Command 26-6, Oct. 20, making the Engineers the only undefeated team in intramural play on base so far this year.

The base's defending champions have been on a New England Patriot-type roll over the past three seasons. The Engineers have not lost a game on base since they were defeated in the base championship game in 2002. That year, the team went 11-2 and since then has put together an 18-0 record.

Watching the Engineers in their pre-game warm-up gives a good idea why this team is so good. Most of the team consists of members of the base fire department and the fire fighter brotherhood is evident as the team gets loose and prepares for a game. From one team member affectionately nicknamed "Leon," after the fictitious character in a national beverage commercial, to other examples of the closeness between teammates, one can see the bond that binds the champions together.

This year, the Engineers had to go to the players' pool to fill its roster. Even the athletes on this team that aren't part of the fire department mix into the group, effectively making it a unit that thinks as one. That's an important advantage for the champions, considering it had to incorporate new people into its scheme this year.

"A lot of people think CE is big squadron with all kinds of talented athletes. We have our share of good athletes but this year we are a little thin, so much so we

have had to get players from the player's pool," Engineers' coach Jason Linta said.

In the two previous seasons, the Engineers had such a great balance on offense and defense that they kept their opponents off balance. This year's defense is good, Linta said, but the reason the team is able to be undefeated at this point in the season is its offense, which is rattling off points as quickly as gas prices are rising on the world market.

As a game played out Oct. 20, trying to find a weak link in the Engineers' offense was like trying to hide a tractor-trailer behind a sport utility vehicle. There just wasn't a hole to be found. From the gifted wide receivers, who seem to catch everything that hit their hands except a cold, to linemen who are excellent blockers, but according to Linta, can catch the ball effectively when needed -- this team is a machine on offense.

"We have a lot of speed on this team and a lot of weapons to choose from. Even the linemen on this team are weapons," Linta said. "Because we have so many weapons and because the league is now a seven-man league, it's opened the field up more and teams are able to take advantage of its offensive strengths more."

Linta said another reason for the success of the team is its commitment to fitness and desire to be above the standard set for team play. Usually in intramural football, the difference between one elite team and another is its ability to have the edge in intangibles.

"We take a team approach into every game we play. We started working out together about a month before the season began; we called it a camp, just to get the kinks out," Linta said. "We may change a few things here and there, depending on our opponents, but for the most part we have the same approach to every game."

Linta said the team is happy but not overly satisfied with the beginning of the season, and why not? The team's closest game on the scoreboard

this year was a 32-20 victory over the Medical Group, another of the base's elite teams. He said his team knows how easy it will be to fall from its perch and they are taking all the necessary steps to see it doesn't affect its play on the field.

"No one on this team has a big head -- in fact we tell the guys to check their egos at the door. We're confident that we are as good a team as there is here, but we also know that we can be beaten," Linta said. "As long as we leave our egos at home we should be all right."

Another intangible that will work in the Engineers' favor as it seeks a second consecutive title is the experience the team brings to each game.

"It's one thing to chase the title and quite another to defend it, but we come out here to win and have fun every game we play. We like to win and will do whatever it takes to win. I like to tell the guys we can have all the fun we want after we win," Linta said. "I'm driven to succeed because I've been in seven championship games during my military career and last year was the first time I won one. We know how difficult it is to win a championship so we will stay focused." 

Answers to the puzzle from Page 11.



Pete's Pigskin Picks

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Air Force at Army	Army	Army	Air Force	Air Force
Colorado at Kansas	Colorado	Colorado	Kansas	Colorado
Minnesota at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Notre Dame at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Oklahoma State at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Arizona at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Arizona
Chicago at N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants
Cleveland at Baltimore	Cleveland	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
Dallas at Cincinnati	Dallas	Cincinnati	Dallas	Dallas
Houston at Denver	Denver	Denver	Houston	Denver
Kansas City at Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Kansas City	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Minnesota at Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
New England at St. Louis	New England	New England	New England	New England
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo	Buffalo	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Washington at Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Washington	Detroit