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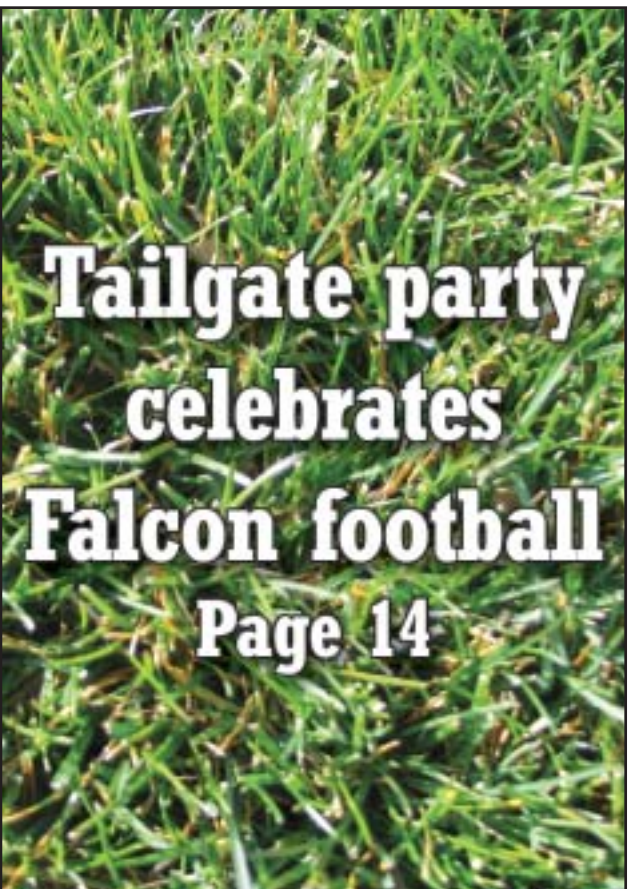


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# Keating becomes NORAD-USNORTHCOM commander

By Merrie Schilter-Lowe

NORAD-USNORTHCOM Public Affairs

It was before a full house that Navy Adm. Timothy J. Keating assumed command of North American Aerospace Defense Command-U.S. Northern Command from Air Force Gen. Ed Eberhart in ceremonies here Friday.

The former director of the Joint Staff is the first non-Air Force officer to command NORAD since its creation in 1958. General Eberhart had been commander of USNORTHCOM since its creation following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. General Eberhart will retire during a separate ceremony later this year. His active-duty military career spans 36 years.

Paul Wolfowitz, deputy Secretary of Defense, called General Eberhart a "trailblazer" who had led in war and peace with "imagination, independence and strong influence." These are the same attributes General Eberhart exhibited as a forward air controller flying 300 bombing missions in South Vietnam, Secretary Wolfowitz said. They are also the attributes that persuaded President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to appoint General Eberhart as commander of USNORTHCOM.

Secretary Wolfowitz went on to praise General Eberhart for bringing together the four military branches, to include the Reserve components, and the U.S. Coast Guard "under one new command." He also read a letter from Secretary Rumsfeld, which stated that General Eberhart was leaving behind "a legacy that will continue to enhance U.S. security for years to come."

Turning attention to the new NORAD-USNORTHCOM commander, Secretary Wolfowitz said there was "no better person" than Admiral Keating to build on General Eberhart's accomplishments.

According to the deputy secretary of defense, both General Eberhart and Admiral Keating possess the same "spirit" as the late Gen. Jimmy Doolittle who "inspired confidence in others" and who "went on to conduct



Photo by TSgt. Lawrence Holmes

Navy Adm. Timothy J. Keating, right, accepts command of United States Northern Command from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers Friday at Hangar 140.

that remarkable and unconventional raid on Tokyo in 1942."

Secretary Wolfowitz said the raid announced to the world that America "was there in the thick of the fight." He said the United States is again in the thick of things because of the war on terrorism, "and General Eberhart and Admiral Keating share the Doolittle spirit."

"They are both confidant, direct men, who mean what they say and say what they mean."

Secretary Wolfowitz said that both men are leaders with "the courage to take action and see them through."

After thanking Canada and the United States for the opportunity to serve as commander, Admiral Keating directed his comments to NORAD and USNORTHCOM members, saying "you've done much for which you can be proud so it is OK to walk with a bit of a swagger."

However, the new commander also cautioned members that protecting the nation and its territories would

require "constant vigilance and more." The "more" included innovation, aggressiveness and "rock solid readiness to respond at a moment's notice."

Admiral Keating also told members that the commands' bottom line is "securing liberty and maintaining the trust as the Canadian and American people expect and deserve." He concluded his remarks saying that he and his wife, Wandalee, "are very proud to join this team and we ask God's continued blessings ... on the United States and Canada."

During the ceremony, General Eberhart received the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, with second oak leaf cluster, and Canada's Meritorious Service Cross, military division.

The citation accompanying the DDSM said General Eberhart's leadership and professionalism contributed to the security of the United States and Canada following the 2001 terrorists attacks. The Canadian citation lauded General Eberhart's "strong vision and

tenacious pursuit of bi-national support for the common defense of North America," which "contributed significantly to the advancement and defense programs critical to Canada."

Canadian Gen. Ray Henault, chief of the Defence Staff, presided over the NORAD change of command. Several minutes later, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, presided over the USNORTHCOM change of command.

Prior to becoming director of the Joint Staff in October 2003, Admiral Keating was commander of Naval Forces Central Command and U.S. Fifth Fleet. Before that, he served two years as deputy chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations.

The admiral has also served as commander of the Naval Strike Warfare Center at NAS Fallon, Nev.; commander of Carrier Air Wing Nine, aboard the USS Nimitz (CVN 68); and chief of Naval Operations Fellow with the Strategic Studies Group in Newport, R.I.

Admiral Keating served two tours at Naval Military Personnel Command – first as head of the aviation junior officer assignments branch and later as director of the aviation officer distribution division. He also is an experienced carrier group commander and administration, operations and maintenance officer.

Admiral Keating, who completed flight training in August 1973, has more than 5,000 flying hours and 1,200 arrested landings. He earned combat experience during Operation Desert Storm while assigned to the USS Saratoga (CV60). Keating also served aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) and the USS Mason (DD 852).

The admiral's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), Distinguished Service Medal (with gold star), Legion of Merit (with three gold stars), Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Medal (with gold star), three Air Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal, with two gold stars and combat "V."

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### A Moment in Time



- **November 8, 1950** – In history's first battle between jet aircraft, a U.S. Air Force F-80 Shooting Star, piloted by Lt. Russell J. Brown, downs a North Korean MiG-15.
- **November 9, 1961** – Maj Robert M. White attains 4,093 mph in an X-15 hypersonic rocket plane while flying at full throttle at an altitude of 101,600 feet.
- **November 10, 1988** – The U.S. Air Force reveals the F-117A Stealth fighter for the first time. Manufactured by Lockheed, using radar-absorbent materials and a new design, the F-117A can evade radar detection.

# New CMSAF insignia debuts Nov. 1

A new chief master sergeant of the Air Force insignia debuts across the Air Force Nov. 1. The insignia stands out as a highly distinguished symbol representative of all Airmen, officials said.

The new insignia contains the Great Seal of the United States of America and two stars in the upper blue field. The chevrons and the laurel wreath surrounding the star in the lower blue field remain unchanged to retain the legacy of the stripe worn by all 14 chief master sergeants of the Air Force.

The decision for the re-design came from a number of factors, officials said. Air Force enlisted insignias have evolved over the years, while maintaining the historical roots of the Airman star and chevrons. Today, each grade has a definable rank. Some positions such as command chiefs and first sergeants have additional distinguishing features.

Senior Air Force leaders, former chief master sergeants of the Air Force and Airmen throughout the service encouraged a re-design of the CMSAF insignia. In 2002, the process began to select a stripe that would be an even stronger representation of our enlisted force.

"A lot of people, including my predecessors, have said that the current stripe, although it is a distinctive stripe, may not be easily recognized," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "Many young Airmen thought the stripe should have more or be more. They tell me, 'It's hard to tell the difference between you and other chiefs.'"

That distinction is important, Chief Murray said, because the chief master sergeant of the Air Force is the senior representative of more than 300,000 enlisted Airmen.

"One of the foundations of the enlisted corps is that every Airman should have the same equal opportunity to promote through the ranks and to achieve (his or her) goals," Chief Murray said.

"One of our Airmen serving today will be the 15th CMSAF and then the 16th and so on," the chief said. "This honorable position provides not only

something for Airmen to look up to, but provides a goal and motivation for their service. When they see our nation's emblem in the new stripe, it will help them to realize this position. The person who holds it, has the ultimate responsibility of leading and representing all of our Airmen – America's Airmen. This new stripe clearly identifies who represents them to the chief of staff, the secretary, Congress and the American people."

A new insignia is not a new idea, nor is it something Chief Murray said he devised alone.

"In 2003, a formal statement was made in a meeting between the Air Force chief of staff and former chief master sergeants of the Air Force that we should change the insignia," Chief Murray said.

"The first CMSAF, Paul Airey, truly embraced this and has been a leading proponent for change," Chief Murray said. "It is something that has been supported by those before me. It is something I believe is more for our Airmen to identify with, in what we stand for, in support of our nation."

"It was definitely time to update the stripe," retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric W. Benken said.

Chief Benken is also a strong supporter for the latest change. During his tenure, he created the command chief master sergeant position out of the former major command senior enlisted advisers and gave them a star in the top field of their insignia. Many people said that insignia began to overshadow the CMSAF insignia.

"The old one served us well, but the change is necessary, and it's for the better. The new stripe also aligns us more with the other services' senior enlisted leaders and that is a clear benefit as we go down the joint service path," Chief Benken said.

Inspiration for the re-design came from the CMSAF's official emblem, which contains the seal that has been the official national symbol since 1787.

Insignia of the top enlisted leaders from the other services provided additional inspiration. The




Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi  
**Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray explains the significance of his new stripes during an interview in his Pentagon office Oct. 21.**

insignia of the sergeant major of the Army also contains the seal. The insignia of the master chief petty officers of the Navy and of the Coast Guard contain an eagle with three stars above it. The sergeant major of the Marine Corps' insignia uses its service emblem and two stars. All stand out from the ranks of their peers and subordinates.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said he liked the new stripe so much he wanted Chief Murray to put it on as soon as possible.

"This is the right time, and the right level of attention has been brought to it," Chief Murray said. "Even though (he) had already made his decision, (General Jumper) introduced it first to all of our senior officers at Corona. They warmly embraced it and, in fact, they said 'sew it on immediately.'"

"As we continue to evolve as an Air Force, we must always preserve the honor of those who served before us," Chief Murray said. "It will be a privilege to be the first of many to wear this stripe that maintains our heritage, yet provides an element of distinction to the highest enlisted position."

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News) 

## Air Force leaders send Veterans Day message

The following is a Veterans Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

Each year, America honors its veterans for the sacrifices and hard-fought successes of so many of its citizens – those who have worn the uniform as Soldiers, Sailors,

Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines.

The original Armistice Day recognized the cease-fire signed by Germany and the Allied powers on Nov. 11, 1918. This concluded the hostilities of World War I, known as the "War to end all wars." Over 2 million service members of the American


Expeditionary Force fought bravely on and over the battlefields of Europe.

Today, our expeditionary Air Force continues the fight in defense of freedom around the world against a resilient enemy who opposes our way of life.

Since those challenging days at the dawn of the 20th Century to the awakening hours

of the 21st Century, we have witnessed major wars and countless conflicts. One constant has remained: the commitment of those who served and continue to serve our nation in forever challenging times – our veterans. We honor their memory for what they have done to keep America and the world safe.

To our Airmen who continue the fight against those who have made America their target, we salute you. We thank you and your families for your constant vigil and your continuing sacrifices. May God bless you and the United States of America.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service) 

## Peterson families harvest support for community

**Wing commander urges support as volunteers attempt to attain 1-million pounds in donations**

By Airman Mandy Weightman  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Hundreds of Team Pete members kick off the annual Harvest of Love food drive Monday. Each year volunteers from Peterson Air Force Base collect, sort and distribute food donations for local residents who may not have such a bountiful holiday season.

Volunteers can still donate their

time to help families in the local area to have a plentiful Thanksgiving.

Care and share is the only food bank that services Southern Colorado, which includes 25,000 people each week. They have a big job to do this year. Team Pete has the opportunity to help.

"We wouldn't be able to put this drive on without you [Peterson volunteers]," said Rachel Gollhofer, development assistant for Care and Share Food Bank.

There are three jobs for Peterson volunteers to help with:

- Pickup teams will use government trucks to collect the food from local schools and deliver it to the Care and Share warehouse. These volunteers need to have government licenses.

- Yard workers unload the food

from the trucks into large totes and keep count for each of the school's donations.

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

The times for the volunteers run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from Monday through Nov. 19. Pickup teams will leave from base transportation at 7:30 a.m. will pick up food from four to six schools each day.

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 avail-

able to help break the 1-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.

"Reaching out to the community through Harvest of Love presents several opportunities to the members of this wing," said General Webber. "It's not only a way for this wing to give something back to a supportive community, but it also promotes a 'whole-person concept' in our Airmen."

"Besides," the commander continued, "it's a nice feeling to be able to help those in need, and it's the right thing to do."

For information, call Master Sgt. Trina Davis, 21st Contracting Squadron, at 556-8528. 



# Log Entry IV: *Stick and rudder*

*Editor's note: This is the fourth 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*

"Get rid at the outset of the idea that the airplane is only an air-going sort of automobile.

It isn't. It may sound like one and smell like one, and it may have been interior decorated to look like one; but the difference is – it goes on wings."

From *Stick and Rudder*, Wolfgang Langewiesche's legendary textbook on flying.

There is no doubt that during my first attempts at taxiing and takeoff, I totally confused my airplane with my car. Both have two pedals and a steering wheel – what's not to confuse? What surprised me then, was as soon as the earth released her grip, the airplane's controls made sense. Suddenly, the "wheel" (the yoke) controlled not only right and left, but up and down, too. At that breath-taking moment, as the road disappeared and the houses, cars and people quickly got a lot smaller, I felt not fearful, but at ease. "Off to the East Practice Area," my instructor directed me. Langewiesche's words rang in my ears: "The airplane is not a car – it goes on wings."

Actually, I learned that fact as a

newly minted driver in 1966. It was a beautiful, summer evening on Blake Avenue in my hometown of Columbus, Ohio. For the first time (and thankfully not the last), dad said I could borrow his car for a date. But it wasn't just any car, it was his precious 1959, pushbutton automatic, brown-on-tan, Rambler station wagon. I was pretty excited about both the girl and the car, and if I do say so myself, I looked pretty 1960s-fashionable in my Madras shirt and belt; tight, white jeans; and currency-loaded penny loafers. Unfortunately, I was unaware of the pipeline that – in most male drivers and especially the younger ones – transports gushing testosterone from the brain directly to the right foot. Instead of cruising up quiet, familiar, tree-lined East Blake, I raced – forgetting the north-south cross streets in that part of town were graded about 18 inches higher for runoff drainage.

My liftoff occurred as the street dipped and then quickly rose to meet the intersecting street. The rough landing that followed blew my right front tire and flattened the wheel. The older neighbors sitting on their front porch witnessed the entire flight. Apologetically, I asked them if I could use their phone to call my dad.

After calling for a tow truck, dad walked slowly up the hill to the scene. He was pretty steamed, but somehow, sounded every bit as profound as Wolfgang: "A car is not an airplane – it goes on tires," he said. "And you, son, are not only grounded – you are sincerely grounded."

But that was then. Nowadays, I've



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman

**P.C. "Chevy" Chevallard checks the plane's fuel for contamination as part of his routine pre-flight check.**

slipped those surly bonds of earth and I'm learning to wheel and soar with the best of them. Steep turns, S-turns, turns about a point, power-on and power-off stalls, and even emergency landing procedures are starting to make sense. Landings, which I initially found frightening, are becoming the most fun and rewarding phase of my flights. Thanks to great instruction and the Aero Club's systematic and time-proven methods of teaching flying in building blocks. I'm slowly mastering the airplane's stick and rudder (and throttle) as the logical means of controlling an aircraft in flight.

Of course, many challenges remain in store for me, but I'll be OK as long as I remember something else "old Wolfy" said, "A wing is an odd thing, strangely behaved, hard to understand, and tricky to handle. In many important aspects, a wing's behavior is exactly contrary to common sense. On wings, it is safe to be high, dangerous to be low, safe to go fast, and dangerous to go slow."

For the sake of you earth-bound pedestrians and drivers, I promise to remember what my dad said, too: "A car is not an airplane, son. It goes on tires."



### MED GROUP ANNOUNCES LIMITED HOURS

The 21st Medical Group will close at noon Friday. Limited services will be available during operating hours, due to the 21st Space Wing Goal Day.

### 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 e-mail [kellie.soulvie@peterson.af.mil](mailto:kellie.soulvie@peterson.af.mil).

### 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, Saturday 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.v.org](http://www.rmr.v.org).

### SECURITY FORCES ENFORCE VEHICLE REGISTRATION

There are a number of people who have vehicles that are not registered or have expired registrations here. Gate guards have been enforcing the vehicle registration regulation by sending vehicle operators to the Visitor's Center in order to properly register vehicles. Vehicle operators 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 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 556-6660.

### AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY OFFERS GRANTS

The Air Force Aid Society's General H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 in grants to sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/ Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired reservists with 20 or more years of qualifying service. Active duty spouses residing stateside, spouses of Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty, and surviving spouses of deceased members are also eligible candidates. For information and an application, call the Family Support Center at 556-6141 or visit the Air Force Aid Society's web site at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

### WYOMING AIR GUARD OFFERS JOBS

The Wyoming Air National Guard is seeking people to fill part-time vacancies in various career fields. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Fowler at (307) 773-6715, DSN 481-6715, or e-mail [james.fowler@warren.af.mil](mailto:james.fowler@warren.af.mil).

### CENTER OFFERS COMMISSIONING BRIEFINGS

Enlisted members interested in learning about commissioning opportunities may attend one of the monthly commissioning briefings offered at the Education Center. There will be informa-

tion about Officer Training School and Reserve Officer Training Corps programs such as: 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 Nov. 23 and Dec. 29. Call 556-4064 to register.



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman

### Vice president passes through Peterson

Vice President Dick Cheney greets Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, 21st Space Wing commander, as he arrived here Nov. 1. Vice President Cheney was passing through Peterson Air Force Base on his way to a speaking engagement in Colorado Springs.



# Sergeant shares sense of pride

By Senior Master Sgt. Thom Trottier  
21st Aeromedical Dental Squadron

It is a great time to be a sergeant. After all, in 2003, Time Magazine named the U.S. Soldier the person of the year and the armed services continue to top the list of most admired professions in America ahead of doctors, lawyers and politicians. United State's Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen across the world are spreading peace and democracy by standing up to terrorists focused on doing us great harm or by spreading hope to the disheartened during humanitarian missions. With all of this going our way it leaves me wondering why in some offices and shops I don't always hear the respectful title of sergeant but instead hear first names being used between supervisor and subordinate.

I was sitting in a customer service area a couple of weeks ago when I overheard a short conversation between a sergeant and an Airman. The young Airman concluded his discussion by calling his superior by her first name. After discussing this issue with the sergeant involved, I was surprised to discover that using first names helps keep the lines of communication open. I don't agree. It's possible to have a productive, smoothly operating organization with the proper use of military titles. I believe the problem stems from a lack


of understanding for this military custom and reverence the title of sergeant holds.

Webster's New College Dictionary tells us the word sergeant is derived from the Latin word "servire" meaning to serve. Even before our great country gained its independence, sergeants served proudly with distinction in the Continental Army. While company commanders were responsible for training of the new men, it was actually the sergeant, identified by a distinctive red ribbon tied to the right shirtsleeve, who conducted training and ensured the men were ready for battle. Ready for battle also included motivation and inspiration. Although the battlefield has changed a great deal over the years, what remains constant is that sergeants still ensure their people are properly trained, motivated and inspired – all key in the defense of freedom.

Looking to the past at great sergeants who have gone before us, there are many to draw inspiration from. Brave and noble men like Sgt. Alvin York, who during the First World War, bravely led a small group of men to silence a deadly machine gun position resulting in the capture of 132 prisoners. Then, there's Sgt. Forrest L. "Woody" Vosler, an aircrew member on a B-17, who though severely injured, risked his life to save a wounded crewmate. Although Petty Officer Wayne M. Caron did not use the title sergeant, he was

no less inspirational. He was a corpsman during the Vietnam Conflict. While under withering enemy fire, he disregarded his own wounds and displayed unbelievable determination to treat the wounds of his fellow platoon members until he lost his life. These men were recipients of the Medal of Honor and all worthy of the title sergeant, but you don't have to save a life or risk your own to be a great sergeant.

My first supervisor overseas was a great sergeant. I watched and learned so much from him. He was very honest, showed great patience and treated all his troops with dignity. These were the characteristics I desired to see in myself. Was he perfect? No. He had some weakness but he worked hard to turn them into strengths. Another characteristic he possessed was his ability to create a professional atmosphere where everyone enjoyed being at work. Everyone in the office worked extremely hard and played equally hard but we always use the proper military titles because my mentor expected nothing less. The lines of communication were open between the different levels of supervision and we completed the mission.

Yes, it is a great time to be a sergeant. Be proud of the rank and title you've earned regardless if you are an Airman, sergeant, captain or colonel. I've never been more proud of the title I've earned and wouldn't want to be called anything else. 



## Annual Thanksgiving Meal

Attention all dormitory residents  
You are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving Feast

From noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at Bldgs. 1164 and 1102

Sponsored by the Combined First Sergeant Council. Cheyenne Mountain, Schriever and Peterson AFB First Sergeants



# Personnel Corner

## CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS INCUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE COMMITMENT

The Air Force chief of staff 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 should check with the 21st Space Wing Military Personnel Flight for retainability requirements. 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. For more information, call 556-5739.

## MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT OFFERS UNIFORM TIP

While in uniform, females may wear nail polish. It must be conservative, single color and in good taste. In addition, it must not contain any ornamentation.

## AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS EXPANDS INSTRUCTOR OPPORTUNITIES

Air Force Junior 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 JROTC Instructor. Applicants can come from all career fields and be officer or enlisted. For information, call Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools/

JROTC Instructors Office toll free at (866) 235-7682, extension 355275.

## LETTER OF EVALUATION MANDATORY FOR DEPLOYED COMMANDERS

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 effective with Air Expeditionary Force cycle 5, pairs 1 and 2. This change will be incorporated into a forthcoming revision of Air Force Instruction 36-2406,

## FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PROGRAM BEGINS OPEN SEASON

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 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 the FSA Program for 2005, outside of a qualified status change. Employees previously enrolled who wish to continue in the FSA Program for 2005 must make a positive enrollment during open season. For more information visit the web site at [www.FSAFEDS.com](http://www.FSAFEDS.com) or contact a benefits counselor at (877) 372-3337 or (800) 952-0450.

## CIVILIAN MUST USE OR LOSE ANNUAL LEAVE

Generally, the maximum amount of civilian annual leave that may carry forward from one leave year to the next is 240 hours. Annual leave in excess of the ceiling limitation at the end of the leave year, Jan. 8, must be forfeited. Forfeited leave may be restored, within specific requirements. The first is that the leave must have been originally requested, approved and scheduled in writing prior to the start of the third biweekly pay period before the end of the leave year.

Thus, all use-or-lose annual leave for 2004 must be requested, approved and scheduled before Nov. 28 to be eligible for restoration. Restoration of forfeited annual leave is addressed in AFI 36-815.

## CIVILIANS MAY ENROLL IN HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

The Health Benefits Program annual open season will end Dec. 13. During this time civilian employees may enroll, change health plans or options, or cancel enrollment. Air Force-served civilians will make their open season election or change their plan electronically via the web-based Employee Benefits Information System or the BEST automated phone system. Changes made during the open season will become effective Jan. 9. The Health Fair will be held at 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Officers' Club. For additional information on the FEHB program, health plans, comparisons, enrollment procedures, visit the Office of Personnel Management website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/04/index.asp> or contact BEST at (800) 540-4047 or [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/Newsletters/BEST\\_Newsletter\\_Oct\\_04.pdf](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/Newsletters/BEST_Newsletter_Oct_04.pdf).

## Commander announces 2005 AFSPC Family Days

General Lance W. Lord,  
Air Force Space Command  
Commander announced the 2005  
Family days.

The following days are scheduled  
as AFSPC Family Days:  
Feb. 4, May 27, July 1, Sept. 2,  
Nov. 25, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30

# Spotlight on Justice

Base legal officials recently announced Article 15 actions for October.  
**ARTICLE 15s**


An airman first class assigned to the 721st Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 113, Uniformed Code of Military Justice, sleeping on post. The member received a reduction to E-2 and a reprimand.

An airman first class assigned to the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 92, UCMJ, dereliction of duty for underage drinking. The member received a suspended reduction to E-2 and suspended forfeitures of \$668 pay per month for two months.

An airman first class assigned to US NORTHCOM received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 86, UCMJ, two specifications of failure to go. The member received a reduction to E-2.

An airman first class from the 721st SFS received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 111, UCMJ, drinking while controlling a vehicle. The member received a suspended reduction to the grade of E-2, forfeiture of \$312 pay and a reprimand.

An airman assigned to the 21st Aeromedical Dental Squadron received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful order, Article 128, UCMJ, assault and Article 134, UCMJ, disorderly conduct. The member received a suspended reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeitures of \$100 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class assigned to the 721st SFS received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 86, UCMJ, two specifications of failure to go. The member received a reduction to the grade of E-2 and a reprimand. 

## Junior Enlisted seeking members

**Members of the Junior Enlisted Advisory Council are seeking nominees for their executive council. There will be a meeting 3 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Peterson Enlisted Club. For information, contact Staff Sgt. Serena Adams at 556-6493.**



## Team Pete announces chief selects

Members of Team Pete extend their congratulations to six senior master sergeants who have been selected for promotion to chief master sergeant here Tuesday.

Selectees are:

Ira D. Cutting, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center


Michael E. Crowley, 21st Medical Dental Operations Squadron

Dennis J. Kirchner, 21st Mission Support Squadron


Mark E. Repp, Headquarters Air Force Space Command

Timothy J. Roets, North American Aerospace Defense Command (Inbound Monday)

Rene E. Salinas, 21st Services Squadron

Mark D. Taylor, Air Force Space Command Space Operations 



<p><b>Team Pete's noteworthy events</b></p> <p>To submit information for the base calendar, email <a href="mailto:space.observer@peterson.af.mil">space.observer@peterson.af.mil</a></p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY FAMILY AND AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, Nov. 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Veterans Day</li> <li>■ Remembrance Day</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 21st Space Wing Goal Day</li> </ul>
<p><b>Saturday, Nov. 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Air Force Academy vs. San Diego State</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday, Nov. 15 through Friday, Nov. 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Team Pete members help with Harvest of Love. For more information or to volunteer, call Trina Davis at 556-8528.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, Nov. 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Great American Smoke-out Trade in your cigarettes at the Bowling Center snack bar for a daily special meal.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Native American Heritage Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for information, call Capt. Tim Bos at 554-1750.</li> </ul>

**THIS WEEK**

**Thursday**

- Receive \$5 discount on all aircraft at the Aero Club, for more information call 556-4310.
- Annual Turkey Shoot begins at the Bowling Center, for more information call 556-4607.

**Friday**

- Social Hour, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club, for more information call 556-4194.

**Saturday**

- Get a free drink with food purchase at the Bowling Center snack bar.

**Sunday**

- Shop orientation is available daily at the Auto Skills Center, for more information call 556-4481.

**Monday**

- Monday Night Football at the Enlisted Club. Free food, drink specials and prizes. Doors open at 4 p.m.

**Tuesday**

- Officers' Club offers 2-for-1 dinner specials 6 to 8 p.m., for information call 556-4181.

**Wednesday**

- Basic, intermediate and advanced framing classes at the Community Activities Center call 556-1733
- 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**



Photos by Airman Mandy Weightman

**Framing, engraving – they do it all**

Patty Vigil, a framer and engraver at the Frame Shop here, files the edges of a metal plate she finished engraving. She said filing down the edges makes the plate "look so much better."

BELOW: Peter Locke, also a framer and engraver at the Frame Shop, prepares a wine glass for the laser-etching machine Tuesday. He is preparing the glasses for the Officers' Club Art in the Vineyard event.



**ARAGON DINING FACILITY MENU**

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Today</b>	<b>Supper:</b> Mexican Baked Chicken Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Stuffed Green Pepper Macaroni and Cheese Steamed Rice Fried Cabbage Carrots Black-eyed Peas	<b>Lunch:</b> Fish Almondine Stir Fry Chicken with Broccoli Pork Chops with Mushroom Gravy Rissole Potatoes Rice Pilaf Calico Corn Club Spinach	<b>Dinner:</b> Crispy Baked Chicken Cajun Meat Loaf Grilled Steak Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peas Glazed Carrots
<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>Meal:</b> Roast Turkey Barbecue Spareribs French Fried Shrimp Mashed Potatoes Cottage Fried Potatoes Savory Bread Dressing Glazed Carrots Mexican Corn Broccoli	<b>Lunch:</b> Paprika Beef Barbecue Beef Cubes Chicken Fajitas O'Brien Potatoes Steamed Rice Cauliflower Corn on the Cob Lima Beans	<b>Dinner:</b> Onion-Lemon Baked Fish Steak and Pork Schnitzel Beef and Spaghetti Yakisoba Baked Potatoes Mashed Potatoes
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	<b>Lunch:</b> Roast Turkey Baked Can Ham Raisin Sauce Fish and Fries Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Dressing Herbed Green Beans	<b>Dinner:</b> Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce Baked Chicken Hot Italian Sausage Peppers and Onions Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes	<b>Lunch:</b> Mohawk Corn Soup Indian Tacos with Fry Bread Carne Adobado Chorizo and Rice Sweet Potatoes with Cranberries Baked Black Beans Mashed Squash
			<b>Dinner:</b> Tuna and Noodles Sauerbraten Chicken Breast Parmesan Au Gratin Potato Steamed Rice Cauliflower Combination Peas
			<b>Dinner:</b> Caribbean Jerk Chicken Beef Porcupines Chicken Enchiladas Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Rice Mexican Corn Savory Baked Beans

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.



# BAM! You've been promoted

## Making transition into Top 3

By Senior Master Sgt. Charlie Stickel  
821st Support Squadron

*Senior Master Sgt. Charlie Stickel is the Chief of the Air Traffic Control Facility at Thule AB, Greenland. He was recently chosen to speak at the 821st Air Base Group Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony. His words are universally applicable to all NCO's accepting the challenge of joining the top three.*

Making the transition from a technical sergeant to master sergeant is more than changing your stripes. Now you are a senior noncommissioned officer, held to higher

standards, expected to lead and mentor all your troops to higher standards. The biggest transition you will have to make is going from worker/supervisor to supervisor/leader.

Selectees, think back to your early years as an Airman or young NCO when your shop chief or commander implemented a new policy or procedure in which you thought was the dumbest thing in the world. You probably said to yourself or to your co-workers, "What in the world are they thinking about. I can't wait until I'm in charge, I'll never do that."

Well guess what, the shoe is on the other foot now. You're about to be "in charge." Some time in the near future, you'll be faced with changing a policy; it could be anything from changing the duty schedule or reorganizing your flight. It might be something you don't want to do, but you must remember what is best for the mission. It might not be the most popular or easiest deci-

sion you'll ever make, but it's one that has to be made.

You've now spent approximately 15 years or so with a screwdriver, wrench, or some sort of equipment in your hands working in the trenches, honing your skills to the point that you are now the technical expert in your field. Then one day, "Bam!" You're a supervisor working behind a desk, out of your comfort zone, dealing with manning issues, budgets, going to meetings and by the way, the first sergeant just called saying one of your troops has been bouncing checks all over town. I'm not trying to scare you, but remember it took years of trenchwork to become an expert in your career field. Give being a supervisor time and you will become the expert at this too.

To the Airmen and NCO's, you can expect a major change in your colleague when they put their top stripe on; from this point on, the pressures of the job will take a toll on them.

There will be times when the former technical sergeant who always used to be in the duty section willing to help you with anything, will now be in endless meetings with the commander and the first sergeant. They will make decisions you don't understand or approve of. But remember one thing, they always have your best interest at heart. The transition from NCO to Senior NCO affects more than the enlisted, it also affects the officers, from lieutenants to generals.

Lieutenants and captains, take a look at your new master sergeants, they are your experts. Give them the chance to run their sections. Now, more than ever, they need your support. They have been doing the job for a long time and yes, they might be new at supervising, but they know how to get the job done. The more you back them, the more they will back you, and in the long run the better they will make you look in the eyes of your peers

and your commander.

Squadron commanders, use these new master sergeants. You know they are the backbone of your organization and without them the mission could not and would not get done. They can fill in on crew when you have a manning crunch or they can get that hard to find part when official channels can't find it. When they get that part, don't ask them how they did it; instead marvel at their innovative spirit and their subtle network of connections around the base. Senior NCOs have been there, done that, and have the battle wounds to prove it.

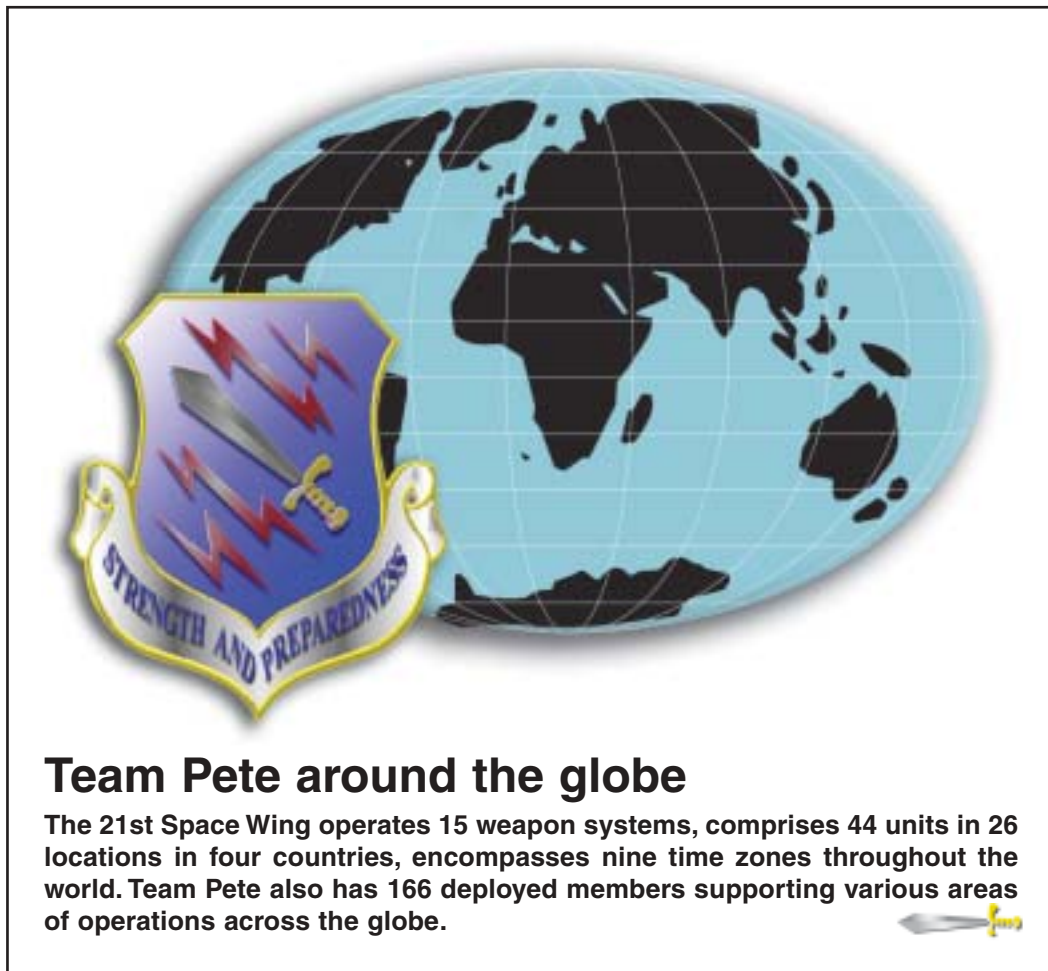
Selectees, enjoy your new role. Don't be afraid of it. It will become the most enjoyable and memorable time of your Air Force career. As all new master sergeants will find out, we live in glass houses. Somebody is watching everything we do, both on and off duty. Make sure what they see is your best.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Denise Johnson

### Sergeant Hazard introduces Major Mishap

Airman Robert W. Moore, 21st Security Forces Squadron entry controller, refuses to grant entry to a newly assigned member of Team Pete, Major Mishap, as he attempts to gain access to Peterson Air Force Base. Airman Moore tries to explain the four safety regulations that Major Mishap is obviously breaking. The first five people to identify Major Mishap's violations will receive a prize for their skill in identifying the infractions. To show your safety savvy, call the Safety Office at 556-6781 with the correct answers.



## Team Pete around the globe

The 21st Space Wing operates 15 weapon systems, comprises 44 units in 26 locations in four countries, encompasses nine time zones throughout the world. Team Pete also has 166 deployed members supporting various areas of operations across the globe.

## Soldiers train more than 400 Airmen at Fort Carson

### Training transitions Airmen into joint operational scenarios

By Tech. Sgt.  
Michael Phillips  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from units around the United States deployed to the Middle East from the Colorado Springs Jet Center Saturday.

Fort Carson Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, and Brig. Gen. Roosevelt Mercer, Air Force Space Command Plans and Programs, were on hand to bid farewell to the 231 troops.

The Airmen are part of a group of more than 400 Air Force and Navy personnel going through Joint-Source Oversight Individual

Readiness Training at Fort Carson. The three-week JSTO-IRT is a program where Army personnel train members of other branches of service to deal with convoy operations and the rigors of long deployments.

Upon arrival to Fort Carson, personnel went through medical inprocessing, then were issued equipment and briefed on rules of engagement and Middle Eastern culture.

Training on basic rifle marksmanship, donning protective gear and combat lifesaver training followed. Students also went through driver's training and were taught to operate field radio systems.

The training is provided to help Airmen transition into joint scenarios where members of more than one branch of service will be working side by side.

## Deployed Airmen to get new physical training uniform first

When the Air Force chief of staff announced a new fitness standard in July 2003, he promised Airmen a new physical training uniform in which to prepare.

That new uniform is now ready, and Airmen serving in Southwest Asia will be the first to get them, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, the Air Force uniform board superintendent.

"The beginning of October is when the first shipment really went out," Sergeant Dean said. "(Gen. John P. Jumper) wanted us to target Airmen in Southwest Asia as the first recipients of this uniform. Some Airmen will receive the uniforms as early as the middle of November."

Officials at U.S. Central Command Air Forces designated 13 locations in their area of responsibility as needing the uniforms, Sergeant Dean said.

"For force protection issues, CENTAF [officials] wanted Airmen to be in a standardized uniform," Sergeant Dean said. "Additionally, all of the other services in the region are requiring their servicemembers to be in service-unique PT gear when they are not in another uniform."

The new unisex uniform can be worn off-the-shelf, requiring no modifications. It consists of a T-shirt, a pair of shorts and a two-piece nylon running suit. With the exception of the grey T-shirt, the entire ensemble is navy blue. It was designed with comfort and safety in mind, officials said.

"One of the biggest directions from (General Jumper) was that it had plenty of reflectivity," Sergeant Dean said.

The uniform has enough reflective material on it to ensure wearers are visible from any direction. The running suit top, a kind of lightweight coat similar to what is being used by cadets at the Air Force Academy, features wide reflective stripes that form a 'V' across the wearer's chest and back. Seams on the pants are trimmed with reflective piping, while the shorts feature both a reflective 'V' and an Air Force logo. The T-shirt has the Air Force logo on both the front and back.

Three hundred Airmen began testing the uniforms for both comfort and usability at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, in January.

"The Air Force Clothing Office first did fit tests to make sure the patterns were correct, then went back to talk to individuals to find what they liked and didn't like about the uniforms," Sergeant Dean said. "In one case we found the lining was too long, in another case, the shorts were too full. Appropriate modifica-



Photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

**First Lt. Megan Schafer (from left), Staff Sgt. Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform while jogging on Lackland Air Force Base during the wear-test phase. The new uniform will be issued to Airmen serving in Southwest Asia first and phased into the rest of the force over the next three years.**

tions were made based on their input. That all took place and concluded around March."

Besides reflectivity, some key features of the uniform include two pockets in the shorts; one for a military identification card and one for a key; zippers on the running pants to make it easier to slip them on over a pair of shoes, zippers on the running jacket to aid in ventilation; and a hood in the collar of the jacket.

Total cost for the new uniform is around \$125. Enlisted Airmen will be given an increase in their yearly clothing allowance to purchase the uniform, those in basic military training will be issued the gear, and officers will be required to purchase the uniform

with their own funds. The uniforms will eventually be available for sale in military clothing sales stores.

"We are hoping to start seeing some of the PT uniforms stateside in the January or February timeframe," Sergeant Dean said. "For now, the distribution plan revolves around those on deployment."

Sergeant Dean said there is not yet an official mandatory wear date for the uniform. When Air Force officials do set the date, Airmen will be required to maintain a complete uniform in much the same way they do their battle dress uniforms and blues.

Airmen can see the guidelines for wearing the new uniform at [www.af.mil/news/wear\\_policy.pdf](http://www.af.mil/news/wear_policy.pdf).  
(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



# Communications football team claims 'best in league'

By **Walt Johnson**  
Sports Writer

Back in 1969, a brash young quarterback by the name of Joe Namath made a bold statement before his team would play the most feared team in football at the time, the Baltimore Colts. Namath said he guaranteed his New York Jets would defeat the Colts in Super Bowl III, and then the team went out and made the prediction come true.

Flash ahead to 2004 and another rash young man says the team that is the most feared on base, the 21st Civil Engineers had better know one thing "we guarantee we will win the intramural flag football championship this season, no doubt about it," said 21st Space Communications Squadron offensive captain Timothy Hulmes said.

You could dismiss the boast of the team's offensive captain as idle chatter, until you look at the way the team has played this year enroute to a 7-2 record. One of the two losses was an overtime thriller to the Engineers, the other loss was to Team Colorado, which the players say they believe was one that got away and won't happen again.

According to Hulmes, the Communications team has no holes on offense. He said the team can rely on any of its offensive players to make the kind of big plays that are bound to happen when you have a quarterback with the talents of Mike Peterson. Hulmes said Peterson can beat a team with a short or long passing game and fortunately, the talent around Peterson is more than adequate enough to get the job done.

"Peterson is good because he can scramble out of trouble and he will make sure the ball is moved around to every player on the field," Hulmes said. "When Peterson has the ball, the other team doesn't know who to cover because there is no one to key on."

Communications' defensive coordinator Robert McDonald said he is happy he doesn't have to game plan against a quarterback like Peterson because "he can throw the ball 70 yards downfield with very little trouble," McDonald said.

Over the course of the season, the Communications Squadron's defensive unit has been the reason the team has enjoyed so much success. The defensive

unit has managed to shut down or minimize the effectiveness of every team it has played this year, including the defending champion Engineers, and afforded an offense that can light up the scoreboard to play on short fields most of the time.

The plan from the beginning, according to McDonald, was to put the team's players in a position they feel most comfortable playing. McDonald said the team plays multiple defensive schemes and adjust their defensive philosophy to the opponent's style of play. Whether it is a team with a running quarterback or a team with a drop back quarterback, the Communications team believes they have the answer for any thing an opponent throws at them. Then, they believe they can take that advantage and turn it into their favor.

"Our offense can score on anyone, and when the defense puts the ball in our hands in the position they have been, we feel like there isn't any team that will be able to keep up with us," McDonald said. "Playing defense in flag football means you have to have speed to keep up with the opponents. When you have speed, you can

force quarterbacks to make bad decisions and when you do make a mistake on defense have the speed to recover and keep the other team from scoring," McDonald added.

Make no mistake about it, the Communications team may take its defensive work seriously, but they are equally proud of the production they can get from the offensive unit led by Peterson. Hulmes said unlike most teams in intramural play, he does not have one or two players teams can focus on to stop its attack. He said there are seven players and a solid philosophy that can and has hurt teams with their skill during the season.

"We like to play the short game with the long pass mixed in to keep the other team's defense honest. We throw to our lineman a lot and we like to utilize the running game, which a lot of teams won't do," Hulmes said

"Our team is as fast as or faster than any team in the league. We don't fear any team because we feel our slowest guy can keep up with the fastest guys in the league. Without a doubt we will win the intramural championship this year," Hulmes said.

## Intramural flag football standings

Through Nov. 4	Wins	Losses	21st SCS	8	2	USNORTHCOM	2	5
21st CES	9	0	21st SFS	6	4	AFOTEC DET 4	3	5
1st SPCS	9	2	721st MSG	4	5	AFSPC CSS	2	8
Team Col.	7	1	721st SFS	5	5	21st SPTS/DS	0	8
21st MDG	8	2	21st CONS	2	5	ARSTART	0	9

# 21st and 50th SW Tailgate Party

## Air Force vs. San Diego State



**Who:** All base personnel and families are invited

**When:** Saturday, 11 a.m.

**Where:** Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium, Lot 4, Space 2

**Food:** Free hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks will be available. Guests are welcome to bring their favorite tailgate meat, food or drinks. Barbecue grills/coolers with ice will be provided.

**Game start: 1 p.m.**

# Pete's Pigskin Picks

College \ NFL

James Clark, Jason Linta, and Daniel Money all chose 10 out of 16 winners in the Nov. 4 edition of the Space Observer. Use the last column to challenge yourself in this week's Pigskin's Picks.



Mark Harter  
AFOTEC Det. 4



Patrick Gonzales  
21 CONS



Debbie Wittrock  
Fitness Center



You

Florida State at N.C. State	Florida State	Florida State	N.C. State	
Iowa at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	
Georgia at Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	
Miami at Virginia	Miami	Miami	Virginia	
Tampa Bay at Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Tampa Bay	
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	
Houston at Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	
Seattle at St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	Seattle	
Minnesota at Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	
Kansas City at New Orleans	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	
Chicago at Tennessee	Tennessee	Chicago	Tennessee	
Cincinnati at Washington	Washington	Washington	Cincinnati	
Buffalo at New England	New England	New England	New England	
Philadelphia at Dallas	Philadelphia	Dallas	Philadelphia	

## New Air Force spouse pin unveiled

The Honorable Peter B. Teets, Undersecretary of the Air Force, kicked off the Air Force's new Spouse Pin program by presenting a spouse pin to Mrs. Teets in a ceremony Monday.

The Spouse Pin program is designed to honor and recognize spouses of active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen and Air Force civilians for the sacrifices they are making in supporting the ongoing war on terrorism. It's part of the Your Guardians of Freedom program, which is a Total Force recognition program designed to create awareness and support for the Air Force mission.

Also present at the event were three military couples representing active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve components, who presented spouse pins to their respective spouses.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



### Chapel Schedule

#### Protestant Worship Services:

Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday  
Sunday School 9:35 a.m. Sunday  
Inspirational Service, 12:30 p.m. Sunday  
Contemporary Service, 5 p.m. Sunday

#### Catholic

Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m. (except Monday)  
Saturdays, 5 p.m.  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.  
Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.

\*For more information - call the chapel at 556-4442 for available chapel programs.

#### **CHAPEL SEEKS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

Members of the Peterson Air Force Base Chapel are searching for qualified applicants to bid on a non-personal services agreement open now. The Christian Education Coordinator position involves oversight for the Christian education program of the PAFB Protestant community. The position requires knowledge of Christian education and Protestantism. The specific statement of work is available at the Peterson Chapel. Bids for this position will be accepted

until 4:30 p.m. Nov. 19. For more information call 556-4442 or visit <https://halfway.peterson.af.mil/chapel/>

#### **UPCOMING RETREATS**

Information and photos on previous retreats can be found on the chapel's website. Young Adult/Singles retreats are open to all Front Range active-duty Air Force personnel. The chapel is offering a skiing and snowboarding retreat for young adults and singles Dec. 10 through 12. For more information, email [lbossert@flash.net](mailto:lbossert@flash.net) or call the chapel.

## Pete Progress



Photo by Airman Mandy Weightman

### Peterson members make progress

Airman 1st Class Doug Ragone, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, installs electrical circuits for new computer requirements in the 21st Space Wing Headquarters Building Nov. 4.



# Officials stress troop support mail policy

Department of Defense officials announced the continued suspension of the "Any Servicemember" mail program Nov. 2. Accordingly, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to servicemembers during the holiday season.

During this time of the year, the number of donation programs increases and causes mail from families and friends

to be mixed with mail from unknown sources resulting in delivery delays.

Officials continue to emphasize names and addresses of military servicemembers must not be distributed by the media, web sites, companies, nonprofit organizations, schools and individuals for the purpose of collecting letters of support or donations.

Servicemembers should only

receive mail from friends and family who have personally been given the address.

Family members should not pass around military addresses to donation programs. Unknown mailers could then obtain those addresses and mail harmful items to servicemembers. For these reasons, DOD officials continue to suspend general donation programs indefinitely from unknown mailers.

Americans who do not have loved ones deployed overseas can still show support during the holidays by other means. A list of these programs is available at [www.defendamerica.mil](http://www.defendamerica.mil).

To guarantee mail arrives in time for end-of-year holidays, family members are encouraged to view the mailing guidelines at [www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2004/pb22138.pdf](http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2004/pb22138.pdf).

# Program opens doors for disabled workers

A Department of Defense program evens the employment playing field for the disabled.

The program provides the technology and services disabled workers need to use computers and other basic office equipment. It also makes it easier for managers to hire them, said Dinah Cohen, the DOD official who has run the program for the past 14 years.

The DOD Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program "is truly moving the employment of people with disabilities to the next level" and helping DOD reach its goal of increasing employment of disabled people to 2 percent of its civilian work force, Ms. Cohen said.

"The biggest impact has been that we have truly changed both the culture and the perception of people's ability to work in today's information environment," Ms. Cohen said. "People now look at people with disabilities as a truly untapped resource they should take advantage of."

Beginning in 1990, the program has filled more than 40,000 requests for accommodations for people with disabilities, she said. This equipment, referred to as "assistive technology," ranges from Braille terminals to computers that enable people to make telephone calls to special keyboards for people who can-

not use traditional ones.

The program's Technology Evaluation Center at the Pentagon showcases much of this technology so disabled workers, as well as their managers, are able to see it, either in person or by videoconference. The center staff helps disabled workers determine which assistive technology and services might work best for them.

"It totally demystifies how people with disabilities can be a part of today's work force," Ms. Cohen said. This, she said, makes it easier for managers "to tap into this wonderful pool of people and say, 'I'm going to hire you.'"

"We level the playing field for the employment of people with disabilities by providing assistive technology free of charge to that manager for that employee," she said.

Two of the program's newest areas focus on wounded servicemembers returning from deployments and employees who develop disabilities, whether through aging, accidents or other causes. Both are geared to helping them adapt to their disabilities and remain employable.

"You don't throw away talented people. You accommodate them," Ms. Cohen said. "And that's where I think we have a very strong focus - making

sure people stay competitive and are accommodated throughout their employment lifecycle."

Department of Defense members have long been a leader in recognizing the strengths disabled people bring to the mix, she said.

"DOD understands the value of its people and its resources," she said. "They know we have to have the smartest and the best, ready every day, all the time."

This includes making the fullest use of its employees, including those with disabilities, who, Ms. Cohen said, tend to be "really good problem solvers."

"We have to be. This world wasn't designed for people with disabilities," Ms. Cohen said.

Since 2001, the program has served not just DOD, but also 61 other federal agencies in partnership, Cohen said.

"We pay for their accommodations because we feel a commitment to ensure people have the assistive technology they need in order to be part of today's work force," she said.

For more information about the program, call (703) 681-8813. The TTY number for the hearing impaired is (703) 681-1881. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

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